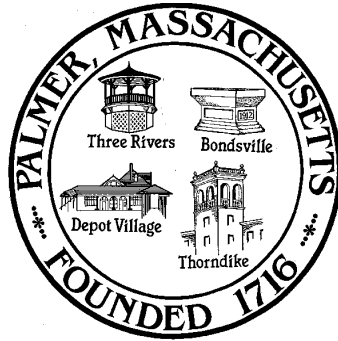
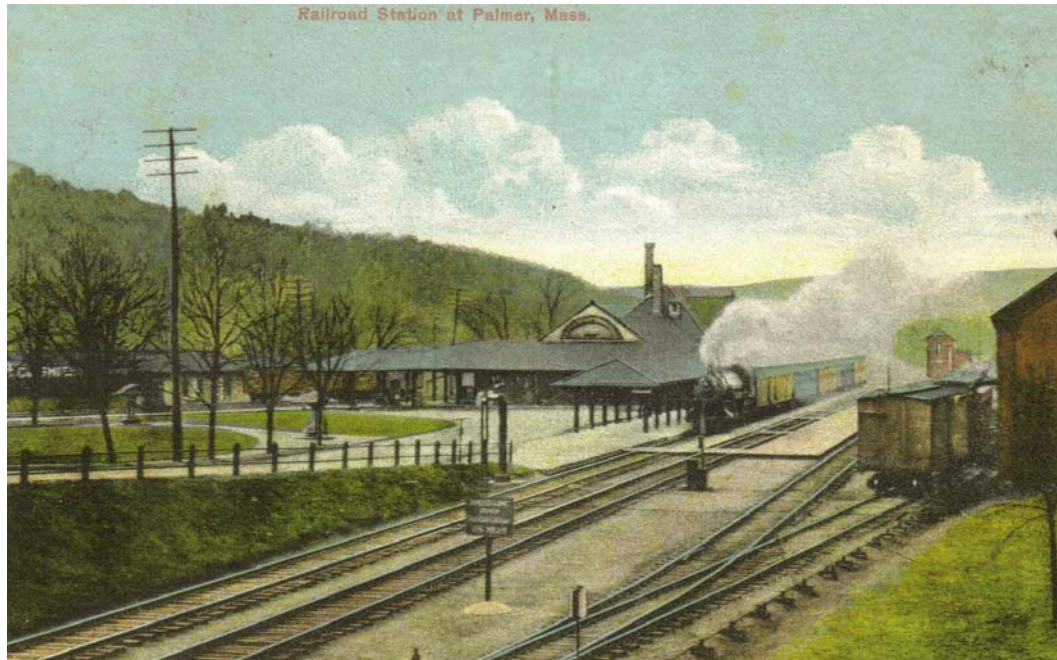


Town of Palmer

Bondsville, Depot Village, Thorndike & Three Rivers



“The Town of Seven Railroads”



Annual Report
July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007

On the Cover

PALMER TRAIN DEPOT – Circa 1910

IN MEMORIAM

THOMAS W. HALEY 1912-2007

Mr. Thomas Haley provided dedicated service to the Palmer Town Government for more than half a century as a Selectman, a member of the Finance Committee, as Chairman of the Palmer Redevelopment Authority and as Town Moderator.

Often referred to as “Mr. Palmer”, Tom was the guiding hand behind the development of the Palmer Industrial Park, an effort to bring jobs into Palmer after the tragic mill fire in Bondsville. He is remembered for his unfailing dedication and love of the Town of Palmer. He and his passion for Palmer will be greatly missed.

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FACTS ABOUT PALMER

SETTLED	1716
INCORPORATED AS A DISTRICT	1752
ACCEPTED AS A TOWN	1776
LOCATION	About 15 miles east of Springfield on Route 20
HIGHEST ELEVATION	Colonel's Mountain 1179 feet
POPULATION	12,750
FORM OF GOVERNMENT	9-Member Town Council Town Manager
TAX RATE – FY2007	
TOWN	\$13.14 per \$1,000.00 of evaluation
FIRE DISTRICT TAX	
DISTRICT #1	\$1.17 per \$1,000.00 of evaluation
DISTRICT #2	\$1.29 per \$1,000.00 of evaluation
DISTRICT #3	\$1.52 per \$1,000.00 of evaluation
DISTRICT #4	\$1.44 per \$1,000.00 of evaluation
NUMBER OF DWELLINGS	Approximately 4,234
PROPERTY VALUATION	\$958,389,860
AREA	Approximately Land 20,110.00 acres; Water 457.5 acres; Total 20,568.4 acres; Square Miles: 32.14
HOSPITAL	Wing Memorial Hospital
STREETS AND HIGHWAYS	Approximately 150 miles
PUBLIC SCHOOLS	Palmer High School Converse Middle School Old Mill Pond Elementary Pathfinder Regional Technical High School
FIRE PROTECTION	Four Fire Districts: Palmer Fire District 1: Chief Alan Roy heads a 32-member call force with a full time Captain and Lieutenant; Three Rivers Fire District 2: Chief Patrick O'Connor heads a 34-member call force;

Bondsville Fire District 3: Chief Jeffrey Jambora heads a 26-member call force;

Thorndike Fire and Water District 4 is protected by Palmer Fire District 1.

TRANSPORTATION

PVTA Village Bus, Peter Pan Bus (Walnut Street, Palmer), Council on Aging Van for transportation for seniors.

POLICE

Well established full time police department and Emergency Dispatch Center headed by Chief of Police, Robert P. Frydryk.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Walter (Beebe) Chase Memorial Park, Legion Field. Eager Playground, Palmer, Nick Laviolette Park, Three Rivers, plus playground and recreational equipment at Three Rivers Common, and Endelson Playground, Bondsville.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

North Main Street, Palmer

**GOVERNMENTAL DISTRICT
AND REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE
TOWN OF PALMER**

UNITED STATES SENATORS

Edward M. Kennedy, Boston

John F. Kerry, Boston

REPRESENTATIVE IN U.S. CONGRESS

Second Congressional District

Richard E. Neal

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Seventh Councilor District

Thomas J. Foley

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Worcester, Hampden, Franklin

and

Hampshire Senatorial District

Stephen M. Brewer

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

First Hampden Representative District
Todd M. Smola

HAMPDEN COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

William M. Bennett, Springfield

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

BOARD OF APPEALS

Antonio Andre, Chairman
Ingrid Thompson
Norman Z. Czech
Gary Doane, Alt.
Dennis Fountain
Walter Solzak, Alt.
Russell Brown

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Lawrence M. Jasak
Michael J. Burns

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Patricia C. Donovan
Genevieve Janosz
Robert Canterbury
Barbara J. Stone

BOARD OF HEALTH

Paul Benard, Chairman
John Lukaskiewicz
Jayne Heede

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

David E. Johnson, Chairman
Donald R. Duffy
Peter Izyk
Harry Johnson
Vincent Yurkunas
Robert J. Ring
Theresa Mursick-Meyer

COUNCIL ON AGING

Alice J. Smith, Chairperson
Genevieve A. Bates, 1st Vice Chair
Mary Hubert, 2nd Vice Chair

Deborah Strauss, Secretary
Edward Bradlenski
Betty Koss
Gloria Brouillette
Pearl Coyer
Linda Lamay
Audrey Julian

AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE

Jason S. Pare
John A. Banas

BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Beverly Morin
David Johnson
Alice Davey

ORDINANCE STUDY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Resident (John Auchter)
Building Inspector (Richard Rollet)
Police Chief (Robert Frydryk)
Fire Chief (Alan Roy)
Fire Chief (Pat O'Connor)
Fire Chief (Jeff Jambora)
Council (2)
Resident (1)

CABLEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

George Backus
Bruce Henriques
(vacant – 3)

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Michael Magiera, Chairman
Richard Cartier
William Lizotte
School Rep. (Robert Janasiewicz)
Theresa Niemczura
Library Rep. (Mark Contois)
DPW Rep. (Richard Kaczmarczyk)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Emer. Mgt. Director – Donald C. Elliott, Jr.
Officer Kenneth White
Fire Chief (Alan Roy)
Fire Chief (Steve Sadusky)

Fire Chief (Patrick O'Connor)
Dispatcher (Tammy Piechota)
Police Chief (Robert Frydryk)
Board of Health Rep (Paul Benard)
Hospital Rep. (Vacant)
Palmer Water District (James Ammann)
Thorndike Water District (M. Marciniac)
Three Rivers Water District (J. Sasur Jr.)
Bondsville Water District (Gary Pierce)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Alice Davey
Julie Manning
Linda Haley
Pam Herbert
Paul Wisnewski
Robin Lamothe
Robert Haveles

GROUNDWATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE

John Sasur, Chairman
Nicholas Zeo
Board of Health Rep. (Paul Benard)

HANDICAPPED SERVICE COMMITTEE

Neil Metcalf
Nancy Bauer
Richard Rollet

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Stephen Nowak, Chairman
Marion P. Lis, Treasurer
Lorraine Novak, Secretary
Jane E. Golas
Harold Olson
Rose Riskalla
Donna Guerin, Associate Member

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP/FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE

Real Estate Broker - Vacant
Developer - Vacant
Attorney - Vacant
Resident-Margaret Higgins
Planning Board-Joseph Slowick
Housing Authority-Jean Leonard
School Committee Rep.
Gerald Madigan

INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Paraprofessionals/Aides- Melanie Leibold, CMS
Palmer Teachers Association – Deborah Charwick, OMP
Palmer School Nurses/Clerical Workers – Scott Macey
Palmer School Custodial Association – Peter Galica, CMS
Palmer School Cafeteria – Catherine Les, OMP
Palmer D.P.W.- Michael Moynahan
Palmer Police IBPO – Robert Dickson and Paul Lukaskiewicz
School & Town Clerical Workers UFCW #1459 – Scott Macey & Nancy Dranka
Emergency Telecommunicators – Neal Byrne

LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

Richard L. Fitzgerald
Robert Frydryk
Matthew Lovell
Dennis Gaudreau
Theodore Simard

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Board of Health Rep (Paul Benard)
Conservation Commission (Dave Johnson)
Palmer Ambulance Service (Dave Clark)
Palmer Fire Chief (Alan Roy)
Three Rivers Fire Chief (Patrick O'Connor)
Three Rivers Water Dept. (John Sasur Jr)
Capt. Palmer Fire Dept. (David Pranaitis)
Palmer Water Superintendent (James Ammann)
Chief of Police (Robert Frydryk)
Emergency Mgt. Director (Steve Sadusky)

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT ADVISORY BOARD

James Lynch
Attorney Timothy J. Rogers
Robert P. Frydryk

OPEN SPACE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Conservation Agent (Linda Leduc)
Conservation Members (Donald Duffy, Harry Johnson)
Town Planner – Sabine Prather
Planning Board Rep. (M. Marciniac)
Council Rep. (Vacant)

PALMER CULTURAL COUNCIL

Deborah Queiros
Lynn Plotczik
Tom Arventos

James Athearn
Mary Bernat
Christine Miarecki
Ann Wright
Kathleen Hood
Alice Smith
Erin Pincince, Chairman
Matthew Lovell – Council Liaison

PALMER HOUSING AUTHORITY

Veronica A. Strzemienski, Chairman
Margaret M. Higgins
Ronald W. Lemanski
Mildred Jasak
(Germaine Lefebvre – State Appointee)

PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Blake Lamothe, Chairman
Margaret Higgins
Davis Swirk
Anthony Matejczyk
(Michael Pajak – State Appointee)

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Diana Strzemienski
Ronda Brown
Donna Corbin
Marilyn Barry
Christopher Howlett
DPW Rep. (Richard Kaczmarczyk)

RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Margaret Higgins
Building Inspector (Richard Rollet)
Hazardous Waste Rep. (Jeff Jambora)
Frank Krzynowek
Arthur Biron
Sandra Noonan

SAFETY/TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Police Chief (Robert Frydryk)
DPW Director (Richard Kaczmarczyk)
Building Inspector (Richard Rollet)
Palmer Fire Chief (Alan Roy)
Three Rivers Fire Chief (Pat O'Connor)
Bondsville Fire Chief (Steve Sadusky)

Ambulance Rep. (Vacant)
Ronald Masnicki

TOWN COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES

APPOINTMENT REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE

John Sasur, Jr.
Keith Parent
John Dinuovo

ORDINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

Public Service Division:

Matt Lovell, Chair
Michael Magiera
John Dinuovo

Public Safety Division:

Keith Parent, Chair
Robert Haveles

Public Works Division:

John Sasur, Jr. Chair
George Backus
Barbara Barry

NON-TAX REVENUE SUB-COMMITTEE

Barbara Barry
Michael Magiera
Keith Parent
Matt Lovell

TOWN MANAGER GOAL SUB-COMMITTEE

Barbara Barry
Michael Magiera
Keith Parent

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

John Dinuovo

FIRE & WATER DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE

James Ammann
Alan Roy
David Supczak
Steve Sadusky
Mark MacDougall
Patrick O'Connor

Russell Brown
Michael Marciniac
Robert Haveles
Albin Les
John McElduff
Keith Parent
John Dinuovo
Gerald Chudy

ELECTED OFFICIALS

COUNCILLORS AT LARGE

(4-yr. Term ending 2009)

Peter E. Pappas
George A. Backus
John B. Dinuovo
David E. Whitney
Michael R. Magiera

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

(4-yr. Term ending 2007)

Keith M. Parent, District #1
Barbara A. Barry, District #2
Matthew Lovell, District #3
John L. Sasur, Jr., District #4

TOWN CLERK

Patricia C. Donovan (Exp 2007)

PLANNING BOARD (4 YRS)

Michael Marciniac (Exp 2009)
Joseph Slowick (Exp. 2007)
Norman Czech (Exp. 2007)
James Haley (Exp. 2009)
Thomas Skowrya (Exp. 2009)

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (4 yrs.)

Mary Salzmann (Exp. 2009)
Cynthia Heffernan (Exp. 2007)
James St Amand (Exp. 2007)
David Lynch (Exp. 2009)
Robert Janasiewicz (Exp. 2007)

PATHFINDER REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Michael J. Cavanaugh (Exp. 2006)
David M. Droz (Exp. 2008)

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Town Accountant	Valerie Bernier
Town Planner	Linda Leduc
Community Development Director	Alice Davey
Veteran's Agent/Burial Agent/Graves Officer	Mark Avis
Town Counsel	Charles Ksieniewicz
Associate Town Counsel	Michael Ciota
Town Auctioneer	Kevin Gouvin
Building Inspector	Richard Rollet
Assistant Building Inspector	Leslie Chip Lapointe
Gas Inspector	Gary Stahelski
Wire Inspector	Stanley Pietryka
Assistant Wire Inspector	Arthur Miner
Plumbing Inspector	Gerald Nichols
Constable	Norberto Garcia
Constable	James Lynch
Constable	William McCarthy
Constable	Robert Frydryk
Fence Viewer	Joseph Nietupski
Forest Warden	Alan Roy
Animal Inspector/Dog Officer	Frederick Guzik
Asst. Animal Inspector/Asst. Dog Officer	Wanda Guzik
Hazardous Waste Coordinator	Steve Sadusky
Recycling Coordinator	Margaret Higgins
Sealer of Weights & Measures	Joseph Serrato
Asst. Sealer of Weights & Measures	John L. Auchter
Sexual Harassment Grievance Officer	Patricia A Kennedy
Sexual Harassment Grievance Officer	Richard Rollet
Milk Inspector	Walter J. Swiatlowski
Vermin Inspector	James Chadwick
Director of Public Safety	Robert Frydryk
Treasurer	Gregory J. Falcone
Emergency Management Director	Donald C. Elliott, Jr.
Town Assessor	Beverly Morin
Department of Public Works Director	Richard Kaczmarczyk
WWTP Superintendent	Gerald Skowronek
Council on Aging Director	Erin Pincince
Hampden County Housing Services Advisory Comm.	Jean Leonard
Palmer Public Library Trustee	John DiNuovo
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	Michael Marciniac, Commissioner
Pioneer Valley Planning Comm. Policy Advisory Rep.	Richard Kaczmarczyk, Joint Trans Rep.
P.V.T.A. Advisory Council Member	James L St. Amand
Quabog Valley Business Assistance Corporation	Ronald P. Christiansen
Subregional Housing Committee Designee	
Environmental Certifying Officer	David Johnson

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE

TOWN MANAGER

I herewith submit this second report of the Town Manager’s Office for the Town of Palmer, Massachusetts, for the period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

I would like to thank the Town Council for their help and leadership during this past year. The Council has tackled many issues - some met with great debate; their decorum and willingness to listen to Palmer residents and to modify their initial thoughts has greatly added to the workings of the Town Government.

I would like to thank my Executive Assistant for her patience, her knowledge of purchasing and her knowledge of how town government really works and for knowing where every file, form or document is when I needed them. Thanks Pat.

I would like to thank all the employees of the Town for their dedication, willingness to help with change and their professionalism in carrying out their duties. I believe that Palmer is blessed with an incredible group of highly dedicated workers, doing all they can to bring quality services to the residents of Palmer. This is apparent in all aspects of our community - our municipal workers, our library staff and our school staff. Together they bring a wealth of knowledge, experience and dedication to everything they do.

We began the year with a balanced budget, but a budget that did not meet all of the needs expressed by Town Departments. In fact, to balance this budget, it was necessary to pledge **\$315,000** of free cash. This was in addition to cutting the requested budget amounts by a total of **\$1,082,473**. All of this resulted in the following FY07 budgets being approved;

• Department of Public Service	\$1, 018,531
• Department of Municipal Finance	\$371,974
• Department of Public Safety	\$1,654,433
• Department of Public Works	\$1,165,252
• Unclassified (Insurance, Debt, etc.)	\$9,508,599
• Department of Public Library	\$739,848
• Department of Public Education	\$15,350,000
• Pathfinder Regional Vocational	\$1,250,129
• Additional Assessments	\$712,447
FY07 Budget Total	\$31,717,213

Throughout the year, there were many appointments made to the Town’s various committees:

Historical Society

- Robert Ring
- Helen McDonald
- Donna Guerin

Conservation Commission

- Matthew Christy
- Vincent Yurkunas

Council On Aging
Debbie Strauss
Audrey Julian

Palmer Redevelopment Authority
Anthony Matejczyk
David Swirk

We also hired several new staff members within our municipal departments

Town Planner - Linda Leduc
Town Conservation Agent – Sheryl Becker
Town Treasurer – Gregory Falcone
Emergency Management Director – Donald Elliot, Jr.

The Town Council was presented with two resignations, with regret:

Council Vice President – Robert S. Haveles
Council Member – Peter E. Pappas

The Town Council appointed:

David E. Whitney to assume Robert Haveles’ unexpired position
Paul E. Burns to assume Peter Pappas’ unexpired position

During the year, the Town Council worked to develop and enact several new ordinances and policies:

Elected Official Pay – Set the date in March to determine any elected officials compensation

Political Signage – Establishes the placement and timing of political signs

Nuisance – Sets a standard for enforcing excessive trash, junk, etc

Mutual Aid for Public Assistance – Allows for mutual support of Public Works materials, equipment and personnel to other communities

State Street Landfill – Provides engineering funding to recap the State St. landfill

Tag Sale – Established the number of sales per year, sign placement and permit procedures (no cost), over **220** permits given the first year

Special Municipal Employees – Established contract personnel working for Town Boards to be special employees under MGL

Chapter 171 – Zoning – Updated the Town zoning regulations to include new charter language and all zoning changes since adoption in 2000.

Code of Ordinances – The Code has been updated to reflect the new charter language and to reflect changes requested by Town Council. The Selectmen Policies have been removed and will be incorporated into a Town Policy Handbook.

Unregistered Vehicles – establishes the number, the placement and the policy regarding the number of unregistered vehicles allowed on property throughout the Town.

Transfer of Development Rights – establishes the process of transferring development rights from areas throughout the town to specific locations outlined in the ordinance

Open Space Residential Development – establishes the guidelines for development of residential sites to encourage maximizing open space.

We continued to work toward economic development. We submitted 4 sites to the State for consideration under Chapter 43D – Expedited Permitting. If approved, this will allow projects on selected sites to be reviewed and a determination made on the issuing of permits within 180 days. This also allows us to apply for a \$150,000 PVPC grant to help streamline our existing permitting process and to develop software and procedures to meet the 180 day permitting timeline. The Planning Department, in support of the Planning Board, continues to help developers meet all local and state requirements and to assist them in bringing their projects to completion. Unfortunately, several large projects that were slated to begin have been put on hold by the developers for a variety of reasons beyond the control of the municipal government.

Union negotiations were completed, resulting in the signing of all four contracts. It was a long process, with give and take on both sides. In the end, the 4 municipal contracts provided for reasonable wage increases while decreasing the town’s share of the cost of health insurance. I congratulate those negotiation committees for their efforts, their honest perspectives and their willingness to find a mutually agreeable solution. As a result of the health care considerations, the Insurance Advisory Committee was re-energized. It put a bid package out to the health insurance industry in an effort to find a better, more cost effective, healthcare provider. After review of two different bid responses, the Committee recommended to the Town Manager and Town Council that we remain with our current provider and look to re-bidding again in two to three years.

The budgeting process for FY08 began in earnest in January 2007 and was completed in late June 2007. Once again we were faced with budget requests that exceeded the amount of available revenue, resulting in all budgets being cut by a total of **\$1,469,289**. The Town Council met on many occasions to discuss, debate and amend the proposed budgets. The budget that was approved will not advance the Town; it will merely keep the Town Departments running at, or slightly below, the same level as FY07 - many of the individual areas have smaller budgets than the previous year. State Aid and Local Receipts increases were below the levels of previous years and the decision was made not to use any free cash to help balance this budget. The FY08 budget, as approved by the Town Council is;

• Department of Public Service	\$984,351
• Department of Municipal Finance	\$338,239
• Department of Public Safety	\$1,755,924
• Department of Public Works	\$2,741,189
• Unclassified (Insurance, Debt, etc.)	\$9,748,949
• Department of Public Library	\$713,307
• Department of Public Education	\$15,260,000
• Patherfind Regional Vocational	\$1,385,345
• Additional Assessments	\$653,735
Budget Total	\$33,581,039

Part of the FY08 budget process was the Council’s review of a potential Prop 2½ Override. The Town Council voted to have an override vote on August 21, 2007 with 5 articles on the ballot. They were:

- Department of Public Safety - \$310,054
- Department of Public Service - \$40,000
- Department of Public Library - \$24,179
- Department of Public Works - \$150,000
- Department of Public Education - \$250,000

NOTE: All items were defeated during the election on August 21, 2007.

The Town Council established a Fire and Water District Study Committee, as outlined in the Town Charter. Councilman Keith Parent represented the Council and was the Chairperson for the committee. The Committee met many times over the early summer and provided an interim report to the Council on May 2nd with their final report due in the August – September 2007 time frame.

The Town's web site is now up and operating. It took a lot of effort from all the staff to input the necessary data so our citizens can have information at their fingertips. We have a lot of information, forms, and permits on the site as well as documents such as the FY 07 and FY08 annual budgets, the Code of Ordinances and the Zoning Ordinance. The site has five different calendars to post anything from official meetings to community events to happening at the senior center. We are working to have the ability to pay tax, excise and sewer bills on line in the very near future. Our web site address is: www.townofpalmer.com

Once again, I would like to sincerely thank everyone in Palmer for their help, their advice, their recommendations, complaints and compliments on how well we are doing to meet their needs and expectations. Without everyone's inputs, we would not know what we are doing well and what we need to improve on. We have a great team, and together with the citizens of Palmer, we can meet any challenge we might face in the future. On behalf of the Town Council, the Town Boards and Committees and all our municipal employees, thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Most Respectfully,
Richard L. Fitzgerald
Town Manager

TOWN CLERK

MARRIAGES

2006

January

7	Richard E. Forte III	LA	Hannah N. Canning	LA
28	Daniel E. Lavalley II	Northampton	Renee D. Kirley	Palmer

February

2	Dickie F. Mills	Southbridge	Sharon A. McCaughey	Palmer
6	Stephen J. Fredette	Palmer	Rhonda M. Sands	Palmer
11	Leonard O. Smith	Springfield	Sara L. Martin	Springfield
14	Steven T. Preston	Monson	Victoria A. Noyes	Monson

March

1	Edvertis E. Thadison III	Springfield	Valentina Lee	Springfield
12	Donald E. Rice	Ware	Dianne M. Henrich	Ware
17	Philip P. Ford	Palmer	Michelle McGarvey	Palmer
22	Thomas Cummings	Palmer	Attree E. Dick	Palmer

April

22	Richard V. Dulude	Palmer	Loriann Campbell	Palmer
22	David Foster	Palmer	Virginia L. Dagenais	Palmer
25	Tadeusz K. Mendrek	Hardwick	Anita Krzan	Hardwick

May

5	Chad Manseau	Palmer	Heather M. Deso	Palmer
6	Alfred D. Durso	Palmer	Kathryn A. Hopkins	Palmer
6	Edward R. Krokop	Palmer	Kathryn J. Young	Palmer
13	Pierre G. Chevalier	Palmer	Erin E. Nute	Palmer
20	Christopher Ross	Palmer	Jennifer C. Rabinsky	Palmer
21	Denis A. Cote	Palmer	Ashley E. Mack	Palmer
22	Matthew Cormier	Monson	Christy A. Delisle	Palmer
28	James J. Rocha	Palmer	Kathryn Baron	Palmer
29	Scott Mundell	Ware	Jessica Brooks	Ware

June

2	Mark D. Champigny	IL	Kelly K. Mannix	IL
3	Paul G. Kealey	AZ	Meredyth A. Bauer	AZ
3	Jeffrey E. Pardo	Palmer	Rachel R. Riel	Palmer
3	Robert J. Wilczynski	Palmer	Valerie J. Siok	Palmer
10	Thomas J. Russo	Brimfield	Tiffany A. Goulet	Springfield
10	Wayne A. Tetreault	Palmer	Heather L. Halstead	Palmer
24	William R. Allsop	Springfield	Lisa Sabourin	Springfield
28	Leonie L. Rose	CT	Roland J. Vermette	Palmer

July

1	John Easley	Warren	Pamela Holmes	Springfield
8	Richard A. Bouchard	Palmer	Rebecca Ziegler	Springfield
8	Timothy Cash	Palmer	Tina M. Barree	Palmer
8	Donald Derby	Palmer	Jessica F. Posusky	Palmer
15	Jared D. Gliesman	Palmer	Justine M. Waleski	Palmer
22	Joseph Line	CT	Laura Melhuish	CT

August

4	Gloria Glove	MA	Margaret F. Scialdone	MA
5	Jeffrey M. Flynn	Palmer	Beth Curtis	Palmer
12	Jason Auclair	Palmer	Heather Ann Appleby	Palmer
12	Jonathan M. Duke	Wilbraham	Shannon Swain	Wilbraham
12	Andrew P. Harris	S.Hadley	Christine E. Bost	Palmer
12	Michael Krizenosky	Palmer	Sara A. Hull	Palmer
13	Clifford Barber	Palmer	Susan Lloyd	Palmer
25	Douglas G. Lowe	CT	Amber Kumpulanian	Palmer
26	David Gow	Springfield	Renee Carpenter	Palmer
26	Jeremy Griswold	Palmer	Nicole Rovelli	Palmer

September

2	Frank Farrar, Jr.	Palmer	Amie L. Stebenne	Palmer
9	Steven Durham	Palmer	Christine Morgan	Palmer
9	Kristopher O'Connor	Palmer	Alyssa M. Bowyer	Palmer
16	Brian R. Chapin	Palmer	Alissa J. Vance	Palmer
16	Brian J. Wildman	Palmer	Melissa E. Smart	Palmer
23	Christopher Bergeron	Palmer	Tracey Drolet	Palmer
23	James P. Mitchell	Palmer	Rachel M. Hubbard	Palmer
23	Jonathan Pobieglo	Palmer	Michelle L. Biron	Palmer
23	Julian J. M. B. Seeley	London	Elizabeth Eagan	London
23	Michael E. Sutton	Palmer	Kristy King	Palmer
24	Robert Warrington	Palmer	Margaret Madrid	Palmer
29	Edward J. Noonan II	Palmer	Jessica Lee Moskal	Palmer
30	Donald Kattler	Palmer	Ester M. Fox	Palmer

October

7	Russell A. Forte	Palmer	Julie M. McCord	Palmer
7	Gary Gray II	CA	Katie A. Boggis	CA
7	Matthew T. Hayes	TX	Kelly A. Joy	Hampden
7	Richard E. Roach	Palmer	Rebecca Ann Cooner-Ludt	Palmer
13	John E. Daigle	Palmer	Julie D. Bosse	Palmer
14	Mark A. Fournier	Palmer	Kristin M. Verna	Palmer
20	Brian A. Blanchette	Palmer	Courtney Jensen	Palmer
20	Nicholas Zammarelli	Palmer	Naomi Lee Thresher	Brimfield
21	Michael R. Fanciullo	Palmer	Kimberlie Rossi	Palmer

November

4	Charlie M. Ricko	Palmer	Tracy L. Parrot	Palmer
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December

2	Adam F. Padykula	Palmer	Pamela Juda	Palmer
9	William P. Parent, Jr.	Palmer	Michelle L. Troy	Palmer
17	John Salayphonh	Palmer	Mei Lan Chen	Palmer
30	John Delisle, Jr.	Palmer	Sarah K. Dziedzinski	Palmer

DEATHS

2006

January

2	Margaret A. Early	51
2	Dorothy E. Johnson	96
5	Mary E. Kozec	92
6	Leonard Farquhar	70
8	Milton J. Farmer	79
8	Violet M. Trembley	74
9	Joseph Ammann	97
13	Rose D. Murtha	100
16	Charles A. Roberts, Sr.	85

17	Helen E. Bernard	86
21	Joseph Sarnelli	59
23	Walter J. Mietelski	81
28	Phyllis Cluley	85
28	Frances Galica	81
29	Joan M. Mancini	65

February

6	Joseph B. Pouliot	80
8	Edward S. Skura	77
8	Kenneth I. Wright	73
9	Mary Sansalone	88
11	Catherine R. Giza	87
11	James A. Gouvin	58
12	Jacqueline L. Plante	77
14	Emily M. Tyburski	85
15	Walter L. Papp	95
16	Lewis E. Lovett	70
16	Lois C. Reynolds	80
17	Effie M. Donato	90
19	Donald K. Wiley	77
20	Joseph L. Pisarski	92
20	Joanna D. Rzanca	81
21	Noel S. Hamel	42
25	Julia Toczek	87
26	Josephine Ames	86

March

1	Winfield S. Peters	77
3	Mary L. Brangan	75
5	Madeline L. Dwinnells	81
5	Barbara D. Hobson	78
5	John R. Montgomery	88
7	Peter F. Zalewski	95
9	Francis G. Martin	83
15	Edward S. Pietrewicz	81
16	Walter J. Nowak, Jr.	84
19	Lillian A. Skaza	82
21	Sophie V. Wojtowicz	90
22	Beulah C. Deodato	85
24	Jan M. Boyko	86
25	Hazel E. Helsley	87
27	Audrey A. Hamner	47
27	Arthur A. Metallo	95
28	Sandra L. Lamb	66
29	Helen Massarone	84
29	William F. Scharrett	88

April

1	Frances T. Pietryka	86
2	Cheryl F. Pajak	61
3	Edward M. Milsop	67
5	Anna A. Jajuga	88
5	Helen R. Parker	92
9	Geraldine H. Borek	83
11	Kenneth P. Demers	46
11	Antoinette M. Lasota	83
13	Theresa B. Szwed	81
14	Mary A. Fogarty	88
14	Edna Trzepacz	91
15	Helen T. Drega	87
22	Mary Kenerson	95
22	Casimer S. Romaniak	83
25	Louis E. Martin	81
25	Beatrice M. Renaud	87
27	Ruth A. Coviello	69
27	Josephine A. Nikodem	83
27	Simone M. Quinlan	91
30	Doreen Mango	52

May

2	Alice Buehler	71
3	Ruth Grenier	86
5	Marie Dikranian	90
5	Anne M. Klee	73
7	Anthony C. Midura	80
9	Doris H. Alexander	81
9	Amelia D. Dojka	75
10	Marion E. Bosworth	59
12	Frances M. Florek	91
22	Jane E. Fliss	85
27	Cheryl Bourbeau	44

June

5	Helen L. Cole	86
6	George B. Adams	89
6	Mary C. Marhelewicz	90
8	Dorothy F. Dumas	86
8	Eugene C. Nunes	80
9	Caroline M. Wright	77
11	James W. Austin	78
13	Helen J. Dunn	92
15	Joseph S. Bubon	88
15	James K. MacQuarrie	99

17	Gwendolyn M. Marshall	70
18	Iona H. O'Neill	88
20	Wanda C. Fitzgerald	89
21	Virginia Wetteland	84
22	Lesley E. Strait	49
23	Martin J. Lemelin, Jr.	49
25	Charles M. Callahan, Jr.	89
25	Josephine A. Stanley	62
29	Stella P. Jensen	95
30	Ross W. Karnbach, Jr.	15

July

3	Matilda A. Dranka	83
3	Omer J. Lavoie, Jr.	78
7	Dorothy M. Bryant	78
7	Evelyn E. Royce	94
18	Robert A. Menard	63
20	Leo Blanchette	54
22	Roger M. Martel	82
24	Lorraine D. Curboy	75
30	Edward J. Izyk	80
31	Marguerite E. Cardinali	93

August

2	Donald R. Gosselin	75
2	Hazel S. Nordin	88
2	Henry R. Trespas	89
2	Sam Zahaykevitz	76
5	Andrea S. Chudy	83
11	David A. Heroux	57
12	Mary A. Demorad	96
17	Philip E. Thomas	58
20	Jessica L. Gray	19
26	John E. Dunn	91
26	Philomena C. Misiaszek	84
26	Linda Perez	52
31	Raymond J. Hebert	89

September

4	Erma E. Arnhold	82
12	Edward Gabiga	82
13	Lenerd W. Wiley	54
14	Alice M. Bradway	77
14	Mary Kozlik	81
15	John G. Marcinek	74
15	Chester A. Wosik	78
20	Madlyn Ellithorpe	89

23	Howard H. Guilmette	60
26	Robert J. Hull, Jr.	41
October		
1	Roberto Daniele	28
1	Mario Daniele	67
3	Albert W. Loiseau	94
5	Louise F. Church	83
10	Leslie J. Kitt	79
12	Charles Rivers	95
14	Stephania B. Dunklee	14
19	Frances C. Gola	57
23	Frank S. Dojka	87
23	John H. Galica	87
26	Edward L. Wade	61
27	Helena B. Bergeron	87
27	Regina M. Hopkins	82
28	Mary J. Langlois	90
29	Rita E. Russo	87
30	Edward J. Tenczar	78
November		
4	Hollis P. Corey	74
5	Brian F. Minns	40
7	Marion E. Gibbons	82
11	Richard L. Belanger	76
11	Patricia Flynn	64
13	Peter Chmura	93
14	James D. Mosher	60
15	John V. Boudreau	78
15	Sophie P. LaGrant	83
17	Rudolph E. Smola	77
18	Linda McGuire	52
19	Helen Bak	80
19	Thaddeus J. Nadolski	78
21	John Jamrog	92
25	George Young	73
December		
1	Walter Parda	85
2	Ervin C. Smith	77
5	Bernice R. Hecment	86
7	Janet Burrell	86
7	Ellen F. Reed	86
7	Ralph S. Conz	86
9	Raymond H. Dudley, Jr.	83
10	Janina A. Gosselin	89

19	Gus A. Theodore	81
21	Charles W. Lockwood	91
21	Henry G. Marx, Jr.	78
23	Stanley J. Geslock	66
23	Theresa M. Roy	47
26	Angela E. O'Connor	85
27	George H. Booth	86
27	Erwin F. Midura	81
27	Helen Skowyra	78
29	Joseph G. LaGrant	86
29	Zachary J. Charron	1 mo.17days
31	Susan Dunderdale	48
31	Alva C. Lemoine	97

September 19, 2006
State Primary

Democratic Party: Total Votes cast 1101

Senator In Congress

Edward M. Kennedy	897
All Others	3
Blanks	201

Governor

Christopher F. Gabrieli	239
Deval L. Patrick	403
Thomas F. Reilly	449
All Others	2
Blanks	8

Lieutenant Governor

Deborah Goldberg	214
Timothy P. Murray	573
Andrea C. Silbert	211
All Others	1
Blanks	102

Attorney General

Martha Coakley	743
All Others	2
Blanks	356

Secretary of State

William Francis Galvin	800
John Bonifaz	140
All Others	2
Blanks	159

Treasurer Statewide

Timothy P. Cahill	815
All Others	2
Blanks	284

Auditor Statewide

A. Joseph DeNucci	746
All Others	2
Blanks	353

Representative in Congress Second District

Richard E. Neal	889
All Others	2
Blanks	210

Councilor Seventh District

Brian J. Buckley	131
John C. Burke	99
Brian D'Andrea	136
Thomas J. Foley	279
Daniel S. O'Connor	167
All Others	2
Blanks	287

Senator in General Court Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire & Franklin District

Stephen M. Brewer	943
All Others	2
Blanks	156

District Attorney

William M. Bennett	856
All Others	2
Blanks	234

Clerk of Courts

Marie Grimaldi Mazza	503
James R. Goodhines	419
Brian P. Lees	9
All Others	8
Blanks	162

Register of Deeds

Donald E. Ashe	732
Gerard B. Matthews	257
All Others	2
Blanks	110

Republican Total Votes Cast 195

Senator in Congress

Kenneth G. Chase	59
Kevin P. Scott	95
All Others	1
Blanks	40

Governor

Kerry Healey	162
Deval L. Patrick	1
All Others	3
Blanks	29

Lieutenant Governor

Reed V. Hillman	180
Blanks	15

Attorney General Statewide

Larry Frisoli	117
Blanks	78

Representative In General Court

Todd M. Smola	170
All Others	1
Blanks	24

Clerk Of Courts

Brian P. Lees	63
All Others	1
Blanks	131

**State Election
November 7, 2006**

Total Votes Cast 4278

Senator In Congress

Edward M. Kennedy	2665	Democrat
Kenneth G. Chase	1463	Republican
All Others	2	
Blanks	148	

Governor and Lieutenant Governor

Healey/Hillman	1726	Republican
Patrick/Murray	2138	Democrat
Mihos/Sullivan	306	Unenrolled
Ross/Robinson	69	Green Rainbow
Blanks	39	

Attorney General

Martha Caokley	2806	Democrat
Larry Frisoli	1204	Republican
Blanks	268	

Secretary of State

William Francis Galvin	3122	Democrat
Jill E. Stein	668	Green-Rainbow
Blanks	483	

Treasurer

Timothy P. Cahill	3125	Democrat
James O'Keefe	648	Green-Rainbow
Blanks	505	

Auditor

A. Joseph DeNucci	2815	Democrat
Rand Wilson	917	Unenrolled
Blanks	546	

Representative in Congress

Richard E. Neal	3269	Democrat
Brian P. Lees	0	Republican
All Others	10	
Blanks	999	

Councilor Seventh District

Thomas J. Foley	3006	Democrat
All Others	7	
Blanks	1265	

Senator In General Court Worcester,Hampden,Hampshire & Franklin District

Stephen M. Brewer	3483	Democrat
All Others	2	
Blanks	793	

District Attorney Hampden District

William M. Bennett	3358	Democrat
Blanks	920	

Clerk of Courts

James R. Goodhines	1901	Democrat
Brian P. Lees	2162	Republican
Blanks	215	

Register of Deeds Hampden District

Donald E. Ashe	3270	Democrat
Blanks	1008	

Representative In General Court First Hampden District

Todd M. Smola	Prec.1	855	Republican
All Others		3	
Blanks		230	
Blanks	Prec.2	962	Republican
		247	
All Others	Prec.3	764	Republican
Blanks		2	
		217	
Others	Prec.4	798	Republican
Blanks		1	
		199	

Question 1

Food store to sell wine

Yes	1795	No	2327	Blanks	156	Total	4278
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Question 2

Provide Voters with more ballot choices

Yes	1107	No	2788	Blanks	383	Total	4278
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Question 3

Family child care providers

Yes	1696	No	2192	Blanks	390	Total	4278
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Question 4

Community Preservation Act

Yes	1144	No	2688	Blanks	446	Total	4278
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Question 5

PPQ 1st Hampden End War in Iraq

Yes	2126	No	1691	Blank	461	Total	4278
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Palmer Conservation Commission has seven volunteer members, and a Conservation Agent, who have as their charge the protection of Palmer Township's natural resources. Over the past 12 months the Commission has acted upon or issued (Tables 1 & 2):

Table 1. Palmer Conservation Commission Summary for 2006.

175 Site Inspections	0 Certificate of Emergency
9 Determinations of Applicability	0 Certificate of Compliance
9 Notices of Intent	0 Warning Notices
8 Orders of Conditions	2 Forest Cutting Plan Reviews
1 Amended Order of Conditions	0 Enforcement Orders

Table 2. Palmer Conservation Commission Summary of July 1, 2006 thru June 30, 2007.

150 Site Inspections	2 Certificates of Emergency
10 Determinations of Applicability	5 Certificates of Compliance
30 Notices of Intent	1 Warning Notices
25 Orders of Conditions	2 Forest Cutting Plan Reviews
3 Amended Order of Conditions	3 Enforcement Orders

This is the Palmer Conservation Commission's 40th year conserving and protecting the wetlands throughout the town. We would like to both congratulate and thank David Johnson, the Chairman of the Conservation Commission, for his tremendous dedication and hard work all 40 years. His wealth of knowledge and experience has been, and continues to be a valuable asset to the town.

The Fall and Winter of 2006 brought the resignations of Conservation Members Jane Golas and Matthew Christy, and of Linda Leduc, Conservation Agent. The Commission would like to welcome Vincent Yurkunas, the newest member, and Sheryl Becker, who has filled the position of Conservation Agent. The Commission also welcomes volunteer member Matthew Jones, a recent Palmer High School graduate.

The Palmer Conservation Commission was the host of a series of MACC (Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions) workshops in Spring 2007. Another constructive project was the building and defining of 6 bluebird boxes along Rt. 181 on the Ware River by Pathfinder Inc.

The Commission has also done considerable work on the Midura Family Conservation Area. In the Fall of 2006, the Commission created a visitors' guide brochure for the Conservation Area. In addition, the Commission has flagged the Conservation Area property, defining wetland and property boundaries. In February 2007, the Commission applied for a grant to extend the Midura Conservation Area, but it was denied.

As a result of the increased development in town, there were many more extensive filings that required extensive research and numerous inspections and meetings. The Commission will continue to diligently protect the valuable natural resources for the Town of Palmer.

The Commission holds meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month; the meetings begin at 7 PM and are open to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

David Johnson, Chairman
Peter Izyk
Donald Duffy
Robert Ring
Harry Johnson
Theresa Mursick-Meyer

PLANNING BOARD

The Palmer Planning Board, consisting of five elected members, met regularly during the twelve-month period of June 2006 thru June 2007. It is the Board's policy to meet as often as necessary to conduct business deemed appropriate under General Laws and the Charter of the Town of Palmer, generally the first and third Mondays of each month.

The Planning Department is comprised of the following elected members and staff.

Elected Members

Chairman	Michael S. Marciniac
Vice Chairman	Norman Czech
Clerk	Joseph Slowick Jr. Thomas Skowyra James Haley Jr.

Staff

Town Planner	Linda Leduc
Principal Clerk	Mary Watson

During the past 12-months, the Planning Board held twenty-one regular meetings and two special meetings, as well as conducted numerous site inspections and review inspections. In addition to our own meetings, we have also had meetings with other Boards and Committees and have attended seminars and workshops to help better prepare our members for the positions for which they have been elected. During these various meetings, the Board held hearings or acted on thirteen Special Permits, seven Site Plan Approvals, seventeen plans meeting zoning requirements and deemed exempt from subdivision regulations (SANR), four extensions on previously approved definitive subdivision plans and five Special Permit Renewals for Earth Removal. There were three Zoning Amendments that were approved and three Amendments to Special Permits that were granted.

Over the past year, the Planning Department has undergone a change of staff. Mrs. Sabine Prather left in October 2006, with Ms. Leduc earning the role as Town Planner. The Board would like to welcome our new Planning Department staff. Ms. Linda Leduc became the new Town Planner in November 2006 and Ms. Mary Watson came onboard in December 2006 as Principal Clerk for the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission and Palmer Redevelopment Authority. We wish them much success with their new endeavors.

Over the past twelve months, the Planning Board has been involved in permitting many new and interesting projects. Site Plan approval was issued for a variety of new small businesses within the Industrial and Business districts. Special Permits were issued for an array of new projects including a 36-unit condominium project,

construction and re-development of two gas stations in the downtown area, a large mixed commercial project along Thorndike Street, a cell tower in the Maple Tree Industrial Park and a hardware store on Main Street. The Planning Board has also received grant money to work with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to conduct a feasibility study for a bike trail along an abandoned section of rail line in the north end of town and a hiking trail along a section of the Ware River.

The Planning Board and the Town Planner also worked closely with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to finalize and adopt two new Ordinances in response to the town's obligation to Commonwealth Capital Program. The Transfer of Development Rights and Open Space Residential Development ordinances were both created to aid in conserving Palmer's important natural resources while encouraging commercial development in areas capable of sustaining the impacts of such use. The Planning Board was also instrumental in updating the Town's Zoning Ordinance to accommodate Palmer's transition to a Town Council form of government.

Economic Development is of course a priority for many Palmer residents and is also a concern for the Planning Board and staff. Job losses have been severe over the past several years and have contributed to increased personal property tax rates. The Town Planner has been working with the regional planning commission to investigate the pros and cons to the Town of Palmer adopting the local option of Chapter 43D, also known as the Expedited Permitting Law, passed within Chapter 205 of the Acts of 2006. The local adoption of this law would allow specific commercial and Industrial zoned areas to be designated as Priority Development Sites. The individual sites will receive marketing on the national level and priority consideration for state grant opportunities. The town of Palmer is also eligible for a one-time grant that would greatly aid the Planning Department in better serving the Public's needs.

During fiscal 2008, the Board will be working with the regional planning commission to develop a Storm Water/Low Impact Development (LID) Ordinance as is required of the Town of Palmer so as to be in compliance with the State's Phase II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) regulations. The Board also plans to reevaluate its Subdivision Regulations as they were last updated in 1993 and some of the technical sections must be updated to reflect current construction methods and design guidelines.

In closing, the Planning Board would like to thank the citizens of Palmer, Elected Officials, Town Boards and the Planning Department staff for assisting us in our planning endeavors.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael S. Marciniak
Chairman

BUILDING INSPECTOR

The following is a summary of my activities for fiscal year 2007. Permits were approved, specifications reviewed, and construction monitored for:

New Single Family Dwellings	15
New Two Family Dwelling	1
Additions to Residential Buildings	6
Additions to Commercial Building	6

Renovations to Residential Buildings	91
Replace Mobile Home	2
Barns	2
Carports	3
Decks	66
Demolition	18
Garages	9
Gazebo	0
Pools Above Ground	21
Pools In Ground	1
Roofing, Siding and Window Permits	232
Sheds	46
Signs	30
Wood Burning Stove Permits	36
Inspections for Specified Use Groups	50
Telephone Messages	2,663
Inspections	758
Occupancy Permits	81
Electrical Permits	256
Plumbing Permits	133
Gas Permits	78

TOTAL	4,604

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard W. Rollet
Building Inspector

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

As plumbing inspector for the Town of Palmer, I hereby submit the following Annual Report for inspections made by me for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007:

New Plumbing Permits	38
Renovations	69
Water Heaters	41

I have also investigated complaints of potentially dangerous plumbing work and also violations of Chapter 142 of the Massachusetts General Law.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald Nichols
Plumbing Inspector

WIRING INSPECTOR

As Wiring Inspector for the Town of Palmer, I hereby submit the following annual report for inspections made by me for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007:

Residential	208
Commercial	27
Industrial	8
Others	<u>12</u>
Total	255

Respectfully submitted,
Stanley J. Pietryka
Wiring Inspector

GAS INSPECTOR

As gas inspector for the Town of Palmer, I am responsible for the inspection, testing and issuing of permits in accordance with the codes and regulations of the Massachusetts General Laws. In this capacity about one hundred twenty inspections and permits were made and issued between January 1, 2005 and July 15, 2006.

The second phase of work done by this department includes investigating complaints of old and potentially dangerous gas fitting installations, violations of the law, and hazardous and defective material.

I would like to thank all the personnel involved with the Building Department for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Stahelski
Gas Inspector

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

I hereby submit the annual report for the Department of Weights and Measures. Seventy measuring and weighing devices were tested, sealed or condemned by this department for the fiscal year FY07. A total of 36 various packaged goods were tested. Out of that amount, 29 were found to be correct, 5 were overweight, and 2 were underweight. One complaint was received for this period.

In FY07, fees charged amounted to \$744.00.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Serrato
Sealer of Weights & Measures

BOARD OF HEALTH

Percolation Test and Septic Designs

The Board of Health witnessed, collected fees and issued permits for thirty-nine (39) Percolation Tests during the year 2006-2007. Thirty-four (34) Septic Designs were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Housing Inspections and Investigations

Ninety-five investigations were made by the Board of Health to comply with Regulations and Laws pertaining to Public Health. Violations were corrected to meet the standards of the State Sanitary Code.

Flu Vaccine Clinics

A total of 480 doses of Influenza vaccine were administered to various segments of the citizenry of the town of Palmer and its 3 villages. Immunization clinics were held at the Converse Middle School, Palmer High School, Palmer Town Hall, Palmer Green Estates and at the Wing Memorial Hospital. This total included homebound citizens in private homes and senior living facilities in town. It also included Emergency Service Personnel from the ambulance, fire and police services.

Tobacco Control Program Grant

The Palmer Board of Health received grant money in the amount of \$5,238.18 from the Mass. Department of Public Health Tobacco Control Program.

Hampden County Health Coalition

The Health Coalition has given to the town of Palmer Board of Health \$2,102.00. The money was allocated for training for emergency preparedness, refrigerator for emergencies and numerous office supplies that are needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul E. Benard, Chairperson
John Lukaskiewicz
Jayne Heede
Brenda Thibault-Clerk

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES FOR YEAR 2006-2007

Animal Bites	12
Chlamydia	1
Hepatitis Type B	1
Hepatitis Type C	4
Influenza A	1
Lyme Disease	8
Pertussis	3
Rabies	4 Animal
TOTAL	34

Licenses and Permits issued in 2006-2007

Animal	23
Body Art Establishment	02
Body Art Practitioner	02
Catering	01
Dumpster	00
Food	92
Ice Cream	06
Frozen Dessert	07
Funeral Director	03
Hauler	12
Installer	22
Massage Therapist	08
Mobile Food Server	03
Mobile Home Park	01
Motel	02
Recreational Camp	02
Tanning	04
Temporary Food	07
Tobacco	30
Total	228

2006 TELEPHONE LOG

2006 -2007	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	TOTAL
Animal	4	4	4	4							5	12	33
Apt. Inspection	2	5	6	2	3	7	3		1	2		4	35
Asbestos		1	3	4	3								11
Body Art													0
Clinic			11	18	39	8	1	1		1			79
Complaints	24	21	11	19	15	22	33	17	22	49	20	30	283
D.E.P.				3	1								4
Food	6	8	16	2	4								36
Health	10	7	21	7									45
Housing	3		2	2	2								9
Immunizations													0
Law/Town Code													0
Lead						1				1	1	1	4
Monthly Board Mtg										6	1	3	4
Other	37	21	18	19	27	36	51	50	40	54	48	56	457
Percs	2	2	1			1			3	9	8	4	30
Permits	2	4	3	3	7	14	28	9	12	12	5	10	109
Rabies													0
Restaurants													0

Report. Diseases							1				1		2
Septic	6	10	20	15	8	10	14	6	12	15	26	17	159
Tobacco	5	3		1	4	14	13	7	1	6	6	11	71
Water	2												2
Well	3	3		4	4			2			1		17
TOTAL	106	89	116	85	117	113	144	92	97	150	123	149	1381

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Palmer Community Development Department is located in Memorial Hall at 1029 Central Street Palmer. The office is open Monday – Friday from 9:00am to 4:30pm.

The Community Development Department was established in 1991 for the purpose of administering a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the Town of Palmer. Over the years the department has expanded its services by becoming a Local Rehabilitation Agency for the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency, and by applying for and receiving grants from other agencies/programs.

Community Development Block Grant Program

The Community Development Block Grant Program is funded under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended. The primary objective of the statute is “... *to develop viable, urban communities by providing decent housing and suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities principally for low – moderate income persons.*”

The Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development encourages: programs which develop and preserve affordable housing; planning toward both resource protection and sustainable economic activity; downtown revitalization integral to community development; and community-based planning that assesses needs and identifies strategies for addressing those needs. Projects eligible for funding under the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant Program include: planning; housing rehabilitation and creation of affordable housing; economic development projects which create and/or retain jobs; efforts directed toward rehabilitation and stabilization of existing neighborhoods, commercial areas and downtowns; infrastructure; construction and/or rehabilitation of community facilities; and public social services.

The Palmer Community Development Department relies entirely on grant dollars to finance its projects and operate its office. The Town of Palmer provides space, heat and electricity.

The Palmer Community Development Department completed and closed out the FFY04 and FFY05 Community Development Block Grants previously awarded to the Town of Palmer, and began expending funds from the FFY06 Community Development Block Grant awarded July 31, 2006.

✓ FFY04 Community Development Block Grant

Total expenditures in FY07: \$66,353.77 - \$65,476 expended on Housing Rehabilitation and \$877.77 expended on general administration.

On July 9, 2004 the Town of Palmer was awarded \$607,934 from the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant Program. These funds were awarded to finance: \$40,000 of Housing Rehabilitation Administration, \$100,000 for four (4) Housing Rehabilitation Deferred Payment Loans, \$18,500 of Public Facility/Infrastructure Administration, \$321,500 for the replacement of 905 linear feet of water main servicing Pearl and Orchard Streets, \$6,000 of Public Service Program Administration, \$35,000 to provide services to 156 senior citizens, and \$86,934 of General Program Administration. As of June 30, 2007 the Palmer Community Development Department has expended \$51,051.81 for Housing Rehabilitation Administration, \$185,374.23 (includes \$17,063.30 in program income funds) to rehabilitate 14 living units occupied by 21 low to moderate income residents of Palmer; \$7,448.19 for Public Facility/Infrastructure Administration, \$253,364.07 to replace 905 linear feet of water main servicing Pearl and Orchard Streets, \$6,000 for Public Service Program Administration, \$35,000 to finance 1,446 hours of volunteer time to provide 1,225 services to 109 low to moderate income senior citizens, and \$86,934 for General Program Administration.

✓ FFY05 Community Development Block Grant

Total expenditures in FY07: \$36,299.62 expended for Housing Rehabilitation Administration, \$118,169.74 expended for Housing Rehabilitation Deferred Payment Loans, \$4,021 for Public Service Program Administration, \$26,472.60 for Public Services and \$39,129 for General Program Administration.

On July 12, 2005 the Town of Palmer was awarded \$235,787 from the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant Program. These funds were awarded to finance: \$42,126 of Housing Rehabilitation Administration, \$115,000 for six (6) Housing Rehabilitation Deferred Payment Loans, \$4,021 for Public Service Program Administration, \$35,000 to provide services to 50 senior citizens, and \$39,640 for General Program Administration. As of June 30, 2007 the Palmer Community Development Department has expended \$42,126 for Housing Rehabilitation Administration, \$123,198 (includes \$8,198 in program income funds) to rehabilitate 7 living units occupied by 9 low to moderate income residents, \$4,021 for Public Service Program Administration, \$35,000 to finance 1,903 hours of volunteer time to provide 1,348 services to 78 lot to moderate income senior citizens, and \$39,721.19 for General Program Administration.

✓ FFY06 Community Development Block Grant

Total expenditures in FY07: \$3,556.96 expended for Housing Rehabilitation Administration, \$38,706.98 expended for Housing Rehabilitation Deferred Payment Loans, \$3,666.22 expended for Public Facility/Infrastructure Program Administration, \$41,797.69 expended for Streets and Sidewalks servicing Chestnut and Arch Streets, \$44,619.12 expended for water main replacement servicing Chestnut and Arch Streets, \$75,791.89 for sanitary sewer replacement servicing Chestnut and Arch Streets, \$37,965.48 expended for storm drain replacement servicing Chestnut and Arch Streets, \$14,600 for architectural services for the design of the Memorial Hall rehabilitation project, \$391.23 for Public Service Program Administration, \$10,711.29 for Public Services, and \$3,059.90 for General Program Administration.

On July 27, 2006 the Town of Palmer was awarded \$923,855 from the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant Program. These funds were awarded to finance: \$24,477 of Housing Rehabilitation Administration; \$59,598 to be supplemented with \$89,882 in program income funds to

finance eight (8) Housing Rehabilitation Deferred Payment Loans; \$44,236 of Public Facility/Infrastructure Program Administration; \$214,674 to be supplemented with \$8,520 in in-kind services to reclaim and repave 600' of Chestnut Street, to grade-gravel-pave 290' of Arch Street, to reconstruct 900' of sidewalk parallel to Chestnut Street including ADA features; \$227,934 to be supplemented with \$9,000 of in kind services and \$15,000 from the Palmer Water District for the replacement of 890' of water main, \$142,062 to be supplemented with \$856 of in kind services for the replacement of 1,125' of sanitary sewer main, the Town of Palmer committed \$127,376 in program income funds to replace 720' of storm drain, \$73,000 for architectural services relative to the rehabilitation of Memorial Hall, \$10,765 for Public Service program administration, \$40,000 to provide services to 75 senior citizens, and \$87,109 for General Program Administration.

✓ FFY07 Community Development Block Grant Program

On February 16, 2007 the Town of Palmer submitted an application to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development applying for \$1,000,000 in grant funds from the Community Development Block Grant Program to finance: \$29,487 of Housing Rehabilitation Program Administration; \$60,000 supplemented with \$40,000 of program income funds to finance four (4) Housing Rehabilitation Deferred Payment loans; \$41,935 for Public Facility/Infrastructure Program Administration; \$220,864 supplemented with \$33,000 from the Palmer Department of Public Works and \$6,987 of in kind services to reclaim re-grade and repave 1,800 square yards of Fox Street and reconstruct 725' of sidewalk parallel to Fox Street including ADA features; \$186,203 supplemented with \$33,000 from the Palmer Water District and \$8,000 of in-kind services to replace 610' of water main servicing Fox Street; \$127,198 supplemented with \$33,000 from the Palmer Waste Water Treatment Department and \$3,200 of in kind services to replace 800' of sanitary sewer main servicing Fox Street; \$142,805 supplemented with \$2,343 of in kind services to replace 635' of storm drain servicing Fox Street; \$13,048 of Public Service Program Administration; \$83,000 supplemented with \$36,028 of in-kind services and contributions to finance the provision of services to 60 senior citizens, to create a Domestic Violence Task Force, and to provide financial literacy education to 30 low to moderate income residents; and \$95,460 for General Program Administration.

✓ Massachusetts Downtown Initiative

The Town of Palmer applied for and received consulting services valued at \$6,500 from the Massachusetts Downtown Initiative a component of the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant Program. The Massachusetts Downtown Initiative Program hired the Cecil Group to assist the Town in determining what steps it should take next to continue the revitalization of downtown Palmer and what steps should be taken to redevelop the Holbrook Site. On June 13, 2007 Dale Allen from the Cecil Group presented the draft report to the Town of Palmer and the Palmer Redevelopment Authority. The final report should be received early in FY08.

✓ Economic Development Fund

On May 31, 2007 the Town of Palmer acting as the Lead Community on behalf of Belchertown, Brimfield, Brookfield, East Brookfield, Hardwick, Holland, Monson, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Spencer, Wales, Ware, Warren, and West Brookfield submitted a pre-application to the Department of Housing and Community Development for \$500,000 to finance \$69,598 for Community Economic Development Administration, \$160,000 for For-Profit Loans to create and/or retain 16 jobs in the region,

\$156,000 for Micro enterprise loans to create/retain 6 jobs in the region, \$10,989 for Public Service Program Administration, \$35,000 for 110 tuition waivers for computer training and business planning training, and \$68,413 for General Program Administration. The proposed program will be managed by the Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corporation (QVBAC), a private non-profit corporation, whose activities are administered by the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation (QVCDC). The Town of Palmer working in conjunction with the Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corporation is working on constructing the application for submission.

MassHousing Get the Lead Out Program Through a partnership with Departments of Public Health and Housing and Community Development, MassHousing offers an affordable way to remove hazardous lead paint from your home. The Palmer Community Development Department serves as a local rehabilitation agency assisting homeowners in getting living units inspected, determining the scope of work to be performed, getting quotes for the work to be done, applying for loans, inspecting the work that was performed and paying the contractors. During FY07 the Palmer Community Development Department assisted four (4) homeowners complete \$79,805 worth of de-leading in their homes.

USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant

The objective of the Housing Preservation Grant program is to repair or rehabilitate individual housing, rental properties, or co-ops owned and/or occupied by very low- and low-income rural persons. Grantees will provide eligible homeowners, owners of rental properties, and owners of co-ops with financial assistance through loans, grants, interest reduction payments or other comparable financial assistance for necessary repairs and rehabilitation.

On June 15, 2007 the Town of Palmer submitted a grant application to the USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant program seeking \$7,500 for program administration and \$42,500 to supplement Palmer's existing Housing Improvement Program. If successful these funds will be used to finance part of the rehabilitation of four (4) single-family homes.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Davey
Community Development Director

COUNCIL ON AGING

The mission of the Palmer Council on Aging/Senior Center is to identify the total needs of the senior population, to promote and encourage new and existing activities, to provide services and education to enhance the quality of life for elders and to assist elders to age with dignity and independence.

The Council on Aging provided a broad range of services to Palmer's 60+ population July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. Of the 2,361 Senior Citizen's, the number of unduplicated elders receiving a direct service from the Council on Aging were approximately 1,200. Twelve issues of the Senior Center Newsletter were printed and a total of 8,400 newsletters were distributed and a mass mailing was sent in May to every senior in Palmer over the age of 65 yrs totaling 1,500.

13,023 signatures were acquired from the Senior Center daily sign-in registration sheets. 7,653 phone calls were taken.

An Outreach Service Coordinator accesses and assesses the 60+ population to all Federal, State and County Programs they may be entitled to. There were 508 unduplicated visits made in the senior's home or at the senior center. There were 332 duplicated visits made in the seniors home or at the senior center. There were 1,582 unduplicated units of service and 311 duplicated units of service provided to seniors, a total of 1,893 units of service provided.

To care for the physical needs of our 60+ population, A Health Fair (in conjunction with Wing Hospital) Health screenings, Hearing Screenings, Eye Care, Foot Care, Exercise programs, Line Dancing & Nutrition Classes were provided at the Palmer Senior Center. 2,267 duplicated individuals took advantage of these programs. Twenty-eight speakers engaged to discuss health related issues and medical equipment was available at the Palmer Senior Center to be loaned at no charge as needed. Eighty-six individuals took advantage of this program.

A congregate meal program was held at the Palmer Senior Center, sponsored through the Greater Springfield Senior Services, Inc. and the Council on Aging. 3,901 meals were served. The Council on Aging continues to provide supportive services to homebound elders. Thirty-five unduplicated elders were contacted by phone on a regular basis through the R-U-O-K program. In Home Meals provided 100+ frail elders with a hot meal five days a week, totaling 12,523 meals.

1,260 Brown Bags were delivered to seniors as part of the Western MA Food Bank Program.

In and Out of Town Van Transportation: 115 unduplicated passengers, including 26 passengers under 60 years of age utilized this service 5,230 trips were taken.

Individuals were helped through the Free AARP Income Tax Program. Tax Assistance, Fuel Assistance, Transportation, Information and referrals were also available to the under 60 low-income and disabled population. We held a party for every holiday and our Annual Veteran's Day Luncheon & Annual 90+ Birthday Party.

There were 81 volunteers who gave their time at the senior center. The total hours volunteered were 6,260 valued at \$46,950.00. Thanks volunteers!!

GRANT FUNDING

\$13,869.00 in Formula Grant money was awarded to the Palmer Council on Aging from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs in Boston for an Outreach Service Coordinator position. This grant also funds the Activities/Program Coordinator position and the Volunteer Coordinator Position.

\$12,430.00 Title IIIB Grant awarded to the Palmer Council on Aging from Greater Springfield Senior Services for the Outreach Position for 12 hours/week.

\$40,000.00 was awarded from CDBG Monies for the Volunteer Coordinator and program.

\$70,000.00 was awarded from CDBG Monies for architectural services to rehabilitate Memorial Hall.

\$200.00 was awarded from Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture for Vegetable Steamers for Farmshare program.

\$1,600.00 was awarded from the Palmer Cultural Council Grants for various programs.

\$854.00 was awarded from Greater Springfield Senior Services Title IIIC Nutrition.

I would like to thank all of the staff, volunteers and the board members of the Council on Aging for all the work that they do all year. They are very dedicated and caring people who strive to provide the best services for the elders in Palmer.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Pincince
Director

Council on Aging Board Members

Alice J. Smith, Chairperson
Genevieve Bates, 1st Vice Chair
Debbie Strauss, Secretary
Mary Hubert, 2nd Vice Chair
Ed Bradlenski

Betty Koss
Gloria Brouillette
Pearl Coyer
Linda Lamay
Audrey Julian

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICE

The year of 2007 has been a year of many challenges for the Veteran's Services Department. The department continues to see increased activity with veterans in need of services. Energy, prescription drug and medical costs have risen dramatically and in turn many veterans on fixed incomes have fallen on difficult times. This office has endeavored to take applications for veterans and their families and to find services for those veterans in need.

The commonwealth changed the statutory exemption that has increased and expanded property tax exemptions for veterans. In addition, veterans who have been determined to be permanently disabled by the Medical Advisory Board within the Registry of Motor Vehicles will now be eligible for an excise exemption.

During this reporting period your Veterans Service officer has increased efforts in the area of outreach by providing ongoing information to the media and is committed to serve local veterans.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Mathison
Veteran's Service Officer

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Palmer Historical Commission's monthly meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month in the History Room of the Palmer Public Library. At these meetings, which are open to the public, topics of historical significance as they pertain to the Town of Palmer are discussed. In addition, donations of historical items are always welcome and are acknowledged.

Election of Officers took place at the April 25, 2007 Meeting:
Stephen M. Nowak, Chairman Marion F. Lis, Treasurer
Lorraine Y. Novak, Secretary

On October 6, 2006, the Palmer Historical Commission awarded commemorative canes to Palmer's oldest male and female residents: Bertrand Dupuis and Angelina Karlon. In attendance at this presentation ceremony held at the Palmer Senior Center, was State Senator, Stephen Brewer, and State Representative, Todd Smola.

Palmer hosted the Massachusetts Historical Commission's Regional Meeting "An Introduction to Historic Preservation Planning." at the Palmer Library on March 29, 2007. This presentation by Christopher Skelly, Director of Local Government Programs, was primarily for area historical commission members, and anyone else interested in understanding the basic techniques for protecting historic resources in their community.

On May 27, 2007, the Historical Commission participated in a Memorial Service at Quabbin Park Cemetery to commemorate the lives of those who once lived in the four towns, which are now covered by the waters of the Quabbin Reservoir.

Donation received:

Commemorative Programs and ceremonial items from St. Joseph's Polish Society in Thorndike donated by Stephen Kosmider, President

The Commission is continuing to move its historical artifacts to the History Room at the Palmer Public Library. When this transfer of documents and records is completed, this room will serve as a valuable resource for historical researchers and genealogists.

Respectfully submitted,

PALMER HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Stephen M. Nowak

Lorraine Y. Novak

Jane Golas

Marion F. Lis

Rose Riskalla

Harold Olson

LICENSE COMMISSION

The following is a summary if the licenses and fees collected for the 2006-2007 year.

All Alcoholic Beverage License:

Type	#	Fee	Total
Inn Holder	1	\$800.00	\$800.00
Club	5	\$800.00	\$4000.00
Retail Package Store	4	\$665.00	\$2660.00
Seasonal	1	\$400.00	\$400.00
Restaurant	13	\$800.00	\$10,400.00

Wine and Malt Beverage License

Retail Package Store	3	\$520.00	\$1560.00
Restaurant	2	\$520.00	\$1040.00
Restaurant with Cordials	2	\$565.00	\$1130.00

The License Commission had no violations for this report.

Respectfully submitted,
Palmer License Commission
Richard L. Fitzgerald
Robert P. Frydryk
Matthew Lovell
Dennis Gaudreau
Theodore Simard

PALMER HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Palmer Housing Authority office and adjacent development known, as Laurel Manor, is located at 13 Fletcher Street. Laurel Manor consists of 48 one-bedroom units. The Palmer Housing Authority operates under the State Chapter 667 Elderly/Handicapped Program. All the rules and regulations are promulgated by the Department of Housing and Community Development, adopted by the Palmer Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and carried out by the housing authority staff. The staff consists of one part time Executive Director and one part time maintenance person.

Applications can be obtained at the office on 13 Fletcher Street or upon request. A preference is given to local residents and local veterans of 60 years of age or better. The current net income for eligibility is \$40,150 for one person and \$45,900 for two persons. As units become available they are filled from the waiting list of eligible applicants. Five vacancies were filled between July 1, 2006 – June 1, 2007, of which 4 persons were local residents.

The Board of Commissioners consists of 5 members, 4 elected and 1 governor appointee. Each member serves a 5-year term. The Commissioners meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 4:00 P.M., to conduct the authority business.

The goal of the Board of Commissioners is to maintain the properties and to continue to provide clean, safe and affordable housing to those in need.

Respectfully submitted,
Veronica A. Strzemienski, Chairperson
Ronald W. Lemanski, Vice Chairperson
Germaine Lefebvre, Treasurer/State Appointee
Margaret Higgins, Assistant Treasurer
Mildred Jasak, Commissioner

PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Palmer Redevelopment Authority (PRA) received \$ 335,000 in grant money from the Executive Office of Transportation for rail improvements at the Palmer Industrial Park, Bondsville, MA. The project was granted for the installation of an 1800' runaround track and a stub track for rail car and locomotive storage. All improvements will be done within the existing railroad right of way. The contracts are due to be signed in October of 2007 with construction set to begin in 2008.

Throughout the year the PRA continued its efforts to develop the Holbrook Site in downtown Palmer, Depot Village. The Town of Palmer has applied for state funds under Chapter 43D, Expedited Permitting, which would allow this site to be registered as a Priority Development Site (PDS)

The PRA lost a very valuable member Mr. Thomas Haley in 2007. Mr. Haley was the founder of the Palmer Industrial Park.

Mr. Frank Real gave his letter of resignation and therefore new members were voted and appointed to the Authority.

Respectfully Submitted,
Palmer Redevelopment Authority
Blake Lamothe Chairman
David Swirk Vice Chairman
Michael Pajak Treasurer/State Appointed
Tony Matejczyk Secretary
Margaret Higgins

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Palmer Zoning Board of Appeals received 10 applications for various transactions to meet the dimensional requirements to the Town of Palmer Zoning Ordinances for the year 2006 through June 30,2007.

The Board held public hearings on all petitions received according to the provisions of Chapter 40-A, Section 11, of the Massachusetts General Laws. As a result of the hearings, 6 Variances were filed, and 1 was granted and 5 were denied. Also filed were 3 Findings two were granted and one was denied. One Administrative Appeal was filed and granted.

Income from the Board amounted to \$1,000.00. These fees are collected to cover the expense of the public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,
Zoning Board of Appeals

Antonio Andre, Chairman
Norman Czech, Vice Chairman
Ingrid Thompson, Clerk
Gary Doane, Alternate

Russell Brown, Member
Dennis Fountain, Member
Walter Solzak, Alternate

DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL FINANCE

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

General fund appropriations (Unaudited Actual)

Dept.	Dept. Name	Function	Encumbered From 2006	Original Appropriation	Transfers/ Amendments	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Encumbered To 2008	Ending Balance
111	Town Council	Expenditures		\$ 550.00		\$ 550.00	\$ 395.26	\$ 154.74		\$ 154.74
123	Town Manager	Salaries	\$3,449.86	\$ 144,070.00	\$ 456.50	\$ 147,976.36	\$ 147,964.69	\$ 11.67		\$ 11.67
		Expenses	\$8,058.00	\$ 18,300.00	\$ (958.50)	\$ 25,399.50	\$ 16,985.15	\$ 8,414.35	\$ 1,587.37	\$ 6,826.98
		Capital					\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
130	Audit	Expenditures		\$ 21,000.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ 20,500.00	\$ 20,500.00	\$ -		\$ -
132	Reserve	Transfers		\$ 25,000.00	\$ (23,532.73)	\$ 1,467.27		\$ 1,467.27		\$ 1,467.27
135	Accountant	Salaries	\$658.97	\$ 72,437.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 73,095.97	\$ 73,095.97	\$ -		\$ -
		Expenses	\$1,800.00	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 359.41	\$ 3,609.41	\$ 3,399.79	\$ 209.62		\$ 209.62
137	Central Purch.	Expenses	\$7,982.12	\$ 193,250.00	\$ -	\$ 201,232.12	\$ 191,163.03	\$ 10,069.09	\$ 9,769.00	\$ 300.09
141	Assessors	Salaries	\$2,565.25	\$ 77,301.00	\$ -	\$ 79,866.25	\$ 78,770.21	\$ 1,096.04		\$ 1,096.04
		Expenses	\$21,185.75	\$ 5,375.00	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 64,560.75	\$ 26,743.34	\$ 37,817.41	\$ 37,291.00	\$ 526.41
145	Treasurer	Salaries	\$772.28	\$ 41,342.00	\$ 4,125.00	\$ 46,239.28	\$ 46,012.74	\$ 226.54		\$ 226.54
		Expenses		\$ 13,325.00	\$ 4,975.00	\$ 18,300.00	\$ 16,187.68	\$ 2,112.32		\$ 2,112.32
146	Collector	Salaries	\$1,184.53	\$ 104,219.00	\$ (5,600.00)	\$ 99,803.53	\$ 99,418.95	\$ 384.58		\$ 384.58
		Expenses		\$ 2,525.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 4,025.00	\$ 3,883.21	\$ 141.79		\$ 141.79
151	Laws & Claims	Salaries		\$ 21,000.00	\$ -	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ -		\$ -
		Contract	\$540.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 15,540.00	\$ 14,015.86	\$ 1,524.14	\$ -	\$ 1,524.14
155	Computer Maint.	Expenses	\$266.80	\$ 57,160.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 84,426.80	\$ 68,630.80	\$ 15,796.00	\$ 15,693.00	\$ 103.00
161	Town Clerk	Salaries	\$571.90	\$ 75,804.00	\$ 177.61	\$ 76,553.51	\$ 76,553.51	\$ -		\$ -
		Expenses		\$ 1,790.00	\$ -	\$ 1,790.00	\$ 1,739.06	\$ 50.94	\$ 50.66	\$ 0.28
162	Elections & Reg	Salaries		\$ 17,408.00	\$ (177.61)	\$ 17,230.39	\$ 12,055.67	\$ 5,174.72	\$ 3,367.86	\$ 1,806.86
		Expenses	\$1,914.02	\$ 9,175.00	\$ -	\$ 11,089.02	\$ 8,011.35	\$ 3,077.67	\$ 3,077.67	\$ -
171	Conservation	Salaries		\$ 10,400.00	\$ 17.82	\$ 10,417.82	\$ 10,417.82	\$ -		\$ -
		Expenses	\$834.92	\$ 1,750.00	\$ -	\$ 2,584.92	\$ 2,566.36	\$ 18.56	\$ 16.20	\$ 2.36
175	Planning Board	Salaries		\$ 71,256.00	\$ (17.82)	\$ 71,238.18	\$ 66,802.62	\$ 4,435.56		\$ 4,435.56
		Expenses	\$4,500.00	\$ 13,525.00	\$ -	\$ 18,025.00	\$ 4,751.06	\$ 13,273.94	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,273.94
176	Board of Appeals	Expenditures		\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
192	Building	Custodian		\$ 8,235.00	\$ -	\$ 8,235.00	\$ 7,890.99	\$ 344.01		\$ 344.01

		Expenses	\$250.00	\$ 33,800.00	\$ -	\$ 34,050.00	\$ 31,228.81	\$ 2,821.19	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,221.19
		Capital		\$ 7,500.00	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00		\$ 7,500.00		\$ 7,500.00
193	Memorial Hall	Custodian		\$ 6,588.00	\$ -	\$ 6,588.00	\$ 6,155.42	\$ 432.58		\$ 432.58
		Expenses	\$403.10	\$ 10,950.00	\$ -	\$ 11,353.10	\$ 10,869.83	\$ 483.27	\$ 160.47	\$ 322.80
195	Town Reports	Expenses		\$ 3,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,632.00	\$ 368.00		\$ 368.00
210	Police	Salaries	\$36,500.00	\$ 1,524,398.00	\$ -	\$ 1,560,898.00	\$ 1,532,224.55	\$ 28,673.45		\$ 28,673.45
		Expenses	\$3,627.92	\$ 99,500.00	\$ 2,424.52	\$ 105,552.44	\$ 76,775.49	\$ 28,776.95	\$ 16,725.02	\$ 12,051.93
210	Police	Capital			\$ 27,575.48	\$ 27,575.48	\$ 27,425.48	\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00
220	Forest Warden	Salaries		\$ 2,800.00	\$ -	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,799.96	\$ 0.04		\$ 0.04
		Expenses		\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
241	Building Inspec.	Salaries		\$ 45,261.00	\$ (25.00)	\$ 45,236.00	\$ 45,112.48	\$ 123.52		\$ 123.52
		Expenses		\$ 150.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 167.50	\$ 7.50		\$ 7.50
242	Gas Inspector	Salaries	\$2,680.00	\$ 150.00	\$ (2,680.00)	\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00
243	Plumbing Inspec.	Salaries	\$270.00	\$ 150.00	\$ (270.00)	\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00
244	Sealer	Salaries		\$ 2,750.00	\$ -	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,750.00	\$ -		\$ -
		Expenses		\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 245.75	\$ 54.25		\$ 54.25
245	Electrical	Salaries	\$745.03	\$ 150.00	\$ (745.03)	\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00
291	Civil Defense	Salaries		\$ 3,500.00	\$ 0.04	\$ 3,500.04	\$ 3,500.04	\$ -		\$ -
		Expenditures		\$ 1,000.00	\$ (0.04)	\$ 999.96	\$ 478.03	\$ 521.93		\$ 521.93
292	Dog Officer	Salaries		\$ 18,087.00	\$ -	\$ 18,087.00	\$ 18,087.00	\$ -		\$ -
		Expenses		\$ 3,500.00	\$ (0.04)	\$ 3,499.96	\$ 2,908.24	\$ 591.72	\$ 6.21	\$ 585.51
293	Animal Insp.	Salaries		\$ 1,448.00	\$ 0.04	\$ 1,448.04	\$ 1,448.04	\$ -		\$ -
294	Forestry	Expenses		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 8,900.00	\$ 28,900.00	\$ 28,394.00	\$ 506.00		\$ 506.00
310	Schools	Salaries	\$1,770,538.23	\$10,894,797.00	\$ 854.31	\$12,666,189.54	\$10,904,850.00	\$ 1,761,339.54	\$1,761,339.54	\$ -
		Expenses	\$48,177.43	\$ 4,455,203.00	\$ (854.31)	\$ 4,502,526.12	\$ 4,308,002.95	\$ 194,523.17	\$ 167,000.00	\$ 27,523.17
320	Pathfinder	Assessment		\$ 1,250,129.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1,250,131.00	\$ 1,250,131.00	\$ -		\$ -
410	Consulting Eng.	Expenditures		\$ 6,075.00	\$ -	\$ 6,075.00	\$ 2,490.00	\$ 3,585.00	\$ -	\$ 3,585.00
421	Highway	Salaries	\$599.27	\$ 432,321.00	\$ 3,625.20	\$ 436,545.47	\$ 429,726.77	\$ 6,818.70	\$ 325.00	\$ 6,493.70
		Expenses		\$ 10,500.00	\$ 11,800.00	\$ 22,300.00	\$ 20,860.65	\$ 1,439.35	\$ 491.42	\$ 947.93
422	Hwy Construction	Maintenance		\$ 112,750.00	\$ (17,075.20)	\$ 95,674.80	\$ 85,596.63	\$ 10,078.17	\$ 7.80	\$ 10,070.37
		Capital		\$ 15,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ -		\$ -
423	Snow & Ice	Overtime		\$ 18,000.00	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 43,113.71	\$ (25,113.71)		\$ (25,113.71)
		Supplies		\$ 32,000.00	\$ -	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 155,268.93	\$ (123,268.93)		\$ (123,268.93)
424	Street Lights	Expenses		\$ 97,000.00	\$ 6,074.40	\$ 103,074.40	\$ 101,308.36	\$ 1,766.04	\$ 1,741.46	\$ 24.58
425	RR Crossing	Expenses		\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,935.17	\$ 64.83		\$ 64.83
433	Waste Removal	Expenses	\$453.22	\$ 12,000.00	\$ (0.00)	\$ 12,453.22	\$ 12,453.22	\$ -		\$ -
435	Ground Water	Expenses	\$5,710.00	\$ 18,500.00	\$ -	\$ 24,210.00	\$ 15,735.72	\$ 8,474.28	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,474.28

441	Gen. Sewer	Expenses	\$30,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 89,848.43	\$ 151.57	\$ 151.57
443	WWTP	Salaries	\$9,300.00	\$ (9,300.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		Expenses	\$52,348.00	\$ (52,348.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
491	Cemetery	Salaries	\$1,626.00	\$ 81,403.00	\$ 275.60	\$ 83,304.60	\$ 83,304.60	\$ -	\$ -
		Expenses	\$708.96	\$ 12,350.00	\$ (0.00)	\$ 13,058.96	\$ 12,230.36	\$ 828.60	\$ 136.67
510	BOH	Salaries	\$ 17,683.00	\$ 73.32	\$ 17,756.32	\$ 17,756.32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		Expenses	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 577.62	\$ 22.38	\$ 22.38	\$ 22.38
		Health Serv.	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 83.28	\$ 66.72	\$ 66.72	\$ 66.72
523	Valley Human Services		\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
541	COA	Salaries	\$722.80	\$ 84,597.00	\$ 352.00	\$ 85,671.80	\$ 85,626.29	\$ 45.51	\$ 45.51
		Expenses	\$2,250.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (352.00)	\$ 5,898.00	\$ 4,350.27	\$ 1,547.73	\$ 73.83
543	Veterans	Salaries	\$ 10,874.00	\$ -	\$ 10,874.00	\$ 10,864.06	\$ 9.94	\$ 9.94	\$ 9.94
		Expenses	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
		Misc. & Ben.	\$ 60,400.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 71,400.00	\$ 70,725.32	\$ 674.68	\$ 674.68	\$ 674.68
610	Library	Salaries	\$ 464,557.00	\$ (34,615.43)	\$ 429,941.57	\$ 429,869.12	\$ 72.45	\$ 72.45	\$ 0.00
		Expenditures	\$ 275,291.00	\$ 34,615.43	\$ 309,906.43	\$ 308,378.88	\$ 1,527.55	\$ 1,527.55	\$ -
650	Parks	Salaries	\$4,262.59	\$ 174,053.00	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ 176,815.59	\$ 175,216.81	\$ 1,598.78	\$ 340.00
		Expenses	\$ 44,375.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 47,375.00	\$ 46,787.75	\$ 587.25	\$ 219.55	\$ 367.70
651	Pee Wee Parks	Maintenance	\$ 21,000.00	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 19,276.18	\$ 223.82	\$ 223.82	\$ 223.82
691	Historical	Expenses	\$ 230.00	\$ -	\$ 230.00	\$ 224.11	\$ 5.89	\$ 5.89	\$ 5.89
692	Memorial Day	Expenses	\$ 3,750.00	\$ -	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 2,089.70	\$ 1,660.30	\$ 1,660.30	\$ 1,660.30
699	Sports Leagues	Expenses	\$ 15,300.00	\$ -	\$ 15,300.00	\$ 15,298.70	\$ 1.30	\$ 1.30	\$ 1.30
710	Debt Principal		\$ 2,926,250.00	\$ -	\$ 2,926,250.00	\$ 2,925,310.65	\$ 939.35	\$ 939.35	\$ 939.35
751	Debt Interest		\$ 737,577.00	\$ -	\$ 737,577.00	\$ 734,034.21	\$ 3,542.79	\$ 3,542.79	\$ 3,542.79
910	County Retirem.	Assessment	\$ 1,414,556.00	\$ -	\$ 1,414,556.00	\$ 1,414,556.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
913	Unemployment		\$ 47,999.00	\$ -	\$ 47,999.00	\$ 41,787.52	\$ 6,211.48	\$ 4,815.45	\$ 1,396.03
914	Group Health Ins		\$ 3,826,470.00	\$ (51,000.00)	\$ 3,775,470.00	\$ 3,121,842.30	\$ 653,627.70	\$ 595,467.69	\$ 58,160.01
915	Group Life Ins.		\$ 14,275.00	\$ -	\$ 14,275.00	\$ 11,682.37	\$ 2,592.63	\$ 1,162.10	\$ 1,430.53
919	Medicare		\$ 191,500.00	\$ -	\$ 191,500.00	\$ 187,673.98	\$ 3,826.02	\$ 3,826.02	\$ 3,826.02
945	Gen. Ins.	Misc.	\$ 349,972.00	\$ (38,000.00)	\$ 311,972.00	\$ 297,592.23	\$ 14,379.77	\$ 14,379.77	\$ 14,379.77
Total	Budget		\$2,027,456.95	\$31,004,766.00	\$32,989,879.92	\$30,277,117.91	\$ 2,712,762.01	\$2,633,064.97	\$ 79,697.04

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT APPROPRIATIONS (Unaudited Actual)

Dept.	Dept. Name	Encumbered From 2006	Original Appropriation	Transfers/ Amendments	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Encumbered To 2008	Ending Balance
	WWTP Salaries	\$9,300.00	\$448,238.00	\$(9,000.00)	\$448,538.00	\$421,320.30	\$27,217.70		\$ 27,217.70
	WWTP Expenditures	\$52,348.00	\$906,575.00	\$9,000.00	\$967,923.00	\$147,964.69	\$819,958.31	\$40,155.19	\$ 779,803.12
	Due to G.F.		\$710,249.00		\$710,249.00	\$637,453.12	\$181,813.00		\$ 181,813.00
Total	Budget	\$61,648.00	\$2,065,062.00		\$2,126,710.00	\$1,206,738.11	\$1,028,989.01	\$40,155.19	\$1,795,854.64

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (Pre-Audit) JUNE 30, 2006

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	CAPITAL PROJECT FUND	FIDUCIARY FUND	GEN LTD ACCOUNT GROUP	FIRE DISTRICTS	TOTAL
CASH	3,874,568	1,039,558	295,090	2,257,245	-		7,466,461
DUE TO/FROM	(1,082,939)	786,652	180,618	39,756		75,914	0
DUE FROM GOV'T.		48,094					48,094
RECEIVABLES							-
REAL ESTATE TAX	596,064					58,364	654,428
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	60,326						60,326
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX	335,163						335,163
POSSESSIONS	35,497						35,497
TAX LIENS/TAX TITLE	953,283						953,283
SEWER	349,244						349,244
SEWER LIENS	32,009						32,009
OTHER RECEIVABLES	34,055						34,055
STATE AID - HIGHWAY		1,425,398					1,425,398
CDBG GRANT RECEIVABLE		225,621					225,621

DUE FROM MWPAT							-
AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR DEBT			224,300		21,470,446		21,694,746
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	<u>5,187,269</u>	<u>3,525,322</u>	<u>700,008</u>	<u>2,297,001</u>	<u>21,470,446</u>	<u>134,278</u>	<u>33,314,325</u>
WARRANTS PAYABLE	321,698	17,511					339,209
RESERVE FOR ABATEMENTS	307,681					(13,052)	294,629
DEFERRED REVENUE	2,087,960	1,651,019				71,416	3,810,394
TAX TITLE AMOUNTS DUE FIRE DISTRICTS	25,829						25,829
STATE REIMBURSEMENT DUE DISTRICTS	2,479						2,479
DEPT REC. DUE MUNI PUBLIC TV	4,513						4,513
EMPLOYEE DEDUCTIONS WITHHELD	46,885						46,885
TUITION OF STATE WARDS	(1,426)						(1,426)
BANS PAYABLE			224,300				224,300
STATE REVOLVING LOAN - CSO PROJECT			-				-
BONDS PAYABLE					21,470,446		21,470,446
	<u>2,795,618</u>	<u>1,668,530</u>	<u>224,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,470,446</u>	<u>58,364</u>	<u>26,217,258</u>
RESERVED FOR ENCUMBRANCES	2,027,457						2,027,457
RESERVED FOR ARTICLES	-						-
RESERVED FOR TEACHER DEFERRAL	(191,009)						(191,009)
RESERVED FOR SNOW AND ICE DEFICIT	(164,372)						(164,372)
OTHER AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED	(18,699)						(18,699)
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE	738,274	1,856,793	475,708	2,297,001		75,914	5,443,690
	<u>2,391,651</u>	<u>1,856,793</u>	<u>475,708</u>	<u>2,297,001</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,914</u>	<u>7,097,067</u>
	<u>5,187,269</u>	<u>3,525,322</u>	<u>700,008</u>	<u>2,297,001</u>	<u>21,470,446</u>	<u>134,278</u>	<u>33,314,325</u>

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND BALANCE DETAIL (Pre-Audit) JUNE 30, 2006

<u>ORG</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
22	SCHOOL LUNCH	48,373.10
23	HWY CONSTRUCTION	(19,685.19)
24122308	TOWING PERFORMANCE	1,000.00
24122318	STREET ENTRANCE BONDS	51,875.00
24122326	CURBSIDE RECYCLING GRANT	1,664.00
24122328	STREET EXCAVATION BONDS	20,955.00
24122336	LOCAL EMERGENCY GRANT	74.24
24122338	BID BOND ESCROW	8,010.00
24122356	MUNI RECYCLE INCENTIVE PROGRAM	7,202.38
24122358	INSURANCE REIMB FOR DAMAGES	39,961.22
24122366	MRF ADVISORY BOARD GRANT	5.05
24122406	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT	373,039.05
24122416	DIAMOND FIBER SET ASIDE GRANT	4,385.22
24122436	COMM DEVELOPMENT MHFA PROGRAM	9,602.35
24122478	ST LIGHT RIVER ROAD GIFT	1,000.00
24122488	COMPOST BINS	448.50
24122808	SALE OF REAL ESTATE	52,528.25
24123500	FEMA FLOOD REIMBURSEMENT	127,307.18
24171238	CONS COMM REVIEW APPLICATION FEE	1,450.00
24171368	CONSERV COMM WETLANDS - STATE	18,724.29
24171378	CONSERV COMM SPECIAL MAINT	2,338.08
24171728	CONSERV COMM - TOWN	125.00
24175388	PLAN BOARD APPLICATION REVIEW FEE	33,460.49
24176748	BOARD OF APPEALS	2,334.89
24210296	FY03 COMMUNITY POLICING	0.00
24210418	POLICE DEPARTMENT GIFT	2,623.43
24210428	DARE GIFT	3,501.42
24210516	FY99 TASK FORCE GRANT	382.10
24210517	FY01 LAW ENFORC BLOCK GRANT	174.32
24210527	FY00 LAW ENFORC BLOCK GRANT	9,497.97
24210537	FY02 LAW ENFORC BLOCK GRANT	306.12
24210547	FY05 COMMUNITY POLICING	19,265.91
24210548	FY06 COMMUNITY POLICING	38,000.00
24210909	POLICE OFF DUTY WORK DETAIL	43,935.60
24210919	FIREARMS LICENSE FEES	19,137.50
24210929	RIGHT TO KNOW LAW	876.66
24292438	DOG OFFICE GIFT	1,517.99
24310016	JUMP UP & GO GRANT	2,569.33
24310077	MCAS SUMMER GRANT	12,816.26
24310126	DRUG FREE SCHOOLS	7,971.90
24310127	FY03 TITLE V	0.00
24310137	ENHANCED HEALTH SERVICES	10,298.30
24310167	ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES	10,863.61

24310456	SPED 94-142	163,518.26
24310466	FY04 SPED IMPROVEMENT	5,000.00
24310486	SPED CIRCUIT BREAKER	170,398.32
24310571	TITLE 1	30,045.17
24310597	TITLE IIA TEACHER QUALITY	22,463.57
24310608	SCHOOL LOST BOOKS	3,794.33
24310618	SCHOOL ATHLETICS	13,627.56
24310628	SCHOOL USE OF FACILITIES	5,900.84
24310638	SCHOOL REVOLVING TUITION	33,972.07
24310648	SCHOOL MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT	6,933.68
24310658	SCHOOL STUDENT ACTIVITY	35,601.84
24310668	SUMMER SCHOOL	8,769.96
24310688	SCHOOL GIFT	2,482.66
24310698	MIDDLE SCHOOL GIFT	0.00
24310757	TITLE IIB ENHANCED ED THROUGH TECH	4,204.10
24310767	EARLY CHILDHOOD GRANT	13,014.91
24310777	TITLE V INNOVATION PROGRAM	2,975.97
24310778	FY05 MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT	1,610.85
24443005	TOWN SEWER SURPLUS	240,265.22
2443006	TOWN SEWER SURPLUS - RES. SEW LINES	31,711.00
24491818	SALE OF CEMETARY LOTS	15,379.00
24510949	BOARD OF HEALTH PERC TESTS	3,258.25
24541008	COA GIFT	4,464.62
24541110	COA BLDG FUND GIFT	10,151.31
24541200	COA TRANSPORTATION GIFT	14,551.72
24541206	SENIOR CITIZENS FORMULA	1,312.78
24541216	FY02 TITLE III OUTREACH GRANT	524.32
24541236	STATE GRANT ELDER AFFAIRS	3,304.00
24541246	GREATER SPFLD SENIOR PHARM GRN	456.41
24541256	SPECIAL SENIOR SERVICES	22,080.51
24543346	VETERANS SERVIC GRAVES R	880.00
24610448	LOCAL ARTS LOTTERY	6,447.20
24610605	LIBRARY INCENTIVE GRANT	8,669.07
24610615	MUNICIPAL EQUALIZATION GRANT	12,960.11
24610625	NON RES. CIRC. OFFSET GRANT	4,523.29
24610666	LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT	(55,992.63)
24630548	BURLEIGH PARK REVOLVING	8,076.16
24630549	BONDSVILLE PLAYGROUND	444.00
24650458	HRYNIEWICZ PARK GIFT ACCOUNT	1,900.00
24650498	BONDSVILLE SCH SITE GIFT	204.50
24650738	LEGION FIELD LIGHTS REVOLVING	8,294.45
24691468	HISTORICAL COMM REHAB & MAINT FUND	18,696.98

Total

1,856,792.88

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND BALANCE DETAIL FY 2006 (Pre-Audit)

<u>ORG</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	Post-Audit			<u>6/30/06</u> <u>Balance</u>
		<u>6/30/2006</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>FY 2006</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY'2006</u> <u>Expenditures</u>	
301224	STREET SCAPE IMPROVEMENT	5,409		650	4,759
301555	COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	43			43
301615	TOWN CLERK VOTING MACHINE	7,000			7,000
301625	VOTING MACHINES ART 30	1,540			1,540
301924	PALMER TOWN BUILDING IMPROV	38,379		24,235	14,144
303104	PALMER PUBLIC SCHOOLS CONSTRUCT	5,627			5,627
304364	SANITARY LANDFILL CLOSURE	251,938		0	251,938
304414	GENERAL SEWER MAINT	54,989			54,989
304434	WATER TREATMENT PLANT	-72,031	224,300	19,447	132,822
304435	WWTP THREE BELT PRESS	2,183			2,183
306104	PUBLIC LIBRARY	663			663
		<u>295,740</u>	<u>224,300</u>	<u>44,332</u>	<u>475,708</u>

TRUST FUND BALANCE DETAIL (Pre-Audit) JUNE 30,2006

<u>ORG</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
83-35900	UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE	
8395000	STABILIZATION FUND	1,070,753.59
8395001	School BAN Stabilization	800,000.00
8395100	CONSERVATION FUND	2,080.53
8395200	THOMPSON FUND	1,345.04
8395300	MERRICK FUND	1,209.28
8395400	CEMETARY FUND	349,461.74
8395500	FULLER FUND - SCHOOLS	1,766.85
8395600	FULLER FUND - PARKS	2,410.27
8395700	LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST	7,921.55
8395800	M SLESINSKI MEM SCH FUND	6,638.83
8395900	WIBACK-CALKINS GRIMALDI FUND	51,048.78
8396000	JOSEPH NIKODEM MEMORIAL FUND	1,293.23
8396100	PALMER TEEN CENTER (2004)	1,071.44
AGENCY FUNDS		
8396200	Deputy Collector	(69.43)
		<u>2,297,001.13</u>

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006**

	General Fund	Stabilization Fund	Non major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Property Taxes	\$ 12,345,356	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,345,356
State Receipts	14,389,821	-	-	14,389,821
Excise and Other Taxes	1,302,312	-	-	1,302,312
Licenses, Permits, Fees	2,337,985	-	-	2,337,985
Interest on Taxes	121,274	-	-	121,274
Interest on Investments	42,671	49,241	20,700	112,612
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fair Value of Investments	-	-	(707)	(707)
Intergovernmental - "On-behalf" Payments	2,402,116	-	-	2,402,116
Grants and Fees	-	-	4,235,470	4,235,470
Total Revenues	32,941,535	49,241	4,255,463	37,246,239
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General Government	1,182,822	-	313,068	1,495,890
Public Safety	1,728,805	-	188,648	1,917,453
Public Works (including Sewer)	1,904,981	-	770,074	2,675,055
Education	15,961,351	-	2,044,518	18,005,869
Health and Human Services	257,438	-	266,138	523,576
Culture and Recreation	992,942	-	13,906	1,006,848
Employee Benefits and Insurance	7,412,773	-	-	7,412,773
State Assessments	301,220	-	-	301,220
Debt Service:				
Principal	2,708,451	-	-	2,708,451
Interest	978,284	-	-	978,284
Total Expenditures	33,429,067	-	3,596,352	37,025,419
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(487,532)	49,241	659,111	220,820
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfers In	15,000	-	168,571	183,571
Operating Transfers Out	(168,571)	-	(15,000)	(183,571)
Proceeds of Bonds	-	-	2,935,000	2,935,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(153,571)	-	3,088,571	2,935,000
Net Change in Fund Balances	(641,103)	49,241	3,747,682	3,155,820
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	1,056,183	1,821,512	(1,301,371)	1,576,324
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$ 415,080	\$ 1,870,753	\$ 2,446,311	\$ 4,732,144

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGETARY BASIS - (NON-GAAP) -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Amounts Carried Forward to Next Year</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Budgetary Basis</u>		
Revenues:					
Property Taxes	\$ 12,577,098	\$ 12,452,098	\$ 12,608,258	\$ -	\$ 156,160
State Receipts	14,380,306	14,380,306	14,389,821	-	9,515
Excise and Other Taxes	1,376,500	1,376,500	1,302,312	-	(74,188)
Licenses, Permits, Fees	2,267,217	2,267,217	2,337,985	-	70,768
Interest on Taxes	85,000	85,000	121,274	-	36,274
Interest on Investments	25,535	25,535	42,671	-	17,136
Total Revenues	30,711,656	30,586,656	30,802,321	-	215,665
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General Government	1,069,187	1,297,081	1,182,822	47,735	66,524
Public Safety	1,750,308	1,818,048	1,728,805	6,578	82,665
Public Works (including Sewer)	1,933,627	1,972,046	1,904,981	88,511	(21,446)
Education	16,114,294	16,047,730	15,999,553	48,177	-
Health and Human Services	224,261	264,984	257,438	2,959	4,587
Culture and Recreation	1,005,375	1,003,401	992,942	-	10,459
Employee Benefits and Insurance	5,020,150	5,268,139	5,231,360	-	36,779
State Assessments	286,395	286,395	301,220	-	(14,825)
Debt Service:					
Principal	2,666,477	2,666,477	2,666,477	-	-
Interest	816,030	816,030	827,700	-	(11,670)
Total Expenditures	30,886,104	31,440,331	31,093,298	193,960	153,073
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(174,448)	(853,675)	(290,977)	(193,960)	368,738
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Operating Transfers In (Out)	15,000	24,369	(153,571)	-	(177,940)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	15,000	24,369	(153,571)	-	(177,940)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	(159,448)	(829,306)	(444,548)	(193,960)	190,798
Budgetary Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	1,231,437	1,231,437	1,231,437	-	-
Budgetary Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ 1,071,989	\$ 402,131	\$ 786,889	\$ (193,960)	\$ 190,798

**Reconciliation of Revenues and Expenditures
from Budgetary Basis to GAAP Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2006**

	Revenues	Expenditures
Reported on a Budgetary Basis	\$ 30,802,321	\$ 31,093,298
Net Decrease in Revenue from recording		
Refund Taxes Payable	(146,263)	
Recognition of intergovernmental Revenue - "on behalf payments"	2,402,116	
Recognition of Expenditures - "on behalf payments"		2,402,116
Recording of Expenditure - Teachers Deferral		(38,202)
Net Decrease in Expenditures - Accrued Expenses		(28,145)
Net Decrease in Revenue from Recording 60-Day Receipts	(116,639)	
Reported on a GAAP Basis	\$ 32,941,535	\$ 33,429,067

**FIDUCIARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS JUNE 30, 2006**

	Private Purpose Trust Funds	Agency Funds
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 60,664	\$ 216,331
Total Assets	60,664	216,331
LIABILITIES		
Due to Others	-	98,250
Due to Student Groups	-	33,906
Escrows and Deposits	-	84,175
Total Liabilities	-	216,331
NET ASSETS:		
Held in Trust for Other Purposes	\$ 60,664	\$ -

**FIDUCIARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006**

	Private Purpose Trust Funds
Additions	
Contributions:	
Private Donations	\$ -
Total Contributions	-
Investment Income:	
Interest & Dividends	1,928
Total Investment Earnings	1,928
Total Additions	1,928
Deductions:	
Educational Scholarships	1,750
Total Deductions	1,750
Change in Net Assets	178
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	60,486
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 60,664

ASSESSORS

FISCAL YEAR 2006

LOCAL EXPENDITURES

Appropriations	\$31,433,885.69
Offsets	35,016.00
Revenue Deficits	0
Deferral of Teacher's Pay	229,211.00
Snow & Ice Deficits	168,955.00
State & County Charges	286,395.00
Overlay	167,819.74
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	\$32,321,282.43

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND OTHER REVENUE SOURCES

Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts	\$12,389,372.00
Massachusetts School Building Authority Payments	2,025,950.00
Local Estimated Receipts	3,802,252.00
Other Available Funds	1,149,781.69

Free Cash	66,000.00
Free Cash to reduce the tax rate	125,000.00
Teacher's Pay Deferral	191,009.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	<u>\$19,749,364.69</u>
<u>NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED</u>	<u>\$12,571,917.74</u>

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED / TOTAL VALUATION = TAX RATE for FY2006

$$\mathbf{\$12,571,917.74 / 901,212,742 = \$13.95}$$

CLASSIFIED PERCENTAGES

	LEVY PERCENTAGE	LEVY BY CLASS
RESIDENTIAL	82.63	\$10,388,642.42
OPEN SPACE	0.00	0
COMMERCIAL	7.79	979,149.24
INDUSTRIAL	5.49	689,913.99
PERSONAL PROPERTY	4.09	514,212.09
	100.00%	\$12,571,917.74

VALUATION BY CLASS

RESIDENTIAL	744,705,550
OPEN SPACE	0
COMMERCIAL	70,189,910
INDUSTRIAL	49,456,200
PERSONAL PROPERTY	36,861,082
<u>TOTAL VALUATION</u>	<u>901,212,742</u>

Respectfully Submitted,
 Beverly A. Morin
 Assessor

TAX COLLECTOR / TREASURER

Near the end of the last fiscal year Roger Brach retired as Collector/Treasurer for the Town of Palmer. At this time we would like to thank Mr. Brach for his eight years of service and dedication to the Town of Palmer. We would also like to wish Mr. Brach the best in his upcoming retirement.

As a consequence of Mr. Brach's retirement, Gregory J. Falcone was appointed as the Town of Palmer's new Collector/Treasurer on August 6, 2007. Mr. Falcone's background includes 9 years of experience with the Amherst Public Schools, most recently serving as the Assistant Financial Director. Mr. Falcone's experience will help ensure the continuing success of the Treasurer / Collector's Office and will help to continue the Town of Palmer's dedication to fiscal responsibility.

**SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING RECEIVABLES
JUNE 30,2007**

REAL ESTATE TAXES	
LEVY OF 2007	\$583,095.61
LEVY OF 2006	\$47,915.38
LEVY OF 2005	\$28,431.26
LEVY OF 2004	\$11,051.07
PRIOR YEARS	\$63,125.91
TOTAL	\$733,619.23

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	
LEVY OF 2007	\$17,011.50
LEVY OF 2006	\$1,122.40
LEVY OF 2005	\$11,908.88
LEVY OF 2004	\$1,032.44
PRIOR YEARS	\$10,696.02
TOTAL	\$41,771.24

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	
LEVY OF 2007	\$175,265.73
LEVY OF 2006	\$74,852.60
LEVY OF 2005	\$26,501.01
LEVY OF 2004	\$20,387.96
PRIOR YEARS	\$62,001.98
TOTAL	\$359,009.28

SEWER USE CHARGES	
LEVY OF 2007	\$265,643.05
PRIOR YEARS	\$157,240.94
TOTAL	\$422,883.99

TAX TITLE **\$571,813.05**

OTHER TAXES	
FARM ANIMAL EXCISE	\$939.37
FOREST PRODUCTS TAX	\$405.20

SEWER LIENS ADDED TO TAXES	\$51,985.85
COMMITTED INTEREST ADDED TO TAXES	\$2,622.67

GRAND TOTAL \$2,185,049.88

Respectfully submitted
Gregory J. Falcone
Collector

**BANK BALANCES
JUNE 30,2007**

BANK	TYPE	AMOUNT
BANK OF AMERICA	GENERAL	\$279,640.89
BANK OF WESTERN MASS	PAYROLL	\$27,847.20
BANK OF WESTERN MASS	HOLDING	\$178,485.16
BANK OF WESTERN MASS	TRUST FUND	\$141,081.63
BANK OF WESTERN MASS	SWEEP ACCT	\$50,595.05
BANK OF WESTERN MASS	STABILIZATION	\$786,834.16
COUNTRY	DIAMOND/CASCADE	\$5,426.21
COUNTRY	ARTS/LOTTERY	\$2,831.48
COUNTRY	COMM. DEVELOP	\$13,180.09
COUNTRY	DOG OFFICER	\$697.30
COUNTRY	REHAB	\$56,032.36
COUNTRY	SCHOOL LUNCH	*-\$2,873.01
EASTERN	GENERAL	\$6,564.69
GALAXY	CEMETARY	\$708.64
ING	CEMETARY	\$264,256.89
M.M.D.T.	STABILIZATION	\$1,051,505.21
M.M.D.T.	GENERAL	\$7,423.02
MELLON	VENDOR	**-\$18,469.29
MFS	CEMETARY	\$83,399.73
NO. BROOKFIELD	GENERAL	\$11,419.28
UNIBANK	TRUST FUND	\$327,838.34
UNIBANK	STUDENT ACTIVITY	\$94,765.69
UNIBANK	GENERAL	\$4,680,537.26
	TOTAL	\$8,049,727.98

Respectfully submitted,
Gregory J. Falcone
Treasurer

*Account was overdrawn due to duplication of withdrawal checks which has since been corrected.

**Accounts Payable Warrant not fully covered due to transfer en route but not yet posted on 6/30/07.

PARKING CLERK

\$4,885.00 Total Paid in Fines on 191 Tickets

Respectfully Submitted:

Gregory J. Falcone
Parking Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

From July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, the Palmer Police Department answered approximately 15,446 calls for service. From these calls, 1,734 criminal offenses were recorded and investigated. Additionally, 763 individuals were arrested and/or summoned to court. More than 2,008 traffic citations were issued and 381 traffic accidents investigated. These accidents resulted in injuries to 170 individuals. No traffic fatalities occurred during this reporting period. A complete statistical report of the year's activity follows this report.

The department is currently comprised of 20 full-time and 2 part-time police officers, who are supported by 6 full-time and 1 part-time non-sworn staff members.

The department received the following grants during this reporting period:

Community Policing Grant (Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety) - \$38,000 to aid in the development, implementation, and maintenance of community policing programs and initiatives. Our programs include citizen and student police academies, bicycle patrols, targeted traffic enforcement patrols, seat belt enforcement and many others. We owe a debt of gratitude to our state senator, Stephen Brewer, and our representative, Todd Smola, who were instrumental in securing these funds for us.

Traffic Enforcement Grant (Governor's Highway Safety Bureau) - \$8,400 to be used for speed, seat belt, drunk driving and red light enforcement as part of the state's "Click It or Ticket" and "You Drink – You Drive – You Lose" campaigns.

Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety) - \$30,000 for the purchase and maintenance of a Live Scan fingerprint device. This device allows the department to take electronic fingerprints of people in custody. These electronic fingerprints are then sent immediately to the Massachusetts State Police and the FBI where they are compared to the fingerprint databases of these agencies. Once compared, the identity of the arrested person is immediately confirmed, and the department is notified of any outstanding warrants that exist nationwide.

I would like to thank the staff of the Police Department for their dedication and commitment to their department and to their community, especially during these tight fiscal times, when resources are scarce, but demands for their services are high. Our police station is substandard, our fleet of cruisers is aging and not being replaced, and we continue to operate with less staff and equipment than we require. In spite of this, our staff remains true to their mission to provide professional services to the town.

Thanks, too, to President Barbara Barry and the members of the Town Council, Town Manager Richard Fitzgerald, the town's fire departments and fire chiefs, acting DPW Director Richard Kaczmarczyk and his staff, and all the other town offices and departments for their support and cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert P. Frydryk
Chief of Police

OFFENSE (IBR)	FY 2007												TOTALS
	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	
ARSON	1	1		1			1						4
ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED	3	1	5	7	4	5	4	1	3	5	9		47
ASSAULT - SIMPLE	8	11	7	8	21	12	7	12	9	10	21	10	136
BAD CHECKS	2												2
BURGLARY / BREAKING AND ENTERING	12	12	8	11	7		5	5	11	4	3	14	92
COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY	4	2		8		4		1		2	1		22
CREDIT CARD / AUTOMATIC TELLER FRAUD								1			1	2	4
DESTRUCTION / DAMAGE / VANDALISM	10	10	10	24	16	10	12	3	14	5	17	11	142
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	1	2	9	6	4	4	7	2	11	15	10	10	81
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	2	3	3	2	1	1	4	4	6	6	2	3	37
DRUG / NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	3	3	4	6	1	1	3	3	2	8	6	7	47
DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS		1											1
DRUNKENNESS	12	16	19	20	12	15	14	13	8	16	25	25	195
FALSE PRETENSES / SWINDLE		1		2	2	3		1	1	1	1	1	13
FAMILY OFFENSES, NONVIOLENT		1		2			1						4
FORCIBLE FONDLING	2										2		4
FORCIBLE RAPE			2	1								1	4
IMPERSONATION		2	2		4	1	2	1	1		2	1	16
INTIMIDATION	5	1	2	2	3	7	8	2	7	3	9	8	57
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION										1			1
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	4	1	2	3	1		1		1	1		2	16
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	3	4		1	4	2	5		2	1	4	1	27
MURDER AND NONNEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER									1				1
PORNOGRAPHY / OBSCENE MATERIAL		1											1
ROBBERY	1	4			1	1		2			3		12
RUNAWAY						1							1
SHOPLIFTING		1		2	2	1		2		2	3		13
STATUTORY RAPE		1				5							6
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES			1		1	2	1		4	1	1	1	12
THEFT FROM BUILDING	7	3	6	7	7	7	1	5	3	1	8	3	58
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	17	7	9	36	13	12	4	2	5	7	2		114
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS/ACCESSORIES	4	2	1		1		1		1		3		13
TRAFFIC, TOWN BY-LAW OFFENSES	18	19	23	25	24	29	26	28	50	22	31	20	315
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	5	6	2	3	3	3	2	1	1	6	6	4	42
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS				2				7	2			2	13
ALL OTHER LARCENY	9	10	3	10	16	2	7	2	8	8	3	4	82
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	8	10	4	3	5	3	11	3	12	18	11	11	99
TOTALS	141	136	122	192	153	131	127	101	163	143	184	141	1,734

OFFENSE (IBR)	FY 2007												TOTALS
	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	
ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED				3	4	2		1	3	3	4	1	21
ASSAULT - SIMPLE	7	7	6	6	10	7	4	11	8	7	13	8	94
BURGLARY / BREAKING AND ENTERING	2	3	2	4	1		1		2	2	1	2	20
COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY				2				1					3
DESTRUCTION / DAMAGE / VANDALISM	2			1	1	1				1			6
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	1	2	5	3	1	6	4		3	5	4	7	41
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	1	2	3	2	1		3	3	5	6	2	2	30
DRUG / NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	5	2	3	4		1	2	2	2	11	5	2	39
DRUNKENNESS	12	16	19	20	13	15	14	13	8	16	25	25	196
FALSE PRETENSES / SWINDLE				1			2		1				4
FAMILY OFFENSES, NONVIOLENT				1			1						2
FORCIBLE FONDLING								1					1
INTIMIDATION							2	1	2			1	6
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION										1			1
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	3	1	2		1		1			1		2	11
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT		1						1	2				4
ROBBERY						1							1
RUNAWAY						1							1
SHOPLIFTING				1		1	1			3	3		9
STATUTORY RAPE						1							1
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES												2	2
THEFT FROM BUILDING					1	5					3		9
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE					1					2	2		5
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS/ACCESSORIES									1				1
TRAFFIC, TOWN BY-LAW OFFENSES	7	9	8	10	8	13	12	10	12	6	14	10	119
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	8	3	2		2	1		1		5	1	3	26
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS				1					1				2
ALL OTHER LARCENY		3		1		1		1	1	3		3	13
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	6	6	4	11	10	7	10	3	13	11	8	6	95
TOTALS	54	55	54	71	54	63	57	49	64	83	85	74	763

OFFENSES (IN ARRESTS) BY AGE GROUP – FY 2007

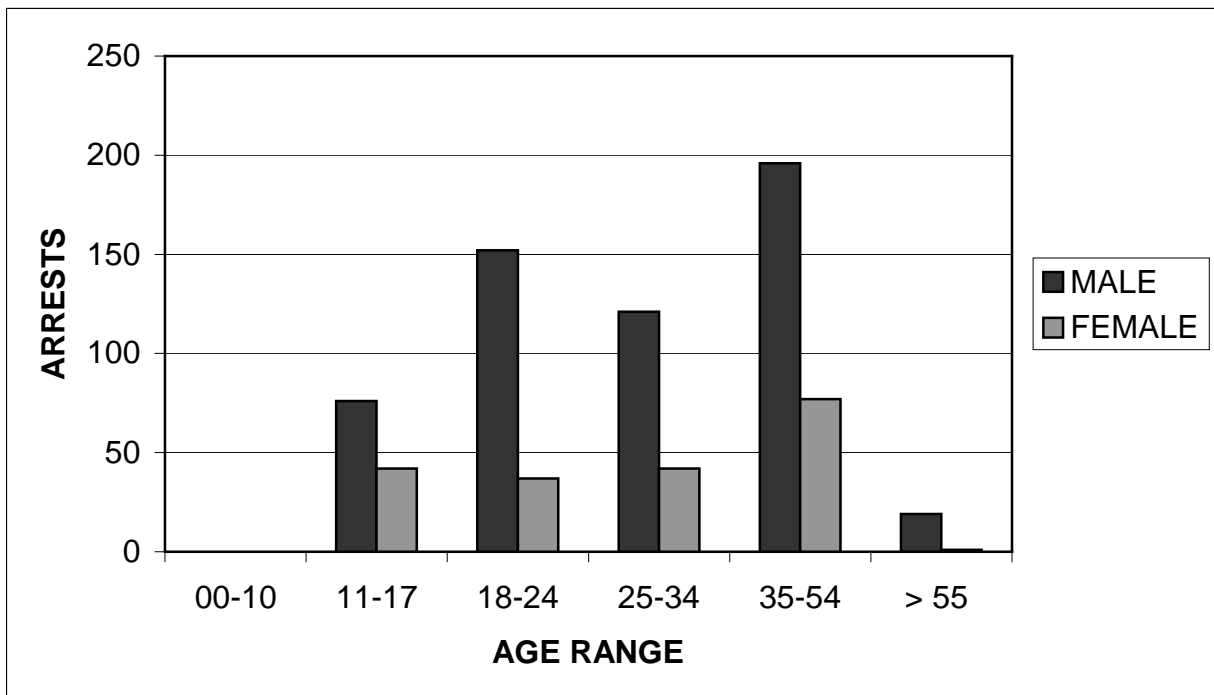
OFFENSE	OFFENDER AGE RANGE						TOTALS
	00-10	11-17	18-24	25-34	35-54	> 55	
ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED		5	5	4	7		21
ASSAULT - SIMPLE		17	22	20	33	2	94
BURGLARY / BREAKING AND ENTERING		8	6	3	3		20
COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY			1	1	1		3
DESTRUCTION / DAMAGE / VANDALISM		1	2	1	2		6
DISORDERLY CONDUCT		10	14	7	9	1	41
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE			6	9	13	2	30
DRUG / NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS		13	13	6	7		39
DRUNKENNESS		5	43	37	104	7	196
FALSE PRETENSES / SWINDLE				2	2		4
FAMILY OFFENSES, NONVIOLENT					2		2
FORCIBLE FONDLING				1			1
INTIMIDATION		3	1	2			6
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION					1		1
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS		7	4				11
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT		2			2		4
ROBBERY			1				1
RUNAWAY		1					1
SHOPLIFTING		3		1	5		9
STATUTORY RAPE					1		1
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES		2					2
THEFT FROM BUILDING		3	3	2	1		9
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE		1		2	2		5
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS/ACCESSORIES				1			1
TRAFFIC, TOWN BY-LAW OFFENSES		15	37	29	32	6	119
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY		8	9	4	5		26
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS				1		1	2
ALL OTHER LARCENY		3	4	3	3		13
ALL OTHER OFFENSES		11	18	27	38	1	95
TOTALS	0	118	189	163	273	20	763

WEAPONS INVOLVED IN OFFENSES – FY 2007

Weapon Type	Occurrence(s)	Percentage
None	1527	88.06%
Personal Weapons (Hands/Feet/Etc)	133	7.67%
Knife/Cutting Instrument	17	0.98%
Handgun	14	0.81%
Blunt Object	14	0.81%
Other	14	0.81%
Motor Vehicle	6	0.35%
Firearm (Unspecified)	3	0.17%
Rifle	3	0.17%
Shotgun	3	0.17%
Total Occurrences	1,734	100.00%

RACE/SEX	AGE GROUP						TOTALS	Hispanic
	00-10	11-17	18-24	25-34	35-54	> 55		
Asian/Pacific Islander								
Female	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Male	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	1
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black								
Female	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	0
Male	0	3	4	9	7	1	24	4
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Indian/Alaskan Native								
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown								
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White								
Female	0	42	35	41	76	1	195	6
Male	0	72	148	112	188	18	538	26
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	0	117	189	162	272	20	763	37

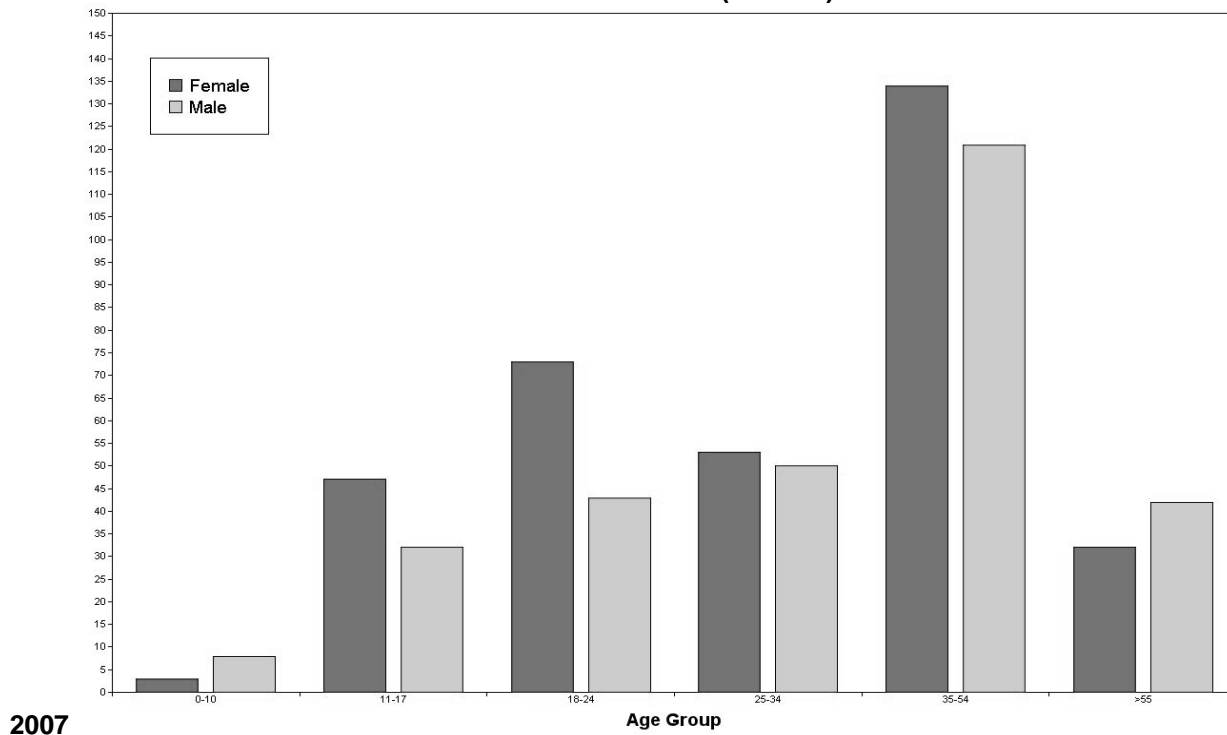
ARRESTEE BY AGE AND SEX (GRAPH) – FY 2007



VICTIMS BY AGE AND SEX – FY 2007

RACE/SEX	AGE GROUP						TOTALS	Hispanic
	00-10	11-17	18-24	25-34	35-54	> 55		
Asian/Pacific Islander								
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black								
Female	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	0
Male	2	1	0	1	2	0	6	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Indian/Alaskan Native								
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown								
Female	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0
Male	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White								
Female	3	47	71	52	131	32	336	5
Male	6	31	43	49	118	42	289	1
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	11	79	116	103	255	74	638	6

VICTIMS BY AGE AND SEX (GRAPH) – FY

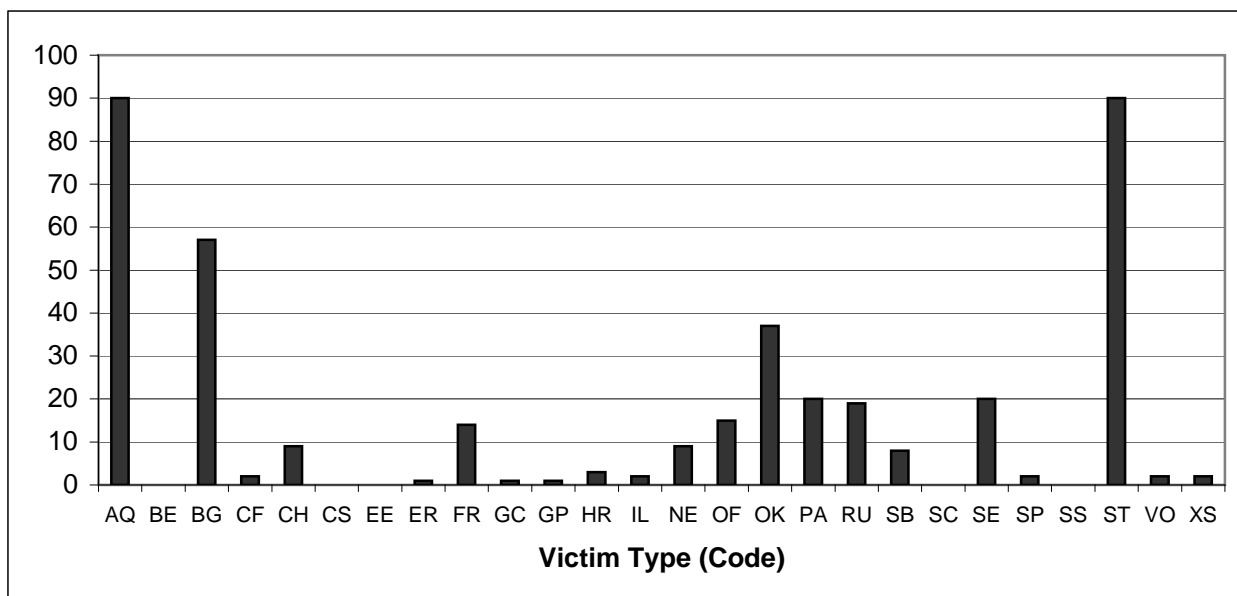


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RELATIONSHIP OF VICTIMS TO OFFENDERS – FY 2007

CODE	RELATIONSHIP	TOTALS	CODE	RELATIONSHIP	TOTALS
AQ	Acquaintance	90	NE	Neighbor	9
BE	Babysitter	0	OF	Other Family Member	15
BG	Boy/Girl Friend	57	OK	Otherwise Known	37
CF	Child of Boy/Girl Friend	2	PA	Parent	20
CH	Child	9	RU	Relationship Unknown	19
CS	Common-Law Spouse	0	SB	Sibling	8
EE	Employee	0	SC	Stepchild	0
ER	Employer	1	SE	Spouse	20
FR	Friend	14	SP	Stepparent	2
GC	Grandchild	1	SS	Stepsibling	0
GP	Grandparent	1	ST	Stranger	90
HR	Homosexual Relationship	3	VO	Victim was Offender	2
IL	In-Law	2	XS	Ex-Spouse	2
			TOTALS		404

RELATIONSHIP OF VICTIMS TO OFFENDERS (GRAPH) – FY 2007



VICTIM INJURIES – FY 2007

Injury Type	Occurrence(s)	Percentage
None	102	50.00%
Apparent Minor Injury	90	44.12%
Severe Laceration	5	2.45%
Possible Internal Injuries	4	1.96%
Other Major Injury	2	0.98%
Unconsciousness	1	0.49%
Total Occurrences	204	100.00%

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

All inspections ordered by the Division of Livestock Disease Control have been completed and requirements of Section 19, Chapter 129 of the Massachusetts General Laws have been complied with and reports filed with the Division at 100 Causeway Street, Boston, MA.

During the fiscal year FY07, there were 37 visits made to examine and quarantine dogs and cats known to have bitten people and animals. None showed symptoms of rabies and were released after ten days.

Respectfully submitted,
Frederick J. Guzik, Animal Inspector
Wanda Guzik, Assistant Animal Inspector

DOG OFFICER

444 Complaints were received and followed up on
25 Lost dogs and cats were reported
4 Dogs adopted @ \$10.00 each
Burial

- 3 Cats
- 4 Deer
- 7 Raccoons
- 2 Beaver
- 3 Foxes
- 1 Possum
- 1 Rabbit

Fines issued to dog owners who do not obey the
Palmer Leash Law:

1 st Offense	\$ 25.00
2 nd Offense	\$ 35.00
3 rd Offense	\$ 50.00

In 2006-7 there were:

19 fines issued at \$25.00

1 fine issued at \$35.00

Total fines for FY07: \$510.00

2007 dog licenses are due April 1, 2007. Fees are as follows:

Male	\$15.00
Neutered Male	\$ 5.00
Female	\$15.00
Spayed Female	5.00
Late fee	\$10.00

Stray dogs are held for ten days and then put up for adoption for a fee of \$10.00.

Respectfully submitted,
Frederick J. Guzik, Dog Officer

Wanda Guzik, Assistant Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

I herewith submit my report as Forest Fire Warden for the Town of Palmer for the period 2006 to 2007.

There were 70 responses for this period

Incident Type:

Forest, woods or wildland fires:	0
Brush, or brush and grass mixture fires:	11
Grass Fires:	1
Unauthorized burning:	51
Authorized controlled burning:	2
Citizen's complaint:	5

I would like to thank our Firefighters and Officers for their response, neighboring fire departments for providing mutual aid, Town Manager Richard L. Fitzgerald, the Town Council, the Palmer Police Department, and the Central Emergency Dispatchers for their assistance and cooperation provided during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan J. Roy
Forest Fire Warden

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is federally mandated committee that will help our community protect public health, safety, and the environment from chemical hazards. The LEPC will become the focal point for all activities involved with Title III, Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act. The following activities will become the primary responsibility of the LEPC; data collection and information management, development of an emergency response plan, data collection on accidental chemical release, dealing with public inquiries about the risks of a chemical release, and to increase public awareness about the presence of hazardous materials within the Town of Palmer.

I have attended meetings and seminars sponsored by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency to ensure that we are current on emergency planning and hazardous materials response procedures. We continue to maintain and update the town's master plan for hazardous materials response and conduct drills for response agencies. Required administrative and emergency personnel have been tested and certified in the National Incident Management System.

Chemical and biological weapons of mass destruction present new dangers to first responders and the public. Local emergency response agencies attend training and seminars to be prepared in the event of an emergency. The Palmer Fire Department maintains a federally funded Mass Decontamination Unit in partnership with the UMass Wing Memorial Hospital. Firefighters, Fire Officers, and hospital personnel have completed training on this unit and will expand our training to other local fire departments. We have received grant funds to operate and maintain inventory for the mass decon unit.

I would like to recognize the private and public agencies that are members of the Local Emergency Planning Committee:

Town Manager's Office, Town Council, Palmer Police Department, Palmer, Three Rivers, Bondsville Fire Departments, Board of Health, Department of Public Works, Office of Emergency Management, Conservation Committee, Palmer School Department, UMass/Wing Hospital, Palmer Waste Water Treatment, Palmer, Three Rivers, Bondsville, Thorndike Water Departments, Palmer Ambulance Service, Inc., and community representatives.

In closing, I thank all the agencies and representatives who have taken their own time to attend meetings held throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan J. Roy, Chairman
Local Emergency Planning Committee

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Highway – Parks – Cemetery - Wastewater

There have been some positive changes within the past year. To begin with in late March the Department took delivery of a new Vactor truck, which will be used to clean the 2200 catch basin and miles of sewer and storm line through out the town. The last ten years have seen little maintenance to the systems and the cost of a daily rental of such a machine was getting cost prohibitive. The truck has been assigned to the Water Pollution Control group which has know taken charge of the collection system (pipes) and is in the process of cleaning and video inspecting the town's sewer lines. Along with highway personnel, we have begun a long process of cleaning and repairing catch basins, manholes and sewer lines.

The Highway Division has been involved with more road construction and is evident with the Stimson Road project that is nearly complete with only a small portion left to reconstruct and ready for the final paving of the entire 1.3 miles.

Three Rivers Road (2000 feet) was also reconstructed this past spring using chapter 90 funds. Drainage and catch basins were installed and the road was reclaimed and paved. Olney, Rondeau Christine and Carter were reconstructed as well and our crack sealing program applied an additional 10,000 gallons of crack sealer to various roads.

A total of 48 hazardous trees were either removed or trimmed easing some of the problems caused by the 117 trees, which need to be addressed. It is our intention pending funding to continue to deal with this problem and begin a tree-replanting program by offering homeowners trees to replace the ones removed.

The fleet of trucks within the various departments is rapidly approaching replacement within the near future. This past year due to no capitol funds in either the FY 07 or FY 08 budgets and the failure of three trucks to pass both safety and emissions inspection two used trucks were purchased to augment the fleet in snow removal as

well as daily chores. Once again we are heading down the path of being faced with a large capitol expenditure of truck replacement all at once should provisions not be made to begin the equipment replacement process soon.

As mentioned before, the town's share of road construction funds is still at zero. There are many roads, which do not qualify for Chapter 90 funds and are in need of attention. Every year that goes by, the road condition worsens and the cost of repair or reconstruction increases making these projects less and less likely to be addressed within the annual budget.

Problems with discarded trash and household furniture left on the roadsides and parks is an overwhelming task, which requires equipment, and manpower to be tied up cleaning up after individuals who feel it is their right to litter the roadsides and parks.

The reconstruction of Main and Sykes Street in front of the town hall was completed last fall with funding provided by the State and federal government. The reconstruction of Chestnut and Arch streets is underway and will be completed with the final paving scheduled for the fall of 2007. This is the third street that has been completely restored working with the Community Development Department and the Palmer Water and Fire District.

Last winter was relatively easy compared to the previous winter but still required much attention by public works crews. Although the storms were not blockbusters, ice and slippery conditions required sanding crews to be dispatched almost daily to deal with ice spots on bridges and back roads. This was also the first year of a town-wide parking ban, which worked well. Although most residents complied there were still some who either chose to ignore it or were not aware of it and had their vehicles towed. Through the use of different plowing methods and a combination of pre-treatment of roads with ice ban, the amount of sand has been reduced significantly resulting in less material being deposited in the catch basins, streams and rivers of the town.

The Parks Division was faced with the daunting task of maintaining the town parks public grounds and school grounds with only four full-time employees. Over the past several years, due to reduced funding, the staff has been reduced by over 50%. Although manpower from the highway is shifted to the parks it is still not enough to complete all the work and areas are beginning to deteriorate rapidly. Decreases in park maintenance budgets have resulted in old playground equipment not being replaced and when broken or worn out completely removed from the various areas. The park was also a casualty of the truck shortage. A 1989 truck failed its inspection and was taken off the road only to be replaced by another used truck. The wooden bleachers at Legion Field were partially re-decked this past spring in order to accommodate the high school graduation ceremony, which was moved back to legion field after 16 years at the schools campus. Although these bleachers were repaired, it is only a temporary fix as there was significant damage to the concrete and anchoring irons that need to be addressed.

Large cracks in the asphalt in the tennis courts at Eager Field and also the basketball court at Endelson playground in Bondsville prevented the flooding of the rinks for skating. The only skating rink now used is located in Thorndike. During the spring, volunteers and workers from the DPW spent a Saturday morning cleaning and painting the buildings at Burleigh Park, which had suffered considerable damage from vandals. This area, although a prime open space area, continues to be a problem to the town. The remote location is an ideal spot for vandals and others who continue to damage and abuse the area. The Park Division will soon be looking at the replacement of two 1993 trucks as well as some of its large mowing equipment and other items that it needs to continue to operate.

The Cemetery Division has also had their share of labor shortages, which in turn has required the Highway Division to send personnel to help during the spring mostly around Memorial Day. Again elimination of summer and part time help over the years is taking its toll. Last year, due to the increasing workload and lack of personnel, we were able to use funds from the perpetual care account to hire part time help, which was much appreciated. Areas in the cemeteries continue to need to be addressed, such as tree trimming, tree removal, restoration of the iron fence at Oak Knoll Cemetery and the replacement of the chain link fence at Four Corners Cemetery. The goal of the Cemetery Division is to provide a well-maintained and pristine area for the families of deceased persons; this can only be accomplished through sufficient funding.

At present, the staffing of the DPW is at best minimal. Years of budget reductions for materials and personnel are taking its toll. The failure to fund capital projects and equipment replacement are only going to result in higher cost in later years.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the employees of the Public Works Department as well as all others who have assisted us during the year.

Respectfully submitted
Richard Kaczmarczyk
DPW Director

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY

The Flood that occurred in October of 2005 caused damages to the Main Plant and 4 of the pump stations at the cost of about \$182,000. Approximately 75% of the costs were recovered from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and 12.5% were recovered from the Mass Emergency Management Agency (NEMA). The remaining 12.5% or about \$22,875 will be funded by the WPCF. This project will replace 3 pumps and 4 grinders at the pump stations and also pay for part of the wages and other costs that occurred during the flood.

One of the major factors for the rate increases is that the cost of the chemicals has risen anywhere from 10% to 50%. The major increase in chemicals is due to the fact that they are petroleum based. Other factors include the price of oil to heat the Main Plant and 5 of its 10 pump stations, electricity that is used to power the blowers, pumps and other equipment that runs around the clock 365 days per year and is also used for heat in the remaining pump stations. We continue to update the older equipment at the facilities to ensure that we get the best performance from the equipment at the lowest possible cost.

One way for the community to help in keeping the sewer rate down is to check their property to insure that no sump pumps, roof leaders and floor drains are connected to the sanitary sewer. This will prevent clear water from entering the sewer system that in turn ends up at a pump station that eventually pumps the water to the main plant for treatment. By reducing the amount of water that does not need treating, it saves us money by using less chemicals and also saving electricity.

The USEPA and the MADEP are becoming much more strict with regards to the maintenance of the Town's sewer system. Many years of neglect have put the existing system in need of major maintenance that will lead the Town to purchase a combination sewer jetter/vactor. This purchase is to show the regulating agencies that the Town of Palmer is serious in bringing the sewer system to the level that the EPA and the DEP require.

I would like to thank the other Town departments that have helped us throughout the course of the past year. Lastly, I would like to thank the entire staff at the wastewater treatment plant for their complete commitment to keep the Town in daily compliance with the regulatory agencies, and for their support, cooperation, and professionalism that they display on a daily basis.

THANK YOU!!!

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald Skowronek
Superintendent

PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fulfilling the library's mission as a community center by providing services and a collection to meet the information needs of its patrons has been the focus for the Staff and Trustees of the Palmer Public Library. This year, in order to assess library user and non-user sentiment, the Strategic Planning Committee conducted a survey as part of the long-range planning process. The questions elicited varied responses, some expected, and others unanticipated. Despite the wealth of information accessible through the Internet, 86% of respondents rated the personal assistance and reference resources provided by a librarian as a most important service of the library. A significant number of comments about the library staff were overwhelmingly positive. Clearly, increased hours of operation, additional parking, and safety on library property were primary concerns for a majority of respondents. A five-year plan for library service, now being developed, will begin to address these issues.

Current library programming strives to include all ages from pre-schooler to senior citizen, and the Summer Reading Program offers an opportunity for everyone to participate. The 2006 theme, *What's Buzzin' at Your Library* attracted 922 participants who registered for the 8-week program and logged over 20,000 hours of reading. 1377 patrons attended 35 activities including concerts, a drum circle, creative writing workshops, cooking classes, weekly story hours with crafts, and a free roller-skating party. Guest performers and presenters were funded in part by a \$2,115 grant from the Palmer Cultural Council through the Massachusetts Cultural Council. In addition, free t-shirts for all participants were made possible through the generous donations of 30 local businesses and organizations.

Other programs for children held weekly from October to mid-April included Toddler Playgroups, Story Time for 4-year olds, Story Time for 3-year olds and a new program, Terrific Twos. Special offerings included Yoga for Kids and, in partnership with the Palmer Police Department, a RAD (Resist Aggression Defensively) Kids personal empowerment safety education program.

Young Adult programming expanded with the addition of after-school Dance Dance Revolution, an interactive video dance game, recognized for its fitness benefits. Creative writing and a book club were also available options for teens. In partnership with River East School-to-Career, the library offered a job skills workshop giving teens the opportunity to practice application and interview skills. The Teen Advisory Board planned and hosted a most successful Gingerbread House Workshop and an Egg Coloring Workshop for families. As part of an Equal Access Grant awarded by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and funded through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the library initiated Tech-Teens, a program through which tech-savvy students develop skills to work with adults needing help with technology. Following a series of training workshops, students are available to answer questions related to the use of the library's computers and printers, as

well as to assist patrons with on-line databases, e-mail, and the Internet. In February, the library received the *Innovator of the Month Award* from Tutor.com, a live homework help service, in recognition of this new program.

Programs appealing to adults included several book readings/signings by local authors, poetry workshops, and two pastels workshops. Ken Gloss, an appraiser for Antiques Roadshow, presented *Treasures In Your Attic* during which participants were invited to have personal books appraised at no cost. In support of adult programming and literacy, the library offers space and resources for the many learning opportunities available through Top Floor Learning. This vital and progressive organization located on the 3rd floor of the library, offers a wide spectrum of adult literacy programs and lifelong learning courses, workshops, and lectures.

Building the Railroad Research Room collection and promoting Palmer's rich history as the Town of Seven Railroads has been the work of the library's Railroad Advisory Board. Through a Massachusetts Turnpike Authority Tourism Program grant, the library presented a speaker series called *All Aboard*. It featured Preston Cook's "Erie Lackawanna Memories" and "Once Upon a Time in the West" and author/photographer Brian Solomon's "The Railway Station: Small & Large, Close & Far, Strange & Familiar Train Depots in all their Glory." Also included in the grant was a workshop offering adults and children a hands-on opportunity to build a model train. Additional funding through a grant from the Amherst Railway Society will provide display and lockable storage for irreplaceable items housed in the Railroad Research Room. In addition, the Railroad Advisory Board has been busy completing a history of Palmer's railroads entitled *One Town & Seven Railroads*. Written entirely by the Board members, this publication promises to be an invaluable chronicle documenting Palmer's colorful past.

Outreach activities continued through delivery service by the library van to day-care centers, Kirkwood Place, Laurel Manor, Palmer Green Estates Community Center, and the homebound. This year regular visits to the Senior Center were added to the van schedule.

In May, the Massachusetts Library Association presented the Palmer Public Library with two Public Relations Awards at its Annual Conference. A panel of independent judges from the public relations, press, and library fields chose winners from 85 entries. Evaluation criteria included graphic design, originality, and presentation. The library received first prize in the Merchandise Category for its 2006 Summer Reading T-shirt and honorable mention in the Flier/Poster Category. The flier advertising the PALS (Palmer Affiliated Library System) databases was delivered to every household in Palmer through the 2007 census mailing.

Fundraising and volunteerism are vital to the services offered by the library. This year *An Afternoon with Elvis and Neil Diamond*, the *First Annual Wine Tasting*, and the *Eighth Annual Bike Race* supported children's services, early literacy, and other special programs. The Library Loft Book Store, in its eighth year of operation at Schoolhouse Commons, continued to fund library projects including landscaping expenses.

Circulation of library materials is accomplished through membership in C/W MARS (Central Western Massachusetts Automated Resource Sharing). Through this system, patrons can download audio and video titles, reserve books on-line, and access the catalogs of 140+ libraries. It is possible to reserve titles from home computers and have them delivered to the library of choice. This service demands a well-coordinated statewide delivery system. In FY 2007, Palmer loaned 13,180 items to other libraries and borrowed 10,320 items for our patrons from other libraries.

As a community center, the library offers meeting space to many local organizations. This year room reservations reached 1306 bookings, a 40% increase over the previous fiscal year. An added feature in the Community Room,

the largest meeting area, was the installation of a gallery system. The library now hosts ongoing monthly exhibits showcasing the work of local artists.

With the demands of both physical space and expanded programs and services, the library depends upon the dedication, experience and knowledge of its personnel. Our accomplishments and operating stability have been achieved through the commitment of the Staff and Trustees, and the support of our Town Officials, patrons, and the Palmer community.

Respectfully submitted,
For the Library Board of Trustees
Nancy Bauer
Library Director

PALMER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The 2006-2007 school year can be described as a year of transition. Both the District Improvement Plan and the Strategic Improvement Plan were updated and revised reflecting a SMART (Specific, Measurable, Appropriate, Rigorous, and Timely) format. Bonny Rathbone, formerly Converse Middle School Principal and currently Palmer High School Principal, and David Stetkiewicz, formerly Converse Middle School Assistant Principal and currently Converse Middle School Principal, completed their first year in their new assignments. Palmer High School's guidance department emphasized school-to-career activities which will enable all students to have a personal education plan (PEP), i.e., a road map to aspirations beyond high school.

The School Committee requested that Superintendent Dr. Gerald Fournier investigate the feasibility of relocating Grade 8, currently housed at Palmer High School, to Converse Middle School, and Grade 5, currently housed at Converse Middle School, to Old Mill Pond School. Enrollment projections were completed by the New England School Development Council (NESDEC) and indicated a loss of approximately 15% of the student population over a ten year period. The enrollment projections for the 2007-08 school year, as well as other important considerations, were not sufficient for a recommendation of a change in venue for Grades 8 and 5 for the upcoming school year. Because of recent challenges over the last few years in getting school department budgets approved, the School Committee spent much of the second half of the 2006-2007 school year focusing on the development of 2007-08 school department budget. Fixed costs represent approximately ninety-four percent of the school department's budget. Discretionary accounts constitute the remainder of the school department budget. Despite substantial increases in fixed operation costs, led by health care and out-of-district tuitions, the Town Council set the 2007-08 school department operating budget at ninety thousand dollars less than the 2006-07 budget. The result was a closing of the pool at Palmer High School, a substantial reduction in the professional development line item, and a number of teaching positions were not filled.

Fiscal constraints notwithstanding, the school department continues to provide a sound educational value for its students. For the fifth consecutive year, 100% of the graduating class achieved a competency determination requirement to earn a diploma by the Massachusetts Department of Education by obtaining passing scores in the English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics (MA) tests of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS). Sixty-three (63) percent of tenth graders scored in the advance or proficient levels in ELA, and 54% of tenth graders scored in the advance or proficient levels in MA. More students are registering for Advance Placement courses, student attendance continues to hover around ninety-six (96) percent, and

approximately eighty-five (85) percent of graduating seniors are attending post-secondary institutions of higher learning.

Middle school students continued to struggle in mathematics on the MCAS test. As a result, after-school individualized tutorials were provided to students identified as needing additional academic math supports. A new math series was piloted in grades K-6 entitled *Everyday Math*, a program identified by the U. S. Department of Education as one of the Exemplary and Promising Programs. Professional development was provided to the teachers who piloted this new math series and the result was that administrators and teachers recommended by consensus that all teachers of math in grades K-6 adopt this new instructional methodology. Before K-6 teachers left for the summer, professional development was provided so teachers could better prepare for implementation of *Everyday Math* in September.

The School Committee, administration, faculty, and staff are truly proud of the Palmer Public Schools, and the quality of education provided to the students of the district. We remain committed to our mission of continuing to become a community of learners; a partnership among home, school and community; a source of academic excellence demonstrating a safe, healthy, disciplined environment that meets the needs of all students as they prepare to fulfill their roles in a democratic society. To these ends, we gratefully acknowledge, recognize and appreciate the continued support of the Palmer community.

Respectfully,

Palmer School Committee
Mary A. Salzman, Chair
Cynthia R. Heffernan, Vice Chair and Secretary
James St. Amand, Member
David Lynch, Member
Robert Janasiewicz, Member

OLD MILL POND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

It is with great honor to pay tribute to **Mrs. Linda Dranka and Mrs. Karen Ksieniewicz**, recognizing and thanking them for their dedication to the children of Palmer. Their years of service have contributed $\frac{3}{4}$ of a century commitment to generations of families in the Palmer Community, Mrs. Dranka, who has been with the district for 40 yrs. and Mrs. Ksieniewicz for 37 yrs. Their contribution has made a remarkable difference in the lives of so many students, parents and teachers. We will always remember the role they played in building young people's lives and the confidence and strength of character they have built in them. They have given our children what they needed, a little help, a little hope and someone who believes in them.

We believe that the Old Mill Pond School Improvement Plan accurately represents the philosophy of the Palmer Public School System and is consistent with the **Palmer Public Schools Pathway to Progress/Strategic Plan**. The council is committed to submitting a plan that meets the needs of the students, staff and families at the Old Mill Pond School. In order to strengthen the educational foundation of our children, we strive to provide: *a positive learning environment, a curriculum to maximize each student's potential, and a support system for families and community*

The **Old Mill Pond School Council** was established to represent Preschool through Grade Four. As directed by the **Massachusetts Reform Act of 1993**, the Council's composition includes a diverse representation from the home, school and community interests. Since the formation of the Old Mill Pond School Council, as directed by the Massachusetts Reform Act of 1993, the single most important task assigned to the council is the development of the **School Improvement Plan**. As a council, we are in agreement that the following considerations need to be addressed in order to insure the quality education of our children: student achievement, integration of technology, wellness/nutrition, physical education, community involvement and communication. Annually, the school council solicits input through surveys in the evaluation, updating and revision of this plan.

First and foremost, it is the Old Mill Pond School Council's undertaking to address both short-term and long-term goals in order to improve the educational quality of our students at *Old Mill Pond Elementary School*. Our plan's practicality reflects an active document which serves as a guide for the future. Progress accountability reporting has been directly highlighted in the Council's Activities. As a work in progress, the council has addressed, amended and enhanced the documents format to reflect SMART GOALS which are aligned with **Palmer Public Schools Strategic Plan**.

The following is a list of some of the activities which have occurred within the Old Mill Pond School during the 2006-2007 school years.

- Communication through a monthly parent newsletter, Connect-Ed, and the school website.
- Transition activities for students Pre-K, K-4 including a preschool graduation, Kindergarten Scavenger Hunt, and step-up days for grades K-4.
- Reinstitution of the Reading Recovery Program
- Implementation of the Early Success Program and the Soar to Success Program
- Training and implementation of Curriculum Components inclusive of Writing and Thinking Across the Curriculum, Pathwise Mentor Program, NCS Mentor Program, IIM (Independent Investigations Method), Everyday Math
- Training and implementation of technology components inclusive of Test wiz, Lesson Planner, Edline, STAR Assessment
- Completion of the PIM (Performance Improvement Mapping) Process
- Completion of Curriculum Mapping in the content areas of Math and Science
- Implementation of the Wellness Policy
- Implementation of the school wide Character Education and Violence Prevention Programs inclusive of the Peaceful Playground, Second Step Program, Steps to Success Program, Anti-Bullying Education, Character Trait Training and Student Recognition Programs inclusive of the District- Wide Student of the Month.
- Expansion of Before and After School Programs for student inclusive of the Scantic Valley YMCA, MAD Science, Chess Club, Basketball

We would like to thank the following members of our School Council for their commitment and dedication:

Mary Lou Callahan, Co-Chair, Principal
Paul Burns, Co-Chair, Parent
Jennifer Chapin, Ex-Officio, Assistant Principal
Katherine Sasser, Secretary,
Lisa Kellaher, Secretary, Teacher
James Lynch, Community Representative

Denise Kennedy, Parent
Laurie Stevenson, Parent

The Palmer Public School System is dedicated to providing professional development opportunities where the staff at Old Mill Pond School is kept abreast of current educational standards and teaching methods. The core of our evolving curriculum is the continued incorporation of the state standards as outlined in the current Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. We have solicited the talents and expertise of our Assistant Principal, Jennifer Chapin, to train a District Team in the **PIM (Performance Improvement Mapping) Process**, analyzing MCAS data and developing a **District Improvement Plan**. Mrs. Chapin has been most successful in facilitating training with our teachers at Old Mill Pond in **Curriculum Mapping** the content areas of **Math and Science**.

Through the District Professional Development funds we have been able to maintain the work of Mr. Bill Atwood from the Collins Education Associates to work with our staff in order to ensure the continuity and consistency for the improvement of open response answers in the area of mathematics within the MCAS Assessment.

In accordance with the **NCTM (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics) Standards** and the **Massachusetts Frameworks**, we believe that smaller class size allows more opportunity for the use of integrated center-based activities that include hands on experiences, and the open-ended problem solving activities necessary to develop critical and creative thinking skills required for life-long learning. As a result of this belief as well as the need to increase our Math MCAS scores, Dr. Fournier recommended the piloting of the **Everyday Mathematics** in selected classrooms in grades K-6 during this past year. **Everyday Mathematics is one of the Exemplary and Promising Mathematics Programs**. Teachers who piloted the program this year received the necessary training for implementation.

The **Reading Recovery Program** was reinstated this past school year at Old Mill Pond School. We believe all children are eligible and eager learners and will achieve academic success through programs which emphasize and maximize early literacy intervention. Reading Recovery is designed to accelerate literacy acquisition for most of the children falling into the lowest 20 percent of literacy learners after a school year. There are now two trained, active Reading Recovery teachers and three previously trained teachers who are not actively teaching Reading Recovery. From the district total of 121 first grade students from seven classrooms, 17 students received Reading Recovery instruction. This represents 14% of the first grade population. Of the students who received Reading Recovery, 11 students were “discontinued,” 3 students had an incomplete program, 3 students had Recommended Action, 2 of which are going to be retained in the first grade for the 2007-2008 school year.

Congratulations on **Sara Poindexter’s** 1st place finish in this year’s Acrostic Poetry Competition. **Sara Poindexter**, grade four student, was the recipient of the **2007 Saving Makes “Cents” Acrostic Poetry Competition** which was sponsored by a **Project of State Treasurer Timothy P. Cahill**. She received a \$500.00 Savings Bond and proclamations from the State Treasurer, Timothy P. Cahill and State Representatives, Steven Brewer and Todd Smola. Sara was presented with this award at the State House in Boston with her family, Mr. & Mrs. Poindexter, classroom teacher, Mrs. Herring, Assistant Principal, Mrs. Chapin and Mrs. Sorreiro. Old Mill Pond School has a commitment to improve the financial literacy of our students by being involved in the **Saving Makes “Cents”** program sponsored by Country Bank for Savings. Two hundred and ninety eight students took part in the program and saved \$13,383.61. The emphasis on this program was to save money. Children were able to bring their money and passbook to school on the first and third Tuesday of each

month and put it into their savings account. This program reinforces the concept of saving money at a bank, as well as the importance of economics and finances.

Old Mill Pond School was most recently featured in the Metro Section of the Republican, “**Country Bank Helps Old Mill Pond Elementary Students Learn Financial ABCs on National Teach Children To Save Day.** We are most appreciative of **Jodie Gerulaitis**, the coordinator of this program from Country Bank for Savings and the Country Bank tellers for making this program such a huge success within our school.

Last year the Grinspoon foundation invited the Palmer Public Schools to participate in a very exciting teacher recognition program established by Harold Grinspoon. It is Mr. Grinspoon’s desire to honor and celebrate educators for the work they do and to bring to recognition the importance of the teaching profession. We here at Old Mill Pond School, recognized Mrs. Robin’s as last year’s recipient. This year we were proud to announce that Old Mill Pond staff, **Ms. Hull, third grade teacher**, was the recipient of the **Harold Grinspoon Excellence in Teaching Award**. This award was presented to an individual who possesses professionalism through qualities such as excellence in teaching practices; his/her own professional development, good attendance, and their ability to demonstrate collaboration and cooperation.

“Community building must become the heart of any school improvement effort.” A strong school community is built through the talents and strengths of everyone. Thanks must be extended to the members of our **School Committee**, Mrs. Mary Salzmann, Mrs. Cynthia Heffernan, Mr. David Lynch, Mr. James St.Amand and Mr. Robert Janasiewicz for their continued support and countless hours to the Palmer Public Schools. We wish to thank all of the parents, students, and volunteers who assisted our students and staff in all areas of school life ~ tutoring, fundraisers, parties, field trips, and the parent-teacher organization activities. Volunteers are a critical component to the success of our educational programs. Their work and support has truly enriched our students’ school experiences. Our **PTO Officers** are committed to and support the children at OMP. We are grateful to Kelly Robbins, Kim McCloskey, Janine Andersen and Chrissy Florence for their countless hours of service.

We continue our relationship with **Pathfinder Regional Vocational School** as students work with the children and teachers in the Early Childhood Program. The students from the **National Honor Society at Palmer High School** gave of their time in sharing their expertise as tutors within our elementary classrooms. Students from the eighth grade **Interact Club** provided an enjoyment of reading to our Kindergarten students. For their time and talents, we are forever grateful.

It is our staff that reflects the talents and strengths of our programs. We offer a welcoming, comfortable and enthusiastic school environment where each of us reflect and celebrate the differences of others. All of their contributions and presence make a significant difference.

CONVERSE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The 2006-2007 school year has been a year of continued commitment to the learning of every student in grades 5, 6, and 7 and for their success on the MCAS. Students in grade 5 were tested in Reading Comprehension, Mathematics, Science and Technology/Engineering, as well as History and Social Science. Students in grade six were tested in Reading Comprehension and Mathematics and grade seven students were tested in Reading Comprehension, Long Composition, Mathematics as well as History and Social Science. The staff at Converse worked hard to have the students well prepared and the students put forth a serious effort.

Extensive work was done through the Performance Improvement Mapping System (PIMS) process to develop appropriate SMART goals for the Converse Middle School Improvement Plan. The focus of this process was to specifically address both math and English/language arts MCAS goals. Also a new math series for grades 5 and 6, Everyday Math, has been selected as the new math series for the upcoming school year.

The Cougar's Den after school program has continued to be both a successful and valuable resource to many Converse students. Students have the opportunity to stay for an extended day that provides them with the opportunity for extra help, study centers, as well as a variety of educational and fun learning opportunities. Funding is a critical issue for this program so they have continued seeking out fundraising and grant opportunities to maintain their level of support to the students. The support of the community has meant a great deal to the Cougar's Den program, Converse students and their families.

The Converse Middle School PTO has continued to provide significant support to the students and staff. Their fundraising has gone a long way to support a variety of activities including field trips, cultural activities and assemblies. The PTO has also continued to support and organize the 'Step-Up' Ceremony for the seventh grade students. Each 7th grade student was presented with a gift of a scientific calculator that will be useful to them at Palmer High School. The PTO also supports the Converse Spring Fling each year as well as supporting the Converse School Yearbook that is produced each year. The Converse staff certainly is very grateful for the PTO's annual staff appreciation luncheon. There are many parents and volunteers who provide many, many hours of work and support behind the scenes for the PTO and Converse- we can't thank them enough for their support- it makes a big difference!

Converse was fortunate to have two recently retired teachers, namely Charlotte Swienton and Susan Brown, take turns serving as interim assistant principals for part of the school year- their service and support was greatly appreciated by students and staff.

Converse has again- for the second year in a row- seen a number of teachers retire. This year Michael Glabicky, Phil Mozden, Marilyn Daniels, Lenny Dulude, Doris Smith, and Paul Niejadlik have all retired. We thank them for their years of dedicated service to the students of Palmer- best of luck to all of them for a happy and healthy retirement!

PALMER HIGH SCHOOL

Palmer High School has a commitment to offer students a well rounded curriculum designed to promote learning as a life long process. We encourage students to participate in a variety of academic, artistic, athletic, co-curricular, and community activities. Our curriculum offers six Advanced Placement and seventeen Honors courses. Our electives include world languages (French and Spanish), art, music, technology education, physical education, health and nutrition, yearbook, and SaTL (Students as Technology Leaders). Activities and Clubs include Blood Bank, Chess Team, Diversity Club, Drama Club, Interact, International Club, Life Smarts, National Honor Society, Paw Print Newspaper, SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions), Student Council, Teenz 4 a Cure, Chamber Singers, and Jazz Band.

The class of 2007 consisted of 108 seniors. Seniors were rewarded for their years of hard work, effort, and academic success at the annual Awards and Scholarship Night on June 6th where over \$47,000 was awarded in scholarships. We sincerely appreciate the generosity extended to our seniors by the numerous individuals, families, and organizations of Palmer. Additional awards were presented during Class Day on June 8th. The culminating event, Graduation, was held on June 10th on Legion Field in Palmer.

Palmer High hosted a September Open House for parents, November Parent Conference night, Financial Aid night, National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, an April Arts R Academic Night, the student drama production of “The Penny Dreadfuls” and the staff production of “Grease.” In addition, the Music Department performed at various events throughout the year: Eastern States Exposition, the fall concert, Festival of Bands and Choruses in December, QVMEA concert hosted here at Palmer High School, the Spring Concert, and the Memorial Day parade.

The Athletic and Music Booster Clubs were very active during the year. There were several fundraisers conducted as well as recognition banquets for the student athletes and music students. Due to the consolidation of the various booster organizations, a unified boosters club has been formed to benefit all of our students, and not just the students who have particular talents and interests. The name of this new booster club is known as the Palmer Unified Boosters, PUB for short. We would like to extend special thanks to the members of the booster clubs for their time, hard work, and creative ideas for the benefit of the student body!

Members of the School Council met regularly to develop the annual School Improvement Plan. All of the goals of the plan are aligned with the goals of the Strategic Plan for the District as well as the District Improvement Plan. Members of the School Council are: Bonny Rathbone, Principal; Kate Marceau and Ree Migliozi, Staff Members; Mary Anton, Robert Haveles, and Gail Orzechowski, Community Representatives; Cathy Arventos, Barbara Barry, and Saskia Cote, Parent Representatives; Amy Belanger and Lia Rivera, Student Representatives; and Ex-Officio member, Susan Feyre, Assistant Principal.

Palmer High School is a member of the River East School-to-Career Partnership. Partnership Activities included student attendance at a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Convention at Western New England College and at a Construction Career Day at the New England Laborers’ Training Center in Hopkinton, MA. Our Guidance Director and Career Facilitator, Susan Schoenberger, worked collaboratively with Partnership Director Loretta Dansereau. Twenty-seven students successfully completed their Work-Based Learning (actual work experience connected to classroom learning) placements during the school year. Additionally, students from our MCAS summer program worked at area businesses and hospitals after their morning MCAS classes. We appreciate the worksite mentors for helping our students prepare for successful entry into the everchanging demands of the workplace.

To quote the scholar Erasmus, “The main hope of a nation lies in the proper education of its youth”. We thank and applaud the contributions of our staff members and community members in making a difference in the lives of our students.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Department of Special Services includes all special education programs, Title I programs, home and hospital tutoring, and Chapter 622 (discrimination). The department is also responsible for the screening of all youngsters entering kindergarten as well as three and four year-olds for possible special needs and early intervention programs. We are also responsible for writing many of the school systems state and federal grants.

The Palmer Public Schools is an Early Childhood (integrated preschool special needs) through Grade 12 School District and is a member of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical School District. It offers a full range of special needs programs at all levels and includes a full range of support services, including speech/language, occupational therapy, physical therapy and school adjustment counseling. Services for low incidence children,

such as vision teacher, services for the hearing impaired children etc. are contracted annually as prescribed by the student's Individual Educational Plans.

Thanks to the efforts of the Superintendent, the School Committee, the Town Office and the community, we were able to continue a revolving Medicaid Account for medical type services. This account allows us to channel funds generated by current children enrolled in programs who receive Mass Health Insurance into the contracted service account, thus freeing up funds for general education. A similar practice was established for tuition from special needs youngsters tuitioned into the Palmer Public Schools.

In the spring of 2004 the District underwent a coordinated program review by the Massachusetts Department of Education. A team of educators and administrators spent a week in the district, reviewing programs and procedures for Special Education, Title I, Safe and Drug Free Schools, Methods of Administration and Food Services. The final report was issued during the summer and is available on-line at the Department of Education Web site, as well as in the school building media centers. This past year the Department of Education visited us once again for a "Mid-Cycle Review." The purpose of this visit is to review the progress being made towards resolving any issues found during the full audit. Preliminary report is that things are going very well.

For the Department of Special Services, the 2007 school year was one of continued program growth and development. As of December 2006, we show a **decrease** in the number of children receiving special education services. Our enrollment is 386 students as opposed to 441 in 2006. Of particular interest is the reduction in our student "Full Time Equivalence," which is an indicator of the amount of time a student is removed from the regular classroom to receive specially designed instruction. This decrease is attributed mostly to the efforts of the district in returning children to the regular classroom through 504 plans or, as the result of re-evaluations, no longer being eligible or requiring special educational assistance and only slightly due to reduced enrollment. The school system continues its effort, on the part of each of the schools, to meet children's needs within the classroom.

State and federal grants written and supervised by the department continue to assist in defraying some of the costs of special education. The Federal (#240 (94-142)) Special Education Grant, continues to fully fund the cost of one of our Early Childhood Programs as well as one speech and language pathologist and a number of paraprofessional instructional assistant positions. The State (#262) Early Childhood Grant provides speech assistance and screening services to children enrolled in private preschool programs and other early childhood age groups. The Federal Title I Grant (#305) continues to provide remedial math services to eligible youngsters in grades 3-7, as well as reading in grades 3-4 at Old Mill Pond School and reading and study skills at the Middle School. The entire grant is committed to staff salaries and instructional materials, including technology. This program provides services to approximately 225 youngsters in the elementary and middle schools.

The Drug Free Schools Grant (#331) continues to provide drug awareness and prevention information to staff, parents and students. This grant funds a Bullying Awareness program at Old Mill Pond School as well as "Guiding Good Choices", a prevention program for parents of children ages 9-14.

We continued our integration of our Early Childhood Program. Both early childhood programs at Old Mill Pond School are national accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). A nominal fee is charged for the non-special needs children in the program. An evaluation of this program has shown tremendous support from the parents as well as a great benefit to the children.

The mainstreaming of special education students continues to be an area of emphasis. This year we have been able to mainstream a number of children through the use of one-to-one paraprofessionals, and have received tremendous cooperation and assistance from school administrators and staff.

This past year we have continued our Parent Advisory Council for Special Education. This group of parents and professionals meets eight to ten times per year and addresses current topics of interest to parents. For more information on these meetings call Neil Metcalf, Director of Special Education at (413) 283-2651.

This year the Department of Special Services, in conjunction with the Palmer High School, has continued to utilize the alternative education program for Palmer High School students. This program increases options to high school students who are at risk of dropping out and help direct them to a more goal-oriented program. It will also provide an option to return some students, currently placed in out-of-district programs, and hopefully avoid the placement of children out of district.

The Department of Special Services continues to advocate for the education of all children in the least restrictive environment and to the maximum degree possible.

FACILITIES

The Facilities Department oversees the work performance of maintenance and custodial members in the school buildings, school bus transportation services, facility rentals, grounds upkeep and facility maintenance and improvements.

Plans for the future upkeep of the buildings both in short and long-term goals included extensive heating, venting and air conditioning work, roof inspections and repairs, door hardware, shade replacements, updating our energy management system and an energy management lap top computer for remote access to the buildings.

As always, we cannot express enough how truly grateful we are to the other town departments who continually provide outstanding support, services and expertise. Special thanks goes to the Parks Department for their upkeep of the grounds throughout the year.

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee presents this report to the citizens of the town of Palmer. With the addition of the town of Warren to the District, the school committee currently consists of ten members, although the town of Warren has yet to appoint a member to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Raymond Starsiak. At the biennial state election in November 2006, incumbents Michael Cavanaugh, Robert Dupuis, Michael O'Connor, and Barbara Ray were re-elected to four-year terms. Mr. Cavanaugh and David Droz, of Palmer, will continue as chairman and vice-chairman, respectively.

CURRICULUM

Pathfinder students have continued to demonstrate continued improvement in their performance and achievement on the MCAS tests. The graduating class of 2007 included 18 students who were eligible for the *John and Abigail Adams Scholarship* due to their excellent MCAS scores. These results clearly indicate the dedication of the staff, the effectiveness of the extra classes, and the importance and value students now place on their MCAS

performance. Additionally, Pathfinder continues to address the ever changing demands of MCAS through curriculum revision including scope, sequence, and new offerings. Once again, Pathfinder has met the standard for “Adequate Yearly Progress “prescribed in the “No Child Left Behind” law.

Three significant and potentially exciting initiatives were launched in the fall of 2006. The nationally-recognized pre-engineering program *Project Lead the Way* was introduced to a select group of freshmen. Currently a science elective, this offering will eventually lead to a comprehensive and rigorous pre-engineering program involving several technical departments. The instructor in this program has also investigated moving into the field of biotechnology and successfully authored a proposal for a small grant to introduce basic concepts into the curriculum.

Teachers and students in the newly reconstituted Electronics Program embarked on a robotics project that resulted in Pathfinder’s first Robotics Team. Students and advisors worked tirelessly on constructing and testing their robot which they entered into competition at a Pennsylvania school. The team was proud to win one of the top prizes for innovation at the event.

Also in 2006, Pathfinder received Department of Education approval to convert the Information Technology Program into two separate, four-year offerings: Programming and Web Page Design and Office Technology. Previously the single program included limited exposure to both areas.

Pathfinder continued to build on several of the efforts that were launched during the previous school year, including:

- Expansion of the mandatory portfolio requirement in academic and vocational studies for all freshmen and the continued investigation of the use of digital portfolios.
- Reinstitution of the Renaissance Program and the continuation of the trimester system for 2006-07.
- Continued on-site staff development in cooperation with Westfield State College, including the course entitled *Writing Standards Based Curriculum in a Vocational Environment*.
- Training in Red Cross CPR and First Aid and OSHA for students and staff as appropriate.
- Alignment of vocational programs with the newly developed state curriculum frameworks in preparation for offering the Certificate of Occupational Proficiency—a new credential for vocational students.

Municipal and community service projects continued to be important components of the Pathfinder curriculum for junior and senior students. These projects also constitute a major portion of the school’s commitment to local town departments. The following list is a sample of such efforts completed over the past year:

- Automotive students continued to service the school vehicles and participated in several benefit car washes for local charities.
- Auto Body staff and students organized an annual car show, the proceeds from which support the “Skills USA” program at Pathfinder. They also converted a fire department vehicle into an unmarked cruiser for a local town.
- Auto Reconditioning students continued to service vehicles for police, highway, and water departments for member towns. Students in this program also sponsored several benefit car washes and bake sales.
- Building Services students continued to provide custodian services to the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce.
- Cosmetology students provided services for the Palmer Senior Center and demonstrated manicuring and hair styling for the Monson Girl Scouts.

- Culinary Arts students planned and provided meals for many local town and civic organizations as well as for the school's public events and the daily elderly lunch program.
- Electrical students performed improvements to the wiring of the lighting at the public park in Three Rivers, improvements to the communications system at the Warren Middle School, and installed a sports scoreboard at Palmer's Converse Middle School.
- HVAC students made improvements to the heating system at the Monson Polish-American Citizens' Club. They also installed air conditioning in a room at Ware High School.

The school's Cooperative Education Program allowed eligible seniors and juniors—in the second half of the school year—to receive a paid, career-related job experience in lieu of attending their vocational program at the school. To be considered for and remain in the program, students must demonstrate above average grades, attendance, and discipline.

Throughout the year, 44 students participated in the program. This “real world” opportunity allowed them to improve upon their previously acquired work ethic and basic skills. With employers acting as mentors, the young apprentices earned a fair wage and were exposed to a wide array of technical experiences. As the school year progressed, the students enhanced their skills, developed interpersonal skills, and experienced valuable lessons in maintaining a balance among their personal lives, school academics, and their jobs.

At the River East School-to-Career Business & Education Partnership Breakfast, David Smith and Gerry Renaud were recognized as Pathfinder's outstanding Student/Mentor Team. David is a Palmer resident and graduated in June from the Machine Technology Program. Gerry is a graduate of Pathfinder and the owner of B&R Machine, a manufacturer of precision machine products for the aerospace industry.

The ultimate compliment to the students, their parents, and to the school is the number of instances where employers elected to place co-op students on permanent status once they graduate. Similarly, the school was pleased to note that all junior co-op students returned in September with the same employers.

TECHNOLOGY

As the use of technology increases in the classrooms and vocational shops, Pathfinder provides students with an understanding of and proficiency in 21st century technology skills as a new basic. Approximately 99% of staff uses technology for professional activities every day, with approximately 50% using technology for instruction every day.

The ratio of students per “high end” computer is 2.02:1 with 100% of the classrooms connected to the Internet. There are 360 instructional computers connected to the Internet, 37 of which are in the school library. A second Internet connection has been installed to give students the ability to complete certain on-line modules required for graduation and to facilitate the maintenance of electronic career portfolios.

Older equipment continues to be replaced on a 3-4 year cycle, resulting in the acquisition of 24 high-end computers, new software, network laser printer, and network-capable plotter in the CAD area. Along with new laptops, this equipment supports the newly introduced pre-engineering coursework.

In order to implement Robotics in the Electronics Program, 10 new robust computers were installed along with a new laser printer and laptop for instruction and potential student competition

STUDENT BODY

Pathfinder's October 1st enrollment totaled 663 students, including the following numbers from member towns: Belchertown 83; Granby 36; Hardwick 19; Monson 85; New Braintree 8; Palmer 188; Ware 125.; and for the first time, Warren 41. The remaining 78 students were residents of out-of-district communities.

During this past year, the Guidance Office—which also serves as the Admissions Office—received over 300 applications for September admissions. Of the applications received, 250 represented applicants for the 175 openings in the 9th grade. Once again, transfer opportunities into the 10th or 11th grades were very limited, and there was a waiting list for vocational offerings in grades 9, 10, and 11.

Parents or students seeking to learn more about Pathfinder or to visit the school had a variety of options available to them throughout the year. Each fall/winter Pathfinder's Guidance Department visited the 8th graders in our member towns to provide an in-depth presentation about Pathfinder's offerings and the application process. Students who were interested were invited to attend a field trip to visit Pathfinder and get a first-hand look at technical programs, facilities, and to interact with current students. This visit is a great opportunity for the students to experience a typical day at Pathfinder. The spring Open House event for students in grades 5-8 and their parents featured a free spaghetti dinner and a tour of the facility, including a stop in each technical area. This year the evening attracted over 200 attendees. In addition, the summer Youth Enrichment Program and the Afternoon Exploratory Program for middle school students continued to attract large numbers of enthusiastic participants. For students and parents with Internet access, Pathfinder's website (www.pathfindertech.org) provides detailed information about our academic and technical programs, sports and extracurricular activities, as well as the application process.

The Pathfinder Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society inducted a deserving group of new and existing members in an impressive ceremony. To qualify, students must have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.5 or above and exhibit the qualities of skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership. The induction ceremony is held in early spring so that senior inductees can include this recognition on college, scholarship, and work applications. The Chapter continued the practice of inviting underclass students as guests who had a grade point average of 3.0 or higher and who demonstrated potential for induction into the Society.

Pathfinder's Renaissance Program continued to be well received by staff and students alike. A faculty committee chaired by Judy Mercier oversees this popular initiative. Each trimester, the program recognizes and rewards students for academic and vocational accomplishments. Students who earn high honors are eligible for a "Gold Card"; students earning honors receive a "Silver Card"; and students who have made noticeable improvements are awarded "Most Improved Cards." Students who have perfect attendance for the year are also eligible for Renaissance recognition. Each level of card comes with its own perks and rewards ranging from homework passes, to free admission to school dances, to discounts at local businesses. In addition, each trimester Renaissance students earn raffle tickets towards the end- of- the- year drawing for prizes like televisions and video game systems. The Renaissance Program is supported through fundraising efforts as well as generous donations from local businesses.

At the Twenty-first Annual "Outstanding Vocational-Technical Student" awards dinner sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA) and the Massachusetts Vocational Association (MVA), Palmer resident Catherine Milkowski represented Pathfinder. Catherine also was selected as Pathfinder's nominee for the MAVA/MVA's Walter J. Markham Award. Catherine, a student in Health Occupations, was a deserving candidate for both awards given her exemplary performance at the school. Over the

four years, she earned approximately twenty awards for excellence and outstanding achievement in her academic and technical studies at the school. She has been a member of Tech Prep, SkillsUSA, and the National Technical Honor Society, as well as a consistent honor roll and Renaissance student. Junior year she earned her CNA. In her senior year, she participated in Pathfinder's peer tutoring program to help fellow students struggling with their coursework. Catherine has been immensely successful in SkillsUSA since her involvement sophomore year. In the course of three years competing in Basic Health Care Skills, she has won two silver medals and one gold medal in the district competitions, two gold medals in the state competitions, and a bronze and gold in the national competitions in Kansas City. Catherine graduated in June 2007 as salutatorian with a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.90 and will be attending Worcester State College in the fall to study biotechnology.

SashaAnna Mitchell of Springfield was selected as Pathfinder's nominee for the Massachusetts Vocational Association's Secondary Award. Like Catherine, SashaAnna was also enrolled in Health Occupations and was a consistent academic and technical award winner. In her four years at Pathfinder SashaAnna earned fifteen awards for achievement in her studies. She consistently made the school honor roll and earned Renaissance recognition, was a member of Tech Prep and the National Technical Honor Society, and worked as a peer tutor senior year. She also earned her CNA. SashaAnna graduated from Pathfinder in June with a cumulative GPA of 3.71. She will be entering the surgical technician program at Springfield Technical Community College this fall.

Students who participated in Skills USA competition brought recognition and honor to the school by winning medals at the district, state and---for the first time-- national competition. As previously mentioned, Health Occupations student Catherine Milkowski earned a bronze medal during the 2006 national competition in Kansas City, joining the more than 50 medal winners from Massachusetts schools. This summer she returned to Kansas City for the 2007 competition and brought home the gold medal! Classmate Jeremy Durham won the national silver medal in HVAC.

In June 2007, the graduating class of 121 students received diplomas and technical certificates at commencement exercises. Approximately 60% of the graduates were had plans to continue their education at the post-secondary level, about 35 % planned to enter the workforce, while 5% had made commitments to serve in the military. Interest in four-year colleges also continued to be a popular option for graduating seniors. Articulation agreements with local colleges continued to have a positive effect on Pathfinder seniors, encouraging them to continue their education with advanced credit. Additionally, two seniors successfully participated in the Early College program offered through the local community colleges.

Approximately \$37,000 in scholarships-- as well as United States Savings Bonds to students active in the military-- was awarded to members of Pathfinder's Class of 2007. Once again, state and local organizations and businesses, post-secondary institutions, as well as private individuals, continued to recognize the ability and potential of Pathfinder graduates in the form of generous donations. The School Committee, administration-- and particularly the graduates-- are grateful for this support and are especially proud of the number of awards that have been made to honor the memory of former Pathfinder students and staff members.

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ATHLETICS

Members of Pathfinder's Student Council continued their active participation in local service activities. During the Red Cross Blood Drive, they collected more than 65 pints of blood. Once again the Thanksgiving Food Drive resulted in a successful campaign that delivered baskets to Valley Human Services for local needy families. Council members also sponsored a Pancake Breakfast in December during which they raised \$660 to benefit the Shriners' Hospital for Children in Springfield.

The Drama Club performed two plays during the year, including *Dreamweaver* in May of 2006 and *Isfahan* in November.

Pathfinder's athletic teams enjoyed exceptional success during 2006-07. Over 200 students were involved in the various programs. Significant increases occurred in freshman and female participation.

- The Boys' Varsity Soccer team returned to post-season play after a two-year absence by qualifying for both the State Vocational Soccer Tournament and the Western Mass. Tournament.
- The Varsity Football Team finished as co-champions of the Tri- County League and earned a position in the State Vocational Super Bowl.
- The Girls' Varsity Soccer Team fell one win short of qualifying for post-season tournament play but notched more wins than in the previous five years.
- Senior Joe Hess was selected to play in the Western Mass. Senior All-Star game.
- The Boys' Varsity Basketball Team finished 2nd in the Tri-County League and qualified for the Western Mass. and Vocational Tournaments.
- The Girls' Varsity Basketball Team finished the season in second place in the Tri-County league and qualified for the Western Mass. Tournament.
- The Wrestling Club advanced to varsity status and competed in a full varsity schedule in 2006-07.
- The Varsity Baseball Team completed a 15-5 season. They were the #1 seed in the State Vocational Baseball Tournament finishing as runner-up. The team also qualified for the Western Mass. Baseball Tournament where they earned the #4 seed.
- Nick Aldrich and Laura Courchesne were named the outstanding senior male and female athletes, respectively.
- The upcoming fall season will feature the school's first ever co-op sports team when Pathfinder and Palmer High Schools combine for boys' and girls' cross country.

SPECIAL SERVICES

During 2006, the Special Education Department continued to recognize its responsibility to provide a continuum of special education and related services for eligible students in accordance with the provisions of state and federal regulations. The Department is committed to providing a range of supportive services to maximize student learning.

The Special Education Department strives to address the diverse needs of all learners in grades 9-12 and to students enrolled in the Modified Vocational Instruction Program (MVIP). Through integrated efforts with students, parents, and other student support services, the Department focuses on promoting each student's self-awareness, ability to self-advocate, and sense of self sufficiency.

Staff members conducted Team evaluations, annual reviews, and diagnostic reviews for 54 students in the MVIP Program and 178 students in grades 9-12.

The Department currently includes 15 professionally licensed teachers, 7 paraprofessionals, and a full-time secretary. Licensed specialists include a Speech and Language Pathologist, School Psychologist, and Occupational Therapist.

Pathfinder continued to provide resource room instruction for all major courses offered in grades 9-12. The required history and science courses align with the state Curriculum Frameworks. Mathematics courses in the resource room feature an integrated approach to algebra and geometry in preparation for the MCAS tests. Resource English includes a variety of novels, short stories, and vocabulary exercises—all in preparation for the MCAS tests. Math, reading, and language arts instruction continued to be supplemented with Title I funded instruction.

This past year, the MVIP Program actually operated at near capacity with 54 students. All six shops offered instruction closely coordinated with Chapter 74 approved programs in which they are housed. Components of the program included:

- **Office Business:** Students work on printing, duplicating, and collating brochures and mailings for member communities and non-profit groups.
- **Building Services:** Students learn care of interior surfaces and coverings, building exteriors and grounds, and the use of some hand and power tools necessary in this line of work.
- **Horticulture:** Students learn maintenance of greenhouse and vegetable gardens, landscape maintenance, and floral design.
- **Auto Reconditioning:** Students learn the basics of cleaning and polishing cars along with professional workmanship, and they provide this service to the public.
- **Food Services:** Students learn the fundamentals of food preparation and service and assist in the preparation and production of the daily school lunch.
- **Health Occupations:** Students learn to maintain the patients’ environment and to communicate with as well as assist them with various types of care. The students are trained in light housekeeping and shopping duties.

The vocational-technical personnel in the MVIP Program prepare the students for a *support* role in the aligned program area. At graduation exercises in June, 9 MVIP students received their certificates.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

PATHFINDER 2006 GRANT AWARDS

GRANT	AMOUNT	USE
P.L. 94-142 (Special Education)	\$216,047	Two staff salaries, a hall monitor, 40 evaluations, software and supplies
SPED IMPROVEMENT	\$5,000.	Staff Development – 2 aides received full certification
TOBACCO	\$1,400	Sustainable Tobacco Awareness Campaign
BIOTECH GRANT	\$8,760	Equipment to expand to DNA tracing and mapping
TEACHER QUALITY	\$27,032	Portion of Highly Qualified SPED staff salaries

TECH ENHANCEMENT	\$14,625	Two slicers with automatic shutoff and 2 shields for mixing bowls
TECH SAFETY	\$25,000	State -of -the art ventilation system in Auto Body Shop
PERKINS FUNDS (Vocational Education)	\$81,701	Math Mentor, <i>Project Lead the Way</i> , “Writing Across the Curriculum” course
INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS	\$1,986	Conversion of <i>Renaissance Learning</i> to Internet format
TITLE 1	\$90,489	Language Arts and Math Specialists
ACADEMIC SUPPORT (School Year)	\$21,873	Afternoon MCAS Remediation Programs
ACADEMIC SUPPORT (Summer)	\$6,348	Summer MCAS Remediation Program
HIGH SCHOOLS THAT WORK	\$20,000	Staff attendance at Summer Conference, Afternoon Remediation Program and HSTW Coordinator
Workforce Investment Act (WIA)	\$46,707	Summer work/enrichment for 25 disadvantaged youth
WIA – PERFORMANCE AWARD GRANT	\$7,914	1,000 hours of school year employment
SPED ELECTRONIC PORTFOLIO	\$1,200	Alternative assessment training
SAFE AND DRUG FREE	\$3,035	Teacher training and materials for PEERS for PEACE implementation
TOTAL	\$576,082	

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The school committee wishes to give recognition to the following special programs and activities that took place during the year.

The summer Youth Enrichment Program served 118 children between the ages of 9 and 13. The program ran for four one-week sessions during the month of July. The first session consisted of four days, and the following three sessions lasted for five days each. Participants had the opportunity to select from the following options: Automotive, Culinary Arts, Electronics, Environmental Explorers, Cosmetology, Carpentry, and Floriculture. The daily schedule placed participants in their specialty areas in the morning, sports and/or games after lunch, and an hour of free swim in the Palmer High School pool.

The spring and fall Afternoon Enrichment Programs served 109 students. This program met for one day per week for two hours. Each student spent eight weeks in his or her chosen specialty area selected from the following: Automotive Technology, Carpentry, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Electronics, Fall Crafts, and Biodomes—the study of habitats, ecosystems, and other topics in a science-based curriculum.

Parent and student satisfaction with the Youth Enrichment Program has been extraordinary. Many students return to the program several times. It serves as an excellent introduction to Pathfinder and its environment.

Pathfinder once again received a grant from the Regional Employment Board under the Workforce Investment Act and this year received a special additional incentive amount of \$7,914 as a result of a favorable review by the granting agency. A total of 25 participants took advantage of this program of part-time employment, including job counseling, academic support, and intensive follow-up by grant-supported staff.

Pathfinder's summer school program is designed to enable students to make up information missed during the school year and earn credit needed for their promotion or graduation. The academic summer school program was offered during the month of July. It ran Monday through Friday with two morning sessions, each two hours long. A total of 40 hours in attendance is required for completing the program. In order for the program to remain self-sufficient and to be competitive with other area programs, the course fee of \$150 has remained unchanged over the past 4 years. Thirteen academic courses were offered for students in grades 8-12.

Additionally, a vocational summer school program was offered during the last week of June. This program included two offerings: Related Theory and an Employability Skills workshop. The combined summer school enrollment included 138 students from 10 school districts.

FACULTY AND STAFF

The 2006-07 staff numbers remained essentially unchanged from the previous school year. At the initial faculty meeting in September, Superintendent Gerald Paist announced the appointment of Ken Heim and Stanley Kapinos as the new Cooperative Education Director and Vocational Coordinator, respectively. In June, the tradition of honoring current and soon-to-be-retirees continued. Those staff members included; Ruth Cosmopoulos (Cosmetology); Charlotte Fogarty (Mathematics); Toni Kubiak (Special Education); Edward Penniman (Carpentry); Barry Webb (Science); and Joan Markert (Clerical).

Dr. Paist continued to serve on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and on the Board of Directors of the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce. An active member of the Assn. for Career & Technical Education, he was named to another term as a Region I Director for that organization's National Council of Local Administrators. He was also appointed to an initial 3-year term on ACTE's Nominating Committee.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

As a result of the admission of Warren and the resulting increase in the number of in-district students as well as the effect of the Chapter 70 school finance formula, Pathfinder received \$4,792,469 in Chapter 70 monies, \$768,317 greater than the previous fiscal year. In fact, Pathfinder's Chapter 70 increase was the third highest among regional vocational school districts in the state. That welcome news enabled the school committee to adopt a budget that was favorable to a majority of the member towns. The FY08 budget that was ultimately approved by all of the eight member communities was \$11,623,077. State aid and other reductions totaling \$6,840,068 resulted in an assessment of \$4,783,009 to be divided among the member towns according to the regional school budget law and the regional agreement.

**PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASSESSMENTS 2007-2008**

TOWN	MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION	SHARE MVIP Program	ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION	SHARE OF REGULAR CAPITAL	3rd YR OF CAPITAL PLAN	TRANSPORTATION	CAPITAL ASSESSMENT	TOTAL
BELCHERTOWN	497,801	54,462	129,470	22,069	62,678	21544	-	788,024
GRANBY	241,657	18,154	57,168	9,745	27,133	9,513	-	363,370
HARDWICK	76,630	9,077	30,266	5,159	10,758	5,036	-	136,926
MONSON	454,815	45,385	134,514	22,928	35,072	22,383	-	715,098
N. BRAINTREE	44,917	0	13,451	2,293	4,045	2,238	-	66,945
PALMER	853,547	81,693	300,975	51,302	47,746	50,082	-	1,385,345
WARE	643,422	90,771	193,364	32,960	33,738	32,175	-	1,026,430
WARREN	160,416	36,308	62,213	10,604	20,979	10,352	-	300,872
TOTAL	2,973,205	335,851	921,420	157,060	242,150	153,323	-	4,783,009

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

The School Committee is justly proud of the staff and students and of the contributions they have made to the economic health of our District. The committee recognizes that, in this era of accountability and high expectations, many changes need to be made. The increased emphasis on academic skills needs to be maintained without diminishing the quality of students' technical studies.

The Committee was particularly pleased by the successful effort to add the town of Warren to the District. Members are confident that the District will be stronger and the students in Warren better served as a result. The Committee wishes to commend Warren town officials and members of the Pathfinder administration who worked over two years to bring this project to conclusion. The Committee is also grateful to town officials in the several member towns for their support.

The FY08 budget development brought continued signs that, despite some indication of economic recovery, budgets for the current year and in the near future will be significantly impacted by the state of the economy, rising costs of health insurance, and energy. There is evidence that, annually, one or more of the member towns will continue to experience severe difficulty in meeting Pathfinder's costs. In addition, the Committee recognizes the need to develop and implement an ambitious capital improvement plan to maintain the 34-year-old building and update the instructional equipment. The Committee therefore looks forward to next year with the caution to which it has become accustomed. It is, however, committed to providing the best educational opportunities for workforce development within the District.

Respectfully submitted,
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David Droz, Palmer
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Vacancy, Warren

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Appeals (zoning issues)	Appeals, Board of	283-2611
Assessments, Abatements	Assessors, Board of	283-2607
Building Permits, Electric Permits, Plumbing, gas & wiring Permits, Zoning Enforcement	Building Inspector	283-2638
Burial Records, Cemetery Plots	Cemetery	283-2665
Emergency Preparedness, Catastrophe	Civil Defense	283-8792
Future planning for Palmer	Community Development Dept. Palmer Redevelopment Authority	283-2614 283-4100
Wetlands Management	Conservation Commission	283-2611
Senior activities, Information & Transportation	Council on Aging	283-2670
Animal Control	Dog Officer	283-7770
Health, Sanitation, Septic Permits/Title V, Food & Beverage License & Tobacco License	Health, Board Of	283-2606
Road Maintenance, snow & ice removal	Department of Public Works	283-2615
Alcohol Beverage Information	License Commission	283-2608
Federally funded elderly housing	Palmer Housing Authority	283-9311
All library services	Palmer Public Library	283-3330
Park & Field Maintenance	Department of Public Works	283-2615
Planning, Land Use, Zoning	Planning Board	283-2605
Public Schools	Schools:	
	Converse Middle School	283-2641
	Old Mill Pond Elementary	283-2630
	Palmer High School	283-2621
	Palmer Regional Vocational Technical	283-9701
	Superintendent of Schools	283-2650
Scale, weight Certification	Sealer of Weights & Measures (Residence)	283-4070
Committee Appointments, Class I, II & III Licenses, Amusement/Entertainment Licenses, Street Entrance, Street Excavation Licenses	Town Manager	283-2603
Parking Tickets, Property & Excise Tax Bills	Tax Collector	283-2601
General Accounting	Town Accountant	283-2602
Births, Deaths, Marriages, Dog Licenses, Fishing & Hunting Licenses, Business Certificates, Elections & Voter Registration	Town Clerk	283-2608
Bill Payment, Payroll, Insurance Benefits	Town Treasurer	283-2600
Veteran's Information/Referrals Benefits	Veteran's Agent	283-2610
Sewer Bill, Sewer Abatements	Wastewater Treatment Plant	283-2671
EMERGENCY NUMBERS - 911	Fire – Bondsville	283-9036
	Palmer	283-3861
	Thorndike	283-3861
	Three Rivers	283-7161
	Hospital	283-7651
	Ambulance	283-1652
	Police Dept.	283-8792