

ON THE COVER:

Featured on this year's cover of the Annual Town Report is the art exhibit representing the works of art created in the Art 1 classes at Ludlow High School. What is unique about this exhibit is the community connection that surrounds the theme of the works.

The images were copied from the coloring book created by Maggie Lavoie, a local artist, and Karen E. Pilon a member of the Historical Commission entitled "Color the ABC's of Ludlow MA". Because of the dedication of the Report to Mr. William R. Rooney, it seemed almost inevitable that the school should somehow be showcased to bring the theme of the Annual Town Report full circle.

There are three major components in the study of color theory practices that are directly connected to the Principles and Elements of Art and Design. This study is basic to all works of art in which paint is used and is important to a student's development of skills and knowledge in visual art practices.

The class first explored color mixing techniques, then learned how to combine colors to create a specific effect or mood, which included the appearance and affect of color schemes in painting. Finally, the students applied what they learned in an actual painting of a scene.

Since their emphasis of the unit of study was placed on painting skills and techniques, the drawings in the coloring book proved to be a perfect venue for the students to practice their painting skills. The students decided on the color scheme they wanted to explore for painting purposes, hence, the variety and abstractions of the scenes.

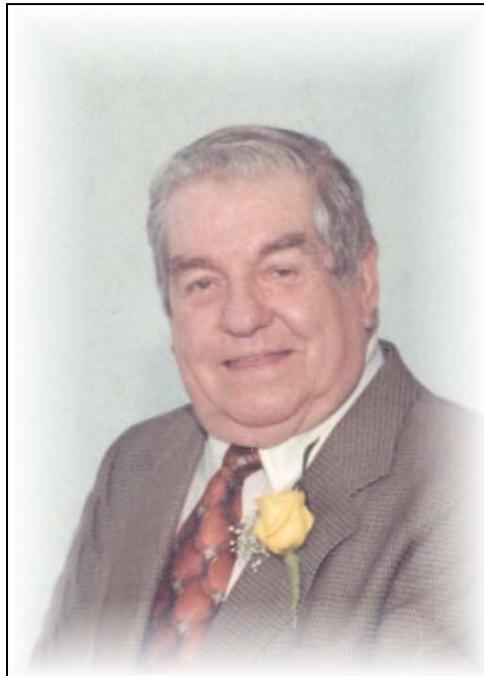
From an academic point of view, Ms. Moreen Cotti, the art teacher in charge of the projects, said that the paintings the students produced were very successful. The members of the community who are able to view the exhibit will see a variety of skill levels, inventive color application used, unique interpretations of scenes of Ludlow, and an individualized approach to creative expression. The viewer will also see that students enjoyed "playing" with a specific color scheme when not held true to realism allowing them to be more inventive with their paintings.

The formal presentation of their artwork is the culmination of the unit of study. As the students present an exhibit of their work to the general public, it is their hope that the community will enjoy a unique visualization of the sites of the town, inspiring conversation and positive criticism.



Ms. Cotti and her talented Art students

THE 2005
ANNUAL TOWN REPORT
IS DEDICATED TO
WILLIAM R. ROONEY



3/17/27 – 5/22/05

On May 22, 2005, the family of William R. Rooney lost a devoted and loving father and grandfather, the residents of the Town of Ludlow lost a legend. From his dedication to his family owned weekly newspaper, "The Register", to his devotion as an educator, Mr. Rooney was the epitome of honor, firm beliefs, wisdom and of course humor.

In 1952, he began his career as an educator within the Ludlow School System, teaching junior and senior high school English. He loved literature and the poems of Robert Frost whose deep and meaningful works graced many a page of the Ludlow Register. He went on to become principal of the Paul R. Baird Middle School in 1984 and retired in 1986. New doors opened up for him when he tossed his hat in to the political arena and was elected as a member of the Board of Selectmen, serving the Town in that capacity for two three-year terms. He served on various town committees, including the Horace Smith Fund, co-chaired the Town's 225th Anniversary, served as master of ceremonies for countless events, and was honored when the street leading to the Middle School was named after him. One could say that Mr. Rooney was synonymous with Ludlow.

His "Cracker Jack" staff in the Selectmen's Office, as he so fondly described us remembers how proud he was of his Irish heritage and Saint Patrick's Day. How ironic that it was also his birthday and we often quipped at what an important day that was; in more ways than one. Lovely Irish melodies surround his spiritual presence and the words of the songs that he held so dear, bring a sense of peace and calmness to those of us who miss him. The children of the Rooney's, William and Maureen and their grandchildren endured tremendous emotional pain this year. Countless memories and stories of their parents will live on and someday comfort them. May the Lord embrace Julie Ann and William Rooney with eternal peace.



The Rooney Family

IN MEMORIAM



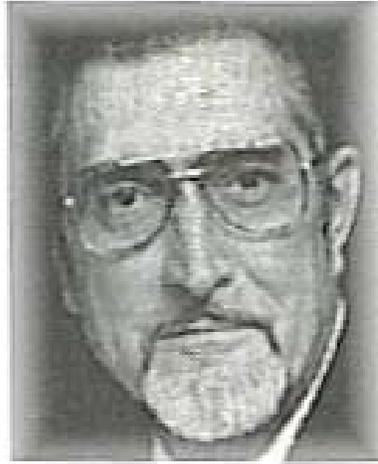
Arthur E. Chapman
1/22/35 - 4/17/05

Officer Arthur E. Chapman passed away on May 17, 2005. A dedicated police officer and devoted family man, Officer Chapman was the ultimate protector. In his twenty-two year career, he never missed a day of work, which speaks volumes for the type of individual he was. His served as the department's safety officer, crime prevention officer, photographer and was also assigned to the Detective Bureau. He did his job well and was proud to wear Badge #2

In 1991, because of ailing health, he was forced to retire from the Police Department, but never sought other employment because to him, there was no other job. He became an avid golfer and competed in many tournaments. His fondest moments were spent with his wife Yvonne, his three children Linda, Kelly and Danny and his four grandchildren. He enjoyed them just as he enjoyed his duties as a safety officer often speaking to school children impressing upon them the role policemen play to aid in their protection.

Art Chapman was a kid at heart and for those of us who were privileged to know him, his best asset was his warm, humorous and caring heart. He always brought a smile to your face with his quick wit and humorous anecdotes, and always came to the aid of anyone in need. He will be sadly missed, but never forgotten.

IN MEMORIAM



Joseph M. Kulewicz
2/12/26 - 6/21/05

Joseph M. Kulewicz was born in Jamaica, Long Island, NY and moved to Ludlow upon his retirement after twenty-two year of service from the U.S. Air Force. He then attended American International College and Fitchburg State College earning a degree in industrial arts. He became a teacher at Granby Junior Senior High School and retired from that position in 1988.

Mr. Kulewicz served the Town of Ludlow for several years in many capacities. He was the Chairman of the Finance Committee, a Department of Public Works Commissioner and a member of the Building and Alterations Committee . He loved to debate issues was proud of his accomplishments and was committed to the Town of Ludlow.

Mr. Kulewicz was a loving husband, devoted father and grandfather. He was married to Helen for fifty-six years and was proud of his three children, Jo Ann, Stephen and James. When he mentioned his family, especially his grand-children he had a certain grin that silently expressed just how important they were in his life. Those of us, who knew Joe, knew of his love for animals, especially his miniature sheltie, his traveling companion. May he rest in peace.

OUR TOWN

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

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

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

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

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

GEOGRAPHY

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

FY'2006 TAXES as of January 1, 2005

Residential:	1,423,273,684.
Commercial:	116,660,176
Industrial:	50,917,720
Personal Prop.	52,442,590

TAX RATE:

For the period from July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005
Per \$1,000 of value
\$14.10 – Residential and Commercial

TAX BILLS:

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

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

Education Aid:	\$10,088,266
General:	3,182,279

Total Receipts: 13,270,545

TOWN HALL:

Built in 1974
Incorporated as a Town, 1774

FORM OF GOVERNMENT:

Board of Selectmen
Town Administrator
Representative Town Meeting
Annual Town Meeting held the second Monday in May.
Special Town Meeting held the first Monday in October.

VOTING:

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

REGISTERED VOTERS, as of December 31, 2004:

Democrats	6,058
Republicans	1,578
Grn./Lib./3rd/Reform	98
Un-enrolled Voters	5,172
Total Registered	12,912

PASSPORTS:

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

DOG LICENSES:

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

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

TOWN OF LUDLOW WEBSITE:

www.ludlow.ma.us

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

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

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

The principal highway is Interstate 90, the Massachusetts Turnpike. Passenger service is available on Amtrak in neighboring Springfield. Freight rail service is available from Conrail.

Ludlow is a member of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVRTA), which provides fixed route service to Springfield. The PVRTA also offers para transit services to the elderly and disabled through the Council on Aging.

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

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ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

	Term Expires		Term Expires
Assessors, Board of		Public Works, Board of	
Edward P. Mazur, Chair	2008	Thomas Haluch, Chair	2008
Donald J. Lake	2006	Thomas E. Cislak	2008
Beverly A. Barry	2007	Antonio J. DaCruz	2006
		Michael Goncalves	2007
		Brian D. Martell	2007
Collector of Taxes		Recreation Commission	
Fred Pereira	2008	Donald J. Couture, Apt., Chair	2006
		Donald R. Cameron	2008
		Sean McBride	2007
Health, Board of		School Committee	
Dr. Bruce R. Dziura, Chair	2007	Christopher E. Chartrand, Chair	2006
Carol Szczebak	2008	Gail F. LaBelle	2008
Victor Jay Field	2006	James (Chip) Harrington	2008
		Joseph A. Santos	2007
		Michelle M. Thompson	2007
Housing Authority		Selectmen, Board of	
Brian A. Dobek, Chair	2008	Helen Garrow, Chair	2006
Betty K. Socha	2006	John D. DeBarge	2006
Carol Ann Romaniak	2009	Matthew J. Pszeniczny	2007
Arthur Augusto	2010	Lawrence J. Nascimento	2007
Dana P. Cormier, State Apt.		James J. McGowan	2008
Sidney Chevalier, Ex. Director			
Library Trustees		Town Clerk	
Christine A. Davis, Chair	2006	Laurie Gibbons	2008
Diane H. Goncalves	2008		
Gloria Bourbeau	2007		
Moderator		Town Treasurer	
James V. Thompson	2008	Kathleen J. Houle	2006
Planning Board			
Raymond E. Phoenix, II, Chair	2006		
Edgar R. Minnie	2010		
Richard Ollari	2007		
William H. Bates	2008		
Kenneth Hill	2009		

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Officer

Michael A. Szlosek

American With Disabilities Act Coordinator

Michael Lombard

Agent of Record

Manuel Leitao

Airport Master Plan Consulting Committee

Joseph Queiroga

Assistant Assessor/Appraiser

Juanita Testori

Associate Assessor

Jose Alves

Ambulance Abatement Committee

Fred Pereira, Chair

Chief Charles Chaconas

Chief James McGowan

Anthony Jarvis

Animal Control Officer

Linda Johnson

Audit Committee

Maxine Mazur, Chair

Sandra Kane

Darlene Cincone

Thomas Barbeau

William Farrell

Board of Appeals

Anthony Jarvis, Chair

Kathleen Bernardo

Patricia Campagnari

Raul Coelho

Paul A. Zielinski

Joseph Bradley, Alternate

Albert LeMay, Jr., Alternate

Board of Registrars

Theresa Almeida-Veillex

Richard Houghton

Virginia Studley

Laurie Gibbons

Building Commissioner

Stephen P. Houle

Local Building Inspector

Joseph Mole

Robert J. LeBlanc, resigned

Building Additions & Alterations

Albert Fabbre

David Irvine

Matthew Pszeniczny

William Rooney, deceased

Gary Scagliarini, resigned

Budget Advisory

Board of Selectmen

Town Accountant

Town Treasurer

Town Collector

Town Administrator

Chairman, Finance Committee

Chairman, Board of Assessors

Assistant Assessor

Cable Commission

Karyn Kernan, Chair

Aaron Lavoie

Connie O'Brien

James Lonczak, resigned

Edward DeChellis

Timothy Donnelly

Steven Malysz, Ex-Officio, retired

Lucien Bourbeau

Timothy Collins

Laurence Langevin

Victor A. Poitras, Jr., resigned

Thomas Ghazil, Ex-Officio

Cable Operations Manager

Timothy Donnelly

Call Firefighters

Stanley J. Haluch

Victor A. Poitras, Jr., resigned

Earl Dunbar, Jr.

William J. Ellison

Capital Improvement Planning Committee

William R. Rooney, Chair, deceased

Gary Scagliarini, resigned

Matthew J. Pszeniczny

David Irvine

James Young, Ex-Officio

Celebrate Ludlow Committee

William E. Rooney, Chair

Joan Haney

Elizabeth Rustic

William J. Shea

Maureen Rooney-Murray

Denise Zrakas

Lisa Martin

Christine Ward

Diane C. Yelinek

Sylvester Rogowski

Maxine Mazur

Pamela Hayes, resigned

Guida Sajdak

Linda Koss

William Koss

Chief Procurement Officer

Michael A. Szlosek

Commission on Disabilities

Andrew Bristol, Chair

Beverly Barry

Joanne Lizak, deceased

Comm. On Disabilities Cont.

Mark Lizak, retired
Joanne Odat-Staeb
Paul Gerstenberger
Manuel Silva
Patricia Donahue
Michael Lombard, ADA Coordinator

Communications Officer

vacancy

Computer Advisory Committee

Stephen P. Houle, Bldg. Comm., Chair
Michael A. Szlosek, Town Administrator
James Young, Town Accountant
Kathleen Houle, Treasurer
Louis Tulik – Rep. for Police Dept.
James Goodreau, Rep. DPW
Kevin Pettengill, Ex-Officio

Conservation Commission

Kevin Brown, Chair
Angela Tierney
Susan Denette
Marcia Kida
John Dryjowicz
Thomas Presnal, resigned

Constables

Laurie Gibbons
Det. David Kornacki
Officer Roger Beauregard

Constable For Tax Collector

Reid Jeffrey
Christine Jeffrey

Contract Compliance Officer

Michael A. Szlosek

Council on Aging

Fred Lafayette, Chair
Albert LeMay
Wanda Karczmarczyk
Dianne Goncalves
Theresa Masley
Henry Haste
Evelyn Anischik
William R. Rooney, deceased
Jean Gibb
Charles Gaudette, resigned
Edward P. Mazur
Phillip Tierney
Lucille Carneiro

Custodian of Insurance Records

Kathleen J. Houle

Custodian of Tax Possession

Kathleen J. Houle

Economic Development Coordinator

John D. DeBarge

Electrical Inspector

Antonio Portelada

Asst. Electrical Inspector

Richard Chenevert

Director of Emergency Management

Chief Charles Chaconas, Deputy Director

Equal Opportunity Employment Officer

Michael A. Szlosek

Fair Housing Committee

Raymond Phoenix
Chester Giza
Robert Chevalier
Eugene Yelle, resigned
Micheal A. Szlosek, Ex-Officio

Finance Committee

Darlene Cincone, Chair
Betty Landry
Suzanne Boyea
Susan Gove
Albert H. LeMay, Jr.
Albert Fabbre
Stephen Fieldler

First Meeting House Committee

Jeremy Kavka, Chair
Thomas Haluch
James Harrington, resigned
Agnes Kibbe
Elsie Hiersche
Donald Kibbe
Marilyn Paul-Lewis
Bert Ramage
Karen Cuthbert
Michael A. Szlosek, Ex-Officio

Graves Registration Officer

William Shea
Cazimess Boduch, Asst.
Alfred Graveline

Harassment Officer

vacancy

Haviland Beach Study Committee

Manuel Leitao, Chair
Darlene Kennedy
Denise Fiedler, resigned
Chester Giza
Michael Olenick
Jeanne Olenick

Hazardous Material Coordinator

Capt. Mark Babineau

Historian

Marilyn Paul-Lewis

Historical Commission

Agnes E. Kibbe, Chair
Lois LaMondia
John Meyrick, resigned
Elsie Hiersche
Lillian Lewison, resigned
Karen Pilon

Historic District Study Committee

John Muse
Stephen Muse
James Parker, resigned
Sandra Stanek

Information Officer

Helen Garrow

Industrial Finance Authority

John D. DeBarge
Bernard Lavoie
Alexander Simao, resigned
Darlene H. Cincone

Insurance Advisory Committee

Judy Kelly
Candida Batista
Paula Nolan, resigned
Officer Jerome Mayou
Brian Bylicki
Edward Difiore
Pvt. Kent Doyle
Theresa Kane
Betty K. Socha
Royal Moore
Pvt. Walter Peacey, Jr., Alternate
Michael A. Szlosek, Ex-Officio

License Agent for the Board of Selectmen

Det. David Kornacki
Det. Dana Vigneault

Local Economic Partnership

Matthew J. Pszeniczny
Chester Giza
Joseph A. Santos
Simon Santos, Jr., resigned
Betty Landry
Mary Ann Harris, resigned
Andrew S. Boyea, Jr., resigned
Raymond Phoenix
James Carvalho
Dan Serra, resigned
Paul Dzubek, Advisor
Michael A. Szlosek, Ex-Officio

Ludlow Cultural Council

Eileen A. Jordan, Chair
Michael Gove
Michele Manganaro-Thompson, resigned
Mary James
Albert LeMay, Jr.
Susan D. Gove

Matron

Mary Morcavage
Shelby Anderson
Linda Kelleher-Zina
Cheryl Messer
Tammy Turcotte

Mobile Home Rent Control Board

Bert Ramage, Chair
Mary Evangelista
Jean Gibb
Marilyn Valenti
Michael Bingle

MMWEC Board of Directors

Luis Vitorino

MWRA Working Group

Carlton W. Leonard, III

Open Space Planning

Lenore Paul, Chair
Marcia Kida
William Bates
William LeBlanc
Kevin Brown, resigned
Joel Schnur
Michael A. Szlosek, Ex-Officio

Parking Hearing Officer

John D. DeBarge

Personnel Board

Richard Devine, Chair
Victor Jay Field
Mary Lou Fabbo, resigned
Joan C. Cavallo
Jo A. Pettengill
William Dzierwinski

Physicians

Dr. Fernando Jayma
Dr. Shaukat Matin
Dr. Gino Mercadante

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

Raymond Phoenix, II, resigned
Michael Gove

Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

Antonio Goncalves, Selectmen's Designee

Plumbing/Gas Inspector

Joseph Kozicki

Asst. Plumbing/Gas Inspector

Kevin Douville

Pond Management Committee

Manuel Leitao, Chair.
Jeanne Olenick
Michael Olenick
Chester Giza
Denise Fiedler
Gary Costa

Police, Special

Lgt. Fernando Pina
Sgt. Raymond Parylak
Sgt. Wendell Prior
Sgt. David Salvador
Sgt. Raymond Robbins
Sgt. Alan Vantangoli
James Banas
Jose Branco
Jose Carvalho
Patrick Halpin
Donald Long
Phillip Monette
Elaine Peters
Penny Silveira
Nicholas Verteramo

Police, Special

Danny M. Arlin II
Robert L. Cooley
Michel S. Lebel
Daniel A. Provost
Jonathan M. Witowski
Chris Silveira
Derek Smolinski
Matthew Benoit
Jason Mancuso
Aaron Babinski
Jason Chelo
Patrick Gaughan
Linda Kelleher-Zina
Xristina Kodfidis
Thomas Kurpaska
Tina Paro
Elaine Peters
James Sevigne
Armando Saraiva

Safety Committee

Frank Nowak, Chair
William F. DiCarlo
Michael Goncalves
Stephen P. Houle
Phillip McBride
Penny Silveira, Alt.
Edward DeChellis
Chief James McGowan
Chief Charles Chaconas, Alt.
Sgt. Louis Tulik, Alt.

School Crossing Guards

Janice Chrzan
Irene Setterstrom
Debra Ann Forcum
Jacqueline Nadeau
Carla Lee Vieu
Margaret Lavoie
Maurice (Jim) Lavoie
Stanley T. Witowski
Amy Lynn Adorno, sub.
Donna Marie Chrzan, sub.
Tina Lynn Wright, sub.

Sealer Weights & Measures

Douglas J. Wilk

Skate Park Committee

Dianne Ollari
Debora Gates
Nicholas Gates
Jeremy James
Bryan Chaplan
Antonio DaCruz

Skate Park Comm. Assoc. Members

Matthew Maciolek,
Mathew Levesque
Christopher Warwick
Grant Moran
Christopher Searler
Robert Kukla
Joshua Whitworth

Sworn Weigher

Joanne Martins

Town Accountant

James Young

Town Administrator

Michael A. Szlosek

Town Auctioneer

Vacancy

Town Counsel

Attorney David Martel

**Town Engineer/Director of
Public Works**

Paul Dzubek

Town Negotiator

Collins & Weinberg

Veteran's Services Officer

Michael Lombard

Westover Advisory Commission

Carmin J. Moutinho, Chair, resigned
Barbara Hurst
Steve Mello, resigned
Rick Bissaillon, resigned
Bruce Durand, resigned
Kenneth Batista
George Kellog, Ex-Officio, resigned
Jack Moriarty, Ex-Officio
Gary Coelho, Site Inspector

Westover Municipal Golf Commission

Raymond Evans, Chair
Salvator Amedeo
Joseph O'Brien
Donald J. Cameron, Jr.
Donald Couture
Walter Craven

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

Raymond Evans
William E. Rooney

PRECINCT MEMBERS 2005

PRECINCT ONE

2008 Fernando Barros, 25 Joy St.
2008 Timothy S. Donnelly, 39 Arnold St.
2008 Michael S. Gove, 83 Gaudreau Ave.
2008 William A. Koss, 203 West St.
2008 Walter Peacey Jr., 7 Wenonah Dr.
2007 Alfred A. Lariviere, 421 Holyoke St.
2007 Alan E. Gregoire, 12 Vienna Ave.
2007 Betty E. Landry, 40 West Belmont St.
2007 Ronald E. Thompson, 106 Erin Ln.
2007 Carl V. Gregoire, 46 Bruni Ave.
2006 Matias F. Goncalves, 267 Cady St.
2006 Debora M. Johnson, 142 Cady St.
2006 William J. Jolivet, 37 Gamache Dr.
2006 Richard L. Houghton, 32 West Belmont St.
2006 Jacob R. Oliveira, 67 Guertin Ave.

PRECINCT TWO

2008 Chester J. Giza, 134 Yale St.
2008 Eugene A. Beauregard Jr., 67 Highland Ave.
2008 Francis L. Chenaille, 193 Highland Ave.
2008 Arlindo Valadares, 49 Maple St.
2008 Anna Amaral, 307 Howard St.
2007 Lorraine C. Czapienski, 127 Cedar St.
2007 Jean D. Gibb, 56 White St.
2007 Donald C. Labrecque, 191 Pine St.
2007 Priscilla S. Silva, 311 Howard St.
2006 Maureen Rooney-Murray, 26 Warsaw Ave.
2006 John J. Dryjowicz, 153 Ray St.
2006 Horacio J. Freitas, 141 Kirkland Ave.
2006 Thomas Czapienski, 127 Cedar St.
2006 Frank Silva, 311 Howard St.

PRECINCT THREE

2008 Lawrence L. Chenier, 405 Munsing St.
2008 Brian T. Connery, 29 Tower Road
2008 James H.. Bernard, 330 Ventura St.
2008 John M. Diotalevi, 382 Miller St.
2008 Ann E. Chenier, 590 Lyon St.
2007 Edward R. Godin, 1071 Center St.
2007 Mark A. Witowski, 53 Colonial Dr.
2007 Kevin E. Thompson, 58 Margaret Ln.
2007 Walter J. Kiel, Jr., 68 James St.
2007 Marion R. Zglobicki, 192 Ventura St.
2006 Joe C. Gomes, 151 Moore St.
2006 Leonel Goncalves, 96 Clearwater Cir.
2006 Daniel A. Downing Jr., 22 Elizabeth Dr.
2006 Joaquim L. Costa, 8 Wyndemere Pl.
2006 Carlton W. Leonard III, 84 Westerly Cir.

PRECINCT FOUR

2008 Mary C. Evangelista, 64 Franklin St.
2008 Louis A. Casagrande, 103 Karen Dr.
2008 Joseph Dias Jr., 87 Oakridge St.
2008 Benjamin G. Santos, 504 Winsor St.
2008 Thomas F. Fidalgo, 122 McLean Pky.
2007 Robert A. Silva, 30 Stevens St.
2007 Raymond E. Williamson, 69 McLean Pky.
2007 Luis Vitorino, 24 Watt Ave.
2007 Morrison G. Ferrier, 339 Chapin St.
2007 Thaddeus S. Dymon, 13 Fairway Dr.
2006 Fernando Barroso, 32 Fairway Dr.
2006 Juliet A. Hoeckh, 423 Winsor St.
2006 Rosa Fraga, 39 Essex St. 1
2006 Candida Batista, 134 Reynolds St.
2006 Charles F. Milroy, 44 Crescent St.

PRECINCT FIVE

2008 Maureen F. Cotti, 402 Fuller St.
2008 Brian M. Mannix, 66 Tilley St.
2008 Kathleen A. Ouimette, 58 Homestretch Dr.
2008 Amy Ollari, 83 Michael St.
2008 John Forgie, 31 Brook St.
2007 Barbara J. Picard, 156 Nash Hill Road
2007 William E. Rooney, 167 Overlook Dr.
2007 Alfred H. Graveline, 287 West St.
2007 Thomas F. Foye, 66 Valley View Dr.
2007 Christine Carr Hill, 158 Michael St.
2006 Dianne M. Ollari, 83 Michael St.
2006 Joanne R. Martin, 82 Michael St.
2006 Toni Marie Mancuso, 65 Holy Cross Cir.
2006 Walter F. Targonski, 33 Holy Cross Cir.
2006 Kenneth Batista, 12 Valley View Dr.

PRECINCT SIX

2008 Mark Babineau, 788 Chapin St.
2008 Lenore Paul, 685 Center St.
2008 Peter C. Karalekas Jr., 35 Old Coach Cir.
2008 William L. Gaumond, 18 Wood Dr.
2008 Timothy Mullins, 150 Clover Rd.
2007 Christine A. Ward, 829 Center St.
2007 Edward DeChellis, Jr., 604 Center St.
2007 Denise J. Zrakas, 53 Blanchard Ave.
2007 Leonard C. Robbins, 549 Chapin St.
2007 Scott P. Mahoney, 670 Chapin St.
2006 Maryjean L. Gaumond, 18 Wood Dr.
2006 Brenda Lalievre, 301 Blisswood Village Dr.
2006 James Tetreault, 36 Brook Hollow Dr.
2006 Timothy M. Collins, 97 Chapin Greene Dr.
2006 Louis E. Tulik, 68 Beachside Dr.

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Helen Garrow, 171 Stivens Ter.

Matthew J. Pszeniczny, 164 Prokop Ave.

John D. DeBarge, 132 Erin Lane

Lawrence J. Nascimento, 446 Center St.

James J. McGowan, 718 Alden St.

Attorney James V. Thompson, 110 McLean Pky.

Kathleen J. Houle, 450 Ventura St.

Fred Pereira, 201 Stivens Ter.

Laurie Gibbons, 32 Applewood Dr.

Edward P. Mazur, 101 Woodland Cir.

Richard Devine, 106 East Akard St.

Christine Davis, 193 Chapin St.

Thomas Haluch, 169 Munsing St.

Anthony Jarvis, 3 Andrew St.

Raymond E. Phoenix, 43 Simonds St.

Brian Dobek, 185 Clearwater Cir.

Frederick Lafayette, 141 Posner Cir.

Darlene H. Cincone, 177 Poole St.

Raymond Evans, 714 Fuller St.

Dr. Bruce Dziura, 42 Longfellow Dr.

Kevin Brown, 131 Edgewood Rd.

Donald J. Couture, 194 Highland Ave.

Christopher E. Chartrand, 110 Clover Rd.

Attorney David J. Martel

Chairman, Board of Selectmen

Town Moderator

Town Treasurer

Town Collector

Town Clerk

Chairman, Board of Assessors

Chairman, Personnel Board

Chairwoman, Hubbard Memorial Library

Chairman, Board of Public Works

Chairman, Board of Appeals

Chairman, Planning Board

Chairman, Housing Authority

Chairman, Council on Aging

Chairwoman, Finance Committee

Chairman, Westover Golf Commission

Chairman, Board of Health

Chairman, Conservation Commission

Chairman, Recreation Commission

Chairman, School Committee

Town Counsel

Doherty, Wallace, Pillsbury, Murphy PC

One Monarch Place, Suite 1900

Springfield, MA 01144-1900

ADMINISTRATION

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

This past year the Town completed a number of important improvements and began others. The second phase of the East Street reconstruction project was completed during the summer. Planning began for phase three, which will be completed in 2006. The year also saw the completion of major work on the main bridge into Indian Orchard. The bridge reconstruction was financed by the Massachusetts Highway Department, and had no effect on the Town budget. Mass Highway also financed important improvements at the intersection of Center Street and Chapin Street, and Center Street and the Massachusetts Turnpike. Mass Highway also began work on the bridge into Wilbraham. Construction on this bridge will include repairs to the deck and sidewalk, sandblasting, and repainting. Completion of this project is anticipated in early 2006.

In October severe flooding damaged homes and property in the Electric Park district of Ludlow. The Board of Selectmen spearheaded efforts to appropriate funds for emergency repairs to the drainage system in this area. In a Special Town Meeting held in December the Town voted to transfer \$200,000 from the reserve funds for this project.

In May, the Board marked the passing of former member and Ludlow legend Bill Rooney. Bill has left our Town, but his presence will long be felt. His years of service to Ludlow will continue to bear fruit for generations to come.

The Selectmen's office lost a valued asset with the retirement of Sister Therese Lavoie. Sister's competence, wisdom and kindness will be missed by all at Town Hall.

The Town Hall staff also said good bye to Town Accountant Mary Ann Harris. Ms. Harris leaves us to begin her tenure as Finance Director for the Town of Millbury. She is succeeded by James Young. Mr. Young previously served as the Assistant City Auditor in Northampton, and, most recently, as the Town Accountant in Palmer.

During 2005 the Town of Ludlow significantly expanded the information on the Town website, www.ludlow.ma.us. Forms and applications for many departments can now be accessed on-line.

The Senior Abatement Program continued in 2005. In the past year this program allowed 65 senior citizens to earn \$500.00 real estate tax abatements while serving their fellow citizens.

There were a number of developments affecting public buildings. During the year the Town installed a sprinkler system in the Ludlow Senior Center and Exit 7 Theater. The system was financed by a Federal Homeland Security grant. During the year, Ludlow Community Television moved from its location at Town Hall to a new facility at the High School. The interior of the First Meeting House was painted with the assistance of a work crew from the Hampden County House of Corrections. The sheriff's office charged the Town only for the cost of the supplies used.

Town elections were held on March 28th. Police Chief James McGowan was elected to the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen chose Helen Garrow to chair the Board. Mrs. Garrow, who is only the third woman to serve on the Board of Selectmen, is the first to serve as Chairman. The Board also selected John DeBarge as Vice Chairman and Police Commissioner and Matthew Pszeniczny as Fire Commissioner.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank the staff in the Selectmen's office, Ellie, Beverly and Marsha, for their hard work and dedication. Along with them I look forward to serving the people of Ludlow in the coming year and the years to come.

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



Sister Therese Lavoie

TOWN MODERATOR

The Town Meeting in 2005 found itself in the difficult position of trying to maintain services without significant increases in state aid, a situation that has existed since 2002.

A booming real estate market drove real estate values up and raised the levy limit. Town Meeting used that growth to fund existing programs.

However, given the problems financially, Ludlow tax rate remains stable and below many cities and towns who deliver far fewer services.

In evaluating Town Meeting consider your services as well as your tax rate. Look no further than the excellent performance of the DPW both in snow and road maintenance, trash collection where neighboring communities do not provide municipal collection, excellent full time fire, police and ambulance services, a school system that has performed well on MCAS testing and excellent nursing and senior services. No one wants their taxes to increase and no one wants their services cut.

I once again want to publicly recognize the efforts of the Finance Committee for its efforts to create a budget that works and is fair. We are at a point where the Committee must, at times, say no to worthy new programs and that is not easy.

I also thank the Town Administrator and the staff in the Selectmen's office for their cooperation in preparing the Town Meeting Warrant.

Respectfully submitted,
James V. Thompson

FINANCE

ASSESSORS

The Assessor's office once again saw a number of changes in the year 2005. Juanita Testori was permanently appointed to the position of Assistant Assessor and Joe Alves was appointed to the position of Associate Assessor which was vacated by Ms. Testori. Maria McSwain was hired to fill a vacant clerical position in the department.

Edward P. Mazur was once again elected to a three year term on the Board. Mr. Mazur and fellow board members, Donald Lake and Beverly Barry, directed and oversaw the operations of the department for another year.

It turned out to be a very eventful year for our department. Operating under stricter State mandates property assessments had to be increased again this year based on comparable sales. As a result in the increase of valuations the tax rate went from the Fiscal 2005 rate of \$14.96 per thousand to \$14.10 per thousand for

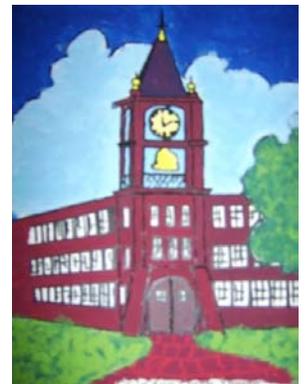
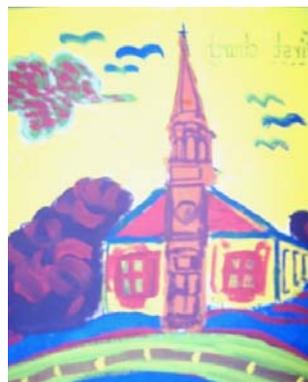
Fiscal 2006. Despite the decrease in the rate taxpayers saw an increase in their taxes which was the result of taking the amount of money needed to be raised through taxation to run the town and dividing it by the total town value.

In October the town's computer system crashed causing the loss of our assessment data. Our department was fortunate to have a backup off site that was a month old, but the staff had to work diligently to restore the data that was lost. Despite the crash we were able to set a tax rate and issue timely tax bills.

We would like to thank Assistant Assessor Juanita Testori, Associate Assessor Joe Alves, and clerks Maria Fernandes and Maria McSwain for work they perform for the department and meeting all department deadlines.

Our department would also like to give a special thanks to newly appointed Town Accountant Jim Young. It is a pleasure to be working with Mr. Young. And also, Tax Collector Fred Pereira and his staff for mailing out the tax bills on time.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward P. Mazur, Chairman
Donald J. Lake
Beverly Barry



THE FOLLOWING FIGURES COMPILED FOR FISCAL 2004 AND 2005 ARE SUBMITTED FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES

Fiscal Year	Tax Rate	Real Property Valuation	Real Estate Valuation	Total Valuation	Amount Estimated	Amount to be Raised by Taxation
F'04	\$18.52	\$48,941,320	\$1,100,165,610	\$1,149,106,930	\$43,659,749.52	\$21,281,460.35
F'05	\$14.96	\$49,295,570	\$1,398,695,580	\$1,447,991,550	\$47,076,689.98	\$21,661,953.28
F'06	\$14.10	\$52,442,590	\$1,590,851,580	\$1,643,294,170	\$48,118,327.61	\$23,170,447.79

ABATEMENTS

Year	Real Estate	Personal Property	Boats	Building Permits	Senior Work-off
2004		'99 Var	4,639.41	596	858
		'00 Var	2,391.33		
	'03	1	6,325.76		
	'04	29	50,925.33		
2005	'03	1	3,342.08	564	867
	'04	1	5,507.85		
	'05	87	28,461.58		

EXEMPTIONS

Year	Fiscal Year	Cl.22 Vets Exemptions	Cl.37A Blind Exemptions	1.41C (over 70) Exemptions	Total Amount Exempted
2004	F'04		20	9	17
	F'05		133	25	37
2005	F'05		21	8	22
	F'06		127	23	32

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Commitment Year	Revey Year	Number of Bills	Tax Amounts	Number of Abatements	Amounts
2004	1998				Var 5,303.98
	1999				Var 5,198.86
	2002	1	66.25		5 195.51
	2003	748	50,267.29		82 3,219.77
	2004	22,612	2,053,551.41		732 5,1109.53
2005	2000				Var 7,222.74
	2001				Var 6,779.83
	2002	1	236.46		1 22.50
	2003	3	281.25		11 294.48
	2004	696	61,329.98		78 3,787.02
	2005	22,715	2,127,760.52		702 49,757.67

BOATS

Commitment Year	Fiscal Year	Number of Bills	Tax Amounts	Number of Abatements	Amounts
2004	2002				1 66.25
	2003	748	50,267.29		
	2004	22,612	2,053,551.41		

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

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

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

Transfers from the Reserve Fund during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005 are as follows:

To Town Treasurer	\$23,494.24
To School Department	30,617.00
To Board of Selectmen	15,000.00
To Police Department	17,500.00
To Town Clerk	6,765.00
To Fire Department	8,000.00
To Town Collector	2,000.00
Total Transferred	\$103,376.24

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

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Cincone, Chairman

Members:

Stephen Fiedler
Betty Landry
Albert Fabbre
Susan Boyea
Albert LeMay, Jr.
Susan Gove
Antonio dos Santos

TOWN COLLECTOR

The following report is for fiscal year 2005, covering the period of July 1, 2004 to June 30th, 2005.

REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY

Real estate & personal property bills for the Town of Ludlow continue to be due on the quarterly basis: August 1, November 1st, February 1st and May 1st. The fiscal year 2005 tax rate was set by the Board of Assessors in December of 2004. The Board of Selectmen voted to adopt a single rate of \$14.96 for both residential real estate and commercial properties. The amount of \$20,925,317.42 was committed to us for collection. Over 8000 real estate bills were printed, processed and mailed by December 31st, 2004. By the end of the fiscal year, we had collected or abated approx. \$20,614,105.17 or 98% of the amount committed. Additionally we received \$175,820.16 in payments for 2004F real estate, \$31,141.92 for 2003F, and 7,352.19 for 2002F leaving a balance of \$63,419.66, \$2,215.29, and \$00.00 respectively.

Approximately 800 personal property bills totaling \$738,442.31 was committed to us for collection. By the end of the fiscal year, we collected or abated \$728,818.79 or 98% of the amount committed to us leaving a balance of \$9,623.52. Additionally, we collected \$9,391.45 for prior years dating back to 1998F.

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Over 23,000 motor vehicle excise bills totaling over 2 million dollars were processed and mailed from the Collector's Office throughout the year. Payments of auto excise bills are due 30 days from the date the tax notice is mailed. 95% of said bills are paid by their due date. Automobile owners are advised not to ignore their bills for a \$5.00 tax bill can jump to \$70.00, loss of license and registration within two months if late notices go unanswered. According to Chapter 60A of the Massachusetts General Laws, "failure to receive a notice shall not affect the validity of the excise". Thus, a person who does not receive a bill is still liable for the tax plus interest and charges accrued. Therefore, it is important to keep the Registry and Post Office informed of your current name and address so that your tax bills can be delivered promptly. The Registry will be notified of any excise bill that remains outstanding. The Registrar then marks the individual's registration preventing the renewal of his (hers) motor vehicle registration and the owner's driver's license until such time as the Registrar is notified that full and final payment has been made to the Town of Ludlow. During fiscal year 2005 over 500 licenses and registrations were marked for non-renewal for non-payment of their excise tax. This continues to be a successful collection tool as monies were collected for delinquent accounts dating back to 1989.

SEWER USAGE FEES

The Board of Public Works, in February of 2005, set the rate of \$13.00 per 1000 cubic feet of water used. The 2004F sewer usage bills were mailed on March 4th, 2005 with the due date of May 4th, 2005. Approximately 4500 bills totaling \$779,241.85 were processed and mailed from our office. By the end of the fiscal year, we had collected \$739,266.64 or 94% of the amount committed to us for collection leaving a balance of \$39,975.21. Any amounts outstanding for previous years were certified to the Board of Assessors in November of 2004 and added to the owner's 2005F real estate bills. All sewer usage accounts for 2003F and prior years have now been collected in full as reflected by the -0- balance for those accounts. Sewer payments received after their due date are assessed a \$5.00 Demand plus a 10% penalty in accordance with Town By-Laws.

DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS

Each year the Collector is responsible for the collection of over two million dollars in Lieu of Taxes and the following departmental accounts:

AMBULANCE
CEMETERY
TRAILER PARKS
BOARD OF HEALTH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
ROLL BACK TAXES
IN LIEU OF TAXES

During the past fiscal year \$2,809,899.60 was committed to us for collection by the above departments. By June 30th, 2005 we collected or abated \$2,783,216.61 or 99% of the amounts Committed. Of the above accounts ambulance bills continue to be the most difficult to collect. Said accounts are processed and posted manually which is time consuming and inefficient. The Financial Management Review team from the DOR has recommended that we "abandon manual record keeping". I am in agreement with the DOR that the computerization of these records will improve efficiency and productivity in the Collector's Office. This will require some training on the MUNIS General Billing program for the Collector and those departments responsible for processing the original commitment. The ambulance billing will have to be coordinated with the Fire Department.

MUNICIPAL LIEN CERTIFICATES

Upon written request from attorneys, banks, mortgage companies and real estate agencies, the Collector shall furnish a certificate of all outstanding taxes and other

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

Office hours continue to be 8:30 to 4:30, Monday through Friday. For the convenience of the public the Collector continues to hold extended office hours during the months of January and July from 6:30 to 7:30 on Tuesday evenings. Once again, I am grateful to Mrs. Alice Bolow, Victorina Robbins and Janice Ouimette for their assistance. Additionally, I'd like to express my gratitude to all department heads, town employees and residents for their support and cooperation. For more up to date information, please visit the Town of Ludlow website at www.ludlow.ma.us.

Respectfully submitted
Fred Pereira, Town Collector



**TOWN CLERK
ELECTION AND REGISTRATION**

Nomination papers and petitions were certified by the Registrars in the year 2004

The breakdown of registered voters per precinct as of December 31, 2004 is as follows.

PREC.	DEM	Grn Pty USA	Grn –Rainbow	Int 3 rd pty	Lib.	Reform	Rep.	Unenr	Total
01	1039	2	2	2	9	0	235	904	2193
02	963	2	6	1	9	0	238	730	1949
03	1083	2	0	1	26	0	383	1154	2649
04	1223	1	4	1	15	0	214	841	2299
05	517	1	3	1	10	1	178	522	1233
06	1233	0	1	0	4	0	330	1021	2589
TOTAL	6058	8	16	6	73	1	1578	5172	12912

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Studley
Richard Houghton
Theresa Almeida-Veilleux
Laurie Gibbons, Town Clerk CMMC

**PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2005**

ARTICLE 1: Voted to transfer from available funds the sum of \$800,000, for phase 3 infrastructure improvements to the East Street Corridor, said amount to be used to reconstruct the street and sidewalks, to relocate utilities and power lines, underground utilities, and to improve related traffic controls.

(DEFEATED)

ARTICLE 2: Voted to transfer from Article 11 of the Special Town Meeting of October 6, 2003 the sum of \$25,000.00, and I further move that the town transfer from fiscal year 2005 Municipal Relief Aid, the sum of \$25,000.00, for a total of \$50,000.00, said total to be used to fulfill the Town’s requirements to match funds for a grant through the Department of Housing and Community Development to revitalize the East Street Corridor.

ARTICLEW 3: Voted to transfer from funds appropriated by Article 52 of the Annual Town Meeting of April 10, 1995, the sum of \$28,000, to be used for the installation of a Fire Suppression Sprinkler system at the Senior Center

ARTICLE 4: Voted to transfer from funds appropriated by Article 52 of the Annual Town Meeting of April 10, 1995 the sum of \$5,401.00, and to further transfer from funds appropriated by Article 9 of the Special Town Meeting of October 5, 1998 the sum of \$2,249.00 for a total of \$7,650.00. I further move that said total be used to fund the Town’s share of the cost of improvements to the Gym lighting system at the Randall Community Center.

ARTICLE 5: Voted that the Town transfer funds within Article 31 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 12, 2003, which appropriated funds for new carpeting and chairs at the Senior Center, by reducing the funds designated for the purchase of carpeting by \$3,606.00, and by increasing the funds designated for the purchase of chairs by the same \$3,606.00.

Moved and seconded to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 7:55 p.m.

**MARCH 28, 2005
TOWN ELECTION**

A total of 3,959 (31% of 12,755 registered voters) ballots were cast. Precinct 1 – 594; Precinct 2 – 517; Precinct 3 – 837; Precinct 4 – 778; Precinct 5 – 341; Precinct 6 – 892; The polls were open from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

**PROCEEDINGS
SPRING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 9, 2005**

ARTICLE 1: Voted to accept the reports of the Town officers as printed in the Annual Town Report for the calendar year 2004.

ARTICLE 2: Voted to accept the reports of outstanding committees and to continue said committees further unless discharged by vote of this body.
Local Economic Development Partnership, Open Space Planning Committee, Westover Metropolitan Development Corporation, Industrial Finance Authority, Pond Management Committee, Insurance Advisory Committee, Historic District Study Committee, Haviland Beach Study Committee, Fair Housing Committee, Computer Advisory Committee, Celebrate Ludlow Committee, Capital

Improvement Committee, Building Additions and Alterations Committee. (All report progress and wishes to continue)

Ludlow Cultural Council – Report to the Town Meeting Financial

Account Balance: \$5,790(as of 11/3/5)

Outstanding Bills: 2,445

Available Balance: 3,345

FY 05 State Grant: 4,910

Funds Available for FY 05: \$8,255

Applications

Meeting Date: November 4, 2004

Meeting Place: Ludlow Town Hall; Employee Lounge

Number of Applications Received: 30

Total Amount Requested by Applicants: \$20,893

Number of Applications Approved: 14

Total Amount Approved: \$7,275

Past Events

January 27, 2005 Chapin Street School; Visit to the Springfield Museum of Fine Art

April 20, 2005 Patty Carpenter; “Music for Seniors Concert Series”: Council on Aging’s volunteer

Recognition Day Dinner

May 5, 2005 Richard Clark; “Love Letters”: Mother’s Day Program at the Ludlow Senior Center

Upcoming Events

May 10-11, 2005 Ludlow 4th and 5th Grade Students: “Pictures on Exhibition”; Springfield Symphony Orchestra Concert

July 10, 2005 Edward Wirt: “New England Swing”; Concert; location TBD 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

July 12, 2005 Gregory Maichack; “Intro to the Art of Pastels Workshop”: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m Hubbard Memorial Library

Other Programs that received funding

East Street Elementary School; “Art Masterpieces”

Exit Seven Players; State performances

Project concern; Dance performance

St. John the Baptist School; Trip to the Boston Museum of Science

Vicki Elson; “The Bicycle Platform”

Western Massachusetts Arts Alliance; “Art E-Newsletter for Western Mass.”

ARTICLE 3: Voted to postpone action on Article 3 of the May 9, 2005 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. **(POSTPONED)**

ARTICLE 4: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 for the printing of the Annual Town Report for the Calendar Year 2005 and the printing of the Annual Town Meeting Warrants and Recommendations.

ARTICLE 5: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000.00 for the purpose of conducting an Annual Audit for the fiscal Year ending June 30, 2005.

ARTICLE 6: (budget) Voted to appropriate \$45,236,458 for Town Purposes and charges during the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2006, and that said sum include the following salaries for elected officials:

Position	Number	Annual Salary
Moderator	1	\$415.00

Chrm Bd of Selectmen	1	\$ 4,276.00
Mbrs Bd of Selectmen	4	\$ 3,354.00
Town Treasurer	1	\$50,390.00
Town Collector	1	\$52,406.00
Chrm Bd of Assessors	1	\$ 4,276.00
Mbrs Bd of Assessors	2	\$ 3,354.00
Town Clerk	1	\$52,406.00
Chrm Bd of Health	1	\$ 3,300.00
Mbrs Bd of Health	2	\$ 3,300.00
Chrm Bd of Public Wks	1	\$ 3,546.00
Mbrs Bd of Public Wks	4	\$ 2,801.00
Chrm School Committee	1	\$ 3,000.00
Mbrs School Committee	4	\$ 2,500.00
Chrm Planning Bd.	1	\$ 3,000.00
Mbrs Planning Bd	4	\$ 2,500.00

I further move that the total Appropriation be allocated to the various town departments in accordance with numbered 1 through 47 of the attached Budget Listing entitled “Town of Ludlow Departmental Budgets”, and using the amounts under the column headed “Fiscal Year 2006 recommended.”

I further move, that to raise said sum \$125,000, be transferred from the Pension Reserve Fund and applied towards item 45 to offset the amount being raised for contributory retirements costs, \$644,820 to be applied from “Fiscal Year 2006 Golf Course Revenues” to fund the Westover Municipal Golf Course Budget item 47, \$155,307, to be transferred from fiscal 2006 Golf Course Revenues to fund fiscal 2006 Indirect Golf Course costs appropriated in the General Fund, \$765,090 to be applied from “Fiscal Year 2006 Sewer Fund Revenues” to Fund the Sanitary Sewer budget Item 48 and the balance of \$43,546,241 is to be raised and appropriated

(main motion carries as amended)
(amendment)

Voted to amend Article 6 of the May 9, 2005 Annual Town Meeting, the fiscal Year 2006 budget for the Town of Ludlow, by adding the sum of \$60,000.00 to the Department of Public Works budget for trash collection and disposal. Said sum shall be used solely and exclusively for the collection and disposal of trash from residential condominium complexes in the Town of Ludlow.

(DEFEATED)
(amendment)

Voted to amend the (Selectmen’s budget 122), Selectmen’s Personal Services 011221, Line Item 5010102 PT Elected Fiscal 2006, by deleting \$17,692.00 and inserting \$14,338.00

(APPROVAL)
(amendment)

Voted to amend the (Selectmen’s Budget 122), Selectmen’s Personal Services 011221, line item 510201 FT Appointed fiscal 2006, by deleting \$58,122.00 and inserting \$55,429.00

(APPROVAL)
(amendment)

Voted to amend the Main Motion under Article #6 by adding to item #46 (School Department budget) the sum of \$869,000.00 to increase the total School Department

FY2006 Operating Budget to \$22,673,000.00 said amount to be raised and appropriated and/or otherwise provided.
(DEFEATED)

ARTICLE 7: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be deposited in a previously established Special Revenue Fund, to be expended by the Celebrate Ludlow Committee, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, for Fireworks and General Expenses related to the event.

I further move that all gifts and donations be deposited in this Special Revenue Fund to cover expenses related to this celebration.

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

ARTICLE 9: Voted to amend the compensation Plan of the Personnel Policy Bylaw of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, s 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws by deleting the current maximums and minimums and increment steps for non-union Personnel, including Custodians, Schedule V, Engineering, Schedule X, Outreach Coordinator Schedule XI, Management, Schedule XIII, and replacing them with the minimums, maximums and increment steps as printed in Article 9 of the May 9, 2005 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE 10: Voted to postpone action on Article 10 of the May 9, 2005 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
(POSTPONED)

ARTICLE 11: Voted to amend the personnel Policy Bylaw of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, s 108A and 108c of the Massachusetts General Laws by deleting all references to “Executive Secretary”, where ever such references may occur, and by replacing such references with the term Town Administrator”.

ARTICLE 12: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000.00 to be used for the purpose of hiring a consultant to assist in the update of the state mandated open space and recreation plan.

ARTICLE 13: Voted to amend the Compensation Plan of the Personnel Policy Bylaw of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under chapter 41, s 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws by adding the position of Assistant Building Inspector, as printed in Article 13 of the May 9, 2005 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE 14: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,248.00, said sum to be added to the Building Department Personal Services budget for fiscal year 2006 to fund the new position of Assistant Building Inspector created by Article 13 of the May 9, 2005 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, said sum to include the Town’s share of employee benefits for this employee, said sum to be distributed as follows, Building Department Personal Services, \$18,500.00, employee benefits, \$4,748.00.

ARTICLE 15: Voted to amend the Bylaws of the Town of Ludlow by deleting all references to the “Building Department”, where ever such references may occur, and replacing said references with the term “Department of Inspectional Services”.

ARTICLE 16: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,500.00 to be used to conduct a Classification and Compensation Study of Town Government Management and Administrative Positions, including all positions on Schedules II and XIII of appendix B of the Classification and Compensation Plan.

ARTICLE 17: Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the Compensation Plan of the Personnel Policy Bylaw of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, s 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws by adding two new firefighter positions, as printed in Article 17 of the May 9, 2005 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

(DEFEATED)

ARTICLE 18: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$104,472.00, said sum to be added to the Fire Department Personal Services Budget for fiscal year 2006 to fund the two new firefighter positions created by Article 17 of the May 9, 2005 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, said sum to include the Town’s share of employee benefits for each of these employees, said sum to be distributed as follows, line 22, \$79,699.00, line 24, \$14,311.00, and line 45, employee benefits, \$10,472.00.

(DEFEATED)

ARTICLE 19: Voted to amend the Compensation Plan of the Personnel Policy Bylaw of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41,s 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws by adding a Deputy Fire Chief Position, as printed in Article 19 of the May 9, 2005 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

(DEFEATED)

ARTICLE 20: Voted to amend the Classification and Compensation Plan of the Personnel Policy By-Law of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, Sections 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws, to change the grade classification of the Library Technicians as follows:

By deleting:

CLASSIFICATION PLAN – SCHEDULE A

Public Library

Hours Per Week	Grade Number	Number assign
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Library Senior Technician		
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36	L3	1
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Library Technician		
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36	L2	2
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Library Technician		
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36	L1	1
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Library Page		
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20	LP	0
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And by adding:

CLASSIFICATION PLAN – SCHEDULE A

Public Library

Hours pr week	Grade Number	Number assign
Library Senior Technician 36	L3	0
Library Technician 36	L2	4
Library Technician 36	L1	0
Library page 20	LP	1

ARTICLE 21: Voted to amend the Classification and Compensation Plan of the Personnel Policy By-Law of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, Sections 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws by creating the position of Health Department Engineer.
(DEFEATED)

ARTICLE 22: Voted to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the Personal Services Account of the Health Department to reflect the new Health Department Agent position added by the previous Article.
(DEFEATED)

ARTICLE 23: Voted to re-establish the Departmental Revolving Fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ to allow the Board of Health to pay the On-site Sewage Disposal System Inspectors a portion of the related fees collected as printed in the warrant not to exceed twenty four thousand dollars (\$24,000).

ARTICLE 24: Voted to amend the Classification and Compensation Plan of the Personnel Policy By-Law of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, Sections 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws effective July 1, 2005 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 25: Voted to postpone Article 25.
(POSTPONED)

ARTICLE 26: Voted to amend the Classification and Compensation Plan of the Personnel Policy By-Law of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, Sections 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws effective July 1, 2005 as printed in the warrant.
(DEFEATED)

ARTICLE 27: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,000 for Personnel Services and \$681.50 for employee benefits, line item 45 to cover Medicare to be added to the fiscal year 2006 Recreation Department Budget, Personal Services to fund the position of 1 Co-Director and 6 Counselors.
(DEFEATED)

ARTICLE 28: Voted to amend the Compensation Plan of the Personnel Policy By-Law of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, s 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws by amending Classification Plan, Schedule A, Police Department, to reflect the current

work schedule for the part time Department Assistant, as printed in Article 28 of the May 9, 2005 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE 29: Voted to amend the Compensation Plan of the Personnel Policy By-Law of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, S 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws by amending classification Plan, Schedule A, Police Department, to reflect the current work schedule for Dispatchers, as printed in Article 29 of the May 9, 2005 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE 30: Voted to amend the Classification and Compensation Plan of the Personnel Policy By-Law of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, Sections 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws, by adding Associate Planner Hours Per Week N/A Grade Number M-1 Number Assigned 1
(DEFEATED)

ARTICLE 31: Voted to postpone action on Article #31.
(POSTPONED)

ARTICLE 32: Voted to amend the Classification and Compensation Plan to reclassify the position of Assistant Engineer to the M-3 Classification of the Management Schedule.
(DEFEATED)

ARTICLE 33: Voted to raise and appropriate a sum of money in the amount of \$280.00 and additional \$4.06 for employee benefits to the Department of Public Works personal services budget to provide compensation for the assistant Engineer according to amendment of the Classification Plan set forth in Article 32.
(DEFEATED)

ARTICLE 34: Voted to amend the Classification and Compensation Plan to reclassify the position of director of Public Works to the M-11, Step 4 Classification of the Management Schedule.
(FAILS)

ARTICLE 35: Voted to raise and appropriate and or transfer from available funds a sum of money in the amount of \$3,230.00 and an additional \$46.83 for employee benefits to be added to the Department of Public Works Personal Services budget to provide compensation for the Director of Public Works according to amendment of the Classification Plan set forth in Article 34.
(DEFEATED)

ARTICLE 36: Voted to postpone action on Article 36 of the May 9, 2005 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE 37: Voted to postpone action on Article 37
(POSTPONED)

ARTICLE 38: Voted to amend the Compensation Plan of the Personnel Policy Bylaw of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under chapter 41, s 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws by amending Classification Plan, Schedule A, by adding positions currently existing at

Ludlow Community Television, as printed in Article 38 of the May 9, 2005 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
(DEFEATED)

ARTICLE 39: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be used to replace the range and double convection ovens at the Senior Center.

ARTICLE 40: Voted to increase the maximum available amount of the Senior Citizens Tax Abatement by amending the language of the Senior Property Tax Abatement Program approved as Article 15 of the October 2, 2000 Town Meeting Warrant, as printed in Article 40 of the May 9, 2005 Annual Town Meeting. I further move that the sum of \$18,750 be raised and appropriated and added to the Assessors' allowance for abatements and exemptions to fund the increase in the amount of the Senior Abatement.
(DEFEATED)

ARTICLE 41: Voted to amend Chapter 2, Section 39 of the Town By-Laws, relating to the powers and duties of the Town Administrator, by adding a new section to read as printed in Article 41 of the May 9, 2005 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
(DEFEATED)

ARTICLE 42: Voted to amend Chapter IX of the Town By-Laws, regulating the licensing, control and keeping of dogs, by adding a new section, to read as printed in Article 42 of the May 9, 2005 Annual Town Meeting Warrant
(DEFEATED)

Moved and seconded to dissolve the first session of the May 9, 2005 Annual Town Meeting at 10:45 p.m. Meeting Adjourned.

Convenes May 12, 2005

ARTICLE 43: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00, for the purchase of a mobile speed monitor for use by the Ludlow Police Department in Traffic Enforcement;
(DEFEATED)

ARTICLE 44: Voted that the Town Petition the General Court for Enactment of Special Legislation as follows:
An act expanding the duties of the Municipal Golf Course Commission in the Town of Ludlow
Be it enacted, etc., as follows:
SECTION 1. Chapter 600 of the Acts of 1974, as amended by Chapter 105 of the Acts of 1984, is hereby amended by inserting in Section 3 the following new subsection (g):
(g) Effective July 6, 2006 the Commission shall assume those duties and powers held by the Recreation Commission in the Town of Ludlow on said effective date.
SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.
(DEFEATED)

ARTICLE 45: Voted to postpone action on Article 45 of the May 9, 2005 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
(POSTPONED)

ARTICLE 46: Voted to postpone action on Article 46 in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of May 9th 2005.
(POSTPONED)

ARTICLE 47: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) in order to acquire the fee simple interest and to accept as a public way Deponte Drive, in accordance with the legal description as printed in Article 47 of the May 9, 2005 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

ARTICLE 48: Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Ludlow by changing from Agricultural to Residence B a parcel of land owned by Atwater Investors, Inc. located at 351 and 357 Fuller Street (Assessors Map #10, parcels 98A, 99, 99A, 100, and 195 through 213) as described in the warrant.

ARTICLE 49: Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Ludlow by changing from Business and Agricultural to Residence A, a parcel of land owned by Misha Development, LLC located off Cady and Grimard Streets (Assessors Map #1C, Parcels #137 & 137A, and Map #2D, parcel #92).

ARTICLE 50: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$404,995 State Chapter 90 Highway Air funds for engineering, construction, maintenance and/or repairs to Town roads and bridges.

ARTICLE 51: Voted to authorize the Board of Public Works to enter into a contract with the Massachusetts Highway Department for the construction and maintenance of the Public Highways for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 52: Voted to transfer a sum of money in the amount of \$35,000.00 to establish a Fiscal 2006 budget for the Department of Public works Enterprise Fund for the closure of the landfill.

ARTICLE 53: Voted to raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds the sum of \$292,000 to fund the fiscal year 2006 Capital Improvements Program.
I further move that the list entitled "Capital Improvements and Equipment" that was distributed to all Town Meeting members be made part of this motion, and that each item listed be voted as a separate appropriation and under the jurisdiction of the Department, Board or Committee indicated.

I further move that the sum of \$75,000.00 be transferred from Golf Course retained earnings, that the sum of \$155,900.00 be raised and appropriated, the sum of \$61,100.00 be transferred from the Surplus Bond Fund, and the sum of \$2,305,000.00 be raised by the Issuance of notes or bonds.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS REQUESTED FY 2006

Dept	Request	Rqstd	Rcmd
Bd of Selectmen	Replacement Reconstruction Of Windows TOB		\$22,000 \$22,000
	Total		\$22,000 \$22,000
Dept	Request	Rqstd	Rcmd
Police	Replace Police Cruiser		

	(2) unmarked	\$52,000	\$52,000
	total	\$52,000	\$52,000
Fire	Alarm Room console & equip	\$35,000	
	Replace 1991 Pick up Truck	\$33,000	\$33,000
		\$68,000	\$33,000
School	Pkg Lot Replacement Chapin St/Vets Park	\$99,543	
	Roof Replc LHS Baird Chapin East	\$1,480,000	\$1,480,000
	Replace Old Tile Chapin St School	\$70,934	
		\$1,650,477	\$1,480,000
Bd of Public Works	Metal Storage Bldg Conveyor Sys For Sand Salt Shed	\$110,000	\$110,000
	Transfer Station	\$67,000	
	Sanitary Sewer	\$225,000	\$225,000
	Nick Silva Field Improvements	\$600,000	\$600,000
	Truck Wash Facility	\$150,000	
		\$30,000	
		\$1,182,000	\$935,000
Westover Golf Course	Golf Cart Replacement	\$55,000	\$55,000
	Grounds Improvements	\$20,000	\$20,000
		\$75,000	\$75,000
Total Capital Projects & Equipment		\$3,049,477	\$2,597,000

ARTICLE 54: Voted to transfer from available funds the sum of \$145,000.00 for the fiscal year 2006 Reserve Fund, and that to raise said sum, \$100,000.00 be transferred from Free Cash, \$20,000.00 be transferred from Golf Course retained earnings, and \$25,000.00 be transferred from the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

ARTICLE 55: Voted to postpone action on Article 55 of the May 9, 2005 Annual Town Meeting.
(POSTPONED)

ARTICLE 56: Voted to transfer the sum of \$1,400,000.00 from the unreserved fund balance to be used by the Board of Assessors in Determining the Fiscal Year 2006 Tax Levy

Moved and seconded to dissolve the May 9, 2005 Annual Town Meeting and the continuation of the May 9, 2005 (May 12, 2005) at 9:45 P.m.

**PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WITHIN THE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY MAY 9, 2005**

ARTICLE 1: Voted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$578.36, and to transfer from the Golf Course Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings account the sum of \$567.46, totaling \$1,145.82, to be used for unpaid bills and/or overexpended accounts of previous years as follows:
\$567.46 Home Depot – Westover Golf Course for Fiscal Year 2004, received after July 1, 2004.

\$80.15 BayState Medical Center, dated 10/02/03 – Fiscal Year 2004 Chapter 41, Section 111F outstanding bill for an injured firefighter, received after July 1, 2004.

\$301.59 Ludlow Printing and Copy – Inv. #32847 dated 06/04 – brochures for the Ludlow Commission on disabilities for Fiscal year 2004, received after July 1, 2004.

\$196.62 Ludlow Printing and Copy – Inv. #31394 dated 11/18/03 – brochures for the Ludlow Commission on disabilities for Fiscal Year 2004, received after July 1, 2004.

\$1,145.82 Total

ARTICLE 2: Voted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$25,500, to fund a “Reverse 911” system to inform town residents of emergencies and other important information by telephone.

(DEFEATED)

ARTICLE 3: Voted to transfer from the ambulance subscription fund the sum of \$25,000, to purchase a new defibrillator/monitor/pacemaker, including necessary accessories and training, for the fire Department Ambulance.

ARTICLE 4: Voted to amend the Westover Golf Course Enterprise Budget for Fiscal 2005 by transferring a sum not to exceed \$25,000 from line item Personal Services – Bus Account- Labor Salary temporary #6666-1-51258 to the General Expense line item account – Golf Professional Services #666603-535010.

ARTICLE 5: Voted to transfer from the Westover Golf Course Enterprise Retained Earnings a sum not to exceed \$97,000 to the Town of Ludlow General Fund Account, to reimburse the Town of Ludlow for a temporary subsidy advanced during fiscal year 2005.

ARTICLE 6: Voted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$15,234.38 to be used to purchase Bulletproof Vests for Ludlow Police Officers. I further move that the Town take such steps as are necessary to obtain matching funds from the State Bulletproof Vest Reimbursement Program when such funding becomes available.

ARTICLE 7: Voted to amend the Compensation Plan of the Personnel Policy Bylaw of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, s 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws by deleting the current maximums and minimums and increment steps for Police Officers, as listed under Police Department – Schedule IV, and replacing them with the minimums, maximums and increment steps as printed in Article 7 of the May 9, 2005 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE 8: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$87,769.00 said sum to be added to the Police Department Personal Services Budget for Fiscal Year 2005 to fund the Negotiated Pay increase with the Police Union, said sum to include the town’s share of Employee Benefits for each of these employees, said sum to be distributed as follows, Police Department Personal Services, \$86,515.00, Employee Benefits, \$1,254.00.

Moved and seconded to adjourn the Special within the Annual town meeting at 8:35 p.m.

**PROCEEDINGS
FALL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2005**

ARTICLE 1: Voted to transfer from free cash the sum of \$13,706.22 for unpaid bills and/or overexpended accounts of previous years as follows:

\$12,825.00 Springfield Water and Sewer Commission – increase in rate, insufficient funds appropriated for Fiscal Year 2005.

\$715.12 BayState Medical Center dated 10/02/03-Fiscal Year 2004 Chapter 41 Section 111F outstanding bill for an injured Fire Fighter, received after July 1, 2005.

\$45.00 Dr. Gino Mercadante, M.D.-dated 6/29/05-invoice received on 8/3/05 after the end of the year for Fiscal Year 05.

\$78.49 BayState Medical Center dated 6/23/04-Fiscal Year 2004 Chapter 41, Section 111F outstanding bill for an injured Fire Fighter, received after July 1, 2005.

\$42.61 Massachusetts Electric-dated 6/05-invoiced received 7/29/05 after the end of Fiscal Year 2005.

\$13,706.22 Total

ARTICLE 2: Voted to postpone action on Article 2 of the October 3, 2005 Special Town Meeting Warrant. **(motion to postpone article 2 disapproved) (amendment)**

AMENDMENT – ARTICLE 2: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,624.00 for the purchase of Lap Top Computers for the Police Department, as well as related accessories, submitted by Chester Giza. **(motion passes on amendment)**

ARTICLE 3: Voted to postpone action on Article 3 of the October 3, 2005 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE 4: Voted to amend the Personnel Policy By-Law of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, Sections 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws, by deleting Section 21, Sexual Harassment and replacing it with a new Section 21, Harassment, as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 5: Voted to amend Schedule V, Custodians, of the Compensation Plan of the Personnel Policy By-Law of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, Sections 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws, to correct a clerical error, by deleting Schedule V, effective 7/1/05, and replacing it with a revised Schedule V, effective 7/1/05, as printed in the Warrant.

ARTICLE 6: Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Ludlow by changing from Agricultural to Residence A parcels of land owned by David Smith and Karl Richard located at 92 Grimard Street and 100 Grimard Street as described in the warrant.

ARTICLE 7: Voted to postpone action on Article 7: **(POSTPONED)**

ARTICLE 8: Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Ludlow by adding a new section to read as follows:

Section 3.0.10 Dumpsters

Storage of dumpsters on residential property for periods longer than 14 days is prohibited without a permit from the Board of Health.

ARTICLE 9: Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Ludlow, by deleting Section 3.3.1 e, Private Garages in its entirety.

ARTICLE 10: Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Ludlow, Section 3.2.2, Table of Principle Uses, by allowing Drive-Through Establishments by site plan approval/special permit, and adding it to the Table of Principle Uses as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 11: Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Ludlow, Section 3.2.2 Table of Principal Uses, to allow Auto Service Station & Repair Service in Business A and Business B districts with Site Plan Approval/Special Permit, and adding it to the Table of Principal Uses as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 12: Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Ludlow by deleting Section 3.2.3, District Specific Prohibited Uses, Residence B Districts, in its entirety.

ARTICLE 13: Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Ludlow, Section 4.0.11 d. Height Provisions by deleting the words “and shall be placed at least three (3) feet from the rear lot line.” In the second line; and also deleting the words “and shall be placed at least ten (10) feet from the rear lot line.” Beginning at the end of the third line.

ARTICLE 14: Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Ludlow by renaming Section 5.4 from East Street Revitalization Zone to East Street Revitalization Overlay District.

ARTICLE 15: Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Ludlow by deleting Section 5.4.3 Dimensional Requirements in its entirety.

ARTICLE 16: Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Ludlow, Section 5.4.4 b (3)Allowed Uses, by deleting the uses Transportation Centers and Veterinary/Pet Care Facilities.

ARTICLE 17: Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Ludlow Section 5.4.5 Prohibited Uses: by adding Transportation Centers & Veterinary/Pet Care Facilities.

ARTICLE 18: Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Ludlow by adding a new Section 5.5 entitled Ludlow Stormwater Management Bylaw as printed in the warrant.

AMENDMENT - Voted to amend the motion for Article 18, Stormwater Management Bylaw by revising Section G, The Stormwater Management and Erosion Control Plan, Subsection 1. Contents of the Stormwater Management and Erosion Control Plan, by relabeling the list to “a. through n.”

ARTICLE 19: Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Ludlow Section 6.2 Home Occupations by deleting the reference to beautician in the first sentence.
(DEFEATED)

ARTICLE 20: Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Ludlow, Section 5.4.4 a(1) Allowed Uses: by changing Residence A in the first sentence to Residence B.

ARTICLE 21: Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Ludlow by adding to Section 6.2 Home Occupations, a new section as follows:

Section 6.2.14 The following vehicles are prohibited under home occupation: Trailers, Tractor Trailers, Dual Rear Wheel Vehicles, Dump Trucks, Box Trucks, and Construction Equipment, including, but not limited to: Bobcats, Backhoes, and Pavers.

(DEFEATED)

AMENDMENT – VOTED TO AMEND Article 21 by deleting “under” and replacing by addition with “for use in”.

(DEFEATED)

ARTICLE 22: Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Ludlow by deleting the existing Section 6.4.7 Surfacing, and replacing it with a new Section 6.4.7 to read as follows:

All parking areas and driveways must be constructed of concrete, bituminous concrete, or other appropriate load-bearing material as approved by the Building Commissioner. At a minimum, the first 20 feet of driveway closest to the street and the last 20 feet of driveway closest to the building must be paved.

(DEFEATED)

ARTICLE 23: Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Ludlow, Section 6.5.2, Sign Definitions, by deleting the existing definitions and adding new definitions as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 24: Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Ludlow Section 6.5.4 Prohibited Signs by adding a subsection F. Off Premise signs

(DEFEATED)

ARTICLE 25: Voted to postpone action on Article 25.
(POSTPONED)

ARTICLE 26: Voted to postpone action on Article 26.
(POSTPONED)

ARTICLE 27: Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Ludlow Section 6.5.8 Permits, Subsection A. by deleting the words “in any district of”, at the beginning of the sentence, and adding the word “Commissioner” at the end of the sentence to read “Building Inspector/Commissioner”.

ARTICLE 28: Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Ludlow Table 4, Signs, by adding the sentence “Size limited to 50 square feet and 8 feet in height.” To Residential Sign.

ARTICLE 29: Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Ludlow, Section 10, Definitions, by adding a definition for Drive-Through Service as follows:

Drive-Through Service: A feature or structure that allows commerce, service, or other similar activity while a customer or client is able to remain in his/her vehicle.

AMENDMENT – Voted to amend Article 29 by adding the sentence “This does not include uses limited to Full Service Gas Stations,”

ARTICLE 30: Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Ludlow Section 3.2.5 c. by deleting the words “Auto Service Stations & Repair Services”.

ARTICLE 31: Voted to amend the By-Laws of the Town of Ludlow, Chapter XV, Conservation Commission By-Laws, by adding the section defining rules and requirements for flood plan areas and land subject to flooding as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 32: Voted to authorize the Board of Public Works to enter into an agreement with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting through the Department of Environmental Protection, for the services of the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility in accepting, processing and recycling materials. I further move that said contract continue for a term of ten years ending in June 10, 2015.

ARTICLE 33: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve (12) dollars to acquire the fee simple interest and to accept as public ways the following described streets; Alfred Street, Auburn Street, Coolidge Avenue, Elizabeth Drive, Irla Drive, Jennifer Drive, Jestina Drive, Keith Circle, Knollwood Drive, Nora Lane, Palmer Street, and Timberidge Road, each bounded and described as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 34: Voted to accept a release deed from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through its division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance, in connection with the reconstruction and realignment of the intersection of Randall Road at West Street, for a parcel of land in Ludlow bounded and described as set forth in the Warrant and also shown on a plan entitled “Plan of Land in Ludlow, Massachusetts, Hampden County, to be conveyed to the Town of Ludlow” prepared by Almer Huntley, Jr. & Associates, Inc., dated August 16, 2001. I further move that a majority of the members of the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized to execute the foregoing release deed.

ARTICLE 35: Voted to accept a release grant or easement rights from Paul A Gatesman of Ludlow, Massachusetts, for the purpose of Slope Maintenance in Connection with the Reconstruction and Realignment of the intersection of Randall Road at West Street, on those conditions set forth in and over the property described in a

“Grant of Easement” from Paul A Gatesman, as described in the Warrant and as shown on a plan entitled “Permanent Slope Maintenance Easement in Ludlow, Massachusetts, Hampden County, to be granted to the Town of Ludlow” prepared by Almer Huntley, Jr. & Associates, Inc., dated January 11, 2002. I further move that a majority of the members of the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized to execute the foregoing easement rights, or take any other action.

ARTICLE 36: Voted to execute a release deed to Paul A Gatesman and Jacqueline M Gatesman, in connection with the reconstruction and realignment of the intersection of Randall Road at West Street, for a parcel of land in Ludlow described in the Warrant and also shown and designated as “Parcel A” on a plan entitled “Plan of Land in Ludlow, Massachusetts, Hampden County, to be conveyed to Paul A Gatesman and Jacqueline M Gatesman” prepared by Almer Huntley, Jr. & Associates, Inc., dated August 16, 2001. I further move that a majority of the members of the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized to execute the foregoing release deed, or take any other action.

Moved and seconded to dissolve the October 3, 2005 Fall Special Town Meeting at 9:18 p.m.

**PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2005**

ARTICLE 1: Voted to amend the compensation Plan of the Personnel Policy By-Law of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, Sections 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts Laws by deleting the current maximums and minimums and increment steps for Firefighters Schedule III and replacing them with the maximum and minimums and increment steps as printed in the warrant for the November 14, 2005 Special Town Meeting except for those maximums and minimums and increment steps for “Completion of Hazardous Materials Training” which shall be as printed on the attached tables with those headings which have been distributed to Town Meeting Members at the time of this meeting.

Article 1 (amendment):

By deleting:

Completion of Hazardous Materials Training Fire Department – Schedule III (Effective 07/01/05)

Class

F-1

Min	1	2	3	4	5
675.59	699.71	723.84	747.88	771.98	795.14

F-2

Min					
844.48	874.65	905.24	934.86	964.93	993.88

(125%XF-1)

F-3

Min					
1055.63	1093.28	1131.01	1168.57	1206.23	1242.42

(125%XF-2)

F-4

Min					
1422.63	1473.40	1524.21	1574.89	1625.63	1674.40

(200%XF-1&HP)

Completion of Hazardous Materials Training Fire Department – Schedule III (Effective 07/01/06)

Class

F-1

Min					
695.86	720.70	745.56	770.32	795.14	818.99

F-2

869.81	900.89	932.40	962.91	993.88	1023.70
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(125%XF-1)

F-3

1087.29	1126.08	1164.94	1203.63	1242.42	1279.69
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(125%XF-2)

F-4

1465.31	1517.60	1569.94	1622.14	1674.40	1724.63
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(200%XF-1&HP)

Completion of Hazardous Materials Training Fire Department – Schedule III (Effective 07/01/05)

F-1

Min					
713.73	742.73	767.92	793.43	818.99	843.56

F-2

895.91	927.92	960.37	991.79	1023.69	1054.41
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(125%XF-1)

F-3

1119.92	1159.86	1199.89	1239.74	1279.69	1313.08
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(125%XF-2)

F-4

1509.27	1563.13	1617.03	1670.80	1724.63	1776.37
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(200%XF-1&HP)

And by adding:

Completion of Hazardous Materials Training Fire Department – Schedule III (Effective 07/01/05)

Class

F-1

Min					
669.03	692.91	716.81	740.62	764.48	787.42

F-2

836.28	866.16	896.45	925.79	955.56	983.36
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(125%XF-1)

F-3

1045.38	1082.67	1120.02	1157.23	1194.52	1230.36
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(125%XF-2)

F-4

1408.82	1459.09	1509.42	1559.61	1609.84	1658.14
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(200%XF-1&HP)

Completion of Hazardous Materials Training Fire Department – Schedule III (Effective 07/01/06)

Class

F-1

Min					
689.10	713.70	738.32	762.84	787.41	811.05

F-2

861.37	892.14	923.34	953.56	984.23	1012.86
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(125%XF-2)

F-3

1076.74	1115.16	1153.62	1191.94	1230.36	1267.27
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(125%XF-2)

F-4

1451.09	1502.87	1554.70	1606.39	1658.14	1707.89
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(200%XF-1&HP)

Completion of Hazardous Materials Training Fire Department – Schedule III (Effective 07/01/07)

Class

F-1						
Min						
709.71	735.04	760.40	785.65	810.96	835.30	
F-2						
887.12	918.82	950.95	982.08	1013.66	1758.96	(125%XF-1)
F-3						
1108.94	1148.50	1188.12	1227.58	1267.15	1305.16	(125%XF-2)
F-4						
1494.48	1547.81	1601.19	1654.43	1707.72	1758.96	(200%XF-1&HP)

ARTICLE 2: Voted to transfer from Free Cash to the sum of \$44,276.00, said sum to be added to the Fire Department Personal Services Budget for Fiscal year 2005 to fund the negotiated pay increase with the Firefighter’s Union as shown in the Compensation Tables adopted pursuant to Article 1.

ARTICLE 3: Voted to postpone action on Article 3 of the November 14, 2005 Special Town Meeting Warrant. **(POSTPONED)**

ARTICLE 4: Voted to postpone action on Article 4 of the November 14, 2005 Special Town Meeting Warrant. **(POSTPONED)**

ARTICLE 5: Voted to accept the Fiscal 2006 tax agreement signed by the Board of Assessors and Consolidated Edison Energy Massachusetts, Inc. dated October 24, 2005 for the Hydro Electric Facility located on 5 Center St. for a valuation of \$574,700 for real property and \$472,500 for personal property.

ARTICLE 6: Voted to transfer the sum of \$200,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund to be used to improve the Storm Drainage System and perform associated work in the area of Town Commonly known as Electric Park.

ARTICLE 7: Voted to postpone action on Article #7. **(POSTPONED)**

ARTICLE 8: Voted to transfer the sum of \$47,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund to be used for Computer Hardware, Software and Consulting Services for the Town Computer Network.

Moved and seconded to dissolve the November 14, 2005 Special Town Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

VITAL STATISTICS

****Incomplete**

DEATHS.....	165**
BIRTHS.....	219**
MARRIAGES.....	165**

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Deaths	138	182	191	180	165**
Births	160	179	165	186	153**

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I would like to thank the residents of Ludlow, as always, for their continued support, it is truly a pleasure to work for the people of this community. I would like to show my appreciation for all my fellow workers at the Town Hall; they are wonderful people to be with, as co-workers and friends. My poll workers and registrars, what would I do without you, my sincere thanks. To the police officers, principals and custodians, thank you for making the elections run smoothly. To my staff, Christine Szlosek and Elsa Barros, what can I possibly say, it is a pleasure to have the two of you in the Clerk’s office, your dedication and hard work, never goes unnoticed. At times when I forget to say thanks for all that you do, let me assure you that I am always and forever grateful.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Gibbons, Town Clerk CMMC**

Virginia Studley was a devoted registrar and a wonderful person, her passing will be felt in our office, she was dedicated to her work and one of the kindest individuals I have ever met, she always had a smile on her face and we were always glad to see her, she will be dearly missed.

RECEIPTS

Coloring Books	\$ 108.00
Burial Permits	\$ 630.00
Business Certificates	\$ 1,110.00
By-Laws	\$ 150.00
Fish/Game (town)	\$ 1,304.90
Gas Renewals	\$ 2,690.50
History Books	\$ 299.25
Images of Ludlow	\$ 276.60
Maps	\$ 84.00
Marriage Intentions	\$ 2,240.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 361.22
Parking Violations	\$ 4,590.00
Passports	\$14,130.00
Photo-Extra	\$ 3,459.20
Photo-Regular	\$ 600.00
Pole Locations	\$ 340.00
Raffles	\$ 40.00
St Lists	\$ 791.00
Vitals – Death	\$ 780.00
Vitals – Long Form	\$ 4,385.00
Vitals – Marriage	\$ 820.00
Vitals – Short Form	\$ 400.00
World War II Books	\$ 183.70
Interest	\$ 3.81

TOTAL \$39,777.18

Dogs	\$ 6,055.00
Late Fees	\$ 285.00
Boarding	\$ 140.00
Kennel	\$ 310.00

TOTAL \$ 6,790.00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

LUDLOW SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Christopher Chartrand, Chairman 2003 – 2006
Michele Manganaro-Thompson, Vice Chairwoman 2004 – 2007
Gail Labelle, Secretary 2005 – 2008
Joseph Santos 2004 – 2007
James Harrington 2005 – 2008

The Ludlow School Committee welcomes James “Chip” Harrington to our group. Although he is no stranger to local politics, he has been getting to know the school department. We have an energetic and caring committee and it has been my pleasure to serve as chairman for a second term.

The changes continue for our district as we embraced the challenge of finding our next superintendent. The committee performed an extensive search that drew candidates from across the country. In the end our own Dr. Theresa Kane, previously our assistant superintendent, was selected by the committee to lead our schools. Dr. Kane has really hit the ground running by engaging the entire community and developing a comprehensive action plan to strengthen our district. As a result, our administrators continue to come together as an amazing team of gifted educational leaders. They have made great advances together, and we anticipate more strong leadership. We also made a change to our central office structure that will align our efforts to provide the best education for our students. Joining our team as the Director of Curriculum is Gail Lucey. She brings experience and energy to our most important role, ensuring the educational frameworks work together from grade to grade and school building to school building, to provide a cohesive and meaningful education for every student. She will also be an instrumental part of the effort to secure grant programs and funding. At this time, the committee extends our most sincere appreciation to Mrs. Mary Ann Larkin, Director of Food Services, for her many years of service to the district. We all wish her well in her retirement. We are pleased to promote Mrs. Kelley McGregor as the new Director, and look forward to the continued success of the nutrition program. This has been a very positive year and there is a noticeable sense of progress and optimism. Our teacher core experienced a large amount of change this year, as well. With several staff members retiring, we have added many new teachers again this year. It is part of a continuing trend that, with the past few years and next several, provides an enormous challenge for our schools. We must strive to attract the best new educators to our schools.

The Ludlow schools have had an outstanding year. We had a graduation class that sent 84% on to continue their education. Our students continue to collect academic, athletic, and artistic accolades for their local, state and national achievements. Our community groups remain engaged. School Councils, PTO groups, Booster clubs, and volunteers make contributions everyday. Of course, the school committee greatly appreciates their motivation and perseverance, as we would not be where we are today without their countless hours. Last but certainly

not least, Ludlow students continue to make progress on state requirements, with 100% of the senior class achieving a certificate of attainment or diploma in 2005.

The Ludlow School Department budget continues to be a serious concern. We are working very hard to maintain the level education in these difficult financial times. We have made some hard choices, but feel that working together with the community, we will be able to provide a well-rounded educational experience. We are pleased to see signs of continued improvement in our town, and our state, economic picture and outlook. Still many of the departments have budget levels set five to fifteen years ago. The expectations from the Federal Department of Education, and our state Board of Education, continue to demand progress. Progress will not be achieved if we reduce our daily programs, or eliminate opportunities for our educators to complete training on the latest teaching methods. Our schools need the continued financial support of the town.

Ludlow Schools are hopeful and optimistic for the future. Our outstanding administrative team is in place and ready for the road ahead. We are poised on the threshold of district improvement and educational progress. Ludlow continues to be a very attractive community to start and raise a family, based in no small part on the success of the Ludlow Public Schools.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Chartrand, Chairman
Ludlow School Committee

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

FY2005 budget approved at the annual Town Meeting:
\$21,100,000

Student Enrollment:

K-12	3,076
High School (9-12)	1,051
including 38 “school choice” students	
Middle School (6-8)	762
including 33 “school choice” students	
Chapin Elementary (K-5)	351
including 7 “school choice” students	
East Street Elementary (K-5)	471
including 3 “school choice” students	
Veterans Park Elementary (K-5)	441
including 8 “school choice” students	

SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHANGES

In March, the School Committee reorganized and elected Christopher E. Chartrand, Chairman; Michele Manganaro-Thompson, Vice-Chairwoman; and Gail F. LaBelle, Secretary. They were joined by current Committee member, Joseph Santos and newly elected member, James Harrington.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

On or before the end of the 2004-2005 school year, the following employees retired after many years of service to the School Department. Their years of dedication to the students of Ludlow are greatly appreciated.

The District said farewell to the following retirees: Mr. Donald Bennett; Ms. Yvonne Chapman; Dr. James Cokkinias; Ms. Deborah Frieder; Mr. James Martin; Ms. Sandra Monette; Ms. Wilhelmina Ostrowski; Ms. Mary Jane Sheehan; Ms. Kathryn Thompson; Dr. John Welch; Ms. Mary Lou White

The following faculty were employed for the 2005-2006 school year: Mr. Brenda Quinn, SSS Teacher at the high school; Ms. Felisa Andross, Math Teacher at the high school; Ms. Carlee Belliveau, Science Teacher at the middle school; Ms. Leigh Boland, Grade 2 Teacher at Chapin Street School; Ms. Christine Casella, Grade 1 Teacher at East Street School; Ms. Tammy Cook, Foreign Language Teacher at the high school; Ms. Nicole Desrosiers, Science Teacher at the high school; Ms. Terriann Emerson, SSS Teacher at Chapin Street School; Ms. Samantha Fahey, SSS Teacher at the preschool; Mr. Rudolfo Fossa, Music Teacher at East Street School; Mr. Jeffrey Gelinis, Science Teacher at the middle school; Ms. Mary Golden, Grade 5 Teacher at Veterans Park School; Ms. Sarah Gula, English/Reading Teacher at the middle school; Ms. Linda Lambert, SSS Teacher at the high school; Mr. Michael Lavelle, Social Studies Teacher at the middle school; Ms. Joyce Morris, Autism Consultant for the district; Mr. Aderito Pires, Math Teacher at the high school; Ms. Jennifer Potter, Grade 3 Teacher at East Street School; Ms. Lisa Roy, Speech and Language Assistant for the district; Ms. Tina Russo; Ms. Kimberly Shaffer-Whiting, SSS Long Term Substitute at the middle school; Ms. Jennifer Zucco, School Psychologist.



STAFF RECOGNITION 2005

John Batista; Jane Grasseti; Karen Keough; Ruth Saunders; Kenneth Vogel; Linda Condon; Renee Dufresne; Elena Marion; Mary-Beth Will; Karen Miller-Ericksberg; Carl Ericksberg; Janet Foy; Lynne Geanacopoulos; Rosalie Parylak; Veronica Pirani; Karen Pease.

2005 MASSACHUSETTS COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM REPORT

In May of 2005, all Ludlow students in grades three through eight and grade ten took the MCAS tests in a variety of academic subjects. This was the eighth round of MCAS testing which provides both district and student achievement data to measure the impact of the 1993 Massachusetts Education Reform Law.

The School Committee, administration, and teaching staff continue to analyze this data to identify strengths and weaknesses in our curriculum, and to prepare action plans to help prepare our students for the May 2006 assessment.



The following chart depicts the 2005 results:

Grade and Subject	Advanced		Proficient		Needs Improvement		Warning/ Failing		Students Included
	District	State	District	State	District	State	District	State	
GRADE 03 – READING	NA	NA	66	62	31	31	3	7	227
GRADE 04 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	4	10	47	40	42	40	7	10	234
GRADE 04 - MATHEMATICS	11	14	33	27	45	44	11	15	234
GRADE 05 - SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	8	16	26	35	53	38	14	12	219
GRADE 06 - MATHEMATICS	11	17	29	29	30	30	30	23	233
GRADE 07 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	5	10	65	56	26	27	4	7	240
GRADE 08 - MATHEMATICS	6	13	19	26	41	30	34	31	293
GRADE 08 - SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	1	4	20	29	52	41	27	26	292
GRADE 10 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	11	23	50	42	29	25	10	10	258
GRADE 10 - MATHEMATICS	28	35	34	27	25	24	13	15	259

NOTE: Performance level percentages are not calculated if student group less than 10.

SUMMARY

Dr. John Welch retired June 30, 2005 after five years as Superintendent of the Ludlow Public Schools. This report is respectfully submitted on his behalf.

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT

Throughout the 2004-2005 school year the professional development emphasis in the district was on continuous improvement measures. The entire staff participated in activities designed to raise awareness of strategies for improved performance. With considerable input from teachers and administrators, several district initiatives also continued to progress. The English Language Arts Curriculum Delivery Review Committee was established to examine our English Language Arts services for effectiveness and consistency between the elementary schools. Curriculum mapping was also introduced throughout the district.

Tutorials aimed at raising our Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) scores were available at every level. The high school continued to receive the Academic Support grant for students who did not pass the English Language Arts or Mathematics sections of the MCAS. Baird Middle School continued their Power Math classes while both East Street and Baird

utilized SuccessMaker software to improve student performance. Finally, at the elementary level, enrichment and remedial summer reading programs were offered to students in Grades K-5.

The federal program, Title 1, continued to support full day kindergarten and remedial reading programs at Veterans Park, Chapin Street, and East Street Elementary Schools. St. John the Baptist School received remedial reading support through the Title 1 program, as well.

As always, it was a pleasure to work with the students, the staff, and the parents for the benefit of our school system.

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa M. Kane, Ed.D

SCHOOL BUSINESS OPERATIONS

The Ludlow School Department's operating budget for fiscal year 2005 was funded at \$21,804,135. Fixed increases in utilities, out of district tuitions, transportation, salary obligations and grant reductions necessitated cuts in operating expenses once again.

Our priority continues to be the students under the jurisdiction of the Ludlow Public Schools and our goals continue to focus on preserving the teacher corps to maintain class size. New sources of revenue were established in previous years and again this year to subsidize the School budget. These monies continue to be an integral part of the budget in FY2005.

We continually try to maintain and improve our facilities to enhance the atmosphere for our students and staff. Again this could not be done without the support and help from Sheriff Ashe and the work-release program, Paul Dzubek, Ken Batista, the DPW crew, and the Ludlow Public Schools Maintenance and Custodial staff. As always, we thank you for your constant efforts.

Sincerely,
Constance M. Lacharite
Assistant to the Superintendent
For Business and Finance

LUDLOW HIGH SCHOOL

Over the past year, Ludlow High School has maintained a steady movement toward its goal of establishing a learning environment where all students can reach their fullest potential. The graduating class of 2005 had 228 students participate in the graduation ceremonies, and by December 30, 2005, all remaining students in the class of 2005 at Ludlow High School had fulfilled the graduation requirements. The class of 2006 is not far behind with 93% of the class already passing both the math and the English sections of the MCAS exam. Each year sophomore students with the help of their teachers gain a greater understanding of how to take a high-stakes test such as the MCAS exam, and the scores continue to improve. The class of 2007, who took the test for the first time in the spring of 2005, had 62% of the class scoring in the advanced or proficient categories on the English Language Arts section and 69% scoring in the advanced or proficient categories on the mathematics exam.

Ludlow High School continues to grow with the student enrollment at 1105 students as the doors opened for the school year in the fall of 2005. The high school also welcomed eight new staff members, who filled vacancies left by retiring teachers and areas where new staff was needed as the high school started to meet the needs of its expanding student population. The high school staff continues to be a dynamic one, filled with both veteran staff and staff new to Ludlow, allowing for a great sharing of varied educational philosophies and experiences.

The school community at Ludlow High School also continues to reach beyond the walls of the high school in order to serve the community and help where needed. As the school year began the damage from Hurricane

Katrina horrified all of us. Many facets of the high school community helped support those in need after the storm. The National Honor Society donated funds that they had raised to the Red Cross victims relief fund, the high school faculty along with the student council adopted a high school in Gulfport, Mississippi, Harrison Central High School, providing money for school supplies, and each class raised additional funds in a class competition, which were also donated to the Red Cross. Once again the National Honor Society and the Spanish club teamed up to enter and win for the second year in a row the Rock 102 Mayflower Marathon, which supports the Open Food Pantry. The two groups collected canned goods equivalent to approximately \$5,000.

This past year also marked the blossoming of some new community partnerships for the high school. The Office of Veterans Services and the high school have partnered in creating a new indoor assembly on Veteran's Day, celebrating Ludlow's veterans each November 11th with a ceremony in the high school auditorium. Members from the Office of Veterans Services and the high school staff were joined by the high school band, state dignitaries, and members of the community to thank veterans for their service and celebrate their accomplishments. In 2005, the high school also moved forward in its partnership with Ludlow Community Television as the cable group made their official move to the high school studio from their location at the town hall. The high school's television production course is in its second full year with twenty-two students enrolled in two sections of the course. All twenty-two students volunteer a few hours each marking term at Ludlow Community Television. Some students have really enjoyed this part of the course and have extended their volunteer hours beyond the required hours for the course. This willingness to part with free time has been taken as one sign that the program is having success.

The faculty and staff at the high school hope to continue this type of success enumerated above as we move into 2006. The school continues to grow and remain vibrant, so the potential certainly is there.

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon Smith, Principal
Ludlow High School

PAUL R. BAIRD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Due to the efforts of our staff, students, parents, and community partners, the 2005-2006 school year has been a successful one at Baird Middle School. Our focus continues to be on improving academic achievement, while encouraging our students to grow emotionally and socially during these challenging middle school years.

Three outstanding veteran teachers retired from our faculty this year: English Curriculum & Instructional Leader, Sandra Monette; Science Curriculum & Instructional Leader, Kathryn Thompson; and sixth grade social studies teacher, Mary Jane Sheehan. These dedicated teachers touched many lives over the years. We thank them for their commitment to the children of Ludlow and we wish them many happy retirement years.

We also welcomed four new members to our faculty: Ludlow native, Carlee Belliveau is teaching science, along with former Springfield teacher, Jeffrey Gelinis; Sarah Gula joined our English Department; and Michael Lavelle is teaching Grade 6 social studies.

Baird is proud that teacher, David Borkowski, was awarded the Grinspoon Excellence in Teaching Award last Spring. This prize recognizes outstanding teachers who are known for their volunteer service in their communities.

We remain committed to improving the academic skills of every child at Baird Middle School. We recognize the need to increase achievement in mathematics, along with addressing reading and writing across the curriculum. Most students are now assigned a regular math class and a math enrichment class each day. The district has also purchased a mathematics computer software program which assists students with a daily tutorial program that targets individual needs.

Our mission is to educate the whole child. There are 100 band students and 210 chorus students at Baird, thanks to the efforts of teachers, Dennis Bunten and Irene Pereira. Health teacher, Deborah Casagrande, was instrumental in securing a grant which funds fitness activities throughout the year. This is also the first year of our Breakfast Program, which offers a healthy start to the school day for many of our students.

We know that parents are looking for positive activities for their children during after-school hours. When our school clubs were eliminated due to budget cuts this year, Baird's school council voted to fund 9 clubs through fundraising efforts. We have also continued our partnership with the Ludlow Boys & Girls Club, which offers activities for our students at their facility, and also on-site at Baird. Ninety-six (96) of our students remain after-school at Baird, and 42 of our students walk to the Club each day after school. We feel that our partnership with the Club is a model for other communities. There is no work more rewarding than working with children. We will continue our efforts to provide the best education possible for Ludlow's young teens.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna M. Hogan, Principal
Paul R. Baird Middle School

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

The district continued to provide a variety of quality special education services: occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech/language therapy, adaptive physical education, assistive technology, reading instruction, math instruction, etc. The district has continued its specialized educational program for students with language based disabilities to the high school level with students in grade 9 and 10. The Structured Individualized Program for students with emotional/behavioral difficulties was reorganized to improve and increase support for students within the general education setting. The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) continues to work to increase involvement. New members are welcome and encouraged to attend. The entire student support services department continued to provide quality services in a very challenging field.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine DeBarge
Director of Student Support Services

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

The elementary schools in Ludlow have experienced many challenges and celebrations this year.

We showed improvements in our performance on the MCAS testing. Veterans Park Elementary School performed well in the English Language Arts portion of the test. Eighty percent of the third graders at Veterans Park Elementary School scored in the proficient range. At Chapin Street School Street third and fourth grade students showed a strong performance by scoring at or above the state average in reading and mathematics. The students at East Street School met Adequate Yearly Progress benchmarks mandated by the Massachusetts Department of Education. A second year of similar success will officially remove the school from any mandated improvement category.

An English Language Arts Service Committee was formed. Instructional practices and schedules were unified throughout the elementary schools. Professional development was provided to all staff in English Language Arts. The committee will be evaluating this year's work and looks forward to producing a district-wide curriculum map. Math continues to be a focus of curriculum improvement. Mary Connery-Simmons provided a Math Night for the parents of the district and workshops for the elementary staff. Each school held Literacy and Math nights and supported successful Read-a-thons. Our schools continue to use all available resources to support student learning and achievement.

Our PTO's have continued to support many exciting and educationally sound initiatives throughout the district. With their support students attend field trips and

participate in educational assemblies. The PTO continues to provide assistance to our classroom teachers. The student councils at each school have continued this year through funds supported by the PTO's. Each of our schools has made significant donations to social organizations locally and around the world.

This year several long time elementary faculty members and staff retired. They are: at Chapin Street School Manny Pereira, custodian; at East Street School Deborah Frieder, third grade; and at Veterans Park Mimi White, third grade; Manuel Saraiva, custodian.

We welcome the following educators to our staff and look forward to their contributions: grade 5, Mary Golden; student support, Terriann Emerson; grade 2, Leigh Boland; grade 1, Chris Casella; music, Chad Abare, and custodian, Mario Santos.

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

INTEGRATED PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Integrated Preschool Program is located at the Early Childhood Center at 54 Winsor Street and is the sixth public school building within the Ludlow Public Schools. The Program has been in existence since January of 1989 and currently is housed exclusively at the Early Childhood Center – six preschool sessions are offered each day at the Early Childhood Center . With a small staff to student ratio, the Integrated Preschool allows children with disabilities and without disabilities to interact and to learn in a variety of structured play and free play activities. Academic and preacademic instruction is provided within this “play” format for the children in accordance with the Department of Education’s curricular frameworks for the preschool level.

Our enrollment is at 85 children and continues to grow. We offer monthly developmental screenings and have open enrollment throughout the school year. Our program has maintained national accreditation through the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Our staff has also grown in direct relation to our ability to service preschool children in our community. Presently, our program supports 7.5 professional staff members and 7.5 additional paraprofessional staff members.

We are continually working on improving our program. Currently we are working with the some of the elementary school principals to coordinate outreach

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

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

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



HUMAN SERVICES

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health reorganized in 2005 as follows: Bruce Dziura, M.D., Chairman; Carol A. Szczebak, Secretary; Victor J. Field, Member.

On March 28th, Carol A. Szczebak was re-elected to serve another three (3) year term on the Board of Health receiving 2,077 votes with Jo A. Pettengill receiving 1,492 votes.

On July 1st, Michael C. Pietras was appointed as the On-Site Sewage Disposal Inspector for the witnessing of percolation tests. Mr. Pietras witnessed thirty seven (37) percolation tests, along with one (1) overnight soak. Mr. Pietras investigated one (1) septic investigation due to complaints. Inspector Ron. A. Morra witnessed fifty eight (48) percolation tests, along with one (1) overnight soak.

On July 1st, Ron. A. Morra was reappointed as the On-Site Sewage Disposal Inspector to review septic plans and conduct final inspections when septic system is installed. Mr. Morra reviewed sixty (60) septic plans, and conducted forty four (44) final inspections of septic systems. Mr. Morra investigated three (3) septic investigations due to complaints.

New sub-surface disposal system permits issued in 2005 totaled twenty one (21). Repairs to existing systems totaled thirty four (34).

A total of four (4) Beaver permits were issued in our Town to remove beavers from where dams were built.

Our annual Rabies Clinic was held at the Town Garage located at the Department of Public Works on

Saturday, April 2nd. We want to thank Dr. Kruger again this year for making the clinic a success with forty (40) dogs and fifteen (15) cats being vaccinated. Veterinarians suggest that dogs and cats be vaccinated regularly, since both are exposed to wild animals.

One January 1st, Ludlow and other cities and towns had been awarded a Tobacco Control Grant which was issued by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The Longmeadow Board of Health is in control of this grant disbursing the money.

Tobacco Control Enforcement Agent Sarah McColgan conducted six (6) tobacco compliance checks during 2005. There were a total of seventeen (17) sales made to minors. Three establishments made a third (3rd) sale within a two (2) year time period, which resulted in a permit suspension for thirty (30) days. One establishment is awaiting a permit suspension for one (1) year for making a fourth (4th) sale of tobacco. Eight establishments were inspected by Ms. McColgan due to complaints made regarding the Smoke-free Workplace Law. No violation orders or citations were issued.

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Health Inspectors Kim Libiszewski and Lynn Moylan conducted investigations for twenty nine (29) citizen complaints concerning housing violation, trash and debris, rodents and animals, etc. One hundred sixty two (162) food establishment inspections and one hundred eighteen (118) catering inspections were carried out in 2005.

Animal Inspector Sheila Andre responded to eighteen (18) animal bites.

MONEY COLLECTED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
Nursing services	\$15,716.00	\$18,261.00
Clinic pedicures	9,325.00	9,580.00
Senior Center pedicures	2,720.00	3,465.00
Immunizations	1,477.00	1,333.73
Flu reimbursement		
from insurance providers	4,183.52	7,182.75
Trailer park assessments	18,432.00	18,432.00
Food service licenses	4,000.00	3,800.00
Retail food permits	4,200.00	4,150.00
Trailer park licenses	225.00	225.00
Mobile food server permits	150.00	150.00
Bakery licenses	700.00	800.00
Smokehouse licenses	375.00	375.00
Piggery licenses	30.00	30.00
Massage licenses	500.00	600.00
Frozen dessert licenses	330.00	330.00
Funeral director licenses	300.00	300.00
Non-alcoholic beverage lic.	37.50	37.50
Milk & Cream licenses	810.00	735.00
Tobacco permits	3,640.00	3,640.00
Tobacco violation fees		350.00
Tanning facility licenses	120.00	60.00

Catering permits	1,155.00	1,260.00
Removal of garbage permits	300.00	300.00
Dumpster permits	2,020.00	1,960.00
Well construction permits	720.00	1,845.00
Disposal Works		
Construction permits	840.00	1,260.00
Septic tank repair permits	1,800.00	2,040.00
Septic installer's permits	3,200.00	2,320.00
Septic tank pumping license	320.00	320.00
Permit/License late fees	690.00	475.00
Percolation test fees	10,325.00	*14,875.00
Perc test overnight soak fees	140.00	*437.50
Site plan fees	3,525.00	*4,500.00
Septic inspection fees	4,425.00	*3,300.00
Total money collected	\$96,731.02	\$108,729.48

*Town's share of these fees \$4,908.95

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Dziura, M.D., Chairman

Members:

Carol A. Szczebak
Victor J. Field

**BOARD OF HEALTH
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES**

Director of Nurses: Francine Rusiecki, RN

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

This year marks my first anniversary as Director of Nurses. It has been very educational and productive to my position. I enjoy working with our Board of Health members, nurses, and staff, where we have become a real team. I cannot overstate how special the nursing staff is at the Board of Health. They are dedicated to their jobs and our residents of Ludlow.

This year all the nurses and Board Members have completed an independent study course through FEMA on "National Incident Management Systems" and have received their Certificates of Achievement. We have worked with Josh Shanley, a member of the Hampden County Public Health Coalition, to set up the Ludlow Emergency Operations Plan. We also participate in meetings with the Coalition and the Ludlow Emergency Planning Committee.

Our nurses continue to maintain an active case load of home clients and a very successful pedicure program. This year there were sixty-one (61) new admissions to our service. We provide tuberculosis screening and follow up at Baystate TB Clinic for treatment. Communicable disease surveillance control and education is provided to all residents, including working with the Hampden County Correctional Facility. We also distribute vaccine from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Immunization Program to our area health care providers. Fourteen thousand six hundred and ninety nine (14,699) vaccines have been distributed to providers along with one thousand three hundred and ninety (1390) flu vaccine.

In 2005, our nurses made two thousand three hundred and forty seven (2,347) home visits, an increase of thirty three (33) visits from last year. Clinic visits consisted of nine hundred and fifty eight (958) pedicures; one thousand four hundred and twelve (1,412) visits for blood pressure, glucose checks, B12 injections and dressings; one hundred and twenty (120) TB skin tests; and two (2) lead screenings. Thirty one (31) children and sixty five (65) adults were immunized with such vaccines as MMR, Varicella, Hepatitis A&B, Pneumonia, Tetanus, etc. A total of one thousand one hundred and sixty-four (1,164) flu vaccines were administered this season.

Our pedicure program has increased at the Senior Center from two hundred and seventy two (272) to three hundred and forty seven (347) pedicures. We have done four hundred and eighty-four (484) pedicures at resident's homes. We continue to provide blood pressure clinics at the Senior Center every Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and at Wilson Street Housing the first Wednesday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

All school age children under eighteen years old are eligible for free vaccine at the Board of Health, however adults requiring immunizations must pay a ten dollar (\$10) fee for each vaccine administered. TB skin testing is available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday for a fee of ten dollars (\$10).

This year meningococcal vaccine was required for freshmen or newly enrolled college students living in dormitories. For the first time, Massachusetts Department of Public Health was not able to supply this vaccine because of its dependency on Federal and State funding. We were, however, able to privately purchase the meningococcal vaccine for

seven (7) students and they were able to meet their college requirement.

Our mosquito dunk program remained to be successful again this year, with more than five thousand dunks being distributed to Ludlow residents.

The generosity of our residents continues to supply medical equipment for our lending closet. Currently, we have eight five (85) pieces of durable medical equipment. One hundred and forty four (144) residents have accessed our service this year.

The Board of Health is always working with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health conducting investigations and surveillances for communicable diseases. Two hundred and forty four (244) cases have been documented in 2005, including Chicken Pox, Hepatitis A&B, Tuberculosis, Campylobacter and Lyme Disease. These statistics also include inmates from the Hampden County Correctional Facility.

In 2005, our nurses participated in two (2) health fairs, held three (3) flu clinics, attended the Annual Massachusetts Public Health Nursing Meeting in Milford and keep up to date with conferences and trainings, including computer classes at Whalley Computer, sponsored by the Hampden County Public Health Coalition

I feel blessed to have a great relationship with the Senior Center. I have accompanied Outreach Coordinator Debbie Johnson on home visits meeting with residents, managing medical issues and providing educational tools and consultations. We continue to work with Baystate Medical Center's TB Clinic, Hampden County Correctional Facility, West Mass

Elder Care, Health South, local Home Care agencies, local Physicians, Ludlow School Nurses and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Respectfully submitted,
Francine Rusiecki, RN
Director of Nurses

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

Andrew Bristol, Chairman
Beverly Barry, Vice Chairman
Joanne Odato-Staeb, Secretary
Joanne M. Lizak
Mark Lizak

Patricia Donohue
Michael Lombard, ADA Coordinator

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

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

The Commission lost an important advocate and chairman this year. The untimely death of Joanne Lizak rendered the Commission without a chairman and due to physical restraints, her husband, Mark who served as our Treasurer. Joanne was a respected member of the community and her vast knowledge of disability issues will be sadly missed. She remains in our heart and soul of the Commission. We wish Mark the best in the upcoming years.

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

Two major goals of the Commission on Disability are education and increasing public awareness. We have produced an informational brochure available at town hall. We are currently in the process of surveying local service businesses to address disability awareness for their patrons. We have also worked closely with the Community Center in gaining a TTY system and training for the hearing impaired.

Due to a rather small commission, it is sometimes difficult to hold meetings due to lack of quorum. This year has been particularly hard. We encourage anyone who either is disabled or has a family member with a disability to join our group.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Barry, Vice Chairman

**LUDLOW COUNCIL ON AGING/
SENIOR CENTER**

**Jocelyn Ahern
Executive Director**

Wow! What a year we had at the Ludlow Senior Center! We just keep growing and growing. All of our programs really took off this year and we find ourselves looking for new resources and space. *Esther's Eatery* has gone from an average of 55 people for lunch to an average of 80 each day! Lots of new faces everyday. We also have become a huge resource of information concerning public benefits and Medicare Part D.

Transportation has reached full capacity and we are hoping to add an additional driver to our staff in the coming year. With fuel costs, lack of parking and more seniors utilizing the vans, availability has become very difficult but we do our best to accommodate all.



Christmas Party

The coming year is going to be challenging. The Boomers have finally arrived and Medicare Part D is in full swing beginning in May. More and more senior are coming to us for information, exercise, support and friendship. We don't see our growth slowing down and we welcome all with open arms. If you haven't been by to see us, come and see what all the buzz is about! As always, our doors are always open and we are *At the Center of it all!!!*

Total Meals:

Duplicated:
15,980

Unduplicated:
525

Total Center Visits:

Elder:
1989

Non-Elder:
229

Total Center calls:
13,000+

Council on Aging Board:

Diane Goncalves, Chairman
Frederick Lafayette, Vice Chairman
Theresa Masley, Treasurer
Evelyn Anischik, Secretary
Albert LeMay
Wanda Karczmarczyk
Jean Gibb
Henry Haste
Edward Mazur
Lucille Carneiro
Philip Tierney
Matthew Pszeniczny, Liaison

**Carla Roberts
Program Coordinator**

All areas of the Ludlow Senior Center are experiencing growth in both participation and the types of services being offered.

Programs such as the Brown Bag Program continue to grow and we have even helped our neighbors in Hampden by having their bags delivered with ours. A partnership has been forged with Wing Medical Clinic and they are providing free cholesterol/blood sugar screenings two or three times a year at our Center. An evening Speakers Bureau was started to benefit the Baby Boomers and others who are not available to attend our daytime events.

Volunteers continue to be the water that keeps our wheel turning. Volunteers donated 12,657 hours of their time last year. Their value grows as the costs of operation continue to rise.

Support groups are a tremendous asset as proven by the Alzheimer's Caregiver Group that meets once a month at our Center. Our WWII Discussion Group and the Men's Breakfast continue to be popular.

We are always open to suggestions and new ideas and we love company!! Come check us out at *"the Center of it all!"*

Transportation

Doreen Rauch

Well these past 6 months have been quite a challenge for me, but I really enjoy working with the great staff. Everyone at the Senior Center has made my time here a pleasure, so coming to work everyday keeps me smiling.

From my point of view, our drivers, Sylvester and Jose perform above and beyond for our senior residents. Just ask our riders! If you have never booked a ride to our senior center for lunch or an activity or an appointment in town now is the time to try us.

Our total trips for the FY 2005 were 13,307, WOW! If at all possible I would like to see all trips increased with another part time driver added to our budget.

Included are trips to our Senior Center, Doctors appointments, Dentist, Shopping, Movies, Hair Appointments and many special trips from our Activities Director, Elaine Nison.



Volunteer Recognition Day

Even our Speaker's Bureau is geared towards health issues that we all should be concerned about. Healthy eating, a healthy heart and body are addressed by many of our speakers. The Center has even added a once a month evening Wednesday Speaker's Bureau to entice the baby boomer generation to have the opportunity to attend free seminars on health and other important senior issues.

More craft classes are being added this year with a jewelry making class starting in January. Volunteers are encouraged to run craft classes once a month with no charge to the participants. Billiards, Ceramics, Computer classes and Quilting are on-going and if you haven't seen all the new changes to our different rooms, please stop by and take a look. We think you will be very impressed!

We serve a nutritious, healthy lunch on a daily basis with celebrations on holidays and special occasions. Everyone loves to party at the Center and you can be part of our family by just giving us a call at 583-3564 or come on down to 37 Chestnut Street. You'll be glad you did!



Mardi Gras Celebration

As before I started here, if you have any questions or comments please call the Senior Center at 583-3564, we will try our best to accommodate you.

And thank you again for welcoming me to "The Center of it all".

Total Rides:		
	Duplicated:	Unduplicated:
	13,307	197

Activities

Elaine Nison

Another year may have passed us by, but our programs and activities continue to flourish with our many exercise programs leading the way. Many seniors have vowed that in 2006 they will try to be in better shape and eat healthier with our programs geared to that goal. Tai Chi, Yoga, Weight Training, Jazz Dance, Indoor Tennis, Walking Club, Water Fitness, Volleyball, and our up-dated Fitness Room have enticed many of our elders to get moving and participate in these classes.

Health Services:	Duplicated:	Unduplicated:
	1,785	307
Exercise:	6,122	213
Social/Recreational:	12,120 Duplicated	

Outreach

Debbie Johnson

During the past year the Outreach services have been as busy as usual. With the new Medicare Part D, prescription coverage going into effect many questions arose. Making sure that seniors that wanted to be part of

the new program were fully informed as to what was the best program for them. The next step was how to fill out the necessary forms to join the program. The jump in energy costs, electric, gas, and oil was another obstacle that had to be dealt with, not only with the elder population but with anyone who was having difficulty making ends meet. Through home visits and office visits seniors were educated about the many services that could be provided for them so that they could maintain the quality of life that they are accustomed to. Quality of life for the seniors in Ludlow is a major goal for the Outreach Department at the Ludlow Senior Center. If you have any questions or are looking for any information to what services or financial assistance you may be entitled to stop by, call or email, outreach@ludlow.ma.us, me in the Outreach Department today.



Picnic in the Park

Outreach Visits:
1,798 Duplicated

Staff:

Jocelyn Ahern, Director
Carla Roberts, Program Manager
Debora Johnson, Outreach Coordinator
Elaine Nison, Activities Coordinator
Doreen Rauch, Dispatcher
Sylvester Rogowski, Driver
Jose Afonso, Driver
Elizabeth Harackiewicz, Clerk
Esther Brown, Cook
Susan Moffett, Maintenance
Kathleen Macauley, Receptionist

FIRST MEETING HOUSE COMMITTEE

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

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

In previous years the Meeting House and grounds were the site of Ludlow's Living History Weekend Civil War Encampment. This past year the building was used for a quilt registration. Local girl scout troops visited the Meeting House as part of their town history project. Members of the committee encourage other groups and special projects to consider the meetinghouse as a venue for their events.

Members are discussing upgrades to the building, including a handicapped ramp and repairs to the front steps. The Committee welcomes new volunteers who would like to help with restoration and preservation activities. The Committee also thanks Betty Kibbe, Chair of the Historical Commission, an enthusiastic promoter of the preservation and utilization of the Meeting House.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Kavka, Chairman

Members:

Marilyn Paul-Lewis
Karen Cuthbert
Thomas Haluch
Elsie Hiersche
Donald Kibbe
Bert Ramage
Helen Garrow, Liaison

HUBBARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

“Seventy million books in America’s libraries, but the one you want to read is always out.”

Tom Masson.



Tea sandwiches are being served

That quote is now an anachronism, or Mr. Masson just hasn't been in a Massachusetts library lately. Statewide delivery of Library materials in all formats reached over 10 million items. In 2005, 1.3 million items circulated in our regional delivery area. Ludlow experienced a 69% increase in loans from/to other libraries. 18,500 items in all formats from/to Ludlow.

Since the online holds system was inaugurated in 2003, the library has seen an impressive 79% increase in holds placed by library users. "Delivery" has rapidly become one of the most important services offered to local libraries and their users.

68% of American adults or about 137 million people use the Internet, up from 63% a year ago. 32% of American adults or about 65 million people do not go online. Public Internet access in the library can bridge the online gap, electronically connecting users to ideas, information, and commentary from around the block or around the world, while offering access to local, national, and international resources. 15,660 visits to the library's website, www.hubbardlibrary.org occurred in 2005, accompanying a 55% increase in access requests. The library website, available 365 days a year, averaged 43 visits per day. Because user demand for electronic information has increased dramatically the library subscribed to PC Reservation, a software package that manages PC access and session control. Gone are the unruly sign-in clipboards for Internet use! PC_Reservation lets users reserve time on computers daily in two 60-minute sessions.

"We must not think of learning as only what happens in schools. It is an extended part of life. The most readily available resource for all of life is our public library system."

David McCullough.

The library is one source of adult literary programming within the community. In 2005, 75 tutors worked with 200 adult English language learners and their families. The library partners with existing literacy programs by

providing space for tutoring, classes, meetings, and referring to service programs. An ABE book collection is being developed to support existing literacy programs. In partnership with Holyoke Community College, a 16-week GED preparation course is scheduled to be offered at the library for the fall semester.

Programming to promote lifelong learning for adults continues to expand, with new offerings for every season. Adult programming is intended to meet the educational, cultural, and recreational needs of our users. Rabbi Robert Sternberg, Executive Director of the Hatikvah Holocaust Education Center presented a thoughtful program on the Holocaust. Alfred Watson charmed his holiday audience, which included several Red Hat clubs, with music from the Nutcracker Suite. Adults and young adults subjected the latest Harry Potter novel to intensive discussion. The Chess and Book clubs brought 444 participants to the library in 2005. Over 90 adult and young adult programs were attended by over 700 library patrons.



Summer Reading Program

With the message "Strong Libraries Build Strong Communities", the library hosted the March Legislative Breakfast in Ludlow's Senatorial District. Each year, Legislative Breakfasts held around the state present and advocate for the Legislative Agenda of the Board of Library Commissioners with emphasis on budget items of particular significance for the coming fiscal year. Since FY2001, cutbacks in state funding have negatively impacted local libraries at a time when their budgets were already under pressure due to cutbacks in state aid, competition from other municipal departments and decreased private funding. The consequence is that progress toward equal access has been seriously eroded. State and local officials, library trustees and library supporters attended the Ludlow Breakfast.

"People may go to the library looking mainly for information, but they find each other there".

Robert D. Putnam

Our library remains essential as a community center, where children are educated, lifelong learning is supported, public access to information and educational programs is provided. Library users are borrowing more; the library saw a 5-6% increase the circulation of print materials, and a 26% increase in audio circulation, due to the expanded CD book collection. Patron registrations went up 22% over 2004. Circulation to residents of other municipalities rose 18%. Over 2500 people attended 225 community meetings held by non-profit groups, government agencies, and home school groups.



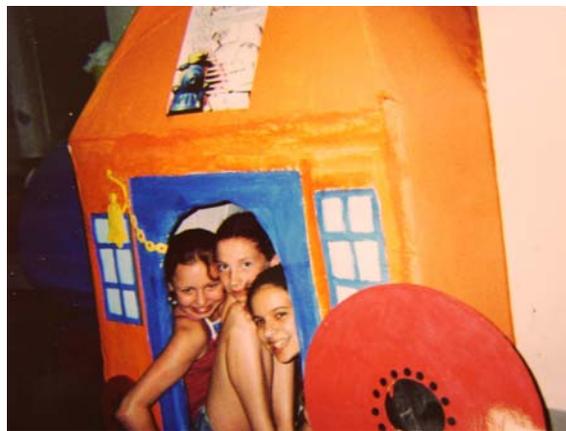
Summer Teen Volunteers- Harry Potter Party

New services continue to be offered to our users as part of our membership in the C/W MARS (Central/Western Massachusetts Resource Sharing) network, In partnership with OVERDRIVE, a leading digital book vendor for libraries and retailers, library users can now check out digital Audio Books and eBooks. Users from member libraries can browse and search hundreds of great titles and download them to their home computers, transfer them to portable devices, or burn them onto CDs for reading and listening anywhere, anytime. New databases provided to member libraries through the C/W MARS library network have recently been added. Grove Art Online and Science Online are now available for in-library use or from home.

“When I was young, we couldn’t afford much. But my library card was my key to the world.”

John Goodman

Almost every day, the library has a program for children, including once a week drop-in crafts that require no registration – 2631 young crafters attended in 2005. The library plays a vital role in fostering reading readiness, developing imagination, presenting story times and innovative special events. Over 350 children’s programs drew 11,000 participants and their caregivers to the library in 2005. Educational support is offered to teachers and their students, through book deposits, class visits and access to database resources designed specifically for children.



Summer Reading Program – Going Places

An average of 42 visits was made by nearly 1800 youngsters in the academic year.

Among the most popular programs offered in 2005 were the Summer Reading Club and related special performances, music, crafts, clubs and events. *Going Places @ Your Library* gave 644 participants a chance to go places without traveling farther than our local library. 130 children and their families attended an outdoor Medieval Faire, complete with knights in shining armor, fair damsels, and a chance to joust in costume. Lupa Zoo brought animals, and the release of the latest Harry Potter novel convened a gathering of 40 young wizards and other Hogworts enthusiasts to celebrate. An “American Girls” Tea Party saw girls dressed like their “American Girls” dolls sipping tea and munching sandwiches. 207 endangered animals were adopted by participants who completed the Summer Reading Program.

Members of the Friends of the Library provide support through annual individual and business memberships. The Friends are valued supporters of the library, providing funds for adult and children’s programs throughout the year. The very popular museum passes purchased by the Friends each year saw a 32% increase in circulation in 2005. Passes to new venues will be in the works for 2006.

“The most important asset of any library goes home at night-the library staff.”

Father Timothy Healy, former president New York Public Library.

Kudos is in order for the library’s staff. They are friendly, knowledgeable, and cheerfully, with professionalism, serve the public. During 2005, 240 adult and young adult volunteers donated 3340 hours of their time, energy and skills to shelving materials, helping with craft projects, and doing computer inputting.



Girls Dressed Like Their American Girl Dolls

The Board of Library Trustees plays a crucial role in providing library and information services to the community. Our Trustees promote the mission of library, setting appropriate policies for library services, advocating for library issues and funding. The Board has given willingly of their time, experience, and guidance.

You can find it all @ your library. Come visit us soon!

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Kelly, Director

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

LUDLOW COMMUNITY TV

2005 has come and gone, and just as the previous years, LCTV saw a lot of growth over the past year. In this report, we will cover the functions of public access, what has happened over the last year, and our goals for the future.

Staff

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

Volunteers, interns, and Senior Abatement personnel were an integral part of operations this past year. They combined for over (700) hours of free service to public access. This volunteer time covered everything from filing paperwork to filming shows, physical labor to idea contributions. Their assistance allowed us to provide more coverage of meetings, etc. We are always grateful for their participation.

Functions

LCTV performs such functions as:

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

This Past Year

Over the past year, we have continued to grow, both in programming and in volunteers. There has been a continued increase in awareness regarding Ludlow Community TV, from the residents, and community organizations. We now have the capability to transfer programming from one format to another (example: VHS to DVD, etc.).

We continue to offer printed TV Guides, which can be found at various locations in Town. In addition to our printed TV guides, we list our programming (along with local job listings) on LCTV Channel 63, and on our website.

At our website, one can obtain forms for messages, video releases, etc. We have included the ability to view and print out our weekly program lineups for channels 5 & 62. Information pertaining to all areas of Public Access and Ludlow Community TV is also on this site. Our website can be accessed by going to:

ludlow.ma.us

and clicking on "Ludlow Community TV".

New shows this past year included: Lupa Zoo, Western Mass Pioneers, Your Health, Larry Speaks Out, LHS Wrestling, Wojo's Polka Party, Medicare Part D, Physician Focus, The Spoken Word, and many others. These are in addition to all the perennial favorites (Our Town, Polka Time, LHS Hockey, etc.).

In 2005, we compared our program lineups with several other communities throughout Massachusetts. Based on the information we were able to obtain, LCTV airs more governmental programming than any other community!

LCTV aired no less than (10) ten various boards, commissions, committees, etc. This is in addition to all

the other shows we produced. It is our hope to continue expanding in all areas of programming.

Future

Our future goals have not changed since last year. We are still looking to relocate our facilities to a permanent home; one which will have sufficient space for us to offer the residents of Ludlow everything possible. We have found a promising site which is owned by the Town of Ludlow, and situated in a great location. LCTV and the Cable Committee presented the idea before the Board of Selectmen who passed a motion to go out to bid. We are currently working on the bid package, and if all goes well, expect to reach a huge milestone in the history of Ludlow Community TV ... a full-sized, fully operational community TV station.

In regards to equipment purchases: If all goes well, we will be in a new, state-of-the-art facility. It is our hope to fill this new facility with many new pieces of equipment, such as state-of-the-art studio cameras, editing stations, servers, studio lighting, etc. All items would be purchased through our grant monies.

In Conclusion

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

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

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

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

LUDLOW HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Ludlow Housing Authority meets at 6:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at 114 Wilson Street. The Board of Commissioners is made up of five (5) members, four (4) elected and one (1) State appointee. The role of the Board of Commissioners is to set policy, oversee the financial responsibilities of the LHA, and ensures decent, safe affordable housing for the elderly, handicapped and families.

The Ludlow Housing Authority has a total of one hundred fifty (150) units of state-aided elderly/handicapped housing that includes two congregate living units, Colonial Sunshine Manor located on Wilson Street, State Street Development, and Chestnut Street Development. Rental for these apartments is based on thirty percent (30%) of the tenant's net income and includes heat, water, and electricity. The Ludlow Housing Authority also owns ten (10) single family houses located on scattered sites within the Town and six (6) units called the John Thompson Manor located on Benton/Butler Streets. Rental for these units is based on twenty-seven percent (27%) of the tenant's net income with the tenants responsible for their own utilities.

Funding for these programs is made possible through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Department of Housing and Community Development. In addition, that office establishes eligibility guidelines. Anyone meeting the requirements is placed on the appropriate waiting list for their household composition and admitted in accordance with those guidelines.

Net income limits established by the Commonwealth for elderly/handicapped and family housing are as follows:

One person in the family	\$37,750
Two people in the family	\$43,150
Three people in the family	\$48,550
Four people in the family	\$53,900
Five people in the family	\$58,250
Six people in the family	\$62,550
Seven people in the family	\$66,850

A household occupying a unit in elderly/handicapped housing shall remain eligible for continued occupancy until such time as 30% of their monthly net household income equals or exceeds the fair market rent then in effect for a unit of appropriate size for their household. In family housing it is 32%. The fair market rents as established by the Commonwealth are as follows:

One Bedroom	\$ 622
Two Bedrooms	\$ 829
Three Bedrooms	\$1,102
Four Bedrooms	\$1,360

The Ludlow Housing Authority gives local preference housing applicants residing in Ludlow before applicants residing elsewhere. In addition, Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1995 allowed for the lowering of the eligibility age in elderly housing to

sixty (60); a preference for veterans in the community in which they reside; and a placement rate of eighty-six and one half percent (86.5%) for elderly persons and thirteen and one half percent (13.5%) for non-elderly handicapped persons in public housing.

The waiting list for the elderly/handicapped developments consists of thirty-six (36) applicants while the waiting list for the family developments consists of ten (10) applicants. During 2004 there were twenty-two (23) vacancies in the elderly/handicapped units and six (5) vacancies in the family units.

Based on the number of elderly/handicapped units within the Ludlow Housing Authority, the average age of a unit occupant is 77. The average monthly rent is \$262.00 per unit. For the past four years, due to the governor and legislature continuing to level-fund the housing authority budgets across the State of Massachusetts, the Department of Housing & Community Development has not been able to allow the average annual percent increase per year (usually two to six percent) necessary to maintain the housing units as well as the grounds at the levels prior to year 2001. The annual impact over the past four years to level-fund housing authorities has greatly diminished the Ludlow Housing Authority's ability to retain needed maintenance services and office personnel to best serve our elderly/disabled as well as our family tenants.

The Board of Health utilized the Wilson Street Community room for weekly blood pressure clinics on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Many thanks go out to the Town of Ludlow Nursing Staff who came out to meet with the tenants to discuss health issues and perform free monitoring of vital signs of our seniors and handicapped population.

Through the Department of Housing & Community Development, Emergency Funding Committee, the Executive Director was able to substantiate the need for emergency funding due to safety risk for the replacement of a chimney at the State Street 667-1 Development at a cost of \$25,000.

The Ludlow Housing Authority was pleased to announce that the installation of a Fire Sprinkler System at the Chestnut Street 667-3 Elderly Development site was completed at a cost of \$428,000. The project had been on-going since the Ludlow Fire Department received a Federal Grant in early 2003 in the amount of \$360,000. The Ludlow Housing Authority committed \$40,000 to the project.

The Town of Ludlow through the solicitation of the Ludlow Housing Authority and the Ludlow Fire Department committed the necessary \$28,000 to complete the funding for the project. This project was a successful collaboration between the Town of Ludlow, the Ludlow Fire Department and the Ludlow Housing Authority. It is clear that with the three local agencies working together, the Town of Ludlow as a whole can serve the elderly/disabled population as well as families in need of decent, safe affordable housing within the Town of Ludlow.

The Ludlow Housing Authority is currently working with M.L. Schmitt Electrical Contractors on the installation of a Fire Alarm Upgrade System for our 667-2 Wilson Street site. This project has been many years in the works and should be completed by the spring of 2006. Each unit as well as the community room at the Wilson Street site will be equipped with state-of-the art fire alarm units/strobe lights connecting to a main fire alarm panel and the Ludlow Fire Department. Although originally funded in 2001 at \$114,000, this project will be completed at a cost of \$168,000.

The Ludlow Housing Authority wishes to thank one of Ludlow Housing Authority's long-standing Board of Commissioners, Eugene Yelle for his commitment to the issues relating to the elderly/disabled and families that reside within the Ludlow Housing Authority. After ten years of service, Mr. Yelle retired from the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Yelle also dedicated much of his life to the Ludlow Housing Authority through his employment within the Maintenance Department. Mr. Yelle was instrumental in the opening dedication of the 667-2 Wilson Street Development in 1973 and the 667-3 Chestnut Street Development (formerly the Ludlow High School) in 1982. We will certainly miss Mr. Yelle's attendance at the monthly Board meetings as well as his weekly visits to sign checks.

WestMass ElderCare continues, through contract with the Ludlow Housing Authority, to serve our elderly population within the Community Room at the State Street site with a lunch program. The meals are served Monday-Friday with the exception of holidays and snow days. This is a program that has benefited many townspeople who are housebound or need a friend to share a meal with for companionship.

The Ludlow Housing Authority would like to thank the Ludlow Fire Department, the Ambulance crew, and the Ludlow Police Department for their caring concern, support, and dedicated response to the needs

of our residents at all hours and under all conditions and circumstances.

A special thank you goes out to the Hampden County Correctional Center. Through an integrative program, the Hampden County Correctional Center has been able to place pre-release individuals on a one-on-one work situation with maintenance crew personnel of the Ludlow Housing Authority. This program has been a huge success, especially during these hard economic times for the Ludlow Housing Authority. The Ludlow Housing Authority would also like to thank Sheriff Michael Ashe, Jr. without whose assistance; we would not be able to complete some of the larger projects within the Authority.

We would also like to thank the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Trial Court, Community Service Program, Hector Gomes and the young, hard working individuals of the program for their help with snow removal in winter months as well as grounds keeping in the spring and summer months. Their help is greatly appreciated due to our on-going budgetary restraints. The Ludlow Housing Authority is looking forward to a continued relationship with the Community Service Program.

Without the assistance of these two agencies, the Housing Authority would not have been able to accomplish on-going necessary grounds-keeping and maintenance especially during these hard economic times.

Another special thank you goes out to the KIWANIS Club for putting on their yearly picnic at the Wilson Street Development, an event they have been doing for the elderly/disabled tenants and townspeople for 30 years. The Club put on an all out bash this year. For the first time in many years, we had a record turnout! We celebrated from early evening into late evening with "Buddy" the Clown who made some interesting balloon headwear and a sing-a-long with the oldies. We were so pleased to have the Kiwanis Club within our community and send out our heartfelt best wishes to each and every member who makes every year a special event for us! Thank you.

The Senior Center Director and staff working at the Senior Center located in the Chestnut Street building deserve a special thank you from the Ludlow Housing Authority for their on-going efforts in the programs continually evolving at the Senior Center. The Senior Center serving our elderly population in Ludlow offers excellent programs as well as a meal service program on site. The tenants and staff within the Ludlow Housing Authority are grateful for the

services offered through the Senior Center. It is only through the support of the townspeople of Ludlow that these services continue to be an integral part of the daily life of so many elderly individuals.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Dobek, Chairperson

Dana Cormier, Vice-Chairperson/State Appointee,
Betty K. Socha
Carol Romaniak
Arthur Augusto

LUDLOW HOUSING AUTHORITY STAFF

Executive Director, Sidney J. Chevalier
Suzanne Bruce, Executive Secretary
Marie R. Manchester, Secretary
Thomas Landry, Maintenance Crew Person
Patrick O'Donnell, Maintenance Crew Person

RECREATION COMMISSION

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

GAZEBO

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

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

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

The 2005 Whitney Park Summer Program offered a variety of fun and recreational activities for all children who attended. The all day program operated from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 27th to August 12th, 2005. Both the preschool and all day programs were very productive and successful. The all day program was under the direct supervision of Tiffany Pereira & Taryn Begley. The counselor staff for this program included: Anita Alves, Kristen Asselin, Lauren Brunault, Darcey Cavanaugh, Ashley Chenier, Andrew Coelho, Marc Coelho, Jolie Condon, Ashley Cookish, Amanda Crespo, Melissa DaCruz, Cassandra Dias, Karla Ferreira, Rachel Fonseca, Christopher Gates, Casey Gomes, Jacqueline Goncalves, Kristen Goncalves, Kristine Goncalves, Meghan Hill, John Kawa, Crystle Kaytra, Aditi Kulkarni, Scott Lamondia, Nicole Langan, Adam Madera, Allison Meuse, Karen Miele, Melissa Miller, Jocelyn Perreira, Justin Powers, Jeffrey Richards, Gillian Roy, Jennifer Russell, Marc Santos & Jillian Veautour.

The extra staff consisted of junior counselors (children unable by age to qualify for the program or a paid position) ages 13-15.

The enrollment for the 2005 program was 266 children with an average daily attendance of 155 (Ludlow residents only). The daily activities included arts and crafts, outdoor sports, co-operative games, and walking field trips to McDonalds, Burger King and Double D. Unfortunately, the State closed the Thompson Memorial State Pool this year due to the ongoing costly repairs needed to maintain it. So the camp walked to Haviland Pond for swimming. The following special events also passed the summer at Whitney: Olympic Week, Dodgeball Tournament, Mad Science workshops, 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, Christmas in July, and Wacky Week. Wet N Wild Day, camp talent show, and Carnival/Luau are also continued favorites. Both programs enjoyed the Carnival/Luau where there was a castle slide bounce house and pitchburst water game. Sno-cones, popcorn and cotton candy were available for snacks. The entertainment was provided by Christopher Gates. He was the DJ for this event along with putting on a break dancing show periodically for the children's entertainment. Field trips included: Roller-skating at Interstate 91, a trip to the Basketball Hall of Fame and the movies on rain days.

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

PRESCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM

The summer of 2005 was the 7th year for the Preschool Program at Whitney Park, it served 16 children, ages 4 to 6, with a daily average of 14 children.

The program ran June 27th to August 12th, Monday–Friday, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. This year the Preschool program was under the direct supervision of Taryn Begley.

The young age of the children usually require the need for special attention, having its own Director is necessary for this reason. The ratio of 1 counselor for every 5 children is also imperative to the success of the program (not to mention the fact that the State sets these ratios) which also made it easier to provide the extra attention needed for the younger children. The Health Care Provider was LPN certified Tina Albano, with counselors Melissa Dion, Meghan Diotalevi, Brittney Kawa, Heather Leone, Jennifer Luszcz, Lisa Murphy, Meaghan Murphy, Kyle O'Connor & Nicole Potter.

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

CAMPERSHIP FUND

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

HAVILAND BEACH

The summer of 2005 estimated serving 5,790 bathers (3,452 Residents and 2,338 Non-Residents). The Pond hours of operation were Monday-Friday from 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday from 9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

This year the Recreation Commission's two Head Lifeguards were: Christine James and Patrick Austin, the five Lifeguards were: Joshua Bromage, Nathan Bromage, Adam DuComb, Jonathan Garete and Allison Geoffroy. Martha Bromage, Christopher Gates, Nicholas Gates, Jeremy James and Jillian Dube worked as subs when they were needed. The lifeguard responsibilities are for the safety of the swimmers, but also, for the upkeep of the beach area and bathhouse. In addition to these duties, they are required to give a daily report, which includes such information as weather conditions, approximate number of bathers, accidents and incident reports, and any other comments that they

feel should be brought to the attention of the Recreation Commission.

A new program was introduced this year at the pond where our Headguard, Christine James offered swim lessons. For a small fee a parent could set up dates and times with Christine and she would teach the children how to swim. She would go through the different levels with each child making sure they followed the correct procedures to be safe in the water. She also taught them different strokes to use while swimming. We hope to continue with this program.

The 2005 total revenue from this department is \$35,594.50

consisting of \$4,818 from pond fees, \$456.50 miscellaneous, and \$30,320 collected for camp fees.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Couture, Chairman

Members:

Sean McBride

Don Cameron

THE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

The responsibility of the Office of Veteran's Services is to aid and assist Veterans and their dependents who qualify for benefits and to ensure life sustaining needs are met. Chapter 115 of the General Laws of Massachusetts as amended governs these benefits. This office also guides Veterans through counseling programs, application for social security benefits, DD 214, acquisition of Military Records and disabilities.

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

There are many Veterans' issues which can be addressed in my office, but there are times when these concerns can be answered by calling the Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office in Boston at 800-827-1000. The other important number is the VA office in the Federal Building in Springfield Mass 413 785 0301 that can be used for Medical information and Outpatient Clinic services and appointments.

Listed below are the activities of this office for the period of January through December 2005.

Office Calls	1833
Office Visits	542
DD – 214	62
Burials	73
Bonus	11

My Office hours are from Monday to Friday 8:30AM to 4:30PM, and by appointment. There are no more applications for Agawam, if we have a Veteran or spouse that has past away we call the Cemetery and arrange the burial on that day there are no more pre-registration.

This year, we had very good success with Veterans Bills. HB – 4417 The Welcome Home Bill was passed on November 11, 2005 contents of the bill.

1. Guard Members are exempt from paying any fees while attending a Massachusetts public college or university. Already, they receive free tuition, but fees can account for as much as three quarters of the cost of a college education.
2. Increases the death benefit paid to families of Guard Members killed in the line of duty from \$5,000 to \$100,000.
3. Establishes a check-off on the state tax form to help members of the Guard and armed forces reserves called to active duty after September 11, 2001 and their families defray the costs of food, housing, utilities, medical services and other expenses.
4. Increases the per diem compensation that Guard members receive while on State active duty from \$75.00 to \$100.00
5. Provides that the State pay half the monthly life premiums for Guard members.
6. Creates a new \$2,000 benefit for Gold Star spouses and increases the Gold Star parents a benefit from \$1,500 to \$2,000.
7. Provides a \$1,000 bonus to Massachusetts servicemen and women who served on active duty post- 9/11 in Afghanistan or Iraq and a \$500 bonus to those who served at least six months on active duty in other locations.
8. Grants high school diplomas to veterans who left school for good upon being drafted or enlisted in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam wars.

New Bills for 2006

1. Welcome Home Bill, updates we need to put back the Active Duty Veterans in the Tuition Benefits for Veterans.
2. SB-2171 CPI + 1% for Chapter 115 benefits. This bill would increase payments out of my office for Rents, and heat.
3. Rep Edward Connolly Bill for Tax relief for Disable Veterans (DAV) Gold Star Mothers (GSM) and Gold Star Wife's (GSW)

Remember, we cannot get these bills passed without Veterans and the community calling their Reps and Senators and requesting their votes on our Bills.

I would like to thank the Community and the Veterans that I serve for their support in the many other duties that this office is responsible for. Memorial Day, Veterans Day, replacement of flags and etc. I look forward to serving you in 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Lombard
Veterans Services Officer

WESTOVER MUNICIPAL GOLF COMMISSION

The Westover Municipal Golf Commission would like to take this opportunity to thank John Dryjowicz, Course Superintendent and his staff, Bill Kubinski, Golf Professional and his staff and all the Town of Ludlow departments for their continued dedication in maintaining and providing a high quality recreational facility for the residents of the Town of Ludlow and surrounding communities. The dedication and professionalism of the staff and its management under the adverse weather conditions this operating season allowed overall for a good course in good playing shape and a great value to the players of the Western Massachusetts Region.

The 2005 operating golf season ended in December with another year of productivity and accomplishments. The commission continued to develop under contract with CDM its overall master plan encompassing the entire Westover facility. Completion of the plan will give the present and future commissioners key areas to focus change and improvements for efficient management. The changes will provide design improvements and enhancements for overall quality of property and play to the golfers. The Commission will continue its program of improvements to provide a more enjoyable playing experience for the golfing patrons.

The 2005 golf season saw in excess of 35,000 golfers enjoy the course facility despite increased competition from regional courses and continued flat growth in the golfing market industry.

In closing, on behalf of the commission, I would like to thank the maintenance staff, rangers and starters for their continued hard work to provide an enjoyable experience to all of our patrons.

Additionally, the Commission thanks its patrons; it has been a pleasure to serve your needs over the past golf season and we look forward to that continued service. To the residents of the Town of Ludlow, we look forward to providing a self sufficient facility, at no direct cost to the tax payers, for use and enjoyment by the residents at a continued reasonable cost.



Westover Golf Course, Hole #8

As Chairman, I would like to thank my fellow Commissioners and I look forward to my continued involvement on the commission with you. Your dedication, commitment and professionalism during the 2005 year to and for the citizens of the Town of Ludlow allowed a successful business year and the continued success for the future of Westover Golf Course.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond J. Evans, Chairman

Members:
Sean McBride
Salvatore Amedeo
Donald Cameron, Jr.
Donald Couture
Joseph O'Brien
James O'Connell, resigned

OUR HERITAGE

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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

On March 22nd, members of the Commission attended a meeting of girl scout troop #295, for the purpose of helping them earn their Local Lore badge. They learned the early history of Ludlow and looked at maps of several years difference to identify the immense changes in population and changes of neighborhoods as well as finding and locating historical buildings, landmarks, and studying and locating the very street that they each live on.

Everyone enjoyed this project tremendously. The following week, on March 29th, troop #295 along with leaders and chaperones, toured the Ludlow Center Historic district. The girl scouts were very interested in learning all about their town of Ludlow and the early settlers.

On September 24th, Commission members put together a tour of Ludlow Center Historic District, Ludlow Community Center known as Randall Boys' and Girls' Club, and the Ludlow Senior Center which is the old Ludlow High School. This tour was for the members of the 1955 graduating class of the Ludlow High School. All who attended had a very enjoyable time and were amazed at all the changes that have occurred in those fifty years since graduation. Former graduating classes always planted ivy on the outside of the building. When touring the facility, members found the stone block in which the year 1955 had been carved, and is now located in the greenhouse section. This tour was an exciting part of their reunion. The chair of the Historical Commission is a member of this graduating class.

On November 19th, the Commission sponsored a Quilt Documentation Day at the First Meeting House in Ludlow Center. Volunteers from Mass Quilts took pictures of each quilt, completed a three page documentation form, and information sheet on quilt care and storage, and made a numbered cloth label stating that the quilt was documented into the project. Residents brought in large bed quilts, doll crib quilts, and quilted articles dating as far back as the early 1800s. This Quilt Documentation Day information that was gathered, is all part of the Massachusetts Quilt Documentation Project (Mass Quilts). This lengthy project is all about recording and saving the history of quilts made before 1950 within the state of Massachusetts. This is a very lengthy project, requiring several years and many dedicated volunteers. We all were amazed at the quality and condition of some of these quilted items.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Agnes E. Kibbe, Chairperson

Members:
Karen Pilon
Elsie Hiersche
Lois LaMondia

PUBLIC SAFETY

AMBULANCE ABATEMENT COMMITTEE

The Ambulance Abatement Committee met several times during the calendar year 2005.

We received a number of abatement requests throughout the year with approximately 40% of the requests being recommended for approval.

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

As always, we strongly recommend that all residents of the Town of Ludlow invest in the Ambulance Subscription Service. For the annual cost of \$20.00, when you use the ambulance, your insurance is billed and the balance, after the insurance payment, is written off.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Pereira, Chairman

Members:
Charles Chaconas, Fire Chief
James McGowan, Selectmen
Anthony W. Jarvis

ANIMAL CONTROL

For the year 2005, there were approximately 1058 dogs licensed in the Town of Ludlow. Any dog 6 months of age or older, must be licensed in the town. In order to license a dog, you will need proof of a valid Rabies Vaccination. Please bring your valid Rabies Certificate to the Town Clerk's office along with your cash payment. Licensing fees are: five dollars for each dog that is spayed or neutered and ten dollars for each dog that is not spayed or neutered. Dog licenses are valid from April of the year purchased to March 30th of the next year. You may license your dog anytime between April 1st and June 30th without paying a late fee. After June 30th, there will be a five dollar late fee added.

Over the past 11 months, Animal Control has received about 1500 calls. These calls range from stray dogs/cats, to barking dogs, dog bites, roaming dogs, feral cat issues, some cruelty and wildlife calls. Approximately 4% of the stray dogs taken into the pound by Animal Control have been claimed by their owners. Unfortunately, two dogs were euthanized, one could not be adopted out, as it had a bit history and the other was overly aggressive. The rest have been either adopted out or given to breed rescues so they can find loving forever homes for them. Three feral cats were euthanized. After weeks of consistent and educated efforts to tame these cats, Animal Control was not able to achieve gaining their trust and help them

become friendly. No farm, barn type homes could be found for these cats, therefore humane euthanasia was the best choice over keeping “free roaming” cats caged up where they had little room to roam and never saw the outdoors. If you have feral cats near or around your home/property, **please** let us know. If you would like to keep them free roaming, we are able to help you with their medical care and to get them altered so they don’t continue to populate Ludlow with more and more feral cats. If you do not want to keep them free roaming, we need to catch them, have them altered to stop reproduction and to try to find a home/sanctuary in which to place them.

Please be reminded that Mass State law requires access to water and shelter for every dog left or living outside in their yard. Also, please be reminded that all dog bites to humans must be reported to Animal Control. In order to keep an animal friendly community within the Town of Ludlow, I’d like to ask all dog owners to please be respectful of non-dog owners as well as their neighbors. Please keep incessant barking to a minimum (a dog that barks incessantly is not a happy dog), please keep your dog on your own property or on a leash when out for a walk or run and please pick up after your dog especially when not on your own property.

If you have any animal (wild or domestic) related questions or concerns please feel free to give me a call at 413-374-9577.

I look forward to working with the Ludlow Community in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Johnson
Animal Control Officer

DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The purpose of the Weights and Measures Department is to test and adjust all scales, gasoline pumps, oil trucks, scanners and any other weighing or measuring devices and seal them if accurate and correct. Consumer complaints are handled also.

The Annual Report of the Weights and Measures for 2005:

Truck Scales	3
Scales (0 – 10,000 lbs.)	64
Gasoline Pumps	132
Oil Trucks	4
Metric Weights	40
Apothecary Weights	34
Bottle Return Refund	4
Scanners	14
Total	295

A total of \$1,018.00 has been collected.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas J. Wilk
Sealer of Weights & Measures

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Ludlow Fire Department experienced a number of personnel changes in the past year. On July 16, 2005 firefighter/paramedic Paul Lampson Jr. retired due to an injury he received while fighting a fire. It is unfortunate that Paul’s career had to be cut short because of the injury. It is a reminder to all of us that firefighting can be a dangerous profession. His skills as a firefighter and paramedic will be missed. All of us at the Fire Department wish Paul well in his future endeavors.

Two longtime call firefighters also retired during the year. Stanley Haluch retired on November 11 after 31 years with the Department. Victor Poitras Jr. retired on December 9 with 29 years of service with the Department. I want to thank Stan and Vic for their many years of dedicated service to the Fire Department and the town. On behalf of all of the members of the Department I would like to wish them both a long and healthy retirement.

In January of 2005 the Board of Selectmen voted to appoint two new firefighter/paramedics to the Fire Department. Two Ludlow residents, David Nally and Daniel McKenney were chosen to fill the vacant firefighter/paramedic positions. David Nally started his duties as a fighter/paramedic on April 4th and Daniel McKenney reported for his first day on duty on June 1st. Nally and McKenney attended the Massachusetts Firefighting Recruit Training Program. Upon completion of the 11 weeks of training both firefighters received certification as Firefighter I/II and Hazardous Materials First Responders at the operational level.



David Nally and Daniel McKenney

The Fire Department received three new vehicles during the year. A 2005 GMC/Horton ambulance was put into service in May replacing a 1997 Ford/Horton Ambulance and a 2005 pick-up truck was purchased to replace the fire inspector’s 1991 truck. The department

also purchased a Triton Rescue Boat which replaces the departments 1954 rescue boat. The new boat was purchased with funds from the Massachusetts Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant Program.



GMC/Horton Ambulance

Firefighters Joseph Crowley and Susan McCombe-Crowley volunteered to work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to assist with relief operations in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Joe and Sue were deployed to Birmingham, Alabama to assist Gulf Coast evacuees with their housing, medical and personal needs. While in Birmingham they were able to help a confused Viet Nam Veteran who had become separated from his family. He was unaware that his family had been evacuated to Houston, Texas. With the help of Ludlow Veteran's Services Agent Michael Lombard and the Ludlow Police Department they were able to identify the veteran and reunite him with his family.

The Fire Department is also fortunate to have two of its members on the District Hazardous Materials Response Team. Captain John Moll and Captain Chuck Cabana have been members of the team since its origin in 1990. Their training and experience has been an invaluable asset to the Fire Department and the Town.

Firefighter Kent Doyle completed the Child Passenger Safety Training Program and is now certified to install child safety seats in motor vehicles.

CLASSES AND SCHOOLS ATTENDED

Fire Prevention Seminar

Captain Mark Babineau

Confined Space Rescue

Roger Boutin, Stanley Gosciminski
 Scott Kozak, James Maciag
 Susan McCombe-Crowley, Walter Peacey
 Jan Thornton

Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Specialist 1

Walter Peacey. Steven Johnson

Flammable Gas School

James Machado, Kent Doyle

Tactics and Command

Chief Charles Chaconas,
 Captain Mark Babineau

Fire Alarm Systems, New Technologies

Michael Cyranowski

Incident Safety Officer

Captain Charles Cabana

Fire Officer Supervisory Training

Jeffery Lavoie

Weapons of Mass Destruction Detection Technologies and Advanced Weapons of Mass Destruction Detection Technologies

Captain Charles Cabana

EMS 1: Basic Concepts of Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents

Kent Doyle

Arson Investigation for the First Responder

Jan Thornton

Emergency Medical Training

All Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics attended monthly continuing education classes at the fire station. This training is required for maintaining their certifications. Paramedics also attended classes at local area hospitals to keep up with new techniques in emergency medical care.

Once again the Department held its annual Open House in October. All Fire Department vehicles and equipment were on display throughout the day. Firefighters were on hand to answer resident's questions and demonstrate how we use our equipment.

During the year the Fire Department responded to 3,100 calls. Of those, 1074 were fire, rescue and emergency calls and 2026 were ambulance calls. This is an increase of 290 calls from the previous year.

TYPES OF RESPONSES BY CATEGORY

Structure Fire.....	39
Vehicle Fire.....	12
Dumpster Refuse Fire.....	5
Campfires/Bonfires	4
Burning Without Permit.....	43
Brush, Grass, Leave Fires.....	16
Motor Vehicle Accidents.....	93

Jaws of Life.....	2
Assist Ambulance.....	188
Assist Invalid.....	58
Emergency Med. Service (No Ambulance Available)	63
Gas/Oil Spills	16
Assist Police.....	7
Search and Rescue.....	7
Town Service	16
Flooded Cellars.....	37
Smoke Scare/Odor of Smoke	40
False Alarm-Unintentional.....	50
False Alarm-Intentional.....	13
System Malfunction	124
Bomb Scare.....	3
Cancelled In Route.....	31
Good Intent	23
Mutual Aid Given	17
Carbon Monoxide Detector Activations.....	23
Hazardous Materials Responses.....	42
Electrical Wires Down-Standby.....	14
Smoke Removal	3
Lock In/Out.....	5
Animal Rescue.....	2
Other Hazardous Responses.....	46
Miscellaneous Emergencies.....	32

The Fire Department Ambulance responded to 2026 medical emergencies during the year. In March the rates for ambulance service were increased for the first time since 1998. Ambulance billing for the year was \$1,055,579.75.

FIRE PREVENTION REPORT

2005 was another busy year for the Fire Prevention office. Throughout the year, Fire Prevention Officer Captain Babineau conducted fire drills at schools, businesses and institutions, performed fire and life safety inspections, reviewed building and site plans, performed 21-E site assessments, investigated complaints of fire hazards, conducted fire origin and cause investigations and assisted local residents and businesses with fire code compliance issues.

On November 4, 2005, Governor Romney signed into Law Chapter 123 of the acts of 2005 into Law. Known as “Nicole’s Law” the bill is named after a 7 year old Plymouth Girl who died in January 2005 after a snow blocked heating vent trapped carbon monoxide in the family home. There are an average of 3,000 carbon monoxide cases reported annually statewide. The Law which takes effect on March 31, 2006 requires that every dwelling, building or structure that is occupied for residential purposes and contains fossil fuel burning equipment or has enclosed parking within or attached to the structure, be equipped with approved carbon monoxide alarms. The Fire Department will be responsible for enforcing this law.

The fire protection sprinkler system at 37-39 Chestnut Street was completed in December 2005. Originally constructed in 1910 as a school, this building was renovated in 1982 into 32 apartments for senior citizens, a senior center which occupies the ground floor, and a local theater group which utilizes the old school auditorium. Prior to the installation of the fire sprinkler system, this building posed one of the greatest life safety hazards in the event of fire in our community. It is now one of the safest. Funding for this \$430,000 project was provided by a fire prevention grant from the United States Fire Administration with 10% matching funds appropriated by the Ludlow Housing Authority and the Town of Ludlow.

Public fire education efforts continued throughout the year. Fire extinguisher training, fire and life safety programs and CPR training were provided to various business and civic organizations. Fire safety classes were delivered to Ludlow High School students enrolled in Health, PE and Home Economic classes. We received a state grant for the Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) Program this year however the amount is not enough to cover the cost of the program. Through the continued dedication of members of the Fire Department, Parent Teacher Organization volunteers, and the financial generosity of the Ludlow Rotary Club which continues to provide the necessary funds to purchase all needed supplies, the program continues to be a success. Statewide, fire deaths of children under the age of 18, have fallen 67% since the start of the SAFE program in 1995. In the absence of firefighters Joseph Crowley and Susan McCombe-Crowley, the Department’s SAFE officers, Captain Cabana coordinated this year’s program.

Captain Prokop continued as the Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Program Coordinator.

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

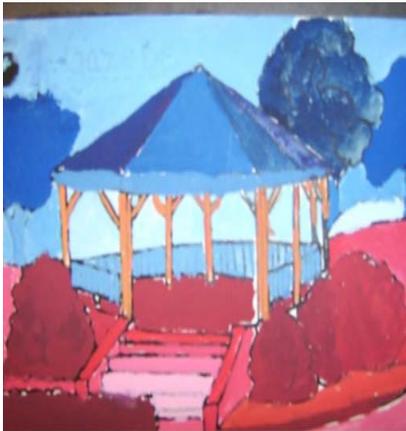
Smoke Detector	308
Oil Burners and Tanks	79
LP Gas Permits	69
Flammables Permits	12
Tank Truck Permits	12
Black Powder Permits	2
Blasting Permits	7
Tank Removal Permits	23
Sprinkler System	3
Storage Tank Facilities	6
Fire Alarm	4
Cannon Permits	1
Fire Suppression	4
Fireworks	1
Miscellaneous Permits	1
Vent Free Gas Heater	3
TOTAL	535

Re-inspections	43
Life Safety Inspections	95
Fire Drills Conducted	23

TOTAL PERMIT FEES \$5,290.00

In closing, I would like to thank all of the members of the department for their commitment and dedication to the Fire Department and the Town. To the Board of Selectmen and all Town Departments I would like to thank you for your cooperation and assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
 Charles P. Chaconas
 Fire Chief



DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

THANK YOU ALL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE YOU FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS AS BUILDING COMMISSIONER. THIS WILL BE MY LAST REPORT TO YOU DO TO MY RETIREMENT APRIL 17, 2006. As projected in last years report, 2005 was a very busy year. Growth in residential construction was up; additions and alterations where at an all time high. New commercial construction held it's own with additions and alteration to commercial businesses up. Recent approval by the Planning Board of several subdivisions gives me a strong indication that 2006 promises to be another large growth year.

The following is a report of permits issued by the Building Commissioner for the calendar year 2005.

# of Permits	Type of Permit	Estimated Value
1	BARN	15,000
1	CELL TOWER ANTENNAS	2,500
1	CELL TOWER ELECTRONICS SHED	50,000
44	CERTIFICATES OF INSPECTIONS	0
13	CHIMNEYS, WOOD-BURNING STOVES, ETC	26,220
4	COMMERICAL-NEW CONSTRUCTION	2,098,700
13	COMMERICAL-RENOVATIONS/ALTERATIONS/ALTERATIONS	387,645
12	CONDOMINIUMS	2,400,000
33	DECKS	117,050
41	DWELLING ADDITIONS	1,109,000
55	DWELLING ALTERATIONS	672,400
51	FENCES	112,015
14	GARAGES	191,225
2	GAZEBO	5,800
1	HANDICAP RAMP	3,200
29	MISCELLANEOUS	104,452
45	PELLET STOVES/FURNACES	101,520
26	PERMITS TO DEMOLISH	0
6	PORCHES	31,800
125	RESHINGLE	686,359
71	SHEDS	199,153
66	SIDING	403,408
74	SIGNS	83,805
50	SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS	14,204,910
44	SWIMMING POOLS	476,976
46	WINDOW REPLACEMENT	246,064
868	PERMITS ISSUED at an estimated value of	23,729,202

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

ADDITIONS TO DWELLINGS	37
ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS TO COMMERICAL	25
ALTERATIONS TO DWELLINGS	79
ANNUAL PERMIT TO JAIL	1
BARN	1
BOILERS	8
CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING	7
FURNACES	6
GARAGES	11
HOT TUBS	6
HOT WATER HEATERS	2
MISCELLANEOUS	9
NEW CONSTRUCTION-COMMERICAL	7
PANEL CHANGE	8
REINSPECTION	1
SECURITY SYSTEMS	100
SERVICE, TEMPORARY	8
SERVICE CHANGE	32
SERVICE RESTORATION	44
SERVICE UPGRADE	32
SERVICE, NEW	58
SHEDS	3
SIGNS	1
SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS	52
SWIMMING POOL HEATERS	2
SWIMMING POOLS	28

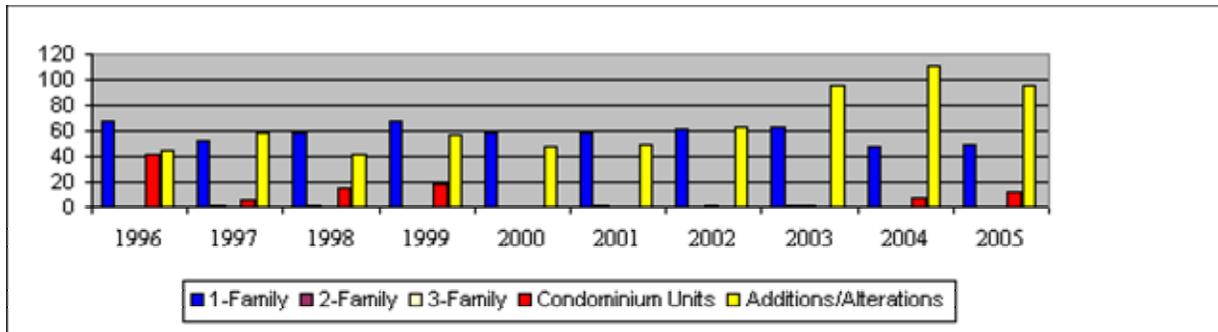
The following is a listing of **PLUMBING & GAS-FITTING PERMITS** issued.

ADDITIONS TO COMMERCIAL GAS	1
ADDITIONS TO COMMERICAL	2
ADDITIONS TO DWELLINGS	13
ADDITIONS TO DWELLINGS, GAS	3
ALTERATIONS TO COMMERICAL	13
ALTERATIONS TO COMMERICAL, GAS	13
ALTERATIONS TO DWELLINGS	68
ALTERATIONS TO DWELLINGS GAS	23
BACKFLOW PREVENTERS	14
BOILERS	5
BOILERS GAS	11
COMMERICAL – NEW CONSTRUCTION GAS	1
COMMERICAL- NEW CONSTRUCTION	3
DISHWASHERS	2
FIREPLACE, GAS	5
FURNACES GAS	29
HOT WATER TANKS	48
HOT WATER TANKS, GAS	11
MISCELLANEOUS GAS	17
MISCELLANEOUS PLUMBING	7
REINSPECTION	4
SEPTIC CONNECTIONS	3
SEWER CONNECTIONS	97
SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING, GAS	43
SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS	58
SWIMMING POOL HEATERS, GAS	9
VENTED ROOM HEATER GAS	1
VENTLESS ROOM HEATER, GAS	1
Total number of PLUMBING/GAS Permits issued	505

Fees Collected by the Building Department for 2005 are as follows:

Building Permit Fees	\$64,415.00
Electrical Permit Fees	\$16,495.00
Plumbing Permit Fees	\$16,515.00
TOTAL FEES FOR 2005	\$97,425.00

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
1-Family	68	52	59	67	58	59	61	63	47	50
2-Family	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
3-Family	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Condominium Units	42	6	15	19	0	0	0	0	8	12
Additions/Alterations	45	59	41	57	47	50	63	96	111	96



I have been most fortunate to have the group of professional staff to work with every day. I would like to thank Mr. Joseph (Sam) Kozicki, Plumbing/Gas Inspector, Mr. Antonio (Tony) Portelada, Inspector of Wires, Mr. Joseph (Joe) Molé, Local Building Inspector and Mrs. Lorraine Czapienski, Office Assistant for their outstanding dedication and high level of service to the citizens of Ludlow. Also Mr. Kevin Douville, Assistant Plumbing/Gas Inspector and Mr. Richard Chenevert,

Assistant Inspector of Wires, for their professionalism and support to this department.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank all everyone that has worked with this department and made it a pleasure to be part of a great team.

Thank You.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen P. Houle C.B.O.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

2005 proved to be a busy year for the Police Department with 1,318 offenses committed, 735 motor vehicle accidents, 1,142 alarms, 506 arrests and 8,833 logged in complaints requiring police service. Our Dispatch area, which is in the process of remodeling and upgrading, deserves acknowledgement for answering hundreds of calls daily, including Emergency 911 for Police and Fire.

In February, Chief McGowan established the Special Response Team (SRT). This team was established in order to better serve the citizens of Ludlow in situations that call for a tactical response by a highly trained group of officers. Chief McGowan feels that in light of the murder and crime spike in Springfield, a unit like this was necessary in Ludlow to provide a higher level of response that would also assist in the safety of our responding officers.

The team has trained in various fields of tactical response, including but not limited to, high risk warrant service, barricaded subjects, bomb threats, hostage rescue and various drug interdiction operations.

The Ludlow SRT is comprised of a selected group of Ludlow Police Officers led by Sgt. Thomas Foye (Tactical Commander) and Officer Derek DeBarge (Team Leader).

Since the team's inception, they have been called upon to respond to a situation with a barricaded subject with a firearm, conducted surveillance and participated in the

execution of two separate drug related search warrants resulting in five arrests.

On May 22, 2005 the Town suffered a loss with the death of William R. Rooney, longtime owner and editor of the local Register. Mr. Rooney was dedicated and devoted to his work, family and the Town serving on numerous committees, boards and as Selectmen. He was a loyal friend to the department and community and will be sadly missed.

Officer Michael Copeland retired on June 22, 2005 with over 30 years service with the Police Department. We wish Michael lots of luck in his future undertakings.

In October 2005, all officers, dispatchers and special police officers attended IS-00700 Training and were certified under the National Incident Management System (NIMS) for Homeland Security.

On November 13th Officer Michael Brennan, a Captain in the U.S. Army Reserve, returned home from active military service in Kuwait. While deployed in Kuwait, he was assigned to the 1398th Deployment Support Brigade (DSB) and the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command for the U.S. Army in Southwest Asia. As Assistant Operations and Plans Officer for the 1398th DSB, his responsibilities were to provide logistical support and

lend assistance to both Active Duty and Guard/Reserve U.S. Army Units redeploying back to their home stations from various Camps located in Iraq and Kuwait. We are all proud of Mike for serving his country and thankful for his safe return.

On December 23rd, at the 11th Annual Police Day at Mom & Rico's Specialty Market, Ludlow Officers Dennis Fernandes and Michael Brennan were honored for making a positive difference in the community. Congratulations to both for a job well done.

The K-9 Unit led by Officer Michael Whitney and "Cito" have been recertified in both patrol and narcotics detection. The K-9 Unit received fifty-seven specific calls for assistance in 2005, while working their regular patrol. These calls included everything from stolen car suspects, suspects hiding in the woods and narcotic searches. Officer Whitney and Cito also assist the SRT Team in serving warrants.

School Resource Officer Paul Dobek reports he is initiating an anti-bullying program and computer and internet safety programs. He also is working with medical personnel to introduce an anti-drug program into the school system.

The DARE Program is still operating in the schools at the 5th grade level. With minimum resources, School Resource Officer Paul Dobek and Detective David Kornacki are determined to continue this program teaching core curriculum.

As always, the Special Police organization under the direction of Officer Mark Witowski and Special Police Officer Lt. Fernando Pina should be acknowledged for volunteering over 4,960 hours of service for traffic duty and community events. Congratulations to Special Police Officer David Salvador for his promotion to Lieutenant in December.

Fees collected by the Police Department during the 2005 year are as follows:

Photocopies	\$ 3,948.04
Administrative fees	15,452.35
Firearm permits	22,225.00
Court Fines	8,362.50
MV citations	<u>42,142.70</u>
	\$ 92,130.59 Totals

Respectfully Submitted,
James J. McGowan
Chief of Police

SAFETY COMMITTEE

During 2005, the Safety Committee was under the chairmanship of Safety Officer, Sgt. Francis J. Nowak with Edward DeChellis serving as Vice-Chairman. Listed below are members of the Safety Committee which is made up of seven (7) members, one each designated from the Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Public Works, Building

Department, Board of Selectmen, two (2) members of the community and one (1) Alternate member with their terms of office expiring April 30, 2006.

The committee meets on the second Thursday of the month, at Town Hall, to review requests for Class I, II, and III licenses, site plans, and special permits. This committee also reviews requests submitted by residents for signs, traffic lights and other traffic issues which they feel are of concern. The Safety Committee in turn makes a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen for further action. Members will sometimes make a request that those applicants applying for licenses, special permits, and/or site plan approvals, appear before the Safety Committee in order to address any issues that may be pertinent for review. This is done in the hope of clarifying any issues that cannot be ascertained by a review of any submitted plans.

2005 was a very busy and constructive year for the committee. Decisions and recommendations were made that would help to insure safety to the residents and motorists alike. Some of the recommendations to the Board of Selectmen included, but was not limited to, placing numerous "Stop" signs throughout the town to slow down the flow of traffic, recommendations that traffic studies be done in key areas throughout the town and before new construction sites were allowed to progress.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Francis J. Nowak, Chairman
Safety Committee

Members:
Phillip McBride
Edward DeChellis
CPT William DiCarlo
Stephen P. Houle
James J. McGowan
Michael Goncalves
Penny Silveira, Alternate

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Board of Public Works is pleased to present the Department of Public Works Annual Report to the Town of Ludlow which summarizes and describes the services and activities performed by the Department of Public Works (DPW) during the 2005 calendar year.

Highway Division

The DPW provides maintenance for the town's public ways and roads in a safe, passable and trouble free condition. The DPW maintains a record of all inquiries from residents and businesses and diligently responds to correct roadway and infrastructure deficiencies and problems within our jurisdiction and as funding allows. The Board appreciates and encourages the community to report all roadway deficiencies and/or problems to the Department of Public Works Administration office on Sportsmen's Road.

Road and street rehabilitation and reconstruction projects continued throughout the year with funds appropriated by the town through the budget process and from the Commonwealth Chapter 90 Highway program. The Chapter 90 funds are distributed to towns annually for the rehabilitation, reconstruction and maintenance of accepted public ways.

During the 2005 calendar year, the road maintenance projects consisted of the reconstruction of West Street from the Granby town line to Tank Farm Road. The project included the reconstruction of the road section including changes to the grades and profile resulting in improved site distance and turning movements at the Brooks Street intersection. Other minor road projects included Vienna Avenue turn around at the terminus, Karen Drive and Old West paving. In addition to the street paving and reconstruction projects, routine maintenance and infrastructure improvements were completed during the year. For example, the DPW provided roadway markings and line painting, replacement and installation of street signs, street sweeping and street patching of potholes and localized stressed areas throughout the town. Other projects during the year included drainage improvements on Posner Circle to address localized flooding at Electric Park. In addition, the department continued with the pavement crack sealing program with application to East Street, Holyoke Street, Cherry Street and portions of West and Center Streets.

The DPW reconstructed approximately 150 storm drain catch basins throughout the town.

The department installed upgrades to the traffic signal at Cherry and Center Streets with the addition of a dedicated left light from Center Street to Cherry Street to relieve congestion during peak times.

The Department maintained crosswalks at all school locations and at street crossing locations throughout the town. Approximately fifty crosswalks were repainted with high visibility material to ensure safety for pedestrian traffic.

Sidewalk improvements were completed for Lockland, Hampden, Hampshire, Brimfield and Birch Streets.

During the 2005 construction season, approximately 189 Construction within the Public Way Permits for construction within the public way were issued and \$9,800 in fees and bonds were collected for the construction of new driveways and installation of utility services.

Sanitary Sewer Division

The DPW is responsible for the operation, inspection and maintenance of two sanitary sewer lift stations located on Chapin Street and at the end of Moody Street. In addition, the DPW routinely maintains the sanitary sewer collection system. The division responds on a 24-hour basis for sewer line obstructions and or other problems within the system.

The DPW issued or renewed 12 Drain Layer Licenses which generated \$600 in fees. The Department issued 37 Sewer Service Connection Permits and collected \$72,100 in fees during 2005.

Tree Division

The DPW provides service to maintain the town shade trees located within the public ways and on public lands and is responsible for trimming damaged branches and clearing the downed trees resulting from storms or natural disasters.

Trees and brush are chipped and stockpiled for use on town projects. Chips are available to the residents as the supply permits.

Park Division

The DPW is responsible for the maintenance of all town playgrounds, parks and athletic fields as well as supporting the School Department with upkeep of several of the School District's sports fields and grounds. The activities include lawn maintenance, athletic field line striping for various events and programs and rehabilitating the fields as funds permit for the various programs and events. DPW staff constructed a shuffle board at Creative Park for the Senior Center. DPW personnel assisted at special events during the year sponsored by various town departments and organizations held at the Memorial Park; including the Memorial Day Celebration, Sunday Concerts in the Park, Celebrate Ludlow Event, Veterans' Day activities, Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and other functions conducted throughout the town and special events held at the Ludlow Fish and Game Club.

Cemetery Division

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

Cemetery, Fuller Street Cemetery and the East “Ould” Street Cemetery.

The Island Pond Cemetery on Center and Chapin Streets opened the last remaining section for lot sales.

The following is a summary of activities and fees collected during 2005:

Number of lots sold	211
Income from lots sold	\$105,800
Number of burials	85
Income from burials	\$43,950
Monuments installed	59
Monument Income	\$8,700
Total Income	\$158,450

Engineering Division

The DPW maintains the records vault for plans, record plats and maps for the community. In addition, this division maintains plan files for the Planning Board and Assessors’ Office, including the annual updates of the Town Street Map, Assessors’ maps, Zoning Maps and Voter Precinct Maps. This division provides engineering assistance and information to other departments, boards and committees upon request.

The engineering staff provides technical analyses and recommendations to the Planning Board for the various projects during the year including subdivisions and commercial developments.

The Engineering Division is currently assisting with data collection for the Hubbard Street neighborhood sewer separation study.

The sale of record plans and prints to the general public generated \$1,072 in fees.

Solid Waste Collection and Disposal, Recycle Center and Transfer Station

The Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Center continues to provide for the needs of the community. The DPW yard is accessed from Claudia Way for composting and brush disposal.

Residential curbside collection of trash and recyclables was provided by Central Mass Disposal. Household trash is transferred and disposed at the eco/Springfield Plant which generates electrical power.

The recyclables are collected and transferred to the Municipal Recycling Facility (MRF) in Springfield.

The DPW operates the Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Center for the residential community at the DPW facility on Sportsmen’s Road.

The combination of the curbside trash collection and drop-off at the Transfer Station accounted for 7,467 tons of trash transported to the eco/Springfield Resource

Recovery Facility for incineration to generate electrical power, and 75 tons were land filled.

This recycling program generated 826 tons of paper, 325 tons of mixed containers (glass and cans) 130 tons of scrap metal and approximately 885 tons of grass, leaves and branches that were processed for compost.

The grass and leaves are composted at the DPW facility creating loam for use on town projects and is available to town residents.

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

Transfer Station Permits issued	1014
Senior Permits (no charge)	661
Income	\$17,230

Special Dumping Permits issued	83
Income	\$2,580

Compost Bins	1
Income	\$20

Recycle Bins	17
Income	\$85

Capital Improvement Projects

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

Hubbard Street Neighborhood Sewer Separation Project is partially funded by the Connecticut River Cleanup Program. The project is in the design phase.

The Miller Street Bridge reconstruction project is underway and should be completed this summer. The work includes structural improvements as well as a new deck and painting. The project cost is 2.8 million dollars.

Recycle Mini Grant provided funds to install a new “catwalk” at the Transfer Station providing safe access to the recycle bins.

Mass Highway Transportation Improvement Program provided funds for traffic improvements for the

intersection of Center and Chapin Streets and the Mass Turnpike Exit 7 Interchange. Both projects are essentially complete as of this report. The work should be complete this summer.

Acknowledgement

The Board of Public Works, Director of Public Works/Town Engineer Paul Dzubek and Operations Supervisor Kenneth Batista wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the staff of the Department of Public Works for their commendable efforts and performance during the year of 2005.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Haluch, Chairman

Members:
Antonio DaCruz, Vice Chairman
Michael Goncalves
Brian Martell
Thomas Cislak

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals consists of five (5) regular members and three (2) alternate members who are volunteers appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Appeals is charged with hearing appeals or petitions for variances according to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40A, and the Town of Ludlow Zoning Bylaws. The Board of Appeals meets at seven (7) PM at Town Hall in conference room two (2) upon receipt of a request for hearing or a variance. During the year 2005 there were nine (9) request for Variances Appeals , five (5) Approved, two (2) Denied, two (2) Withdrawn.

We would like to thank the various boards and departments who assisted us in obtaining the information needed for the public hearings. A special thanks to Mr. Stephen P. Houle, Building Commissioner, Mrs. Juanita Testori, Assistant Assessor, and Mrs. Dianne Ollari, Planning Board, without their help the task of obtaining the needed documents would be extremely difficult.

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

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

Alternate Members:
Joseph Bradley
Albert LeMay

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

Regular meetings of the Conservation Commission were held on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month at 6:30 P.M. in 2005 and will continue under the same schedule for 2006. Additional meetings were held for a specific purpose, such as discussion of Bylaws, etc. Site inspections were scheduled on the Saturday mornings prior to each meeting and attended by any/all members.

The Commission began and ended 2005 with five (5) members and no vacancies on the Commission. We currently have no associate members. Under the State Statute, associate members can participate in any/all meetings and site visits and contribute their input, but are not voting members. Anyone interested in becoming an associate member is encouraged to contact the Board of Selectmen.

During 2005, The Conservation Commission worked on twenty-seven (27) Notices of Intent, many of which required multiple site inspections and Public Hearing continuances. Twenty-two (22) Requests for Determination of Applicability were filed with the Commission, sixteen (16) of which resulted in negative determinations, and six (6) positive. The Commission issued five (5) Certificates of Compliance and five (5) Enforcement Orders. We worked with three (3) applicants on Abbreviated Notices of Resource Area Delineation to confirm a wetland line on large parcels where sub-divisions were planned. We issued six (6) extension permits on projects that could not be completed by the expiration date of their permits and one (1) extension to an Order of Resource Area Delineation to allow the applicant additional time to commence the project. Certifications of Emergency are requested when a project must be done immediately to

prevent danger to individuals and/or damage to property, and for the four (4) that were issued by the Commission in 2005, a Public Hearing was not required. Otherwise, all permits issued by the Commission require a Public Hearing process.

Projects that the Conservation Commission oversaw in 2005 ranged from those as simple as shed installations to single family homes, subdivisions, condominium projects, M.W.R.A's redundant water pipeline, utility projects large and small such as sewer extensions and upgrades. Application Fees collected by the Conservation Commission in 2005 were \$16,180.00, which were deposited into a revolving account to be used for salaries and/or consulting fees.

Commission members attended the MACC (Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions) annual conference in Worcester, MA., in March and the regional conference in November in Lenox, MA. These educational conferences assist Commissioners with staying informed about changes in regulations and/or policies. Additionally, we attend many other conferences and seminars that are pertinent to administering the Wetlands Protection Act and work with our local office of the Department of Environmental Protection when we need assistance with answering a complicated question or resolving difficult issues.

The Conservation Commission will continue to promote community awareness about wetlands and environmental issues and, when appropriate, will publish articles in the Ludlow Register to share its views on important environmental and conservation-related topics.

Members of the Conservation Commission represent us on committees such as the Open Space Planning Committee, the Urban Forestry Committee, and the Storm Water Committee and work in conjunction with other town departments on maintaining consistency with permitting procedures. The Board of Health recently adopted regulations that require Conservation review prior to the scheduling of perc tests. Applications for a building permit are also sent to various departments including Conservation for review/signature prior to the issuance of a building permit. We are thankful to have G.I.S., which assists us with these reviews.

Commissioners will continue to attend M.A.C.C. Conferences twice each year as well as other training meetings that may be offered in order to improve our knowledge of conservation regulations, allowing us to make informed decisions on projects that come before us.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin M. Brown, Chairperson

Members:
Marcia Kida, Vice-Chair
Angela Tierney
John Dryjowicz

PLANNING BOARD

Three **PRELIMINARY SUBDIVISION** plans were approved:

Old Farm Road	15 lots
Dowd Court Phase II	30 lots
Rosewood Estates	49 lots

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

Twenty-two **SPECIAL PERMITS** were issued for the following addresses:

32 Bowles Avenue	Home Office
300 Cady Street	Home Office
49 Wood Drive	Home Office
74 Cislak Drive	Home Office
29 Barrett Street	Home Office
90 Southwood Drive	Home Office
56 Lillian Street	Home Office
355 Holyoke Street	Accessory Apartment
41 Bruni Avenue	Home Office
23 Stivens Drive	Home Office
One Swan Avenue	Home Office
75 Bridle Road	Home Office
54 Mero Street	Home Office
13 Williams Street	Home Office
512 Miller Street	Home Office
614 Moore Street	Home Office
73 Gaudreau Avenue	Home Office
640 Chapin Street	Hair Salon / HO
884 Poole Street	Home Office
1245 East Street	Home Office
24 Bliss Street	Home Office
85 McLean Parkway	Home Office

Twenty-two **CHANGES OF OCCUPANCY** were issued at the following business addresses:

556 Center Street - Beachside Motors, Inc.
563 Center Street - Chartier, Ogan, Brady, Sarnacki & Rooney
220 East Street - Manna from Heaven Church
72 East Street - Marco Alvan Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Training Center
123 Center Street - Reiki and integrated Energy Therapy
246 East Street - Dead Goat Motorsports & Auto Supplies, Inc.
257 Fuller Street - Pinocchio's On The Go
100 Moody Street - Chiropractic Office
324 West Avenue - Ludlow Swimming Pools & Ponds

287 East Street – Paul’s Suits Rack
200 Center Street – Monroe’s Salon & Day Spa
146 East Street – Paul Martins Auto Sales
167A East Street – Jack’s Vacuum and Appliance
Center
73 East Street – Affordable Uniforms
6 White Street – M & A Produce
State Street / Mills – W. N. Woodworking
100 Moody Street – Radius Solutions, Inc.
151 East Street – Jean Doel & Assoc.
135 East Street – Creative Flowers
119 Carmelina’s Circle – Robert’s Auto Sales
State Street / Mills – Fabrication of countertops
101 West Street – Laurie Jo’s Cut & Toss Family Hair
Care

Sixteen **APPROVALS NOT REQUIRED** were signed:

Wilk / Manganaro Home Builders – Poole Street
Branco – Fuller / Roosevelt Avenue
Watson / Ostrowski – Alden Street / Jerad Drive
ALM Group – Emma Way
Pinewood Road Inc. – Extension of Pinewood Road
East Street - Oscar’s Restaurant
ALM Group – Marianna Lane
Sousa – Fuller Street
Connelly – Jerad Drive
Focosi – Cady Street / Grimard Street
Smith / Richard – Grimard Street
Craven – 99 Pond Street
Kozaczka – 492 Miller Street
Harris – 67 Lyon Street
Roosevelt Hill L.L.C. / Center Street
Manganaro Home Builders / Marini – 232 Ventura St.

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

Atwater Investors, Inc. – 351 & 357 Fuller Street,
Map #10, Parcels #98A, 99, 99A, 99B, 100 and 195
through 213 – Agriculture to Residence B.
Misha Development LLC – Cady & Grimard Street,
Map 1C, Parcels #137 & 137A – Business &
Agriculture to Residence A.
David Smith / Karl Richard – 92 & 100 Grimard Street
– Agriculture to Residence A.

CHANGES TO THE ZONING BYLAWS INCLUDED:

- * Storage of Dumpsters on residential property for periods longer than 14 days is prohibited without a permit from the Board of Health.
- *Deleted sizes for private garages.
- *Added Drive-through establishments
- *Added Auto Service & Repair with Special Permit
- *Deleted Section 3.2.3, District Specific Prohibited Uses, Residence B Districts

- *Deleted setback from the section labeled “Height Provisions”.
 - *Renamed the “East Street Revitalization Zone” to the “East Street Revitalization Overlay District”.
 - *Removed Dimensional Requirements from the East Street Revitalization Overlay District.
 - *Deleted Transportation Centers & Veterinary/Pet Care Facilities from the East Street Revitalization Overlay District.
 - *Changed Residence A to Residence B in Section 5.4.4.a. (1)
 - *Added new sign definitions.
 - *Reworded Section 6.5.8 Permits.
 - *Added a Stormwater Management Bylaw.
 - *Added residential sign height & square footage to Table 4.
- Total Fees Generated by the Planning Board were:
\$33,939.95.

Respectfully Submitted,
Raymond E. Phoenix, Chairman

Members:
Edgar R. Minnie, III, Vice Chairman
Richard Ollari, Secretary
William H. Bates
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WESTOVER ADVISORY COMMISSION

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

The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife has managed a lottery system for duck hunting within the wetlands since 1987. The Division is responsible for maintaining five duck blind positions, installing temporary blinds for the hunting season, cutting brush along roadsides and trails, and maintaining signs, blinds, and a vandal proof gate.

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

Wetlands are valuable natural reserves. They provide important habitat for wildlife, supplying food for a diverse population of aquatic and terrestrial animals, and serve as major breeding areas. They are also important for controlling floods and purifying water supplies. In an era when development has destroyed half of the wetlands which once existed, it is critical to preserve our wetland resources.

The Advisory Commission will continue to investigate the possibility of increasing the recreation and construction values of the Stony Brook wetlands. We would like to thank the Ludlow Board of Selectmen for the opportunity to serve the Town and look forward to the challenges of the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth J. Batista, Member

Members:

Bruce Durand

Barbara Hurst

Gary Coelho, Site Inspector, Ex-officio

Jack Moriarty, Ex-officio

Leroy Klink, Base Civil Engineer

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TELEPHONE NUMBERS

TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY		911
Animal Control Officer (Linda Johnson)		374-9577
Appeals, Board of		589-9678
Community TV		583-5654
Department of Public Works		583-5625
Fire Department		583-8332
To Report a Fire		911
Hubbard Memorial Library		583-3408
Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club		583-2072
Ludlow Housing Authority		589-7272
Police Department		583-8305
Emergency Calls		911
Recreation Commission		583-8856
Recreation Town Hall (winter months)		583-5600, ext. 282
Senior Center		583-3564
Town Engineer		583-5607
TTY Phone		583-5668
Westover Golf Course		583-8456
Pro Shop		547-8610
School Department:		
Superintendent's Office		583-8372
Business Office		583-5663
Instructional Services		583-5665
High School		589-9001
Middle School		583-5685
Chapin Street School		583-5031
East Street School		589-9121
Veterans Park School		583-5695
Ludlow Town Hall	Main Number	583-5600
Assessors, Board of	Extensions	220
Building Department		210
Charter Commission		294
Conservation Commission		280
Health, Board of	Nurses	272
	Secretary	271
Planning Board		281
Selectmen, Board of		203
	Town Administrator	201
Town Accountant		240
Town Clerk		230
Town Collector		260
Town Treasurer		250
Veterans' Services/ADA Coordinator		290
Operator		0

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THE ROAD NOT TAKEN

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;
Then took the other, as just as far,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,
And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.
I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.*

Robert Frost