THE TOWN OF BUCKLAND DEDICATES THE
2011 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT TO:

STEFAN G. RACZ

We dedicate the 2011 Annual Town Report to the memory of Stef Racz who passed away on February 25, 2011.

Stef faithfully served the Town in many capacities during his 38 years as a resident of Buckland, most recently as Selectman. He was first elected a Selectman in 2003 and was serving in his third three year term as Chairman of the Board at the time of his death. Stef was a hard-working selectman, putting in the hours required to do his homework and properly prepare himself for meetings and the duties of being a Selectman. Stef took the position seriously and could often be found at Town Hall, checking in to see how things were going and to help out the staff if needed. There is a chair in the Town Administrator’s office fondly known as “Stef’s Chair” in honor of all the time he spent in it while in discussion about issues affecting Buckland.

He was a regular volunteer in the community, as well, giving his time to the Shelburne Senior Center, the Shelburne Falls Information Center and to several annual community events. He represented Buckland on the Franklin Regional Council of Governments and was chairman of the Shelburne Falls Area TRIAD. Jokingly referred to as “the Mayor of Buckland”, he was a fixture in Shelburne Falls, his daily walks taking him around the village – on both sides of the bridges.

Stef not only served his community, but he was also a veteran of the United States Air Force.

In 2006 and again in 2010, Stef campaigned as an independent candidate for state representative in the 2nd Berkshire District. Though he did not win, Stef proved that a political campaign can be run fairly and honestly and be focused on issues of importance to us, to our small towns and to our local economy. He was about substance over style.

Family was important to Stef and he celebrated 40 years of marriage with his wife, Roxana, and was a proud father of Rebecca.

Born in Germany and raised in Charlemont, Stef was a 1968 graduate of Mohawk Trail Regional High School; a member of the first graduating class of the new regional school district. After retiring in 2004 from his job as a quality assurance auditor and trainer at Yankee Atomic in Rowe, Stef enjoyed returning to Mohawk as a substitute teacher.

After Stef died, friends and family members remembered his life, sharing many stories and reminiscences about experiences shared with Stef. He touched many lives during his life and it is fitting to end this dedication with some of the many words and phrases used to describe Stef Racz: “go-to guy,” “tireless worker for the town,” “trusted colleague,” “advocate,” “realistic,” “a leader,” and “an all-around good guy.”

Stef, we miss you.
NATIONAL, STATE, AND COUNTY OFFICIALS

UNITED STATES SENATORS

Scott Brown  John F. Kerry

GOVERNOR
Deval L. Patrick

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
Timothy P. Murray

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT I
John W. Olver

STATE SENATOR
Stanley C. Rosenberg

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
Paul Mark

FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
John Paciorek, Chair
Bill Perlman, Vice Chair
Sam Lovejoy, Secretary
Ann Banash
William Martin
Transfer Station Hours: Tuesdays and Saturdays 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

_Times are subject to change._

Transfer Station Location: Take Route 112 South, turn left onto Hodgen Road (opposite “Recycling Center” sign), go past the Fire Station and up the hill to the Transfer Station

Transfer Station Telephone: 625-6743

Transfer Station Regulations

1. Transfer Station stickers will be issued after proof of residency is shown. Transfer Station stickers are available at the Town Hall from the Administrative Assistant (Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m). Stickers are to be displayed on lower left or rear window of your vehicle.

2. The attendant will monitor stickers at the Transfer Station; NO ONE will be allowed to enter the Transfer Station without a CURRENT STICKER.

3. All trash must be disposed of in a Town of Buckland trash bag. Trash bags (33 gallons) cost $2.00 each and are available in bundles of ten at the Buckland Town Hall (Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.), McCusker’s Market, and Shelburne Farm and Garden. Small bags (18/20 gallons) are $12.50 for a bundle of ten, available at Buckland Town Hall.

4. Recyclable materials may be disposed of free of charge.

5. Shoes are required to be worn.

6. No removal of items from Transfer Station property – person will be prosecuted.

7. No smoking is allowed at the Transfer Station. Children and/or pets must be confined to the vehicle.

Allowable Items: Clean and dry paper and cardboard; junk mail; boxboard; newspapers/inserts; magazines/catalogs; paper bags; white and colored office paper; computer paper; corrugated cardboard; paperbacks and phone books. All paper and cardboard must be clean and dry. Glass bottles/jars (only clear, green, brown, less than two gallons); aluminum, tin/steel cans and lids and aluminum foil; milk and juice cartons (tent top); drink boxes; plastic bottles, jars, tubs, and microwave trays/containers. Empty and rinse all containers. All types of metal, ferrous, non-ferrous, clean waste oil.

Do Not Include: Plastic bags or wraps, pizza boxes, motor oil bottles, Styrofoam, egg cartons, syringes/hypodermic needles, broken glass, soda or beer holders/cartons, ceramics.

Appliances: A fee of $5.00 per appliance must be paid at the Town Hall before disposal.

Ranges   Stoves   Ovens   Hot water heaters   Compactors
Washers   Dryers   Dishwashers   Gas Grills - without propane

APPLIANCES CANNOT BE SMASHED BUT MAY HAVE SOME DENTS.

UNALLOWABLE ITEMS: Stereo Sets   Television Sets   Tree Stumps
Refrigerators   Microwaves   C&D Material
Salvaging materials by public, Chairs, Tables, Sofas, Rugs, etc.

(MATERIAL FROM COMPLETE BUILDINGS MUST BE TAKEN TO A COMMERCIAL DUMP.)

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Selectmen’s Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m., on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, in the Town Hall Selectmen’s Meeting Room, and are open to the public. Meetings are broadcast over cable television.

OFFICES are closed from 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. for lunch.

Selectmen’s Office
Administrative Assistant – Sherry Clark 625-6330
Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Town Clerk – Janice Purington 625-8572
Hours: Monday - Thursday, 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Assessor’s Office
Administrative Assistant – Pamela Guyette 625-2335
Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Tax Collector – Linda Marcotte 625-9474
Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Treasurer – Linda Marcotte 625-9474

Town Administrator – Andrea Llamas 625-6167

Town Accountant – Joyce Muka 625-6167

Buckland Public Library
Elizabeth Jacobson-Carroll 625-9412

Dog Officer – Edward Grinnell 834-2951

Highway Department – Steve Daby 625-2367

Recreation Area 625-9555

Transfer Station – Harry Warger 625-6743

Wastewater Treatment Plant – Dan Fleuriel 625-2300
### Monthly Meeting Schedule of Town Boards, Commissions, and Committees

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<td>Zoning Board of Appeals</td>
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*Regular meetings are held in the Resource Center, Mohawk Trail Regional School.

**Regular meetings are held in the Assembly Hall, Franklin County Tech School, in Turners Falls.

The following Boards, Committees, and Commissions meet “as posted”:

- Agricultural Commission
- Buckland Public Library Trustees – First Tuesday monthly
- Cultural Council
- Energy Committee
- Finance Committee
- Historic Commission
- Personnel Committee
- Public Safety Committee

**Annual Town Election:** Monday, May 7, 2012, 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Buckland Town Hall, Second Floor, William Street Entrance

**Annual Town Meeting:** Wednesday, May 9, 2012, 7:00 p.m., Mohawk Trail Regional School District Auditorium
### ELECTED OFFICIALS

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Janice Purington

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<td>Karen Brandow (first term)</td>
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<td>Susannah Lee (third term)</td>
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<td>Erica Leiberman (second term)</td>
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<td>Amy Wagener Murray</td>
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COUNCIL ON AGING (three year term)
Ellen Eller 7/14/09-6/30/12
Joanne Soroka 4/12/11-6/30/13
Virginia Washer 7/01/08-6/30/11

DOG OFFICER/ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
Edward Grinnell 07/01/11-6/30/12

ASSISTANT DOG OFFICER/ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
Linda Rollins 07/01/11-6/30/12

FENCE VIEWER
John Snyder 7/01/11-6/30/12

FIELD DRIVER
Clay Herbert 7/01/11-6/30/12

FOREST WARDEN
Russell Scott 7/01/11-6/30/12

DEPUTY FOREST WARDEN
Paul Herbert 7/01/11-6/30/12
Arthur Phillips 7/01/11-6/30/12
Open

FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Kevin P. Fox 7/01/11-6/30/12

FRANKLIN COUNTY BUILDING INSPECTION PROGRAM
James Bonham 7/01/11-6/30/12

FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS PLANNING REPRESENTATIVE
Stefan G. Racz 7/01/10-6/30/11
Michael Hoberman, Alternate 7/01/11-6/30/12

FRANKLIN COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE
Peter Otten 7/01/11-6/30/12

FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Andrea Donlon 7/01/11-6/30/12

GYPSY MOTH SUPERINTENDENT
David Lowell 7/01/11-6/30/12

HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR
Robert A. Dean 7/01/11-6/30/12

HEALTH AGENT
Daniel Fleuriel 7/01/11-6/30/12

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (3 year term)
Roxana Racz 7/01/10-6/30/13
HARTFORD COUNTY

HIGHWAY FOREMAN
Steve Daby 7/01/11-6/30/12

HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY
Kevin P. Fox 7/01/11-6/30/12

INSPECTORS – REGIONAL
BUILDING INSPECTOR Telephone: (413) 772-2026
James Hawkins, Building Inspector
James Cerone, Local Building Inspector

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR Telephone: (413) 772-2026 X126
Thomas McDonald

PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTOR Telephone: (413) 772-2026 X125
Andrew French

MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR
Arthur H. Phillips 7/01/11-6/30/12

MASSACHUSETTS ASSISTANT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR
Michael Dekoschak 7/01/11-6/30/12

MMAC REPRESENTATIVE
Benjamin Murray 7/01/11-6/30/12

NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Marion Scott 7/01/11-6/30/12

PARKING CLERK
Janice Purington 7/01/11-6/30/12

PERC AGENTS (three year term)
James Bauerlein 7/01/11-6/30/14
Richard Warner 7/01/11-6/30/14

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (one year term)
Karen Blom (Finance Committee Appointment) 9/13/11-6/30/12
Cheryl Dukes (Finance Committee Appointment) 7/01/10-6/30/11
Randy Gobeil 6/14/11-6/30/12
Jason Schneider (Moderator Appointment) 7/01/10-6/30/11
Catherine Todd (Moderator Appointment) 7/01/11-6/30/12

PLANNING BOARD (three year term)
John Gould 7/01/10-6/30/13
Edward Grinnell 7/01/10-6/30/13
Thomas Heinig 7/01/09-6/30/12
Michael Hoberman 7/01/11-6/30/14
Christopher Skelly 7/01/10-6/30/13

POLICE CHIEF
James T. Hicks 7/01/09-6/30/12
REPRESENTATIVE TO FRANKLIN VETERANS SERVICE CENTER
Kevin Fox 7/01/11-6/30/12

RIGHT-TO-KNOW COORDINATOR
Robert A. Dean 7/01/11-6/30/12

SELECTMEN’S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Sherry Clark 7/01/11-6/30/12

SEWER HOOK-UP INSPECTOR
Daniel Fleuriel 7/01/11-6/30/12

STREET LISTER
Janice Purington 7/01/11-6/30/12

SURVEYORS OF WOOD, BARK, AND LUMBER
Roxana Racz 7/01/11-6/30/12

TOWN ACCOUNTANT
FRCOG - Joyce Muka 7/01/11-6/30/12

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
Andrea Llamas 3/01/11-3/01/14

TREASURER/COLLECTOR
Linda Marcotte 7/01/11-6/30/12

WORKMEN’S COMPENSATION AGENT
Linda Marcotte 7/01/11-6/30/12

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (five year term)
Dennis Clark 10/27/09-6/30/12
John Gould 10/27/09-6/30/14
James Rae, Alternate 10/27/09-6/30/13
James Rae 7/13/10-6/30/13
Jeffrey Rose 10/27/09-6/30/12
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
Open

OTHER APPOINTMENTS AND COMMITTEES

ASSESSORS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Appointed by the Assessors
Pamela Guyette 7/01/11-6/30/12

BYLAW COMMITTEE
Open (Planning Board Representative)
Open (Zoning Board Representative)

ENERGY COMMITTEE
John Gould (Planning Board Appointee)
Ellen Kaufmann
Margaret Olin  
Brian Summer  
Michael Turley (Finance Committee Appointee)  
Pamela Walker  

**McKNIGHT SCHOLARSHIP FUND**  
Buckland Board of Selectmen  
Linda Marcotte  

**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**  
Randy Gobeil  

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**  
Karen Blom (Finance Committee Appointee)  
Randy Gobiel (Selectmen Appointee)  
Catherine Todd (Moderator Appointee)  
Michael Turley (Moderator Appointee)  

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
Steven Daby  
Robert Dean  
James Hicks  
Henry Phillips  
Roxana Racz  
Janet Sinclair  

**REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
(Three year term, Moderator’s Appointment)  
Laura Earl  

7/01/10-6/30/13  

**TOWN EMPLOYEES**  

**MAIN OFFICE**  
Joyce Muka  
Town Accountant  
Janice Purington  
Town Clerk  
Pamela Guyette  
Assessors Administrative Assistant  
Linda Marcotte  
Treasurer/Tax Collector  
Sherry Clark  
Selectmen’s Administrative Assistant  
Andrea Llamas  
Town Administrator  

**HIGHWAY/REFUSE DEPARTMENT**  
Steve Daby  
Highway/Refuse Foreman  
Mark Jarvis  
Truck Driver/Operator  
Timothy Loncar  
Truck Driver/Operator  
Sammy Purington  
Truck Driver/Operator  
Harry Warger  
Transfer Station Attendant
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
Daniel Fleuriel
Alan Nichols

BUCKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
Elizabeth Jacobson-Carroll

BUCKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE CHIEF
James T. Hicks

Patrolman
Timothy Budrewicz
Michael Dekoschak

RESERVE OFFICERS
Robert Carmody
Paul Herbert
Nathan Jackman
Jeffrey King
Jason LaRose
Joseph Murdock
Edwin Thurston
Charles Wilder
Roger Williams

ASHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
Patrick Droney, Chief

CHARLEMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT
Jared Bellows, Officer in Charge
Gordon Cutter
Clayton Herbert, Sergeant
Paul Herbert
Holland Herzig

RESERVE OFFICERS
Melinda Herzig
John McDonough, Sergeant
Charles Ricco
Mellisa Salls
Diane Wilder

SHELBURNE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Steven Walker, Chief
Greg Bardwell, Sergeant
Michael Billiel
Timothy Budrewicz

RESERVE OFFICERS
Clayton Herbert
Phillip Malone
Robert Manners
Clint Phillips
2011 was an eventful year in the history of the Town of Buckland. Early in the year we lost a friend and colleague: Stef Racz. Stef worked tirelessly as a Buckland Selectman and his sudden passing was a shock to all who knew him. It is fitting that this annual report is dedicated in his honor. Late in the summer we were visited by a major storm that caused severe flooding damage to public and private property. Both events helped to define a year filled with tumult and progress.

In keeping with Stef Racz’s example of public service, we want to recognize and honor Buckland’s Town employees for their extraordinary efforts following Stef’s death, as well as before, during and after Tropical Storm Irene. They demonstrated that the service and dedication Stef exhibited is still visible daily in how town personnel do their jobs while faced with adversity – be it death or disaster.

In the wake of Stef’s death, it was heartening that several people considered stepping forward to finish out his unexpired term on the Board. Cheryl L. Dukes was elected to complete the term and has excelled in learning the job and grasping the issues. She has taken the initiative to lead an examination of the Town’s emergency response plans and we will be amending plans as needed.

In August, Tropical Storm Irene caused major damage to private property and to Town infrastructure, including roads, culverts, bridges and sewer pipes. This storm should cause us all to examine our personal preparedness for natural disasters and to dismiss the idea that a major storm “can’t happen here” because it did happen here. Thanks to our Town personnel, especially our Emergency Management Director, Henry Phillips, Assistant EMD, Mike Dekoschak, Steve Daby and his Highway crew, and Jim Hicks and his Police Department, and Dan Fleuriel and his Wastewater Treatment Department who responded before, during and after the event.

Thanks also to our partners in neighboring towns, especially Shelburne, and in the Buckland Fire Department led by Chief Herb Guyette, the Shelburne Falls Fire Department led by Chief Rick Bardwell, and the Shelburne Falls Fire District Water Department led by Guy Wheeler. It truly requires a collaborative effort to respond to an emergency such as that caused by Irene and the men and women in these organizations exhibited many instances of personal effort above and beyond the strict call of duty. Also, thanks to Mary Vilbon of the Shelburne Falls Area Business Association for her tireless efforts on behalf of the business community, keeping us informed as well as connecting business owners to potential sources of assistance.

An event of this magnitude also requires support from everyone working in Town Hall. Andrea Llamas, Sherry Clark, Pam Guyette, Linda Marcotte, and Janice Purington continue to serve important roles as we work at the arduous job of recovery.

Thanks to Superintendent Buoniconti and Principal Dole for responding so quickly and decisively to the Town’s request to allow the FEMA Disaster Recovery Center to be located in Buckland at the high school. Mohawk also hosted a contingent of our Massachusetts National Guard, using the school parking lot and facilities as a staging area for response efforts in Buckland and our neighboring towns. We thank the Guard for assisting us, especially to the military police officers who helped augment the efforts of Chief Hicks and his officers in preserving the security of buildings affected by flooding on Conway Street.
Thanks also to all the citizens of Buckland who stepped forward to offer assistance to the Town, to the business community, and to your neighbors. When all is said and done about Irene, the countless examples of neighbor helping neighbor will be what is most remembered and what makes this Town great.

Irene afforded us the opportunity to test our new Blackboard Connect reverse dial emergency notification system. By all accounts it worked well, though refinements are in process as the system can be more robust and make calls to cell phones and send e-mail notices. Buckland residents and business owners are encouraged to register online. More information is available at Town Hall. We are also working to improve our emergency preparation and resiliency, both within the town and regionally, including examining the use of social media to give and receive important information.

Since the storm hit we have been working with our state and federal Legislators to identify funding sources and to ask the state to help us pay the 25% match required for federal emergency funding we are receiving through FEMA, NRCS and MassDOT. We understand the recovery process seems to take too long. Fortunately or unfortunately, we have experience with prior disasters that informed how we approached fixing this damage so as not to jeopardize any outside funding sources.

We know there remains a lot of damage to fix. We’re not done yet. We continue to work with FEMA and MassDOT after completing repairs to eleven specific sites along the Clesson Brook with funding provided by the NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection program. We hired the engineering firm of Weston & Sampson to guide us through the regulatory and design process during our initial response to the damage and are still working with them toward the goal of intelligently improving the roads in the Clesson Brook and Apple Valley sections of town. With our stellar Finance Committee, we are actively examining all possible strategies to finance the long term debt required to effect lasting repairs to our infrastructure. Town Meeting votes will be required. We hope that residents will stay engaged with us through the process, and will understand that it takes time to do the job right while always keeping the cost to taxpayers in mind.

Other town infrastructure improvements got underway or were completed in 2011, in addition to emergency repairs after Irene. Community Development Block Grant funding was used to complete the reconstruction of Franklin Street, to start the reconstruction of Clement Street which will be completed in 2012, and we applied for funding to rebuild a portion of Sears Street. We hope to hear good news about that application in the spring. Our CDBG applications also include funding for social services, including support of the local food bank which now more than ever needs the active support of all of us.

State Street’s reconstruction occupied a good portion of 2011, with shovels in the ground starting in April and work progressing through year-end. Final paving and line striping will happen in the spring of 2012. We’d like to thank former selectman, Clay Herbert, for his early stewardship of this project. He was instrumental in ensuring that it remained in front of the Selectmen and that it progressed through the lengthy process toward implementation. The project is funded through the Franklin County Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and managed by MassDOT.

We also submitted the necessary paperwork to add Conway Street, Summer Street, South Street and Conway Road (to the Conway Town line) to the Franklin County TIP. That stretch of roads are eligible for federal funding and the TIP process is the best avenue for getting a major project like that completed outside of funding it through the local property tax levy. It
may be several years before we see the project begin, but the early process of project identification and engineering is critical to ensure the future success of the project.

During the summer of 2011 we welcomed a delegation of officials representing our Chinese sister village of Mutianyu. Many thanks are in order for a cooperative effort with the Town of Shelburne, the Shelburne Falls Area Business Association, and many individuals both here and in China who made it happen and made our Chinese friends feel welcomed. Our two villages are interested in sharing educational and economic development efforts to benefit all.

We continued to work collaboratively as one third of the Shelburne Falls Area Partnership, along with the Shelburne Board of Selectmen and the Executive Committee of the Shelburne Falls Area Business Association. An economic development sub-committee was formed to generate and review ideas that will help us reach the goals of filling vacant commercial property and bringing new jobs to town. The Partnership is also examining the idea of bringing the Shelburne Falls Trolley down Depot Street in view of the village. No final decision will be made without input from the public.

In September many folks converged on Upper Street for the dedication of the Buckland Public Library renovation and addition. If you have not yet visited, please do and see the fruits of the labor of so many dedicated volunteers who worked on committees and raised money to make the project a reality. The names of all involved are too numerous to mention, but we’d like to recognize Karen Harmon for her extraordinary efforts in keeping the project on track and seeing it through to completion.

Throughout the year, Buckland’s Energy Committee was instrumental in guiding the Town through the lengthy process that resulted in Buckland being named a Green Community by the Massachusetts Department of Energy resources. Along with the designation comes a Big Belly solar trash compactor (already in use outside Town Hall) and a grant that will be used for energy efficiency improvements at Town Hall and the Police Station.

Other issues that we worked on in 2011 include participation in a regional dog kennel program through the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office, consideration of the Town creating a municipal lighting plant that will allow participation in the Wired West broadband project, and revision to the Senior Center agreement now that the four town consortium will become a three town consortium in July, 2012. Also, long overdue and now underway is creation of an official Town of Buckland website. We look forward to unveiling it in the near future. Also unveiled in 2011 on the grounds of the Buckland Historical Museum on Upper Street was a new memorial honoring Buckland’s war veterans. Many residents participated in the effort to ensure the accuracy of the names on the plaques as well as raising the necessary funds.

Finally, we wish to offer our heartfelt appreciation to all the residents who volunteer their time to serve the Town on the various boards and committees that are the true lifeblood of our municipal government. Thank you very much for your dedicated service to our community.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SELECTMEN,

Robert Dean, Chairman
Board of Selectmen
LARGE ANIMAL INSPECTOR’S ANNUAL REPORT 2011

The following is a summary of the annual Animal Inspection for 2011:

1. Cattle (Adult = 2 years and over)  
   Number of Daily  
   Adult  61  
   Beef  24  
   Steers/Oxen  3  
   Young  63  
   29

2. Number of Goats (Adult = 1 year and up)  
   17  
   8

3. Number of Sheep (Adult = 1 year and up)  
   40  
   17

4. Swine  
   Number of Breeders  17  
   Number of Feeders  0

5. Llamas/Alpacas  
   3

6. Equine  
   Number of Horses, Ponies  30  
   Donkeys and Mules  6

7. Poultry  
   Number of Chickens  730  
   Number of Turkeys  8  
   Number of Waterfowl  33

8. Number of Rabbits  
   1

9. Other Animals  (Game Birds)  
   47

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sammy Purington  
Inspector of Animals

BUCKLAND SMALL ANIMAL CONTROL ANNUAL REPORT 2011

CAT CALLS
- Four cats on Old State Street picked up by estranged spouse.
- One homeless cat found in basement of Brush With Fate store after Tropical Storm Irene.
- Call from Dispatch – owner arrested, cat left in car, picked up and boarded overnight. Cat picked up by owner the next day.
- Stray cat picked up, vaccinated, neutered, and re-homed.
- Five calls from Bray Road resident complaining that neighbor’s cat is killing his chickens in his yard. Contacted neighbor and advised of the situation; neighbor belligerent and dismissive; resulted in resident shooting cat to protect his property.

31 ROAMING DOG CALLS
- 19 dogs located and reunited with families.
- Call to assist removing porcupine quills from dog’s mouth.
Three complaints of aggressive dogs off property belonging to Clesson Brook Road residents. Warned to keep dogs on property. One of these dogs bit a neighbor. Owners warned and told to keep dogs on property and under control. Three letters by neighbors on file. Warned next incident will result in a hearing.

Dog found wandering at Arms Cemetery by Buckland resident. Shelburne Animal Control Officer not available. Buckland resident brought dog home where it escaped and got hit by a car. Linda Rollins transported dog to VESH where it received emergency treatment. Dog taken to South Deerfield Vet for further treatment. Reunited with Colrain owner who paid all expenses and agreed to keep dog fenced.

Made phone calls and visits to get unregistered dogs licensed resulting in 24 people registering their dogs and paying fines.

**MISCELLANEOUS WILDLIFE**

- Picked up refrigerated dead bat at Crittenden Hill Road, brought to Dr. Victoria Howell, and sent to State Lab for rabies testing; found to be negative.
- Picked up porcupine in road, had been hit by car, enlisted the help of Chief Steve Walker to euthanize porcupine.

**TOWN OF SHELBURNE – CALLS ANSWERED WHEN ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER UNAVAILABLE**

- Picked up 4 dogs roaming in Shelburne; owners contacted, and dogs returned.
- 2 dogs delivered by State Police to Eddie’s Wheels facility; both dogs picked up next day by Jeff Thompson.
- Aided Shelburne Police Officer, Greg Bardwell; aggressive injured dog in home in Highland Village. Calmed and muzzled dogs, loaned owners a stretcher, and owners transported dog to VESH.
- Aided Chief Steve Walker in tracking down possum suspected of being rabid, but it was drunk on fermented fruit; probably under-age, too.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ed Grinnell and Linda Rollins

**BUCKLAND AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2011**

The purpose of the Buckland Agricultural Commission is to support agriculture and farming activities in the Town of Buckland. The commission is a non-regulatory commission serving to encourage agriculture, to work for the preservation of agricultural lands, and to promote agricultural-based economic opportunities in Buckland.

While the Agricultural Commission has not met on a regular basis, we are always open to discussion about how to support agricultural activities in town. There are many opportunities to meet with other local town Agricultural Commissions at regional as well as statewide Agricultural Commission meetings. The Agricultural Commission is pleased to work with the town Planning Board on whatever proposed zoning bylaw changes are being discussed.

The Right to Farm Bylaw Disclosure Notification is as follows:
It is the policy of this community to conserve, protect and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food and other agricultural products, and for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers or occupants that the property they are about to acquire or occupy lies within a community where farming activities occur and are encouraged. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Buyers and occupants are informed that any property located within the Town of Buckland may be impacted by commercial agricultural and farming activities.
The Agricultural Commission is looking forward to working with the other town boards and commissions as well as the residents of Buckland to support agriculture and farming activities in Buckland. We appreciate the town support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Atherton, Chair
Christopher Rose
Duane Schmidt
Colin Scott
Paul Willis
Sandra Cardinal (Alternate)
D. Christopher Lenaerts (Alternate)
Sam Purington (Alternate)

**ARMS LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2011**

Keeping dry, putting our entire library collection online, and fundraising planning have been extracurricular to the mainstay of running the Arms Library this past year. There continues to be keen interest in making our library flourish.

Due to the efforts of the Pratt Memorial Library Building Committee, Fundraising Committee, Trustees, library staff and volunteers, fundraising to repair the Pratt Building, home of the Arms Library, is well underway.

The Arms had planned to “go live” with our collection on CW/MARS in October 2011. Due to numerous changes in the CW/MARS automation program, the date is now expected in the late spring 2012. With automation expected to be completed in May of 2012, work on the Arms Library Strategic Plan will begin. Involving people from both Buckland and Shelburne, our Strategic Planning Committee will ask residents of both towns how they would like to see the Arms Library grow in the next five to ten years.

From July 2010 through June 2011, the Arms Library staff and volunteers circulated 14,437 items, fielded 5,180 reference questions, and received 1,023 interlibrary loans received from libraries across the state and country. During the 765 hours we were open, our patrons had access to computers, books new and old, a lovely sunny reading room, a lower level meeting room and workspace, audios, movies, newspapers, and magazines. Even when closed, our wi-fi allows internet access. A recent count of our patron records indicate usage of the Arms Library as follows: Buckland - 27%; Shelburne - 38%; out of town - 34%; and out of state - 1%.

The Arms Library is funded by the following sources: the Town of Shelburne; the Town of Buckland; the trustees annual appeal letter; Friends of the Arms Library (including the Adopt-A-Magazine drive); endowment withdrawal; state aid; fines and donations; the Gavin Fund, which helps pay for the page’s position; bequests; and memorial gifts.

The library is staffed by our Page, Emma Taylor; Alexandra Brown, Saturday staff; Assistant Librarian, Susie Patlove; and Director, Laurie Wheeler. Our volunteers, who help with a myriad of library projects, are in the library as much as our staff. Their talents, passion and experience enrich our library landscape.

It’s been a potpourri year! A little of this, a little of that, lots of tasks making for a great mix. Stop by and see what we’re doing with your village library. The Arms Library is open: Mon. &
Buckland Board of Health Annual Report 2011

Just another healthy, happy year for the Board of Health and Buckland - just kidding. Having a sense of humor is always important for overall health and especially now in an overstressed world.

The Board worked on new water well regulations this year that will be in place in spring 2012. This work was helped greatly by the FRCOG and Glen Ayers. Jim Bauerlein spent a considerable amount of time on the Public Health District Incentive Grant, and although the grant was acknowledged to be the best one presented, the funding went to a more populous county. Work for the Public Health District will continue. Health inspectors were busy in Buckland responding to the storm damage from Irene and are happy to see the food service venues back in business after rebuilding.

The Board continues to work on wood smoke and wood burning education and will have a brochure in local papers and available at the Town Hall on this subject.

The Board is working on a Uniform Food Inspection Program and the draft will be presented and discussed in February and March 2012. The Board of Health is open to suggestions from the public; public meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month at the Town Hall, at 7:00 p.m..

We thank Regina Purinton for her years of service; she is missed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Warner, Chair
Jim Bauerlein
Terry Estes

Buckland Recreation Committee Annual Report 2011

The Recreation Committee had a very successful season which began with repairing the pool and renovating and painting the pool house in the Spring. Working in conjunction with community service efforts from the Franklin County House of Corrections, many upgrades were completed, at no cost to the Town. The Committee held a Spring fundraiser that provided funds for supplies, making this a real benefit to the Community. As a result of the pool repair, our pool chemical costs were approximately one-third of those spent in 2010. We also cut our water consumption by approximately 800% from 2010, when we needed to top off the pool daily.

We hired a temporary Director, Khrystyna Mitchell, who has been employed as Rec Pool House Attendant for several years. We ran movie nights and family BBQ’s on Fridays throughout the season and had a return visit from the Shelburne Falls Military Band, where we
held a Silent Auction to raise funds to purchase more furniture around the pool. We will run similar events in 2012.

The Camp had another successful season under the direction of Jeff and Mary Johansmeyer. The use of the pool during such a hot summer was a real selling point for Camp families. We hired a new swimming lesson Instructor, Zoe Neely, who did a fabulous job with the increased number of students this past season. The pavilion was used most weekends from Spring into early Fall, and a local carpenter donated three new picnic tables to replace some that needed to be retired.

The 2012 season will see more improvements to the facilities with the help once again of the FCHC crew. We will scrape and paint the pool, add another coat of paint to the pool house, and clean up the picnic sites throughout the facility so that families can begin using them again as they did many years ago.

We will sell passes beginning May 1, 2012, at a discounted rate that will increase June 1. Our scheduled opening weekend is Memorial Day and family nights will begin shortly after. A calendar of events will be available to families at the beginning of the 2012 Season and will be advertised in local newspapers. We hope to have a banner on Bridge Street advertising both the pool and Camp.

We’re looking forward to an amazing season, with an increase in overall pass and swim lesson sales and well attended family events. We also look forward to giving our community a Summer meeting place to relax and enjoy their time off.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Harris-Fried, Chair
Cynthia Schwartz, Treasurer
Nicole Freeman, Secretary
Brandon Boucias, Member

BOARD OF ASSESSOR’S ANNUAL REPORT 2011

The Assessing Department experienced a major change this year. After contracting with United Mapping of Conway for many years to service our Tax Maps, we have now switched to Cartographics Associates, Inc., of New Hampshire, to update our maps bringing us to modern times of digitizing. The work at the moment is still in progress and we hope to have it completed within the next year.

Property sales have been very minimal and showing only a slight decrease in some of the values.

Tropical Storm Irene was very disturbing to some sections in Buckland causing destruction to several properties. Unfortunately, according to the law, we were unable to grant abatements unless the damage was at least fifty percent of the total value of the property. Properties were viewed and some adjustments were granted.

Our Assessor’s Office runs very efficiently with the guidance of our Assessor’s Administrative Assistant, Pam Guyette. Please call the office (413-625-2335) or stop in with any questions or concerns. With Pam’s knowledge and experience in the Assessing Field we have great confidence that you will be well served.
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Respectfully Submitted,
Marion E. Scott, Chair
Pamela Guyette
Sammy Purington

**BUCKLAND CULTURAL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2011**

The Buckland Cultural Council met several times in 2011. Three of our meetings were devoted to how to spend the grant monies. We received 45 applications, and some were denied funding because they did not meet the criteria created by state guidelines. With $934 carried over from unused but allocated grant money from last year, plus what the state allocated this year, $3,870, we had a total of $4,804 in state funds to distribute. The following is a break down of the applicants, project title, request and amount awarded if accepted:

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<td>Ashfield Community Preschool</td>
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The details of the funding for fiscal year 2012 are available at the Buckland LCC section on the website: [www.mass-culture.org](http://www.mass-culture.org), or from Erica Liebermann, Chair.

In our public meetings, members of our committee were thoughtful and enthusiastic in the discussions about funding. Notice for meetings is posted at Town Hall where our meetings are held. We hope that our choices will continue to bring interesting and culturally enriching events to our area.

Respectfully Submitted,
Erica Liebermann, Co-Chair
Susannah Lee, Co-Chair
Karen Brandow
Roz Lytle-Rich
Connie Mosher
Johanna Weinstein

**BUCKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2011**

The 2010-11 fiscal year was a tremendously busy and productive one at 30 Upper Street, as the long-awaited building project was in full swing! By the end of summer, the parking lot was paved and the addition was framed. As we flipped the calendar to 2011, work on the interior began in earnest. By the end of the year, the addition and renovation were substantially completed and in use by new and returning patrons.
Neighbors and patrons were wonderfully patient and cooperative as conditions on the street, on
the site, and in the library changed weekly -- and frequently involved a shortage of parking, a
surplus of mud and dirt, and more than a bit of noise.

The project was overseen by members of the Board of Trustees and the Building Committee,
who devoted extraordinary amounts of time to problem-solving, decision-making, and
meetings, meetings, meetings! Mary Ellen Jepsen chaired the Trustees, Karen Harmon led the
building committee, and Treasurer Susan Garfield-Wright kept an eye on finances. Rounding
out the building committee were Trustee George L. Dole, Library Director Liz Jacobson-
Carroll, residents Amy Love and Mike McCusker, and members of the construction team.
Edith Gerry, Lois Holm, Will Kiendzior, and Mark Pichette helped to keep trustee matters
moving forward betwixt construction-related happenings.

Sandra Jaquay-Wilson led a landscape design committee. Rob Lord refurbished the original
library table and chairs. Polly Anderson and Dale Moss began hanging artwork on the walls.
Christopher Lenaerts and Bill Deters repaired chairs.

Patron volunteers lent their muscle as movers of books and bookcases on several occasions. In
February, they moved thousands of books from the existing building into the addition, while
also removing many large and heavy bookcases from the historic building. In April, they
moved half of the books back into the historic building and onto the new shelving.
Subsequently, they assisted the Library Director in re-arranging and re-shelving the rest of the
collection in the new space.

We were very fortunate to welcome Colleen Rauch as a regular substitute when Liz was busy
with construction-related matters. Although programming was limited this year, we
maintained our participation in the Buckland Recreation Department summer camp and the
Mary Lyon Foundation Spelling Bee. As warm weather set in, ideas for Fiscal Year 2011-12
events and programs were blooming!

Library hours: Tuesdays 2:00 – 8:00 pm, Fridays 1:00 – 6:00 pm, Saturdays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.
Call (413) 625-9412 for more information.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Jacobson-Carroll, Director

BUCKLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2011

The Conservation Commission is responsible for administration and enforcement of the
Massachusetts Wetlands and Rivers Protection Acts (310 CMR 10.00) that regulate land and
water development activities in and around resource areas protected under the Acts.
Individuals interested in building or otherwise physically altering wetland areas, including a
100’ buffer zone around them, or within 200’ of a stream, must obtain approval from the
Commission.

The Commission is available to provide guidance to residents as to whether a proposed project
is under the Commission’s jurisdiction, and if so, to guide them through the process.
Commission meetings are the first Thursday of each month at Town Hall. Residents are
encouraged to contact the Commission during the planning stages of a project, as guidance
during this stage may allow a resident to avoid any jurisdictional issues.
During 2011 the Commission processed numerous Determinations of Applicability and Notices of Intent. The Commission provided guidance to numerous other landowners on projects.

Tropical Storm Irene overshadowed and dominated the Commission’s activities in 2011. The Department of Environmental Protection issued emergency guidance that was interpreted inconsistently within communities and across the state. Much work was done – indeed had to be done – that was outside of what was technically authorized under the regulations. Due to the ambiguous regulations and the catastrophic circumstances, the Commission had little ability to control or regulate restoration efforts. There are several issues that remain unresolved, and many residents remain bitter.

The Commission is researching grant and other opportunities for outside funding to aid in restoration and preventative efforts. We are also working on a proposal to submit to the Selectboard and Town that would provide for greater responsiveness by the Commission in future events of this magnitude.

Commissioners:
John Organ, Chair
Ellen Eller
Tom Heinig
Amy Murray

**SHELBURNE SENIOR CENTER**

**ASHFIELD-BUCKLAND-COLRAIN-SHELBURNE COUNCILS ON AGING CONSORTIUM**

**ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 2011**

Following the presentation of the strategic plan, “To Grow in Wisdom” in January 2010, the Colrain Board of Selectmen, following the recommendation of its COA, voted to withhold approval of the plan “as written.” In response, the regional board appointed a committee to revise the plan, a process that was completed in February 2011. At that point, a subcommittee was formed to address concerns coming primarily from Ashfield and Colrain about the current regional agreement.

It was with surprise and sadness, then, that we learned that the Colrain Board of Selectmen voted in June 2011 to withdraw from the consortium effective July 1, 2012. It determined that its annual assessment was not worth the numbers of Colrain seniors being served by the Senior Center.

The Ashfield Board of Selectmen then voted to leave the Consortium as well, though it later reversed its decision in light of positive developments in the revision of the regional agreement. Meanwhile the revision of the regional agreement continues. It is hoped that the revised agreement will address Ashfield’s concerns, while opening the door for other towns in West County to join the consortium in the future. And hope remains that at some point in the future Colrain will decide to rejoin the consortium with confidence that its investment will truly benefit its seniors.

Meanwhile the Senior Center staff continued to administer nearly twenty different kinds of programs and services with the help of over one hundred volunteers. The report to the Executive Office of Elder Affairs for fiscal year 2011 showed that a total of 579 people age 65 and older from the four towns were served a total of 7,962 times. The breakdown by town was as follows:

Ashfield: 98 seniors, 1,117 times
The staff is now beginning to lay the foundation for a renewal of local Council on Aging activity in member towns. Our goal for the coming year is to begin the work of revitalizing the COA’s through leadership recruitment and training. This will provide the foundation for planning new local programs to complement the regional programs that run out of the Senior Center. Over the next several years, in addition to addressing vital needs in transportation, housing, and caregiver support, there will be a focus on creating new social/cultural opportunities and a grassroots educational network that will provide opportunities for lifelong learning to the seniors in each town.

Building up your local COA and launching these programs will require the involvement of people of all ages and interests. We hope that you will reach out and offer to help in whatever way that you are able.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jamie Godfrey, Senior Center Director

This year, our member towns and the region benefited from access to professional services at the FRCOG, including town accounting, building and health inspection, town nursing, cooperative purchasing and professional land use and emergency planning and advocacy.

The FY 2012 Voluntary Membership Assessment was level funded for the third year in a row and has decreased by 9.3% since 2001, indicating our commitment to serving the municipalities of Franklin County in the best possible way at the lowest possible cost.

With advocacy from the FRCOG, $20 million of stimulus funding was devoted to safety improvements on Rte. 2 in Orange, making the total investment close to $70 million since 1995.

The Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program (FCCIP) launched on-line permitting software in its 15 member towns, which has made permit applications easier for residents, towns and contractors, improved response time, and improved the efficiency of the FCCIP.

$450,000 of new Homeland Security funds was invested in the Franklin County Emergency Communication System (FCECS) to improve emergency communication service in the region.

The FRCOG was active in helping towns recover after Tropical Storm Irene and is working with our legislative delegation to seek financial assistance for towns. The Regional Preparedness staff is also leading a study of regional response to make sure we can all learn from our experience.
The FRCOG has secured another $200,000 Brownfields grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to assess brownfields contamination in local towns.

The FRCOG’s Community Coalition for Teens was awarded a new grant to begin countywide planning for wellness and chronic disease prevention.

The towns of Franklin County will finally have access to a well-maintained kennel and regional dog officer based at the Sheriff’s Office. FRCOG staff led the planning effort.

In the spring of 2012, the FRCOG staff will finally move under one roof for the first time in 18 years -- in the Franklin Regional Transit Center.

It is our great pleasure to serve the residents of Franklin County with efficient, effective municipal services at a regional level. We are proud of our professional staff and our ability to advocate effectively for the county at the regional, state and federal level, as well as our ability to leverage outside funds to meet local needs. We are grateful to our leaders, the town representatives and regionally-elected members of the Council from every town in Franklin County. For more information on what we do, please visit us at www.frcog.org.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Dunlavy, Executive Director
Franklin Regional Council of Governments

FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT 2011

To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

The Solid Waste District was formed in 1989 to help Franklin County towns manage all aspects of their solid waste – recyclables, organics, hazardous waste, wastewater treatment sludge, and trash. We continue to provide assistance to the twenty-two member towns through administrative support, professional consultation, trainings, and outreach to residents and businesses.

A review of recycling tonnage for 2011 shows an increase from 2010. This is the first time in many years that the regional recycling tonnage has increased. District residents recycled over 1,900 tons of paper and over 1,100 tons of mixed containers. The recyclable material was processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility. Recycling market prices remained high in 2011. District towns received a total of $131,500 in revenue for their recyclables.

In 2011, the District sponsored spring and fall “Clean Sweep” collections for bulky items, electronics, tires, appliances, and anything too big to fit into a trash bag. Almost 70 tons of material was recycled or disposed of from the two collections. A total of 550 households participated.

We also held our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2011. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. There were 336 households that participated in this event. 52% of participants were using the collection for the first time.

We continue to work with public schools to improve their recycling programs as well as to implement programs to collect food waste for composting. The District also provides hands-on assistance to businesses and institutions that want to recycle or compost their waste. Recycling
and composting assistance was provided to 30 public events. In 2011 we used a state grant to build 20 new recycling/composting stations for the Franklin County Fair. Over 8,000 pounds of material were diverted from disposal. Of this total 2,000 pounds of food waste were collected and composted.

If you have questions about District programs, call us at 772-2438, visit our website at www.franklincountywastedistrict.org or visit us at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield.

Jan Ameen - Executive Director    Jonathan Lagreze, Colrain - Chair
Chris Boutwell, Montague - Vice-Chair    Andrea Donlon, Buckland - Treasurer

CARL H. NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND ANNUAL REPORT 2011

The fund was established under the provisions of the will of Carl H. Nilman for the purpose of providing scholarships. Recipients shall reside in the school district and be graduates of the Mohawk Trail Regional High School who desire and are deemed worthy of post high school education or training and who are in need of financial assistance.

This year the Awards subcommittee read 86 applications, 25 were from seniors and 61 from previous graduates of Mohawk. $26,100.00 is to be awarded using 30% for seniors and 70% for graduates. The committee feels that seniors have multiple scholarship opportunities from other sources, while graduates have far fewer resources. 23 scholarships totaling $7,800 were awarded to seniors (92% of applicants). 42 scholarships totaling $18,300 were given to graduates (69% of applicants). The awards committee is Sheila Graves, Marion Scott (Buckland), Marge Porrevecchio (Charlemont), Eric Sumner (Heath), and Michelle Hillman (Colrain).

From 1991-2011 a total of $749,475.00 has been awarded in scholarships. Mohawk seniors have received $231,325.00 and $518,150.00 has been awarded to Mohawk graduates. The amount of this year’s awards was reduced as a result of the School Committee’s efforts to develop a new formula for determining what percentage of the funds should be distributed as scholarships.

Co-chairs of the committee are Marge Porrevecchio and Robin Hartnett. The Finance Committee is composed of David Engle, Marion Taylor and Jim Pilgrim. Marion Scott was chosen as secretary at the September meeting.

Other members of the committee are: Paula Consolo, member at large from Buckland, Jonathan Diamond from Heath and Rebecca Bradley. David Purington serves as our liaison to School Committee.

Since the beginning the Nilman Scholarship Committee has been the guardians of Carl’s legacy to the community. It was with regret that we accepted the resignation of Judith Hoyt our financial advisor who offered her services pro bono. The School Committee selected Bartholomew & Company Incorporated as our management firm.

The Mohawk community owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Nilman for his foresight in supporting higher education for the students of Mohawk Trail Regional High School. The committee members are honored to bring the wishes of his will to fruition.

Students of any age who are graduates of Mohawk (and were living in the nine town area at the time of graduation) are encouraged to apply for scholarships to help meet their continuing
education needs. Call the Guidance Office at Mohawk for information regarding requirements and deadlines.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle F. Hillman, Secretary

**CLIFTON L. McKNIGHT SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2011**

This scholarship, originally set up from a bequest in the will of Clifton L. McKnight, is a Trust Fund made available to high school and college students from the Town of Buckland to help further their education. The Trust Fund was set up in 1930, and after reaching $5,000.00, the income earned each year has been used for scholarship(s).

The Clifton L. McKnight Scholarship Committee consists of the Buckland Board of Selectmen, the Mohawk Regional District School Committee, a MTRHS Guidance Counselor, and the Buckland Town Treasurer, who is always the Chairman. The Guidance Counselor and the Treasurer are non-voting members. Applications, which are due by April 1st, are always available in the Buckland Town Office and the Guidance Office at MTRHS.

Twelve applications were received by the April 1 deadline. This year’s recipient was Scott Mitchell.

Respectfully Submitted,
McKnight Scholarship Committee

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2011**

The Highway Department was very busy in 2011 repairing and maintaining the roads in Buckland. In addition to the regular activities of patching potholes, cleaning culverts, ditches and catch basins, trimming branches and brush along roadsides, and plowing and sanding, the highway crew was busy reshaping and graveling our dirt roads and preparing 11 roads for a resurfacing coat of chip seal. Unfortunately, as the crew wrapped up, Tropical Storm Irene came in and ravaged all of their hard work.

In April, work began on the nearly $3,000,000 full-depth reconstruction of State Street, a Federally-funded Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) project. Included in the project is the replacement of water, sewer main and services, drainage, sidewalk, gravel base, pavement, guardrail and signage. The final top coat of pavement will be applied in May 2012.

Phase 2 of the Franklin Street full-depth reconstruction project began in April as well. This project was funded with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for nearly $300,000 and included replacement of water, sewer main and services, drainage, sidewalk, gravel base, pavement, curbing and guardrail. This project was completed in August.

In November the full-depth reconstruction of Clement Street began, which was another CDBG-funded project for $440,000, replacing water, sewer main and services, drainage, gravel base, pavement, curbing and sidewalk, and is expected to be completed in May 2012.

On August 28, 2011, the east coast was hit with Hurricane Irene, which was downgraded to a tropical storm by the time it reached Massachusetts. Buckland was hit hard with damage to private property and estimates in damage to the Town’s infrastructure ranging from $8,000,000 to $17,000,000. The majority of the damage was in the Clesson Brook and Apple Valley areas, with significant damage to the downtown village area from State Street to Conway Street.
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) identified 11 road bank stabilization projects on Clesson Brook Road eligible for funding. Subsequently, these projects were engineered, solicited for bids, awarded to multiple contractors, and the work was performed and completed by December at a total cost of $1,582,120 (the NRCS paying 75%, the Town paying 25%). FEMA identified nine projects in the Clesson Brook and Apple Valley areas including Martin Road. The funding (75% FEMA, 25% Town) is ongoing as is the repair, which is expected to take up to two years to complete. FEMA’s goal is to return the damaged areas to pre-Irene condition. Charlemont Road and Conway Street are not eligible for FEMA or NRCS funding, however, are eligible for Federal funding through the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MA DOT). The estimate for the repairs is roughly $200,000, with MA DOT paying 75%, the Town paying 25%. The repairs are ongoing and expect to be completed during the 2012 construction season.

I wish to offer a heartfelt thank you to all town residents forced to deal with the damage caused by this natural disaster and the subsequent repairs bringing the onslaught of the town crew, private contractors and all of their equipment as we worked to repair the roads to make them safe for the winter season; as soon as winter breaks the repairs will begin again and is expected to go on for at least to two years.

Finally, if you have any concerns with a town road, please call the Highway Garage at 625-2367. We cannot be everywhere at once so we ask for your help in letting us know where problems may exist. Also, please help us by keeping debris from clogging culverts and catch basins around your home and in your neighborhood. Most road damage occurs when water cannot drain properly. With your assistance, we will continue our efforts to improve the condition of all town roads. Thank you very much for your help.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steven L. Daby, Highway Foreman

POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2011

I am pleased and honored to present my twenty-first report to the Town of Buckland as your Chief of Police. In 2011, the Police Department received a $ 5,000.00 Alcohol Compliance and Enforcement Grant.

ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE GRANT ($ 5,0000)

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY
Buckland was the lead on this grant, bringing the Towns of Ashfield, Colrain, Charlemont, Shelburne Police Department along with the Council of Government in the Enforcement of Alcohol laws both within the Liquor Establishments and the party patrols.

This year we saw a 30% increase in Arrests and a 55% increase in Violations as compared to 2010.

CRIMINAL CHARGES BREAKDOWN

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This past year (48) People were apprehended and/or summonsed and charged for (99) violations of the law, including (3) court warrant arrest, and (4) people transported to Franklin Medical Center to be evaluated for their own safety and the safety of others.

I would like to thank all of the Officers of the Police Department. All the Officers throughout the year provide time and service in assisting fellow Officers and providing a hand in the maintenance of the building and property at no cost to the community. We look forward to working with the community in the coming year.

Once again as a reminder, if you’re going to be away for an extended period of time, contact the Police Department (413-625-8200), our dispatchers will take your information down, and it will be passed onto the Officers. They will be looking for basic information when you call, such as people’s names and contacts if an emergency arises at the property while you are away. They
will also need to know if any vehicles will be left at the property, will lights be on a timer, dates and times of departure, and arrival back. With this information, the Officers on patrol can take an extra look and make sure everything is fine at your property while you are away.

In closing, I would like to thank Mike Dekoschak for his years of service to the Town of Buckland. In addition to serving as a Police Officer, he also served as the Town’s Assistant Emergency Management Director working closely with our Emergency Management Director, Henry Phillips. They were able to see into the future and put the Reverse 911 system in just before the Storm. Both did an excellent job assisting all Departments dealing with Tropical Storm Irene. They provided outside resources that allowed our Department to work effectively with limited personnel. He has been an asset to the Department and the Town. Mike has since left the employment with the Town and has taken another Police Officers position in Hampshire County. He will be missed.

*REMINDEERS*

1. Do not respond to emails or phone calls that require your personal information or account numbers. Check your monthly statements, and call the bank or creditor directly to confirm they are calling you and you’re not being scammed.

2. Also, someone may call and report that you need to send money for a sister, brother, grandchild or a friend in trouble, and you need to wire them X dollars so they can be released. Again, get the caller information, name and phone number. More than likely, if you hang up and make a few calls, you’ll find out the party in need of the money is not in need and someone is trying to scam you.

3. New this past year: people are calling to let you know that your application was approved for a small loan, and you need to provide bank information to have the money deposited in your account. Again, a SCAM!!!!!!!

4. YOU DID NOT WIN!!! Any lottery payout that requires you mail a check to pay for taxes, or deposit this check and wire the taxes to them, is a SCAM!!!!. Also I have not ever heard of anyone in the USA winning a Foreign Lottery when they Never purchased a ticket. If it sounds too good to be true, IT’S A SCAM!!!!!!!

If you receive a call like this, please forward:
   a. Phone number they called from
   b. A call back number they may provide
   c. A mailing address for their company
   d. Their Supervisor’s name
   e. Include the nature of the call
   f. Time and Date.

Believe me, after you start asking them the questions, they will probably hang up. Please forward this information to your local police department. (413) 625-8200.

Also, if you are one of our Senior residents, please forward this information to your Senior Center so they can get the information out to others.

Respectfully Submitted,

James T. Hicks
Chief of Police
The Central Franklin County District was formed in 1940 and provides Veterans Services for twenty-three towns within Franklin County. Currently we are providing support for seventy-six veterans who reside in your district. The mission of the Department of Veteran Services (DVS) is to be the chief advocate for the nearly half-million veterans of the Commonwealth and their families.

Under Chapter 115 of Massachusetts General Laws (MGL Ch 115), the Commonwealth provides a uniform program of financial and medical assistance for income eligible veterans and their dependents. Qualifying veterans and their dependents receive financial assistance for food, shelter, clothing, housing supplies, and medical care in accordance with a formula which takes into account the number of dependents and income from all sources. Eligible dependents of deceased veterans are provided with the same benefits as they would were the veteran still living.

The District Office is located at 190 Millers Falls Road, Turners Falls. Our offices are open four days a week, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Friday by appointment; our telephone number is (413) 863-3205. Leo Parent is the Director of Veterans Services, Mark Fitzpatrick is the Veterans Services Officer, and Donna Bezio is the Administrative Assistant.

Many veterans have been calling about VA Websites; here are a few for you:

- Educational Benefits: www.gibill.va.gov
- Home Loan Guaranty: www.homeloans.va.gov
- Returning Veterans: www.seamlesstransition.va.gov
- VA Home Page: www.va.gov

Mass Housing’s Home for the Brave loan program provides affordable no-down payment mortgages for veterans of the U.S. Armed Services living in Massachusetts:

www.masshousing.com/veteran
(888) 672-7562

Respectfully Submitted,
Leo J. Parent, Jr., Director
Mark Fitzpatrick, Veterans Services Officer

SHELBURNE FALLS VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2011

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Partnership is to a) assist in the implementation of the Buckland-Shelburne Master Plan, b) to identify economic development and community improvement projects in the towns of Shelburne and Buckland through community forums and public meetings, c) to prioritize those projects of greatest interest to the Partners and the residents of Shelburne and Buckland, and d) to support Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding revitalization program in Buckland and Shelburne, and e) to seek funding resources and professional contractors to implement priority projects.

The Shelburne Falls Area Partnership is comprised of the Shelburne Select Board Members, the Buckland Select Board Members, and the Board of Directors of the Shelburne Falls Area Business Association (SFABA). The Executive Director of the SFABA serves as the Director of the Partnership and is responsible for the management of all Partnership programs. The full time Executive Director
has committed a significant amount of time during the past year to the mission and goals of the Shelburne Falls Area Partnership.

The Partnership continues to bring to the Towns a competitive edge in grant funding, and over time has been demonstrably cost effective. The Partnership currently funded at just $5,000 from each town, insures supplemental support, continuous communication and cooperation between the business community and the two town governments. This cohesive support is integral to the future viability of downtown Shelburne Falls and surrounding area.

The Shelburne Falls Area Partnership continues to be an important resource to both the business community and the residents of the communities of Shelburne and Buckland. Since the mid-1990’s the Partnership has been valued and supported for our work and ours is the only Partnership remaining in the state.

The Town of Buckland was seriously impacted by Tropical Storm Irene on August 28, 2011. The Partnership played a significant role directly after the storm to assist both businesses and community members.

In 2011 the Partnership accomplished the following:

**Tropical Storm Irene related efforts:**
- Attended Emergency Management Team meetings following Tropical Storm Irene and relayed time sensitive information to local businesses.
- Conducted radio, television, and newspaper interviews to assist with promoting the area.
- Worked with MEMA and FEMA to gather pertinent information for local businesses and residents.
- Coordinated volunteers to assist with cleanup.
- Collaborated with the Central Connecticut River Valley Institute and assisted with the implementation of the West County Relief Fund.
- Responsible for marketing fund raisers for the West County Relief Fund.
- Coordinated relocation of displaced businesses.
- Collaborated with Mohawk Trail High School to promote a donation/relief center.
- Gathered data that was provided to the Franklin Regional Council of Governments for state reports.

**Other completed projects:**
- As a representative to the Fostering Arts & Culture Project, we assisted with hosting the Creative Economy Summit 2 in Shelburne Falls.
- Developed and implemented the West County Business Leaders Marketing Program to assist with promoting the West County area.
- Assisted with the preparation of a grant application in partnership with the Trolley Museum to the Massachusetts Downtown Initiative Program.
- Assisted with the preparation of a grant application with the Franklin Regional Council of Governments to the National Scenic Byway Commission for the “Sign of the Times” project.
- Worked with the Mohawk Trail Regional High School staff to develop a Career Exploration Program that was implemented in Sept 2011.
- Implemented a Bridge Street Banner Policy for promoting local and regional events.

**Ongoing Projects/Programs:**
- The SFABA continues to work collaboratively to sponsor community events that provide financial support for local business and many community organizations; Art Under The Stars (3 annually), Bridge of Flowers Road Race, Iron Bridge Dinner, Moonlight Magic, SFABA Golf Outing, SFABA Auction, RiverFest, and the Salmon Falls Street Festival.
- The Annual SFABA Scholarship Program for a graduating senior who resides in West County. 2011 recipient – Amelia Cain.
- The Annual Marvin J. Shippee Community Service Award. 2011 recipient – Stefan Racz.
The SFABA assists in promoting the Village for tourism that directly improves the economic vitality of the community by:

- Maintaining and managing the Shelburnefalls.com website
- Communicating with tour companies, and large groups coming to town, thereby relieving stress on traffic, and maintaining public safety
- Representing the village at the AAA Travel Show, Big E, and the Boston Globe Travel Show
- Publishing a monthly Business Bulletin to businesses throughout the Pioneer Valley.
- Assisting with Marketing Promotions, Maps and Placemaps, Brochures
- Organizing Village seasonal decorations

- Working with the Mohawk Trail Regional High School staff to expand the Career Exploration Program
- Continue to serve as a liaison between Town of Buckland, the construction company, and local businesses for the State Street Project and Route 2 bridge construction.
- Coordinating of the Economic Development sub-committees.
- Working with local property owners to assist in filling empty store fronts and vacant properties.
- Participating in the Charlemont Roundtable meetings to support their efforts.
- Working collaboratively with the Greenfield Business Association and the Montague Business Association to provide education training for local businesses.
- Collaborate with local businesses and the Franklin County Solid Waste District with the Shelburne Falls Composting Initiative that has received state recognition at www.massrecycle.org and national recognition in BioCycle September 2011, Vol. 52, No. 9, p. 12
- Working with state and local officials to improve signage along Route 2 and within the Village for tourism.

**Affiliations:**
The SFABA continues to represent the Village on the following organizations:

- Bridge of Flowers Preservation, Inc.
- Fostering Arts & Culture Project
- Franklin County Chamber of Commerce
- Franklin County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee
- Friends of Seniors
- HUD Sustainable Communities Steering Committee
- Mahican Mohawk Trail Committee
- Route 112 Scenic Byway Committee

The SFABA continues to collaborate with the following Massachusetts Regional Tourism Councils:

- Franklin County Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Johnny Appleseed Trail Visitors Center
- Mohawk Trail Association

**SHELBURNE FALLS AREA PARTNERSHIP MEMBERS:**
Shelburne Falls Select Board Members: Robert Manners, John Payne, Joe Judd
Buckland Select Board Members: Robert Dean, Kevin Fox, Cheryl Dukes
Shelburne Falls Area Business Association: Chris King, President - Mocha Maya’s; Karen Fairbrother, Past President - Greenfield Savings Bank; Daniel Lieberman, President Elect – Daniel Lieberman Digital; Will Flanders, Secretary – Flanders Law Offices; Vincent Traina, Treasurer – People’s United Bank; Willy Lyons – A Brush With Fate; Wanda Mooney – Coldwell Banker Upton Massamont Realtors; Eric Grant, Western Mass Radio Group; Sarah Holbrook, Shelburne Arts Coop; Kelly Morrissey – Lamson & Goodnow; John Baldwin – Academy at Charlemont; Amy Shapiro – Franklin County Community Development Corporation

Questions regarding the Partnership activities are welcome at 625-2526 or info@shelburnefalls.com.
Much of the year’s news relates to road and utility reconstruction on both sides of the river. In Buckland, the reconstruction of State Street was started in the spring and ran into the fall. Most of the older services connecting houses to the sewer were replaced along with five sewer manholes. The cost for the sewer related work was about $78,000. Funding for the work will come from sewer users and not any state or federal grant. Other sewer work connected to State Street was the replacement of the sewer main on the lower end of Clement Street, starting at the intersection of State, Ashfield, Conway, and Clement Streets, and going up to the railroad underpass. This work was an addendum to the Community Development Block Grant as administered by the Town of Shelburne.

Some sewer work that was not forecasted to be done last year was the sewer trunk line on Conway Street. The flooding from Tropical Storm Irene submerged the road and washed out part of it. When the water receded, a section of about 55 feet of 18” clay sewer pipe lay exposed. Because of the age and fragile condition of the old pipe, it was decided to replace rather than rebury the old pipe. About 700 feet of 18” pipe and four manholes were replaced. This work did not qualify for any emergency state or federal funds and will be paid for by the sewer users of Buckland and Shelburne as it is a shared utility. The cost of the job to date is about $109,000 and essentially complete. This figure is not final and does not include engineering costs. We were fortunate that the pumping station on Deerfield Avenue and the treatment facility were spared from flood damage. Unfortunately during the height of the flow we far exceeded the designed capacity of the facility and loss of some of the biosolids occurred. With the condition of the flooded Deerfield River, no impact could be observed.

On the Shelburne side, CDBG work included replacing a problematic sewer line serving Hope Street and the north end of Mechanic Street. About 340 feet of 6” sewer main was replaced along with the installation of two manholes. Prior to this project, there was only access from one end and the east end of the line was beyond the reach of maintenance equipment.

On the heels of Tropical Storm Irene came an early snow storm. Because the trees had not yet shed their leaves, many hardwoods suffered extensive damage. The result besides the tree losses was that the electrical grid suffered widespread damage. The treatment facility and pump station were without line power for two days. Each site has emergency stand-by generators so both services continued throughout the power outage.

The weather for the year was very wet. The amount of precipitation we had was exceptional. Averages from 1989 to present put annual precipitation at 54.64 inches and total flow at the treatment facility at 81.0 million gallons. This year the precipitation was 78.70 inches which is 44% above normal. The flow was 101.3 million gallons and 25% above normal. Even after factoring in the high flow August and September, the level of treatment for the year came out to 96.9% of biochemical oxygen demand and 93.3% of suspended solids removed. 414,864 gallons of sludge was applied to the reed beds which accounted for 40,626 pounds of solids.

I would like to thank all that have contributed to our goals and hope for a quieter year in 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel M. Fleuriel, Chief Operator
Shelburne Falls Wastewater Treatment Facility
In 2011, the Buckland Zoning Board of Appeals received one zoning application:

1. **Samantha Purinton** – Special Permit to raise approximately 30 chickens and a rooster, and no more than 3 pigs, at 4 Clesson Brook Road – Granted.

All Zoning Board of Appeals hearings are open to the public. Citizens are welcome to attend and take an active part in the permit process.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Clark
John Cohen
John Gould
James Rae
Jeffrey Rose

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**2011 Annual Report of the Superintendent**

**Mohawk Trail Regional School District**

**Hawlemont Regional School District**

**Rowe Elementary School**

**Introduction**

The Mohawk, Hawlemont, and Rowe School Districts are each guided by five strategic educational goals which are set by the School Committees. Administration and teaching staff are responsible for developing and implementing improvement plans to meet these goals as well as many other State and Federal requirements. Significant progress was made during 2011. Below are some highlights. More details are available at [www.mohawkschools.org](http://www.mohawkschools.org).

**Goal #1: All students will be provided a safe, respectful, and healthy environment that promotes learning**

The 3-Districts reviewed and revised the social curriculum which promotes students’ social and academic success. Three programs are being implemented across the 3-Districts (Second Step in grades K-2; Steps to Respect in grades 3-6; and Olweus in grades 7-10). The High School piloted a successful and popular peer leadership course. More than 20% of the high school students signed up for Peer Leadership so the course was expanded to three sections. Additionally, the 3-Districts revised their Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plans, which were approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

**Goal #2: All students will be provided diverse learning opportunities**

The 3-Districts integrated the related arts into social studies at a 3-District 5th grade Colonial Fair which was held at Buckland’s Wilder Homestead. This successful event was coordinated by related arts and fifth grade teachers. The positive experience of the Colonial Fair has inspired the teachers to schedule a 2nd Annual Colonial Fair in May 2012. A 3-District Field Day for sixth graders and a 3-District Arts Fair are also being considered as ways to further integrate the arts. To provide diverse learning opportunities for all students, the use of technology has been expanded. Several high school students piloted virtual education by taking courses online. This approach to learning will need to be further refined. The middle school has a new computer lab and all elementary schools now have interactive whiteboards.

**Goal #3: All students will be taught by highly qualified (and inspiring) staff**
The 3-Districts reviewed and revised the process for assessing and providing professional development. When the 2011–2012 school calendar and professional development calendar were planned, online survey results from parents, teachers, and staff were taken into consideration. The 3-Districts are beginning to use common assessment results, in addition to MCAS results, to guide professional development. A common assessment plan and schedule were created for English Language Arts and math for grades K-6. Students will be assessed periodically throughout the year according to the new assessment schedule. Results will be reported on both school and district levels. These common assessment results as well as MCAS results will help identify needs among teachers and students. Future professional development will be planned strategically to meet teachers’ needs.

Goal #4: All students will reach high standards across the curriculum
In summer 2011 Massachusetts published new curriculum frameworks mapped to the national Common Core State Standards. These rigorous frameworks contain consistent, clear standards which explain in detail what students are expected to learn at each grade level. As teachers and parents become familiar with the standards, they will know what is expected of students and how to foster academic growth. The standards are designed to be robust and relevant to the real world. The goal of the frameworks is for all students to be college and career ready when they graduate from high school. During 2011-2012, teachers and administrators have focused on getting to know the MA 2011 Math and English Language Arts Curriculum Frameworks. Teachers have started mapping the districts’ reading and math programs to these frameworks. A curriculum writing project will begin soon and will be a major area of focus in 2012 – 2013.

Goal #5: The District will foster a culture of community building
At the beginning of the school year, Tropical Storm Irene created many opportunities for the schools to expand community outreach and engagement. The middle and high school hosted the Massachusetts Army National Guard during emergency efforts. The gym was transformed into a barracks and the cafeteria became a “chow hall.” Even the Superintendent’s conference room was used as a command and control center. Later the conference room became the office of the Federal Emergency Management Agency office while FEMA processed emergency applications for community members. Colrain Central School served as an emergency shelter for area residents as did Mohawk for Buckland residents. Buckland-Shelburne Elementary hosted Hawlemont Regional Elementary School for more than two months while the Hawlemont school building was being restored. Students, staff, and community members from all three districts reached out to help in various ways, including an impressive community support donations drive.

The Year Ahead
In 2011, the Mohawk, Hawlemont, and Rowe School Districts made substantial progress toward achieving their educational goals, but there is much more that needs to be accomplished in the coming year. In particular, I look forward to working with many of our talented teaching staff on a comprehensive curriculum action plan. This effort holds great promise for our students’ learning. 2011 marks my sixth year of service to the 3-Districts. I am increasingly honored and privileged to serve your children.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael A. Buoniconti
Superintendent of Schools
Over the course of this past year Mohawk articulated its core values. Beginning in January 2011, the School Council (also known as Local Education Council) and the school administration of Principal Lynn Dole and Assistant Principal Joey Kotright-Clark organized a series of Community Conversations to elicit input about the community’s expectations and hopes for the school. During the spring more than 250 people participated in 18 Community Conversations in venues as diverse as coffeehouses, senior centers, living rooms, churches, libraries, and classrooms. We distilled the many comments into a few essential statements of our foundational commitments as a school community:

1. Mohawk values and supports inspired teaching and learning, as well as imagination, initiative, and independent thinking.
2. Mohawk cultivates rigorous academics and embraces diverse approaches to learning, within and beyond the classroom.
3. Mohawk encourages self-expression and respects and responds to students' voices.
4. Mohawk fosters a sense of responsibility for one’s self, others, and the environment.
5. Mohawk commits to effective partnerships through communication and collaboration among staff, students, families, and community.
6. Mohawk reflects the vibrancy of the community and natural environment that surrounds it.

These six statements represent the aspirations and values of our school community, and they provide us with focus and direction as we work toward continually improving our school.

These foundational commitments are expressed through expanded course offerings including Solar Technology, World Cuisine, Baking, and Archaeology. This year several students have participated in internships with local businesses and community members, made possible through collaboration with the Shelburne Falls Area Business Association. Various cultural events highlighted the school's connection to the community, including student performances in “You Belong to Me: World War II Veterans’ Stories and Music of the Era”; the script was drawn from interviews with local World War II veterans, several of whom attended the presentation. The Mohawk Folk Rock event in December brought about 250 people to the building to enjoy the music of local band Rani Arbo and daisy mayhem, to appreciate a series of dance performances by Mohawk and Sanderson students as well as two adult troupes, and to dance. The Mohawk Arts and Education Council (MAEC) staged a production of Death of a Salesman in the spring and will present Jean-Paul Sartre’s play No Exit and a series of monologues in January. The Mohawk Music Department produces an all-school musical each year; in 2011 the show was Fiorello! and in 2012 the musical is Seven Brides for Seven Brothers. The Mohawk Music Association and Local Cultural Councils have provided support for some of this arts programming. The Mohawk Athletic Association provides generous support for our athletic programs which engage over 40% of our students in afterschool sports.

At the midpoint of the 2011-2012 school year, enrollment in grades 7-12 is 553 students. The seventh grade has 85 students and the eighth grade has 116. There are 96 students in the ninth grade, 78 in the tenth grade, 96 students in the junior class, and 82 students in the senior class.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lynn R. Dole, Principal
The Districts’ schools continue to provide responsive and effective specialized services to the disabled students in our educational community. Whether a student qualifies for an Individualized Education Program or a 504 Accommodation Plan, our continued growth on MCAS achievement for students with disabilities is evidence that our pupil services are improving student success. Our population of special needs students has grown slightly over the past year. Although this growing number challenges us, we continue to offer a wide variety of services that allow students to stay in their home schools, avoiding costly outside placements and maximizing the opportunity to engage in all aspects of the educational community.

The Districts’ specialists and general educators work together to provide educational opportunity while minimizing the effect of disabilities. Regular education interventions have moved towards greater responsiveness to all students through differentiated instruction and more frequent assessments. Teachers are able to respond to information from these assessments by changing teaching strategies more readily. The District has adopted a bank of common assessments and a schedule of testing that all buildings will follow. Many schools will be using in-house data teams to gather and discuss the test results District administrators are actively monitoring trends in assessment data to help shape professional development plans and curriculum.

The Districts continue to explore ways to provide full access to students with disabilities. Advances in assistive technology provide access to educational opportunities, both inside and out of classrooms, for many students who otherwise would miss out on valuable educational experiences. These innovations in classroom sound systems, voice-to-text software, and assistive communication devices have made the classroom environment even more effective for non-disabled students, as well.

Massachusetts stands ready to adopt the new Federal Common Core Standards, not so very different from the standards the District has been following for many years. All Mohawk Trail, Hawlemont, and Rowe district staffs are being trained in these new standards which define the skills and knowledge base all graduates should display. As students with disabilities approach graduation, they also have the support of a transition process that prepares them for twenty-first century living skills. Through career exploration, interest and aptitude inventories, independent living skills, and job placement, the District’s special education personnel work with guidance counselors and community resources to find a path for each student. This path is lined with supportive services including academic support, speech and language therapy, counseling, occupational and physical therapy. Mohawk Trail, Hawlemont and Rowe districts
have worked together to make our school system a good place for all students to get their elementary and secondary education and continue to do so in a fiscally responsible way.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Bell
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

MARY LYON FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT 2011
Supporting Excellence in Local Education

In celebration of our 20th anniversary the Mary Lyon Foundation invited 20 outstanding people to inaugurate our newly established Honorary Advisory Board; accepting the invitation to join were Michael Coe, Charlie Cohn, Cady Coleman, Margarita Curtis, Peter Drummond-Hay, Donald Friary, Grace Friary, Ross Greene, Winston Healy, Fiona Hill, Willie Hill, Tracy Kidder, Lynn Pasquerella, Bob Pura, Paul Reville, Senator Stanley Rosenberg, Josh Simpson, Julie Upton-Wang, Richard Wilbur and Jane Yolen.

We remain grateful for the continuing support of the Myrtle Atkinson Foundation, the Cleveland Dodge Foundation, the Brookfield U.S. Foundation, Shelburne Falls Kiwanis, Greenfield Savings Bank, The Sandri Companies and many other generous civic organizations, businesses and individuals. School district staff payroll deductions augment the increasingly vital Harper Gerry Student Assistance Fund. New this year was the Robert Strong Woodward art scholarship awarded to an outstanding Mohawk senior.

In March our annual 2 day special education conference held at Deerfield Academy brought together 700 administrators, teachers and paraprofessionals from across western Massachusetts for 42 concurrent sessions and keynote speeches. The Community Spelling Bee in November raised money for the district Mini-Grant program and for those families affected by tropical Storm Irene. The Grand Championship team comprised of Ken Wood, Anita Upright and Rev. Rich Fournier was sponsored by the Mary Lyon Church in Buckland. In addition to numerous mini-grants across the district, the Mary Lyon Foundation gave $5,000 to the Hawlemont School for the restoration of its playground, purchased tools for the Buckland-Shelburne School and distributed hundreds of Massachusetts books to school district staff and members of the community.

The Board of Directors, comprised of representatives from the local community, includes Past President Marion Taylor (Shelburne), President George Dole (Buckland), Vice President Hugh Knox (Shelburne), Corresponding Secretary Sharon Hudson (Rowe), Recording Secretary Suzanne Conway Lagreze (Colrain), Treasurer Karen Fairbrother (Buckland), Susan Todd (Ashfield), Jim Pilgrim (Plainfield), Stefan Kostka (Charlemont), Amy Love (Buckland) and Heather Viens (Colrain); Mohawk Trail Regional High School students Alina Schmidt and Rachel Richardson are full voting members. This year we accepted with deep regret the resignations of Tom and Karen Harmon (formerly of Buckland) and technology coordinator Dan Field (Greenfield). Gina Sieber is our Business Manager; Monique Miller, Marilyn McArthur and Molly Wheeler are part-time staff who provide energy and expertise for a wide variety of programs.

We greatly appreciate classroom space for our organization's office at the Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School and continue to work closely with all 7 schools in the Mohawk, Hawlemont and Rowe school districts in an effort to provide services, programs and events that enhance local education.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Susan B. Samoriski, Founding Executive Director

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I am pleased to present to the communities of Buckland and Shelburne my second report as principal of the Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School. I would like to dedicate this report to the memory of William Yager. Bill served the BSE community as head custodian for fourteen years. He passed unexpectedly in the spring of 2011.

Enrollment: Our state report submitted on October 1, 2011 registered 208 students. Enrollment by grade: Pre-Kindergarten – 33, Kindergarten – 20, Grade 1 – 21, Grade 2 – 28, Grade 3 – 18, Grade 4 – 28, Grade 5 – 36 and Grade 6 – 24.

Staffing: With the close of the 2011 school year, BSE honored the following retirees: Suzanne Bishop dedicated 27 years to BSE, Elaine VanGelder served the Mohawk District for 23 years and Roberta Milner served BSE for 20 years. Staff hired to join the BSE team at the opening of the 2011-2012 school year included: Carolyn Goodnow (PK), Janet Miller (grade 2), Melissa Finn and Anne Wheeler (PK Assistants), and Todd Sessions (Head Custodian).

A Year in Review: During the summer of 2011 the BSE community moved 14 classrooms for the purpose of configuring the school into pods. Three pods were arranged: grades K-2, grades 3 & 4 and 5 & 6. Staff assigned to a specific grade became part of an educational team focusing on the needs of all students within their pod. The idea of improving education by developing educational teams within our school has allowed BSE professionals to move away from teaching in isolation to working in teams, engaging in ongoing professional conversations that ultimately lead to higher levels of student success.

In addition, BSE is now assessing all students K-6, three times a year to determine academic strengths and challenges. As a result, our educational teams review student results and create flexible student learning groups within the pod to match the identified needs of students.

In closing, BSE would not be complete without the ongoing dedication and service from our school’s Local Education Council, Parent Teacher Organization and Garden Committee members. As a result of the LEC assessing and creating a yearly school improvement plan, the PTO supporting the plan and attending to school needs and the Garden Committee transforming our school grounds, BSE can and should be proud of our “community”. I am proud to serve as your administrator.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne Giguere, Principal

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT 2011

We submit this annual report for 2011 on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students.

Total enrollment as of October 1, 2011 was 511 students with town breakouts as follows:

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Franklin County Technical School awarded 108 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2011. Massachusetts students are required to pass the MCAS in order to receive a high school diploma and once again our students were very successful in meeting this high academic standard. The graduates also earned their vocational certificate along with their diploma. 45% of our graduates planned to go on to either a two or four year college, 31% joined the area work force, 2% planned to join the military, 3% went on to a post-secondary trade/technical school, and 19% were unsure as to which of the above options they would pursue. We are proud of the accomplishments of the Class of 2011.

During 2011, the students from various technical programs performed a variety of service projects benefiting many of our member towns and the city of Greenfield. We plan to continue supplying our constituent towns with these services as they offer both the ideal learning laboratories for our students as well as an opportunity to contribute back to the communities that have supported us so well over the years. A small sample of recent projects include construction of a single family home in collaboration with the Habitat for Humanity in Montague, continual service learning work in the Baystate Franklin Medical Center, Buckley-Greenfield Healthcare Center, and the Poet's Seat Health Care Center, wiring and lighting modifications at the Orange Airport, a turf upgrade project for the Swift River School in New Salem, and a transfer station building for Warwick. A number of programs also continue to routinely assist our building maintenance department, supplying services that reduce costs to our member towns.

F.C.T.S. is in the final stages of a complete renovation of our gymnasium. The project began immediately after the end of the school year in June 2011 with the removal of the existing synthetic flooring material by our custodial and maintenance staff. This was the original flooring from 1976 when the school was constructed and it was in extremely poor condition. A Gymnasium Renovation Committee composed of school committee members, administrators, teachers and coaches along with the athletic director reviewed the various options for replacement flooring. The committee selected an engineered wood product that met or exceeded the six standards for sports flooring recognized world-wide as the best method for evaluating sports floors. The “HARO Helsinki 10” flooring system exhibits outstanding performance in the area of shock absorption, standard deformation, deformation control, ball rebound, friction and rolling load test. This system is a state-of-the-art athletic surface that also provides maximum health and safety protection for our student athletes. The gymnasium was painted by school staff and the HARO flooring was installed completely by F.C.T.S. Carpentry instructors with skilled student assistance, allowing the district to complete this long awaited renovation of the gymnasium facility with no capital request or extra cost to our nineteen member towns.

F.C.T.S., like every other school in the commonwealth, is preparing to transition to the new Common Core state standards. These new standards for academic instruction within our schools were written explicitly to define the knowledge and skills that students must master to be college and career ready by the end of high school. The Common Core standards have been adopted by 43 states and the District of Columbia and full implementation is expected by the 2013-2014 school year. The new standards support improved curriculum and instruction due to their increased focus, clarity, coherence and rigor. We look forward to incorporating these challenging but attainable new standards into the instruction that we provide.

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY (PLTW) is a national non-profit organization that partners with high schools to implement a curriculum that emphasizes hands-on experiences in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) and F.C.T.S. introduced the first of four PLTW course offerings in September 2011. Introduction to Engineering Design (IED) was kicked off this school year with sixteen enthusiastic freshmen populating the inaugural class. The major focus of IED is the engineering design process and its application. Through hands-
on projects, students apply engineering standards and document their work. Students use industry standard 3D modeling software to help them design solutions to solve proposed problems, document their work using an engineer’s notebook, and communicate solutions to peers and members of the professional community. We will continue to phase in components of the program such as Principles of Engineering, Digital Electronics and Engineering Design and Development over the next three years. The course sequence in the PLTW program at F.C.T.S. is specifically designed to prepare students to pursue a post-secondary education and careers in STEM-related fields.

In closing, we will continue to work diligently to ensure that our graduates are an integral part of the economic development for the region and we thank each and every citizen of Franklin County for your continued support.

Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz
School Committee Chairman

Mr. Richard K. Lane
Superintendent

Franklin County Technical School District Committee

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FRANKLIN COUNTY BUILDING INSPECTION PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT 2011

Dear Residents of Buckland:

As you know, your town receives building inspection and zoning enforcement services through the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program, a thirty-year old shared service housed at the Franklin Regional Council of Governments. We thank your town for your continued participation in the FCCIP, which allows small towns to have access to professional staff and state-of-the-art technology.

2011 was a busy year for the program. We issued 1,041 permits, including a significant number of roofing, wood/pellet stove permits, and residential renovation work. Thirty-three new dwelling units were constructed in participating towns. Permit values were down slightly from 2010, totaling $35,323,347. We were also very busy responding to Tropical Storm Irene. Eighty (80) houses were inspected for damage right after the storm. Most have completed the renovation work. Some work is still in progress, while a few houses remain unoccupied.

Our new online permitting program went live on July 1, 2011 and has already issued 1146 building, electrical & plumbing/gas permits since then. The program allows you to apply, pay for, and track the progress of any permit online, saving you time and visits to our office in the courthouse. The program has 937 registered users. You can find it at www.frcog.org under the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program.

We would like to remind all residents of the importance of applying for permits for work done. Building permits are required by law and are an essential step in ensuring the safety of our communities. Please feel free to call our office with any building or zoning questions at 772-2026.

James D. Hawkins
Building Commissioner

James Cerone
Building Inspector
FRANKLIN COUNTY ELECTRICAL PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT 2011

Dear Member Town:

I include the Fiscal Year 2011 report at the bottom of this letter which reflects wiring permits and fee activity for all member towns.

We are seeing more generator installations. These must be permitted and inspected. Careful consideration needs to be taken with the placement of the generators under soffits and overhangs. It is the responsibility of the electrician to request a timely inspection so the project is not delayed.

The 2011 code requires a bonding grid be installed under spas placed on concrete or gravel/stone pads.

If you have any questions I can be reached during normal office hours on Monday thru Friday, 7AM-9AM at 772-2026, ext 126 or by email at electric@frcog.org. You will find a link to the on-line permitting, fee schedules, and helpful information on our web site at www.frcog.org, under the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program.

Thomas McDonald
Wiring Inspector
Dear Member Town:

I include the Fiscal Year 2011 report at the bottom of this page which reflects plumbing/gas permits and fee activity for all member towns.

Once again I would like to take this opportunity to remind town residents that the Mass State Plumbing & Gas Code and our inspection program are in place for the health and safety protection of all residents. It is also for the protection of town residents that all plumbing and gas installation/repairs be performed by licensed contractors. Permits shall only be issued to licensed plumbers. You can contact me during office hours on Monday thru Thursday mornings 7a.m.-9a.m. at 772-2026, ext. 125 or email me at plumbing@frcog.org. You will find a link to the on-line permitting, fee schedules, and helpful information on our web site at www.frcog.org, under Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program.

Once again, I would like to extend my appreciation to all town officials for your cooperation and assistance during the past year.

Andrew French
Plumbing & Gas Inspector

07/01/2010 - 06/30/2011
FISCAL YEAR REPORT

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TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED: 77,660.00
I am very pleased to be preparing my 22nd Town Clerk’s Annual Report for the Town of Buckland.

There were no State or Federal elections in 2011. There were two (2) Voter Registrations held in 2011.

April 12, 2011  Prior to Annual Town Election and Annual Town Meeting
September 2, 2011  Prior to Special Town Meeting

I would like to thank all of the members of the Board of Registrars for their assistance with voter registration. I would also like to thank the election workers for attending training classes and for working the polls at the elections.

Town Meetings and elections were as follows:

**Election:**
May 2, 2011  Annual Town Election

**Town Meeting:**
May 4, 2011  Annual Town Meeting

**Special Town Meeting:**
September 12, 2011  Special Town Meeting

The hours that the Town Clerk is open for business are as follows:

Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Telephone: 625-8572

Respectfully submitted:
Janice D. Purington
Town Clerk

**VITAL STATISTICS RECORDED IN 2011**

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Annual Year – Dog Licenses

January 1, 2011 thru December 31, 2011
127  Spayed Females @ $.500  $ 635.00
18   Females @ $10.00  180.00
136  Neutered Males @ $5.00  680.00
19   Males @ $10.00  190.00
1    Kennels @ $100.00  200.00
2    Kennel @ $50.00  100.00
0    Kennel @ $25.00  ---

$1,985.00
Clerk Fees - 303.00
$1,682.00

25   Late Fines @ $25.00  625.00

Total: $ 2,307.00

Janice D. Purington
Town Clerk

**TREE WARDEN ANNUAL REPORT 2011**

This year proved to be a challenging year to say the least. We had our usual tree work along with Tropical Storm Irene’s damage. As a result of Irene, we removed trees along Clesson Brook Road, Dodge Road and Shepard Road. These trees were either threatening safe travel or interfered with culvert replacement or drainage. There are still a tremendous amount of fallen or soon to be fallen trees along the entire length of the Clesson Brook. These trees are hopefully going to be cleaned up and removed if the Town can acquire additional funding from the State or Federal level.

Apart from Irene, the Town either trimmed or removed street trees along Elm Street, Ashfield Street, and Walker Road. Many of these trees were old sugar maples that were either dead or severely declining.

If residents are interested in receiving wood from the takedowns, they should contact the Selectmen’s office so they can be placed on a waiting list. (The wood consists of very large butt pieces and varying lengths). The Town often has no place to dump and store the wood from these takedowns. It would be helpful to know what residents would take the wood. As always, if the abutting properties would like the wood, they are entitled to the wood first.

Respectfully Submitted,

David E. Lowell
Buckland Tree Warden