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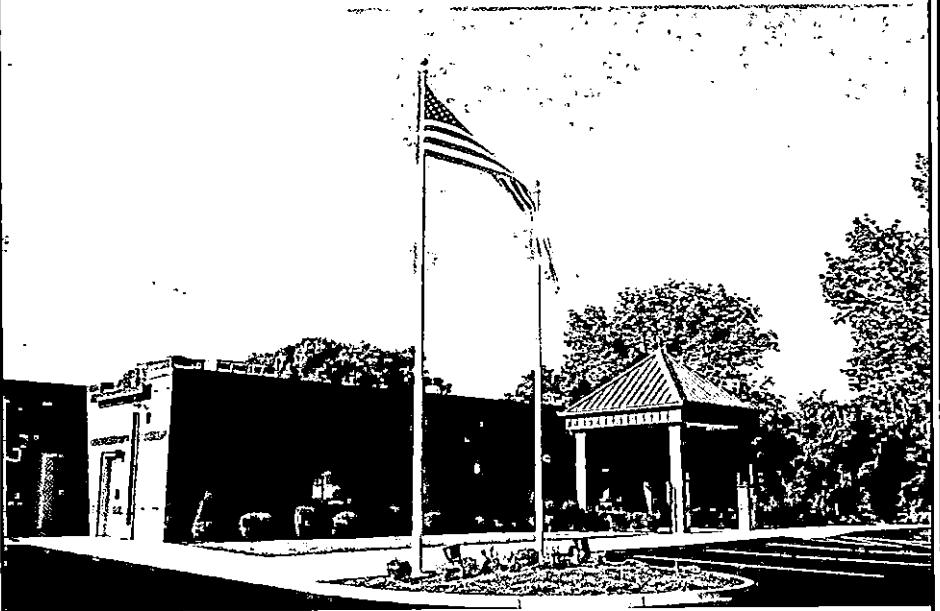
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# **2003 Annual Report**



## **Town of Bridgewater**

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**Incorporated June 1656**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District – 1<sup>st</sup> Councillor District**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Plymouth and Bristol Senatorial District**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Plymouth Representative District**

**U.S. senators In Congress**

Edward M. Kennedy  
 John Kerry

**U.S. Representatives**

Stephen F. Lynch

**Senator**

Marc R. Pacheco

**State Representative**

David Flynn

**Councillor**

Carole A. Fiola

**Sheriff – Plymouth County**

Joseph F. McDonough

**Plymouth County Commissioners**

John P. Riordan, Jr., Chairman  
 Peter G. Asiaf, Jr.  
 Timothy J. McMullen

**District Attorney**

Timothy J. Cruz

**Register of Probate & Insolvency**

Robert E. McCarthy

**Cities and Towns in Plymouth County: Abington, Bridgewater, Brockton Carver, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Hull, Kingston, Lakeville, Marion, Marshfield, Mattapoisett, Middleboro, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Rochester, Rockland, Scituate, Wareham, West Bridgewater and Whitman**

**Annual Town Election:** last Saturday preceding the last Monday in April

**Annual Town Meeting:** First Monday in May

**Fall Special Town Meeting:** Second Monday in November

Population: 26,744      Total Registered Voters: 13,518  
 Democrats: 3,456      Republicans: 1,952      Unenrolled: 8,110

**EMERGENCY NUMBER – 911 – FIRE & POLICE**

Accountant.....	508-697-0926	Parking Clerk.....	508-697-0909
Assessors.....	508-697-0928	Planning Board.....	508-697-0942
Building Inspector .....	508-697-0904	Plumbing/Gas/Wiring....	508-697-0905
Community Development.....	508-697-0950	Public Library.....	508-697-3331
Conservation Commission....	508-697-0907	Recreation Comm.....	508-697-8020
Elder Affairs.....	508-697-0929	Selectmen's Office.....	508-697-0919
Emergency Management.....	508-697-6191	Town Clerk's Office.....	508-697-0921
Forestry/Tree Warden.....	508-697-0932	Treas/Tax Collector... ..	508-697-0923
Fire Department.....	508-697-0900	Supt. Of Schools.....	508-824-2730
Highway Department.....	508-697-0931	Treatment Plant.....	508-697-0937
Housing Authority.....	508-697-7105	Veterans Services .....	508-697-0908
Comcast (cable).....	1-888-633-4266	Water Department.....	508-697-0910
D.P.W.....	508-697-4222	Municipal Admin.....	508-697-0920

# OUR TOWN

Three Hundred and Forty-Seventh

## **Annual Report** *Of The* **Town Officers**

Of The Town of  
Bridgewater, Massachusetts

For The Year 2003



# Town of Bridgewater

*Edited by Patty Goss*

**OPEN POSTED MEETINGS**  
**Are held by all**  
**Town Boards and Committees**

<b>Selectmen</b>	Herbert J. Lemon, Jr., Chairman Every two weeks on Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. and when called
<b>Assessors</b>	John Welby, Chairman Each Monday at 4:00 P.M.
<b>Board of Health</b>	Joseph Bracken, Chairman Twice a month at 6:30 P.M.
<b>Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School Committee</b>	Timothy Fitzgibbons, Chairman Second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M.
<b>Water/Sewer Commissioners</b>	Charles J. Kane, Chairman Each Tuesday at 7:00 P.M.
<b>Library Trustees</b>	Judith Gabriel, Chairman Third Tuesday at 7:00 P.M.
<b>Recreation Commission</b>	Thomas Arrighi, Chairman First Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M.
<b>Planning Board</b>	Bruce Dyer, Chairman First & Third Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M.
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b>	Stephanie Ryan, Chairman Meetings called as necessary & Public Hearings as advertised
<b>Conservation Commission</b>	Milton Morris, Chairman Second & Fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

**OPEN POSTED MEETINGS - Continued**

<b>Advisory Board</b>	David Gasson, Chairman Special meetings as called
<b>Wage &amp; Personnel Board</b>	Gary Oman, Chairman Second & Third Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.
<b>Bridgewater Historical Commission</b>	Third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M.
<b>Housing Authority</b>	Matthew Striggles, Chairman Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M.
<b>Council on Aging</b>	Loretta G. Ring, Chairman Second Monday of each month at 4:30 P.M.
<b>Senior Center Trustees</b>	M. Vale Sime, Chairman First Wednesday of each month at 4:15 P.M.
<b>Capital Planning Committee</b>	Kenneth Mahtesian, Chairman Each Thursday at 7:00 P.M.
<b>Veterans' Council</b>	Carl Soderbom, Chairman Meetings as required



**MARIE AMELOTTE**  
**Assistant Assessor**  
**Assessor's Office 1987 - 2003**

Marie was hired as Administrative Clerk in the Assessor's Office in 1987. She was previously employed in the Assessor's Office in the City of Brockton, having 25 years of work experience. In 1990, Marie was appointed to the position of Assistant Assessor. Marie's expertise, her dedication in the day to day operation of the Assessors Office and assistance to the residents of Bridgewater, will be greatly missed. We wish Marie a healthy and happy retirement, enjoying her grandchildren and the pleasures of her garden and other hobbies.

**DR. RALPH E. MCLEAN**  
**Advisory Board – 20 years**

Dr. Ralph McLean resigned from the Advisory Board in December 2003, after over 20 years of dedicated service, spanning the growth of Bridgewater from a small town of 10,000 to a growing town of over 25,000. During this time Ralph also served on the Insurance Advisory Committee, Regionalization Committee and School Building Committee. His volunteered service has been of great assistance to our town and he will be greatly missed. We wish Ralph well in his new home in Pennsylvania, sharing many healthy and happy years with his family.

## *In Memoriam*



**MAURICE RUCKER**  
*July 9, 1917 – January 27, 2003*  
*Teacher/Assistant Principal*

Maurice began his teaching career teaching Grade 5 in Mattapoisette Elementary School, until he was offered a position in Mansfield teaching grade six, going on to become a teaching principal in Mansfield's Roland Green School.

During World War II, Maurice enlisted in the Coast Guard and after completing Officer's Training School in Connecticut, he was sent to California where he picked-up the Coast Guard Cutter "The Northland". Maurice spent much of his sea service as Communication's Officer aboard the Cutter and spending days and nights patrolling the North Atlantic for German subs. Maurice was discharged at the end of the war in 1945 having been awarded the American Theater of Operations Ribbon, and European Theater of Operations Ribbon with one Bronze Star.

Maurice returned to his teaching position in Mansfield, leaving in 1948 when offered a position in Bridgewater Hunt School by Supt. Hunt to teach math. When the Middle School opened, Maurice joined the faculty teaching 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade math. Well into his career as math teacher, he was given the position of Assistant Principal of the Middle School. He remained in the Bridgewater school system until he retired in 1979.

Maurice thoroughly enjoyed teaching and serving the parents and children in the Town of Bridgewater.

In closing, I and my family would like to thank the Town of Bridgewater for bestowing this "Honorarium" on a truly dedicated and honorable man.

Ellen Rucker and Family





**FRANCES K. TICCHI**  
**October 6, 1920 – April 27, 2003**  
**Chief Clerk – Board of Selectmen**

**IN MEMORY OF FRANCES KATHERINE TICCHI**

Citizen, patriot, neighbor, friend. There are not enough words to describe the impact Frances Ticchi had upon the people of Bridgewater during her lifetime of service to our town and to our nation.

We remember her and her beloved husband Jim as they marched in our annual Veterans Day and Memorial Day parades. She was always smiling. She was always reaching out a hand to help.

She did not shirk from service in World War II when she volunteered for Navy service in the WAVES. She served for nearly four years. Returning to civilian life she maintained her connection to our patriotic military as a member of Legion Post 203 and the VFW Auxiliary Post 2125. She was a founding member of the Bridgewater Veterans Council and was its secretary for many years.

She was a loyal member of her church, St. Thomas Aquinas, where her volunteer efforts ranged from catechism teacher, to director of children's Christmas plays, to the parish's Catholic Women's Club.

But for most of us, we knew Frances from her years in Bridgewater town government. She was Chief Clerk to our Board of Selectmen for many years. She used the leverage of her office to constantly help those in need of help. She would direct people as to how best to use their government. She simply knew how to cut red tape and get things done – for her town and for our town's citizens. Upon her retirement in 1981, a flag pole and flag were installed at the Town Hall in her honor.

Frances Katherine Ticchi --- "she had a smile for everyone".

Representative David L. Flynn



**JOSEPH L. MELLO**  
**October 14, 1920 – April 19, 2003**  
***Board of Registrars***

Joe was a lifelong resident of Bridgewater, born and raised with his nine siblings on a working farm which is now the site of Bridgewater Elementary School on South Street. Joe married the late Alda Costa Mello in 1953 and lived for 50 years at 373 South Street. He was graduated from Bridgewater High School in 1938. Shortly after graduation, Joe joined the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) and was assigned to a camp in New Hampshire where his unit constructed the road that still winds up Mount Washington. Joe served in the US Navy as a first class cook for four years during WWII, including service in the Pacific Theater on the then newly commissioned hospital ship USS Consolation.

Joe worked as a chef at MCI Bridgewater, retiring after 35 years of service as supervisory chef of the staff kitchen. Known as one of Bridgewater's outstanding chefs, Joe worked in many of the Town's prominent restaurants of the 40's, 50's and 60's, including: Bromley's Family Restaurant (formerly Anthony's Charcoal Pit); Old Band Box Restaurant (formerly North Key West Saloon, now Castaway's Bar & Grille) and at Lena's Café, once located on Broad Street.

In 1973 Joe was appointed to the Board of Registrars, serving in that capacity until his death in April 2003. As a member of the Board of Registrars, Joe worked for thirty years assisting in the election process, as well as the census.

Joe was a member of the Democratic Town Committee for over sixty years. He was also a member of a number of other organizations, most notably the Plymouth County Auxiliary Police and the Bridgewater Lions Club, joining the latter in 1962 and serving as President in 1965-66.

Remembered with deep respect and sincere appreciation.

## *Recognition*

In appreciation for their years of outstanding service and assistance to the Town of Bridgewater, the Board of Selectmen is proud to give recognition to the following employees and volunteers:



**PETER PROFFETTY**  
**Inspector of Wires 1990-2003**

After working many years as a well-respected master electrician in the Town of Bridgewater, Peter was hired to fill the position of Inspector of Wires vacated by Albert Greiner. With the building boom of the 90's in progress, it soon became evident that the Town needed a Wire Inspector on a full-time basis; however, after working nearly full-time hours for a part-time annual stipend for almost 3 years, Peter was officially moved up to 20 hours per week. It was not until 1997 that we were able to pay him for 35 hours per week.

The point is that Peter is one of those individuals who loved his work and holds back nothing when he is asked. Our department was not the only department that benefited from his good will. Peter also worked closely with many other departments. The Fire, Highway, School Departments and many others were able to take advantage of his expertise. His service on the Board of Directors of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors – Cape and Islands Chapter, and his subsequent election as President of the Chapter, brought further professionalism to the job.

For 13 years we were very fortunate to have Peter on our team. We wish him the very best in his retirement and hope to see him around for years to come.

## IN APPRECIATION BRIDGEWATER SENIOR CENTER TRUSTEES

**WILLARD BANKS** resigned this year due to health reasons, following many years of dedicated service to the seniors of Bridgewater. Prior to becoming a Trustee, Mr. Banks had for several years been a fundraiser for the Senior Center, having raised funds through bi-monthly Saturday night suppers at the Senior Center. Mr. Banks was appointed to the first Board of Trustees and has served continually until 2003. Prior to that time, he also worked with the building committee that established the original building. His services to the Seniors of Bridgewater and to the Community deserve our sincere thanks.

**WILLIAM LaBOSSIERE** resigned from the Trustees in 2003. He had been a member whose expertise in building maintenance proved to be especially beneficial to the Trustees and to the Seniors of Bridgewater. Mr. LaBossiere often gave his time and energy to accomplish projects that the Trustees felt were necessary at the Center. He also regularly donated hand made wooden items as prizes for the fundraising suppers. Mr. LaBossiere regularly gave his time to many fundraising events held for the purpose of increasing the value of the Senior Center Trust Fund. Our thanks and those of the senior community and the entire community go to Mr. LaBossiere for all his efforts throughout the years.

## BRIDGEWATER RECREATION COMMISSION

The Bridgewater Recreation Commission would like to thank Rick Kirby for his many years of leadership as head of the Bridgewater Bidy Basketball League. Due to the growing numbers of children in the League, the management of this league was like managing a small business and became a second job for Rick. He served tirelessly to promote good sportsmanship and to provide coaches, referees, and space to play for all the children who joined the league. As he retires from this volunteer position, he will hand on the responsibility to David Muir, Michael Bissette, and Charles Eckhard. The Commission looks forward to working with them to provide the same level of play attained by Rick Kirby. We wish Rick well in all his future endeavors.

## BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT RETIREEES

Diane Buckley	Special Ed Teacher	B-R High Sch.	8 yrs.
Joan C. Casabian	Phys. Ed. Teacher	B-R High Sch.	37.5 yrs.
Yvonne E. Chadwick	Secretary	Supt. Office	21 yrs.
Eleanor DuPuis	Grade 8 Math.	Williams Middle Sch.	37 yrs.
Cheryl Farrington	Health Coordinator	District	32 yrs.
Lawrence Fisher	Instructional Leader		
	For Business Career	B-R High Sch.	37 yrs.

## **B-R REGIONAL SCHOOL DIST. RETIREES -- Continued**

Stephen Foley	Science Teacher	Williams Middle Sch.	35 yrs.
Judith D. Gentile	Grade 2 Teacher	Bridgewater Elem. N.	19 yrs.
Barbara J. Henderson	Grade 8 Eng/Lang. Arts	Williams Middle Sch.	35 yrs.
Alan E. Jaffe	Principal	Raynham Middle Sch.	26 yrs.
Sandra M. Linhares	Kindergarten Teacher	E.J. LaLiberte Sch.	25 yrs.
Mary E. McArthur	Grade 8 Math.	Williams Middle Sch.	20 yrs.
James T. Lundgren	Foreign Language	Williams Middle Sch.	35 yrs.
James McMahan	Head Groundsman	District	8.5 yrs.
Wendy W. Oliver	Foreign Language	B-R High Sch.	31 yrs.
Judith A. Pope	Grades 3-4 Spec. Ed.	Bridgewater Elem. Sch.	19.5 yrs
Joan c. Puccini	School Nurse	Raynham Middle Sch.	17.5 yrs
Maria Silva	Cafeteria Worker	Williams Middle Sch.	18 yrs
Richard Slavick	Dir. Maint. & Grounds	District	15.5 yrs
Priscilla M. Smith	School Nurse	B-R High Sch.	19.9 yrs
Christine Spears	Secretary	E.. LaLiberte	20 yrs
Kathleen E. Traficanti	Grade 5 Teacher	Williams Middle Sch.	33 yrs
Helen White	Media Specialisst	Raynham Middle Sch.	10 yrs

## **ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS**

	<b>Term Expires</b>
<b>Moderator (3 years)</b>	
John T. Plouffe	2006
<b>Selectmen (3 years)</b>	
Herbert J. Lemon, Chairman	2004
Allan R. Chiocca, Vice Chairman	2005
Dennis C. Gallagher, Clerk	2006
James A. Nihan	2004
Michael F. Tibert	2006
<b>Assessors (3 years)</b>	
John E. Welby, Chairman	2004
Rose Bevis, Clerk	2005
John J. Bertelli, Jr.	2006
<b>Town Clerk (3 years)</b>	
Ronald R. Adams	2006
<b>Treasurer (3 years)</b>	
Douglas H. Dorr	2006
<b>Tax Collector (3 years)</b>	
Douglas H. Dorr	2006
<b>Board of Health (3 years)</b>	
Joseph E. Bracken, Chairman	2006
James A. Perry	2004
William K. Nicolas	2005
<b>Planning Board (5 years)</b>	
Bruce S. Dyer, Chairman	2005
Gregory J. Feroli, Clerk	2004
David Post	2006
Stephen Elliot	2007
Bruce S. Pilavis	2006
Robert Iafrate, Associate Member	
<b>Water &amp; Sewer Commissioners (3 years)</b>	
Charles J. Kane, Chairman	2004
Allan S. Knight	2005
John L. Revil, III	2006

**TOWN OFFICERS – Elected (Continued)****Term Expires****Public Library Trustees (3 years)**

Judith W. Gabriel, Chairman	2006
Pamela K. Arrighi	2006
Janet Dye	2004
Gregory Lee	2004
Carlton Hunt	2005
Nancy J. Sarno	2004
Ursula Garfield	2005
James Kirkcaldy	2006
Carl B. Tisch	2005

**Recreation Commission (5 years)**

Thomas Arrighi, Chairman	2005
James Campbell, Vice Chairman	2006
Angelo Mattie	2006
George Rogers	2004
Gina Guasconi	2007

**Tree Warden (3 years)**

Ricky Ellis	2005
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**Housing Authority (5 years)**

Matthew Striggles, Sr., Chairman	2006
Jane Cobb	2006
Stephen Bonfiglioli (Resigned July 17, 2003)	
Linda S. Lundin (August 26, 2003)	2004
Robert Vazza	2006
Frederick J. Watson, III, State Appt.	
Brian Tatro, Executive Director	

**Bridgewater-Raynham Regional District****School Committee (3 years)**

Timothy Fitzgibbons, Chairperson	2004
Patricia A. Roland, Vice Chairperson	2006
Linda A. Dillon (Raynham), Secretary-Clerk	2005
Mark D. Sanderson (Raynham)	2006
Susan M. O'Brien (Raynham), Legislative Contact Rep.	2005
Ursula Garfield	2006
Mark L. Oliari	2005
Donald b. DeLutis	2006

**Bristol-Plymouth Technical School District (3 years)**

Charles Simonds	2004
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**TOWN OFFICERS  
APPOINTED**

	<b>Term Expires</b>
<b>Municipal Administrator</b> Paul E. Sullivan	
<b>Town Accountant (3 years)</b> JoAnn Whittemore	2006
<b>Town Counsel (1 year)</b> Mark Gildea	2004
Robert G. Clark, III, Associate	2004
Melvyn Cohen, Associate	2004
<b>Highway Superintendent (3 years)</b> Andrew Bagas	2006
<b>Superintendent of Shade Tree Management &amp; Pest Control (1 year)</b> Andrew Bagas	2004
<b>Inspector of Buildings (3 years)</b> David R. Moore	2004
<b>Plumbing &amp; Gas Inspector (1 year)</b> Donald Sweetman	2004
<b>Assistant Plumbing Inspector (1 year)</b> Mark Dangoia	2004
<b>Wiring Inspector (1 year)</b> Peter Proffetty (Retired Aug. 2003) Peter Spiro (August 18, 2003)	2004
<b>Assistant Wiring Inspector (1 year)</b> Walter Murray	2004
<b>Sealer of Weights &amp; Measures (1 year)</b> Herbert Wolfer	2004
<b>Water Superintendent (3 year)</b> Joseph Silva	2005
<b>Superintendent, Waste Water Plant (3 year)</b> Jonas V. Kazlauskas	2005



<b>TOWN OFFICERS – Appointed (Continued)</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
<b>Veteran’s Agent (1 year)</b> Roger F. Fisette	2004
<b>Transportation Management Coordinator (1 year)</b> David Matton	2004
<b>Conservation Agent (1 year)</b> Azu Etoniru	2004
<b>Animal Control Officer (1 year)</b> Donna Morris	2004
<b>Inspector of Animals (1 year)</b> Wilfred Prouty	2004
<b>Director of Elder Affairs (1 year)</b> Lorraine Carrozza	2004
<b>Fish Warden (1 year)</b> Gardner Pratt	2004
<b>Forest Fire Warden (1 year)</b> Roderick K. Walsh, Fire Chief George Gurley	2004
<b>Veterans Graves Officer (1 year)</b> Roger F. Fisette	2004
<b>Harbor Master (1 year)</b> David Moore	2004
<b>Fence Viewers (1 year)</b> Richard Soucie	2004
<b>Board of Registrars (3 years)</b> Ralph Dodge, Chairman Gloria Striggles Bette Stewart Ronald R. Adams, Clerk	2004 2006 2005
<b>Coordinator of Recreational Facilities</b> Charles Simonds	

**TOWN OFFICERS – Appointed (Continued)****Term Expires****Constables (1 year)**

David Asiaf	2004
Katherine Asiaf	2004
Michael Bombas	2004
Edgar F. Carlson	2004
Theodore Carlson	2004
Charles R. Chisholm	2004
Roger R. Guerette	2004
Gregory Kamon	2004
Jerold Loomis	2004
Lisa J. Manzo-Poh	2004
Ronald Pagels	2004
Indar Mohammed	2004
Gregory Nelson	2004
Sheldon Nelson	2004
Joseph Palombo	2004
John Pupek	2004
William Schamick	2004
David Silvia	2004
Russell Tinkham	2004

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**BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS****Term Expires****Advisory Board (3 years)**

David S. Gasson, Chairman	2004
Jeffrey Phillips	2004
Beverly Shalginewicz	2006
Robert Vautrinot (Resigned)	
Thomas Carson	2005
Michael Demos	2005
Ralph McLean (Resigned Dec. 2003)	
Bernie Pigeon, Vice Chairman	2005
Peter C. Riordan	2006
Earl Mulligan	2006

**Wage & Personnel Board (3 years)**

Gary Oman, Chairman	2005
Diane Roza	2006
Michael P. Dunford	2004
Melissa-Grabau Arrighi(Resigned)	
Sally Payne (Resigned)	

**BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS – Continued**

	<b>Term Expires</b>
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals (3 years)</b>	
Stephanie Ryan, Chairman	2006
Eileen Campanini	2004
Adam Avratin	2004
Melissa Grabau-Arrighi, Assoc. Member	2005
Dennis Rodrigues, Assoc. Member	2005
<b>Plymouth County Advisory Board (1 year)</b>	
Allan R. Chiocca, Delegate	2004
<b>Council On Aging (1 year)</b>	
Donna Nickerson – Chair to October 2003 (Resigned)	
Loretta Ring – Chairman	2004
Frederick W. Westman, Vice Chair	2004
Linda Buckley	2004
Noreen Ascì	2004
John Welch	2004
Marian E. Nelson	2004
Donald Sherman	2004
Meryl Emma (Resigned Dec. 2003)	
Patricia Goss, Assoc. Member	2004
Anthony Anacki, Assoc. Member	2004
<b>Senior Center Trustees (1 year)</b>	
M. Vale Sime, Chair	2004
Frances Shonio	2004
Stephen Elliot	2004
Judy Wilson	2004
Linda Buckley	2004
Willard Banks (Resigned July 2003)	
William LaBossiere (Resigned September 2003)	
<b>Capital Planning Committee (1 year)</b>	
Kenneth Mahtesian, Chairman	2004
Jeffrey Phillips	2004
Jay Leach	2004
Robert Vautrinot (Resigned)	
Michael L. LeBrun	2004
Gerald P. Chipman (Resigned)	
Richard Pomroy (Resigned)	
Tina M. Leo	2004
JoAnn Whittemore, Town Accountant (Ex-Officio)	
David Morwick, B.S.C., (Ex-Officio)	

**BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS – Continued**

	<b>Term Expires</b>
<b>Capital Investment Committee (1 year)</b>	
Douglas H. Dorr, Treasurer, Chairman	2004
JoAnn Whittemore, Town Accountant	2004
David Wolohojian	2004
<b>Budget Review Committee (1 year)</b>	
James Nihan, Selectman	2004
Dennis Gallagher, Selectman	2004
Paul E. Sullivan, Municipal Administrator	2004
JoAnn Whittemore, Town Accountant	2004
Douglas Dorr, Treasurer/Collector	2004
David Gasson, Advisory Board	2004
<b>Traffic Study Committee (1 year)</b>	
Andrew Bagas, Highway Superintendent	2004
George K. Gurley, Police Chief	2004
Roderick K. Walsh, Fire Chief George Gurley	2004
David Moore, Inspector of Buildings	2004
David Matton, Traffic Management	2004
David Tillinghast, Campus Police Chief	2004
David Morwick, B.S.C.	2004
David Dantono	2004
Vacancy (Cummunity Development)	
<b>Street Light Committee (1 year)</b>	
Andrew Bagas, Highway Superintendent	2004
Mark Battistini, Police Department	2004
Roderick K. Walsh, Fire Chief	2004
<b>Insurance Advisory Committee (1 year)</b>	
Pauline Grenier, NAGE	2004
Thomas LaGrasta, Police	2004
Michael Levy, Retiree	2004
Mary O'Connell, Library	2004
Jeffrey Parenteau, AFSCME	2004
John Schlatz, Fire	2004
Paul E. Sullivan, Municipal Admin. – Ex-Officio	2004
Douglas Dorr, Treasurer/Collector – Ex-Officio	2004
Nancy Wolfson, Asst. Treasurer- Ex-Officio	2004
JoAnn Whittemore, Town Accountant – Ex-Officio	2004
Mark Gildea, Esq., Town Counsel – Ex-Officio	2004

**BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS – Continued****Term Expires****Town River Fisheries Committee (1 year)**

Robert Hanson, Chairman	2004
Andrew Bagas	2004
Steve Churchill	2004
Irving W. Copeland	2004
Dwight Jones	2004
Michael Traynor	2004
Robert Ladd	2004
Jac MacDonald	2004
Bruce Palombo	2004
David Tamulevich	2004
Shawn Burke	2004
Russell Perkins	2004

**Bridgewater Historical Commission (3 years)**

David Moore, Chairman	2005
S. Mabell Bates	2006
Robert Wood	2006
James Bois	2005
Allan Knight	2006
Robert Mackey	2006
Madeline Moore, Assoc. Member	2006

**Historic District Commission (3 years)**

William Smith, Chairman	2005
Marie Benoit	2005
Judith Gabriel	2006
Nancy Sarno	2006
James Kirkcaldy	2004
Wesley Morris, Esq.	2004
Nicholas Palmieri	2006

**Olde Scotland Links Golf Course Commission (3 years)**

Charles Simonds, Chairman	2005
Ronald Adams	2005
Thomas Arrighi	2006
James Campbell	2004
William Callahan	2004
Thomas McBride	2005
Dennis Weingartner	2006
John Muir	2005
Robert McDonough	2004
Andrew Bagas, Ex-Officio	

**BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS – Continued****Term Expires****Conservation Commission (3 years)**

Milton Morris, Chairman	2004
Richard Montheith	2005
Rick Kranes	2005
Mary Beth Lawton	2005
Edward Murphy	2004
L. Douglas Sime	2004
Adam Avratin	2004
Katherine Doherty, Assoc. Member	

**S.A.V.E. Committee (1 year)**

Leslie Dorr, NAGE	2004
Dennis Gallagher, B.O.S.	2004
Marian Nelson – Council on Aging	2004
Chauncey Cole - Elder Affairs	2004
Lorraine Carrozza – Senior Center Trustees	2004

**Veterans Council (1 year)**

Carl Soderbom, Chairman	2004
Louis Almond	2004
Lino Bonfiglioli	2004
Charles Chisholm	2004
John Chisholm	2004
Charles Devine	2004
Paula Doherty	2004
Donald Irving	2004
William LaBossiere	2004
Norman LeClerc	2004
Pierre Northrop	2004
Jacqueline Wegman	2004

**Bridgewater Cultural Council (2 years)**

Amalia Cruz	2004
Dennise Caratazzola	2004
Robin Gifford	2004
Elizabeth Russell	2004
Joanne DeCelles	2004
Carl Tisch, M.D.	2004
Chepita Meekings	2004
Frank Yeatman	2005
Denise Brown	2005
Lisa Harrington	2005

**BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS - Continued****Term Expires****Flora T. Little Library Trust Fund Committee (3 years)**

Harold Estabrook 2006

**Old Colony Planning Council (3 years)**

Anthony Anacki, Delegate 2006

**Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency****On Aging (1 year)**

Lorraine Carrozza, Delegate 2004

Elizabeth Moura, Alternate 2004

**Old Colony Planning Council – Joint Transportation (1 year)**

David Matton 2004

**Bridgewater Housing Partnership (1 year)**

Allan R. Chiocca, Chairman 2004

Stanley Kravitz 2004

Mary Beth Lawton 2004

Bruce Pilavis 2004

Allan S. Knight 2004

David Moore 2004

Roderick K. Walsh 2004

Lt. Kevin Chiocca 2004

David Matton 2004

Frederick Watson 2004

Robert Vazza 2004

Alan Lamson 2004

Charles Kahler 2004

**Cable Competition Committee (1 year)**

Herbert J. Lemon, Jr. 2004

**Citizens Advisory Council/Fed. Wild & Scenic River****Feasibility Study of the Taunton River (3 years)**

Katherine Doherty 2004

Frank E. Bibbins 2004

Bruce Dyer 2004

John FitzGerald 2004

**Community Health Issues Alliance (2 years)**

Frederick Westman 2005

**BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS – Continued**

	<b>Term Expires</b>
<b>Self Help, Inc. (1 year)</b>	
Charles Baker	2004
<b>Town-College Executive Council (1 year)</b>	
Herbert J.Lemon, Jr.	2004
James A. Nihan	2004
Allan R. Chiocca	2004
Dennis C. Gallagher	2004
Michael F. Tibert	2004
<b>Conant Trust Fund (5 years)</b>	
Harold Estabrook	2007
Thomas Schlatz	2004
John Sylvia	2006
David Wolohojian	2008
Vacancy	
<b>Town-College Strategic Planning Committee (1 year)</b>	
Paul E. Sullivan	2004
Stanley Kravitz	2004
David Moore	2004
James A. Nihan	2004
Herbert J. Lemon, Jr.	2004
Allan R. Chiocca	2004
Michael F. Tibert	2004
<b>Town Assets Review Committee (1 year)</b>	
James A. Nihan	2004
Michael Tibert	2004
Stanley Kravitz	2004
<b>Bridgewater Disability Commission (1 year)</b>	
Mildred Hasson	2004
Dennis Gallagher, Liaison (Board of Selectmen)	



## OFFICE STAFF/COMMITTEE SECRETARIES

Phyllis Tirrell	Assistant Town Accountant
Laurie Guerrini	Accountant's Office
M. Vale Sime	Board of Health
Kristen Harris	Board of Health
Jean Hayden-Knight	Police Department
Kathleen Copeland	Police Department
AnneMarie Hanley	Fire Department
Diane Sears	Inspectional Services
Ruth Card	Inspectional Services
Veronica Ellis (Resigned Sept. 2003)	Dispatcher – Highway Dept.
Barbara Johnson (Sept. 29, 2003)	Dispatcher –Highway Dept.
Jolie Sprague-Martin	Assistant Town Clerk
Dorothy Lamoureux	Town Clerk's Office
Justine Sheehan	Registrar's Office
Marie Amelotte (Retired Nov. 2003)	Assistant Assessor
Shelley McCauley (Nov. 2003)	Assistant Assessor
Marie Strang	Assessor's Office
Patricia Goss	Executive Asst. – Selectmen's Office
Renee Rushton	Selectmen's Office
Deborah Tanner	Grant Fiscal Coord./Selectmen's Office
Irma Sankunas	Assistant Tax Collector
Marjorie Newey	Tax Collector/Treasurer's Office
Nancy Wolfson	Assistant Treasurer
Helen Whiting	Tax Collector/Treasurer's Office
Eileen Weinberg	Water/Sewer Department
Lorraine Conti	Water/Sewer Department
Elizabeth Moura	Elder Affairs
Carla Medeiros	Elder Affairs
Gloria Lemieux	Elder Affairs
Helen Tokarsky	Elder Affairs
Velia Sanborn	Elder Affairs
Marianne Pierce	Senior Center Trustees
Pauline Grenier	Parking Clerk
Leslie Dorr	Planning Board
Elaine Kangiser	Wage & Personnel Board
Laurie Keane	Conservation Commission
Lisa Sullivan	Advisory Board/Capital Planning
Brooke Condon	Recreation Commission
Marie Plouffe	Historic District Commission
Linda Paquin	Zoning Board of Appeals
Kimberly Williams	Community Development
Lillian Primavera	Community Development
Ann Tavares	Community Development

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

The Board of Selectmen respectfully submit the following report to the Citizens of the Town of Bridgewater for Year 2003.

The Town welcomed a new selectman, Michael Tibert to the Board of Selectmen, and welcomed back Dennis Gallagher who was re-elected to the Board. Former Selectman Gerald Chipman did not run for re-election in 2003 after many years of dedicated service to the Town of Bridgewater. We thank Gerry for his service.

During the past year the Town initiated and completed many capital projects. The Town of Bridgewater voted renovations to the Mitchell Elementary School, Williams Middle School and the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School. The Town also voted to construct a new regional high school on the Pawloski property. Completion date for the new high school is 2007. Also construction of the new police station on Pleasant St. was completed. A grant proposal for expansion of the senior center has been submitted to the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Important new committees were formed by the Board of Selectmen. The Housing Partnership Committee was formed in order to effectively deal with any affordable housing projects that may come forward to the Town and to move towards meeting state requirements. Also a Stewardship Council was formed to supervise and manage the passive recreation parks in our Town. The Board also formed and appointed a Budget Review Committee to monitor Town Department expenditures.

The Town of Bridgewater faced very difficult fiscal times this past year. A reduction in local state aid to include PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) money for services provided to the state college and to the state prison exacerbated the fiscal situation for our Town. Despite these fiscal obstacles every effort was made and will continue to be made to maintain the best level of services to our citizens.

In closing, we thank all Department Heads and employees for their continued cooperation and support; Municipal Administrator Paul Sullivan whose professional skills and expertise in handling the many issues on a daily basis are of such tremendous assistance to the Board and last but not least, our sincere thanks to the dedicated Selectmen's Office Staff, Patty Goss, Executive Assistant, Marie Jennings, Office Administrator, Renee Rushton, Confidential Secretary and Deborah Tanner, Grant Fiscal Coordinator.

Respectfully submitted,  
Herbert J. Lemon, Jr., Chairman



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**James A. Nihan, Member; Dennis Gallagher, Clerk;  
Herbert J. Lemon, Jr., Chairman;  
Allan R. Chiocca, Vice Chairman; Michael F. Tibert, Member**

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
SENIOR CENTER  
10 WALLY KRUEGER WAY, BRIDGEWATER, MA 02324  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2003**

The Town Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All postings of warrants was duly noted as required by Town By-Laws. Town Clerk, Ronald Adams swore the following individuals in as tellers: Daniel J. Buron and Russell F. Hess  
Total in attendance: 125

**ARTICLE 1.** It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and transfer the following as they relate to the Annual Budget (FY03):

<b>TO:</b>	<b>Account #</b>	<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	1-122-101-5115	Clerical Salaries	\$ 2,506.76
	1-122-102-5734	Conferences & Seminars	2,500.00
	1-122-103-5753	Repair/Maint Traffic Signals	7,500.00
	1-124-102-5522	Network Exp/Software Maint	2,008.00
	1-135-103-5250	Computer Expense	15,000.00
	1-141-101-5143	Longevity	1,250.00
	1-192-102-5191	Travel Allowance	3,480.00
	1-241-102-5191	Travel Allowance	970.00
	1-306-433-5659	Reg District Pymnts (B/P)	27,561.00
	1-420-102-5246	Maint/Rep Vehicles	13,000.00
	1-549-103-5378	Visiting Nurse Assn	15,900.00
	1-750-102-5925	Interest on Loans	90,000.00
	1-910-102-5742	Ins/Blanket	23,062.00
	1-911-101-5691	Contributory Retirement	10,000.00
	1-914-102-5744	Ins/Group Med/Life	230,000.00
	1-915-102-5346	Fire/Police Med Expenses	25,000.00
		<i>Total:</i>	<u>\$469,737.76</u>

<b>FROM:</b>	<b>Account #</b>	<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	1-254-3590-6	Free Cash	\$254,359.56
	17-145-710-5700	Premium on Bond Sale	90,000.00
	1-250-3220-6	Fund Balance Res for Extraordinary Expend	10,000.00
	1-306-436-5658	Town Share Student Tuition (Norfolk Aggie)	26,905.20
	1-420-102-5559	Stone & Gravel	18,905.00
	1-420-102-5562	Type I Mix	15,027.00
	1-611-102-5314	Books & Periodicals	44,802.00
	1-910-102-5743	Ins/Workers Comp	9,739.00
		<i>Total:</i>	<u>\$469,737.76</u>

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 2.** It was unanimously voted that the Town authorize its Treasurer to enter into a Lease to purchase, in the amount of \$320,507.70, for equipment to be furnished and installed in the new Police Station. Said Lease to purchase will be for a period of two and one-half (2½) years, with an initial payment of \$106,835.90, due August 1, 2003, and two additional payments of \$106,835.90 each, due August 1, 2004 and August 1, 2005.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 3.** It was voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$3,500.00 from Account #17-122-704-5961, Court & Registry Fine Account to Account #1-210-103-5339, Lease Motorcycle Account for the purpose of paying the lease for this fiscal year.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 4.** It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$4,600.00 from Account #1-210-101-5114-32, Patrolmen's Salary Account to Account #1-210-102-5345, Academy Training for the cost of sending the two new recruits to the academy.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 5.** It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$2,754.15 from Account #1-210-101-5114-32, Patrolmen's Salary Account to Account #1-210-161-5169, Arbitration Settlement for the purpose of paying an obligation of a prior year bill.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 6.** It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$2,250.00 from Account #26-254-3590-6, Olde Scotland Links Enterprise Fund to Account #26-455-161-5791, Prior Year Bills for the purpose of paying the pro shop bonus, a prior year bill.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 7.** It was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$50,000.00 from Account #26-254-3590-6, Olde Scotland Links Enterprise Fund to Account #26-455-103-5349, Food & Beverage Service for the purpose of providing food and beverage service for the period of March through June of 2003.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 8.** It was unanimously voted that the Town amend its Vote taken under Article 22 and Article 23 of the May 6, 2002 Annual Town Meeting and Article 17 of the November 14, 2002 Recessed Special Town Meeting, to authorize the appropriation and transfer the sum of \$35,000.00 from Account #17-122-703-5961, Ambulance Receipts, in the current fiscal year, to Account #1-220-103-5276, Protective Clothing, for the purpose of purchasing uniforms and equipment for the ten new firefighters.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 9.** It was unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer the sum of \$16,140.00 from Account #27-254-3590-6, Sewer Receipts Reserve to Account #27-440-101-5111, Personal Services.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 10.** To see whether or not the Town will vote to amend Article XXVIII, Historic Commission and Historic District Section 2. The District Commission: by striking there from (a) at least one Town resident of or owner of property in the District; and inserting therefore as follows (a) at least one Town resident member of the Bridgewater Business Association, Inc. from nominee(s) submitted by the Bridgewater Business Association, Inc., or to take any other action relative thereto.

**This article requires a 2/3 vote. Yes: 38 No: 58  
Defeated**

**A motion was made to reconsider this article in hopes it would fail.  
Motion Carries**

**ARTICLE 11.** To see whether or not the Town will amend Article XXVIII, Historic Commission and Historic District Section 2. The District Commission: by striking therefrom "(a) at least one town resident of or owner of property in the District;" and inserting therefore as follows: "at least one resident of the Historic District or an owner or a manager of a business or a property in the Historic District, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**This article requires a 2/3 vote. Yes: 56 No: 30 Defeated**

**ARTICLE 12.** It was voted that the Town amend Article XXXX, Capital Planning Committee, of the Bridgewater General By-laws as follows:

1. By deleting in Section 2 the words "appointed by the Selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the words "or its designee";

2. By Changing in Section 2 the referenced number of members of the Board of Selectmen from three (3) to five (5);
3. By inserting in Section 2 prior to the word "her" the word "his/".

**This article requires a 2/3 vote. Yes: 62 No: 22 Passed**

**ARTICLE 13.** It was voted that the Town amend the Town Clerk's Fee Structure previously voted under Article 27 of the June 13, 1995 Annual Town Meeting, by striking there from #34 and inserting therefore as follows:

34)	Dog Licenses	
	Male (Neutered)	\$ 7.00
	Male	\$10.00
	Female (Spayed)	\$ 7.00
	Female	\$10.00

**Passed**

**ARTICLE 14.** It was voted that the Town petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth to enact special legislation authorizing the Town of Bridgewater to issue one additional Retail Package Goods Store/All Alcoholic Beverages License to N.A.R.H. Inc. d/b/a Wine, Beer and More located at 1440 B Pleasant Street. Such License shall be subject to said Chapter One Hundred and Thirty-Eight, except section seventeen, and except that the license authorized by the Act may not be transferred to another location, but may be transferred to another person or entity for the same location.

**Motion:** Alain R. Hauvuy, Jr., 180 Main Street, Unit A-24  
**Second:** William Ferioli, 24 Colonial Post Drive  
**Passed**

**A motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn.  
 Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.**

**A true copy, Attest:**

**Ronald R. Adams  
 Town Clerk**

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
WALTER S. LITTLE AUDITORIUM  
BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
166 MT. PROSPECT STREET, BRIDGEWATER, MA 02324  
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2003**

Motion was made and duly seconded to recess the Special Town Meeting from the Walter S. Little Auditorium to the James Buckley Gymnasium to convene at 7:30 P.M.

**Motion Carries**

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All postings of warrants was duly noted as required by town by-laws as voted. Total in attendance: 754

**ARTICLE 1.** It was voted that the Town approve the amount of the \$26,700,000.00 debt authorized by votes of the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School Committee for the purpose of financing the costs of making extraordinary repairs, equipping and furnishing the Bridgewater Elementary School up to an amount of \$1,700,000.00 and for the purpose of financing the costs of making extraordinary repairs, equipping and furnishing the M.G. Williams' School up to an amount of \$25,000,000.00; which votes provide that no sums shall be borrowed or expended unless and until the Town shall have voted to exempt the debt service on its apportioned share of any bonds or notes issued thereunder from the limitations of Proposition 2 ½, so called.

**Passed**

**Motion to reconsider the article in hopes it would fail.**

**Motion Carries**

**ARTICLE 2.** It was unanimously voted that the Town adopt the following General By-Law:

**ARTICLE XXXXII  
PYROTECHNICS:**

**Section 1.** Notwithstanding the provisions of 527 CMR 2.09, the use of pyrotechnic devices, pyrotechnic materials, and pyrotechnic special effects, as defined in 527 CMR 2.03, in the interior of a structure or building is hereby prohibited.

**Section 2.** Compliance with this article shall be a condition of any license or permit issued by the Town of Bridgewater for on-premise consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or for entertainment.

**Section 3.** Any person violating any of the provisions of this article shall be punished by a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00). Any violation shall be sufficient grounds for revocation of any license referenced in section 2.

**Unanimous**



Motion made to adjourn and duly seconded.  
Meeting adjourned 8:35 p.m.

A True Copy Attest:

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Ronald R. Adams  
Town Clerk

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
APRIL 26, 2003  
BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
166 MOUNT PROSPECT STREET**

In accordance with the provisions of the foregoing warrant, the Town Clerk declared the polls open at 7:00 a.m. The election officers were sworn to their faithful performance of their duties. At 8:00 p.m. the polls were declared closed and the following results were ready by Ronald R. Adams, Town Clerk. Total Voted: 4485

Precinct One	991
Precinct Two	964
Precinct Three	755
Precinct Four	252
Precinct Five	370
Precinct Six	444
Precinct Seven	709

A true copy, Attest:

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Ronald R. Adams

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION - APRIL 26, 2003**

**PREC. PREC. PREC. PREC. PREC. PREC. PREC. TOTAL**

<b>MODERATOR</b>								
Unused Votes	288	278	198	74	104	121	200	1263
Write-in votes	9	4	8	2	9	6	9	47
<b>JOHN T PLOUFFE</b>	684	682	549	176	257	317	500	3175
<b>TOTAL</b>	991	964	755	252	370	444	709	4485
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>								
Unused Votes	393	350	282	106	179	183	272	1765
Write-in votes	8	4	3	0	5	3	2	25
<b>DENNIS C GALLAGHER</b>	619	636	472	149	194	278	478	2826
<b>MARYBETH LAWTON</b>	476	460	345	111	161	230	344	2127
<b>MICHAEL F TIBERT</b>	486	478	408	138	201	194	322	2227
<b>TOTAL</b>	1982	1928	1510	504	740	888	1418	8970
<b>ASSESSORS</b>								
Unused Votes	338	331	234	81	129	146	230	1489
Write-in votes	4	3	7	2	1	2	3	22
<b>JOHN J BERTELLI, JR</b>	649	630	514	169	240	296	476	2974
<b>TOTAL</b>	991	964	755	252	370	444	709	4485
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>								
Unused Votes	74	74	51	24	24	21	45	313
Write-in votes	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
<b>RONALD R ADAMS</b>	513	479	334	111	150	214	314	2115
<b>DAVID A HATHAWAY</b>	402	412	369	117	196	206	352	2054
<b>TOTAL</b>	991	965	755	252	370	441	711	4485
<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b>								
Unused Votes	290	269	187	69	106	120	193	1234
Write-in votes	6	3	6	1	1	2	5	24
<b>DOUGLAS H DORR</b>	695	692	562	182	263	322	511	3227
<b>TOTAL</b>	991	964	755	252	370	444	709	4485

	PREC.	PREC.	PREC.	PREC.	PREC.	PREC.	PREC.	TOTAL
<b>TREASURER</b>								
Unused Votes	310	285	202	69	110	122	212	1310
Write-in votes	6	4	4	1	1	4	3	23
DOUGLAS H DORR	675	686	538	182	259	318	494	3152
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>4485</b>
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>								
Unused Votes	374	394	256	85	142	161	266	1678
Write-in votes	5	4	3	2	1	2	4	21
BRUCE S PILAVIS	612	577	485	165	227	281	439	2786
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>4485</b>
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>								
Unused Votes	169	166	106	47	67	73	110	738
Write-in votes	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
JOSEPH F BRACKEN	455	462	281	107	145	195	325	1970
SANDRA M WRIGHT	366	347	357	98	158	175	274	1775
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>4485</b>
<b>BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REG.</b>								
<b>DIST.SCHOOL COMM.(B'WATER)</b>								
Unused Votes	280	251	199	82	111	129	194	1246
Write-in votes	3	2	0	1	2	0	2	10
DONALD B DELUTIS	534	524	374	126	174	232	400	2364
URSULA GARFIELD	400	394	276	117	142	145	231	1705
JOSEPH GILLIS, JR	371	339	345	81	147	187	268	1738
FRANCES F MORAST	397	415	316	97	164	195	323	1907
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1985</b>	<b>1925</b>	<b>1510</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>1418</b>	<b>8970</b>
<b>BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REG.</b>								
<b>DIST. SCHOOL COMM.(Raynham)</b>								
Unused Votes	604	630	460	169	288	295	503	2949
Write-in votes	4	9	2	3	4	0	2	24
PATRICIA A ROLAND	507	478	384	134	163	211	318	2195
MARK D SANDERSON	472	434	339	107	154	190	312	2008
C OLDFIELD-SCHONDEK	397	377	323	91	131	192	283	1794
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1984</b>	<b>1928</b>	<b>1508</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>1418</b>	<b>8970</b>

	PREC.	PREC.	PREC.	PREC.	PREC.	PREC.	PREC.	TOTAL
<b>PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b>								
Unused Votes	997	947	775	254	396	430	709	4508
Write-in votes	9	6	2	1	0	4	4	26
PAMELA K ARRIGHI	679	687	507	173	242	306	483	3077
JUDITH W GABRIEL	644	629	499	162	237	307	468	2946
JAMES J KIRKCALDY	644	623	482	166	235	285	463	2898
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2973</b>	<b>2892</b>	<b>2265</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>1110</b>	<b>1332</b>	<b>2127</b>	<b>13455</b>
<b>WATER &amp; SEWER COMMISSION</b>								
Unused Votes	190	177	112	51	71	61	117	779
Write-in votes	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	4
FAWN SANCES	452	382	253	103	142	128	269	1729
JOHN L REVIL, III	349	404	389	98	157	253	323	1973
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>4485</b>
<b>RECREATION COMMISSION</b>								
Unused Votes	329	294	224	82	129	131	217	1406
Write-in votes	6	1	5	0	2	0	4	18
JAMES P CAMPBELL	656	669	526	170	239	313	488	3061
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>4485</b>
<b>BALLOT QUESTION</b>								
Unused Votes	34	34	33	4	18	27	34	184
Write-in votes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YES	631	637	473	168	217	259	424	2809
NO	326	293	249	80	135	158	251	1492
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>4485</b>

A true copy, Attest:

Ronald R. Adams  
Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
166 MT. PROSPECT STREET, BRIDGEWATER, MA 02324  
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2003**

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and immediately recessed to allow the voters to get seated, once all were seated the meeting commenced. All postings of warrants was duly noted as required by town by-laws as voted. The Town Clerk swore in the following counters: Diane Britton, Daniel J. Buron, Daniel F. Clifford, Richard H. Enos, Andrew Faber, Dorothy K. McLucas, Kenneth A. Perry, Rosemarie Schmitchel, and Robert B. Wood.  
Total in attendance: 918

**ARTICLE 1.** It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$40,000.00 from Account #28-254-3590-6, Water Receipts Reserve Account, to Account #28-450-172-58004, Capital Outlay-Filter Media Carver's Pond Wellfield, for purchasing Greensand Filter Media for the Water Treatment Plant Pressure Filters at the Carver's Pond Wellfield.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 2.** It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$20,000.00 from Account #28-254-3590-6, Water Receipts Reserve Account, to Account #28-450-172-58005, Capital Outlay-Purchase of Equipment, for the purpose of purchasing an air compressor.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 3.** To see whether or not the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$15,000.00 from Account #28-254-3590-6, Water Receipts Reserve Account, to Account #28-450-173-58006, Capital Outlay-Buildings and Grounds, for the purposes of paying up front for fencing around the wellhouses which the Water Department was awarded a grant by DEP. The Water Department will be reimbursed by the State through its awarding of the Wellhead Protection Grant, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by the Water Department.

**Motion to taken no action on this article.**

**Motion**

**Carries**

**ARTICLE 4.** To see whether or not the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$7,500.00 from Account #28-254-3590-6, the Water Receipts Reserve Account, to Account #28-450-174-5700, Other Charges

and Expenses/Expenses Account, to pay for GIS work for the Water Department for the purpose of paying up front work to be done for the Department, with reimbursement from a grant awarded by the DEP for the Wellhead Source Protection Program, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by the Water Department.

**Motion to take no action on this article.**

**Motion**

**Carries**

**ARTICLE 5.** It was voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$52,000.00 from Account #17-122-704-5961, the Court and Registry Fine Account, to Account #1-210-172-5872, Purchase of Vehicles Account, for the purchase of two (2) new cruisers with all the necessary equipment to replace cruisers #245 and #258, both vehicles having in excess of 100,000 miles.

**Passed**

**ARTICLE 6.** It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$6,000.00 from Account #1-970-101-5110, Wage Adjustment Account, to Account #1-211-101-5157, Court Time Account, to cover the shortfall in the Court Time Account.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 7.** It was voted that the Town petition the General Court to enact special legislation and, or, to affirm the action taken under Article 29, at the Annual Town Meeting, held on Tuesday, June 28, 1990, that authorized the Police Chief of the Town of Bridgewater to maintain a Motor Vehicle Revolving Account for the Bridgewater Police Department for the purpose of purchasing, equipping and maintaining the Police Department motor vehicles. This fund is to be comprised of all monies received by the Town pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter 280, of the General Laws for fines imposed under Chapter 89 and 90 of the General Laws, but excluding fines assessed by a hearing officer of the Town as defined in Section 20A and 20A1/2 of Chapter 90 of Mass. General Laws.

**Passed**

**ARTICLE 8.** It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$189.00 from Account #1-693-102-5794, the Historic District General Expenses Account, to Account #1-693-101-5116, the Part-time Clerical Salary Account.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 9.** It was unanimously voted that the Town amend its Vote taken under Article 22 and Article 23 of the May 6, 2002 Annual Town Meeting and as further amended under Article 17 of the Recessed November 14,

2002 Special Town Meeting, to authorize the appropriation and transfer the sum of \$210,000.00 from Account #17-122-703-5961, Ambulance Receipts Account in the current fiscal year, to Account #1-220-101-5114-27, Fire Department General Salaries-Firefighters/EMTs.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 10.** It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$6,813.00 from Account #1-960-101-5110, Wage Adjustment Account, to the following accounts in the Assessors Department for shortfalls incurred from early retirement sick time buy back:

\$1,022.00 to Account #1-141-101-5115, Clerical Salaries, and  
\$5,791.00 to Account #1-141-101-5113, Appointed Officials.

**Passed**

**ARTICLE 11.** It was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$15,000.00 from Account # 26-455-103-5349, Food and Beverages Service Expenses, to Account #26-455-101-5197, Food and Beverages Staff Wages.

**Passed**

**ARTICLE 12.** It was unanimously voted that the Town rescind the following amounts of un-issued debt authorized under the following warrant articles:

Amount Rescinded

\$700,000

\$195,000

Warrant Article and Town Meeting:

Article 20 – 2000 Annual Town Meeting

Article 1 – October 5, 1999 Special Town Meeting

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 13.** It was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$1,605.49 from Account #1-960-101-5110, Wage Adjustment Account, to Account #1-141-101-5113, Appointed Officials Account, due to step increases granted by the Wage and Personnel Board.

**Passed**

**ARTICLE 14.** It was voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$54,000.00 from Account # 1-220-101-5114-27, Fire Department-General

Salaries-Firefighter & EMTs, to Account #1-220-172-5192, Sick Time/Vacation Time Buy-Back, for the purpose of reimbursement for unused Sick Leave credits.

**Passed**

**ARTICLE 15.** It was voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$3,500.00 from Account #84-122-3754-5722, Toole Memorial Park Trust, to Account #1-171-172-5347, Surveying Fees (Toole Memorial Trust), to fund the hiring of a registered land surveyor to locate wetlands delineation done for improvements to the Toole Property on Pleasant Street.

**Passed**

**ARTICLE 16.** It was voted that the Town approve the amount of up to \$6,000,000.00 in debt authorized by the Bridgewater-Raynham School Committee for the purpose of financing the repairs to the existing Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School, including costs incidental and relating thereto provided that no debt shall be issued thereunder unless and until the Town of Bridgewater shall have voted to exempt the debt service on its apportioned share of any bonds or notes issued herebunder from the limitations of Proposition 2½, so called, and provided further that no debt shall be incurred for this project thereunder unless and until the project shall have been approved by the School Building Assistance Program administered by the State Dept. of Education.

**Passed**

**Motion made and duly seconded to reconsider this article in hopes it would fail.**

**Motion Carries**

**ARTICLE 17.** It was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$450,000.00 from Account #16-122-822-6, Prison Mitigation, to Account #1-194-172-58007, Capital Planning/Police Station, for the purposes of design, engineering, construction, re-construction and signalization of the intersections of Pleasant Street and Crescent Street, and Pleasant Street and Center Street, and land adjacent thereto required for the public safety in relation to the operation of the new Police Station.

**This article requires 4/5 Vote Yes: 655 No: 160 Passed**

**ARTICLE 18.** It was voted that the Town of Bridgewater accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 59; Section 5, Fifth B:

The provision reads as follows:

Fifth B, The real and personal estate belonging to or held in trust for the benefit of incorporated organizations of veterans of any war in which the United States



has been engaged, to the extent of seven hundred thousand dollars, if used and occupied by such association, and if the net income from said property is used for charitable purposes; provided, however, that such estate shall not be exempt for any year in which such association or the trustees holding for the benefit of such association willfully omit to file with the assessors the list and statement required by section twenty-nine. This clause shall take effect upon its acceptance by any city or town. In a city or town which accepts the provisions this clause, the provisions of clause Fifth and Fifth A shall not be applicable.

**Passed**

**Motion made and duly seconded to adjourn.**

**Meeting adjourned 9:20 p.m.**

A true copy, Attest:

Ronald R. Adams  
Town Clerk

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
166 MT. PROSPECT STREET, BRIDGEWATER, MA 02324  
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2003  
7:30 P.M.**

The Moderator called the meeting to order. All postings of warrants was duly noted as required by town by-laws as voted. The Town Clerk swore in the following counters: Diane Britton, Daniel J. Buron, Daniel F. Clifford, Richard H. Enos, Andrew Faber, Dorothy K. McLucas, Kenneth A. Perry, Rosemarie Schmitchel, and Robert B. Wood. Total in attendance: 918

**Motion made and duly seconded to call Article 29 out of order. Motion Carries**

**ARTICLE 29.** It was voted that the Town approve the amount of \$69,100,000.00 in debt authorized by the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School Committee for the purpose of financing the costs of constructing and equipping a new Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School, including costs incidental and related thereto, provided that no debt shall be issued thereunder unless and until the Towns of Raynham and Bridgewater shall have voted to exempt the debt service on its apportioned share of any bonds or notes issued hereunder from the limitations of Proposition 2 ½, so called, and provided further, that no debt other than for engineering and architectural design costs shall be incurred for this Project thereunder unless and until the Project shall have been placed on a School Building Assistance priority list by the State Department of Education.

**Passed**

**Motion made to reconsider this article in hopes it would fail. Motion Carries**

**Motion made and duly seconded to call Article 12 out of order. Motion Carries**

**ARTICLE 12.** It was voted that the Town will accept the following By-law:  
Town of Bridgewater

**By-Law: Prohibition of Smoking in Public Places and Workplaces in the Town of Bridgewater**

**A Statement of Purpose**

Whereas conclusive evidence exists that tobacco smoke causes cancer, respiratory and cardiac diseases, negative birth outcomes, irritations to the eyes, nose, and throat; and whereas the harmful effects of tobacco smoke are not confined

to smokers but also cause severe discomfort and illness to nonsmokers; and whereas environmental tobacco smoke [hereinafter ETS], which includes both exhaled smoke and the side stream smoke from burning tobacco products, causes the death of 53,000 Americans each year (McGinnis JM, Foege W, "Actual Causes of Death in the United States", JAMA 1993 270:2207-2212); and whereas the Ninth Report on Carcinogens of the Public Health Service's National Toxicology Program classified secondhand smoke as a known human carcinogen (U.S. DHHS, 2000) and the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) of the World Health Organization also classified secondhand smoke as a known human carcinogen (IARC-WHO, 2002); now, therefore, the Town of Bridgewater recognizes the right of those who wish to breathe smokefree air and establishes this by-law to:

--Protect and improve the public health and welfare by prohibiting smoking in all public places and workplaces;

--Assure smokefree air for everyone;

--Recognize that the need to breathe smokefree air shall have priority over the desire to smoke in enclosed public places and workplaces;

--Set a healthful example for youngsters by creating a smokefree community.

**B. Definitions:** For the purposes of this by-law, the following words shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this paragraph:

**Bar:** An adult-only establishment whose business is devoted to the serving of alcoholic beverages for consumption by guests on the premises and in which the serving of food is only incidental to the consumption of such beverages. Revenue generated from the serving of alcoholic beverages must be equal to or greater than eighty percent (80%) of the total combined revenue generated by the service of such beverages and food. Revenue figures to be considered as evidence for the purpose of this bylaw are those used in calculating the meal tax amount required to be filed with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue for the preceding year

**Business Agent:** An individual who has been designated by the owner or operator of any establishment to be the manager or otherwise in charge of said establishment.

**Board:** The Board of Health of the Town of Bridgewater

**Employee:** Any person who performs services for an employer.

**Employer:** A person, partnership, association, corporation, trust, or other organized group of individuals, including the Town of Bridgewater or any agency thereof, which utilizes the services of one (1) or more employees.

**Enclosed:** A space bounded by walls (with or without windows) continuous

from the floor to the ceiling and enclosed by doors, including, but not limited to, offices, rooms and halls.

**Health Care Facility:** Any office or institution providing care or treatment of diseases, whether physical, mental or emotional, or other medical, physiological or psychological conditions including but not limited rehabilitation hospitals or other clinics, including weight control clinics, nursing homes, homes for the aging or chronically ill, laboratories, offices of any surgeon, chiropractor, physical therapist, physician, dentist and all specialists within these professions.

**Person:** Any individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind including, but not limited to an owner, operator, manager, proprietor or person in charge of any building, establishment, business, or restaurant or retail store, or the business agents or designees of any of the foregoing.

**Private Club:** A not-for-profit establishment created and organized pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 180 as a charitable corporation with a defined membership. A private club is not a place of public accommodation but rather distinctly private. Criteria used to determine whether a club is distinctly private include, but are not limited to, those factors identified in 204 CMR 10.02. If the private club holds an alcoholic beverage license, said license shall be a "club license" or a "war veterans club license" as defined in M.G.L. Ch. 138, §12 and by the Massachusetts Alcohol Beverage Control Commission. Said license is subject to the terms set forth by the local licensing authority.

**Public place:** Any building, facility or vehicle owned, leased, operated or occupied by the municipality, including school buildings and grounds; any enclosed area open to the general public including, but not limited to, bars, restaurants, retail stores, retail food stores, supermarkets, libraries, museums, theaters, banks, laundromats, indoor sports arenas, auditoriums, inn/hotel/motel lobbies, private and public educational facilities, shopping malls, common areas of residential buildings, public restrooms, lobbies, staircases, halls, exits, entrance ways, elevators accessible to the public, public mass transit conveyances and indoor platforms and enclosed outside platforms, open meetings of a governmental body as defined in section 11A of chapter 30A, section 23A of chapter 39 and section 9F of chapter 34, and licensed child-care locations.

**Restaurant:** Any coffee shop, cafeteria, sandwich shop, private and public school cafeteria and other eating establishment which gives or offers food for sale to the public, guests, or employees for on-premises consumption, as well as kitchens in which food is prepared on the premises for serving elsewhere, including catering facilities.

**Retail Food Store:** Any establishment commonly known as a supermarket, grocery store, bakery or convenience store, or any other establishment which

offers food items to the public for off-premises consumption.

**Retail Store:** Any establishment whose primary purpose is to sell or offer for sale to consumers any goods, wares, merchandise, articles or other things.

**Smoking:** Inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted cigar, cigarette, or other tobacco product in any form.

**Town:** The Town of Bridgewater.

**Workplace:** Any enclosed area of a structure or portion thereof at which one(1) or more employees perform services for their employer.

**C Smoking Prohibited:**

1. Smoking is prohibited in all workplaces and all public places.

2. It shall be unlawful for any employer or other person having control of the premises upon which smoking is prohibited by this by-law or the business agent or designee of such person, to permit a violation of this by-law.

**D. Posting notice of prohibition:**

Every person having control of premises upon which smoking is prohibited by and under the authority of this by-law shall conspicuously display upon the premises "No Smoking" signs provided by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and available from the Bridgewater Board of Health or the international "No Smoking" symbol (consisting of a pictorial representation of a burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle with a red bar across it) and comparable in size to the sign provided by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and available from the Bridgewater Board of Health.

**E. Exceptions:**

Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph D of this by-law, smoking may be permitted in the following places and/or circumstances:

1. Private residences, except those portions used as a child care or health care office when operating as such.

**F. Violations:**

Any employer, or his or her business agent, who violates any provision of this by-law, the violation of which is subject to a specific penalty, may be penalized by the non-criminal method of disposition as provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D or by filing a criminal complaint at the appropriate venue. It shall be the responsibility of the employer, or his or her business agent, to ensure compliance with all sections of this by-law. The

violator shall receive:

1. In the case of a first violation, a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
2. In the case of a second violation within 24 months of the date of the first violation, a fine of two hundred dollars (\$200.00).
3. In the case of three or more violations within 24 months of the current violation, a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

**G. Enforcement:**

This by-law shall be enforced by the Board of Health, its designees, and/or the Bridgewater Police Department.

One method of enforcement may be periodic, unannounced inspections of those establishments subject to this by-law. Any citizen who desires to register a complaint under this by-law may request that the Board of Health initiate an investigation.

**H. Severability:**

If any paragraph or provision of this by-law is found to be illegal or against public policy or unconstitutional, it shall not affect the legality of any remaining paragraphs or provisions.

**I. Conflict with Other Laws or Regulations:**

Notwithstanding the provisions of the foregoing Paragraph D of this by-law, nothing in this by-law shall be deemed to amend or repeal applicable fire, health or other regulations so as to permit smoking in areas where it is prohibited by such fire, health or other regulations.

**J. Effective Date:**

This by-law shall be effective as of September 1, 2003.

**Yes: 464      No: 297**  
**Passed**

**Motion to reconsider this article fails.**

**ARTICLE 11.**      To see whether or not the Town will vote to accept the following General By-law:

**TOBACCO CONTROL REGULATIONS:**  
**Environmental Exposure**

The Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

BRIDGEWATER, MA

BOARD OF HEALTH PHONE 508-697-0903  
TOBACCO CONTROL REGULATIONS

RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO THE RESTRICTION OF EXPOSURE TO ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE IN PUBLIC PLACES, RESTAURANTS AND IN THE WORKPLACE WITHIN THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER.

**Section 1 – PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY**

The Bridgewater Board of Health finds that tobacco use by minors and involuntary exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) poses a severe health risk. These regulations are made pursuant to Chapter 111 of the Massachusetts General Laws, Section 31, to prevent illegal sales of tobacco to minors and to minimize exposure of ETS in public places.

**Section 2 – DEFINITIONS**

As used in this regulation:

**Bar Area of Restaurant** means an area of a restaurant that is devoted to the serving of alcoholic beverages for consumption by guests or restaurant patrons on the premises and alcoholic beverages for consumption by guest or restaurant patrons on the premises and in which the serving of food is only incidental to the consumption of such beverages.

**Bar/Lounge** means any freestanding establishment that is primarily dedicated to the serving of alcoholic beverages for the consumption of guests on the premises and in which the serving of food is only incidental to the consumption of such beverages.

**Business** means any sole proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, corporation or other business entity, including retail establishments where goods or services are sold as well as professional corporations and other entities where services are delivered.

**Employee** means any individual who performs services for an employer in return for wages or profit or who performs services as a volunteer.

**Municipal Building** means any building owned, leased, or occupied by the Town of Bridgewater.

**Municipal Vehicle** means any vehicle owned or under the control of the Town of Bridgewater, including but not limited to police, fire, DPW vehicles that are assigned to departments that work out of the Town Hall.

**Non-Profit Agency** means any individual, partnership, corporation, or other entity that provides goods or services on a not-for-profit basis.

**Public Place** means an enclosed indoor area that is used by otherwise accessible by the general public, including bar/lounges.

**Smoking** means inhaling or exhaling smoke, burning, or carrying any lighted tobacco product.

**Workplace** means any establishment where employees normally frequent during the course of employment, including, but not limited to, work areas, employee lounges, rest rooms, conference and classrooms, employee cafeterias, and hallways.

**APPLICATION OF THIS REGULATION TO PUBLIC PLACES** means an indoor area or the interior of a building, or the area within 15 feet of an entranceway to a building accessible to the general public or municipal employees, and including but not limited to the following facilities:

auditoriums;  
automobile sales rooms, dealerships, repair shops, and service stations;  
bank and automatic teller machine (ATM) lobbies;  
bars and lounges;  
bus (es) and other public transportation vehicles, municipal vehicles;  
clinics and other health care facilities;  
clubs, rooms, and halls when used for public meetings or gatherings;  
common areas of apartment buildings and condominiums;  
elevators accessible to the public;  
funeral homes;  
game arcades;  
gasoline stations;  
grocery stations;  
grocery stores, supermarkets, and convenience store;  
halls and rooms used for public meetings or gatherings;  
hallways accessible to the public;  
hair salons, barber shops and cosmetology establishments;  
health and fitness centers;



indoor sports arenas;  
indoor stairwells accessible to the public;  
libraries;  
licensed child care locations, including child care homes;  
municipal buildings;  
museums and galleries;  
nursing homes;  
places of public worship;  
private clubs that hold a license from Board of Health;  
public rest rooms;  
retail food establishments;  
retail stores;  
schools and other educational facilities;  
theaters or other facilities used for a stage production, play, lecture, musical recital, or other similar performances, except when smoking is part of said performance;  
video rental stores;  
the area within fifteen (15) feet of an entranceway accessible to the public, except that this shall not apply to a smoker transiting through such fifteen (15) foot area nor to a smoker approaching an entranceway with the intention to extinguishing a tobacco product.

**Restaurant** means any coffee shop, cafeteria, sandwich stand, private or school cafeteria, and any other eating establishment including bar areas if dining establishments which gives or offers food for sale to the public, guests or employees as well as kitchens in which food is prepared on the premises for serving elsewhere, including catering facilities.

**Smoking** means the lighting of any cigar, cigarette, pipe, or other tobacco product.

**Workplace** means the enclosed area where (2) or more employees perform services for their employer, including but not limited to conference rooms, elevators, crawlspaces, closets, basements and attics, employee lounges, entrances, hallways, rest rooms and stairways.

### **Section 3 - PROHIBITION OF SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES**

Smoking or the use of any tobacco product is prohibited in all places within the Town of Bridgewater.

It shall be unlawful for any owner, manager or person in charge of a public place covered by these regulations, to permit or for his agent to designee to permit any violation of the regulation.

The owner, operator, manager, or person in charge of any public place shall prevent

smoking by requiring patrons or others who may be smoking to refrain from smoking or to leave the premises and to use any legal means that may be appropriate and reasonable to enforce this regulation.

Board of Health agents may, upon witnessing a person in possession of a burning tobacco product in a public place, issue a fine of \$100.00.

In the case of the first violation of Section 3, the owner, manager, or person in charge shall be fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00). In the case of the second violation of Section 3 within a twelve (12) month period, the owner, manager, or person in charge shall be fined two hundred dollars (\$200.00). In the case of three or more violations of Section 3 within a twelve (12) month period, the owner, manager, or person in charge shall be fined three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for each violation.

#### **Section 4 - PROHIBITION OF SMOKING IN RESTAURANTS**

Smoking restaurants, including bar areas of restaurants is prohibited.

A sign must be conspicuously posted identifying the restaurant/bar as a smoke-free establishment.

It shall be unlawful for any owner, operator, manager, or person in charge of any workplace to permit, or for his or her agent or designee to permit, a violation of this regulation. Owners, operators, managers, or person in charge must ask patrons to refrain from smoking or to leave the premises, using any legal means, which may be appropriate and reasonable to enforce this regulation.

In the case of the first violation of Section 4, the owner, manager, or person in charge shall be fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00). In the case of the second violation of Section 4 within a twelve (12) month period, the owner, manager, or person in charge shall be fined two hundred dollars (\$200.00). In the case of three or more violations of Section 4 within a twelve (12) month period, the owner, manager, or person in charge shall be fined three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for each violation.

The Board of Health shall provide written notice to the permit holder of the intent to suspend or revoke a food establishment permit. The notice shall contain the reason for the suspension or revocation and establish a date and time for a hearing. The date of the hearing shall be no earlier than seven (7) days after the date of notice. The permit holder shall have an equal opportunity to be heard and shall be notified of the Board of Health's decision and reasons in writing.

## **Severability**

If any provision of these regulations is declared invalid or unenforceable, the other provisions shall not be affected thereby but shall continue in full force and effect.

## **Section 5 – PROHIBITION OF SMOKING IN THE WORKPLACE**

The Bridgewater Board of Health finds that involuntary exposure to environmental tobacco (ETS) poses a severe health risk therefore smoking in workplaces is prohibited.

Smoking is prohibited in all municipal vehicles.

It shall be unlawful for any owner, operator, manager, or person in charge of any workplace to permit, or for his or her agent or designee to permit a violation of the regulation.

In the case of the first violation of Section 5, the owner, manager, or person in charge shall be fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00). In the case of the second violation of Section 5 within a twelve (12) month period, the owner, manager, or person in charge shall be fined two hundred dollars (\$200.00). In the case of three or more violations of Section 5 within a twelve (12) month period, the owner, manager, or person in charge shall be fined three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for each violation.

## **Section 6 – VARIANCES**

- A. Application must be made to the Board of Health for a variance from these regulations.
- B. Every variance is subject to a public hearing. Notice of a hearing, upon an original application for a variance, shall be poster as part of a public notice of the Board of Health meeting, at which the Board of Health will consider the application. The notice shall be posted not less than one week before hearing.
- C. By vote of a majority of its full authorized membership, the Board of Health may vary the application of any provision of these regulations with respect to any particular case in which, in the Board's opinion, both of the following requirements are fulfilled:

1. The enforcement of the regulations would do manifest injustice.
2. The applicant has proved that the degree of protection of the public health, safety and welfare can be achieved without strict application of the particular provision. The alternative means of protection shall be detailed and documented by the applicant to the satisfaction of the Board.

- D. Any variance granted by the Board shall be in writing.
- E. A variance may be granted up to one year and extended for like periods upon submission or a renewal application.
- F. A copy of the variance granted under this section shall be available for public inspection on the premises for which it is issued.
- G. Variances are not transferable.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

These regulation shall be effective as of September 4, 2003

**Section 7 – INSPECTION/ENFORCEMENT**

The Board of Health may enforce this regulation through periodic inspections conducted by the Board of Health or its enforcement officer(s) or designee(s).

Chairman: Joseph Bracken

Clerk: James Perry

Member William Nicolas

Article submitted by the Board of Health

Date: April 15, 2003:

Bridgewater, Massachusetts

**The Moderator declares:**

**Voice Vote Fails**

**Motion to reconsider this article in hopes it would fail. Motion Carries**

**Motion made and duly seconded to take Article 13 out of order. Motion Carries**

**ARTICLE 13. To see whether or not the Town will vote to accept the following By-law:**

## Town of Bridgewater

### By-Law: Regulation of Smoking in Businesses, Workplaces and Public Buildings In the Town of Bridgewater

#### A. Statement of Purpose

Whereas individuals and businesses have the right and freedom to engage in lawful pursuits; and whereas the public and employees have the right to knowledge of their environment; and whereas people have the right to make their views known in a free society; now, therefore, the Town of Bridgewater recognizes the rights of all its citizens and establishes this bylaw to:

- Protect and preserve those rights
- Inform the public of the nature of any establishment they might enter
- Allow the public to directly influence the nature of establishments they will enter
- Recognize the needs of non-smokers as well as smokers

B. Definitions: For the purposes of this by-law, the following words shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this paragraph:

**Bar**: An adult-only establishment whose business is devoted to the serving of alcoholic beverages for consumption by guests on the premises and in which the serving of food is only incidental to the consumption of such beverages.

**Business Agent**: An individual who had been designated by the owner or operator of any establishment to be the manager or otherwise in charge of said establishment.

**Board**: The Board of Health of the Town of Bridgewater.

**Child Care Facility**: Any business devoted to the care and watching of children

**Employee**: Any person who performs paid services for an employer.

**Enclosed**: A space bounded by walls (with or without windows) continuous from the floor to the ceiling and enclosed by doors.

**Health Care Facility**: Any office or institution devoted to care and treatment of medical conditions.

**Private Business**: Hereinafter referred to as "any business": Any non-residential building or facility which is owned, leased or rented by a trust,

corporation, partnership or individual to which the public has right of access only as an invitee.

**Public Place:** Any building or facility owned, leased or operated by the Town of Bridgewater to which the public has right of access without invitation.

**Restaurant:** Any privately owned establishment which provides food for the on-premises consumption of customers.

**Smoking:** Inhaling, exhaling or burning of any lighted cigar, cigarette or other tobacco product.

**Town:** The Town of Bridgewater.

**Workplace:** Any enclosed area of a structure where an employee performs services for an employer other than themselves.

**C. Smoking Prohibited:**

1. Smoking is prohibited in all health and child care facilities.
2. Smoking is prohibited in all public places as defined above ( those buildings and facilities owned, leased or operated by the Town of Bridgewater only).

**D. Regulation of Private Business Allowing Smoking:**

1. All business shall provide a smoke-free entry and/or waiting area for customers.
2. Any business allowing smoking shall display prominent signs at entryway warning customers that smoking is allowed and that secondhand smoke may be dangerous.
3. Any business allowing smoking shall so advise job applicants before hiring.
4. Any restaurant or bar allowing smoking shall make petitions available to patrons who wish to express their desire for a non-smoking environment.
5. Any business agent of a bar or restaurant that is approached by patrons with complaints about smoking shall either rectify the situation or bring it to the attention of the owner(s) as warranted.

**E. Violations**

Any business owner or business agent who violates any provision of this by-law, the violation of which is subject to a specific penalty, shall be fined as

follows;

1. First offense, one hundred dollars (\$100.00)
2. Second offense in one year, two hundred dollars (\$200.00)
3. Third offense in one year, three hundred dollars (\$300.00)

Fines shall be paid to the Board of Health to be placed into an account to aid in eliminating underage smoking.

F. Enforcement:

This by-law shall be enforced by the Board of Health during their regular inspections or by investigation of complaints.

G. Severability:

If any paragraph or provision of this by-law is found to be illegal or against public policy or unconstitutional, it shall not affect the legality of any remaining paragraphs or provisions.

H. Conflict with Other Laws or Regulations:

Nothing in this by-law shall be deemed to amend or repeal applicable fire, health or other regulations so as to permit smoking in areas where it is prohibited by such fire, health or other regulations.

I. Effective Date

This by-law shall be effective upon adoption at annual town meeting and following

Approval by the Attorney General of the State of Massachusetts.

Article submitted by Citizens' Petition

**The Moderator declares:**

**Voice Vote Fails**

**Motion to reconsider this article in hopes it would fail. Motion Carries**

**Motion made and duly seconded to call Article 15 out of order. Motion Carries**

**ARTICLE 15.** It was voted that the Town amend the Town Clerk's fee structure as previously voted under Article 27 of the June 13, 1995 Annual Town Meeting by adding the following:

Fee for DS-11 Passport Application is:

Person under 16: \$40.00

For a person 16 and older:	\$55.00
Execution Fee:	\$30.00 Regardless of Age
Photograph Fee:	\$10.00
Expedite Fee:	\$60.00
Records Search Fee:	\$45.00

**Passed**

**Motion made and duly seconded to call Article 14 out of order. Motion Carries**

**ARTICLE 14.** It was voted that the Town accept the following By-law:

**TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER**

Proposal of By-law. April 4, 2003

**Water Bikes – Jet Skis**

The use of personal motorized watercraft, such as jet-skis, shall be prohibited from operation on Lake Nippenicket. As used in this by-law, the term personal watercraft means a vessel, usually less than 16 feet in length (measured from end to end over the deck excluding shear) which uses an inboard, internal combustion engine powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion. The vessel is intended to be operated by a person or persons sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than within the confines of the hull. Personal watercraft are high performance vessels designed for speed and maneuverability and are often used to perform stunt like maneuvers. Personal watercraft includes vessels commonly referred to as jet ski, waverunner, wavejammer, wetjet, sea-doo, wet bike, and surf jet.

**Passed**

**Motion made to reconsider Fails**

**Motion made and duly seconded to call Article 9 out of order. Motion Carries**

**ARTICLE 9.** It was unanimously voted that the Town accept Blueberry Knoll as a public way in the Town of Bridgewater and accept the layout, or portion thereof, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and to authorize the Board to take by eminent domain, purchase, otherwise acquire, any fee, easement or other interest in land necessary therefore, no appropriation being required.

**Unanimous**



**ARTICLE 1.** It was unanimously voted to choose all minor Town Officers for the ensuing year.

**SURVEYOR OF WOOD & LUMBER**

Herbert Lemon

**FENCE VIEWER**

Richard Soucie

**SWORN WEIGHERS**

**Bridgewater-Raynham Sand & Stone**

- |                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Joseph A. Arruda | 4. Jodi A. Kirker |
| 2. Traci E. Arruda  | 5. Stephen Reilly |
| 3. Daniel G. Kirker | 6. Nancy Ziomek   |

**Bridgewater Recycling**

- |                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| 1. Joe Alves     | 5. Andrew Lloyd  |
| 2. Robert Coffey | 6. David Wagman  |
| 3. Allen DuFour  | 7. Ronald Wagman |
| 4. James Dumas   |                  |

**John Chuckran Corp.**

1. Susan Bunker
2. Paul G. Chuckran

**Wood's Auto Parts**

- |                        |                |
|------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Timothy Castelluzzi | 3. Allen Wood  |
| 2. Karl Irving         | 4. Claire Wood |

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 2.** It was unanimously voted to hear and act upon the Jury List, Report of Selectmen, Town Accountant, School Committee, Advisory Committee, Treasurer and other Officers and Boards as required by Vote or Bylaw, or as considered expedient to report, and such other matters as the Law or Bylaws require, or the Selectmen consider expedient.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 3.** This article was postponed to Recessed Annual Town Meeting, June 23, 2003.

**ARTICLE 4.** It was unanimously voted that the Town authorize the Treasurer/Collector, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to enter into a compensating balancing agreement or agreements for the fiscal year July 1, 2003

through June 30, 2004, pursuant to MGL C. 44, Sec. 53F, amended by Chapter 740 of the Acts of 1985.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 5.** It was unanimously voted that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 2003, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a Note or Notes therefor, payable within one (1) year, and to renew any Note or Notes as may be given for a period of one (1) year, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 6.** It was unanimously voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, receive and expend grants on behalf of the Town of Bridgewater.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 7.** It was unanimously voted that the Town pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ re-authorize all revolving funds in the Town of Bridgewater.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 8.** It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate from time to time monies for resurfacing, improving, constructing and/or reconstruction of Bridgewater streets pursuant to applicable chapter and sections of the Acts of the Legislature, as approved by the Selectmen and the Massachusetts Department of Public Works and to meet said appropriation the Town authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow a sum of money, which amount shall not exceed funds available or to become available to the Town of Bridgewater under any and all state aid construction funds to be used and expended under the direction of the Highway Department with the approval of the Board of Selectmen for the resurfacing, improvement, construction and/or reconstruction of the Bridgewater streets, and to deposit any funds received under State Aid Construction in a separate account to be used to retire the indebtedness for said use; and, in addition thereto, the Town vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to any interest on temporary borrowing.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 10.** It was unanimously voted that the Town accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 140, Section 139 as voted by Chapter 369 of the Acts of 2002, providing that no fee shall be charged for a license for a dog owned by a person aged 70 years or over.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 16.** This article was postponed to Recessed Annual Town Meeting, June 23, 2003.

**ARTICLE 17.** This article was postponed to Recessed Annual Town Meeting, June 23, 2003.

**ARTICLE 18.** This article was postponed to Recessed Annual Town Meeting, June 23, 2003.

**ARTICLE 19.** This article was postponed to Recessed Annual Town Meeting, June 23, 2003.

**ARTICLE 20.** This article was postponed to Recessed Annual Town Meeting, June 23, 2003.

**ARTICLE 21.** This article was postponed to Recessed Annual Town Meeting, June 23, 2003.

**ARTICLE 22.** This article was postponed to Recessed Annual Town Meeting, June 23, 2003.

**ARTICLE 23.** This article was postponed to Recessed Annual Town Meeting, June 23, 2003.

**ARTICLE 24.** This article was postponed to Recessed Annual Town Meeting, June 23, 2003.

**ARTICLE 25.** This article was postponed to Recessed Annual Town Meeting, June 23, 2003.

**ARTICLE 26.** This article was postponed to Recessed Annual Town Meeting, June 23, 2003.

**ARTICLE 27.** This article was postponed to Recessed Annual Town Meeting, June 23, 2003.

**ARTICLE 28.** This article was postponed to Recessed Annual Town Meeting, June 23, 2003.

Motion was made and duly seconded to Recess the Annual Town Meeting to Monday, June 23, 2003 at 7:30 P.M. at the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School.

Meeting adjourned 11:00 P.M.

A true copy, Attest:

Ronald R. Adams  
Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION**  
**JUNE 14, 2003**  
**BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**  
**166 MOUNT PROSPECT STREET**

In accordance with the provisions of the foregoing warrant, the Town Clerk declared the polls open at 7:00 a.m. The election officers were sworn to their faithful performance of their duties. At 8:00 p.m. the polls were declared closed and the following results were ready by Ronald R. Adams, Town Clerk. Total Voted: 4055

Precinct One	863
Precinct Two	888
Precinct Three	690
Precinct Four	235
Precinct Five	343
Precinct Six	364
Precinct Seven	672

A true copy, Attest:

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Ronald R. Adams  
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER - SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION - JUNE 14, 2003**

**PREC PREC. PREC PRE PREC PRE PREC TOTAL**

<b>QUESTION 1</b>								
Unused Votes	1	1	1	3	3	3	7	19
YES	606	607	457	160	199	217	394	2640
NO	256	280	232	72	141	144	271	1396
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>4055</b>
<b>QUESTION 2</b>								
Unused Votes	2	1	4	2	3	2	6	20
YES	502	520	389	141	164	175	306	2197
NO	359	367	297	92	176	187	360	1838
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>4055</b>
<b>QUESTION 3</b>								
Unused Votes	2	1	3	1	2	1	3	13
YES	541	557	418	154	180	191	337	2378
NO	320	330	269	80	161	172	332	1664
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>4055</b>

A true copy, Attest:

Ronald R. Adams  
Town Clerk

**RECESSED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
166 MT. PROSPECT STREET, BRIDGEWATER, MA 02324  
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2003**

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Walter S. Little Auditorium and by motion of Peter Riordan and second by Ron Adams, immediately recessed to the James Buckley Gymnasium. The meeting was then called to order in the James Buckley Gymnasium. All postings of warrants was duly noted as required by town by-laws as voted. Total in attendance 334.

**ARTICLE 3.** It was unanimously voted to hear and act upon the Report of any Committee appointed by the Town and to continue such Committees as the Town deems appropriate.

Capital Planning Committee as read by David Morwick, to be continued to the next Annual Town Meeting.

Olde Scotland Links Golf Commission as read by Charles Simonds to be continued to the next Annual Town Meeting.

**Motion made and duly seconded to suspend Article 3 and take up Article 17- Motion Carries**

**ARTICLE 17.** It was voted that the Town amend the Wage & Personnel Board Bylaw as reported by the Wage & Personnel Board at its public hearing as read, including the amendment thereto.

**Passed**

**ARTICLE 18.** It was unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer from available funds a sum of money for salaries of those under the jurisdiction of the Wage & Personnel Board.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 19.** It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer from available funds a sum of money for the salaries of elected officials.

**Selectmen**

**Fiscal 2004**

Chairman.....	\$1,500.00
Member.....	\$1,000.00
Member.....	\$1,000.00
Member.....	\$1,000.00
Member.....	\$1,000.00
	<u>\$5,500.00</u>

**Assessors**

Chairman.....	\$1,500.00
Member.....	\$1,000.00
Member.....	\$1,000.00
	<u>\$3,500.00</u>

**Planning Board**

Member.....	\$ 800.00
Member.....	\$ 800.00
Member.....	\$ 800.00
Member.....	\$ 800.00
Member.....	\$ 800.00
	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>

<b>Treasurer.....</b>	<b>\$23,225.00</b>
<b>Collector.....</b>	<b>\$29,975.00</b>
	<u>\$53,200.00</u>

**Town Clerk.....** \$54,250.00

**Registration & Election.....** \$ 700.00

**Tree Warden.....** \$ 500.00

**Board of Health**

Chairman.....	\$ 500.00
Member.....	\$ 350.00
Member.....	\$ 350.00
	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>

**Total Salaries of Elected Officials.....** \$122,850.00

**Enterprise Fund**

**Water Commissioners**

Chairman.....	\$ 1,200.00
Member.....	\$ 830.00
Member.....	\$ 830.00
	<u>\$ 2,860.00</u>

**Total Salaries of Elected Officials: \$125,710.00**

**ARTICLE 20.** It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate and vote into a tax to be assessed according to law and/or appropriate and transfer from available funds, and/or appropriate and transfer from funds already appropriated for other purposes and/or borrow pursuant to law or otherwise the sum of \$36,101,248.00 for the operation and current expenses of the Town for the ensuing year and the sum of \$125,710.00 being for salaries of elected Town Officers; and further that of such Appropriation, the sum of \$35,975,538.00 be for personal services, general expenses, special expenses, principal and interest on maturing debt, and all other charges for various departments for the ensuing fiscal year; all of the foregoing to be apportioned and segregated for several specific purposes, designated and that the same be expended only for such purposes, each number being considered a separate appropriation, as shown and set forth in the "Town of Bridgewater – Fiscal Year 2004 Annual Town Meeting Budget Recommendations" a copy of which is attached hereto and specifically made a part hereof, and that to meet such appropriation, the following amounts are raised and/or transfers are authorized:

Sewer Receipts .....	\$ 1,354,944.00
Water Receipts.....	\$ 1,927,291.00
Golf Receipts.....	\$ 1,588,926.00
Golf Retained Earnings.....	\$ 250,000.00
Conservation Fund.....	\$ 22,500.00
Title 5 Receipts Reserved.....	\$ 10,872.00
Article 1 of STM 8/19/02	
#1-300-170-58001.....	\$ 106,835.00
Enterprise Funds.....	\$ 250,000.00
Taxation.....	<u>\$30,589,880.00</u>
	<b>\$36,101,248.00</b>

**Passed**

**Motion to reconsider this article in hopes it would fail. Motion Carries**

**ARTICLE 16.** To see whether or not the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$1,450.00 from Available Funds to the Town Clerk’s Salary Account #1-161-101-5112 for longevity as received by the Town Clerk through the budget process for the past fifteen (15) years, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**Failed**

**ARTICLE 21.** It was unanimously voted to see whether or not the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Ambulance Reserve



Receipt Account, being fees received for the use of the Town owned ambulance and to authorize the transfer and expenditures therefrom for the purpose of salaries and expenses of the Fire Department Ambulance Service and to pay expenses incidental to the process of billings therefor as incurred; such funds and additions thereto to be retained during the fiscal year 2003-04, and the proceeds or portions thereof applied to reduce the succeeding years fiscal budget upon vote of a Town Meeting except for payment of expenses incidental to billing therefore.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 22.** To see whether or not the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from available funds, the sum of \$1,500.00 for the stocking of streams and ponds of trout in the Town of Bridgewater, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

**Motion made and duly seconded to take no action on this article – Motion Carries**

**ARTICLE 23.** To see whether or not the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer from available funds, the sum of \$15,900.00 for the fiscal year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004, for Board of Health Nursing activities and community health services rendered to the residents of Bridgewater, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by Partners Home Care, Inc.

**Motion made and duly seconded to take no action on this article – Motion Carries**

**ARTICLE 24.** To see whether or not the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Advisory Committee's Reserve Fund, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

**Motion made and duly seconded to take no action on this article – Motion Carries**

**ARTICLE 25.** To see whether or not the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer a sum of money to be invested in the Stabilization Fund, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by the Town Treasurer.

**Motion made and duly seconded to take no action on this article – Motion Carries**

**ARTICLE 26.** It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$10,872.00 from Account #17-145-711-6, Receipts Reserved, Title V, WPAT Payment, to Account #1-754-174-5928, Title V-WPAT Loan, for purposes of repayment of principal on the Title V, Septic System Betterment Program.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 27.** It was unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate by borrowing the sum of 1.3 million dollars (\$1,300,000.00) for the construction of two (2) wells off of Plymouth Street; that to meet the appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow 1.3 million dollars (\$1,300,000.00) under G.L. Chapter 44, Sec. 8; that the Water & Sewer Department is authorized to take any other action to carry out this project; and that water revenues shall be applied to pay the bonds or notes authorized hereunder, provided that the bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town; to authorize the Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners to apply for, accept and expend any and all Federal or State aid which may be available for such purposes.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 28.** It was unanimously voted that the Town amend its vote taken under Article 20 and Article 21 of the May 5, 2003 Annual Town Meeting to authorize the appropriation and transfer the sum of \$530.52 from Account #17-122-703-5961, Ambulance Receipts Account, in the current fiscal year, to Account #1-231-172-5500, Medical Supplies, for the purpose of payment of a prior year invoice.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 3.** Motion to waive reading remaining committee reports and continue all committees to the next Annual Town Meeting, duly seconded.

**Unanimous**

A motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn.  
Meeting adjourned 10:45 P.M.

A True Copy, Attest

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Ronald R. Adams  
Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
SENIOR CENTER  
10 WALLY KRUEGER WAY  
BRIDGEWATER, MA 02324  
MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2003  
AT 7:30 P.M.**

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. All postings of warrants were duly noted as required by Town By-Laws. Total in attendance: 227

**ARTICLE 1.** It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and transfer the following amounts: \$62,415.00 from Account #1-300-170-58001, Williams Middle School Roof Replacement, and \$35,000.00 from Account #1-300-168-5850, End/Consult Fees Williams Middle School Roof, Windows & Associated Work, to Account #16-122-822-6, Capital Projects Fund. The intent of this article is to return \$97,415.00 to the Capital Projects Fund.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 2.** It was unanimously voted that the Town amend its Vote taken under Article 23 of the May 6, 2002 Annual Town Meeting and as further amended under Article 7 of the May 5, 2003 Special Town Meeting, to authorize the appropriation and transfer the sum of \$50,000.00 from Account #17-122-703-5961, Ambulance Receipts Account in the current fiscal year, to Account #1-220-101-5114-0027, Fire Department General Salaries-Firefighters.EMTs.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 3.** It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$6,000.00 from Account #17-220-712-5961, False Alarm Reserve Account, to Account #1-220-102-5259, Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 4.** It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$7,515.10 from the following accounts; \$5,315.01, from Account #1-611-102-5314, Regional Library Books & Periodicals, and \$2,200.09 from Account #1-611-102-5793, Regional Library Operating Budget, to Account #1-611-101-5100, Regional Library Personal Services.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 5.** It was unanimously voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire for general municipal purposes, certain real property located on Swift Avenue in Bridgewater containing 87.3 acres +/- from Genevieve I. Pawlowski, Trustee of GNEFFER TRUST, and more commonly known as the "Pawlowski Farm", for an amount of up to \$3,500,000., the funding of which was authorized by vote at the Special Town Election on Saturday, June 14, 2003, exempting the same from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, so called, per the terms of an Agreement between the Board of Selectmen and Genevieve I. Pawlowski, Individually and as Trustee, and the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any and all action necessary to effectuate such acquisition, and to finance such acquisition, that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500,000., and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow such sum under the provisions of M.G. L. Ch. 44, or other applicable law, and to issue bonds or notes therefore, and to take any and all other action necessary to borrow such sum.

**This article requires 2/3 Vote –Moderator declares voice vote -  
Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 6.** It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$7,000.00 from Account #1-970-108-5110, Wage Adjustment Account, to Account #1-135-101-5111, Town Accountant Salaries.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 7.** It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$106,000.00: \$16,000.00 from Account #1-297-101-5114 Shade Tree General Salaries and \$90,000.00 from Account #1-750-102-5925, to Account #1-420-103-5313, Highway Equipment/Repairs/Snow Account for the purpose of paying the costs of snow removal.

**Unanimous**

**Motion made and duly seconded to recess the meeting in order for the Board of Selectmen to sign the Purchase & Sales Agreement for the "Pawlowski Farm" in front of the Townspeople. The Meeting was then called to order and a motion made and duly seconded to adjourn.**

**Meeting adjourned 7:50 P.M.**

A True Copy Attest:

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Jolie A. Sprague Martin  
Assistant Town Clerk

**Town of Bridgewater  
2004 Annual Budget**

		FY 2003 Appropriation	FY 2004 Recommended
<b>Budget #114 Moderator</b>			
Personal Services			
General Expenses		50	45
<b>Total</b>		<b>50</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Budget #122 Selectmen</b>			
Personal Services		195,803	177,474
General Expenses		16,440	18,440
Special Expenses		4,190	10,500
<b>Total</b>		<b>216,433</b>	<b>206,414</b>
<b>Budget #124 Management Information Systems</b>			
Personal Services		38,000	42,330
General Expenses		19,000	27,116
<b>Total</b>		<b>57,000</b>	<b>69,446</b>
<b>Budget #131 Advisory Board</b>			
Personal Services		1,500	1,557
General Expenses		500	294
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,000</b>	<b>1,851</b>
<b>Budget #132 Reserve Fund</b>			
Personal Services			
General Expenses		25,000	22,500
<b>Total</b>		<b>25,000</b>	<b>22,500</b>
<b>Budget #135 Accountant</b>			
Personal Services		138,078	134,020
General Expenses		2,225	2,425
Special Expenses		55,300	46,328
<b>Total</b>		<b>195,603</b>	<b>182,773</b>

**Town of Bridgewater  
2004 Annual Budget**

	FY 2003 Appropriation	FY 2004 Recommended
<b>Budget #141 Assessors</b>		
Personal Services	121,735	127,486
General Expenses	19,535	19,535
Special Expenses	69,400	47,967
<b>Total</b>	<b>210,670</b>	<b>194,988</b>
<b>Budget #145 Treasurer</b>		
Personal Services	64,269	66,764
General Expenses	18,000	16,250
Special Expenses	13,000	5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,269</b>	<b>88,014</b>
<b>Budget #146 Collector</b>		
Personal Services	111,878	117,630
General Expenses	17,500	4,000
Special Expenses	2,000	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>131,378</b>	<b>122,130</b>
<b>Budget #149 Other Finance</b>		
Personal Services		
General Expenses	600	600
<b>Total</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>Budget #151 Law</b>		
Personal Services	66,912	69,588
General Expenses	15,000	7,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>81,912</b>	<b>77,088</b>
<b>Budget #152 Wage/Personnel Board</b>		
Personal Services	1,950	1,950
General Expenses	600	345
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,550</b>	<b>2,295</b>

**Town of Bridgewater  
2004 Annual Budget**

		FY 2003 Appropriation	FY 2004 Recommended
<b>Budget #161 Town Clerk</b>			
Personal Services		148,598	140,890
General Expenses		13,870	9,400
<b>Total</b>		<b>162,468</b>	<b>150,290</b>
<b>Budget #162 Election&amp;Registration</b>			
Personal Services		25,942	24,618
General Expenses		7,350	6,000
Special Expenses		6,000	5,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>39,292</b>	<b>35,618</b>
<b>Budget #166 Parking Clerk</b>			
Personal Services		18,466	24,650
General Expenses		2,003	1,805
<b>Total</b>		<b>20,469</b>	<b>26,455</b>
<b>Budget #171 Conservation Committee</b>			
Personal Services		36,818	39,020
General Expenses		2,300	2,500
<b>Total</b>		<b>39,118</b>	<b>41,520</b>
<b>Budget #175 Planning Board</b>			
Personal Services		37,544	34,844
General Expenses		2,100	1,090
<b>Total</b>		<b>39,644</b>	<b>35,934</b>
<b>Budget #176 Zoning Board of Appeals</b>			
Personal Services		10,816	10,110
General Expenses		1,600	1,440
<b>Total</b>		<b>12,416</b>	<b>11,550</b>

**Town of Bridgewater  
2004 Annual Budget**

		FY 2003 Appropriation	FY 2004 Recommended
<b>Budget #177 Housing Partnership</b>			
Personal Services			
General Expenses			1
<b>Total</b>		-	1
<b>Budget #182 Master Plan Committee</b>			
Personal Services		1	
General Expenses		1,000	1
<b>Total</b>		1,001	1
<b>Budget #188 Community Dev/Transportation Mgt</b>			
Personal Services		145,717	86,374
General Expenses		11,471	5,300
Special Expenses		17,000	11,500
<b>Total</b>		174,188	103,174
<b>Budget #192 Town Buildings</b>			
Personal Services		122,994	71,242
General Expenses		108,774	133,941
<b>Total</b>		231,768	205,183
<b>Budget #193 Senior Center</b>			
Personal Services		1,500	1,000
General Expenses		27,150	26,512
<b>Total</b>		28,650	27,512
<b>Budget #194 Capital Plan</b>			
Personal Services		1,500	2,700
General Expenses		-	-
Other Expenses		151,556	106,836
<b>Total</b>		153,056	109,536



**Town of Bridgewater  
2004 Annual Budget**

		FY 2003 Appropriation	FY 2004 Recommended
<b>Budget #210 Police</b>			
Personal Services		2,872,492	2,927,643
General Expenses		149,622	118,065
Special Expenses		14,000	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,036,114</b>	<b>3,045,708</b>
<b>Budget #211 Court Time</b>			
Personal Services		30,000	36,000
General Expenses		360	360
<b>Total</b>		<b>30,360</b>	<b>36,360</b>
<b>Budget #220 Fire</b>			
Personal Services		2,458,449	1,876,646
General Expenses		108,600	108,600
Special Expenses		49,345	25,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,616,394</b>	<b>2,010,246</b>
<b>Budget #231 Ambulance</b>			
Personal Services		442,722	765,523
General Expenses		64,900	64,900
Special Expenses		15,000	10,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>522,622</b>	<b>840,423</b>
<b>Budget #241 Inspectional Services</b>			
Personal Services		244,813	252,880
General Expenses		14,390	11,420
<b>Total</b>		<b>259,203</b>	<b>264,300</b>
<b>Budget #291 Emergency Management Office</b>			
Personal Services		199	1
General Expenses		1	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>200</b>	<b>2</b>

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		FY 2003 Appropriation	FY 2004 Recommended
<b>Budget #292 Animal Control</b>			
Personal Services		30,968	32,207
General Expenses		3,126	1,700
Special Expenses		6,300	3,600
<b>Total</b>		<b>40,394</b>	<b>37,507</b>
<b>Budget #294 Tree Warden</b>			
Personal Services		500	500
General Expenses		2,561	2,250
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,061</b>	<b>2,750</b>
<b>Budget #297 Shade Tree Man &amp; Pest Control</b>			
Personal Services		126,826	118,733
General Expenses		15,786	14,094
<b>Total</b>		<b>142,612</b>	<b>132,827</b>
<b>Budget #306 School Assessments</b>			
#431 Bristol County Agric		86,989	50,508
#432 B/R School District		13,562,700	13,562,700
#433 B/P Voc School		555,346	558,782
#436 Norfolk Cty Agric		164,436	157,710
<b>Total</b>		<b>14,369,471</b>	<b>14,329,700</b>
<b>Budget #410 Town Engineer</b>			
Personal Services		-	-
General Expenses		-	-
Special Expenses		5,000	4,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>
<b>Budget #420 Highway</b>			
Personal Services		824,543	756,491
General Expenses		142,032	114,500
Special Expenses		62,100	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,028,675</b>	<b>870,991</b>

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2004 Annual Budget**

		FY 2003 Appropriation	FY 2004 Recommended
<b>Budget #421 Highway/Snow &amp; Ice</b>			
Personal Services			25,000
General Expenses			37,100
<b>Total</b>			<b>62,100</b>
<b>Budget #424 Street Lights</b>			
Personal Services			
General Expenses		134,000	100,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>134,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>
<b>Budget #440 Sewer</b>			
Personal Services		309,783	304,095
General Expenses		334,700	435,700
Special Expenses		526,818	615,149
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,171,301</b>	<b>1,354,944</b>
<b>Budget #450 Water</b>			
Personal Services		558,021	580,686
General Expenses		544,300	635,300
Special Expenses		587,675	711,305
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,689,996</b>	<b>1,927,291</b>
<b>Budget #455 Olde Scotland Links Golf Course</b>			
Personal Services		570,880	545,926
General Expenses		463,000	848,000
Special Expenses		705,356	445,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,739,236</b>	<b>1,838,926</b>
<b>Budget #510 Health</b>			
Personal Services		190,634	187,967
General Expenses		39,470	20,470
<b>Total</b>		<b>230,104</b>	<b>208,437</b>

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2004 Annual Budget**

		FY 2003 Appropriation	FY 2004 Recommended
<b>Budget #541 Council on Aging/Elder Affairs</b>			
Personal Services		131,002	128,136
General Expenses		13,600	5,811
<b>Total</b>		<b>144,602</b>	<b>133,947</b>
<b>Budget #543 Veterans Services</b>			
Personal Services		44,997	26,205
General Expenses		2,925	2,725
Special Expenses		148,500	145,200
<b>Total</b>		<b>196,422</b>	<b>174,130</b>
<b>Budget #544 Veterans Council</b>			
Personal Services		-	
General Expenses		-	1,350
<b>Total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>1,350</b>
<b>Budget #549 Outside Services</b>			
Personal Services		-	
General Expenses		-	
Special Expenses		2,100	2,100
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,100</b>	<b>2,100</b>
<b>Budget #550 Cable TV Comm. Committee</b>			
Personal Services		1	-
General Expenses		1	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Budget #610 Library</b>			
Personal Services		627,846	602,758
General Expenses		175,085	145,743
<b>Total</b>		<b>802,931</b>	<b>748,501</b>

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		FY 2003 Appropriation	FY 2004 Recommended
<b>Budget #611 Regional Library</b>			
Personal Services		105,281	84,950
General Expenses		82,969	58,498
<b>Total</b>		<b>188,250</b>	<b>143,448</b>
<b>Budget #630 Recreation</b>			
Personal Services		126,978	128,762
General Expenses		49,192	31,395
<b>Total</b>		<b>176,170</b>	<b>160,157</b>
<b>Budget #631 Swimming Pool</b>			
Personal Services		20,582	20,582
General Expenses		1,000	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>21,582</b>	<b>20,582</b>
<b>Budget #691 Historical Commission</b>			
Personal Services		150	140
General Expenses		125	105
<b>Total</b>		<b>275</b>	<b>245</b>
<b>Budget #692 War Memorial</b>			
Personal Services			
General Expenses		1	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Budget #693 Historical District Commission</b>			
Personal Services		400	350
General Expenses		800	725
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,200</b>	<b>1,075</b>

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2004 Annual Budget**

	FY 2003 Appropriation	FY 2004 Recommended
<b>Budget #750 Interest on Temporary Loans</b>		
General Expenses	50,000	45,000
<b>Budget #751 Sewer Debt (Principal &amp; Interest)</b>		
General Expenses	148,649	141,682
<b>Budget #752 Library Debt (Principal &amp; Interest)</b>		
General Expenses	67,150	65,030
<b>Budget #753 Elementary School Debt (Principal &amp; Interest)</b>		
General Expenses	1,317,134	1,325,359
<b>Budget #754 WPAT Loan (Title V) Principal &amp; Interest</b>		
General Expenses		10,872
<b>Budget #755 Hogg Farm Land Debt (Principal &amp; Interest)</b>		
General Expenses	183,475	177,975
<b>Budget #756 Pol/Fire/Hwy Buildings Debt (Principal &amp; Interest)</b>		
General Expenses	380,564	611,681
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,146,972</b>	<b>2,377,599</b>
<b>Budget #910 Insurance (Auto, Workers Comp &amp; Liability)</b>		
Personal Services	-	-
General Expenses	176,053	192,491
<b>Total</b>	<b>176,053</b>	<b>192,491</b>
<b>Budget #911 Retirement</b>		
Personal Services	1,034,650	1,167,003
General Expenses		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,034,650</b>	<b>1,167,003</b>
<b>Budget #913 Unemployment</b>		
Personal Services	-	-
General Expenses	5,000	60,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>
<b>Budget #914 Medical/Life Insurance</b>		
Personal Services		
General Expenses	1,610,000	1,870,836
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,610,000</b>	<b>1,870,836</b>

**Town of Bridgewater  
2004 Annual Budget**

		FY 2003 Appropriation	FY 2004 Recommended
<b>Budget #915 Police &amp; Fire Medical</b>			
Personal Services			
General Expenses		35,000	45,500
<b>Total</b>		<b>35,000</b>	<b>45,500</b>
<b>Budget #940 Miscellaneous</b>			
Personal Services		-	-
General Expenses		20,400	20,600
<b>Total</b>		<b>20,400</b>	<b>20,600</b>
<b>Budget #950 Gas &amp; Oil</b>			
Personal Services		-	-
General Expenses		86,000	105,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>86,000</b>	<b>105,000</b>
<b>Budget #960 Telephone</b>			
Personal Services		-	-
General Expenses		38,000	40,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>38,000</b>	<b>40,000</b>
<b>Budget #970 Wage Adjustment</b>			
Personal Services		189,001	55,253
General Expenses			
<b>Total</b>		<b>189,001</b>	<b>55,253</b>
<b>Total Budget</b>		<b>35,813,889</b>	<b>36,101,248</b>
<b>Total Personal Services</b>		<b>12,231,739</b>	<b>11,798,684</b>
<b>Total General Expenses</b>		<b>6,772,039</b>	<b>7,777,879</b>
<b>Total Special Expenses</b>		<b>16,658,555</b>	<b>16,417,849</b>
<b>Total Capital Expenses</b>		<b>151,556</b>	<b>106,836</b>
<b>Grand Totals</b>		<b>35,813,889</b>	<b>36,101,248</b>

**Town of Bridgewater  
Salaries of Elected Officials**

	<u>Fiscal 2003</u>	<u>Fiscal 2004</u>
<b>Selectmen</b>		
Chairman	1,500.00	1,500.00
Member	1,000.00	1,000.00
Member	1,000.00	1,000.00
Member	1,000.00	1,000.00
Member	1,000.00	1,000.00
	<u>\$ 5,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,500.00</u>
<b>Assessors</b>		
Chairman	1,500.00	1,500.00
Member	1,000.00	1,000.00
Member	1,000.00	1,000.00
	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>3,500.00</u>
<b>Planning Board</b>		
Member	800.00	800.00
Member	800.00	800.00
Member	800.00	800.00
Member	800.00	800.00
Member	800.00	800.00
	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>
Treasurer	22,725.00	23,225.00
Collector	29,420.00	29,975.00
	<u>\$ 52,145.00</u>	<u>\$ 53,200.00</u>
Town Clerk	<u>\$ 53,170.00</u>	<u>\$ 54,250.00</u>
Registration and Elections	<u>\$ 700.00</u>	<u>\$ 700.00</u>
Tree Warden	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
<b>Board of Health</b>		
Chairman	500.00	500.00
Member	350.00	350.00
Member	350.00	350.00
	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>
<b>Total -Salaries of Elected Officials</b>	<u>\$ 120,715.00</u>	<u>\$ 122,850.00</u>
<b>Enterprise Fund</b>		
<b>Water and Sewer Commissioners</b>		
Chairman	1,200.00	1,200.00
Member	830.00	830.00
Member	830.00	830.00
	<u>\$ 2,860.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,860.00</u>



**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
WALTER S. LITTLE AUDITORIUM  
BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
166 MT. PROSPECT STREET, BRIDGEWATER, MA 02324  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2003**

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. All postings of warrants was duly noted as required by Town By-Laws. Town Clerk, Ronald R. Adams swore in counters to faithful performance of their duties: Diane Britton, Joseph Gillis, Jr., Marilee K. Hunt, Nicholas Palmieri, Steven Schmitchel, Ann Wood  
Total in attendance: 580

Article 1. That the Town vote to repeal the action taken under Article 12 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant held on May 5, 2003, relative to the "~~Prohibition of Smoking in Public Places and Workplaces in the Town of Bridgewater~~", or take any other action relative thereto.

**Yes: 246      No: 328**

**Defeated**

**Motion made to adjourn and duly seconded.  
Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.**

A true copy, Attest:

Ronald R. Adams  
Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
SENIOR CENTER  
10 WALLY KRUEGER WAY  
BRIDGEWATER, MA 02324  
AUGUST 18, 2003**

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. All postings of warrants was duly noted as required by Town By-Laws. Assistant Town Clerk, Jolie Sprague Martin swore in Counters, Roderick K. Walsh and Lauren M. McDonough to the faithful performance of their duties. Total in attendance: 115

ARTICLE 1. It was voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, transfer or convey to the Bridgewater Raynham School District for use as a regional high school site only, certain town owned real property located on Swift Avenue in Bridgewater containing 87.3 acres +/-,

having been acquired from Genevieve I. Pawlowski, Trustee of GNEFFER TRUST, and more commonly known as the "Pawlowski Farm", for an amount of not less than \$3,500,000.00, on terms and conditions approved by the Board of Selectmen.

**This article requires 2/3 vote. Yes: 88 No: 16 Passed**

**Motion made to reconsider in hopes it would fail. Motion Carries**

**ARTICLE 2.** It was voted that the Town approve the amount of \$3,500,000.00, plus associated expenses and District closing costs, in debt authorized by the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School Committee, for the purpose of financing the costs to acquire land to build a school building and grounds appurtenant thereto located on Swift Avenue in Bridgewater containing 87.3 acres, plus or minus, form the Town of Bridgewater, and more commonly known as the "Pawlowski Farm", including costs incidental and related thereto.

**This article requires 2/3 vote. Yes: 87 No: 10 Passed**

**Motion made to reconsider in hopes it would fail. Motion Carries**

**ARTICLE 3.** It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$20,000.00 from Account #17-122-704-5961, Court & Registry Fine Account to Account #1-210-180-5246, Maintenance/Repair of Vehicles for the purpose of paying Fiscal Year 2004 bills for the repairs to motor vehicles.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 4.** It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$12,500.00 from Account #17-171-708-4320-1, Conservation Reserve Account to Account #1-171-101-5114, General Salaries to fund hours by the Conservation Agent.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 5.** It was unanimously voted that the Town amend its Vote taken under Article 21 of the June 23, 2003 Recessed Annual Town Meeting, to authorize the appropriation and transfer the sum of \$45,000.00 from Account #17-122-703-5961, Ambulance Receipts Account in the current fiscal year, to Account #1-231-180-5363, Ambulance Billing Services.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 6.** It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$26,633.00 from Account #1-188-107-5756, Community Development/Transportation Management Special Traffic Projects, to Account #1-940-180-5791, Prior Year Bills, to pay for Law Department, Police and Fire Medical, and Gasoline and Oil bills of a prior year.

**This article requires 9/10 vote. Moderator declares voice vote Unanimous**

**Motion made and duly seconded to adjourn.**

**Meeting adjourned 7:05 p.m.**

A True Copy, Attest:

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Jolie A. Sprague Martin  
Assistant Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
SENIOR CENTER  
10 WALLY KRUEGER WAY  
BRIDGEWATER, MA 02324  
AUGUST 18, 2003**

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**This article requires 2/3 vote. Yes: 88 No: 16 Passed  
Motion made to reconsider in hopes it would fail. Motion Carries**

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**This article requires 2/3 vote. Yes: 87 No: 10 Passed**

**Motion made to reconsider in hopes it would fail. Motion Carries**

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**Unanimous**

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**Unanimous**

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**Unanimous**

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**This article requires 9/10 vote. Moderator declares voice vote Unanimous**

**Motion made and duly seconded to adjourn.**

**Meeting adjourned 7:05 p.m.**

A True Copy, Attest:

Jolie A. Sprague Martin  
Assistant Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN FALL MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2003  
WALTER S. LITTLE AUDITORIUM  
BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
166 MT. PROSPECT STREET, BRIDGEWATER, MA 02324**

The Town Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All postings of warrants was duly noted as required by Town By-Laws. Town Clerk, Ronald Adams swore the following individuals in as tellers: Joseph Gillis, Jr., Marilee K. Hunt, Brian E.J. Killea, Dorothy K. McLucas, Joseph A. Revil, and Theresa M. Tibert. Total in attendance: 262

**ARTICLE 1.** It was voted that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Bridgewater under Section 8.40 Land Space Requirements Table as follows:

Footnote 2: Add the following after the word above in the second line: , *for uses described in 6.30 A.11,*

**This article requires 2/3 vote. Moderator declares 2/3 voice vote Passed**

**ARTICLE 2.** It was voted that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Bridgewater under Section 6.30 Table Use Regulations: A. Residential Uses as follows:

#11: Add the following after the last word frontage: *and maintaining a minimum width of 20' throughout lot for access.*

**This article requires 2/3 vote. Moderator declares 2/3 voice vote Passed**

**Motion by Linda Buckley and duly seconded by Paula Lehtola to take Articles 8,9,10 & 11 out of order. A standing vote was taken: Yes 142 No 55 Passed**

**ARTICLE 8.** To see whether or not the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$225,000 from Account #16-252-3512, Capital Projects Fund to Account #35-254-3590, Senior Center Capital Project, for capital expenditures related to the Senior Center, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**This article requires 4/5 vote. Moderator declares 4/5 vote Fails.**

**Motion to reconsider this article Fails.**

**ARTICLE 9.** To see whether or not the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$225,000 from Account #35-254-3590, Senior Center Capital Project to Account #82-252-3488, Stabilization, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**It was unanimously voted to take no action on this article.**

**ARTICLE 10.** It was voted that the Town amend its vote taken under Article #20 of the June 23, 2003 Recessed Annual Town Meeting by reducing taxation in the amount of \$352,767 and to transfer amounts from:

Receipts reserved for appropriation insurance reimbursements	\$ 31,437
Receipts reserved for appropriation ambulance receipts	61,638
Receipts reserved for appropriation sale of real estate	17,607
Receipts reserved for appropriation conservation filing fees	6,250
Fire alarm revolving account	7,100
Dog fees revolving accounts	10,904
Insurance reimbursements revolving	28,000
Cablevision revolving	15,437
Board of Health revolving	22,171
Retained earnings (Sewer enterprise)	141,682
Overlay surplus	<u>11,541</u>
	<u>\$ 352,767</u>

**Passed**

**ARTICLE 11.** To see whether or not the Town will vote to amend its vote taken under Article #20 of the June 23, 2003 Recessed Annual Town Meeting by reducing taxation in the amount of \$225,000 and to substitute a transfer from Account #82-252-3488, Stabilization, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**It was unanimously voted to take no action on this article.**

**ARTICLE 3.** To see whether or not the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Bridgewater by rezoning 1055 Plymouth Street from a Residential C designation to an Industrial A designation as more particularly described as follows:

PROPOSED ADDITION TO ZONING DISTRICT 1-A  
LOCATED SOUTH OF PLYMOUTH STREET/MILL STREET  
INTERSECTION, BETWEEN

**PLYMOUTH STREET AND THE TAUNTON RIVER  
AND TO THE EAST OF THE EXISTING ZONING DISTRICT I-A**

Beginning at a point where the southern Right-of-Way line of Plymouth Street intersects the current dividing line between Zoning District I-A and Zoning District R-C, being near the intersection of Mill Street and Plymouth Street;

Hence easterly along the southern Right-of-Way line of Plymouth Street to a point on the Right-of-Way line which is 200' from the northeasterly corner of the land owned by Massachusetts Electric and shown on the Town Assessors's Map as Map 24, Lot 17 and which is more fully described in a deed recorded in the Registry of Deeds, Plymouth County, at Book 1518, Page 543; said line is in the first part along a radius of the Right-of-Way line, and in the second part along the Southern Right-of-Way line, chosen to be S 83°27'25"E;

Hence, southerly along a line which bears S 05°32'35"W an approximate distance of five hundred ninety-four feet (594') to the thread of the Taunton River;

Hence, northwesterly along said thread of the Taunton River to the existing dividing line, or extension thereof, between Zoning District I-A and Zoning District R-C;

Hence, northerly along said Zoning District dividing line back to the point of beginning.

Such proposed change is shown in the plan prepared by Coneco Engineers attached hereto as Exhibit 1; or to take any other action relative thereto.

**This article requires 2/3 vote. Moderator declares 2/3 Voice Vote Fails**

**ARTICLE 4.** It was unanimously voted that the Town accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 140, Section 147A, empowering the Town to enact By-Laws and ordinances relative to regulation of dogs.

**Unanimous**

**Motion made by Polly T. Walsh and duly seconded by Dorothy McLucas to amend Article 5 under Hobby License from six to ten dogs to *six or more dogs*.**

**Passed**

**Motion made by Town Clerk, Ronald Adams and duly seconded by Assistant Clerk, Jolie Sprague Martin to amend Article 5 by deleting the**

paragraph after definitions of types of Kennel licenses and replacing with the following:

*Any owner or keeper of four or more dogs six months of age or over shall obtain a kennel license. Applications are available in the Office of the Town Clerk. No kennel license shall be granted until the following procedures have been adhered to:*

- an opinion in writing from the Building Inspector that its issuance would not violate any Zoning By-law, Rule or Regulation.*
- an opinion in writing from Health Officer/Agent that the maintenance of a kennel will not result in a health hazard or be injurious to the health of the neighbors by reason of prospective noise or otherwise Passed*

**ARTICLE 5.** It was voted that the Town amend the By-Laws of the Town of Bridgewater by adding thereto Article XXXXIII as follows:

**Article XXXXIII: DOG BY-LAW:**

Dog licenses are issued for a one-year period. Said licensing period is from July to June 30 each year. All dogs six months of age and older shall be licensed and have a current rabies inoculation. Rabies shots must be current as required under MA General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 137 and 145B as amended.

CHARGES FOR LICENSES

<b>Male/Female</b>	<b>Neutered/Spayed</b>	<b>Late Fee</b>
\$15.00	\$10.00	\$25.00

KENNEL LICENSES

Kennel License \$45.00	(Kennel – one pack or collection of four or more dogs over the age six months kept on a single premise not to exceed six dogs.)
Hobby License \$90.00	(Hobby Kennel – a kennel maintained for a collection of six or more dogs or for breeding dogs for show or sport, or which sells dogs from less than four litters per year, not to exceed ten dogs on the premises over the age of six months.)
Commercial Kennel \$225.00	(Commercial Kennel – a kennel maintained as a business for the boarding or grooming of dogs, or which sells dogs



born and raised on the premises from more than four litters per year).

Any owner or keeper of four or more dogs six months of age or over shall obtain a kennel license. Applications are available in the Office of the Town Clerk. No kennel license shall be granted until the following procedures have been adhered to:

- an opinion in writing from the Building Inspector that its issuance would not violate any Zoning By-law, Rule or Regulation.
- an opinion in writing from Health Officer/Agent that the maintenance of a kennel will not result in a health hazard or be injurious to the health of the neighbors by reason of prospective noise or otherwise

A two-part dog license form is completed with the following information:

Type of Dog – Male, female, neutered, spayed

Date of Spaying/Neutering

Fee Paid

Tag Number

Date of Issue/Date of Expiration of License

Breed of Dog

Color of Dog

Age of Dog

Weight of Dog

Name of Dog

Dog Owner/Keeper

Address of Owner/Keeper

Telephone Number of Owner/Keeper

Date of Expiration of Rabies Inoculation

License is in two parts, original top copy to the Owner/Keeper; second copy kept in the office of the Town Clerk to be retained until the next audit.

SECTION 1 – No owner or keeper of a dog shall permit the dog to go beyond the confines of the property of the owner or keeper unless the dog is held firmly on a leash or attended by a person exercising control of such dog.

SECTION 2 – The Dog Officer may apprehend and impound any dog, which he determines to be in violation of Section 1.

SECTION 3 – The Dog Officer, upon apprehending any dog, shall make a complete registry, entering the breed, color and sex of such dog, its license number, and the name and address of the owner if known.

SECTION 4 – If the owner of an impounded dog is known, such owner shall be given notice of the impounding within three days thereof. Such owner may reclaim the dog upon payment of a fee determined by the Dog Officer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, together with any unpaid license fees, late fees, fines and reasonable costs incurred by the Town for impounding and maintaining the dog.

SECTION 5 – A late fee of \$25.00 shall be assessed if a dog is not licensed on or before September 1 each year. Late fee will be noted on license copy. Letters will be sent to delinquent dog owner/keeper during August each year, notifying them that the dog has not been licensed and a late fee will be charged if not licensed on or before September 1.

SECTION 6 – No person shall keep within the Town any dog which by biting, barking, howling or in any other manner disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood or endangers the safety of any person, domesticated animal including dogs and cats, and farm animals. No owner or keeper of a dog shall permit the dog to perform its natural body functions on property other than that of the dog owner or keeper without approval of said property owner.

SECTION 7 – The Dog Officer is hereby authorized to seek a complaint against the owner or keeper of a dog who is found to have violated Section 1 or 6 of this By-law and impose fines and reclaiming fees with the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

SECTION 8 – In addition to the foregoing fines and reclaiming fees, the Dog Officer is also authorized and empowered to muzzle, restrain or order the owner or keeper of a dog to muzzle or restrain a dog pending a hearing before the Board of Selectmen as hereinafter provided, when the Dog Officer finds that-

- a. a dog has bitten or threatened any person, domesticated animal including dogs and cats, and farm animals,
- b. a dog has chased any vehicle upon any way open to public travel in the Town, or,
- c. The owner or keeper has violated any provisions of this By-law more than three times in any calendar year.

SECTION 9 – The owner or keeper of any dog that has been ordered muzzled or restrained under the provisions of Section 8 may request the Dog Officer in writing to vacate such order. If such order is not vacated, the owner of such dog may bring a petition in the District Court praying that the order of restraint be reviewed by the court as provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 157, as amended.

SECTION 10 – In addition to any other statutory authority contained in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, the Dog Officer may enter a complaint with the Board of Selectmen to the control or disposition of any dog found to be uncontrollable or whose owner or keeper is unresponsive to any other penalties contained in this By-law.

SECTION 11 – Fees, Fines and Reasonable Costs

- a. The Dog Officer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to change or increase reclaiming fees from time to time and take such action as may be required in order to enforce this provision. License and late fees shall be changed by town meeting action.
- b. 1. Violations of Dog Restraining Order
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Offense \$25.00
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense \$35.00
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense \$50.00
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Offense \$100.00

If there has been no subsequent violation within one calendar year, the violation schedule shall begin again with the 1<sup>st</sup> Offense upon another violation.

- 2. Dog Bite
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Offense \$25.00
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense \$35.00
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense \$50.00

If there has been no subsequent violation within one calendar year, the violation schedule shall begin again with the 1<sup>st</sup> Offense upon another violation.

- 3. Dog found in schoolyard \$15.00
- 4. Failure to comply with order of restraint \$35.00
- 5. Failure to comply with notice to kill or Confine \$50.00
- 6. Failure to vaccinate dogs against rabies \$50.00

c. Whoever violates any provision of this By-law or any order of the Dog Officer issued pursuant to this By-law shall be subject to a fine determined by the Dog Officer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen except for licensing and late fees which will be voted at a town meeting. Each day on which any such violation continues shall be considered a separate violation of this section. All fees fines and receipts shall be paid into the general fund.

**Passed**

**ARTICLE 6.** To see whether or not the Town will vote to amend the By-Laws of the Town of Bridgewater by adding thereto Article XXXXIV as follows:

## **Article XXXXIV: Responsible Contractor Bylaw of Town of Bridgewater**

### **SECTION 1 PROJECT CRITERIA AND PROVISIONS**

All general bidders and filed sub-bidders (including sub-sub-bidders) for construction projects in the Town of Bridgewater funded by the or in part by the Town of Bridgewater subject to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 44A(2) and as hereinafter described subject to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 39M shall as a condition for bidding, agree in writing that they shall comply with the following obligations, and such obligations hereby are incorporated by reference into the specifications for the construction project and that any general bidder, filed sub-bidder or sub-sub-bidder, deemed to be in non-compliance with section 1 sub paragraph 5, 6, and 7 at the time of bid shall be rejected.

1. **PROJECT CRITERIA:** The following provisions shall apply to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 44A projects in excess of \$750,000 issued or awarded by the Town of Bridgewater or any agency or entity thereof and Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30, Section 39M projects in excess of \$200,000.
2. **ENFORCEMENT:** The duties of enforcement of this bylaw shall be assigned to the awarding authority.
3. **COMPLIANCE:** The bidder and all subcontractors under the bidder shall comply with the Town of Bridgewater Responsible Contractor bylaw as it currently exists and as it may, from time to time, be amended.
4. **PREVAILING WAGE RATES:** The bidder and all subcontractors under the bidder shall comply with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149 and 30, and Section 3 of this bylaw, and shall pay the appropriate lawful prevailing wage rates to their employees.
5. **TRAINING:** The bidder and all subcontractors under the bidder shall maintain and participate in a bona fide apprentice training program as defined in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 23, Sections 1 1H and 111 for each apprenticeable trade or occupation represented in their work force that is approved by the Division of Apprentice Training of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development and shall abide by the apprentice to journeyman ratio of each trade prescribed therein in the performance of the contract.
6. **Health Insurance:** The bidder and all subcontractors shall furnish at their own expense hospitalization and medical benefits at least equivalent to the hospitalization and medical benefits provided by the health and welfare plans in the applicable craft recognized by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 in establishing minimum wage rates for all their employees employed

on the project. If an employee is currently covered by an existing Health Insurance Plan, said employee will be given the option of not participating in the provisions of this section. The right of refusal lies solely with the employee and not with the employer. If an employee opts not to be covered under this section, they shall provide the employer with verification of their participation in an existing plan.

7. **PENSION:** The bidder or subcontractor under the bidder must maintain a bona fide pension plan for all their employees employed on the project.'

8. **EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION:** The bidder and all subcontractors under the bidder shall properly classify employees as employees rather than independent contractors and shall treat their employees accordingly for purposes of workers' compensation insurance coverage, employment taxes, social security taxes and income tax withholding pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 148B.

9. **HIRING:**

a) In a manner that is consistent with applicable law and regulations, any bidder or subcontractor under a bidder awarded a project subject to this bylaw shall give special consideration to recruiting workers who are residents of the Town of Bridgewater who are qualified by craft for each apprenticeable trade or occupation represented in their workforce that is approved by the Division of Apprentice Training of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

b) In a manner that is consistent with applicable law and regulations, any bidder or subcontractor under a bidder awarded a project subject to this bylaw shall as a goal make a good faith effort to employ women, minorities and apprentices on the project.

10. **COMPLIANCE:**

a) All bidders and all subcontractors under the bidder who are awarded contracts or who otherwise obtain contracts or projects subject to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 44A(2), and Chapter 30, Section 3cM, shall comply with the provisions of this bylaw for the duration of their work on the project, and an officer of each such bidder or subcontractor under the bidder shall certify under oath and in writing on a weekly basis that they are in compliance with said bylaw.

- b) The bidder and all subcontractors shall submit on a weekly basis certified payroll records for all employees on the project.

## **SECTION 2 SANCTIONS**

1. Any bidder or subcontractor under a bidder who fails to comply with any of the obligations described in section 1 for any period of time shall be subject to one or more of the following sanctions.
  - a) Temporary suspension of work on the project until compliance is obtained; or
  - b) Withholding by the Town of payment due under the contract until compliance is obtained; or
  - c) Permanent removal from any further work on the project.
2. In addition to these sanctions a general bidder or contractor shall be equally liable for any violation of these obligations described in section 1 committed by any of its subcontractors or sub bidders, excepting only those violations which arise from work performed by subcontractors governed by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, 44F (Filed Sub Bids). Any contractor, subcontractor or principal officer of the said companies who has been determined to have violated any of the provisions of this bylaw shall be
  - a) Barred from performing any work on future contracts awarded by the Town of Bridgewater for six months for the first violation,
  - b) Three years for the second violation, and
  - c) Permanently for the third violation.

## **SECTION 3 PENALTIES**

Any employer who willfully hinders or delays the enforcement agent in the performance of his/her duties in the enforcement of this bylaw, or fails to make, keep, and preserve any records as required under the provisions of this bylaw, or falsifies any such record, or refuses to furnish a sworn statement of such record or any other information required for the proper enforcement of this bylaw to the enforcement agent upon demand, or pays, or agrees to pay wages at a rate less than the rate applicable or otherwise violates any provision of this bylaw shall, in addition to any other penalties prescribed by Massachusetts General Laws, be subject to a fine of not less than \$100.00 or more than \$ 300.00. Each week, in any day in which a worker is paid less than the rate applicable to him under this bylaw and each worker so paid, shall constitute a separate offense.

## **SECTION 4 SAVINGS CLAUSE**

If any provisions of this bylaw or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances shall be enjoined or held to be invalid, the remaining provisions

of this bylaw and the application of such provisions to persons or circumstances, other than that which is enjoined or held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

### **SECTION 5 REVIEW**

This bylaw shall be subject to a five-year review.

or to take any other action relative thereto.

**Motion to table this article until a public meeting can be held by Board of Selectmen.**

**Passed**

**ARTICLE 7.** It was voted that the Town accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 41 Section 81U, paragraph 12, authorizing the proceeds of subdivision bonds or deposits to be made available for expenditure to meet the costs and expenses in completing work under approved subdivision plans.

**Passed**

**ARTICLE 12.** It was voted that the Town amend its vote taken under Article #20 of the June 23, 2003 Recessed Annual Town Meeting by reducing the appropriation for Budget 611, Regional Library, account 1-611-102-5314, in the amount of \$23,823.

**Passed**

**ARTICLE 13.** It was unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$400,000 for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$400,000 and issue bonds or notes therefore under G.L.C.111, s127B ½ and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that project and financing costs shall be repaid by the property owners, in accordance with those agreement but such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the trust and otherwise contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the projects or for the financing thereof; and that the Board of Selectmen or other appropriate local body or official authorized to

enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the projects and to take any other action necessary to carry out the projects.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 14.** It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$604 from Account #27-254-3190, Sewer Retained Earnings to Account #27-440-181-5791, Prior Year Bills for the purpose of paying prior year telephone and electric bills.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 15.** It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$4,819 from Account #1-915-102-5346, Police & Fire Medical to Account #1-915-181-5791, Police & Fire Medical Prior Year Bills for the purpose of paying prior year medical bills.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 16.** It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$116 from Account #1-192-102-5455, Custodial Supplies to Account #1-192-181-5791, Town Buildings for the purpose of paying prior year bills.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 17.** It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$308 from Account #1-960-102-5341, Telephone to Account #1-960-181-5791, Telephone Prior Year Bills for the purpose of paying prior year bills.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 18.** It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$17,504 from Account #26-254-3190, Golf retained earnings to Account #26-455-181-5791, Prior Year Bills for the purpose of paying prior year bills.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 19.** It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$1,500 from Account #1-231-103-5195, Training to Account #1-220-101-5164, Training Coverage, for the purposes of funding training for Firefighter/EMT's.

**Unanimous**



**ARTICLE 20.** It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$1,400 from Account #1-210-106-5768, WEB Task Force to Account #1-210-101-5768, WTF Salary Account for the purpose of salaries per the requirement and conditions of the Grant.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 21.** It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$2,637 from Account #1-122-162-5887, Stone Storehouse/Ironworks Building Account to Account #1-241-181-5113, Inspectional Services Appointed Officials for the purpose of prior year sick, vacation and comp time buy back for the recently retired Wire Inspector.

**Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 22.** It was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$74,016 from Account #33-210-172-58007, Police Station Control Signalization to Account #33-210-181-58001, Capital Outlay for the purpose of paying prior year bills.

**This article requires 9/10 vote. Moderator declares 9/10 Voice Vote Passed.**

**ARTICLE 23.** It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$14,591 from Account #1-510-101-5100, Personal Services to Account #1-549-103-5378, Visiting Nurses Association for the purpose of funding the services of the Visiting Nurses Association for the year ended June 30, 2004.

**Unanimous**

**Motion made to adjourn and duly seconded.  
Meeting adjourned 10:45 P.M.**

A true copy, Attest:

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Ronald R. Adams  
Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
**SENIOR CENTER**  
**10 WALLY KRUEGER WAY, BRIDGEWATER, MA 02324**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2003**  
**AT 7:30 P.M.**

The Town Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All postings of warrants was duly noted as required by Town By-Laws. Total in attendance 87.

**ARTICLE 1.** It was voted that the Town amend its vote taken under Article #20 of the June 23, 2003 Recessed Annual Town Meeting by reducing taxation in the amount of \$95,976.00 by reducing the following appropriations:

<b>Dept. #</b>	<b>Dept. Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
122	Selectmen	\$ 4,517.00
124	MIS	1,520.00
131	Advisory Board	40.00
132	Reserve Fund	490.00
135	Accountant	3,999.00
141	Assessors	4,267.00
145	Treasurers	1,926.00
146	Collector	2,672.00
149	Other Finance	13.00
151	Law	1,687.00
152	Wage/Personnel Board	50.00
161	Town Clerk	3,289.00
162	Elec & Reg	779.00
166	Parking Clerk	579.00
171	Conservation Committe	909.00
175	Planning Board	786.00
176	ZBA	253.00
188	Transportation Mgt	2,258.00
192	Town Buildings	4,490.00
193	Senior Center	602.00
194	Capital Plan	\$ 59.00
210	Police	0.00
211	Court Time	788.00
220	Fire Department	0.00
231	Ambulance	0.00
241	Inspection Services	5,783.00
292	Animal Control	821.00
294	Tree Warden	60.00

297	Shade Tree & Pest Control	21,965.00
410	Town Engineer	88.00
420	Highway	.00
510	Health	4,561.00
541	Council on Aging	2,931.00
543	Veterans Services	3,810.00
544	Veterans Council	30.00
549	Outside Services	46.00
610	Library	16,379.00
630	Recreation	3,505.00
693	Historical District Commission	<u>24.00</u>
	<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$95,976.00</u></b>

Motion made and duly seconded to adjourn.  
Meeting adjourned 7:50 p.m.

A True Copy Attest:

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Ronald R. Adams  
Town Clerk

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

For the fiscal year 2004, (July 1, 2003-June 30, 2004), the total taxable valuation of the Town of Bridgewater is composed of

Residential.....	1,742,198,823
Commercial.....	106,025,177
Industrial.....	43,490,400
Personal Property.....	42,871,760
Total Taxable Value.....	1,934,586,160

The number of assessed parcels in fiscal 2004 is 8040: and an additional 481 parcels being classified as exempt properties with a value \$315,649,400. The grand total value of the Town of Bridgewater for fiscal 2004 is \$2,250,235,560.

The total amount to be raised for fiscal 2004 is \$38,108,908.05. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources will produce \$16,190,046.86 and \$21,918,861.19 raised on the tax levy. This gave the town a tax rate of \$11.33/1000, which was certified by the Bureau of Accounts on December 9th, 2003, not allowing the Assessors to commit the tax roll to the Collector until December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

Motor vehicle excise taxes created 25,448 tax bills with a tax dollar amount of \$2,806,764.39.

In all cities and towns assessors must annually adjust valuations to reflect changes in the tax base due to new construction, alterations, demolitions, etc. If there has been a change in market conditions, adjustments must also be made to property values to reflect full and fair cash value as of January 1. This is called an interim year adjustment. A plan, which includes analysis and application of appropriate appraisal methods, must be used to develop any valuation adjustments. In fiscal year 2005, the assessors will analyze market conditions and determine if adjustments to values are necessary.

In November the assessor's office saw the retirement of Marie Amelotte as an Assistant Assessor. She worked in the assessor's office for 16 years and will be greatly missed by the Board of Assessors and her fellow staff members.

The Board of Assessors wishes to express its thanks to our two Assistant Assessors, Shelley McCauley and Marie V. Amelotte for their dedication day in and day out, and their capable operation of the Assessors office. We also want to express our thanks to Senior Clerk Marie E. Strang for her continued service to our department.

Respectfully submitted,  
John F. Welby Jr., *Chairman*  
Rose J. Bevis, MAA, *Clerk*  
John J. Bertelli Jr., MAA, *Member*

## **REPORT OF THE TREASURER / COLLECTOR**

It is with pleasure that I submit my annual report as the Treasurer/Collector of Bridgewater. I wish to once again thank the residents of the Town for their cooperation in our efforts to improve our efficiency and service to the public.

My very experienced and capable staff continues to serve our residents with incredible dedication. They have met the challenge of an increasing workload, resulting from the number of new homes being built and new cars being registered, with professionalism and enthusiasm.

I wish to thank Irma Sankunas, Assistant Collector, and Nancy Wolfson, Assistant Treasurer, for their capable assistance in the operation of the department. I also wish to thank Marjorie Newey and Helen "Tootie" Whiting who are generally the "front line" when dealing with our customers, the general public.

In the coming year we are contemplating some further changes to the operation of the office, notably the expansion of our on-line bill paying and electronic funds transfer capabilities which we feel will improve the efficiency of cash management. Specific details will follow in mailings to the general public.

My thanks also to all town officials, department heads and employees whose combined efforts have contributed to the efficient operation of our office.

Respectfully submitted,  
Douglas H. Dorr  
Treasurer/Collector

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

A summary of the financial transactions of the Town Treasurer for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2003 is given below:

Cash on hand and on deposit including Agency and Trust Funds:

June 30, 2002	18,342,406.04
Receipts	63,164,319.25
Disbursements	<u>70,747,862.01</u>
<b>Balance June 30, 2003</b>	<b><u>10,758,863.28</u></b>
Agency Trust Funds	6,757,020.06
Cash Balance	<u>4,001,843.22</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>10,758,863.28</u></b>

Month	Monthly Analysis	
	Receipts	Disbursements
July	1,718,236.95	6,073,630.98
August	1,759,042.09	4,043,095.46
September	2,963,852.68	2,351,776.31
October	1,820,980.48	4,526,548.23
November	5,093,678.63	3,740,207.28
December	5,498,035.30	4,209,118.33
January	6,960,453.81	10,302,469.14
February	8,418,706.70	6,955,955.14
March	6,818,351.61	5,963,974.77
April	15,040,724.68	9,081,452.89
May	4,267,991.47	2,772,262.49
June	2,804,264.85	10,727,370.99
	<u><u>63,164,309.25</u></u>	<u><u>70,747,862.01</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,  
 Douglas H. Dorr  
 Treasurer

## DEBT SUMMARY

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>
2004	2,024,577	1,575,114	3,599,691
2005	2,070,025	1,484,008	3,554,033
2006	2,120,506	1,396,084	3,516,590
2007	2,166,016	1,305,249	3,471,265
2008	2,221,637	1,208,487	3,430,124
2009	2,277,297	1,106,846	3,384,143
2010	2,312,931	1,000,429	3,313,360
2011	2,373,609	889,403	3,263,012
2012	2,439,335	772,993	3,212,328
2013	2,370,103	654,612	3,024,715
2014	2,400,914	534,353	2,935,267
2015	2,436,767	411,737	2,848,504
2016	1,610,868	287,307	1,898,175
2017	1,265,868	207,546	1,473,414
2018	1,235,868	146,733	1,382,601
2019	875,868	95,915	971,783
2020	865,000	54,135	919,135
2021	125,000	17,500	142,500
2022	125,000	11,750	136,750
2023	125,000	5,875	130,875
	33,442,189	3,166,076	46,608,265

Amount of Bequest	Name of Fund	Where Invested	Balance 07/01/02	Interest Earned	Deposits	Withdrawn	Balance 06/30/03
<b>Mt. Prospect Cemetery</b>							
100.00	Henry M. Bosworth	UniBank	121.00	1.44	0.00	0.00	122.44
100.00	George N. Gammoms	UniBank	121.00	1.44	0.00	0.00	122.44
100.00	Avery E. Hooper	UniBank	121.00	1.44	0.00	0.00	122.44
1,000.00	Henry G. Prophett	UniBank	1,209.77	14.57	0.00	0.00	1,224.34
200.00	Zillah S. Prophett	UniBank	1,012.75	12.18	0.00	0.00	1,024.93
200.00	Frank E. Sweet	UniBank	241.97	2.92	0.00	0.00	244.89
<b>South Street Cemetery</b>							
100.00	Susan L. Cushman	UniBank	115.76	1.40	0.00	0.00	117.16
200.00	Bertha J. DeMartin	UniBank	231.43	2.80	0.00	0.00	234.23
100.00	Albion & Clara Keith	UniBank	115.76	1.40	0.00	0.00	117.16
100.00	Samuel D. Keith	UniBank	115.76	1.40	0.00	0.00	117.16
200.00	Zephaniah Keith	UniBank	231.43	2.80	0.00	0.00	234.23
<b>Scotland Cemetery</b>							
100.00	Caroline W. Bralby	UniBank	160.57	1.94	0.00	0.00	162.51
80.00	Stetson Leach	UniBank	123.53	1.50	0.00	0.00	125.03
100.00	Lueticio M. Oldham	UniBank	160.57	1.94	0.00	0.00	162.51
<b>Conant Street Cemetery</b>							
1,100.00	Conant Street Cemetery	UniBank	1,143.34	13.74	0.00	0.00	1,157.08
<b>Vernon Street Cemetery</b>							
826.30	Vernon Street Cemetery	UniBank	3,948.43	47.52	0.00	0.00	3,995.95
<b>Harlow Cemetery</b>							
1,910.00	Harlow Cemetery	UniBank	9,971.10	120.01	0.00	0.00	10,091.11
<b>St. Thomas Cemetery</b>							
100.00	Margaret Conway	UniBank	201.14	2.42	0.00	0.00	203.56
100.00	Grace Donovan	UniBank	201.14	2.42	0.00	0.00	203.56
100.00	Bartholomew Flynn	UniBank	201.14	2.42	0.00	0.00	203.56
300.00	Thomas Frawley	UniBank	603.49	7.27	0.00	0.00	610.76
100.00	Margaret Kenneally	UniBank	201.14	2.42	0.00	0.00	203.56
100.00	Catherine Kiloran	UniBank	201.14	2.42	0.00	0.00	203.56
100.00	Madden Lot	UniBank	201.14	2.42	0.00	0.00	203.56
200.00	Chester F. Miller	UniBank	402.29	4.84	0.00	0.00	407.13
100.00	Patrick O'Connor	UniBank	201.14	2.42	0.00	0.00	203.56
<b>Jennings Hill Cemetery</b>							
620.00	Jennings Hill Cemetery	UniBank	2,849.75	34.30	0.00	0.00	2,884.05
100.00	Benjamin F. Hayward	UniBank	480.45	5.55	0.00	0.00	486.00
100.00	Ziba Hayward	UniBank	466.71	5.63	0.00	0.00	472.34
100.00	Oreb & Ellen Mitchell	UniBank	502.85	6.04	0.00	0.00	508.89
200.00	Robbins & Osborne	UniBank	1,554.18	18.70	0.00	0.00	1,572.88
100.00	William Shaw & George Harlow	UniBank	455.91	5.48	0.00	0.00	461.39
<b>Hillside Cemetery</b>							
641.73	Hillside Cemetery	UniBank	2,952.09	35.54	0.00	0.00	2,987.63
400.00	Jonah Benson	UniBank	4,379.44	52.72	0.00	0.00	4,432.16
200.00	Emma Leonard	UniBank	1,607.60	19.34	0.00	0.00	1,626.94
100.00	Benjamin Washburn	UniBank	792.31	9.52	0.00	0.00	801.83
100.00	Edmond L. Weston	UniBank	457.25	5.50	0.00	0.00	462.75
<b>Orange Street Cemetery</b>							
1,069.94	Orange Street Cemetery	UniBank	4,852.40	58.41	0.00	0.00	4,910.81
100.00	Melissa Chandler	UniBank	506.49	6.10	0.00	0.00	512.59
100.00	Jacob & William Hall	UniBank	469.73	5.65	0.00	0.00	475.38
200.00	Herbert A. Wing	UniBank	1,048.27	12.63	0.00	0.00	1,060.90
<b>Episcopal Cemetery</b>							
300.00	Increase Robinson	UniBank	395.67	4.77	0.00	0.00	400.44
<b>South Street Burial Ground</b>							
424.71	South Street Burial Ground	UniBank	439.57	4.88	0.00	0.00	444.45
12,572.68			45,310.03	545.37	0.00	0.00	45,855.40



Amount of Request	Name of Fund	Where Invested	Balance 07/01/02	Interest Earned	Deposits	Withdrawn	Balance 06/30/03
<b>School Trust Fund</b>							
6,162.50	Daniel Dyer	UniBank	13,062.41	157.22	0.00	0.00	13,219.63
300.00	Edson Fund	UniBank	681.67	7.97	0.00	0.00	689.64
10,717.00	Samuel P. Gates	UniBank	22,714.43	273.40	0.00	0.00	22,987.83
<b>17,178.50</b>			<b>38,438.51</b>	<b>438.59</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>38,877.10</b>
<b>Scholarship Trust Fund</b>							
1,317.00	Auburnville Improvement	Unibank	3,061.10	35.54	0.00	160.00	2,946.64
1,990.00	Rita Dziergowski Memorial	Unibank	3,470.73	36.81	0.00	500.00	3,007.54
1,600.00	Helen Hunt	BankBoston	1,600.00	2,723.00	0.00	2,723.00	1,600.00
	Helen Hunt Dividend	Unibank	14,713.04	182.17	2,723.00	900.00	16,718.21
2,000.00	Virginia G. Jones	Unibank	2,179.70	25.19	0.00	100.00	2,104.89
1,000.00	Lorin Keith Prize	Bridgewater Savings	1,000.00	12.31	0.00	12.31	1,000.00
	Lorin Keith Dividend	Unibank	258.95	2.17	12.31	100.00	179.43
500.00	Charles F. Leach Memorial	Bridgewater Savings	1,431.68	15.88	0.00	0.00	1,447.52
5,282.43	Merritt G. Perkins	Unibank	5,985.93	72.08	0.00	0.00	6,057.99
12,500.00	Mildred K. Stearns	Unibank	15,218.51	183.17	0.00	600.00	14,801.68
<b>26,189.43</b>			<b>48,819.82</b>	<b>3,288.28</b>	<b>2,735.31</b>	<b>5,085.31</b>	<b>48,857.90</b>
<b>Library Trust Fund</b>							
500.00	Sarel L. Aiden	UniBank	573.43	6.89	0.00	0.00	580.32
2,000.00	Edith Ames	UniBank	2,862.20	34.45	0.00	0.00	2,896.65
500.00	Sarah Bates	UniBank	631.50	7.60	0.00	0.00	639.10
2,000.00	Mary C. Bryant	UniBank	2,664.17	32.06	0.00	0.00	2,696.23
26,436.27	Christine Canning	UniBank	28,326.28	340.83	0.00	777.76	27,889.33
11,500.00	Arthur E. Copp	UniBank	12,365.99	148.85	0.00	0.00	12,514.84
50,000.00	Isabelle P. Dionne	UniBank	54,792.84	662.46	695.00	0.00	58,150.30
500.00	Mary Ann Dunbar	UniBank	669.35	8.06	0.00	0.00	677.41
100.00	Mary Perry Fair	UniBank	1,412.76	17.01	0.00	0.00	1,429.77
5,000.00	William & Catherine Flynn	UniBank	5,319.31	65.06	137.41	83.73	5,438.05
500.00	Abbie F. Gammons	UniBank	857.61	10.32	0.00	0.00	867.93
3,450.00	Samuel P. Gates	UniBank	4,311.38	51.89	0.00	0.00	4,363.27
2,507.00	Harriet M. Gilbert	UniBank	3,337.53	40.17	0.00	0.00	3,377.70
3,069.61	Harriet M. Gilbert	BankBoston	3,069.61	3,708.05	0.00	3,708.05	3,069.61
	Harriet M. Gilbert Dividend	UniBank	18,364.33	241.02	3,708.05	0.00	22,313.40
1,000.00	Susan Goodrich	UniBank	1,301.17	15.65	0.00	0.00	1,316.82
1,000.00	Mary L. Moore Jarvis	UniBank	28,404.22	341.89	0.00	0.00	28,746.11
1,000.00	Virginia G. Jones	UniBank	1,649.32	18.88	0.00	0.00	1,668.18
1,000.00	Lorin Keith	UniBank	1,516.71	18.30	0.00	0.00	1,535.01
	Flora T. Little	UniBank	33,071.38	398.05	0.00	0.00	33,469.43
1,000.00	L.G. Lowe	UniBank	1,319.41	15.87	0.00	0.00	1,335.28
1,000.00	Ellen Markham	UniBank	1,319.45	15.88	0.00	0.00	1,335.33
1,000.00	Francis A. Parker	UniBank	1,321.50	15.90	0.00	0.00	1,337.40
1,000.00	Eleanor G. Reynolds	UniBank	1,403.16	16.88	0.00	0.00	1,420.04
1,000.00	Reva L. Roy	UniBank	1,081.27	13.03	0.00	0.00	1,094.30
360.00	Robert J. Sheehan	UniBank	440.98	5.31	0.00	0.00	446.29
10,000.00	Edith Shoelman	UniBank	11,713.17	140.98	0.00	0.00	11,854.15
3,000.00	Mildred K. Stearns	UniBank	4,226.96	44.67	0.00	0.00	4,271.63
1,000.00	Anna G. Thompson	UniBank	1,366.58	18.43	0.00	0.00	1,382.99
545.00	Margaret J. Walsh	UniBank	660.40	7.96	0.00	0.00	668.36
500.00	Mary H. Wilbar	UniBank	704.17	8.46	0.00	0.00	712.63
300.00	Pamela K. Wright	UniBank	309.39	3.73	0.00	0.00	313.09
1,000.00	Theodore F. Wright	UniBank	2,853.16	34.35	0.00	0.00	2,887.51
1,000.00	Estate of Dr. Franklin Warren	UniBank	1,496.66	18.01	0.00	0.00	1,514.67
<b>134,767.88</b>			<b>235,717.28</b>	<b>6,525.93</b>	<b>4,540.46</b>	<b>4,569.54</b>	<b>242,214.13</b>

<b>Liability Insurance</b>	UniBank	4,379.10	52.72	0.00	0.00	4,431.82
<b>Building Insurance</b>	UniBank	92,275.50	1,110.68	0.00	0.00	93,386.18
<b>Piano Fun (Town Hall)</b>	UniBank	8,801.49	105.93	0.00	0.00	8,907.42
<b>Unemployment Comp</b>	Mass.Municipal Dep	26,773.80	466.90	14,564.07	13,401.46	28,403.31
<b>Stabilization Fund</b>	Mass.Municipal Dep	1,172,688.13	5,259.03	0.00	1,056,544.00	121,403.18
<b>Sr Center/Capital Projects</b>	UniBank	232,546.63	2,803.72	749.97	0.00	235,100.32
<b>Bridgewater Senior Center</b>	UniBank	68,520.07	835.50	8,195.50	0.00	75,551.07
<b>Law Enforcement</b>	UniBank	8,573.28	115.18	5,684.74	4,385.30	9,987.91
<b>Toole Memorial Fund</b>	UniBank	93,599.88	1,123.25	0.00	3,600.00	91,223.13
<b>H. Pratt Fire Relief Fund</b>	Bridgewater Savings	34,158.29	459.09	0.00	0.00	34,617.38

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2003  
JULY 1, 2002 - JUNE 30, 2003

	BALANCE 6/30/2002	COMMITTED FISCAL 2003	REFUNDS	ABATEMENTS CANCELLED	INTEREST	COST	COLLECTIONS	ABATEMENTS	TAX TITLE	WATER LIEN	SEWER LIEN	BALANCE 6/30/2003
FISCAL 2003 REAL ESTATE		20,501,708.49	123,169.33		28,083.30	15.00	18,813,006.59	180,949.06	59,121.32			571,798.85
FISCAL 2002 REAL ESTATE	327,012.95		8,734.85		28,718.89	1,760.00	290,867.55	9,215.80				35,664.25
FISCAL 2001 REAL ESTATE	15,685.00				3,815.65	10.00	11,401.17		3,470.29			813.54
FISCAL 2003 PERSONAL PROPERTY		443,111.77	2,209.46		780.51		422,309.52	6,982.50				18,029.21
FISCAL 2002 PERSONAL PROPERTY	10,287.07		39.70		782.40	230.00	6,822.51	148.76				3,355.50
FISCAL 2001 PERSONAL PROPERTY	4,759.59				727.42	20.00	2,396.83					2,362.76
FISCAL 2000 PERSONAL PROPERTY	1,580.48				701.73	30.00	1,580.48					-
FISCAL 1999 PERSONAL PROPERTY	782.34											782.34
2003 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE		1,785,631.25	9,867.19	50.00	65.23		1,539,115.18	79,021.69				177,411.57
2002 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	328,629.17	443,413.48	22,589.59		6,945.35	17,430.00	677,410.67	68,351.79				48,869.78
2001 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	57,421.96	56,321.18	2,405.91		5,321.51	4,770.00	80,859.51	10,452.32				24,837.22
2000 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	21,585.96	141.04			2,185.87	1,620.00	7,671.75	101.25				13,954.00
FISCAL 2003 BOAT EXCISE		3,700.00										3,700.00
FISCAL 2002 BOAT EXCISE		4,095.00	15.00		14.49	335.00	3,586.00	354.00				160.00
FISCAL 2001 BOAT EXCISE	68.00				13.76	25.00	38.00					30.00
FISCAL 2000 BOAT EXCISE	108.00											108.00
FISCAL 2003 WATER LIEN		85,183.59					74,743.21		1,168.62			9,271.56
FISCAL 2002 WATER LIEN	5,093.18						4,591.60					501.58
FISCAL 2001 WATER LIEN	1,783.74						1,783.74					-
FISCAL 2003 SEWER LIEN		28,206.53					24,750.88		358.10			3,099.55
FISCAL 2002 SEWER LIEN	2,248.40						2,248.40					-
FISCAL 2001 SEWER LIEN	1,840.10						1,840.10					-
FISCAL 2003 APPT SEWER BETTERMENT		137,955.88					136,771.22	282.05	153.40			749.21
FISCAL 2002 APPT SEWER BETTERMENT	131.90						131.90					-
FISCAL 2003 COMMITTED INTEREST		33,019.85					31,785.32	396.66	92.04			745.83
FISCAL 2002 COMMITTED INTEREST	87.05						87.05					-
FISCAL 2003 TITLE V		31,400.01					30,368.68					1,031.33
FISCAL 2003 COMMITTED INTEREST		8,437.22					7,513.89					923.33
FISCAL 2003 WATER RATES		1,873,697.49	1,216.59				1,564,159.89	212,852.18				157,902.21
FISCAL 2002 WATER RATES	135,088.01	20,748.11					70,542.93	110.00		85,183.59		(2.40)
FISCAL 2001 WATER RATES	62.80	23.12					85.72					-
FISCAL 2003 SEWER USE CHARGES		1,464,481.33	1,653.00				1,094,822.71	267,328.95				103,994.67
FISCAL 2002 SEWER USE CHARGES	72,052.23						43,633.60	212.10			28,206.53	-
ROLL BACK TAXES		68,641.42			82.03		66,641.42					-

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

524,041.84

**COLLECTIONS** 26,477,619.66  
**INTEREST** 78,226.14  
**COST** 26,245.00  
**TOTAL COLLECTIONS** 26,582,090.80

Respectfully submitted,  
Douglas H. Dorr  
Collector

## **REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Fiscal year 2003 brought on many challenges for the Accounting Department; the implementation of a new reporting model, better known as Governmental Standards Board Statement 34 (GASB 34) was a requirement for the year-end financial statements. This included the compilation of the Town's fixed assets and the reformatting of the Town's audited financial statements.

The Accounting Department also relocated from the Town Hall to the Academy Building in space previously occupied by the Police Department's DARE office. The office is much larger, providing for more storage and working space, and esthetically offers a view of the Town Common.

The staff of the Accounting Department, Assistant Town Accountant Phyllis Tirrell and Principal Clerk Laurie Guerrini, deserve special thanks for their extra efforts providing financial information vital for the efficient operation of all departments, their continuous support and the dedication they demonstrate throughout the year.

Respectively submitted,  
Jo-Ann M. Whittemore  
Certified Governmental Accountant

**Town of Bridgewater  
Salaries of Elected Officials**

	<u>Fiscal 2003</u>	<u>Fiscal 2004</u>
<b>Selectmen</b>		
Chairman	1,500.00	1,500.00
Member	1,000.00	1,000.00
Member	1,000.00	1,000.00
Member	1,000.00	1,000.00
Member	1,000.00	1,000.00
	<u>\$ 5,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,500.00</u>
<b>Assessors</b>		
Chairman	1,500.00	1,500.00
Member	1,000.00	1,000.00
Member	1,000.00	1,000.00
	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>3,500.00</u>
<b>Planning Board</b>		
Member	800.00	800.00
Member	800.00	800.00
Member	800.00	800.00
Member	800.00	800.00
Member	800.00	800.00
	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>
<b>Treasurer</b>	22,725.00	23,225.00
<b>Collector</b>	29,420.00	29,975.00
	<u>\$ 52,145.00</u>	<u>\$ 53,200.00</u>
<b>Town Clerk</b>	\$ 53,170.00	\$ 54,250.00
<b>Registration and Elections</b>	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
<b>Tree Warden</b>	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
<b>Board of Health</b>		
Chairman	500.00	500.00
Member	350.00	350.00
Member	350.00	350.00
	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>
<b>Total -Salaries of Elected Officials</b>	<u>\$ 120,715.00</u>	<u>\$ 122,850.00</u>
<b>Enterprise Fund</b>		
<b>Water and Sewer Commissioners</b>		
Chairman	1,200.00	1,200.00
Member	830.00	830.00
Member	830.00	830.00
	<u>\$ 2,860.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,860.00</u>

Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts						
Summary of Appropriation Accounts						
Fiscal 2003						
Dept	Department	Original Appropriations 7/1/2002	Transfers In/(Out)	Final Appropriations 6/30/2003	Total Exp/Transfers and Encumbered	Closed Out
114	Moderator					
	General Expenses	50.00	-	50.00	-	50.00
122	Selectman					
	Personal Services	195,803.00	5,258.00	201,061.00	199,985.34	1,075.66
	General Expenses	16,440.00	3,350.00	19,790.00	18,865.42	924.58
	Special Expenses	4,190.00	7,500.00	11,690.00	8,310.23	3,379.77
	Encumbered 2002	563.00	-	563.00	371.08	191.92
	Carryover Specialial 2002	26,115.60	(22,000.00)	4,115.60	4,115.00	0.60
	F.T.M. 11/13/2000 Ironworks Restore	15,000.00	-	15,000.00	14,999.83	0.17
	S.T.M. 8/19/2002 Prior Yr Bills/Hogg Farm	-	21,250.00	21,250.00	21,250.00	-
	F.T.M. 11/12/2002 Sick Time Buyback	-	2,506.76	2,506.76	2,506.76	-
124	Management Information Technology					
	Personal Services	38,000.00	-	38,000.00	38,000.00	-
	General Expenses	19,000.00	2,008.00	21,008.00	15,132.91	5,875.09
131	Advisory Board					
	Personal Services	1,500.00	57.00	1,557.00	1,397.26	159.74
	General Expenses	500.00	-	500.00	-	500.00
132	Reserve Fund					
	General Expenses	25,000.00	(23,029.30)	1,970.70	-	1,970.70
135	Accountant					
	Personal Services	138,078.00	(1,871.16)	136,206.84	136,200.94	5.90
	General Expenses	2,225.00	-	2,225.00	2,217.68	7.32
	Special Expenses	55,300.00	15,000.00	70,300.00	70,299.81	0.19
	Encumbered 2002	7.00	-	7.00	7.00	-
	Carryover Specialial 2002	22,937.00	-	22,937.00	22,937.00	-
	F.T.M. 11/12/2002 Sick Time Buyback	-	17,100.16	17,100.16	17,100.16	-
141	Assessors					
	Personal Services	121,735.00	4,879.63	126,614.63	125,614.55	1,000.08
	General Expenses	19,535.00	-	19,535.00	18,463.05	1,071.95
	Special Expenses	69,400.00	-	69,400.00	69,400.00	-
	Encumbered 2002	748.00	-	748.00	189.00	559.00
	Carryover Specialial 2002	4,404.40	-	4,404.40	4,267.15	137.25
	F.T.M. 11/12/2002 Sick Time Buyback	-	9,907.86	9,907.86	9,907.86	-
143	Treasurer					
	Personal Services	64,269.00	2,545.00	66,814.00	66,769.45	44.55
	General Expenses	18,000.00	-	18,000.00	17,501.08	498.92
	Special Expenses	13,000.00	-	13,000.00	12,999.38	0.62
146	Collector					
	Personal Services	111,878.00	4,338.00	116,216.00	116,216.00	-
	General Expenses	17,500.00	-	17,500.00	17,422.83	77.17
	Special Expenses	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
149	Other Finance					
	General Expenses	600.00	-	600.00	475.00	125.00
151	Law					
	Personal Services	66,912.00	2,676.00	69,588.00	69,588.00	-
	General Expenses	15,000.00	-	15,000.00	15,000.00	-
	Carryover Special 2001	775.40	-	775.40	775.40	-
152	Wage and Personnel					
	Personal Services	1,950.00	75.00	2,025.00	1,991.25	33.75
	General Expenses	600.00	-	600.00	254.10	345.90
161	Town Clerk					
	Personal Services	148,598.00	12,432.89	161,030.89	158,904.24	2,126.65
	General Expenses	13,870.00	4,909.10	18,779.10	18,668.77	110.33
	Encumbered 2002	511.00	-	511.00	-	511.00
162	Elections and Registration					
	Personal Services	25,942.00	(2,439.88)	23,502.12	23,502.12	-
	General Expenses	7,350.00	-	7,350.00	6,698.76	651.24
	Special Expenses	6,000.00	-	6,000.00	5,999.55	0.45
	F.T.M. 11/12/2002 Sick Time Buyback	-	2,439.88	2,439.88	2,439.88	-
166	Parking Clerk					
	Personal Services	18,466.00	2,233.00	20,699.00	20,699.00	-
	General Expenses	2,003.00	-	2,003.00	1,839.68	163.32
171	Conservation Commission					
	Personal Services	36,818.00	6,860.00	43,678.00	41,866.49	1,811.51
	General Expenses	2,300.00	-	2,300.00	1,329.31	970.69
	S.T.M. 8/19/2002 Prior Yr Bills	-	133.76	133.76	133.76	-
	S.T.M. 5/05/2003 Surveying (Toole Mem)	-	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	-
175	Planning Board					
	Personal Services	37,544.00	1,277.78	38,821.78	38,821.78	-
	General Expenses	2,100.00	-	2,100.00	939.95	1,160.05
176	Zoning Board of Appeals					
	Personal Services	10,816.00	416.00	11,232.00	9,230.66	2,001.34
	General Expenses	1,600.00	-	1,600.00	1,323.11	276.89
182	Master Plan Committee					
	Personal Services	1.00	-	1.00	-	1.00
	General Expenses	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00

**Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts**  
**Summary of Appropriation Accounts**

Fiscal 2003

Dept	Department	Original Appropriations 7/1/2002	Transfers In/(Out)	Fiscal Appropriations 6/30/2003	Total Exp/Transfers and Encumbered	Closed Out
	Carryover Special 2002	29,697.59	-	29,697.59	29,697.15	0.44
188	Community Dev/Transportation Mgmt					
	Personal Services	145,717.00	(3,443.52)	142,273.48	94,598.23	47,675.25
	General Expenses	11,471.00	-	11,471.00	718.41	10,752.59
	Special Expenses	17,000.00	-	17,000.00	17,000.00	-
	Encumbered 2002	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
	Carryover Special 2002	23,144.57	-	23,144.57	20,361.00	2,783.57
	S.T.M. 8/19/2002 Sick Time Buyback	-	3,443.52	3,443.52	3,443.52	-
191	Town Buildings					
	Personal Services	122,994.00	2,150.00	125,144.00	125,144.00	-
	General Expenses	108,774.00	3,480.00	112,254.00	112,315.76	(81.76)
	Encumbered 2002	1,445.30	-	1,445.30	1,445.30	-
	Carryover Special 2002	11,705.48	(1,000.00)	12,705.48	4,268.91	8,436.57
	A.T.M. 6/17/2002 Fire Lightening Damage	57,850.00	-	57,850.00	57,850.00	-
	A.T.M. 6/17/2002 Town Hall Structural Repairs	234,188.93	-	234,188.93	234,188.79	0.14
	F.T.M. 11/12/2002 Generator Repair	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
193	Town Building/Senior Center					
	Personal Services	1,500.00	57.00	1,557.00	756.00	801.00
	General Expenses	27,150.00	-	27,150.00	23,829.47	3,320.53
	Encumbered 2002	723.87	-	723.87	640.81	83.06
194	Capital Planning					
	Personal Services	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	567.01	932.99
	Capital Expenses	151,556.00	-	151,556.00	151,555.97	0.03
	Carryover Special 2002	13,894.92	-	13,894.92	13,894.00	0.92
210	Police					
	Personal Services	2,572,492.00	17,751.39	2,890,243.39	2,884,575.18	5,668.21
	General Expenses	149,622.00	4,600.00	154,222.00	143,968.92	10,253.08
	Special Expenses	14,000.00	3,500.00	17,500.00	16,699.39	800.61
	Capital Expenses	-	98,261.00	98,261.00	98,260.54	0.46
	Encumbered 2002	512.19	-	512.19	512.19	-
	Carryover Special 2002	43,891.73	-	43,891.73	43,771.67	120.06
	S.T.M. 2/10/2003 Arbitration Settlement	-	2,754.15	2,754.15	2,754.15	-
	F.T.M. 11/12/2003 Sick Time Buyback	-	11,243.10	11,243.10	11,243.10	-
	S.T.M. 5/05/2003 Purchase of Vehicles	-	52,000.00	52,000.00	52,000.00	-
211	Court Time					
	Personal Services	30,000.00	6,000.00	36,000.00	36,000.00	-
	General Expenses	360.00	-	360.00	360.00	-
220	Fire					
	Personal Services	2,458,449.00	185,087.37	2,643,536.37	2,643,536.37	-
	General Expenses	108,600.00	6,000.00	114,600.00	96,421.82	18,178.18
	Special Expenses	49,345.00	35,000.00	84,345.00	76,195.12	8,149.88
	F.T.M. 11/12/2003 Sick Time Buyback	-	24,830.40	24,830.40	24,830.40	-
	S.T.M. 5/05/2003 Sick Time Buyback	-	54,000.00	54,000.00	53,178.06	821.94
231	Ambulance Services					
	Personal Services	442,722.00	-	442,722.00	439,191.42	3,530.58
	General Expenses	64,900.00	-	64,900.00	63,900.55	999.45
	Special Expenses	15,000.00	-	15,000.00	14,498.18	501.82
	F.T.M. 11/12/2003 Prior Year Bills	-	1,195.30	1,195.30	1,195.30	-
241	Inspectional Services					
	Personal Services	244,813.00	11,270.00	256,083.00	251,354.28	4,728.72
	General Expenses	14,390.00	970.00	15,360.00	12,954.75	2,405.25
251	Emergency Management					
	Personal Services	199.00	-	199.00	-	199.00
	General Expenses	1.00	-	1.00	-	1.00
292	Animal Control					
	Personal Services	30,968.00	1,239.00	32,207.00	32,185.34	20.66
	General Expenses	3,126.00	-	3,126.00	891.23	2,234.77
	Special Expenses	6,300.00	-	6,300.00	2,745.00	3,555.00
	Encumbered 2002	2,050.72	-	2,050.72	433.42	1,617.30
	Carryover Special 2002	3,075.00	-	3,075.00	975.00	2,100.00
294	Tree Wardens					
	Personal Services	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	-
	General Expenses	2,561.00	-	2,561.00	1,910.00	651.00
297	Shade Tree Mgmt & Pest Control					
	Personal Services	126,826.00	(17,316.49)	109,509.51	106,528.61	2,980.90
	General Expenses	15,786.00	-	15,786.00	14,360.46	1,425.54
	F.T.M. 11/12/2003 Sick Time Buyback	-	6,416.49	6,416.49	6,296.30	120.19
300	Schools					
	S.T.M. 6/25/2001 Repair Wms Roof	189,945.24	-	189,945.24	189,945.06	0.18
	S.T.M. 6/17/2002 McElwain Roof Rep	41,800.00	-	41,800.00	41,800.00	-
	S.T.M. 6/17/2002 Eng/Consult Fees Wms Middle	35,000.00	-	35,000.00	-	-
	S.T.M. 6/30/2003, Article 1 (Transfer Out)	-	(35,000.00)	-	-	-
	S.T.M. 6/17/2002 Wms Middle Roof/Windows	-	169,250.00	-	-	-
	S.T.M. 6/30/2003, Article 1 (Transfer Out)	-	(62,415.00)	-	-	-
				106,835.00	106,835.00	-
306	School Assessments					
	Bristol County Agricultural School	86,989.00	-	86,989.00	75,762.00	11,227.00

Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts						
Summary of Appropriation Accounts						
Fiscal 2003						
Dept	Department	Original Appropriations 7/1/2002	Transfers In/(Out)	Fiscal Appropriations 6/30/2003	Total Exp/Transfers and Encumbered	Closed Out
	Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District	13,562,700.00	-	13,562,700.00	13,562,700.00	-
	Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical Sch District	555,346.00	27,561.00	582,907.00	582,907.00	-
	Norfolk County Agricultural School	164,436.00	(26,905.20)	137,530.80	137,530.80	-
410	Town Engineer					
	Special Expenses	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	1,900.00	3,100.00
420	Highway					
	Personal Services	824,543.00	30,979.00	855,522.00	853,899.46	1,622.54
	General Expenses	142,032.00	(20,932.00)	121,100.00	112,415.30	8,684.70
	Special Expenses	62,100.00	106,901.63	169,001.63	169,001.63	-
	Encumbered 2002	2,146.02	-	2,146.02	2,145.22	0.80
	S.T.M. 8/19/2002 Spruce/Vernon Sta Improvements	-	22,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	-
424	Street Lighting					
	General Expenses	134,000.00	-	134,000.00	123,908.66	10,091.34
	Encumbered 2002	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	9,269.54	730.46
510	Health					
	Personal Services	190,634.00	2,747.00	193,381.00	191,892.39	1,488.61
	General Expenses	39,470.00	-	39,470.00	26,500.31	12,969.69
	Encumbered 2002	3,836.42	-	3,836.42	803.42	3,033.00
541	Council on Aging					
	Personal Services	131,002.00	4,220.00	135,222.00	133,097.52	2,124.48
	General Expenses	13,600.00	-	13,600.00	10,764.67	2,835.33
	Encumbered 2002	7.00	-	7.00	7.00	-
543	Veterans Services					
	Personal Services	44,997.00	2,076.00	47,073.00	44,313.35	2,759.64
	General Expenses	2,925.00	-	2,925.00	1,482.51	1,442.49
	Special Expenses	148,500.00	-	148,500.00	107,861.43	40,638.57
549	Outside Services					
	Voliting Nurse Association	-	15,900.00	15,900.00	15,900.00	-
	Christmas Lighting	600.00	-	600.00	600.00	-
	Stocking Ponds and Streams	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	1,500.00	-
550	Cable TV Advisory Committee					
	Personal Services	1.00	-	1.00	-	1.00
	General Expenses	1.00	-	1.00	-	1.00
610	Library					
	Personal Services	627,846.00	28,753.90	656,599.90	636,150.81	20,449.09
	General Expenses	175,085.00	-	175,085.00	172,316.81	2,768.19
	F.T.M. 11/12/2003 Sick Time Buyback	-	1,469.10	1,469.10	1,469.10	-
611	Regional Library					
	Personal Services	105,281.00	7,515.10	112,796.10	112,796.10	-
	General Expenses	82,969.00	(52,317.10)	30,651.90	30,651.90	-
630	Recreation					
	Personal Services	126,978.00	1,784.00	128,762.00	128,700.53	61.47
	General Expenses	49,192.00	-	49,192.00	35,587.36	12,604.64
	Carryover Special 2002	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
	S.T.M. 6/25/2001 Bleachers @ Legion Field	2,233.81	-	2,233.81	-	2,233.81
	F.T.M. 11/12/2003 Purchase of Equipment	-	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	-
631	Swimming Pool					
	Personal Services	20,582.00	-	20,582.00	20,582.00	-
	General Expenses	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	231.45	768.55
691	Historical Commission					
	Personal Services	150.00	-	150.00	-	150.00
	General Expenses	125.00	-	125.00	50.00	75.00
692	War Memorial					
	General Expenses	1.00	-	1.00	-	1.00
693	Historical District Commission					
	Personal Services	400.00	189.00	589.00	405.00	184.00
	General Expenses	800.00	(189.00)	611.00	58.46	552.54
750	Interest (Short-term borrowing)					
	General Expenses	50,000.00	3,686.18	53,686.18	53,686.18	-
751	Sewer Bond - (Principal and Interest)					
	General Expenses	148,649.00	-	148,649.00	148,648.75	0.25
752	Library Bond - (Principal and Interest)					
	General Expenses	67,150.00	-	67,150.00	67,150.00	-
753	Elementary School Bond (Principal and Int)					
	General Expenses	1,317,134.00	-	1,317,134.00	1,317,133.75	0.25
754	Mass Water Pollution Abatement Trust					
	A.T.M. 6/2001 Title V - MWPAT Loan	-	10,872.00	10,872.00	10,872.00	-
755	Hogg Farm Bond (Principal and Interest)					
	General Expenses	183,475.00	-	183,475.00	183,475.00	-
756	Town Buildings Construction (Princ and Int)					
	General Expenses	575,564.00	-	575,564.00	575,564.25	(0.25)
820	State Assessments					
	General Expenses	258,958.00	-	258,958.00	277,638.00	(18,680.00)
830	County Assessment					
	General Expenses	40,300.00	-	40,300.00	40,299.85	0.15
910	Insurance (Liability and Worker's Comp)					



Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts						
Summary of Appropriation Accounts						
Fiscal 2003						
Dept	Department	Original Appropriations 7/1/2002	Transfers In/(Out)	Final Appropriations 6/30/2003	Total Exp/Transfers and Encumbered	Closed Out
	General Expenses	176,053.00	17,253.50	193,308.50	191,939.50	1,369.00
911	Retirement					
	Personal Services	1,034,550.00	11,167.60	1,045,817.60	1,045,579.63	237.97
913	Unemployment					
	General Expenses	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
914	Medical-Life Insurance					
	General Expenses	1,610,000.00	230,000.00	1,840,000.00	1,839,706.18	293.82
915	Police/Fire Medical					
	General Expenses	35,000.00	25,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	-
	Encumbered 2002	2,883.41	-	2,883.41	2,617.57	265.84
940	Miscellaneous (Copier/VFW Rest Qtrs)					
	General Expenses	20,400.00	-	20,400.00	20,394.35	5.65
	Encumbered 2001	-	-	-	-	-
950	Gasoline & Oil					
	General Expenses	86,000.00	-	86,000.00	86,000.00	-
	Encumbered 2002	16.35	-	16.35	16.35	-
960	Telephone					
	General Expenses	38,000.00	-	38,000.00	33,647.70	4,352.30
	Encumbered 2002	151.17	-	151.17	151.17	-
970	Wage Adjustment Account					
	General Expenses	189,001.00	(183,604.28)	5,396.72	5,396.00	0.72
	Carryover Special 2002	44,675.66	(7,000.00)	37,675.66	37,675.00	0.66
26-45	Olds Seaside Links Golf Course					
	Personal Services	570,880.00	15,000.00	585,880.00	570,354.93	15,525.07
	General Expenses	463,000.00	-	463,000.00	453,890.94	9,109.06
	Special Expenses	705,356.00	35,000.00	740,356.00	556,316.47	184,039.53
	Carryover Special 2002	1,712.00	-	1,712.00	1,712.00	-
	F.T.M. 11/13/2001 Arch & Eng Serv Clubhouse	13,986.09	-	13,986.09	13,986.09	-
	S.T.M. 2/10/2003 Prior Year Bills	-	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00	-
27-44	Sewer Department					
	Personal Services	309,783.00	(5,966.88)	303,816.12	291,936.93	11,879.19
	General Expenses	334,700.00	-	334,700.00	207,977.51	126,722.49
	Special Expenses	526,818.00	-	526,818.00	361,790.40	165,027.60
	Raised on Recap - Indirect Costs to Genl Fund	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	50,000.00	-
	Encumbered 2002	5,117.98	-	5,117.98	2,900.15	2,217.83
	Carryover Special 2002	73,061.90	-	73,061.90	72,854.90	207.00
	S.T.M. 5/06/2002 Compost Upgrade/Odor Control	120,000.00	160,000.00	280,000.00	280,000.00	-
	F.T.M. 11/12/2002 Sick Time Buyback	-	22,106.88	22,106.88	22,106.88	-
	F.T.M. 11/12/2002 Birch Hill Rd Sewer Proj	-	135,000.00	135,000.00	135,000.00	-
28-45	Water Department					
	Personal Services	558,021.00	-	558,021.00	533,673.28	24,347.72
	General Expenses	544,300.00	-	544,300.00	431,966.64	112,333.36
	Special Expenses	587,675.00	-	587,675.00	470,519.18	117,155.82
	Raised on Recap - Indirect Costs to Genl Fund	100,000.00	-	100,000.00	100,000.00	-
	Encumbered 2002	55,983.00	-	55,983.00	39,556.83	16,426.17
	Carryover Special 2002	294,172.00	-	294,172.00	294,422.00	(250.00)
	S.T.M. 5/5/2001 Filter Media Curver's Pond Well	-	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	-
	S.T.M. 5/5/2003 Purchase of Equipment	-	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	-
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>37,856,116.75</b>	<b>1,361,156.62</b>	<b>39,217,273.37</b>	<b>38,127,497.82</b>	<b>1,089,775.55</b>
	<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>					
	Free Cash		(254,359.56)			
	Release from Overlay		(10,000.00)			
16-12	Capital Projects Reserved Fund -Transfers Out		(619,250.00)			
16-12	Capital Projects Reserved Fund -Transfers In		97,415.00			
16-12	Small Cities Grant		(13,000.00)			
17-12	Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation		(286,193.30)			
17-12	Court Fees - Receipts Reserved for Appropriation		(153,767.00)			
17-14	Title V - MWPAT Receipts Reserved Loan Account		(10,872.00)			
17-14	Premium on Bonds Sold - Revolving		(90,000.00)			
17-17	Conservation Fees Receipts Reserved for Appropriation		(6,993.76)			
17-22	False Alarm Receipts Reserved		(6,000.00)			
26-45	Golf Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings		(52,250.00)			
27-44	Sewer Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings		(311,140.00)			
28-45	Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings		(60,000.00)			
33-21	Town Buildings Construction (From Cap Proj) Rsvd Fund		450,000.00			
82-14	Stabilization Fund		(21,250.00)			
82-17	Toole Memorial Trust		(3,500.00)			
	<b>Total</b>		<b>(1,361,156.62)</b>			
	<b>Annual Town Meeting Budget</b>	<b>35,813,889.00</b>				
	<b>Additions</b>					

Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts  
 Combined Balance Sheet  
 For the year ended June 30, 2003

	Governmental Funds				Fiduciary Funds	Account Group	(Total Memo Only)
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Permanent Funds	Agency	General Long Term Obligations	
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash and investments	\$ 464,151	6,494,858	1,548,192	2,617,100	331,673	-	11,455,974
Receivables							
Property taxes	693,623	-	-	-	-	-	693,623
Allows for abatements and exemptions	(76,392)	-	-	-	-	-	(76,392)
Tax liens and foreclosures	668,963	-	-	-	-	-	668,963
Motor vehicle and boat excise	269,071	-	-	-	-	-	269,071
User charges	-	274,782	-	-	-	-	274,782
Special assessments	373,445	-	-	-	-	-	373,445
Departmental and other	746	189,385	3,119	-	15,735	-	208,985
Total revenues	1,929,456	464,167	3,119	-	15,735	-	2,412,477
Amounts to be provided for long term obligations	-	-	-	-	-	33,742,189	33,742,189
Due from other funds	87,959	-	-	-	-	-	87,959
Due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts	-	212,094	-	-	-	-	212,094
Due from Bridgewater/Raynham Regional School District	197,059	-	-	-	-	-	197,059
Total Assets	2,678,625	7,171,119	1,551,311	2,617,100	347,408	33,742,189	48,107,752
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>							
Warrants and accounts payable	390,847	374,347	-	149	2,663	-	768,006
Retainage payable	-	-	159,834	-	-	-	162,112
Accrued payroll and amounts withheld	90,302	5,263	-	-	20,542	-	116,107
Due to other funds	-	87,959	-	-	-	-	87,959
Bond anticipation notes payable	-	-	200,000	-	-	-	200,000
Tailings	-	-	-	-	38,152	-	38,152
Performance deposits	-	-	-	1,760,336	286,051	-	2,046,387
Deferred revenue	1,733,207	665,063	-	-	-	-	2,398,270
Capitalized lease obligations	-	-	-	-	-	300,000	300,000
Bonds payable	-	-	-	-	-	33,442,189	33,442,189
Total liabilities	2,214,356	1,134,910	359,834	1,760,485	347,408	33,742,189	39,559,182
Fund balances:							
Reserved:							
For encumbrances	881	8,737	-	-	-	-	9,618
For expenditures	106,835	283,372	-	-	-	-	390,207
For petty cash	-	700	-	-	-	-	700
For continued appropriations	263,931	320,625	-	-	-	-	584,556
For receipts reserved for appropriation	-	2,699,341	-	-	-	-	2,699,341
For endowment	-	-	-	856,615	-	-	856,615
For teachers' pay deferral	(187,215)	-	-	-	-	-	(187,215)
Unreserved - Designated:							
For federal grants	-	(825)	-	-	-	-	(825)
For state grants	-	140,326	-	-	-	-	140,326
For revolving funds	-	578,140	-	-	-	-	578,140
Unreserved - Undesignated:							
Undesignated fund balance	279,837	2,065,793	1,191,477	-	-	-	3,537,107
Total fund balances	464,269	6,036,209	1,191,477	856,615	-	-	8,548,569
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 2,678,625	7,171,119	1,551,311	2,617,100	347,408	33,742,189	48,107,752

Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts						
Summary of Appropriation Accounts						
Fiscal 2003						
Dept	Department	Original Appropriations 7/1/2002	Transfers In/(Out)	Final Appropriations 6/30/2003	Total Exp/Transfers and Encumbered	Closed Out
	Dept 756 Town Bldgs Construction Bond -	195,000.00				
	Amount Raised on Recap to paydown Bond	50,000.00				
	(Sewer) Amount Raised on Recap	100,000.00				
	(Water) Amount Raised on Recap	87,702.43				
	Encumbered 2002	1,310,267.32				
	Carryforward Specials 2002	258,958.00				
	State Assessments	40,300.00				
	County Assessment	37,856,116.75				
	Total					

**Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts**  
**Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**All Governmental Fund Types and Permanent Funds**  
**For the year ended June 30, 2003**

	Governmental Funds			Fiduciary	Total (Memo only)
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Permanent Funds	
<b>Revenues</b>					
Real and personal property	\$ 20,796,841	-	-	-	20,796,841
Motor vehicle and other excise	2,273,813	-	-	-	2,273,813
Interest and penalties on taxes	273,828	-	-	-	273,828
Payments in lieu of taxes	4,326	-	-	-	4,326
Utility usage charges	-	1,573,572	-	-	1,573,572
Other non-utility usage charges	-	3,315,527	-	-	3,315,527
Fees	230,841	576,135	-	-	806,976
Departmental and other	588,411	437,319	-	-	1,025,730
Licenses and permits	317,423	-	-	-	317,423
Intergovernmental	4,494,384	977,458	-	-	5,471,842
Special assessments	136,903	66,482	-	-	203,385
Fines	67,437	115,162	-	-	182,599
Interest earned	79,206	53,104	3,554	47,076	182,940
Contributions and donations	-	47,971	-	3,025	50,996
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>29,263,413</b>	<b>7,162,730</b>	<b>3,554</b>	<b>50,101</b>	<b>36,479,798</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
General government	2,194,075	50,796	-	-	2,244,871
Public safety	7,120,945	375,096	-	6,883	7,502,924
Education	14,562,834	-	-	2,350	14,565,184
Public works and facilities	1,272,540	2,081,608	-	-	3,354,148
Human services	534,723	323,638	-	-	858,361
Culture and recreation	1,158,000	1,404,199	-	835	2,563,034
State and county assessments	317,938	-	-	-	317,938
Principal and interest on debt	2,161,530	1,121,652	-	-	3,283,182
Pension and fringe benefits	2,947,903	-	-	13,401	2,961,304
Liability insurance and other	332,149	-	-	-	332,149
Capital outlay	-	793,678	4,912,868	-	5,706,546
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>32,602,637</b>	<b>6,150,667</b>	<b>4,912,868</b>	<b>23,469</b>	<b>43,689,641</b>
Excess of revenues over (	(3,339,224)	1,012,063	(4,909,314)	26,632	(7,209,843)
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>					
Proceeds from sale of bonds	-	-	5,805,000	-	5,805,000
Premiums from sale of bonds	-	5,160	-	-	5,160
Proceeds of capitalized leases	-	-	300,000	-	300,000
Transfers in	2,416,582	97,415	645,000	5,000	3,163,997
Transfers out	(297,415)	(1,806,538)	-	(1,060,044)	(3,163,997)
<b>Total other financing source</b>	<b>2,119,167</b>	<b>(1,703,963)</b>	<b>6,750,000</b>	<b>(1,055,044)</b>	<b>6,110,160</b>
Excess of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	(1,220,057)	(691,900)	1,840,686	(1,028,412)	(1,099,683)
<b>Fund balance, beginning of year</b>	<b>1,684,326</b>	<b>6,728,109</b>	<b>(649,209)</b>	<b>1,885,027</b>	<b>9,648,253</b>
<b>Fund balance, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 464,269</b>	<b>6,036,209</b>	<b>1,191,477</b>	<b>856,615</b>	<b>8,548,570</b>

## REPORT OF TOWN DEPARTMENTS

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Bridgewater Fire Department responded to a total of 4847 emergency incidents: 2536 fire related incidents, 2311 medical incidents, and 681 general assistance/inspections/public service incidents; combined total 5528. For informational purposes we responded to 192 incidents at the MCI Bridgewater Complex and 227 at Bridgewater State College. These facilities amounted to 9% of our total deployments for Fire and EMS.

Of the fire related runs 159 responses were second and third alarm responses for incidents requiring additional personnel and equipment for fires and other contingencies in structures both residential and commercial and mutual-aid to surrounding communities. Remaining responses were for inside and outside investigations, motor vehicle accidents, woods fires, medical assists, HAZMAT responses, searches, fires within buildings not classified as structural, storm coverage, and miscellaneous unclassified runs.

To the personnel of this Department, a sincere "thank you" for their professionalism and dedication to our community and to Ms. Annemarie Hanley, our Administrative Clerk, for her dedication and guidance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roderick K. Walsh, Chief

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### POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

The Bridgewater Police Department responded to a total of 8,692 incident calls for the year 2003. This was a decrease by over 8% from the previous year and is contributed to the pro-activeness of our community programs and good record keeping. Once again we managed to hold down the crime rate experiencing a decrease in most of the major crime categories.

This has been the most difficult year for the Bridgewater Police Department relating to the town's budget crisis. Difficult decisions were forced to be made, which reduced the staff. Two full-time academy graduates were laid off, Officers Timothy Nixon and David Silvia, and two full-time detectives were put back into uniform branch, Officers Christopher Shaw and Joseph DeMoura. As of March 2003 we had to curtail the D.A.R.E. and School Resource Officer programs as well. As you can see we really took a big hit in reduction of personnel and programs. This had a significant impact on our overall mission, as did the under-funding of our overtime accounts.

On the bright side of this year we moved into our new home. The move was made on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2003. The new police headquarters was opened with very few problems, and it is so wonderful to have such a fine facility to work in. This

**POLICE DEPARTMENT – Continued**

building will take care of our needs for many years to come. The dedication for the new station was held on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2003. We had approximately 250 people in attendance, and there were nothing but accolades and positive comments about the new station. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the members of the Capital Planning Committee: Chairman Gerald P. Chipman, Jay Leach, Kenneth Marhtesian, David Morwick, Joseph Murray, Richard Pomroy, and Robert Vautrinot and the Police Sub-Committee: Chief George K. Gurley, Lt. Michael Bois, Sgt. Christopher Delmonte, Sgt. Thomas Schlatz, and Det. Joseph DeMoura.

In November we were able to provide our fourth annual Thanksgiving Dinner for our senior citizens and we served over 200 people this year.

At the end of this calendar year our manpower level consists of 37 sworn officers, one Chief, two Lieutenants, four shift Sergeants, one Detective Sergeant, one Detective, and twenty-eight Patrolmen. The department also employs three Permanent Intermittent Police Officers, six Special Police Officers, one Civilian Dispatcher, one Parking Control Officer, one Office Administrator and one Administrative Clerk. The department maintains a fleet of seventeen cruisers, one 4-wheel drive, one motorcycle, and four bicycles.

My thanks to the officers for their dedication, hard work and cooperation this past year, and I am looking forward to another challenging year. A special thanks to Mr. Paul Sullivan, Municipal Administrator, for his support and cooperation this past year.

My sincere appreciation to the residents of the Town of Bridgewater for their continuous cooperation, involvement, support, generosity and assistance this past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
George K. Gurley, Chief

**MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

LICENSES TO CARRY / CLASS A,B	(314)	\$4,700.00
LICENSES TO CARRY / CLASS C,D	( 58)	\$ 875.00
KEEPER OF THE RECORDS	( 4)	\$ 36.00
INSURANCE REQUESTS	(413)	\$2,259.00
FINGERPRINTING	( 20)	\$ 200.00
DEALERS LICENSE	( 2)	\$ 33.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>		<b>\$ 8,103.00</b>

**GRANTS RECEIVED IN 2003**

TESTS (BREATH ALCOHOL TESTING SYSTEM) (STATE)	\$ 9,800.00
COMMUNITY POLICE (STATE)	\$ 38,400.00
CLASS DRUG BUY MONEY GRANT (STATE)	\$ 1,500.00
DEMOBILIZATION GRANT (STATE)	\$ 6,500.00
POST REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM (STATE)	\$ 1,921.00
(FEDERAL)	\$ 2,647.06
HANDHELD THERMAL IMAGING GRANT - (FEDERAL)	\$ 13,000.00
WEB TASK FORCE (DIVIDED BY THE 3 BRIDGEWATERS) (FEDERAL)	\$ 30,000.00
<b>TOTAL GRANTS RECEIVED 2003</b>	<b>\$ 103,768.06</b>

STATISTICS	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
ALARMS	1246	1368	1366	1257	1225	1269
ARRESTS	704	525	625	716	804	514
ARSON	0	1	2	1	1	0
ASSAULT & BATTERY	37	34	39	92	67	60
AUTO THEFT	31	28	30	30	32	47
BREAKING & ENTERING	68	75	46	63	72	63
BURGLARY	4	0	2	0	2	6
COMPLAINT APPLICATIONS	n/a	n/a	n/a	962	1023	772
DISTURBANCES	489	444	429	429	387	324
DOMESTIC DISPUTES	172	169	237	155	161	114
FIRES & FIRE ALARMS	192	262	198	224	195	120
LARCENY	233	285	227	306	290	268
MEDICAL CALLS	720	838	936	866	920	773
MURDER	0	0	0	0	1	0
RAPE	1	5	1	6	4	3
ROBBERY	3	2	1	2	5	6
RR CROSSING PROBLEMS	83	24	20	10	7	8
SEX CRIMES	13	18	19	18	13	10
SILENT & ABANDONED ALARMS		585	555	593	245	241
TOTAL 911 CALLS TO DEPT.	2188	2274	3634	2198	1555	3227
MV CITATIONS WRITTEN	7401	6006	6374	7831	7705	5804
PARKING TICKETS ISSUED	2854	2950	2505	3168	3160	3327

## **WATER DEPARTMENT**

To the Honorable Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners, Board of Selectmen, and the Citizens of Bridgewater:

The year 2003 was, again, a very busy year for the Bridgewater Water Department. Distribution System Personnel repaired 7 broken water mains, repaired 14 leaking water services, replaced 7 old fire hydrants with new hydrants, renewed 11 old water services and repacked 6 main line water gates. The Department also leak detected over 60 miles of water main as mandated by the DEP. The Department, again, flushed the entire Town as an ongoing maintenance program for the Distribution System. Also, per DEP mandates, the Department tested over 200 backflows and will have to survey the entire Town again in 2004. The pump testing for the new wellfield off of Plymouth Street will be finished by the end of February 2004. Pump testing results indicate that this wellfield will yield an additional 500,000 gallons/day to the water supply. The Treatment Plant Personnel ran over 200 DEP mandated water tests of which all were in compliance with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act. The Department pumped and treated over 650 million gallons of water in 2003. The Town continues to expand as there were 108 new water services installed. I would like to thank the Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners for their support throughout the year and thank the Water Department Personnel and Office Staff for the true professionalism and dedication towards their jobs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph M. Silva, Superintendent

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## **SEWER DEPARTMENT**

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

On February 13, 2003, I was appointed Sewer Superintendent. The job consists of overseeing the operations of the Wastewater Treatment plant, located at 100 Morris ave., and the Town's sewer collection system.

In regards to the sewer collection system, this past year saw the Pleasant Street force main, which runs from Lakeside Corporate Park to North Street, placed into service. Also, the Dept. partnered with the Town of Raynham and installed a low-pressure force main for the residents of Birch Hill Road. The collection system tie-ins for the year consisted of 114 Residents and Businesses through out the town. The staff handled four (4) sewer collection system plug ups, six (6) grinder pump problems and completed several sewer line cleanings and inspections using our new T.V. / high water pressure jet truck. As for the wastewater treatment plant, a 25% increase in plant flow over last year was recorded. The 2003 yearly flow figures put the plant at 70 % capacity with still several areas left to sewer. Septage received at the facility tallied at 5.1 million gallons, a new high. The maintenance department made 49 repairs and replaced 2



## **SEWER DEPARTMENT - Continued**

pieces of equipment. The compost area received an upgrade involving the installation of a garage, new push wall and an odor control unit. No odor complaints were received this past year. Finally, we are in the process of conducting a Copper Optimization Study that is required by the EPA. This study involves identifying and reducing the sources of copper through out the facility, collection system and the Town. I would like to thank the Commissioners, Office Staff and the men at the treatment facility for their support, dedication and professionalism.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jonas V. Kazlauskas, Superintendent

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## **OFFICE OF ELDER AFFAIRS**

The Office of Elder Affairs continued to provide vital services to the town's seniors in the midst of a challenging fiscal year. Budget constraints severely affected the office reducing staff hours and operating expenses. The senior newsletter and funding for emergency assistance has been made possible thanks to a generous donation from local businessman Russell P. Cook. Lack of space and an increase in programs and use of the facility has made the expansion of the senior center the main goal of the year. The CDBG Block grant will be submitted in January 2004. Special thanks to Vale Sime, Elizabeth Moura, Jim Nihan and members of the Board of Selectmen and Expansion Committee for their tireless efforts and continued support as this project continues to move forward. Statistics for the year reflected an increase in services: Congregate lunches served, 4086; Meals on Wheels delivered, 8473; Dial a Bat/Taxi rides scheduled, 2852; In Calls, 6416; Out Calls, 2381.

Elder Affairs received a FY2003 Formula Grant award from The Executive Office of Elder Affairs in the amount of \$14,100 to fund the outreach worker. Several students from Bridgewater State College's Social Work internship program assisted outreach worker Kathy Hayes throughout the fall and spring semesters.

The Bridgewater Lions and Academy Lions and Bridgewater Police Department sponsored several dinners to local seniors as did the B-R.H.S. Robotics team. Our volunteers are the mainstay of this agency and continue to provide the additional support needed to maintain our level of services. Special thanks to all of our Meals on Wheels drivers and volunteers, office volunteers, C.O.A. and Board of Trustees members and most importantly my staff, a group of compassionate, professional and dedicated individuals. You are the best!

Respectfully submitted,  
Lorraine Carrozza, Director of Elder Affairs

## **REPORT OF THE INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Bridgewater:

I hereby submit my annual report for the Department of Inspectional Services for the calendar year 2003:

The department was sad to see Wire Inspector Peter Proffetty retire after 13 years of fine service to the town. Only those who worked with Peter can know and truly appreciate all that he has done for the town over the years. We wish him the best of luck in retirement.

The number of new single family dwellings decreased from 63 to 47 in the past year; however, duplexes and mobile homes are up significantly, giving us an overall total of 90 new dwelling units. This is still about 50% less than what we saw in the 90's. These changes could be attributed to a decrease in the availability of buildable lots.

Residential additions and renovations were up almost 25% this year. This is a reflection of a slower economy, home equity reinvestment and limited land availability. New commercial construction is down about 50% but this has been offset by a big jump in commercial renovations and alterations. The overall 14% increase in permits and inspections has kept the office very busy.

The primary goal of the Inspectional Services Department is to insure public safety through proper construction practices. The decrease in staffing hours for the department due to budget restrictions has made it difficult in light of the increased number of permit applications.

On behalf of the Inspectional Services staff, Local Building Inspector Robert Iafrate, Plumbing & Gas Inspector Donald Sweetman and his alternate, Mark Dangoia, our new Wiring Inspector Peter Spiro and his alternate Walter Murray, Sealer of Weights & Measures Herbert Wolfer, Office Administrator Diane Sears, and Principal Clerk Ruth Card, I would like to thank the townspeople and all Town Departments and Boards for their assistance and cooperation throughout the year. Special thanks to S.A.V.E. Volunteer Emily Stone and Planning Board Office Administrator Leslie Dorr for their assistance.

## SUMMARY OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

January 1 - December 31, 2003

<u>Permits</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Value Listed on Permits</u>
47	Single Family Dwellings ( 3 with In-Law units)	\$9,504,885.00
16	Duplex Dwellings	2,985,000.00
11	MH's (Mobile Home Elderly Community)	802,935.00
4	In-Law Additions	\$305,000.00
723	Res. Additions/Alterations/Accessory Structures	8,655,737.00
5	New Commercial/Industrial Buildings	2,956,000.00
37	Comm/Indust. Additions/Alts/Accessory Structures	445,327.00
4	Municipal Additions/Alts/Accessory Structures	239,000.00
<u>50</u>	Other	<u>204,600.00</u>
<b>897</b>		<b>\$26,098,484.00</b>

## SUMMARY OF PERMITS & FEES SUBMITTED 2003

### Building

897	Building Permits	\$171,815.00
136	Occupancy Permits	2,735.00
56	Certificates of Inspection	2,427.00
<u>21</u>	Stove Permits	<u>480.00</u>
1,110	Building Permits	\$177,457.00
12	Reinspections	400.00
7	Duplicate Permit Cards	160.00
8	Zoning Certifications	<u>200.00</u>
	<b>TOTAL BUILDING FEES</b>	<b>\$178,217.00</b>

### Plumbing & Gas

578	Plumbing Permits	\$33,851.00
<u>437</u>	Gas Permits	<u>14,923.00</u>
1,015	Plumbing & Gas Permits	\$48,774.00
1	Reinspection	<u>35.00</u>
	<b>TOTAL PLUMBING &amp; GAS FEES</b>	<b>\$48,809.00</b>

### Wiring

848	Wiring Permits	\$52,962.00
<u>1</u>	Institutional Permits	<u>1,150.00</u>
849	Wiring Permits	\$54,112.00

**SUMMARY OF PERMITS & FEES SUBMITTED 2003 - Continued**

2	Reinspections	<u>70.00</u>
	<b>TOTAL WIRING PERMIT FEES</b>	<b>\$54,182.00</b>
	<b>Total Fees for Building/Plumbing/Gas/Wiring</b>	<b>\$281,068.95</b>
	<b>No. of Permits Issued by Inspectional Services: 2,974</b>	

**Weights & Measures**

A total of 356 measuring devices were sealed (of which 195 were fuel pumps), 94 devices were adjusted, 1 device was marked "Not Sealed"(as such it cannot be used legally in trade), and 1 device was condemned for failure to meet prescribed standards. In addition, 2 scanning systems consisting of 13 scanners were tested.

	Sealing Fees	\$5,271.00
	Adjusting Fees	<u>445.00</u>
	<b>Total Weights &amp; Measures Fees Submitted to Treasurer</b>	<b><u>\$5,716.00</u></b>
	<b>Total Fees Submitted by Inspectional Services</b>	<b>\$286,924.00</b>
	Photocopy Receipts from General Public	\$144.95
	<b>TOTAL MONIES SUBMITTED</b>	
	<b>BY INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPT.</b>	<b>\$287,068.95</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
David R. Moore  
Inspector of Buildings/Zoning Enforcement

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**HIGHWAY & FORESTRY DEPARTMENTS**

Do more with less. That seems to be the theme for government in 2003. This year most departments in general government took a 12.5 % cut from the previous fiscal year's funding levels. So, where do these cuts come from and how do maintain the same levels of service? How do we preserve our roadway infrastructure system that is the Town's most valuable asset? The answer is it won't be easy. Things may take a little longer to get done, or you may get a little less. But, you will get what you need from the Highway Department.

During 2003, we continued to restore roadways for the Sewer Department. South Street, the South Drive area, Lantern Lane, Willis Road,

## **HIGHWAY & FORESTRY DEPARTMENTS - Continued**

Crescent Street, and Crescent Drive were all resurfaced using Sewer betterment funds. With Chapter 90 funds, we began work on the Hayward Street sidewalk. We completed reconstruction of a section of Forest Street and Clover Drive. On several sub-division roadways were installed a micro surface pavement treatment as preventative maintenance. These streets included Alexander, Charles, Vera, Holly, Gloria, Riverside, Kathy, Pineridge, Vinny, Alverona, Laurie, and Pleasant Street (from Rt. 24 to Raynham). Due to budget cutbacks, very little was done with local money for roadway improvements. We had to spend our precious few dollars on maintenance.

The winter of 2002-2003 was we call "an old fashion New England winter" that started in December with freezing temperatures and heavy snowfall. In February we had a major storm that alone cost the town about \$86,000. Extra equipment had to be hired to remove snow from Central Square. It took several days to the sidewalks cleared for the school and other pedestrians.

Our Forestry Department had a busy year, mostly due to the above average rainfall that resulted in favorable breeding conditions for mosquitoes. Several spray treatments were applied throughout the season. Our tree seedling give-away program on Arbor Day was again successful with 250 tulip trees and 250 blue spruce trees distributed to local residents. Approximately 30 roadside trees were replaced with 1" caliper trees purchased at local nurseries. Other daily duties of the Forestry Department included trimming of roadside brush and diseased trees, application of fertilizers, pruning, etc. As mentioned above, it was a wet year. We did not need to water our newly planted roadside trees as often as usual.

The coming year does not look promising for the growth of government and local services. All we can do is promise to provide the best level of service possible with our available resources.

I would like to thank all the Bridgewater Department Heads and Boards for their cooperation throughout the year. As leaders of your community we have stuck together to work our way through the current fiscal challenges.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrew Bagas, Highway Superintendent  
Superintendent of Shade Tree Management and Pest Control

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## **VETERANS SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Bridgewater:  
Veterans Services is once again pleased to submit the following report regarding the status and activities of Veterans Services over the past year, 2003. The current client rolls account for 20 citizens in receipt of veteran's benefits. This is a slight increase over the year 2002 resulting from the addition of new clients.

## **VETERANS SERVICES DEPARTMENT - Continued**

The past year has seen a number of changes and happenings, some affecting Veterans. Changes in State regulations have had some monetary affect for certain Veterans. The most damaging effects have been as a result of significant personnel changes in the Boston office of DVS. The unfortunate consequence of these changes has affected the amounts of reimbursement to the Town at a most inappropriate time. Fortunately, budget problems within the Town have not affected Veterans Benefits and should not in the foreseeable future.

As we are all well aware, the Country has been at war now for nearly a year. Although no one likes war on any scale or for any reason, I am heartened and proud of the Bridgewater citizenry for their support of our fighting forces. Moreover, Bridgewater should in turn be proud and grateful of the more than fifty local men and women who are currently in the Service, many of whom spent time in the Gulf region. A very successful "support the troops" rally and "blue star banner program" was conducted last May. Many citizens as well as Town leaders partook both actively in the organization phase and the attendance phase. Other assistance programs, such as, packages from home and assistance to Iraqi school children have added to the generosity and caring of Bridgewater citizens. I commend all who donated their time, efforts and financial support; pat yourselves on the back, you deserve it.

Finally, as always, I stand prepared to assist Veterans and their dependents to the maximum extent of their eligibility as well as answer, (or find the answer) to any veterans' related questions. Office hours at Town Hall are 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Mon, Tue, and Thurs; Fri 8:00 AM til Noon; Wed by prior appointment only.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roger Fisette, Veterans Agent

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## **PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

The year 2003 proved to be a very busy year at the library. The number of patrons using our library increased by 4.54% this year totaling 135,932, which is 5,908 more people than last year. This number of people could fill Gillette Stadium two times. The number of borrowers grew to 24,039, a 5.07% increase from last year. In all, 228,934 items were circulated.

Sunday hours were very popular with families, and our meeting rooms saw steady activity. Meeting spaces were used 685 times by 61 town, state, county and regional boards and committees and various local non-profit organizations.

## **PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTOR - Continued**

The 2003 summer reading program "Read! Think! Create! @ Your Library!" was most successful. There were 1224 young people from pre-readers through grade nine participating in many special programs. A total of 17,518 books were read during the session. Again this year, Estabrook and Chamberlain donated 10 bicycles for the event. Other donors included the Bridgewater Garden Club, Annie's Book Stop, McDonald's, Burger King, Peaceful Meadows, Wicked Stitches, Scholars', Hoyt's Cinemas, Off Shoots, The Sports Tradition, The Children's Museum in Easton, Dunkin' Donuts, Jungle Gym, Noah's Pets and Roche Brothers.

Plantings along the entrance driveway gave the library a new look and were enjoyed by all those who came to visit the library. We thank Vincent Chiappini for choosing his public library as part of his Eagle Scout Project. The Improvement Association also helped to beautify the property by planting trees in memory of former Library Trustees Mary L. Jarvis and Eileen M. Murphy.

We looked forward to the New Year with anticipation and hope, however, in early February 2003, we learned that we would have to reduce our budget for FY2004 by 10%. In December of 2003, we were asked to cut another 2.25%. These cuts had a devastating affect on our operations. We were forced to drastically reduce our expense budget and lay off close to 50% of our circulation desk staff, amounting to 111.5 staff hours. To meet additional cuts, we had to close on Sundays. We are in danger of losing our certification with the Commonwealth. If we are decertified, we will not be eligible for state aid and we will not be able to apply for grants. Townspeople would not be able to borrow books and materials from other libraries or use Interlibrary Loan.

With our future still uncertain, the outpouring of support from many people nonetheless gratifies us. The Friends of the Library and other organizations have been most generous in sponsoring programs and fundraising activities. We thank you all for your efforts on our behalf, and we appreciate the kind words of our users when they see that we are swamped with work.

We are blessed with a wonderful Board of Library Trustees who have been our guiding force throughout the years, and our phenomenal staff that always pulls together in difficult times in order to maintain the high quality of service that is expected of us.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth L. Gregg, Director

**Bridgewater Public Library  
Grants, Gifts and Major Donations Received 2003**

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Received From</b>
\$12,158	Purchase of museum passes, audio-visual materials, supplies; sponsorship of programs for adults, young adults and children; fund equipment maintenance and library newsletter	Friends of the Bridgewater Public Library
\$32,851	State Aid to Public Libraries	Mass. Board of Library Commissioners
\$820	“Creative Capers” Children’s Summer Program Series	Mass. Cultural Council

**INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Residents of Bridgewater

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the Town of Bridgewater. The survey was completed on December 30, 2003.

Results of Investigation: There were three (3) animal specimens sent to the State Laboratory for rabies testing due to human exposure. All animals tested negative for rabies.

The following animal bites were investigated:

8 dog bites were reported and animals were quarantined

4 cat bites were reported and animals were quarantined

7 animals bites of unknown origin were reported and the bitten animals were quarantined

All dog and cat bites of unknown origin are quarantined under strict guidelines set by State Laws.

State Barn & Animal Count:

Cattle	(Adult – 2 yrs. & older)		
Beef	9 adult	4 young	
Horses	92		
Ponies	8	Llamas	8
Donkeys	1	Goats	24
Sheep	6	Swine	8
Chickens	150	Pigmy goats	5

Number of stables accessible to the public: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Wilfred L. Prouty, Inspector of Animals



## ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Residents of Bridgewater

I hereby submit my report as Animal Control Officer for the period of January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.

I received approximately 1,100 calls for various reasons: complaints of dogs creating a nuisance, injured animals, sick animals in need of medical assistance and a variety of calls pertaining to wildlife:

42 dogs were picked up

34 dogs were claimed by their owners

5 dogs were adopted out to new homes

1 dog was euthanized by a licensed vet

It is my policy, with the cooperation of the Town, to place the unclaimed dogs in new homes and/or rescue leagues. However, in some cases, dogs cannot be placed and pose a high risk if they were to be placed for adoption.

A total of \$1,800.00 was collected in fines, boarding care and adoption fees. All monies, along with the proper DL-9 Forms, were filed with the Selectmen's Office, as mandated by law.

I would like to express my gratitude to the board of Selectmen for the opportunity and confidence given to me over the past year. Also, to thank all Town Officials and citizens for their cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna M. Morris, Animal Control Officer

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## DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The IT Department's primary goal is to insure the upkeep and daily operations of the Town Network, which include network and server administration, tape backups, and email and network security. The IT Department also provides technical support to all town departments including help with programs, email, and hardware support. One main accomplishment in 2003 in coordination with the Community Development Office and the Assessors Department was the construction and implementation of an Online Property Viewer so that the public can access assessing information through the World Wide Web. Another accomplishment was in cooperation with the Treasurer/ Collector's Office and Unibank, the implementation of an Online Bill Paying system. The implementation of these projects helped the Town of Bridgewater reach one of its technological goals, a virtual Town Hall, where a lot of the every day information can be accessed by the public from home. Future projects include the finalization of purchasing permitting software for the Town. This software will keep track of permits for such departments as Inspectional Services, Board of Health, and the Selectmen's Office.

## **DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - Continued**

This new technology that has been provided to the town has greatly helped the daily operation of the town departments by making them more efficient in helping the public. In addition the website provides the public with a way to access town information to keep them updated on what's happening in town. In closing, the IT Department would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Paul Sullivan, Municipal Administrator, and all the Boards and Committees for their help and support and look forward to the future of technology in the Town of Bridgewater.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brad Dzierzak  
Computer Systems Administrator

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## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**

In 2003 the Emergency Management Department continued its efforts to be aggressive in its proactive approach in its preparedness for any potential incident of domestic terrorism. The Town's comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, was developed in 2001 in collaboration with the police, fire, health, school, water, Cable 9 TV, and other pertinent Town Departments and regular contact with these departments continues as well as with Federal and State agencies.

Our water supply continues to be checked 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Each police officer is aware of what to look for and how to respond to various terrorist threats. Our fire fighters are prepared, in concert with regional HAZMAT teams to deal with bio-terrorism incidences (such as anthrax) and other HAZMAT incidents.

Our schools have well defined plans in place to deal with potential adverse events. Administrative, teacher and custodial staff are aware of their responsibilities and response requirements if needed to be implemented. The same is true for the Town's public safety departments.

Additionally, this department continues to be in close liaison with the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station (PNPS) in Plymouth, MA. This facility has always had stringent security measures, but these measures have been augmented since the September 11<sup>th</sup> attack. As in the case of our own police and school security measures, it is inappropriate and not prudent to refer to these security measures with specificity. However, the PNPS has a primary and secondary containment system, is considered by the FBI to be a hardened facility. The security force is highly trained as firefighters, EMT's, and security specialists. They carry automatic weapons and other special weaponry. Regular practice exercises are conducted and mock drills with Federal Agents and Navy Seals, in which attempts are made to violate the PNPS security measures. Also regular

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT - Continued**

U.S. Coast Guard surveillance is conducted and vessels are prohibited from within 500 yards of the facility.

Periodic training sessions and drills for the Bridgewater staff are conducted in the Emergency Operations Center in the Academy Building.

In addition, this Department continues to address those residents who might have special needs in the event of an emergency. Additional information is provided in written format on Cable 9 TV bulletin boards and in case of any Town emergency, live, real time information would be televised on Channel 22.

The Town's comprehensive Emergency Management Plan can be read on the Town of Bridgewater's web site, [www.bridgewaterma.org](http://www.bridgewaterma.org).

Respectfully submitted,  
Herbert J. Lemon, Jr., Director  
Emergency Management Department

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## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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

This past year presented many challenges in operating to enhance services to the residents of Bridgewater while under significant fiscal restraints. Still, the Office of Community Development has worked on many projects over the past year that have resulted in improved services and resources to Bridgewater.

Significant progress has been made in the development of the Town of Bridgewater's Geographical Information System (GIS). Data layers are continually being created, updated and reviewed on a regular basis. Recently, we mapped all fire hydrant locations for the Fire Department database. We have begun a project to map all stormwater catch basins and outfalls, per federal regulations and requirements. We have also worked extensively with the Assessor's Office to share information on parcel data. Residents can now view information about their parcel online through a search feature. More data layers will be provided shortly through this service. This critical information is structured to be shared with all municipal offices for a seamless database. Our office also continues to work on a secured grant for water protection using the GIS database resources.

The Community Development Office is also responsible for the development and continued upgrade of the town's website, [www.bridgewaterma.org](http://www.bridgewaterma.org). There were over 50,000 visits to our website in the last quarter alone. New economic development pages and the introduction of bill payments online have significantly increased the popularity of our site. Our staff works with all departments to get critical information out to the public in a timely

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Continued**

manner. The goal is for residents to be able to do most all of their business and transactions with Town government from home via their computer.

We look forward to a continuation of the ongoing projects and upgrades to information available to our community. We have already seen improved efficiencies in the way government interacts with the citizens of Bridgewater and we hope to build upon this trend. Interaction with the Master Plan Implementation Committee will also help focus some of our projects and goals over the next several years. We hope to continue our role in providing services to help economic development and the protection of our natural resources.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Matton

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## **OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT**

During this past year, much of the work of this department was in continuation our goal of implementing safety improvements at various locations in Bridgewater. Several designs and recommendations have been presented to the Traffic Studies Committee and Board of Selectmen as it relates to addressing parking, speed, capacity and, foremost, safety issues. We continue to promote ways to reduce cut-through traffic from residential neighborhoods.

This office has assisted in the design development for the new police station traffic signal, scheduled to be implemented this year. Our conceptual plan for the Bridgewater Elementary School was also implemented this past year and improvements to the signal operations in Central Square have been constructed and are working well. Continued improvements at all of our existing signals, as well as ongoing maintenance, are also performed through this office.

Working with the Building Inspector's office, we have developed conceptual re-use plans for the Academy Building and accessibility plans for the Town Hall. This department has also continued to assist the Planning Board in the reviews and traffic analysis for the numerous projects that have been submitted over the past year. We have provided technical traffic review and recommendations for both the Williams School and new High School projects as they relate to traffic and pedestrian safety. As a direct result, new sidewalks, adequate parking and signal upgrades will be provided as part of these projects.

A key goal once again was to make progress with the Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD) on the signalization of Winter Street/Bedford Street and High Street/Broad Street intersections, both locations being under their jurisdiction. The Winter Street project is currently in design and it is hopeful that we MHD will fund construction by April 2005. My office will work with Capital Planning in 2004 to complete our design responsibility to make improvements to these high-hazard locations.

## OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT - Continued

Over the next year we will continue to provide support to the various boards and committees. We will work along with the Master Plan implementation efforts to meet the objectives of the traffic recommendations. Working with the Highway Superintendent, we will continue to perform planning and engineering efforts to design Chapter 90 projects to make safety, capacity and pedestrian improvements.

Respectfully Submitted,  
David Matton  
Transportation Coordinator

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## BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

My sixth and final annual report as your Superintendent of Schools is written with a sense of accomplishment with respect to resolution of the District building issues, completion of the High School New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) Evaluation, continued competitive standardized test scores, and consistent school-wide curriculum revision.

As a goal, there must be a resolution of our school budget issues in a timely manner---we cannot continue to decrease staff and educational opportunities for our students because of a continuing lack of adequate resources.

In Bridgewater, the George W. Mitchell Elementary School has been upgraded significantly with respect to indoor air quality and traffic safety due to a major work accomplishment over the summer. The Red Side of the M.G. Williams Middle School remains closed in preparation for a new addition on that site. Our grade 5 students remain in the Mitchell Elementary School and our grade 6 students continue in the Parish Center and modular class rooms at the Williams Middle School.

When the District building project is complete in 2007, the Mitchell Elementary School will become a PreK-2 early childhood center; the Williams School will house grades 3-5; the existing High School will become a building for grades 6-8; and the new Regional High School will be a modern facility for students in grades 9-12.

In Raynham, the newly renovated L. B. Merrill School opened as an early childhood center for grades Pre-K -1; the Dr. E. Joseph LaLiberte School provides classrooms for grades 2-4; and the Raynham Middle School continues to operate effectively in its third year for grades 5-8.

A great deal of credit is due to those who served on three School District Building Committees that met continuously over the past year to bring the District Building Plan to this point --the Raynham Building and Site Subcommittee, the Bridgewater Building and Site Subcommittee, and the Regional High School Building Committee. It is most appropriate to commend Joseph A. Bettencourt, Chairman of the Raynham Building & Site

## **BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DIST. - Continued**

Subcommittee, and Gerald Chipman, Chairman of the Bridgewater Building and Site Subcommittee, for their outstanding dedication and leadership in attaining the District Building Plan. In addition, those who served on the Bridgewater Citizens for Education and Knowledge is Power deserve much of the credit for resolving our school building issues.

Our October 1, 2003 enrollment was 6,051, a decrease of 105 students from the previous year. The High School, built for 1,295 students, currently houses 1,563 students, and the Mitchell Elementary School, built for 1,251 students, currently houses 1,573 students in grades K-5. The new District Building Plan will adequately accommodate student enrollments for at least ten years.

In 2003, our SAT scores were the highest in the history of the PreK-12 Regional School District. Our verbal scores of 519 were 12 points higher than the national average and our mathematics scores of 528 were nine points above the national average.

Our MCAS Proficiency Index Scores in English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Technology Engineering, and Reading were above the state average of 22 of 23 categories.

In the NEASC evaluation of our High School, the District was commended on 18 categories, including mission, curriculum and assessment. A special commendation was received on our curriculum design and delivery. There were 14 concerns listed in the report. We must improve the school facility and improve our financial commitment to the school. Our new Regional High School will address the facility concern and our below-average per-pupil cost must be addressed in the near future. A follow-up report to NEASC by the District is due on June 30, 2004.

We continue to excel in athletics. We won the Old colony League Championships in Boys' Winter Track, Girls' Basketball, Wrestling, Boys' and Girls' Spring Track, Boys' Tennis and Football. In addition, our Baseball Team won the South Sectional Tournament.

Our FIRST Robotics Team continued to gain state and national recognition for competitions. In the arts, plays and concerts were again well received by both communities.

As I conclude my tenure as your School Superintendent, you will be assured of a very smooth transition with the naming of Dr. Robert O. McIntyre as the third Superintendent of the Pre-K through 12 Regional School District. His values and commitment to students will guarantee a continued effort to improve in all categories. As a school community, it is imperative to address the budget issue – a further decline in resources for Fiscal Year 2005 will result in higher class sizes and lower educational opportunities.

In my final report, it is fitting to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the following members of the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School committee: Mr. Timothy P. Fitzgibbons, Chairperson; Mrs. Patricia A..

## **BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DIST. - Continued**

Roland, Vice Chairperson; Mrs. Linda a. Dillon, Secretary-Clerk; Mr. Mark D. Sanderson; Mrs. Susan M. O'Brien; Ms. Ursula Garfield; Mr. Mark L. Oliari; and Mr. Donald B. Delutis. These people take their responsibilities very seriously and work extremely hard for the students of Bridgewater and Raynham.

Appreciation is also extended to our School Site Councils, parent groups, the Raynham Association of Volunteers for Education (R.A.V.E.), Inc., and the Association of Bridgewater Organized Volunteers for Education (A.B.O.V.E.). There is great pride in Bridgewater and Raynham, exhibited by the School Committee, Selectmen, town committees and departments, citizens, town and school employees, parents and the children, that makes our District a very special place in which to live and work. The spirit of cooperation that exists is greatly appreciated as we go about our most important task—educating our young people.

As your Superintendent of Schools, I have worked very hard to improve our educational programs. Continued loss of revenue at the local, state and federal levels will test our resolve to maintain a quality educational program for our children. With a new administrative team in place, you can continue to EXPECT THE BEST for everyone in the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District.

Ronald P. Gerhart, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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## **BRISTOL-PLYMOUTH REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

I am pleased to submit to the Town of Bridgewater the annual review of the major developments and accomplishments achieved at Bristol-Plymouth during the past year.

The Electronics curriculum has evolved to include units of instruction that integrate computer and network systems support specialist skills, which has created renewed interest in the program. As a result of this change, four students from the program have passed the Computer Technology Industry Association's A+ Certification exams for both hardware and operating systems and are now fully certified for life with worldwide industry status as personal computer technicians.

The students in the Carpentry and Electrical Programs are working toward completing the construction of the automotive Diagnostic Center located on campus. This center will provide students the opportunity to gain experience in the technology of automotive electronics. Students from Computer Aided Drafting have supplied a design for the New Silver Platter Deli while Carpentry and Electrical Students have begun demolition and reconstruction for this new

## **BRISTOL-PLYMOUTH REGIONAL TECH. SCHOOL DIST. – Continued**

area. Work has begun on the shop area for the Plumbing Program tentatively scheduled to open in September 2004.

The new Cosmetology Program opened its doors in September 2003 with a full compliment of freshmen, sophomore and junior students. The program is staffed with experienced instructors, one full-time and one half-time. The Massachusetts Board of Cosmetology has indicated that the Cosmetology Program meets all of the requirements of the Board's regulations.

Continued improvement in scores for all students, through effective curriculum development and improved instruction remains a priority across all disciplines. The immersion of all students into Algebra I/Geometry upon entering Bristol-Plymouth, the addition of a full course in Geometry in the junior year, the alignment of the math curriculum with the curriculum map recommended by MassInsight, and our own cross curricula writing initiative to increase student scores on MCAS open response questions, reflect our continued commitment to high expectations and increased student opportunity.

Last year 90% of our grade 10 students passed the ELA test while 68% passed math. Enrollment for MCAS After School Programs has increased. A Technical Curriculum Coordinator has been employed in order to establish local and national standards in technical areas by continually reviewing all curricula for currency and relevance.

In order to better meet the academic and technical goals of the special needs population, we have transitioned into a consultant model for service delivery. Special Needs teachers work with parents, students and regular classroom teachers to make accommodations to the standard curriculum. A Homework Assistance Program has been established through the use of Title I funding for students which also includes transportation.

We are now starting the fourth year of the "High Schools That Work" (HSTW) initiative. The Career Advisory Program (CAP) has been developed in which professional educators work as mentors for cadres of freshman students and has been expanded to include sophomores.

During the 2002-2003 school year, 137 students participated in the Cooperative Education Program. Students were placed in approximately 115 local businesses and gained experience to better prepare them for the world of work.

There were 150 graduates in the class of 2003 with nearly a 100% placement rate; 55% entered the work force, 41% pursued a post-secondary education, and 4% entered the military. In September of 2003, we welcomed 265 new freshmen, the largest class in the history of the school. The practical Nurse Program Class of 2003 graduated 33 students with a 100% pass rate on the National Council Licensure Exam. All of our new Licensed Practical Nurses are employed in the field.

As was the case in FY03, the FY04 budget was severely impacted by state-wide reductions in Chapter 70 (Local Aid) funding. Although Bristol-



## **BRISTOL-PLYMOUTH REGIONAL TECH. SCHOOL DIST. - Continued**

Plymouth did receive a minimum increase in its funding, it was not enough to provide a level serviced budget and some reductions were necessary. In order to assist our communities with increasing assessments, the Bristol-Plymouth Regional School District Committee and administration once again agreed to apply available reserve and interest funds to the budget. As we prepare for the FY05 budget process and the continued possibility of state funding reductions, it will be imperative to continue working together in our task of providing quality education to all of our students.

The Bristol-Plymouth Regional School District appreciates the strong support received from its member municipalities and we once again look forward to an exciting and productive year. I invite you to visit our website at [www.bptech.org](http://www.bptech.org) for the latest information on our school.

Respectfully submitted,  
John P. Avery, PhD., Superintendent

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## **REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS**

### **BRIDGEWATER SENIOR CENTER TRUSTEES**

The Bridgewater Senior Center Trustees held regular meetings throughout the year with the emphasis on maintaining the Senior Center in good condition for use by the seniors of Bridgewater. Additional emphasis was placed on the need to expand and renovate the Senior Center. Architectural plans were prepared and much discussion was held on the use of a Community Development Block Grant. Bridgewater State College offered assistance in the preparation of the Grant Application and Jennifer Reid of the College made a presentation to the Trustees regarding their options. An informational meeting was scheduled at the Senior Center with a large audience presenting questions and obtaining information regarding the Senior Center expansion and details of the plans and grant application.

Maintenance of the Senior Center is the primary concern of the Trustees and much time was spent working on various maintenance issues throughout the year. Resolving them in a satisfactory manner requires cooperation among the Trustees, the Director of Elder Affairs and the Board of Selectmen. Maintaining that cooperation is a necessity for the upkeep of the building. Through her daily use of the building, the Director is able to provide input into the needs. The Trustees then work on resolution of the problems and from time to time the Selectmen are asked for their input. The Trustees are grateful for the cooperation they have received over the year.

Bette Stewart, a former member of the Trustees, has continued to provide invaluable guidance and assistance to the Trustees. We greatly appreciate her time and support again this year.

## SENIOR CENTER TRUSTEES – Continued

The Trustees want to give special thanks to the dedicated volunteers of the Whist Party for their bi-weekly commitment; they include Dave Gonsalves, Arlene and John Gouveia, Ed Shonio, Joe Marini, Alice Souza, Helen Wolstenholm, Dot Killea, Grace Coleman, Mary Trocchi, Shirley Wilbur, Rosemary Doherty, Grant Walsh, and Dora Pratt. The monthly Whist Parties resulted in an impressive total donation of \$3,008.53, while at the same time providing an enjoyable evening for the seniors from throughout the area who regularly attend these events.

An exiting highlight of 2003 was the fact that so many groups and individuals have donated to the Senior Center Trust Fund for use by the Trustees to maintain the building and eventually to furnish the new addition when it occurs. Donations were received from Bridgewater Academy Lions in the amount of \$2,288.37, the Bridgewater Garden Club in the amount of \$500.00, the Bridgewater Golden Agers in the amount of \$250.00, the Bridgewater Rotary in the amount of \$100.00, and the Bridgewater Elementary School Parents Association in the amount of \$50.00. In addition, the Senior Center Trustees held several fundraisers for a total donation to the Trust Fund of \$1,029.16. Another regular donor, Joseph McDonough, donated a total of \$139.75 to the Trust Fund for the year. Finally, a total of \$470.00 was donated in memory of various individuals upon their passing. The grand total of donations for 2003 was \$7,585.81, an outstanding show of support from all. We are extremely grateful for all who have made the Senior Center Trust Fund continue to grow in 2003.

We are pleased to welcome two new members to the Trustees for the Senior Center: Linda Buckley and Judy Wilson.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vale Sime, Chair

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Bridgewater Academy Lions President Claire Moore presents the club's donation of \$2,288.37 for the Town of Bridgewater Senior Center Trust Fund to Vale Sime, Chairman of the Senior Center Trustees. (left to right Stephen Elliot, Trustee VP; Fran Shonio, Trustee; Academy Lion Moore: Dennis Gallagher, Selectman; Trustee Chairman Sime; Lorraine Carozza, Senior Center Director; and Bill LaBossiere, Trustee Treasurer.) The funds for this donation, along with a \$500.00 donation to the Bridgewater Public Library, were raised through the club's participation in the professional wrestling event held at B/R this winter.

## COUNCIL ON AGING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Bridgewater Residents:

This has been a year of several personnel changes. Colleen Lieb resigned her position as Recording Secretary. Due to fiscal constraints, she has not been replaced, and her duties have been assumed by Assistant Director Elizabeth Moura. Donna Nickerson and Meryl Emma have also resigned as Council members. We are grateful for the contributions these women provided.

This has been a very satisfying year. We have had superb cooperation with the Board of Selectmen, the Trustees and the Office of Elder Affairs, unified in our goal to provide services for our senior citizens.

We look forward to the assistance of the Friends of the Seniors in fundraising activities.

Respectfully submitted,  
Loretta G. Ring, Chairman

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## OLDE SCOTLAND LINKS GOLF COMMISSION

Olde Scotland Links, owned and operated by the Town of Bridgewater, was once again chosen as one of the premier golf courses in Massachusetts; voted #9 best public golf course in the state by Golfweek Magazine.

James Small, Golf Course Superintendent, and his crew continue to make improvements and keep our course in championship form.

Holy Taylor, Head PGA Professional, and her staff continue to run a top notch golf operation, offering tournaments, leagues and quality golf programs for golfers of all abilities and ages.

In 2003, Olde Scotland Links offered:

- Monday Night League, open to all
- Tuesday Night Ladies League
- Thursday Junior League
- Thursday Night Town League – 144 Town residents (5<sup>th</sup> year)
- Town Championship
- Club Championship
- Mixed Socials
- Ladies Golf Invitational
- Jack Buckley Memorial Golf School (Week in July free to Town's Junior Golfers)
- Driving Range Membership
- USGL/LPGA Girl's Golf Club
- Junior Practice Club

We continue to work with Audubon International and local agencies

## **OLDE SCOTLAND LINKS GOLF COMMISSION – Continued**

toward our course receiving the status as a “Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary”, thanks to the efforts of Thomas Rioux, Asst. Supt. Maintenance, who has been overseeing this program. We believe this goal to be obtainable in the 2004 season.

In support of the golf course professional and superintendent, the Olde Scotland Links Golf Commission is made up of Bridgewater residents whose business experience and expertise provide responsible financial direction for the future of the golf course.

The Olde Scotland Links Enterprise Fund continues to operate at no cost to the taxpayers providing revenue to fund our bond debt and pay our yearly operations budget. The Olde Scotland Links Golf Commission looks forward to creating more opportunities for Town resident programs for all to enjoy in the 2004 season.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald R. Adams, Clerk  
Olde Scotland Links Golf Commission

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## **BRIDGEWATER RECREATION COMMISSION**

The Bridgewater Recreation Commission started the year with its annual trip to see Disney on Ice during the school vacation in February, giving everyone a fun vacation memory. During the summer we went to Pawtucket and saw the perfect Paw Sox game pitched by Bronson Arroyo!

Finding sufficient field time for all the different leagues has become increasingly difficult this year. Not only are the numbers of teams increasing due to the population growth in town, but different sports are starting leagues and need field time. The newest addition to the current leagues vying for time and space is lacrosse, a sport that is attracting more and more participants each season.

The Summer Recreation Program and Summer Aquatics Program remain our most popular programs. However, the Commission also provides a sampling of other sports to give children the opportunity to experience a wide range of athletic activities. Our tennis program is growing, as are the skills of our returning players. For the younger children we offer the Mini-Hawks program, designed to promote both fun and developing sports skills. A new offering this year was archery. This program was so successful that a second session had to be added to satisfy all those who wanted to try the sport. Our association with the wrestling club encourages middle school students to develop an interest in that sport. Our association with the Bridgewater Running Club provides the Spring Track program and the Road Race to the youth of Bridgewater. In addition, we work with Little League and Badgers Football in supporting their leagues. The Summer Concert Series has become a summer Sunday evening ritual for

## **BRIDGEWATER RECREATION COMMISSION – Continued**

many of the families in town. These concerts are offered for free which would not be possible without the Local Cultural Council grant supporting our financial efforts.

The Commission struggled to find space to keep our winter basketball programs running for another year. With more teams and less space, children did not receive the amount of court time as they had in the past, but at least they were able to participate. We appreciate the continued help and cooperation of Bridgewater State College in answering our plea for space.

The Commission was disappointed that our plans for a much needed field house were sidelined. We continue to hope construction of a field house will be addressed in the future to meet the Town's growing need for recreational space. This will be a facility that will be well used year round by all segments of the population to maintain an active, healthy lifestyle.

The increasing need for space and continual use of our facilities puts a great demand on our resources, and we thank Superintendent Charles Simonds and his assistant Beth Mahan for their patience and hard work in maintaining our facilities and keeping our fields and programs available to the Townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas Arrighi, Chairman

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## **BRIDGEWATER HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

As Chairman of the Bridgewater Historical Commission, I am pleased to present the annual report for the year 2003

Our major accomplishment this year was the publication of a new book on Bridgewater History. The Commission worked with the Bridgewater Historical Collectors and Acadia Publishing to present the book out to the public.

The Commission is sad to see Barbara Libby step down as member for health reasons. She has been a priceless resource to the Town over the years with her personal accounts of Bridgewater history.

We have also received a number of contributions of Bridgewater artifacts for preservation from residents. One of our goals is to begin to record the history of the 20<sup>th</sup> century in preparation for the up-coming 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bridgewater in 2006.

We are always interested in any item of historic interest ranging from items as simple as a matchbook cover to a family genealogy. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions, or drop by to a meeting at the library.

Respectfully submitted,  
David R. Moore, Chairman

## **HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

During the past year the Historic District Commission busied itself with many routine matters. The HDC continued to work with new businesses coming into the District, particularly regarding signage issues. In addition, some businesses replaced existing signs, which were also reviewed by the HDC. Two larger projects were also reviewed and supervised by the HDC, namely, the restoration of the 1920's row of shops on Broad Street, referred to as the "Saccocia Block." The owner of this building did a commendable job restoring and repainting the facade and re-pointing the decorative friezes. The HDC also worked with the owner of the vacant lot at 35 Central Square, assisting him in designing a new commercial brick building. Many long hours of meetings went into the architectural review of this project, which is now nearing completion.

Though the vast majority of merchants in the Historic District follow the by-law of the District, some do not, and violations of our historic district by-law, particularly regarding signage, continue unabated despite the efforts of the HDC. The hard-working Historic District commissioners are committed to ensuring the historic preservation of the historic center of Bridgewater.

The Historic District Commission would like to acknowledge Mr. Stephen Bonfiglioli's contributions to the Commission as a founding member; Mr. Bonfiglioli served on the HDC for sixteen years before his resignation in July of 2003. The Commission always relied on his expertise as a contractor and designer, who always brought an important voice and an impeccable sense of taste to our deliberations. He will be greatly missed on this Commission.

Submitted by,  
William S. Smith, Chairman

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## **BRIDGEWATER DISABILITY COMMISSION**

The American with Disabilities Act of 1990 provides a comprehensive national mandate for the elimination against individuals with disabilities in employment, transportation, public accommodations, state and municipal government activities and telecommunications. To this end, the Disability Commission has been very active in its goal to create a barrier free environment in Bridgewater. The Commission believed that we should start with our own municipal facilities before addressing other places of business in town. We have worked diligently with town department heads, local and regional administrators to achieve this goal. We have worked with David Moore of the Inspectional Services Department whose responsibility is the enforcement of the ADA Act. You will notice many changes within the town where there is increased accessibility for handicapped residents at school, recreation and senior facilities.

Some of our members have attended seminars put on by the Massachusetts office on Disability to keep current with the laws pertaining to handicapped accessibility.

## **BRIDGEWATER DISABILITY COMMISSION - Continued**

Having completed the initial step in our goals, we are proceeding on a plan to address any other barriers in the community where we feel the need to make the business community barrier free for all our residents, able and disabled.

We welcome volunteers, especially anyone who is or who has been disabled, or who has been a caregiver for someone disabled. We also welcome any comments or complaints by any resident to assist us in our endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mildred Hasson, Chairperson

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## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Bridgewater Conservation Commission continues to protect the Town's wetlands and resource areas through the enforcement of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the Rivers Act, and the local Wetlands Protection By-Law. In the year 2003, the Commission reviewed 81 Notices of Intent, 22 Abbreviated Notices of Resource Area Delineation and 15 Requests for Determination of Applicability. Over \$1,200 in revenue was generated for the General Fund and over \$19,000 in funds was deposited into the Reserve Account.

The Commission performed over 100 site walks this year to review flagged wetlands and a variety of resource areas. Commission members in performing these site visits, act to ensure that there is compliance with state and local laws and by-laws.

The Commission will also be doing more with compliance to ensure that the wetlands are properly protected after project permitting process. They will also strictly enforce that any project within the buffer zone of a wetland area is permitted. A Parkland Stewardship Council was formed under the direction of the Conservation Commission. Lead Stewards were assigned to each of Bridgewater's parks: Stiles & Hart, Wyman Meadows, Carvers Pond, Tuckerwood, and Camp Titicut. We look forward to the development of the council and their assistance with each of our parks.

I would like to thank my fellow Commission members: Doug Sime, Adam Avratin, Rick Kranes, Mary Beth Lawton, Dick Monteith and Ed Murphy for the countless hours of their time volunteered each month for site visits as well as meetings. It is truly appreciated. Finally, thanks to our wonderful secretary Laurie Keane who keeps our office running smoothly.

Respectfully submitted,  
Milton Morris, Chairman

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## PLANNING BOARD

For 2003, the Planning Board saw residential growth continue at a moderately slow pace with the review and approval of 5 residential subdivisions with a total of 41 lots. The Board also reviewed and approved, with conditions, 8 commercial site plans. Two of the commercial projects approved made substantial improvements to the downtown area with the rebuilding of the structure at 35-37 Central Square and the new Cumberland Farm store on the corner of Main and Broad Streets. The developers of these properties should be commended on their efforts to enhance the economic redevelopment and aesthetics of the Central Business District.

The Board also spent considerable time and effort through most of 2003 updating their Subdivision Rules and Regulations with recommendations from numerous town officials. The Board would like to thank Highway Superintendent Andrew Bagas, Assistant Highway Superintendent Alan Viall, Water Superintendent Joseph Silva, Board of Health Agent Stanley Kravitz, Traffic Engineer David Matton, Engineering Consultant Azu Etoniru, Fire Chief Roderick Walsh and Police Chief George Gurley. Their expert input and recommendations helped the Board while drafting its regulations, ensuring the Town's foreseeable growth will continue to be kept to the highest standards.

The Board would like to thank Mrs. Dorr for her outstanding efforts as Office Administrator through these difficult economic times. The Board would not have been able to continue to function smoothly without the sacrifices made by Mrs. Dorr. Mrs. Dorr's hours were decreased by nearly twenty five percent while she continued to do an exceptional job without complaint. Mrs. Dorr, through her dedication and hard work, has done an exemplary job and shown what an asset she is to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce S. Dyer, Chairman

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## BRIDGEWATER CULTURAL COUNCIL

For fiscal year 2003 the Massachusetts Cultural Council awarded the Bridgewater Cultural Council \$5,710. In addition, the Bridgewater Cultural Council was able to re-grant \$3,235 in unclaimed funds from prior fiscal years. During fiscal year 2003 we received 32 grant applications totaling \$22,075. The Cultural Council was able to approve 16 of the grants, totaling \$8,945.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Russell, Treasurer



## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals respectfully submits this report of its activities for the calendar year 2003.

A total of forty-three (43) appeals, requests for variances and special permits were filed during the calendar year 2003. The Zoning Board of Appeals held a total of sixty (60) public hearings to process the applications, after which a letter was filed with the Town Clerk for each one setting forth a written opinion or decision and the reasons therefore.

The Board made the following decisions: twenty-three (23) requests for variances were granted; five (5) requests for variances were withdrawn without prejudice; four (4) requests for variances were denied; two (2) requests for variances were amended; thirteen (13) special permits were granted; two (2) of which were renewals; and two (2) special permits were denied. There were two (2) appeals of the Building Inspector's decision heard; one (1) upheld the Building Inspector's ruling and one (1) overturned the Building Inspector's decision.

The Zoning Board of Appeals operates under very strict guidelines specifically set forth in the Zoning Enabling Act, General Laws, Chapter 40A. In 2003, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to authorize the Bridgewater Housing Partnership to work with developers of affordable housing. Comprehensive Permit Guidelines were adopted to regulate the permit process governed by MGL Chapter 40B.

I would like to thank my fellow Board members Eileen Campanini, Melissa Grabau-Arrighi, Dennis Rodrigues, Adam Avratin and our secretary Linda Paquin for their dedication and commitment to the Town during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephanie J. Ryan, Chairman

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## WAGE AND PERSONNEL BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Residents of Bridgewater:

The Wage and Personnel Board is a five member appointed board. Members are appointed in the following manner: two by the Advisory Board, two by the Selectmen, and one by the Town Moderator.

The Board has undergone many changes in its membership during the past 18 months. Stephen Maloney, who had served as Chairperson, resigned in January, Melissa Grabau, who served as Chairperson for July and August, resigned in September, and Sally Payne, who served as Chairperson January through July, resigned in December 2003.

Michael Dunford was appointed to the Board in April 2003. Gary Oman was

## **WAGE AND PERSONNEL BOARD - Continued**

elected Chairperson in September 2003. The Board currently has two vacancies that will be filled by the Selectmen and the Advisory Board.

Last year the Board significantly revised and improved the formatting of the Wage and Personnel Plan, prepared a budget for the Board and its activities, conducted a public hearing regarding the Wage Plan, presented the Wage and Personnel Plan at Town Meeting and dealt with questions regarding the interpretation of the Wage Plan throughout the year.

The goal of the Board is to develop and administer a plan that governs wages paid and certain benefits provided to employees of the Town not employed by contract or pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement. Further, the Board is responsible for providing guidance as to how the plan operates and for the fair and consistent interpretation of the plan.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary R. Oman, Chairman

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## **VETERANS COUNCIL**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the citizens of Bridgewater:

The Veterans Council has relocated all of its belongings and is now holding regular monthly meetings at the VFW Post 2125 on Orange Street. The Council will maintain the Town flags at that location and will put them on display on the Common and Town proper on holidays and for special events.

Each year the Veterans Council organizes the Memorial Day Parade, which is preceded with a public Honor Guard remembrance at four central cemeteries and concludes with ceremonies at the Gazebo at Legion Field.

The Veterans Council assisted in organizing the Annual Tri-Town Veterans Day Parade which was hosted by the Town of East Bridgewater. The Council wishes to thank all of the groups and individuals who helped to form the Bridgewater parade division.

The Council participated in the anniversary ceremony held by the Town to honor those who lost their lives in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001. The Council strives to promote the spirit of patriotism and proudly takes part in all Town-sponsored events.

The Veterans Council asks the citizens of Bridgewater to honor all those in uniform, and to continue to support the local veterans organizations.

On behalf of the members I thank all who have supported the Council and its activities in 2003. The Council looks forward to the opportunity to serve and support the veterans and the Town of Bridgewater in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carl Soderbom, Chairman

## CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Capital Planning Committee concluded another productive year. Construction of the new Police Headquarters continued throughout the spring. The grand opening in July marked the successful completion of Phase I, which included the Highway Barn, Fire Sub-Station and Police Station projects.

Members of the committee continued to work closely with the Superintendent of Schools and joined subcommittees dedicated to the various school projects. The tireless efforts of those who rallied on behalf of the schools were rewarded when all of the projects were approved by the Town of Bridgewater and were accepted by SBA for reimbursement as new construction, repairs and/or additions. In addition, the Bridgewater School Building and Site Committee received approval from the voters to address the ventilation and mold problems that have plagued the Bridgewater Elementary School. The committee, parents, town officials, architects and contractors pulled together to clean up the school in record time and complete the necessary site work over the summer of 2003.

We requested transfers to improve the middle school roof, town hall rafters and electrical system and to begin Phase II. Phase ii includes the land taking and landscaping at the properties that abut the new police station as well as the intersection at Crescent and Center Streets. The work will be complete in the Spring of 2004. The Capital Planning Committee is working closely with the Council on Aging and Elder Affairs to pursue an \$800,000 grant for an addition to the Senior Center.

My thanks to Gerry Chipman for his many years of service to the Capital Planning Committee as well as the other members: Jay Leach, David Morwick, Michael Tibert, Tina Leo-Bianco, Michael LeBrun and Jeffrey Phillips.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kenneth Mahtesian, Chairman

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## TOWN RIVER FISHERIES COMMITTEE

Over the past year, the Town River Fisheries Committee has experienced unprecedented growth and change. With the introduction of our "Hug a Herring" campaign, were able to raise funds and begin some of our long-term projects that will eventually lead to a better understanding and awareness by the public of the importance of the herring fishery. The TRFC has also begun to work with some of the individuals and organizations interested in seeing a park at the Stanley Iron Works. Although only in the preliminary stages, work has begun and is expected to continue through out the year.

The year 2003 marked the return of the first fish from the joint stocking venture with Middleboro. Although not quite doubling, the numbers of fish through the counter at High Street were greatly increased, with just over three hundred thousand fish making it up the ladder on their way to Lake Nipinicket.

## **TOWN RIVER FISHERIES COMMITTEE - Continued**

It may be too early to tell, but if these numbers continue to increase, then the herring fishery will be well on its way to becoming what it once was. The next two years are crucial to determining the success of the stocking venture.

Other accomplishments this past year include working with students and teachers from Bridgewater-Raynham High School to study and record characteristics of herring that were caught and released back into the river.

The TRFC also created a "Hug a Herring" mascot, which will soon be visiting different events throughout the Town. We are also establishing ties with the Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater, to study and map the Town River. Besides printing a public relations brochure, which we will make available at various public offices in Town, we have also established a web page on the town Web page on the Town website which can be viewed at:

<http://www.bridgewaterma.org/Government/CMTE/TRFC.shtml>. Our goals are High for 2004 and we are ambitious, so please stay tuned in.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert J. Hanson, Chairman

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## **BRIDGEWATER HOUSING AUTHORITY**

There were many improvements, new tenants, and some retirements during the year 2003 at the Bridgewater Housing Authority. Don Brown, the Maintenance Forman and an employee of the housing Authority for 14 years retired on December 12, 2003. Mr. Brown's extensive knowledge, devotion to the tenants of the housing Authority and unparalleled work ethic, will be missed. Steve Bonfiglioli, a member of the Board of Commissioners, resigned from the board for personal reasons. Mr. Bonfiglioli was the Clerk of the Works on the original senior housing development built in 1965. Mr. Bonfiglioli's vast knowledge of building, 39 years of housing authority experience and forthright logic will also be missed. The Housing Authority wishes both Mr. Brown and Mr. Bonfiglioli good luck in their future endeavors.

There were a total of 22 vacancies between the Hemlock Drive and Heritage Circle section 667 senior housing developments. This is twice the average amount of tenancies. In addition, there were 3 vacancies in the section 705 family housing units. Therefore, the Housing Authority maintenance department was very busy preparing apartments for the new tenants in addition to their regular duties. All tenancies were offered and filled according to DHCD regulations. Two major projects have been completed at the Hemlock Drive Senior Housing Development. New shingles replaced the 30 year old shingles on the roofs of the two story apartment buildings. This project was started in December of 2002 and completed in February of 2003. An electrical upgrade for all apartments on Hemlock Drive, which included the replacement of old circuit breakers and the relocation of many of the electrical panels, started in August and

## **BRIDGEWATER HOUSING AUTHORITY – Continued**

was completed in October of 2003. New hallway and stairway carpeting was installed at the Heritage Circle senior housing development. The old carpeting was worn and created trip hazards in some areas. Some large trees located next to the building on Heritage Circle were removed to allow sunlight in some of the apartments and to prevent the leaves from entering the gutters.

Improvements at the section 705 low-income family homes included a new kitchen at one of the units. New shingles, new insulation and improved drainage were installed at another house. New carpeting and flooring were installed at various units.

The Bridgewater Housing Authority joined the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials Centralized Section 8 Waiting List along with 43 other Massachusetts towns. In doing so, the Section 8 waiting list is continually available for applications. In Bridgewater there is no local preference. The Section 8 program continues to provide affordable housing to low income families that meet HUD qualifications.

The Bridgewater Housing Authority will continue to promote and maintain affordable rental and home-ownership housing opportunities and to pursue a variety of market forces to meet the ongoing housing needs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian J. Tatro, Executive Director

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## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

The Health Department, over the last year, has experienced a tremendous increase for the service demands in all areas. This is due in part to decreased funding by the state for health and human services, by increased reporting responsibilities of communicable diseases, and by the general increase in the population of the Town.

Our Department has been forced to rate some of our responses, and are not able to react in the same timely manner as in the past. This has been felt in all areas of our services. A new smoking ban in the Town, passed by Town Meeting, has required a goodly amount of time, well worth the investment, but still an increased burden.

With these restrictions, we are very pleased as the number of people who continue to come forward and volunteer both time and money to make it possible for us to accomplish what we have. Therefore, tremendous gratitude goes to those citizens, the dedicated staff of our department, and finally and most importantly, to my fellow Board Members, Joe Bracken and Bill Nicolas for their untiring commitment to Public Health.

Respectfully submitted,  
James Perry, Chairman

## **BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

To the Townspeople of Bridgewater

This past year was one of difficult circumstances and extraordinary efforts on the part of the Trustees and staff of the library. Along with the other town departments, we had to absorb a 12.25% cut in our budget. For us and our service to the town, this meant a 50% reduction of our circulation staff and a 30% reduction in materials and expenses. We were most saddened to have to remove Sunday hours; a long anticipated and well received expansion of service.

The Trustees wish to thank our committed staff and director and the dedicated Friends of the Library for the extra work they have done. Also, we wish to thank the townspeople, our loyal patrons, for their continuing commitment and support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith W. Gabriel, Chairman

## REGIONAL SERVICES

### AFFILIATED COMMUNITY VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION/ PARTNERS HOME CARE, INC.

#### Public Health Activities in the Town of Bridgewater

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Bridgewater:

The Affiliated Community Visiting Nurse Association/Partners Home Care, Inc., is pleased to submit the annual report for the year 2003.

ACVNA/partners Home Care, Inc. a non-profit Medicare certified agency, continued to fulfill its long-standing public health role by providing a variety of wellness promotion and disease prevention services to benefit residents of Bridgewater. Services include health screen, immunization clinics, nutrition seminars, caregivers support groups and health education services.

Ongoing communication regarding public health activities and initiative continues with the Board of Health, the Bridgewater public schools and Town agencies and departments.

Highlights of this year's public health activities are: increased Communicable Disease Surveillance, successful flu/pneumonia immunizations (despite demand for the flu shot was greater than the supply); adult and pediatric immunization clinics for the community; TB tests and readings, blood pressure and weekly office hours; monthly health clinics; ongoing Diabetes Information Workshops; provision of babysitting training course and presentations for High School Future Nurses/Health Care Workers, attendance at MA DPH Immunization Update, MA DPH Infectious Disease Update Surveillance, Reporting and Control; HIPAA Trained; maintaining current CDC Emergency Preparedness/Bioterrorism information.

<b>Communicable Disease Follow-up</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>BP Screening</b>	<b>421</b>
<b>Tb Screening Tests/Readings</b>	<b>81/79</b>	<b>Immunizations</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Flu Immunizations</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>Glucose Screening</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>Number of Office Visits</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>Clinics</b>	<b>170</b>
<b>Health Promotion Home Visits</b>	<b>39</b>		

In addition, visits were made to Bridgewater residents by ACVNA/Partners Home Care, Inc. staff through Medicare, Medicaid or third party insurer. The array of regular, specialty and supportive services provided include:

Skilled Nursing	Physical Therapy	Occupational Therapy
Speech Language Therapy	Cardiac Care	Diabetes Education
Home Health Aide Services	Medical Social Worker	Case Management
Education & Support Groups	Rehabilitation Nursing	Oncology Care
Private Health Care Services	Complex Wound Care	Homemaker/Companion
Alzheimer's Disease Care	Parkinson's Program	Mental Health

## **ACVNA PARTNERS HOME CARE, INC. - Continued**

The Affiliated Community VNA/Partners Home Care, Inc. extends its sincere appreciation to Bridgewater for its support over the past years. It is through your ever-welcomed support that we can successfully meet the health care needs of your community and enhance services to the residents of Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doreen Zeller, RN  
Community Health Nurse

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## **REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL**

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

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 2003.

The Old Colony Planning Council was established in 1967 by state statute and is authorized to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of the fifteen-member community region. OCPC is designated as: an Economic Development District by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce for the coordination of economic development activities within the OCPC District; an Area Agency on Aging by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to plan, manage and coordinate elder services in a twenty-three community service area; and, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to plan and program transportation and transit improvements for the region. We are proud that the Old Colony Planning Council is the only regional council in New England to hold all of these official designations at the same time.

In addition to the above-designated responsibilities, the Council is concerned with a wide variety of area-wide and inter-municipal concerns as they pertain to the development of the Planning District. The Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning assistance, grant application preparation assistance and with information on local and regional trends by maintaining current socioeconomic information.

This past year, the Council completed work on the Pembroke Master Plan; Whitman Master Plan; Abington, Pembroke, and Whitman Community Development Plans; Old Colony 2003 Long Range Regional Transportation Plan, which identifies transportation project needs, in the OCPC region, for the next twenty-five years; Avon East/West Circulation Study; Regional Truck Study; OCPC 2003 DataBook; Old Colony 2003 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies; BAT FY 2003 Ridership Analysis; Bridgewater State College (BSC) Transit Study; Whitman Traffic Circulation Study; numerous



## **OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL – Continued**

Intersection Studies and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). During the past year, the council conducted traffic counts at approximately 150 locations throughout the region. The Council also continued to work on Route 28 Corridor Study (Avon/Randolph town line to Bridgewater/Middleborough town line), Executive order 418 Program, Brockton Area Coalition for the Homeless, and with the Southeastern Massachusetts Vision 2020 Program. The Council initiate work on the Local/Regional Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan for the OCPC Region. During the past year the Council also restructured the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to include four additional members (City of Brockton, Town Avon, Bridgewater, and Plymouth).

Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff.

The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA. In 2003, the Council re-elected David A. Johnson of East Bridgewater as President of OCPC; Jeanmarie Kent Joyce of Easton as Council Secretary; and, Joseph P. Landolfi of Stoughton as Council Treasurer. Pasquale Ciaramella serves as Executive Director of the Council.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Anthony P. Anacki, Delegate  
Matthew Striggles, Delegate At-Large

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## **SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SERVICES GROUP**

In January and February SERSG sponsored two training sessions on the symptoms which would reasonably lead a supervisor to think a municipal employee was under the influence of drugs or alcohol. This training is mandated by the Federal Department of Transportation for supervisors of drivers of commercial motor vehicles.

## **SERSG – Continued**

In April SERSG conducted cooperative procurements for office supplies, paper supplies and DPW supplies, which resulted in substantial savings for our member municipalities. Staples won sixteen office supply contracts with an all-time high discount of 72.25% off of the list price for office supplies contained in the United Stationers Supply Catalog. We closed the year with our Fall cooperative procurement for DPW Services. The dollar value of the contracts that were awarded as a result of this IFB now exceeds six million dollars. Substantial savings were once again achieved through this cooperative procurement.

Respectfully submitted,  
Catherine Salisbury, Regional Administrator  
Southeastern Regional Services Group

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## **PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT**

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2003.

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

The 2003 season began with an above normal water table which produced large numbers of spring and summer brood mosquitoes throughout the County. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. Ground and aerial larviciding was accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began. The Project responded to 11,130 requests for service, the largest number since 1998.

We are again happy to report that in 2003 there were no human Eastern Equine Encephalitis or West Nile Virus cases in Plymouth County. The recurring problem of EEE and WNV to the northeast continues to ensure cooperation between this Project and the Department of Public Health.

West Nile Virus decreased during 2003 with 15 human cases statewide. Two horse cases occurred in Plymouth County, Rochester (EEE9/27) and Plympton (WNV – 10/6). In 2003, 18 birds tested positive for WNV. To ascertain the risk to human health and horses, this Project continued placing mosquito traps in known infected areas from the year prior. The mosquitoes collected were tested at the Mass. Dept. of Public Health for EEE and WNV. WNV was isolated from *Culex* species collected in Brockton (9/3 and 9/11). EEE virus was first isolated from *Culiseta melamura*, a bird biting species, from

## PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM – Continued

collections in Halifax on August 26, 2003. Five additional EEE isolates were collected from a Project New Jersey Trap (8/18, 9/9, 9/16 and two isolates on 9/23) in Pembroke. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on our web site, [www.plymouthmosquito.com](http://www.plymouthmosquito.com) and Mass. Dept. of Public Health at [www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm](http://www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm).

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

Insecticide Application. 3,872 acres were treated using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in June and the last in September.

Aerial Application. Larviciding woodland swamps by airplane before the leaves come out on the trees continues to be very effective. In Bridgewater this year we aerielly larvicided 240 acres. Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage., which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Inspectors continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present.

Water Management. During 2003 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 2,695 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito breeding. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

Finally, we have been tracking response time, that is the time between notice of a mosquito problem and response by one of our inspectors. The complaint response time in the Town of Bridgewater was less than two days with more than 357 complaints answered.

Mosquito Survey. A systematic sampling for the mosquitoes in Bridgewater indicates that *Aedes vexans* was the most abundant species. Other important species collected include *Culex* species and *culiseta melamura*. We encourage citizens or municipal officials to call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices, or any other matters of concern.

Respectfully submitted,  
Raymond D. Zucker, Superintendent

## **SELF HELP INCORPORATED**

During the program year ending September 30, 2003, Self Help, Inc. received a total funding of approximately \$18.7M and provided direct services to 21,381 limited income households in the area. To the Town of Bridgewater, Self Help, Inc. provided services totaling \$263,699 to 302 households.

Self Help's total funding of \$19,191,681 does not tell the real value of services delivered to the area as a whole. This funding enabled us to mobilize an additional \$1,495,239 of other community resources such as volunteers, donations of space, and private donations in the form of goods and services. Therefore, the total impact of Self Help, Inc., during the past program year was \$20,686,920. In addition, Self Help currently employs 285 individuals, many of whom are of limited income, and most reside in our service area. We feel that October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003, was a successful program year for us because we were able to assist as many individuals and/or families as we did, regardless of the challenges of being a human service provider.

We thank Mr. Charles Baker who represents the Bridgewater/East Bridgewater/West Bridgewater Selectmen on the Self Help, Inc. Board, and all the volunteers for helping us to make fiscal year 2003 a successful one.

Respectfully submitted,  
Norma Wang, Executive Assistant/Human Resources

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