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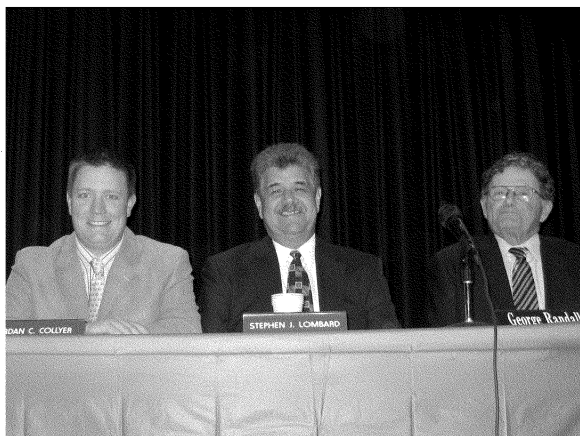
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THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN HEREBY SUBMIT THE ANNUAL 2008 TOWN REPORT



Pictured left to right
Jordan C. Collyer, Vice Chairman
Stephen J. Lombard, Chairman
George Randall, Clerk

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MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Michael J. Botelho, Town Administrator

Melody Pacheco, Assistant to the Town Administrator

Following is the report of the year 2008

The Selectmen and Town Administrator continued to work to improve the Town's financial status. Constrained resources, declining growth and growing fixed costs, in particular rising retirement assessment and health insurance benefit costs were further impacted by a steep downturn in the national economy and reductions in state support to cities and towns in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Despite these challenges Mattapoisett continued to retain strong financial reserves with limited budget growth.

This fiscally judicious approach, coupled with the continued application of the capital planning by-law, resulted in improvement to the Town's bond rating began to Aa-, as rated by Standard and Poor's Investment Service. In this setting the Board of Selectmen advanced an article at the Annual Town Meeting to replace the Town's aging and inadequate Fire Station. While this article passed at Town Meeting, funding failed to pass on the November ballot.

Another significant capital project was completed as the renovated and expanded Mattapoisett Free Public Library opened its doors after more than two years. The beautiful new library opened in the spring after relocating from its temporary location in the historic wing of Center School. The Council on Aging then relocated its Social and Wellness Center to the space previously occupied by the library which significantly improved the functionality of their space.

Following the dedication of the new library building the Board of Selectmen dedicated the new Mattapoisett War Memorial Park adjacent to the library grounds. The park was designed by Mattapoisett resident Deborah Smiley who diligently pursued its approval and funding as an adjunct to the Library project. The Selectmen wish to express their gratitude, and the gratitude of

the town to Ms. Smiley for making this memorial to the wartime contribution of Mattapoissett service men and women a reality.

In the annual town election Mr. George Randall was elected replacing Raymond Andrews as Selectman. The Board thanks Ray for his many years of service to the Town of Mattapoissett as a Selectman and in so many other capacities. His selfless dedication to the Town and his fellow citizens is greatly appreciated.

The Board of Selectmen wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the many elected and appointed officials, boards, committees, commissions, employees, and volunteers through whose efforts the Town of Mattapoissett benefits and prospers.

Finally, and with deep sadness, the Board of Selectmen wish to acknowledge the service and selfless contribution given to the town by Judith Wallace who passed away in November. Judy, the town's Librarian, was a gregarious and unwavering supporter of the Library and the Town of Mattapoissett. Her work to bring the new library to completion will serve to improve the quality of life for generations to come.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen J. Lombard

Jordan C. Collyer

George Randall

MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT

Settled	1640
Incorporated as a Town	May 20, 1857
Population as of 1/1/07	6404
Area square miles	17.46
Registered Voters	4510
Elevation – above mean sea level	15ft.
Valuation - Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Rate	
FY 09	\$9.48
FY 08	\$9.80
Town Hall built	1897
Library	1904
Schools:	
Center	1898
Old Hammondtown	1966
Old Rochester Regional Junior High	1972
Old Colony Reg. Voc. Tech. High School	1975
Old Rochester Regional High School	1960
Town-Owned water system	1912
Sanitary Landfill established	1973
Call Fire Department	1858

LEGISLATORS

Tenth Congressional District

The Honorable Barney Frank

Bristol/Plymouth Senatorial District

The Honorable Mark C. Montigny

Tenth Bristol Representative District

The Honorable William M. Straus

APPOINTED 2008

ADA COORDINATOR

Andrew J Bobola

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICER

Michael J. Botelho

BOARD OF APPEALS

Susan L Akin

Jeffrey R Chase

John R McGill

Paul E Milott Jr

Norman J. Lyonnais

BOARD OF APPEALS

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

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Kenneth R. Pacheco

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Melody Pacheco

BAND MANAGER

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BIKE PATH STUDY COMMITTEE

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O. Robert Price

Raymond Rose

David S. Jenney

Nicholas Bryan-Brown

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Andrew J Bobola

BUILDING INSPECTOR; ASSISTANT

Wayne W. Fostin- Asst.

Raymond P Hanks-Asst.

BUZZARDS BAY ADVISORY COMM

William T Nicholson

Frederick Best

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Charles W. McCullough

Judith Mooney

Alan H. Apperson

John N. DeCosta Jr.

Gracinda M Knox

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

Judith E. Wallace

Gary Jezierski

Deborah A. Ramos

Diane L. Harlfinger

COMMUNITY SAILING PROGRAM

Richard J. Barrett

Francis O. Grenon

CONSERVATION AGENT

Rene H. Drouin Jr.

Andrew J. Bobola- Acting Agent

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

James P. O'Dowd

Carmelo Nicolosi

Kenneth Dawicki

Tyler Macallister

Monika S. Schuler

CONSTABLE APPOINTED

Margaret DeMello

Richard J. Colletti

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Vanessa M.F. Williams, PHD

COUNCIL ON AGING

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Judith R. Anthony

Barbara A. Sullivan

Stephen J. Magyar

Beverly Butler

Bento S. Martin, Jr.

Lois K. Ennis

Carol Merchant Chase

Stephen R. Hanna

Theresa E. Pereira

COUNCIL OF SEMASS COMMUNITIES

Dale S Barrows

Daniel C Lee Jr

Stephen J. Lombard

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING

Mary R. Lyons, Police Chief – Dir.

Ronald E. Scott, Fire Chief – Asst.

FIELD DRIVER

Mary R. Lyons, Police Chief

FENCE VIEWERS

Janet Andrews

Joyce M. Lombard

Jessica M. Collyer

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Cornelius Coleman

Richard Gamache

Dennis M Perry

Donald G Carlstrom

John P Appleton

Judith M. Mooney

John H. Clifford

FIRE CHIEF

Ronald E Scott

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Andrew U Murray , Deputy Chief

Andrew J Bobola - Fire Prevention

Bradford M. Allen

Aaron R. Bates

Tyler Bates

Robert W. Best

Michael J Behan Cpt Fire Prevention

Seth Bettencourt

Gary Bowman

Wesley Bowman III

Stephen S. Brodo

Jordan C. Collyer Lt

Patrick Dawson

Justin Dubois Jr

Bryan Duval

Robert P. Duval Cpt. Medical Officer

Ryan H. Hughes

Paul M Kelley Jr Cpt

Philip B Lawrence

James F. Harlfinger

E Robert Garde Cpt.

John R. McGill - Fire Dispatcher

Steven M Mills

Walter R. Morgado Cpt

Brandon Motta

William T. Nicholson Lt - Safety Officer

James W. Oliviera

David W Peterson Lt - Environmental Police

Henri H Renauld Jr Lt

David Scott House Cpt

Cory E. Silva

Donald C Wood - Fire Dispatcher

FIRE ALARM

Ronald E. Scott Superintendent

Jordan C. Collyer Asst

FOREST WARDEN

Ronald E. Scott

GAS,INSPECTOR OF

Peter B Perkins

E Robert Garde-Asst

**TOWN WHARF BUILDING
COMMITTEE**

Steven T. Mach, Harbormaster

Randall E. Smith - Abutter

Richard Tatlock - Marine Adv Brd

Carlos DeSousa – Civil Engineer

**HARBORMASTER/WHARF
COMMISSIONER**

Steven T. Mach

**HARBORMASTER/WHARF
COMMISSIONER:ASST**

Clinton D. Allen – Asst.

Milton H Heuberger- Asst.

**HARBORMASTER/WHARF
COMMISSIONER DEPUTY ASST.**

Robert J Ketchel

Kenneth R Pacheco

Michael B Moreau

Victor E Demski

Frederick Best

Horace F Field III

Paul Silveira

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Edith I Milott

Raymond P Harrington

Josephine M Pannell

Margaret M DeMello

Dorothy A. Nunes

Francis Rezendes

Barbara Gaspar

(Chair Subcomm Heritage Celeb 2008)

Elizabeth Smith

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Amy L. Massey

Kathleen Massey

INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Anthony M. Days

Sarah P. Piehler - Clerical Union Rep

Diane H. Perry

Maureen S. McQuillan

Lance R. Calise

Suzanne Szyndlar

William L. McIlmail

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Barry J Denham

Michael J. Botelho

MARINE ADVISORY BOARD

John E Cornish

Daniel C Briggs

John R. Duff Jr.

Horace F. Field, III

Carlos G. DeSousa

James E Broadwater

Robert D. Lee

Marc G.J. Lareau - Alternate 3

Jeffrey Swift

Richard Tatlock

Michael J. Chaplain

John A. Hinman

Robert G. Moore

**MATTAPOISETT HOUSING
PARTNERSHIP**

Blanche B. Perry

Michael Couture

Jeremy J. Collier

Norman J. Lyonnais

Raymond H Andrews

**MATTAPOISETT COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

John N. DeCosta Jr. - Elected

Margaret DeMello – Matt Hsng Auth

Carmello Nicolosi – Conservation

Thomas M. Tucker – Planning

William Hall – Elected

Raymond Harrington – Hist. Comm

Daniel E. Mazzuca - Recreation

MATTAPOISETT CULTURAL COUNCIL

Christine G. Bertram
Elizabeth LaValley
Cheryl Belknap
Carolyn Dlouhy
Rebecca A. McCann
Eloise Ricciardelli
Myra Lamontagne Hart
David Englund

**MATTAPOISETT RIVER VALLEY WATER
SUPPLY PROTECTION ADV COMMITTEE**

Barry J Denham
William T Nicholson - Water/Sewer Sup
Daniel W. Chase

**MATTAPOISETT RIVER VALLEY
WATER DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

William T. Nicholson
Paul Silva
Barry Denham

MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK

Roland Cote

MUNCIPAL HEARING OFFICER

Barbara A. Sullivan

NATURAL RESOURCE OFFICER

Kathleen M Massey
Anne M. Estabrook

OIL SPILL COORDINATOR

Ronald E Scott
Steven T Mach
Andrew U. Murray

**OLD COLONY REGIONAL
VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Blanche B Perry
Dana L Barrows
Barbara A. Sullivan

PETROLEUM, INSPECTOR OF

Ronald E Scott

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

E Robert Garde
Peter B Perkins- Asst.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY ADV BOARD

Jordan C. Collyer

POLICE CHIEF - LIEUTENANT

Mary R Lyons - Chief*
Paul Silveira- Lt. *

POLICE OFFICERS

Scott T. Brooks
Robert D Boivin - Sgt
Anthony M Days
Robert W Dumas - Sargent
Jason A King- Sgt.
Justin L King
Craig S LeBlanc
Matthew C McGraw
William L McIlmail
David J. Moniz
F Mitchell Suzan Jr
Scott R. Leblanc
Dennis Tavares
Rebecca B. Coran
Brian J. Sladewski

RESERVE PATROLMAN

Jessica A. Alves
Russell W. Chase Jr.
Joaquim Macedo
David J. Moniz
Elizabeth A. Medeiros
Thomas Simpson
Paul D. Andrews
Donna Wunschel
Robert J. Randall Jr.

CIVILIAN EMT

David A. Ellis
Kevin R. LeBlanc
Kevin Porter
Mark McGraw

PART-TIME POLICE MATRON

Donna Wunschel

PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Michael J. Botelho

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Gretchen R. MacDonald, Director

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Waitie J. Akins
Ellen M Driscoll
Kimberly A. Henshaw
Deborah H. Soares
Daniel Mazzuca

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Barbara A. Sullivan, Town Clerk

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Ann Lynch
Eleanor K. Cote
Judith R. Anthony
Maura Saltmarsh

REUSABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE

Jordan C. Collyer
Kristen B. Matathia
Alice McGrath

RIGHT TO KNOW LAW -**MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR**

William T Nicholson
Ronald E Scott
Carmelo Nicolosi
Russell Bailey

SCHOLARSHIP ED FUND COMM

Michelle Roy
Susan S Hottel
Peter Coville
Susan Zartman

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURE

John E. DeMello

DEPUTY SHELLFISH CONSTABLE &**DEPUTY DOG OFFICER**

David J. Medeiros
Robert Hocking
Marc A. Gaspar
Horace F Field III
Kenneth D. Yokel
Philip H. Kelsey II

SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD**INSPECTOR**

Andrew J. Bobola - Building Inspector

SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

Cornelius J. Coleman
Rene H. Drouin Jr.
Carmelo Nicolosi
Jordan C. Collyer
Barry J. Denham
Russell L Bailey

SRPEDD

Robert J Rogers
Mark D Estes

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL**TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY(SRTA)**

Michael J. Botelho
Raymond H. Andrews - Alternate
Gary A. Jezierski - Disabled Member

TAX RELIEF COMMITTEE

David F. Westgate
William O .Hall

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Suzanne Szyndlar

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Michael J. Botelho

TOWN COUNSEL

Kopelman & Paige, P.C.

TOWN ENGINEER

Robert Field

TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR

Brenda Herbeck

**MATTAPOISETT TREE
PLANTING COMMITTEE**

Roland Cote

Raymond H. Andrews

Ruth Bates

Elaine M. Botelho

Jodi Lynn Bauer

George Butler

Leo Lamontagne

Bettijean Rocha

Deborah Smiley

Edward J. Walsh

Sandra K. Hering

Susan L. Perkins

Nancy A. Souza

TRI-TOWN RIVER COMMITTEE

George Randall

Robert A. Martin

VETERAN'S BOARD EXEC COUNCIL

Raymond H. Andrews

Paul H. Magee

Wilfred Boutin

VETERAN'S AGENT

Barry J. Denham

VETERAN'S GRAVE CARETAKER

Barry J. Denham

WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDENT

William T. Nicholson

**WATER RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL**

William T. Nicholson

WEIGHER OF HAY AND COAL

David J. McIntyre

WIRE INSPECTOR

Roger Poitras, Jr

WIRE INSPECTOR; ASSISTANTS

Walter J Rusinoski - Asst.

Frank A. Knox - Asst.

2008 Town Report Assessors Office

Board of Assessors:

Rebecca McCullough, Chairman
Donald Fleming, Secretary
David Kiernan, Member at Large

Office Staff:

Robert Cole, Principal Assessor
Linda Dessert, Principal Assessing Clerk

The year 2008 was a full revaluation year for the Town of Mattapoisett and the Assessors Office was very busy throughout the year. Vision Appraisal Inc. was hired to perform the revaluation and worked very closely with Principal Assessor Robert Cole to ensure that the tax rate was certified by year's end and tax bills were mailed on time.

Rebecca McCullough was re-elected in May for her second three-year term on the Board and was voted to serve as Chairman for another year. We would like to thank David Kiernan for stepping up to the plate in July 2005 as an appointed member of the Board of Assessors and running for election in 2006. His experience and expertise has been invaluable to the Board, and we wish him well as he steps down after four years of service.

Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) required some sweeping changes in the process of assessing property values for residual land, mandating that all back land be assessed at \$14,000 per acre and neighborhood codes be removed. This change resulted in the valuations increasing substantially for some property owners, but Mattapoisett continued to buck the trends and sales rose slightly despite a weakening economy.

The Board of Assessors would like to thank Bob Cole and Linda Dessert for their continued service and commitment to performing their duties with the utmost care and attention to detail.

The office took on a new look when the computer server for Town Hall was moved to a new location. Minor renovations included installing a window for the Assessors Office (reclaiming the old Town Clerk's office window) and building a counter where maps and books of property sales can be left on display for the public. The website was also updated with information regarding the revaluation process as a resource for Mattapoisett taxpayers.

These improvements enhance the ability of this office to provide prompt and courteous service to Mattapoisett residents and taxpayers.

BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals hears and determines matters that come before it under the Zoning By-Law and Chapter 40A of the General Laws. These matters begin as applications for special permits, petitions for variances and appeals from building permit denials and zoning enforcement orders issued by the Building Inspector. Each matter is assigned a case number, notices of public hearings are published and mailed to neighboring landowners, public hearings are held and written decisions adopted and filed with the Town Clerk, all as required by the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 40A.

Attendance and participation by interested neighbors at our public hearings is an important part of the process. We urge you, the public to attend. We always learn something from your input that is helpful to our decision-making. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Conference Room.

In 2008, we completed 27 cases, and as we begin 2009, we are current in all our cases. Our associate members continue to make significant contributions to our work. The Board is always seeking new members. If interested in becoming a member, please contact the Board of Appeals office. Once again, we note our appreciation for the continuing good services of Maria L. Cananze, secretary to the Board and Andrew J. Bobola, Inspector of Buildings.

MEMBERS

Jeffrey R. Chase, Chairperson
Jack R. McGill
Susan Akin
Paul E. Milott Jr.
Mary Anne Brogan

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Robert Bertrand
Stephen E. Vaitses
Kenneth R. Pacheco
Norman Lyonnais

BUILDING DEPARTMENT 2008

NO.	TYPE OF PERMIT	FEES
19	Detached One Family Dwellings	18,215.50
0	Multi-Family Dwelling (2 Family)	00.00
39	Residential Additions	12,891.00
71	Residential Alterations	16,021.00
1	Commercial Buildings	287.00
2	Commercial Additions	1,403.00
7	Commercial Alterations	2,124.00
24	Garages	4,025.00
10	Swimming Pools	675.00
18	Residential Sheds	820.00
0	Large Shed	00.00
59	Decks and Porches	7,214.00
4	Renewals	219.00
35	Woodstoves	2,575.00
2	Foundations	200.00
0	Commercial Demolition	00.00
7	Chimneys/Fireplaces	640.00
10	Residential Demolitions	3,850.00
1	Moving Permit	00.00
20	Other (temp. trailers, barns, signs, gazebos, tents)	4,552.00
0	Temporary Occupancy	00.00
13	Occupancy	650.00
9	Repairs	1,035.00
8	Zoning Determination	510.00
0	Breezeway & Garage	00.00
2	Re-Inspections	75.00
21	Safety Inspections	1,700.00
116	Home Improvements	8,335.00
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498		\$ 88,016.50

TOTAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEES COLLECTED**TOTAL BUILDING PERMIT VALUE****\$14,540,694.95****INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS****Andrew J. Bobola**

WIRING/PLUMBING/GAS DEPARTMENTS

WIRING PERMIT FEES	\$ 18,020.00
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PLUMBING PERMIT FEES	\$ 19,328.00
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GAS PERMIT FEES	\$ 10,082.00
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TOTAL FEES COLLECTED FOR WIRING, PLUMBING & GAS	\$ 47,430.00
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INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Andrew J. Bobola

MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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The Mattapoissett Conservation Commission is staffed by volunteer board members Chairman Tyler Macallister, Carmelo Nicolosi, Kenneth Dawicki, and James O'Dowd, Conservation Agent Rene Drouin and secretary Marcia Perry.

The Commission was established to protect the town's natural resources in a regulatory and advisory manner. The Commission is responsible for environmental planning, accepting gifts of land and money for conservation purposes, acquiring grant money for town acquisition of open space, advising other town boards on environmental concerns, and administering the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act (Mass. General Law Chapter 131, Section 40).

In 2008, the Commission issued 29 Orders of Conditions, 21 Determinations of Applicability, 15 Certificates of Compliance and 63 Informal Project Reviews.

Meetings are held the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are open to the public and are held on the first floor of the Town Hall. Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.