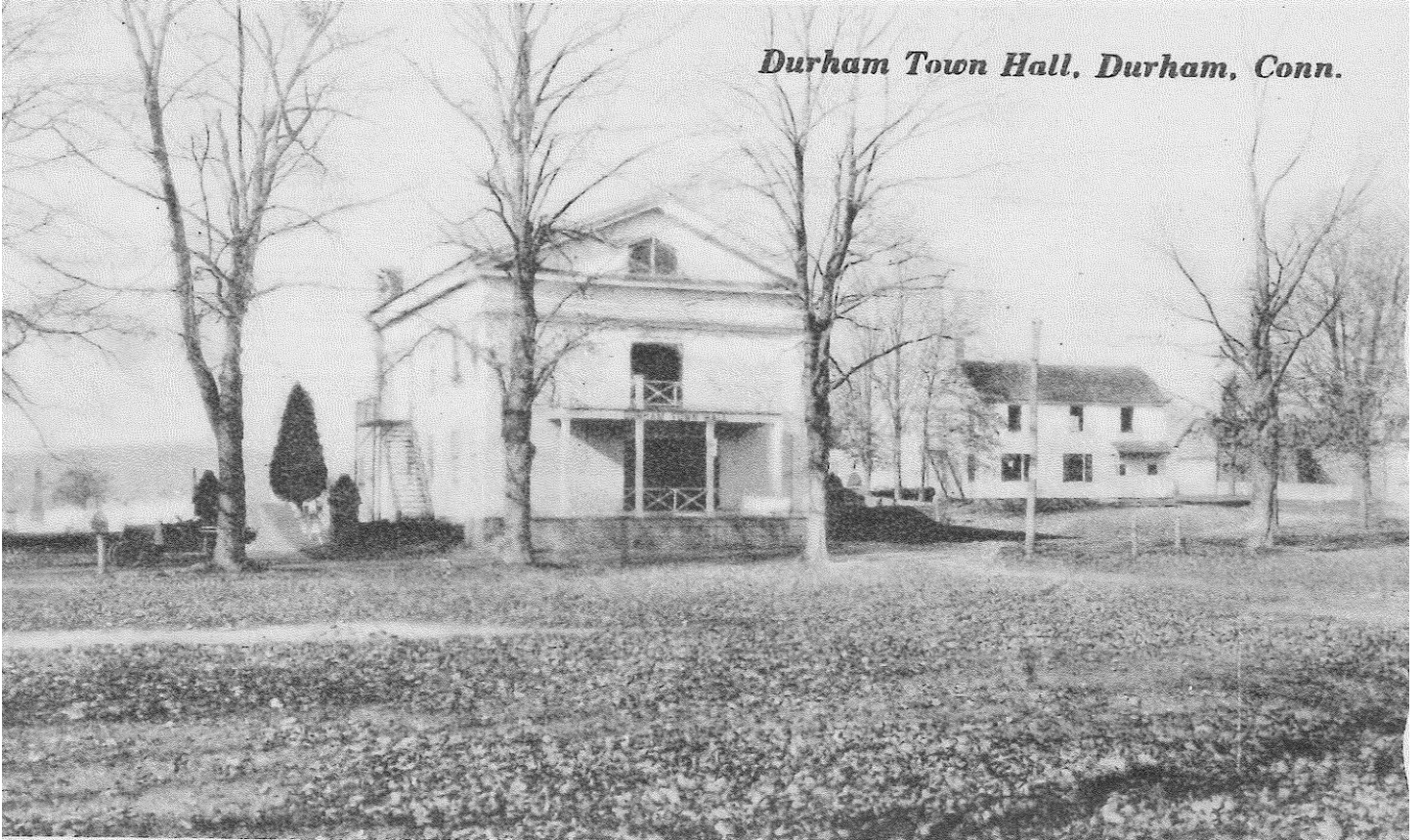


ANNUAL REPORT

Durham Town Hall, Durham, Conn.



DURHAM CONNECTICUT 2010

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Town of Durham Connecticut

For Year Ending
June 30, 2010

Report Compiled by the Durham Board of Finance

DEDICATION

The 2009-2010 Annual Town Report is dedicated to one of Durham's own nonagenarians. Lewis (Lew) G. Hinman has been a dedicated servant of the Town of Durham for much of his 90 years. Lew was born in 1920 in Rockville Center, NY. He graduated Hobart College in 1943 where he was a member of the Sigma Phi Fraternity.

Lew went on to serve in the US Army in the China, Burma, and India Theater in the Office of Strategic Service (OSS) from 1943 – 1946 and served under "Wild Bill" Donovan.

On November 10, 1951 he married Alma Lyman Mathewson. Lew went on to become a Deputy Sheriff in Middlesex County. He served on the Boston, MA Y.M.C.A's Board of Directors and so began his lifelong dedication of service to others, to the Town of Durham, and to its civic organizations.

Lew was elected to Durham's Board of Selectmen in 1978 and served from 1978 to 1980. He was a member of the American Legion and served as a member of the Durham Volunteer Ambulance Corps for 7 years. He was appointed to Durham Library's Board of Directors in 1972 and served as its chairman from 1973 to 1977. He served on the Library Needs study committee in 1978 and on Durham's Cemetery Committee. He was Durham's Tree Warden for a number of years, and a member of the Boy Scouts of America for 78 + years. He was awarded the SILVER BEAVER AWARD for outstanding volunteerism to The Boy Scouts of America. He was elected to Durham's Planning and Zoning commission in 1983 as an alternate member and later served as Vice Chairman from 1990 to 1995 and Chairman from 1996 to 1997. He is a charter member of Durham's Exchange Club where he also served for a time as their Secretary. He is a member of the V F W and the United Churches of Durham. Lew was also a dedicated employee of Lyman Farm for 31 years and was employed, until his retirement, by Durham Manufacturing.



Lewis (Lew) G. Hinman

Lew is an exemplary role model for all who dedicate their time and energy to the service of others. To Lew, we extend our appreciation and gratitude for his countless contributions to our town and we are honored to dedicate this year's Town Report to him.

TOWN BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ELECTED AND OTHER OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
GENERAL TOWN ELECTION

4 years/1st Monday, December

Laura L. Francis, First Selectman, R, 2011

John T. Szewczyk, Jr., R, 2011

James W. McLaughlin, D, 2011

TOWN CLERK
GENERAL TOWN ELECTION

4 years/1st Monday, January

Kimberly D. Garvis, Town Clerk, R, 2011

Alicia Fonash-Willett, Assistant Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR
GENERAL TOWN ELECTION

4 years/1st Monday, December

Martin French, D, 2011

Jacklyn Downes, Assistant to Tax Collector

TREASURER
GENERAL TOWN ELECTION

4 years/1st Monday, January

Wendy Pedersen Manemeit, R, 2011

Barbara Miller, Assistant, 2011

TAX ASSESSOR

John S. Philip

Beverly LeVasseur, Assistant

Linda Berntsen, Clerk

TOWN COUNSEL
APPOINTED 4 YEAR TERM

Executive Counsel:

Myron J. Poliner, P.C.

Middletown, CT 06457

Special Counsel:

Halloran & Sage, LLP

Attorney Vincent Marino

Middletown, CT 06457

BOARD OF FINANCE
GENERAL TOWN ELECTION

6 years/1st Monday, December

Francis E. Korn, R, Chairman, 2013

Helen Larkin, R, 2015

Renee Primus Edwards, D, 2015

Loraine Coe, R, 2013

Rosemarie Naples, R, 2011

Rob DeSimone, D, 2011

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Maryjane Malavasi, Finance Director
Karen Antin, Bookkeeper

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

APPOINTED BOS 7/24/09

5 MEMBERS, 3 ALTERNATES

Warren Herzig, U, 7/1/2012
Melissa Greenbacker, U, 7/1/2012
Vivian Caturano, U, 7/1/2012
Roger Passavant, U, 7/1/2011
Richard Porter, R, 7/1/2011

Alternates

Geraldine Lombard, D, 7/1/2012
Joseph Pasquale, U, 7/1/2011
Fred Mastele, R, 7/1/2011

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

END OF YEAR APPOINTMENT, BOS

2 years to 12/31/11

Bruce Rau
Martha Rau, Assistant
April Leiler, Assistant
John Miller, R, Assistant

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

GENERAL TOWN ELECTION

6 years/1st Monday, December

Robert T. Raney, Chairman, R, 2011
Laurie Stevens, D, 2013
Jay Berardino, R, 2015

BOARD OF EDUCATION, REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #13
ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING 3 YEAR TERM BEGINNING JULY 1
(6) FROM DURHAM, (4) FROM MIDDLEFIELD.

DURHAM MEMBERS:

Thomas Hennick, D, Chairman, 2012
Norman Hicks, D, Secretary, 2011
Mary Jane Parsons, R, Treasurer, 2013
Kerri Flanagan, D, 2011
Elizabeth Gara, R, 2013
Debbie Golschneider, R, 2011

MIDDLEFIELD MEMBERS:

Nancy E. Boyle, R, 2011
Joseph Ochterski, U, 2013
Merrill Adams, D, 2013
William Currin, R, 2011

Susan Viccaro, Superintendent of Schools

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS

END OF YEAR APPOINTMENT, BOS

William Thody, U, 2014
Chris Flanagan, D, 2013
Roger Kleeman, D, 2011
Richard Parmelee, R, 2012
Gaetano Puglisi, 2010

BUILDING OFFICIAL/INSPECTOR

Facilities Manager

Richard McManus

BURNING OFFICIALS

George Planeta, Jr.
Kurt Bober

CEMETERY COMPANY (DURHAM)

3 year term

Hugh Curley, D, 2011
Gerry Brown, President, 2011
Richard Olsen, R, 2011
B. Robert Atwell, Sr., 2011
Phyllis Naples-Valenti, D, 2011
Gregory J. Burritt, 2012
Kimberly Garvis, Secretary, R, 2012
Laura Francis, R, Asst. Secretary, 2012
Barbara Olsen, R, Vice President, 2012
Simone Howe, 2012
Mary G. DiMella, R, 2010
Tom Palmieri, Treasurer, U, 2010
Lynn McKenna, 2010
Dolores Caturano, U, 2010
Margaret S. Atwell, U, 2010
Ken Jay, Sexton

CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE

APPOINTED BOS, FEBUARY 11, 2008

3 year term

Jennifer Muir, U, Chairman
Tom Starr, U, Vice Chairman
Katherine Conroy, U, Secretary
Susan Micheal, D
Lorrie Martin, U
Ralph Chase, R
Paul Griese, U
Sandy Kalinowski, R

COMPENSATION REVIEW/PERSONNEL POLICY COMMISSION

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 5 year term

Martin Anderson, Chairman, D, 2014
Vacancy, D, 2013
Lisa Stafford, U, 2012
Fred Raley, R, 2011
Roger Kleeman, D, 2010

COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE
APPOINTED BOS, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

Term: Until Census Complete
Patricia Crowley, U

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
END OF YEAR APPOINTMENT, BOS

3 year term

Casey Cordes, U, 2011
Ralph Chase, Vice Chairman, R, 2012
Robert Melvin, Vice Chairman, U, 2010
William LaFlamme, Secretary, R, 2010
Frederick Huntley, D, 2012
Brian Ameche, D, 2011
Rick Terrill, R, 2011
Joseph Dattilo, R, 2010
Michael Doyle, D, 2010

DURHAM-MIDDLEFIELD INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
ADVISORY BOARD

ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING
2 year term, begin July 1, (8) members - 4 from each municipality

DURHAM MEMBERS:

Dominic DelVecchio, Chairman, R, 2012
Ronald Capozzi, D, 2012
Robert Czarnecki, R, 2011
Chris Flanagan, D, 2011

MIDDLEFIELD MEMBERS:

Katie Hughs, 2012
Frank Peprella, 2012
Al Raczka, 2011
James Gibbons, 2011

DMIAAB TASK FORCE

APPOINTED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN JUNE 21, 2010
Ad hoc committee to be disbanded after final report submitted to Boards of Selectmen
9 Members, 5 from Town of Durham, 4 from Town of Middlefield

Durham Members

Anthony DeFilio, R
Chad Spooner, R
James Hempel, D
Bruce Chaplin, D
Dominic DelVecchio, R

Middlefield Members

Tom Archer
Frank Petrella
Bill Warner
Howard Weisberg

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

END OF YEAR APPOINTMENT, BOS

2 years, 7 members

Peter Cascini, Chairman, R, 2011

Ona McLaughlin, D, 2011

Brenda Eddy, R, 2011

Clifford Colwell, U, 2011

Carol Douglass, D, 2010

Diane Moore, D, 2010

Cheryl Salva, R 2010

EMERGENCY 911 COORDINATOR

Scott Wright, Communications Officer

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

APPOINTED BY BOS

Francis Willett, Director, R

Frank Giantonio, Deputy Director

Chris Soulias, Deputy, R

Daniel Murphy, Deputy, D

Committee Members

Susan Wimler, EMS

Dan Geary, Communications

Ralph Chase, Shelter

Cathy Chase, Shelter

Sue White, Animal Shelter

Town Office Officials

Harry Hall, Fire Chief

Scott Wright, EMS Chief

Bill Witecki, Fire Marshal

David Steele, Deputy Fire Marshal

Kurt Bober (or representative), Public Works

Brad Wilkinson (or Bill Milardo), Health Department

ETHICS COMMISSION

MAY 1ST APPOINTMENT DATE

Original Appointments BoS 4/28/08

5 Regular Members, No more than (2) members from any one party

3 Alternate Members, No more than (1) member from the same party

Robert Fulton, D, Chairman, 2011

Vacancy, R, Vice Chairman, 2010

Bruce Chaplin, D, 2012 (2nd consecutive term)

Ellen Pitrowski, R, 2011

Linda Maffei, U, 2013 (2ND consecutive term)

Vacancy, Alternate, R, 2011

Simone Howe, Alternate, D, 2012

Jennifer Fowler, Alternate, U, 2013 (2nd consecutive term)

FIRE COMPANY TRUSTEES
ELECTED AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
3 year term, 3 members Durham, and
3 trustees elected by the Durham Volunteer Fire Company

Town:

Patricia Page, Secretary/Treasurer, D, 2012
Randy Whitehouse, U, 2010
Vacancy, U, 2011

Fire:

Frank Behrens, Jr., Chairman, D, 2010
Joseph St. Onge, U, 2010
Jim Ledford, 2011

FIRE MARSHAL

APPOINTED BOS FEBRUARY 11, 2008

Bill Witecki, Fire Marshall,
David Steele, Deputy Fire Marshall,
Robert Morpurgo, Fire Inspector

FIRE WARDEN

George Planeta, Jr., Warden
Vacancy, Deputy

GREATER NEW HAVEN CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

APPOINTED BY BOS

Leonard Baginski, 6/30/2012

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

END OF YEAR APPOINTMENT, BOS

4 YEAR TERM BY CT GENERAL STATUTE

Bradford W. Wilkinson, MD, Director of Health 12/31/2013
William R. Milardo, Jr., Assistant DOH/Sanitarian

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

END OF YEAR APPOINTMENT, BOS

5 years, 5 regular / 3 alternates

IN DISTRICT

Duncan Milne, R, Acting Chairman, 2011
Norm Jason, R, 2010
Susan Woodson, R, 2010

OUT OF DISTRICT

Gordon Wolfgang, R, 2014
Diana McCain, D, 2013

ALTERNATES

Linda Bertelsen, R, 2013, in district
Ona McLaughlin, D, 2014, in district
George (Chip) Williams, R, 2010, out of district

INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY

END OF YEAR APPOINTMENT, BOS

3 year staggered terms

7 regular members and 3 alternates

Richard Eriksen, Chairman, R, 2010

Pat Dinatale, R, 2012

Peter Cascini, R, 2012

Robert MacDuff, R, 2011

Robert Czarnecki, Vice Chairman, R, 2011

Gene Riotte, D, 2011

Chris Meisenkothen, Secretary, D, 2010

ALTERNATES

Michael Fumiatti, R, 2010

Karen Cheyney, D, 2010

Vacancy, R, 2011

Geoffrey Colegrove, U, Enforcement Officer

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

ELECTED DURING 2008 ELECTION

4 year term, 1/5/09-1/7/13

Kurt Bober, U

Judy Caturano, U

Pat DiNatale, R

George Eames, III, R

Richard G. Eriksen, R

Ethel Heyl, R

Geraldine A. Lombard

Ronald Markham, D

James W. McLaughlin, D

Lisa Mentlick, U

Diane C. Moore, D

John Michael Norko, U

Nicholas Nyhart, D

Helen Pearce, D

Robert Poliner, R

Frederick O. Raley, R

Henry Robinson, D

Scott Wright, U

NEW ENGLAND NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

BOS APPOINTMENT, NO TERM

Frederick J. Mastele

Cheryl Mastele

William LaFlamme

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

GENERAL TOWN ELECTION

4 years, 9 regular member, and 3 alternates

1st Monday, Dec.

George Eames, III, Chairman, R, 2011

Richard Eriksen, Vice-Chairman, R, 2011

Frank DeFelice, R, 2011

David Foley, R, 2011

Ralph W. Chase, Jr., R, 2013

Lisa Davenport, R, 2013

Joseph Pasquale, D, 2013

Christopher Flanagan, D, 2013

Catherine H. Devaux, D, 2013

Alternates:

Campbell Dugan Barrett, D, 2013

Steven DeMartino, R, 2011

Micheal S. Geremia, R, 2011

Geoffrey Colegrove, Town Planner, U

Janice Melnik, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC LIBRARY, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

3 year term

Jane Eriksen, Chairman, R, 2011

Anne Mueller, Treasurer, D, 2012

Rosemarie Naples, R, 2012

R. David Turley, R, 2012

Mark McLaughlin, D, 2011

Lynn Stanwood, R, 2011

Mary Ryan, D, 2010

Lynn Johnson, D, 2010

Robert Booz, R, 2010

Valerie Kilmartin, Library Director

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Effective 6-22-98

Frank DeFelice, R, Chairman

Bill Smith, U, Vice Chairman

Jim Rossi, R, Secretary

Mal Pearce, R

Daniel Murphy, D

Wendy Manemeit, R, Jan 2014 (6 year term)

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY RENOVATIONS COMMITTEE

APPOINTED BOS 11/27/08 FOR DURATION OF CHARGE

11 Members, 3 Ex-Officio Members

David Heer, Co-Chairman

Andy Meiman, Co-Chairman

Edward Mik, Jr.

B.J. Joyce

Duncan Milne

Frank Behrens

Rick Parmelee

Peter Lowe
Sue Wimler
Chris Flanagan
Tom Wilt

Ex-Officio

Scott Wright
Harry Hall
Francis Willett

RECREATION COMMITTEE

END OF YEAR APPOINTMENT, BOS

2 year term, 9 regular members, and 2 alternat

1 director who is an ex-officio member of the committee, 12/31/07

Kate McLaughlin, R, Chairman, 2010

Christopher Manemeit, 2011

Cheryl Salva, R, 2011

Toby Bates, R, 2012

Ann Figoras, U, 2010

Elizabeth Cipollina, D, 2010

Michael Doyle, D, 2011

Mark Dionne, D, 2012

Pam Carey, D, 2012

Brendan O'Connell, D, Alternate 2011

Karen Kean, R, Alternate 2012

Sherry Hill, Director

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

ELECTED IN EVEN NUMBER OF YEARS

FOR 4 YEARS

1st Monday, January

Karen Cheyney, Deputy, D, 2013

Carol L. Wray, Assistant, D

Robert Schulte, Republican Registrar, R, 2013

Lucinda Schulte, Deputy, R

RESIDENT STATE TROOPER

Trooper Peter A. DiGioia

Karen Andrukiewicz, Clerk

Troop F Westbrook:

Commanding Officer: Lt. John Eckersley

CHIEF OF POLICE

4 year term

Laura L. Francis, R, First Selectman

SENIOR CITIZEN BOARD

END OF YEAR APPOINTMENT, BOS

3 year term, First appointments made 11/19/02 by BoS

Elaine Melvin, Chairman, D, 2010

Beverly Pedersen, R, 2012

Karen Thody, R, 2012

Anne Cassady, D, 2011

John Hogarth, D, 2011

Henry Coe, R, 2011

Stuart Keating, D, 2010

Norm Hicks, D, 2010
Shari Slight, U, 2012
Janet Muraca, Ex-officio member
Sherry Hill, Ex-officio member, U

SKATING POND COMMITTEE

5 Members. No term.

Dave Monroe, D, Chairman
Steve DelVecchio, U
George Frick, U
Mark Andrews, D
Simone Howe, D
Don Guenther, U
Tim Larkin, R
Lisa Bruno, U

STREET NAMING COMMITTEE

(Effective 12-31-07 through 12-31-11)

Vacancy (Town Engineer)
Scott Wright, Ambulance Corps. U
Harry Hall, Fire Chief, U
James W. McLaughlin, Selectman, D
Laura I. Francis, First Selectman, R
John T. Szewczyk, Selectman, R

TOWN ENGINEER (FIRMS)

Nathan Jacobsen Assoc.
Wright-Pierce
Firms are on-call engineering service.

TREE WARDEN

END OF YEAR APPOINTMENT, BOS

2 year term, 12/31/2011

Tim Larkin, R, 2011

VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS, INC.

ELECTIONS HELD ANNUALLY IN OCTOBER

Active membership of this corporation is limited to 35 years.

Scott Wright, Chief of Service
Andy Meiman, 2nd Lieutenant
Nate Ravid, First Lieutenant
Patricia Collis, Secretary
Marshall Bragg, Treasurer
William Palmisano, Training
Susan Wimler, Schedule
Maureen Turcotte, Vehicle/Building

VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY
ELECTIONS HELD ANNUALLY IN JANUARY

Harry Hall, Fire Chief, U
Rob Chadd, Assistant Chief, D
Dave Greenbacker, 2nd Assistant, R
Dave Steele, Captain, U
Brian Szymaszek, 1st. Lieutenant, U
Bill Witecki, Lieutenant, R
Pete Lowe, Engineer, U
Dick Porter, Quarter Master, R
Allen Fritts, Secretary, R
Craig Bradanini, Treasurer, U
Sally Campbell, Steward,

WATER COMMISSION
END OF YEAR APPOINTMENT, BOS

3 year term, 5 members (2 ex officio)-(3 public), 3 alternates (2 ex officio)

Ex officio members

Brad Wilkinson, Health Director, R, Vice Chair, 2012
Laura L. Francis, R, 2010

Ex officio designated alternates

William Milardo, Sanitarian, Secretary
James McLaughlin, D, 2010

Public Members

Raymond Bahr, R, 2012, Chairman
Patricia Crowley, U, Treasurer, 2010
John Hogarth, 2011

Public Member Alternate

Marilyn Keurejian, U, 2011

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
GENERAL TOWN ELECTION

4 year term / 1st Monday, Dec.

5 regular members and 3 alternates

John F. Hogarth, D, 2011, Vice Chairman
David Lee Heer, R, 2011
Bill LaFlamme, Chairman, R, 2011
David Slight, R, 2013
Chris DiPentima, R, 2013

Alternates:

William W. Martin, Jr., R, 2011
Mark Jungels, D, 2011
Pamela Lucashu, R, 2013

Trish Dynia, U, Recording Secretary

ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Geoffrey Colegrove
Alan Johanson, Assistant

OTHERS

Community Development Coordinator
Task Force for Elderly Housing
Municipal Agent for the Elderly
Rep. to Council of Government
Representative to C.A.G.M.
Representatives to M.R.P.A.
Water Pollution Control Authority
Traffic Control Authority
Flood and Erosion Control Authority
ADA Coordinator
Rep to Reg Ment Health Council,
 Reg II, Catchment #10
 (2 yr. appointment to 4/30/09)
Town Historian
Recycling Coordinator
Middlesex Industrial Council
Emer Med Serv Council of the So.
 Central Region
Veterans Advocate
Memorial Day Parade Chairman
Washington Trail Road Race sponsors
FOI Liaison
Jurisdiction Adm. for the Town of
Durham for the Purpose of Preparing the
"Weapons of Mass Destruction" Plan

Francis Earle Korn
Trinity Corps
Jan Muraca
Maryann Boord
Jan Muraca
Maryann Boord, Richard Eriksen
Board of Selectmen
Board of Selectmen
Board of Selectmen
Vacancy

Judy Hurlbert
Francis Earle Korn
Vacancy
Geoffrey Colegrove

Tom Wimler
Vacancy
Robert Francis
Exchange Club
Laura Francis

Chris Soulias

BOARD OF FINANCE

The Board of Finance held regular meetings on the third Tuesday of each month in the 2nd floor conference room of Town Hall. Special meetings were held as needed, especially when the Town budget was being formulated between January and April. From July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 the Board of Finance met 22 times.

The 2009-2010 Town budget was presented at a Public Hearing on April 13, 2009. The total budget included:

Total Town Budget	\$ 5,124,880
Less anticipated state and local receipts	- <u>1,465,617</u>
Net Town Budget	\$ 3,659,263

This reflected a mil rate of 4.72. A complete budget summary is included in this Town Report.

The Board of Finance applied \$100,000 of fund balance and surplus to the 2008-2009 budget to help reduce the overall tax impact and \$125,573 to offset Senior Tax Relief reductions.

Reserve Fund appropriations totaled \$384,350. Of this amount \$183,000 was designated for Fire Company Equipment and \$100,000 for Town Building Maintenance. Other Reserve Fund appropriations for FY 2009-2010 included \$35,000 for Revaluation, \$32,000 for Highway Capital Equipment, \$10,850 for Radios & Pagers; \$10,000 for Planning & Zoning POCD, \$5,000 for Fire Ponds, \$5,000 for Old Indian Trail Water Tank; and \$3,500 for Server Replacement at Town Hall.

We would like to thank everyone involved in the budget process including elected officials, members of boards and commissions, and town employees for their many hours of work in formulating the Town budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis E. Korn, Chairman
Loraine Coe, Vice Chairman
Robert DeSimone
Rosemarie Naples
Helen Larkin
Renee Edwards

TOWN OF DURHAM FINANCIAL SUMMARY
Including Shared Regional Expenses

000's	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
Gross Town Expenditures w/DMIAAB; not Reg.13	5,244	5,378	5,520	5,623	5,209
Percent Growth +/-	-0.6	+2.5	+2.6	+1.9	-7.4
Durham's Gross Share of Reg. 13	17,641	18,577	19,506	20,377	20,596
Percent Growth +/-	+8.8	+5.3	+5.0	+4.5	+1.1
* 09-10 figure is budget amount – actual expended amount is net of ARRA funding sent directly to the district (\$564,213)					
Educational Expense as % of Gross Durham Budget	77.1%	77.0%	78%	79%	80%
% of Region 13 Budget Paid By:					
- Durham	66.11	65.97	65.64	65.90	66.00
- Middlefield	33.89	34.03	34.36	34.10	34.00
Durham Share of DMIAAB Operating Expense	364.9	362.9	346.6	346.6	362.1
Percent Growth +/-	+13.2	-0.5	-0.4	0.0	+4.5
DMIAAB Expense as % of Total Town Budget	7.0%	6.5%	6.3%	6.5%	7.0%
Fund Balance Actual					
- Undesignated	2,147	2,633	2,841	2,439	2,608
- Designated	<u>319</u>	<u>176</u>	<u>403</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>75</u>
- TOTAL	2,916	2,809	3,244	2,529	2,683
Growth in Budgetary Grand List	2.7%	51.87%	1.9%	2.5%	1.3%
		(Reval)			
Mil Rate	38.0	26.25	26.25	26.25	26.20

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Town Government

The Town of Durham was fortunate to be the recipient of the following grants:

1. \$9,100 ARRA JAG for the purchase of a laser gun, radar gun, surveillance camera, safety lights, flashlights, safety cones, and a portable SMART machine for traffic enforcement.
2. STEAP grant of \$200,000 for culvert replacement on Pickett Lane/Allyn Brook Park.
3. \$241,313 ARRA Road Preservation funding for the resurfacing of Maiden Lane from Route 17 to Bear Rock Road, including signage all the way out to Johnson Lane.

Application was made for a Housing Rehabilitation Grant from DECD. After much publicity and public hearings, there was not enough support from potential applicants to be competitive and application was withdrawn.

The Board of Selectmen honored and proclaimed special days to the following:

1. The Herzig Family for 100 years of farming in Durham.
2. The 75th Anniversary of the Brown Family Reunion
3. Silver Star Banner Day
4. Leukemia, Lymphoma and Myeloma Society
5. 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America
6. Girl Scout Week
7. Daniel Bergstrom for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout

Tax Assessor Clerk, Linda Berntsen retired from the Town of Durham with over 20 years of service.

A new pension plan was ratified by employee union.

Planning relative to a Stormwater Permit application began with Public Works, Engineering, and Board of Finance to make improvements to the public works facility.

Per town charter, two joint meetings of all Boards & Commissions were held. Joint meetings were also held between the Board of Selectman and Board of Education and between the Boards of Finance and Boards of Selectmen of both Durham and Middlefield.

Weekly management meetings were instituted to address issues in a teamwork environment with great cooperation from staff. Bi-weekly in-service training was also conducted (except in the summer months) with the public works staff with the assistance of Road Foreman Kurt Bober.

An architectural study was done on 205 Main Street, home of Durham EMS. The following improvements to the building were accomplished; roof repaired, brick chimney repaired, closed off second floor for any use, installed air-handling system, conducted industrial cleaning, painted and cleaned first floor, rebuilt bathroom and shower, and painted exterior wood trim.

The official Town of Durham website was updated and enhanced with the assistance of our consultants from QScend Technologies, Kim Garvis, Alicia Fonash-Willett and Laura Francis.

A Community Forum for White's Farm was held. Members of several state agencies and town boards and commissions were available to listen to resident concerns about the condition of White's Farm Open Space. Officials from DEP and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) conducted a site visit and will offer technical assistance.

An Agriculture Commission was created and first members appointed.

Two public hearings on Code of Ethics were held. The code was adopted at Town Meeting in November 2009.

The Town entered into an agreement with Silver Petrucelli & Assoc. Inc. for Phase I design for a Public Safety Facility.

Middlesex County was declared a state of emergency after two winter storms in March. The Town of Durham applied for and received almost \$60,000 in reimbursements for storm damage from FEMA.

Crooked Hill Road improvements substantially completed. Met with Ivy Way residents and explained that Public Works will plow the town-owned portion of Ivy Way. The remaining private portion of Ivy Way will remain the responsibility of the residents.

Awarded bid to Tyler Technologies and began work on 2010 Revaluation.

Several volunteers received training at the Comcast Cable community access studio and formed the *Destination Durham* production crew. The Destination Durham show will feature the people, places and things that make Durham so special.

Health, Safety and Welfare

Laura Francis and Bill Milardo worked closely with MDA36 to provide over 10 HINI and seasonal flu clinics in response to the HINI pandemic. One was held in the Cow Palace at the Durham Fairgrounds and served over 700 people.

Completed Durham portion of Regional Mitigation Disaster Plan in conjunction with Midstate Regional Planning Agency and held public hearing.

The Town of Durham received a 2010 CIRMA Risk Management Achievement Award in the category of Establishing Risk Management as an Organizational Priority.

A house numbering program was established using new highly reflective signs, proceeds will benefit the Durham Fire Company Explorers and the Durham Animal Response Team.

A Supplemental Environmental Project was approved by the DEP in response to a fine levied against the Durham Middlefield Interlocal Agreement Advisory Board. 400 free rain barrels were distributed and pet waste stations were ordered for Whites Farm and Allyn Brook Park. Community outreach and education was also done to encourage ways to protect water quality.

The Towns of Durham and Middlefield hosted a management re-employment workshop sponsored by Workforce Alliance at the Durham Town Hall which serviced over a dozen un-employed and under-employed residents.

Town of Durham residents reported bullet strikes on their private property to the Connecticut State Police for more than 10 years. Extensive investigations by the Connecticut State Police did not conclusively prove that the bullets originated from the Blue Trail Range in Wallingford, but concluded that it was possible. The Board of Selectmen commissioned an independent study by Golden Weiss & Associates and it yielded similar results. The study also concluded that despite some increased safety measures installed by the range owner, it is still possible that ricochets could leave the range property.

There is a piece of State of Connecticut property, known as Trimountain State Park that also borders the property of Blue Trail Range. Therefore, officials from the Town of Durham looked to the State of Connecticut as a partner to protect the public from bullets leaving the confines of the Blue Trail Range property. Over the past several years, Connecticut State Police, Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection and the Town of Durham have invested considerable effort to resolve the issue of safety for State and private property that abuts the Blue Trail Range in Wallingford. While the lack of regulations and a regulatory agency over this activity has limited our ability to address bullet strikes in Durham the DEP has been able to negotiate an agreement with the range owners for the implementation of numerous safety measures. The agreement led to both procedural and structural changes to the range, as well as to the closure of a portion of the 200 yard range to firearm use.

The DEP has conducted random inspections since 2008 to evaluate the effectiveness of the safety precautions. Although the DEP has authority only over state property, we believe that Town of Durham property will also benefit from this action. Town of Durham officials requested that these inspections become routine and that results of those inspections be forwarded to the Office of the First Selectman. All documents and information have been shared with the public via meetings and via the town website.

I would like to personally thank John Szewczyk and Jim McLaughlin for their work on the BOS. I can always count on their professionalism and wise counsel. Despite economic challenges, the Town of Durham had a productive year.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura L. Francis

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

The laws of the State of Connecticut designate the Town Clerk as Keeper of the Town Seal, Election official, custodian of the town records, Registrar of Vital Statistics, purveyor of fish and game, as well as dog licenses. In addition to these traditional responsibilities the Durham Town Clerk is also in charge of the following duties and responsibilities(*):

- **Board and Commission Agenda and Minutes:** Maintaining agenda and minute file; minute notebooks including yearly schedule of all board and commission meeting dates as required by state law; and posting of same to the town website.
- **Dog Licenses.** Must be purchased as soon as a dog becomes SIX MONTHS of age and annually thereafter during the month of June. Penalties are incurred on late registration. WARNING: if the Dog Warden has occasion to find your dog unleashed or unlicensed, you are liable for a hefty fine! Rabies certificates and spay/neutering proof must be presented at time of licensing.
- **Education*:** Durham Town Clerk's office welcomes Korn School Third graders every year to educate the students about town government. Historical snippets are provided to all of the students about how Durham's heritage came to be.
- **Elections, Primaries and Referenda:** Work closely with the Secretary of the States office and Registrars of Voters in managing all elections, primaries and referenda. Town Clerk office responsible for swearing in election moderator, publishing notice, issuing Absentee Ballots and verifying Moderator's return.
- **Fish and Game Licenses.** Good for the calendar year and may be purchased at any time. Purchasers of hunting licenses must have proof of owning a license at some time within the preceding five year period, or hold a Connecticut Safety Course Certificate for the same. New computerized licensing system went into effect January 1, 2009. Citizens may now purchase these licenses online, however, the Durham Town Clerk's office continues to provide these licensing services to the public.
- **FOI Liaison*:** The town clerk serves as the Freedom of Information liaison for the town and assists in the resolution of Freedom of Information requests.
- **Government Intern Program*:** Town Clerk manages this program including advertising position, receiving applications, scheduling interviews and managing work schedule. **Information Technology Manager*:** responsible for annual bidding process for I.T. service contractor; coordinating I.T. consultant onsite and offsite work schedule; replacement of computer equipment, computer software, server equipment and server software.
- **Land Records:** Receiving, recording and preserving all original deeds in computerized and book format for public access viewing. Preservation via microfilm format.
- **Marriage Licenses:** There is no waiting period and no blood test requirement. Identification is required, such as a driver's license or passport. The current fee is \$30.00.
- **Notary Public*:** The town clerk and assistant town clerk are registered notaries with the State of Connecticut. At this time notary services are offered free of charge to Durham residents and Durham businesses. A fee of \$5.00 is charged for non-residents.
- **Passports*:** Passport applications can be processed through the Town Clerk's office. Please call ahead for instructions. Generally, passports take approximately 4-6 weeks to issue. Applications may be expedited for an additional fee. Applications are available at the office or may be downloaded from www.travel.state.gov.
- **Passport Pictures*:** Two (2"x2") pictures for passports or visas may be purchased from our office for a fee of \$10.00 per person.
- **Permit Issuance*:**
 - **Peddler and Solicitor Permits:** applications and instructions are available in the Town Clerk's office or the town website. All completed applications must be submitted to the Town Clerk. Background checks are required of all applicants. Permit is issued by the Town Clerk upon approval of the application.

Approved permits are posted on the town website. Initial permit fee of \$15.00 for four month period is renewable twice for a fee of \$5.00.

- **Liquor Permits:** permittee is required to provide original state issued permit that is recorded in the Town Clerk's office for a fee of \$2.00.
- **Registrar of Vital Statistics:** Responsible for maintaining birth, death and marriage records and issuance of marriage licenses.
- **State Reports:** State of Connecticut monthly reports for all fees collected relating to dog licensure, DEP (hunting, fishing, deer and turkey permits, duck stamps, pheasant tags sold), marriage licenses, Historic Document Preservation fees and PA 09-229 Community Investment Account fees.
- **Town Meetings:** The town clerk or assistant town clerk attends all Town Meetings and records the proceedings of such meetings.
- **Voter Registration.** Daily registration as an elector is available in the Town Clerk's office. Application forms are available at all Motor Vehicle offices, post offices, the Durham Public Library and the town's website. Registrars of Voters hold special sessions prior to each primary, election or special election.
- **Website*:** Daily management of the town's website including posting of agendas, minutes, news, upcoming events and online calendar.

VITAL STATISTICS

JULY 1, 2009 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2010

<u>BIRTHS:</u>	<u>DEATHS:</u>	<u>MARRIAGES:</u>	<u>CIVIL UNIONS:</u>
54	50	34	1

TOWN CLERK UPDATE

- **Summer Intern:** Under the guidance of Town Clerk Kim Garvis, Ray Battipaglia, a sophomore at Eastern Connecticut State University, was chosen as the Government Intern. The Town was fortunate to have such a dedicated student. Ray assisted all departments, especially the Finance Department with updating vendor maintenance and bond funds.
- **Preservation Grant Program:** Due to the State of Connecticut deficit situation this program was drastically cut this year. The State removed almost one million dollars from this fund in an attempt to ameliorate the budget deficit. As a result, two grant programs were affected. The *Competitive Grant Program* and *Cycle 2*, of the *Targeted Grant Program* were eliminated. Traditionally, Durham has applied in Cycle 2, however, this year an application was made during Cycle 1. As a result of applying in the first cycle, a \$5,000 grant was awarded to Durham on August 31, 2009. These funds were used to back file land record images to 1992. The long term goal in managing these records is to have all images and index information available on the land record computer and on-line back to 1967. Index information and images prior to 1967 continues to be a future goal.
- **New state laws affecting DEP licenses and Marriage licenses:** A law was passed that doubled all fees for hunting and fishing licenses as well as adding an additional license for marine fishing (\$10.00 fee). The fee increases were later reduced after the negative response from the public. A new law regarding marriage licenses went into effect October 1, 2009: marriage licenses can only be purchased in the town where the marriage is to take place. Applying for a license in the resident town of bride or groom is no longer permissible by law.
- **Notary Public Fee increase:** (to \$15.00) to record Notary Public appointment.
- **New record for number of dogs licensed:** The Town reached a record high in the number of dogs licensed this year. Over 1000 dogs were licensed. Utilizing a new method of advertising by inserting registration forms into the tax bills was a helpful reminder to our local doggie lovers.
- **Preservation:** Conservation of a town record book that included both the Town Meetings from 1730-1768 and Vital Statistics from 1700-1800 and to back file images for the land records system.

Continuing in the tradition of community service the town clerk's office organized and participated in these community activities to provide further benefits to its residents:

- **Town Meeting Moderator Training:** was held on February 3, 2010 with the help of David Montgomery. Thank you very much David for sharing your expertise with all of us. This training session was well attended and the town now has more citizens available to serve as moderator to our all important Town Meetings.
- **Freedom of Information Seminar:** Co-hosted a Freedom of Information seminar with Middlefield Town Clerk on February 22, 2010 at the Middlefield Community Center for Board and Commission members and the general public.
- **United Way:** Alicia volunteered as the United Way Coordinator again this year and even though it is a difficult economy, participation, and contributions were commendable.
- **National Passport Day in the USA:** Kim, Alicia, and Laura Francis participated in this special day, March 27, 2010, processing 39 applications which brought in additional revenue to the town. Thank you Laura for taking pictures while Alicia and I processed the applications.
- **Website Conversion:** Much work was completed behind the scenes preparing the launch of the updated town website. The updated website offers the public easier access to information and services. Thank you Laura and Alicia for all their efforts in this successful endeavor.
- **Rabies Clinic:** The second annual Rabies Clinic was held on June 6, 2010. Thank you to Mark Albin, Durham resident and veterinarian; Sue White and the D.A.R.T team; as well as the Durham Fair Association for the use of the EOC. Proceeds this year benefitted D.A.R.T. (Durham Animal Response Team – subcommittee of Department of Emergency Management).

The Assistant Town Clerk, Alicia Fonash-Willett, continues to be a valuable asset to the Town Clerk’s office. Her commitment and dedication to the office and our town is much appreciated and her assistance in all aspects of the office is invaluable to me. Alicia continues to attend Connecticut Town Clerk training classes at Central Connecticut State University toward her goal of becoming a State of Connecticut Certified Town Clerk.

We welcome your visits and suggestions. Our office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with additional late hours on Tuesday evenings, until 8:00 p.m. The tradition of free copies on Tuesday evenings continues (with the exception of land records) between the hours of 4:30 and 8:00 p.m.

Alicia and I can be reached via e-mail: kgarvis@townofdurhamct.org and afonash-willett@townofdurhamct.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Garvis, CMC, CCMC, Durham Town Clerk

ELECTION and REFERENDA RESULTS

**OFFICIAL RETURN
MUNICIPAL ELECTION - TOWN OF DURHAM**

NOVEMBER 3, 2009

<input type="checkbox"/>	Total number of names on the official check list.	<u>4953</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Total number of names checked on the official check list as having voted by absentee ballot.	<u>63</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Total number of names checked on the official check list as having voted.	<u>1931</u>

Those persons to be seated as elected are starred (*).

Candidates on Ballot

Board	Candidate	Party	Number
BOARD OF FINANCE	Richard Chadwick Spooner	REP	1029
Full Term	Helen Larkin	REP	1062 *
Vote for any Two	Renee Primus Edwards	DEM	927 *
	Laurie Baldwin Stevens	DEM	744
BOARD OF ASSESMENT APPEALS	Jay B. Berardino	REP	1033 *
	Katharine Wakeman Forline	DEM	807
PLANNING & ZONING	Thomas Edward Russell	REP	951
Full Term	Steven A. DeMartino	REP	1029
Vote for any Five	Ralph W. Chase	REP	1128 *
	Lisa A. Davenport	REP	1145 *
	Kimberly E. Ryder	REP	962
	Joseph J. Pasquale	DEM	844 *
	Brian A. Ameche	DEM	772
	Christopher P. Flanagan	DEM	840 *
	Eugene C. Riotte, Jr.	DEM	723
	Catherine H. Devaux	DEM	787 *
PLANNING & ZONING ALTERNATE	Eric W. Berens	REP	1076
	Campbell Dugan Barrett	DEM	745 *
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - FULL TERM VOTE FOR ANY TWO	David E. Slight	REP	1139 *
	Chris L. DiPentima	REP	1007 *
	Anne C. Cassady	DEM	752
	William W. Joyce	DEM	766
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – TO FILL VACANCY FOR 2 YEARS	William C. LaFlamme	REP	1355 *
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATE	Pamela M. Lucashu	REP	1301 *

OFFICIAL RESULTS
REGIONAL DISTRICT 13 REFERENDUM
MAY 4, 2010

QUESTION 1:

"SHALL WE ACCEPT THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF \$34,826,872 FOR THE 2010-2011 FISCAL YEAR AS PREPARED AND PRESENTED BY THE REGIONAL DISTRICT 13 BOARD OF EDUCATION?"

Regional School District 13 Referendum Results May 4, 2010			TOTAL VOTES CAST
QUESTION 1:			
Durham	YES - 611	NO - 485	1096
Middlefield	YES - 247	NO - 391	638
Total	YES - 858	NO - 876	1734

OFFICIAL RESULTS
REGIONAL DISTRICT 13 REFERENDUM
MAY 25, 2010

QUESTION 1:

"SHALL WE ACCEPT THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF \$34,693,143 FOR THE 2010-2011 FISCAL YEAR AS PREPARED AND PRESENTED BY THE REGIONAL DISTRICT 13 BOARD OF EDUCATION?"

Regional School District 13 Referendum Results May 25, 2010			TOTAL VOTES CAST
QUESTION 1:			
Durham	YES: 813	NO: 530	1343
Middlefield	YES: 401	NO: 438	839
Total	YES: 1214	NO: 968	2182

SYNOPSIS OF TOWN MEETING ACTIONS

JULY 1, 2009 - JUNE 30, 2010

Special Town Meeting – August 31, 2009

- Approved the transfer of \$95,000 from Reserve Account #9480 Emergency Services Facility to fund Phase I, Conceptual Study/Design Phase and Schematic Design/Development Phase of proposed Public Safety Facility
- Approved the transfer of \$30,000 from #9200 Building Maintenance Reserve to 6700-492, 24 Town House Road Water Connection
- Approved the following transfers totaling \$119,017 for fiscal year ended June 30, 2009:
 - To 3011 Snow Removal from 3014 Chip Sealing \$20,758.00
 - To 1520 Building & Health from 1521 B&H Salaries 15,696.00
 - To 1520 Building & Health from 6020 Contingency 3,331.00
 - To 1555 Planning & Zoning from 6020 Contingency 24,938.00
 - To 3013 Vehicle Fuel from 6020 Contingency 22,992.00
 - To 6010 Tax Refunds from 6020 Contingency 31,302.00
- Approved the following carryovers totaling \$89,844 into the 2009-2010 budget:
 - 1010-204 Consultants \$34,006.00
 - 2055-345 CETF Grant 1,412.00

4030-308 Ambulance Safety Equipment	6,969.00
5005-345 Library OPM Grant	2,541.00
6700-488 Shelter Management	25,000.00
6700-498 Radio/Communication	12,816.00
8999-793 Ambulance Equipment	7,100.00
• Approved the following transfers to Reserve totaling \$34,548 for the 2009-2010 budget year	
9760 Skating Pond Grant	\$25,818.00
9580 Fire Apparatus	8,730.00

Annual Town Meeting – October 5, 2009

- Municipal Service Awards presented to the following people:
Ervin Barker: Volunteer Fire Dept; Francis Behrens: Burning Officer, DVFD, Fire Company Trustees; Kurt Bober: Fire Company Trustee, 25 years Public Works Employee; Jane Churchill: 25 plus years of service, Library Employee; George Eames III: BOF, Justice of the Peace, Library Building Committee, Planning and Zoning; Jane Eriksen: Library Board of Trustees; Forrest Hall: DVFD; Harry Hall: DVFD; Ethel Heyl: Board of Education, Justice of the Peace; Sherry Hill: 25 plus years of service, Recreation Director, Employee; Roger Kleeman: Building Code Board of Appeals, Compensation Review; James Ledford: DVFD; Denis Leining: DVFD; Irvin Leining: Fire Chief, DVFD; Beverly Levasseur: 35 plus years of service; Jim Libby: DVFD; Ronald Markham: Building Code Board of Appeals, Justice of the Peace; James McLaughlin: First Selectman, Board of Selectmen, Board of Tax Review, Economic Development Commission, Historic District Commission, Justice of the Peace; Janet Muraca: 25 plus years of service; Rosemarie Naples: Board of Finance, DMIAAB, Library Board of Trustees; Dick Olsen: DVFD; Patricia Page: Durham Cemetery Company, Fire Company Trustees; George Planeta: Burning Officer, DVFD, Fire Department Trustees; Richard Porter: DVFD; Bruce Rau: Animal Control Officer; Joseph St. Onge: DVFD; Andy Wimler: DVFD; William Wimler: DVFD; George Zeeb: Historic District Commission, Inland Wetlands Commission
- Established May 10, 2010 as the date for the Annual Budget Meeting
- Martin Anderson elected to 2014 term on the Compensation Review/Personnel Policy Commission
- Rosemarie Naples, Anne Mueller, and David Turley elected to 2012 term on the Library Board of Directors
- Patricia “Ann” Page elected as the Town Representative to the 2012 Term on the Board of Trustees of the Durham Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

Special Town Meeting – November 9, 2009

- Approved the transfer of \$25,000 from #9200 Building Maintenance Reserve Fund to Account #4030 Ambulance Building Maintenance for repairs to 205 Main Street
- Approved the transfer of \$19,621 from #9685 Reserve for Highway Equipment Fund to #3005 Capital Equipment Leases for the Final Payment on the Loader
- Approved Code of Ethics to become effective February 1, 2010.
- Accepted Turkey Hill Road as an approved town road as part of the Third Phase-Powder Hill Road Subdivision.

Special Town Meeting – December 29, 2009

- Approved the transfer of up to \$450,000 from #9580 Reserve for Fire Equipment to #6700-494 CIP-Fire Department for the purchase of a 2010 Spartan Water Supply Engine

Special Town Meeting – April 26, 2010

- Approved the transfer of up to \$131,400 from #9740 Revaluation Reserve Fund to Line Item #6700-487 Revaluation
- Approved the transfer of \$4,400 from Undesignated Fund Balance to Line Item #2020-449 Conservation Commission Mowing/Cleanup to cover expenses for the mowing of Whites Farm for the prior two fiscal years
- Approved the transfer \$7,833 from #9760 Skating Pond Repair Reserve Fund to #2566 Skating Pond Repairs

Annual Budget Meeting – May 10, 2010

- Adopted a Resolution making Konstantin Baumann of Germany an Honorary Citizen of Durham.

- Elected Elizabeth Gara and Mary Jane Parsons to a three-year term on the Regional School District #13 Board of Education, said terms to expire June 30, 2013.
- Appointed Dominic DelVecchio and Ron Capozzi to a two-year term on the Durham-Middlefield Interlocal Agreement Advisory Board, said term to expire June 30, 2012.
- Authorized the Board of Selectmen to accept any and all Town Aid highway funds (Transportation Infrastructure) which may be due and available to the Town of Durham for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2010.
- Adopted a total town budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 in the amount of \$5,310,983 less state and local estimated revenue of \$1,335,848 for a net town budget of \$3,975,135
- Adopted a five-year Local Capital Improvement Plan

ELECTION and REFERENDA RESULTS

November 2008 – Presidential & State Election

DURHAM – OFFICIAL RETURN			
PRESIDENTIAL & STATE ELECTION			
November 4, 2008			
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS FOR:	CD2	CD3	TOTAL
McCain and Palin (Republican)	1340	553	1893
Obama and Biden (Democrat)	1635	553	2188
Nader and Gonzalez (Independent)	55	24	79
REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS:			
Congressional District 2:	CD2	CD3	TOTAL
Sean Sullivan (Republican CD2)	1129		1129
Joe Courtney (Democrat CD2)	1601		1601
G. Scott Deshefy (Green CD2)	65		65
Joe Courtney (Working Families CD2)	59		59
Congressional District 3:			
Bo Itshaky(Republican CD3)		330	330
Rosa L. DeLauro (Democrat CD3)		672	672
Ralph A. Ferrucci (Green CD3)		31	31
Rosa L. DeLauro (Working Families CD3)		37	37
STATE SENATOR: Senatorial District 12	CD2	CD3	TOTAL
Ryan Suerth (Republican)	1140	419	1559
Edward Meyer(Democrat)	1651	630	2281
STATE REPRESENTATIVE: Assembly District 100	CD2	CD3	TOTAL
Raymond C. Kalinowski (Republican)	1794	669	2463
Matthew Lesser (Democrat)	1080	411	1491
Matthew Lesser (Working Families)	39	9	48
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	CD2	CD3	TOTAL
Robert R. Schulte (Republican)	1268	482	1750
Karen Cheyney (Democrat)	1468	529	1997
	CD2	CD3	TOTAL
YES	1027	415	1442
NO	1718	621	2339
Question 1: Shall there be a Constitutional Convention to amend or revise the Constitution of the State?			
YES	1692	650	2342
NO	1019	381	1400

REGIONAL DISTRICT 13 REFERENDUM - JUNE 2, 2009

QUESTION 1:

"SHALL WE ACCEPT THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF \$33,876,691 FOR THE 2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR AS PREPARED AND PRESENTED BY THE REGIONAL DISTRICT 13 BOARD OF EDUCATION?"

Regional School District 13 – Referendum Results June 2, 2009			TOTAL VOTES CAST
QUESTION 1:			
Durham	YES: 687	NO: 595	1282
Middlefield	YES: 277	NO: 422	699
Total	YES: 964	NO: 1017	1981

REGIONAL DISTRICT 13 REFERENDUM - JUNE 23, 2009

QUESTION 1:

"SHALL WE ACCEPT THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF \$33,758,601 FOR THE 2009-10 FISCAL YEAR AS PREPARED AND PRESENTED BY THE REGIONAL DISTRICT 13 BOARD OF EDUCATION?"

Regional School District 13 – Referendum Results June 23, 2009			TOTAL VOTES CAST
QUESTION 1:			
Durham	YES: 746	NO: 544	1290
Middlefield	YES: 344	NO: 333	677
Total	YES: 1090	NO: 877	1967

SYNOPSIS OF TOWN MEETING ACTIONS

JULY 1, 2008 - JUNE 30, 2009

Special Town Meeting July 7, 2008

- Approved the transfer of \$23,800 from Undesignated Fund Balance to #4081-472, 41 Main Street Well Water Monitoring.

Special Town Meeting September 10, 2008

- Approved the transfer of \$13,900 from #9280 Reserve for Cemetery Stone Repairs to #6005 Durham Cemetery Company for Monument Restoration.
- Approved the transfer \$50,000 from #9681 Reserve for Highway Projects to #3500 Local Highway Projects.
- Approved final transfers for the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year in the amount of \$179,795.
- Approved carryovers to the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year in the amount of \$402,793.
- Tabled a motion for a supplemental rate increase and schedule of special charges to Water Company users.
- Approved the transfer of \$99,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance to #6700-486 CIP-DPW-Mower for the purchase of an Alamo Vegetation Control System mounted to a John Deere Tractor.

Annual Town Meeting October 6, 2008

- Presentation of Eagle Scout Proclamations to Andrew Bellemare, David John Guillemette, Nicholas W. Lema and Travis Henry Newell.
- Acknowledgement of the 300th Anniversary of the Town's Incorporation.
- Approved the date of May 11, 2009 for the Annual Budget Meeting.
- Elected Claudia O'Connell to a five year term (2013) as member of the Compensation Review/Personnel Policy Commission.
- Elected Jane Eriksen, Mark McLaughlin and Lynn Stanwood to 2011 term on the Library Board of Directors.
- Elected Pat Sicignano as town representative to the 2011 Term on the Board of Trustees of the Durham Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.
- Approved a resolution granting tax abatement to Nosal Enterprises, LLC.

Special Town Meeting November 17, 2008

- Approved the transfer \$1,800 from #9140 Reserve for Ambulance and \$1,800 from #9580 Reserve for Fire Equipment to #6700-494 CIP Fire Department for the purchase of a Kimtek Fire/EMS Combo Slide-In Unit.
- Approved the transfer \$4,500 from #9840 Reserve for Town Green Repair to #6700-482 CIP Town Green.

Special Town Meeting December 8, 2008

- Approved the transfer of \$45,500 from #9440 Reserve for Emergency Management to 6700-488 CIP-Shelter Management for emergency shelter upgrades at the high school.

Special Town Meeting January 29, 2009

- Approved the transfer of \$36,500 from Undesignated Fund Balance to #6700-481 CIP-Tree Warden for tree removal and trimming.

Special Town Meeting February 23, 2009

- Approved the transfer of \$36,000 from Reserve for Fire Department Scott Air Packs to #6700-494 CIP Fire Department to upgrade Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.
- Approved a resolution granting tax fixing to J&T Route 68 Property Management LLC.
- Approved modifications to the Code of Ordinance, Town of Durham, relative to fees for well drilling, subsurface sewage construction and repairs, building permit fees, and soil testing.
- Approved amendment to the Code of Ordinance, Town of Durham, relative to Health Department inspection fees.

Annual Budget Meeting May 11, 2009

- Victor Wu, 14 year old student, shared his inspirational award winning speech on “What It Means To Be an American.”
- Elected Tom Hennick to a three-year term on the Regional School District #13 Board of Education, said term to expire June 30, 2012.
- Appointed Robert Czarnecki and Chris Flanagan to two-year terms on the Durham-Middlefield Interlocal Agreement Advisory Board, said terms to expire June 30, 2011.
- Authorized the Board of Selectmen to accept any and all Town Aid highway funds (Transportation Infrastructure) which may be due and available to the Town of Durham for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2009
- Adopted a total town budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 in the amount of \$5,124,880 less state and local estimated revenue of \$1,465,617 for a net town budget of \$3,659,263.
- Adopted a five-year Local Capital Improvement Plan.

Special Town Meeting June 22, 2009

- Approved a transfer for an amount not to exceed \$19,400 from Reserve Fund #9640 Library Oil Tank to 6700-497 Library CIP.
- Approved the Agriculture Commission Ordinance.

OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

This fiscal year we collected over \$20,400,000 in taxes and an additional \$100,000 in fees and interest. On June 30, 2010 the total collected; including back year collections, surpassed the Town’s budgetary revenue requirements.

Assistant Tax Collector Jacklyn Downes has been an important part of the success of this office over the years. Her honesty, work ethic, and professionalism have benefited three elected tax collectors as well as the people of Durham. After 15 years serving the people of Durham, she retired in June.

In 2001, Jackie became Durham’s first-ever *Certified Connecticut Municipal Collector*. To become a Certified CT Municipal Collector you must meet the requirements of the Office of Policy and Management by completing a series of education courses and passing a final exam as well as have at least three years of working experience in a CT tax office. She enrolled and paid for the classes herself.

In the summer of 2004 Jackie ran the office alone for several months while waiting for a new Collector to be appointed. She then generously took the inexperienced new collector under her wing and ensured that the critical July collection period went smoothly. I will always be thankful for that early support.

Our local senior tax relief programs were approved at a Town Meeting on 2/19/2008. This year 184 senior residents applied and qualified for the programs. Of the 184 who qualified:

- 180 chose the “freeze” program although with the mill rate going down compared to last year we all received local tax relief.
- Four chose the deferral program. The amount deferred for the year was under \$18,500. Three people remained on the program from the previous year.

Over 80 of these seniors also qualified for the state “circuit breaker” program which has lower income eligibility levels than our local programs. The state reimbursed us for the relief we gave under the CB program.

As of July 1, 2010, the Town has only nine real estate properties delinquent more than three years and two of those parcels are part of an EPA Superfund site limiting possible enforcement remedies. Two others have favorable court judgments against them and the remaining parcels are in “open space” and are assessed at a very low value.

In May 2006 we began working with an attorney specializing in Connecticut real estate who does not charge the Town any fees. As of June 30, 2010 he has resolved 55 of the first 57 cases assigned. A new list of 17 parcels was assigned to this effective real estate attorney in May 2010. In November 2009 we assigned the delinquent motor vehicle accounts from tax year 2007 to our collection agency.

I would like to thank the people of Durham for making this a successful collection year despite uncertain economic times. Our office strives to accommodate the needs of the citizens of Durham by establishing and adhering to policies that ensure equal treatment of all taxpayers, friendly customer service, and the timely deposit and secure handling of receipts for use by the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin French, CCMC
Tax Collector
mfrench@townofdurhamct.org

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR – PROPERTY TAXES

YEAR TO DATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010																	
Grand List Year	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 2009 and Current Levy	Lawful Corrections		Suspense Collections	Transfers To Suspense		Deferred Collections	Transfers To Deferred		Acquired by Foreclosure	NSF & Adjustments	Refunds Issued	Adjusted Taxes Collectible	Actual Cash Collections			Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2010
		Additions	Deductions		Suspense	To		From	Transfers					Taxes	Interest	Lien and Other Fees	
2008	\$ 20,436,802.90	\$ 23,652.97	\$ (68,734.55)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,902.51)	\$ 3,324.36	\$ (1,843,144)	\$ -	\$ 55,579.06	\$ 26,339.66	\$ 20,428,866.24	\$ 20,219,946.11	\$ 60,354.18	\$ 440.00	\$ 20,280,740.29	\$ 235,259.79
2007	\$ 258,818.25	\$ 4,019.24	\$ (7,604.88)	\$ -	\$ (1,902.51)	\$ (1,354.26)	\$ 3,324.36	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (60.00)	\$ 7,369.41	\$ 256,604.46	\$ 165,054.22	\$ 31,123.20	\$ 1,014.00	\$ 197,191.42	\$ 98,919.65
2006	\$ 46,782.67	\$ 954.20	\$ (539.56)	\$ 115.25	\$ (1,354.26)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,958.30	\$ 30,842.47	\$ 10,523.60	\$ 144.00	\$ 41,510.07	\$ 15,115.83
2005	\$ 10,938.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19.29	\$ (1,285.52)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39.79	\$ 9,672.33	\$ 1,170.62	\$ 685.54	\$ -	\$ 1,856.16	\$ 8,541.50
2004	\$ 15,623.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,741.46)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,278.18)	\$ -	\$ 10,603.36	\$ 254.41	\$ 198.75	\$ -	\$ 453.16	\$ 10,348.95
2003	\$ 4,145.27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 219.39	\$ (1,038.88)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,325.78	\$ 219.39	\$ 136.85	\$ -	\$ 356.24	\$ 3,106.39
2002	\$ 3,242.32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 422.85	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,665.17	\$ 597.85	\$ 630.98	\$ -	\$ 1,228.83	\$ 3,067.32
2001	\$ 1,934.86	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6.38	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,941.24	\$ 6.38	\$ 8.71	\$ -	\$ 15.09	\$ 1,934.86
2000	\$ 261.37	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 341.57	\$ 80.20	\$ 123.12	\$ -	\$ 203.32	\$ 261.37
1999	\$ 351.70	\$ 474.12	\$ -	\$ 18.18	\$ (175.28)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 668.72	\$ 492.30	\$ 40.84	\$ -	\$ 533.14	\$ 176.42
1998	\$ 189.84	\$ 196.90	\$ -	\$ 53.39	\$ (196.90)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 243.23	\$ 53.39	\$ 102.51	\$ -	\$ 155.90	\$ 189.84
1997	\$ 219.91	\$ 354.25	\$ -	\$ 86.41	\$ (354.25)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 306.32	\$ 86.41	\$ 153.09	\$ -	\$ 239.50	\$ 219.91
1996	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1995	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 99.55	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 99.55	\$ 99.55	\$ 70.40	\$ -	\$ 169.95	\$ -
1994	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42.93	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42.93	\$ 42.93	\$ 114.62	\$ -	\$ 157.55	\$ -
	\$ 20,779,310.65	\$ 29,651.68	\$ (76,878.99)	\$ 1,163.82	\$ (8,049.06)	\$ 3,324.36	\$ 3,324.36	\$ (18,434.14)	\$ -	\$ 52,250.88	\$ 33,748.86	\$ 20,762,339.20	\$ 20,418,946.23	\$ 104,266.39	\$ 1,598.00	\$ 20,524,810.62	\$ 377,141.83

**TRANSFER TO SUSPENSE TAX BOOK OF UNCOLLECTED
PERSONAL PROPERTY AND MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES
As of June 30, 2010**

Bill #	Name	Reason for Suspense	Tax Amount
<u>List of 1997 - Motor Vehicle - due 7/1/1998</u>			
1997-03-0055996	Sisson Wool, Jill	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$220.45
1997-03-0055997	Sisson Wool, Jill	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$111.73
1997-03-0055998	Sisson Wool, Jill	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$22.07
<u>List of 1998 - Motor Vehicle - due 7/1/1999</u>			
1998-03-0056180	Sisson Wool, Jill	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$196.90
<u>List of 1999 - Motor Vehicle Supplemental - due 1/1/2001</u>			
1999-04-0080227	Corso, Philip G	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$175.28
<u>List of 2003 - Motor Vehicle - due 7/1/2004</u>			
2003-03-0050082	Alfano, Joseph F	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$759.88
<u>List of 2003 - Motor Vehicle Supplemental - due 1/1/2005</u>			
2003-04-0080682	Legge, Jason R	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$279.00
<u>List of 2004 - Motor Vehicle - due 7/1/2005</u>			
2004-03-0050085	Alfano, Joseph F	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$140.98
2004-03-0050086	Alfano, Joseph F	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$762.66
2004-03-0053918	Legge, Jason R	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$253.46
2004-03-0056013	Santoro, Eric S	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$293.36
<u>List of 2004 - Motor Vehicle Supplemental - due 1/1/2006</u>			
2004-04-0080259	Cortezzo Jr., Michael A	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$228.38
2004-04-0080847	Nemeth, Gyula L	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$7.90
2004-04-0081199	Valencia, Lee	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$54.72
<u>List of 2005 - Motor Vehicle - due 7/1/2006</u>			
2005-03-2050092	Alderige, Crystal	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$73.50
2005-03-2050098	Alfano, Joseph F	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$78.28
2005-03-2054019	Legge, Jason R	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$147.00
2005-03-2054701	Midconn Landscaping Inc	Out of Business	\$174.56
2005-03-2054703	Midconn Landscaping Inc	Out of Business	\$330.75
2005-03-2054984	Nemeth, Gyula L	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$22.18
2005-03-2054985	Nemeth, Gyula L	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$13.10
2005-03-2056037	Santoro, Eric S	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$159.86
2005-03-2056955	Valencia, Lee	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$135.06

List of 2005 - Motor Vehicle Supplemental - due 1/1/2007

2005-04-0080811	Nemeth, Gyula L	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$151.23
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List of 2006 - Motor Vehicle - due 7/1/2007

2006-03-0057761	Alderige, Crystal M	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$74.55
2006-03-0060918	Highridge Landscaping	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$500.33
2006-03-0062172	Martin, Glen	Deceased	\$60.38
2006-03-0062460	Midconn Landscaping Inc	Out of Business	\$154.88
2006-03-0062462	Midconn Landscaping Inc	Out of Business	\$300.56
2006-03-0062739	Nemeth, Gyula L	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$146.48
2006-03-0064769	Valencia, Lee	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$117.08

List of 2007 - Motor Vehicle - due 7/1/2008

2007-03-0050308	Baker, Vincent L	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$391.65
	Baker, Vincent L And		
2007-03-0050309	Pagan, Shawne L	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$327.60
2007-03-0053283	Highridge Landscaping	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$402.94
2007-03-0054819	Midconn Landscaping Inc	Out of Business	\$128.63
2007-03-0054820	Midconn Landscaping Inc	Out of Business	\$280.35
2007-03-0055100	Nemeth, Gyula L	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$128.10
2007-03-0055295	Osvald, Alexander R	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$15.49

List of 2007 - Motor Vehicle Supplemental - due 1/1/2009

2007-04-0080009	Alfano, Joseph J	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$91.35
2007-04-0080010	Alfano, Joseph James	Address Unknown/ Unable to Locate	\$136.40

Grand Total: 40 **\$8,049.06**

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

In July 2009, the Registrars held a Middlesex County Registrars of Voters Association of Connecticut educational meetings for all registrars in Middlesex County. Ted Bromley, from the Secretary of State's office, described the Municipal Election primary process, petitioning process and election process. The meeting was very useful and very well attended.

In September, both Registrars and Deputy Registrars attended the Fall ROVAC convention, focusing on the legal requirements for the November election.

In October, we visited Twin Maples to register residents to vote. We returned in a week to assist in filling out forms requesting absentee ballots. After a week's notice to those residents under trusteeship, we returned again to supervise absentee voting. We are proud of the high number of voters exercising their right to vote: 11 members of the 45 person facility registered to vote.

Municipal elections were held on November 4, 2009 with 1920 electors voting.

Between January 29 and April 30, 2009, the Annual Voter Canvass was conducted using the cheapest method of canvassing allowed, the Post Office data for address changes. We sent letters to every Durham resident who reported moving out of Durham or moving within Durham. We also called voters to verify information. If the letter was returned by the Post Office or the recipient failed to reply, the voters were put on the Inactive Lists. At the end of four years, the voter will be removed from the voting list if no contact has been made with the Registrars. Voters who moved out of town were sent voting registration information for their new town.

On April 20, 2010 the Registrars held the annual required Voter Registration Session at Coginchaug Regional High School, along with the Middlefield Registrars. Voters who will reach their majority by the November 2009 election were eligible to register, with their eligibility effective the day they turn 18.

In April, both Registrars and Deputy Registrars attended the ROVAC Annual Spring Meeting and Training Session to learn about audit, recount, and recanvass procedures, new state and federal campaign laws, the new computer system and municipal elections.

On May 4, 2010, a referendum was held in the member towns of Regional School District 13 to vote on the Region 13 2009-2010 school budget. Of 1096 votes cast in Durham, 611 were Yes, and 485 No. The referendum failed due to the fact that more No votes were cast than Yes in Middlefield.

A second referendum was held on May 25, 2010. Durham cast **813** Yes votes and **530** No, for a total of **1343** votes cast. To reduce expenses, the Registrars tried to hold the vote with the fewest workers ever.

As of September 14, 2010, the total number of voters in Durham was 4966, comprising:

Party	Democrat	Republican	Unaffiliated	Other	Total
District 2	889	985	1693	9	3576
District 3	337	343	692	3	1365
TOTAL:	1226	1328	2375	12	4941

During the year, the Registrars added 120 new voters, removed 181 voters, and changed data on 378 voters. The Registrars responded to the usual number of information and data requests from candidates, party representatives, media organizations and the general public concerning eligibility, registered voters, procedures, and registration and election laws.

In addition to administering 3 voting events, both Registrars and Deputy Registrars continued their professional training. Karen Cheyney and Robert Schulte continued in their positions as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Middlesex County professional organization for Registrars of Voters and held 3 meetings. As Chair, Karen attends ROVAC state Board meetings once a month. We continued our work on our office's Policies and Procedures Manual. We began comparing our voter registration cards with the state's computer database to ensure correct data. This will be an ongoing project for

at least two more years. We have also begun improving our election worker training handouts and processes. We have spent much of the year discussing ways to improve the efficiency and quality of our elections while keeping our expenses as low as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Cheyney
Democratic Registrar

Robert Schulte
Republican Registrar

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

The Planning and Zoning Commission meets regularly on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

The past year was, again, a busy one due to the number of applications received, workshop sessions held, and site inspections conducted.

Professional Staff

TOWN PLANNER AND ZONING
ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

Geoffrey L. Colegrove, Executive Director,
Midstate Regional Planning Agency

TOWN ENGINEER:

Brian Curtis, P.E., Jacobson, and Associates, Inc.,

LEGAL COUNSEL:

Thomas P. Byrne, Esq., Steven Byrne, Esq.

ASSISTANT ZONING
ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

Alan Johanson

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Jan Melnik

The Year in Review 2009 - 2010

The number of applications received by the Planning and Zoning Commission remains steady. A breakdown of the application reviewed by the Commission follows:

SITE PLAN REVIEW

- Tilcon Inc., Renewal of Earth Excavation and Removal Permit, South Side of Wallingford Road.
- Regional School District #13, Athletic Campus, Construction and Renovation of Athletic Facilities including Running Track, Synthetic Field, Grandstand, Athletic Field Lighting and Tennis Courts, 144 Picket Lane.
- Mark Kauffman, Hot Dog Cart, 13 Middlefield Road. Application Denied.
- Mark Peturzo, 1-Day Event for Pet Fair, Allyn Brook Park, Pickett Lane.

REGULATION AMENDMENTS

- Pasquale DiNatale, Zoning Text Amendment, Section 07. "Industrial Districts", Add Subsection 07.01.03. #25 to allow "Automobile and Equipment Service, and Public Garage, all without Sales as a Principal or Accessory Use" by Special Permit in the Heavy and Light Industrial Zones.
- Regional School District #13, Zoning Text Amendment, New Section 12.12.05. "Maximum Height of Light Structures for Public Athletic Fields".
- Initiated by the Durham Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Text Amendment, Section 12.04 "Home Occupation"

EXTENSION FOR FILING OF MYLARS

- Cuomo Construction Company, 90-Day Extension for Filing of Mylars, CT Route #17 and Meetinghouse Hill Road.
- Little Lane, LLC, 90-Day Extension for Filing of Mylars, Little Lane.

HOME OCCUPATION

- David and Susan Estabrook, Mail Order Fasteners Business, 694 Higganum Road.

RENEWAL OF ACCESSORY APARTMENT PERMIT

- Douglas and Lisa Mentlick, 5-Year Renewal of Accessory Apartment Permit, 344 Haddam Quarter Road.
- Mary Ryan, 5-Year Renewal of Accessory Apartment Permit, 257 Mica Hill Road.
- Richard and Lucille Hanley, 5-Year Renewal of Accessory Apartment Permit, 111 Johnson Lane.

SUBDIVISIONS and RESUBDIVISIONS

- Little Lane, LLC, Interior Lot Review, Little Lane.
- Sudesh Kumar, Kuman Realty, LLC, 2-Lot Subdivision, Parmelee Hill Road, and Indian Lane.
- Keith and Marybeth Johnson, 2-Lot Subdivision, Guilford Road.

RELEASE OF BOND

- Michael Corona, Durham Auto Center, Release of Landscaping Bond, 428 Main Street.
- Thomas Russell, New Haven Road.
- Signature-Gordon, Release of Performance Bond and Convert Balance to Maintenance Bond, Turkey Hill Road.

SPECIAL EXCEPTION/SPECIAL PERMIT

- CT Horse Cremation, LLC, Large Animal Incineration Facility to be Located in a Freestanding Building, 593 Wallingford Road.
- Mark Kauffman Prepared Food Concession, 13 Middlefield Road.
- Regional School District #13, Installation of Four Lighting Structures with a Maximum of 80 Feet in Height, 144 Pickett Lane.
- DiNatale Rental, LLC, Automobile, and Equipment Service in the Heavy Industrial Zone, 593 Wallingford Road.
- Jan Melnik, Accessory Apartment, 440 Higganum Road.

MODIFICATION TO EXISTING SPECIAL PERMIT AND/OR SITE PLAN

- Greenland Realty, LLC, Modification to Site Plan for Outside Storage of Construction Equipment/Vehicles and Outside Fuel Tanks, 10 Mountain Road. Application Withdrawn.
- Mark Kauffman, Modification to Conditions to Extend Hours of Operation for Food Concession, 13 Middlefield Road. Application Denied.
- CT Horse Cremation, LLC, Modification to Previously Approved Special Permit Conditions to Allow a Large Animal Incineration Facility to be located in a Free-Standing Building, 593 Wallingford Road.
- Greenland Realty, LLC, Modification to Site Plan for Outside Storage of Construction Equipment/Vehicles and On-Site Fuel Tanks, 10 Mountain Road. Application Denied.
- Cuomo Construction Company, Inc. Modification to Special Permit for RV Parking Area, CT Route #17 and Meetinghouse Hill Road.
- Lisa Stopka, Amend Special Permit to Allow Part-Time Summer School, 68 Main Street
- Regional School District #13, Modification to Site Plan for Sound Barrier, 144 Pickett Lane.

Respectfully submitted,

George Eames, III, Chairman
Durham Planning and Zoning Commission

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

During the fiscal year July 1, 2009 through June 31, 2010, the Zoning Board of Appeals presided over six public hearings and conducted three site walks. Approved requests included a front yard variance to build a barn on Hellgate Road, a front yard variance to build a two car garage on Wheeler Hill Road, and a front yard variance to build add a porch and two dormers to a home on Middlefield Road. The commission also authorized the town's zoning enforcement officer to grant a Certificate of Approval for motor vehicle repair at 589 Wallingford Road.

At the Commission's July and August meetings, a public hear was held regarding a request from School District Thirteen to install lighting poles on Pickett Lane 45 feet higher than what is allowed in the Planning and Zoning regulations. The request was ultimately denied.

In June 2010 the Commission opened a public hearing on a request to build a wooden fence on Town House Road which would require a two foot height variance and an additional variance to allow the finished side of the fence to face the interior of the lot. The public hearing was continued to allow the Commission to conduct a site walk. (Subsequent to this reporting period, the height variance was approved and the finished side variance was denied.)

Reasons most commonly cited for variances were topography, the location of wells, septic systems, wetlands and ledge, and other situations beyond the control of the property owners, including lots which no longer conform to zoning regulations due to changes made in those regulations after the lots were approved and homes/businesses erected.

The role of the Zoning Board of Appeals is to hear and rule on applications for variances to the existing Zoning Regulations and ZBA is the only municipal board that can vary those regulations. The power to grant variances allows ZBA to stand between local government and property owners by protecting property owners when strict enforcement of the regulations would cause an unnecessary hardship due to some unique condition on their land.

Generally, economic hardship, such as financial loss, is not a basis for granting variances and variances are only granted when the general purpose of the Zoning Regulations will not be undermined.

Input from adjoining property owners receive strong consideration at these public hearings and it is recommended that applicants provide written letters of support concerning their proposed variances.

We would like to again remind local property owners that variances must be approved before the non-conforming work is undertaken. Property owners should be aware that all swimming pools, (in-ground and above ground), decks, sheds, and other structures, require a building permit and those permits can be obtained from the Building Department at Town Hall.

We meet on the second Thursday of each month in the third floor meeting room at Town Hall at 7:30 PM. Meetings are generally cancelled if there are no applications to review and there is usually no meeting scheduled in August. Variance applications can be obtained from the Building Department at Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

William LaFlamme, Chairman

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mission Statement:

It is the mission of the Public Safety Committee of the Town of Durham to advance the cause of public safety, and to improve the quality of the town's emergency services now and in the future.

Responsibility:

It is the responsibility of the Public Safety Committee to recommend to the Board of Selectman where and how Emergency Services should proceed, and to improve the quality of these services for our residents. The committee also provides long-range planning and analysis functions for the town's Public Safety and Emergency Service providers. The committee continually strives to improve the safety of our citizens through a series of projects, educational programs, and awareness campaigns, designed to reduce crime and lessen the number and severity of accidents on our roadways and in our homes. In addition, the committee serves as a liaison between the residents of the town and the **Public** Safety and Emergency Service Providers, acting upon appropriate citizen input regarding issues and concerns.

Public Safety Announcement Series:

The committee developed a series of Public Safety Announcements (PSA's) which were published in the local newspaper and on the town's website. Topics included Burglary Prevention, Winter Weather Driving, Pool Safety, Lightning Safety, Back-to-School Safety and others. Response to the series has been positive and additional topics are being developed.

Public Safety Message Board:

Motorists driving along Main Street (Rt.17) are sure to notice the new Durham Public Safety Committee Message Board, which features a series of interchangeable safety messages from each of the town's four public safety service providers. This outstanding project was fabricated and installed by Mr. Kyle Backus for his Eagle Scout Project. The committee is extremely grateful to Mr. Backus for his contribution to public safety.

Electronic Neighborhood Crime Watch Updates:

The Neighborhood Crime Watch Program reduces crime by increasing awareness and improving communication between Durham residents and the police.

New this year, is a feature which allows residents to have *Neighborhood Crime Watch Updates* sent directly to their Smart Phone, PDA or E-mail accounts. To subscribe, simply log on to the Safer Durham Notification System at the Town of Durham website (www.townofdurhamct.org) and select the option entitled "*Neighborhood Crime Watch Updates*".

Further Information:

All Public Safety Committee meetings are open to the public; and the public is encouraged to participate. The committee meets on the First Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Durham Public Library. For further information on the Durham Public Safety Committee or to request the committee's assistance with any matter, please contact Frank DeFelice at 349-9688 or contact any of the following committee members.

Durham Public Safety Committee

Frank C. DeFelice	Chairman
Bill Smith	Vice-Chairman
James M. Rossi	Secretary
Wendy Manemeit	Member
Daniel Murphy	Member
Malcolm Pierce	Member

DURHAM VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

The Durham Volunteer Ambulance Corps provides Basic Life Support treatment and transportation to the citizens and visitors of Durham. The twenty-four dedicated members of the Ambulance Corps provide service 24 hours a day/7 days a week.

During the Fiscal Year, members of the Ambulance Corps continued to respond to approximately 450 requests for assistance, 14000 hours of duty coverage, 900 hours of training, and a significant number of hours providing coverage at community events.

The Corps continued significant progress on several long standing initiatives during the Fiscal –Year:

- We continued the “bundle billing” agreement with Middlesex Hospital and Hunter’s Ambulance that has eliminated any charge that our Seniors would see as the result of requiring Paramedic level services from Middlesex Hospital or Hunter’s Ambulance. We are actively working on similar agreements with other mutual aid providers.
- The Corps continued to achieve what was once unthinkable: we passed to another provider no calls due to the lack of manpower.
- Computer based training continues, allowing us to cost-effectively manage and expand our training. Additionally, training for prospective members is made considerably more convenient through the use of this technology.
- Our shared records management system continues to evolve on a volunteer basis, representing hundreds of hours of volunteer work.

Looking back at prior Annual Report submissions, several items remain that needs to be acted upon in short fashion:

- The Town needs a second ambulance. Mutual aid is, oftentimes, either not available or significantly delayed. Should the only ambulance be out of service for maintenance, we are forced to rely on the availability of mutual aid. We are constrained from acquiring a second vehicle due to the lack of suitable garaging space.
- Physical facility: The condition of 205 Main Street continues to problematic. Significant work has been done during the Fiscal Year through the Town’s Facility Manager to help slow the deterioration, yet the facility remains inadequate. Repairs have been made to the roof, apparatus bay, and brick work. A diesel soot filtering system has been installed that should improve air quality.

We cannot operate by ourselves. We work very closely with Chief Hall and the Durham Volunteer Fire Company to provide a very high level of public safety services to our citizens. The Town’s Public Works Department continues to provide outstanding service whenever they are needed. We participate with the Durham Department of Emergency Management to plan for potential emergencies.

The staff at Town Hall is invaluable. Their support and assistance cannot be understated and is greatly appreciated. We continue to appreciate the support and input from the Boards of Selectmen and Finance. The members also appreciate the support that they receive from their families and friends, especially when called away from family events due to an emergency call.

In closing, our organization continues to strive to provide very high quality service. The services we provide are very much a team effort. Our team of dedicated emergency services personnel cares very deeply about our patients. A potential patient is a member of that team – we need to know if you need us. Please feel free to call on us if you feel something is wrong and you or a family member has or potentially has a medical emergency. All too often, we don’t get called until someone has had symptoms of a potential medical emergency for many hours. Time, sometimes, can be of the essence. Please don’t wait to activate 911. We are here to serve you.

Help us help you – make sure that we can clearly see your house number from the road.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott T. Wright, Chief of Service

DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

This past year has been one of uncertainty for the town, the state and beyond. The economy continues to be volatile and budget challenges took center stage for everyone within and without the library community. However, in this time of uncertainty one thing has remained steadfast – and that is the overwhelming satisfaction with and support for the Durham Public Library.

While it is pretty hard to top last year's significant event - the creation of a computer center, new YA room, media room and circ desk – we were not without significant events this year. With two grants, the first a state grant, received through former state representative Ray Kalinowski, and the second from the Cogenchaug Valley Education Foundation, we were able to document, catalog and preserve the original and secondary materials, including rare volumes, in the library's local history room. In addition, the "History and Architecture of Durham", undoubtedly our most requested resource, was digitized and is now searchable from the library website.

The Large Print collection was greatly expanded, with new genres added. This resulted in a 51% increase in circulation over the previous year. The area devoted to new books was expanded as well, which in this case netted an 11% increase in circulation. Overall, circulation was 4% higher than last year. Gains in adult audio books (8%), children's audio books (7%), and young adult books (87%) led the way. Another impressive statistic is the number of new borrowers we added this year: 430. That brings the total number of Durham residents with library cards to 4,556, which translates to 67% of the population.

However, the most significant changes in the last year occurred outside our building. In August of 2009, a memorial garden was added to the Main St. side of the library. A committee of four, including Lynn Stanwood, Pat Murawski, Lynn Johnson, and Cyndi Shirshac, worked with landscapers and garden centers to install a beautiful perennial garden that honors the memory of so many friends of the library in whose names donations were made. A dedication ceremony was held on September 13 with many family members present. In April, the same dedicated committee tackled the back garden, with great help from the town crew who removed the old path and overgrown trees. One cold rainy day in May, the four ladies were out there digging holes and planting trees, bushes, and perennials. By mid-summer it was in full bloom.

On Thursday, February 18, 2010, libraries all over Connecticut took a 'snapshot' – collecting information to capture the impact that Connecticut libraries have on their communities on a typical day. Snapshot Day was a joint project of the Connecticut Library Association, the Connecticut State Library, and the Connecticut Library Consortium. The Snapshot Committee created a brief survey to collect data – basic information like how many people came through your door, how many people used your computers, etc. We also collected comments from patrons who responded to the question "Why is the library important to you?" Samples follow:

- "Feeds my reading hunger, kid friendly, de facto community center."
- "Just love all the new books & the self-check."
- "We love the library and use it bi-weekly, if not more. It is a very important part of our community."
- "I consider it welcoming, intellectual, heart of our great town and a great use of our tax dollars."

Anticipating a difficult budget process, the library braced itself for cuts during budget hearings. We found savings where we could, but some increases were contractual. Working with the Board of Finance, additional savings were identified. To the Library Board and staff's delight and surprise the BOF recommended our budget as amended, including a small increase in the library materials budget (the first in more than five years.) Most gratifying, at each step in the process, the library was commended for the service it provides.

No review of our year's success would be complete, let alone possible without the assistance of our wonderful volunteers, including 58 "volunteens" who put in 572 hours at the summer reading desk. Many of those same volunteers provided valuable assistance to The P.A.L.S. during the prep for the "Taste of Durham". In total, our volunteers provided an amazing 2,445 hours of service. Yet, that figure does not include the hours and hours of dedicated work that our P.A.L.S.

members put in year after year. “Taste of Durham”, the annual book sale, flamingo flocking are just some of the P.A.L.S. projects that make the Summer Reading Program, special programs and new initiatives possible.

No library could have a better, more dedicated, or informed Board of Trustees. On a personal note, I would like to thank them for their continued support, confidence, and encouragement.

The library’s success formula is very simple: take care of your public and recognize the primacy of your staff. Statistics and anecdotal evidence prove that the Durham Public Library is providing the collections, programs and services that the community wants and needs. As for the second half of the equation, staff knows that their opinions are valued, their contributions are essential, and that individually and collectively they are responsible for the success of the library. Customer and staff-centricity are part of the library’s operational DNA.

In closing, I acknowledge our staff:

Cyndi Shirshac, Assistant Director, and the whole team: Melissa Albin, Christine Tkaczyk, Jane Churchill, Elizabeth Dougan, Carol Herzig, Diana St. Pierre, Patti Holden and Jessica St. Pierre.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie R. Kilmartin, Director

Library Annual Statistics for the period of July 1, 200 through June 30, 2010

Circulation	2009-2010	2008-2009	% Change
Total Adult	83,368	81,568	2%
Total Juv	76,768	76,830	0%
Total YA	8,637	8,981	-4%
Renewals	30,805	31,812	-3%
ILL (borr)	9,330	11,147	-16%
ILL (lent)	11,814	12,881	-8%
Self-check	46,366	33,958	37%
Total Circulation	267,088	257,177	4%
Holdings	13,611	12,339	10%
Checkins	170,640	167,163	2%
Total Activity	451,339	436,679	3%
Gate Count	106,934	110,520	-3%
Computer Use	8,750	7,498	17%
Programs/Sessions			
Adults	28	37	-24%
Children	155	195	-21%
Young Adults	20	11	82%
Total	203	243	-16%

The Senior Board believes that social networking and interactions are good for everyone's physical and mental health. We are happy to have the support of the community in this new adventure and extend our thanks to the Durham Volunteer Fire Department and the Durham Public Library for allowing us to host our programs there for the last 10 years or so.

Transportation is still provided to Durham and Middlefield seniors for medical appointments and for educational and therapeutic activities.

Respectfully submitted,
Lainy Melvin, Chairperson

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSOION

During the past year, the Economic Development Commission (EDC) has been very active in the community developing and promoting, unique to Durham, Discover Durham "Business Expo".

The response has been well accepted by the business community. Last year the EDC gave back to the town the amount of \$1,600.00 that was generated from the Business Expo, to the Town's general fund.

Finally, several members of the commission have been attending seminars sponsored by the State agencies in the improvement and understanding of municipal economic development projects and regulations.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Cascini, Chairman

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

During the year we have reviewed and acted upon six Applications for Certificate of Appropriateness (APCOA) including the following issues: decking, siding replacement, window replacement, front door replacement, signage, fence, and lighting.

We hold the line on historic appropriateness, yet we recognize changing technology, materials, and methods. For instance, we have approved cement fiber clapboards (Hardie plank siding), instead of mandating cedar clapboards; we allow "Azek" type synthetic trim done in traditional details; we allow "simulated true divided lite" windows instead of t demanding "true divided lite, single glazed" window.

Handling the APCOAs is relatively manageable. The hard part is handling instances of disregard for the APCOA/Historic District process. This issue has been forced to the forefront for us and we have been successful in strengthening our routines and results. We have used diplomacy and pressure to manage these situations. The potential legal process that we have is a last resort for when all else fails. We have worked with the First Selectman, Laura Francis, and the town attorney to strengthen these routines as well as working closely with Richard McManus, our Building Inspector, and the HDC Enforcement Officer. All historic district building permits must have HDC sign-off before they are legally valid. We are studying the district sidewalk network to identify gaps and needs in that critical pedestrian system.

In the coming year we will refresh the signs announcing the district at the various entry points to town. The Firehouse/Emergency Services complex is clearly on our radar, especially as it affects the two adjacent town-owned house (37 & 51 Main Street) as well as the effect of the whole new project on the Main Street streetscape.

Respectfully submitted,
Duncan Milne, Chairman

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Our year was filled with fun activities for all to enjoy. Our summer playground was open to first- seventh grade children, with 185 children registering for this program. The playground met every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:00am-noon. Activities included arts & crafts, sports and special events. Our little people program for 4 and 5 year olds met in the last week in June and in the months of July and August, with 45 children attending the activities. The little people program had 2 sessions with session one meeting 9-10:30 and session two meeting 10:30-12:00. Activities include bubble day, Pizza day, and many other special events. A fee of \$35.00 for the summer was charged for the Playground and Little People program. The Night Recreation Youth Group met at Strong School in the months of July and August on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Activities included music, games, volleyball, basketball, and special events. The group of children registered for this program had a great time!

The Junior Counselor program was a great success. 35 teens registered for the Junior Counselor program. In this program the teens were asked to help out in various summer programs. The students learned leadership skills and responsibility working and caring for others.

Teen Night under the Stars was held at Camp Farnam in Durham. This program was open to teens entering grades 8-11th. The teens enjoyed swimming in a pool, food, basketball, camp fire, and special events.

Summer Sports events that were held for adults were Co-ed Volleyball being played outside on a sand court. We also had a fun women's softball league that played games on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm and practiced on Sunday evenings. Nine softball teams played in the months of July and August.

Our children's summer sports clinics consisted of the Boys Blue Hoop Clinic the Girl's Blue Hoop Clinic and the Boys and Girls Offensive Basketball Clinic. Ages that attended the clinic were grades 1-12. The Devil Track and Field Clinic was not held this summer due to track construction. Summer tennis Lessons for 6th-8th grade met at the Town Tennis Courts in July. Adult Tennis Lessons were also offered this summer.

Adult Fun Runs were held during the summer months of June, July, and August. Ribbons were given to all who ran. Due to track construction children were not allowed in the program. All participants who ran in the fun runs got their names and running times printed in the Town Times.

Cheerleading Spirit program was offered in August. The girls learned cheers and a dance for all the parents watch.

A Self Defense class was held at Allyn Brook Park. Classes were open to grades 2-8 and Adults. This self-defense class continues to be held at Korn School during the school year on Monday and Thursday evenings. Karate class was held at Brewster school for age's k-8 and met on Tuesdays from 3:00-5:00 during the school year. Children's Karate Class was offered September-June for grades k-8. Classes' met on Tuesday afternoons at Brewster School.

Our children's Fun and Fitness class met on Saturday mornings in the months of March and April. Children learned basic tumbling and would exercise on the floor mats. Three sessions were offered for ages 1 & 2, 3 & 4, and 5 & 6.

In the fall and winter months Coed Volleyball was offered in the months of September, October, and November. The Gym at Coginchaug High School is used for these activities. Co-ed Volleyball also met at Strong School in the months of April, May, and June. Men's open gym met in the months of November and December. The men's Recreation Basketball league had 6 teams. Games were played at Strong School in the Months of January, February, March, and finales in April. Women's open Gym basketball met at Strong School on Monday evenings in the Months of January, February, and March.

Adult Evening Exercise class was offered from September-June and met at Brewster school. Aerobic class met on Monday and Yoga class met on Wednesday evening.

The Youth Basketball program met in the months of December, January, and February. This program was open to all grades from k-8. The goal of the program is to teach fundamentals of the game and have fun. Games were played on

Saturday mornings with on practice for the teams during the week. Schools that were used in the program were Cuginchaug High School, Strong School, Korn School, Brewster School, and Memorial School.

Family activities that were enjoyed by all were the Halloween Parade and Pumpkin contest held at Brewster School. Refreshments, Ribbons, and a special treat were given to all. The Holiday Tree Gathering met on the Durham Town Green Saturday December 4th. Hot chocolate and cookies were served to all who braved the cold. Our Easter Egg Hunt took place at Allyn Brook Park. The Recreation Committee boils and colors 1180 eggs at Strong School for the hunt. Hi-Land Farms in Durham Connecticut donate the eggs for the hunt. The summer concert series held at Allyn Brook Park had some terrific bands: The Aquatudes, The White House Experience, Blue Grass and many more. Randy White House donated his time and sound system to make our Summer Concert Series a special event. Remembering September 11th was held on the Town Green for all who wanted to have a time to reflect.

A New program was added to the spring and fall schedule. We offered a cooking classes for youth from grades 5-8. The classes were held at Strong School in the health room. The student's made sweet and healthy meals for all to enjoy.

A New program was added during the winter and spring months. Music was club was offered to grades 1-4 and met at Brewster and Korn School.

A special thank you goes out to all of our volunteers and Recreation committee members who help make our recreation experiences memorable ones. Many thanks to Hi-Land Farms for the egg donations, George Planeta for making our holiday tree lighting special. We would also like to thank the Soccer club, Little League, and the Durham Middlefield Falcons for making our town sports a special part of our town recreation. A Thank you goes out to Randy White House for his volunteer time with the summer concert series.

Respectfully submitted
Sherry F Hill, Recreation Director.

DURHAM CEMETERY COMPANY

Throughout the year we continue the task of major brush clearing at Mica Hill Cemetery including landscape repair, planting, and pruning. We thank Greg Burritt for his hard work and dedication to this project.

Fees were increased for weekend and winter burials this year. Two new forms were created: 1) Application of Permission to Open Graves, and, 2) Assignment of Burial Rights.

In 2009-2010 there were ten full and ten cremation burials at Mica Hill Cemetery, and two full and one cremation burial at Center Cemetery. Inquiries concerning the purchase of plots at Mica Hill Cemetery can be directed to our Sexton or to any member of the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald F. Brown, President