

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Thanks to Volunteers. Gigi Bonazzoli and Greg Caless retired as ambulance co-directors during 2006, after 18 years as directors. We thank them for their tireless service, in Gigi's case including driving the ambulance on most of its calls. Two longtime Advisory Committee members also retired this year, and we thank Christopher Slade and Wendy Rogers for their many contributions to the town over those 16 or more years. Also, we thank Rick Howley, Sam Peirce, Paul Granese, David Rowe, Frank Chiodo, Murphy Insurance, and others who contributed to the splendid new basketball court at Memorial Field. This project was done entirely with donated funds and volunteers.

Public Safety Activities. Vincent Alfano was appointed police chief in February. He is a relatively new resident of Bolton and was with the Framingham Police Department for many years. Chief Alfano has established a close working relationship with the schools. He also became an important force in an effort to re-focus the new police station effort toward a police-fire-ambulance public safety building project. As the year ended, selectman Curtis Plante prepared feasibility drawings that indicated that a public safety building could be built on the fire station site on Wattaquodock Hill Road. The police station task force was expanded and is working vigorously toward expanding the current fire station to serve Bolton's public safety needs for years to come.

With the retirement of co-directors Gigi Bonazzoli and Greg Caless, the ambulance squad reorganized with Gery Wilson as director and Dave Farrell as our new full-time EMT/firefighter on duty. The EMT Cadet program continues to flourish in its 20th year, and with David Farrell as the ambulance driver, provides the majority of daytime ambulance coverage. We are pleased with the quality of service that these volunteers and staff, along with the other call EMTs, continue to provide Bolton.

Hit TV Show. The Bolton Access Television Corporation (BatCo) began televising selectmen's meetings in January and improved the sophistication and quality of its broadcasts during the year. We received many positive comments about the telecasts, and were surprised at the size and interest of our television audience. We look forward to further advances in public interest programming on Channel 10 in the years to come.

Planning. The selectmen continued to spend a considerable amount of time on planning for the town's future. The Master Plan was completed during 2006. The selectmen provided comments and feedback to the Master Planning Committee, not agreeing with everything in the plan, but applauding the overall effort of the committee in getting a comprehensive document before the public.

Following the election and the completion of the Master Plan, the selectmen decided to create a Capital Planning Committee to analyze and prioritize the many capital projects facing the town in the future. A committee of six volunteers was appointed at the end of the year and began its efforts at the beginning of 2007. We hope the committee will be able to look across the various projects, investigate innovative alternatives to meet requirements, and put the projects in the context of overall town finances.

Library Expansion Project. The selectmen worked with the Library Trustees and its Building Committee to move forward the library expansion project that was approved by voters in May. We congratulate the Capital Campaign Committee on its efforts in raising more than \$850,000 by the end of 2006. We look forward to working with the new Construction Committee to see that the new library is the best it can be within the budget approved by the town.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. The project to install a wastewater treatment plant on the "sheep show field" moved ahead during 2006. Town meeting in May approved funding for the project and the preliminary engineering work was completed so that the required documentation could be submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection. The treatment plant is being sized for future expansion and is on schedule for April 2008 completion. There are still some access issues to work out and as the year ended we began looking at addressing library and public safety sewage treatment needs within this project.

Approved At Last. The selectmen approved two documents that had been in various stages of revision and review for a number of years. The Traffic Rules and Regulations that identify stop signs and no parking zones, among other traffic rules, were originally written in the 1970s and were finally updated and approved during 2006, with important help from Town Clerk Betsy Cussen, Police Chief Vin Alfano, and Public Ways Safety Committee member Dan Senie. The lease documents for Florence Sawyer and Emerson Schools were finally signed, after being in preparation and negotiation for 9 years. While working relationships with the Nashoba Regional School District are fine, it is good to finally have documents in place that set out the legal responsibilities of both the schools and the town with regard to these town-owned buildings.

Town Administration and Finances. 2006 was another good financial year, with no override, strong free cash balances, and another contribution to the town's rainy day Stabilization Fund. Jodi Ross and her staff continued to provide excellent service to the town and its boards and we are very appreciative of all their efforts. The selectmen increased their efforts in support of the town's senior citizens, and with the help of Linda Day, Sheila Chmielowski, and the Council on Aging, approved a program to provide a

van to drive seniors to the senior center and shopping or appointments in surrounding towns.

Changes. Curtis Plante was elected selectman in May and we thank Stan Wysocki for his service to the town as selectman. Assistant Building Inspector Arthur West died in December and will be missed.

There are many in this town, citizens and employees, who contribute much and expect nothing in the way of recognition, just the satisfaction of a job well done and the knowledge that their efforts have made Bolton a better place for everyone to live. To these quiet stalwarts, we offer our true thanks and admiration.

Financial Statement			
July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006			
Salary			
Appropriated			\$900.00
Expended			\$600.00
Unexpended balance returned to general fund			\$300.00
			Expenses
Appropriated			\$27,011.00
Expended	Miscellaneous	\$1,700.01	
	Engineering Services	9,000.00	
	Supplies	157.48	
	Dues	622.00	\$20,378.49
Unexpended balance returned to general fund			\$ 6,632.51
EMT Coordinator			
Appropriated			\$4,800.00
Expended			\$4,800.00
WHEAT			
Appropriated			\$4,000.00
Expended			\$4,000.00