

City of Amesbury



Annual Report

July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

Nicholas J. Costello Transportation Center



Construction began August 2010, ending with a celebratory ribbon-cutting ceremony June 2012

The Transportation Center is a joint project of the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority and the City of Amesbury. The MVRTA built the two-story building to serve as a transportation hub for the City. The City occupies the majority of the building with its Health and Human Services functions including Senior Services, Youth Services, and Veterans' Services.

The Senator Nicholas J. Costello Transportation Center provides Amesbury residents with fully accessible space for programs, services and public meetings.

The Senior Center occupies the majority of the city's designated space, and includes rooms for programs and group meetings, a fully accessible computer lab, a dining area for meals and large presentations, quiet space for individual activities, a clinic room for health programming, and more. The Veterans' Services office will create a one-stop shop for seniors who often utilize both senior and veterans' programs. Building on the City's intergenerational programming successes, the Youth Services office will also be located in the building.

"I feel very fortunate the City has made an investment in seniors and in the community overall," said Council on Aging Director Annmary Connor. "It is a catalyst to enhance services to the community and growth in the Lower Millyard."

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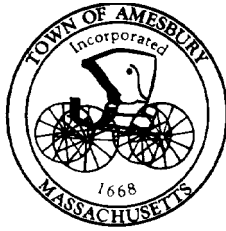
In Memoriam

*The City would like to acknowledge the loss of
valued contributors to the community:*

Harland I. Main

Richard W. Reifke, Jr.

David P. Dow



Dear Amesbury Citizens,

Welcome to the Annual Report of the City of Amesbury. As you read this report, you will see this has been another year of progress, as we strive to deliver excellent municipal services while controlling the costs of doing so. This report highlights some of the success we have achieved to make Amesbury a wonderful community to live in and raise a family, and an attractive location for business growth.

As the economy slowly recovers from the severe downturn, our revenues have stabilized and our actions to cut costs have allowed us to increase investment in our schools and make improvements to our infrastructure. Our schools have been able to restore all of the positions lost during the past few years in order to better fully engage our students and long overdue road, sidewalk, drainage and bridge projects are now underway to repair, replace and enhance our infrastructure.

With the opening of the Nicholas J. Costello Transportation Building and Community Center, how wonderful it is to have a new, modern and specifically designed building to meet the needs of our seniors, the fastest growing segment of our population.

With the expected relocation of the DPW building out of the Lower Millyard, we expect significant private investment to begin in that area, bringing jobs and increased foot traffic for our existing businesses. The Commonwealth has also provided funds for enhancements to a section of Elm Street as well as a canoe/kayak launch to be constructed in the Lower Millyard, which will provide increased access to the Powwow River and more outdoor activities in the downtown area.

Our employees have contributed significantly to our efforts to control costs by agreeing to adopt changes to their health plans that have decreased the city's health care costs by \$884,299. Our employees are working hard to provide excellent municipal services with less.

You will notice a change on the front cover of this report as we have officially changed the name of our community to the City of Amesbury as a result of the Charter change voted in November 2011. Though we have been a city since 1996, the original city Charter had kept the Town moniker. An updated city seal will be given consideration soon to reflect the name change.

Finally, I wish to thank the City Council, School Committee, the numerous volunteers serving on boards and commissions and the professional staff who have all worked together to make Amesbury a great community to live, work and visit. So again, take a look at the successes illustrated in this Annual Report, both big and small, which demonstrate our ability to deliver those services our residents depend on.

Sincerely,

Thatcher W. Kezer III
Mayor

Overview

The City of Amesbury exists to provide five essential services to our citizens, and is supported by an effective Administration & Finance function:

Public Education

Amesbury Elementary
Cashman Elementary
Amesbury Middle School
Amesbury High School
Academy Charter School

Public Safety

Police
Fire & Rescue
Emergency Management

Public Works

Public Works
Engineering
Water Treatment
Waste Water Treatment
Recycling & Refuse
Snow & Ice Removal

Permits & Land Use

Community Development
Economic Development
Inspection & Health
Conservation
Planning
Zoning

Community and Social Services

Senior Services
Youth Services
Veteran Services
Public Library

Admin & Finance

Finance
Assessing
Treasurer/Collecting
Licenses and Permits
Clerk and Records

Amesbury Public Schools

District Overview

Michele Robinson, Superintendent

The 2011-2012 school year was marked by exciting change and impressive progress. We are proud of the many achievements our students realized during the year as we laid a strong foundation for educational innovation and excellence. This was achieved through the cooperation and support of students, staff, and parents, as well as our elected officials, School Committee and City Council members. We continue to be perceived as a district of excellence and one that cares deeply about our children.

Fast Facts

163.4 = total number of teachers

98.8% of Amesbury teachers are licensed in their teaching assignment; 95.7% are highly qualified

Eighty-six (86%) percent of high school graduates go on to college after high school, with 10% entering the workforce, and 1% entering the military

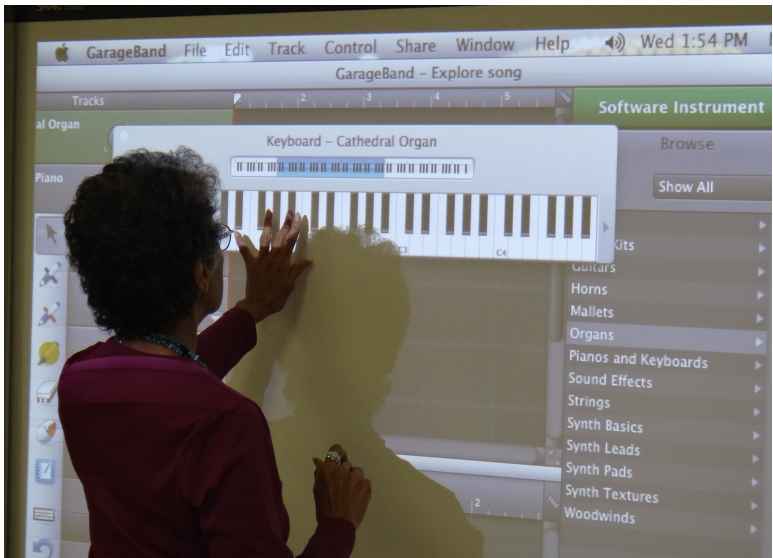
14.6 to 1 = student/teacher ratio

Amesbury is one of the MA *Race to the Top* districts, which provides \$173,000 over four years to implement the adoption of the Common Core Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

Since 2004, the district has made its Adequate Yearly Progress targets in English Language Arts and math at every grade level.



This year, Title I funding allowed for the continuation of the Title I Literacy Camp for students entering grade 2 and Title I Math and Literacy Camp for students entering grade 3 who were recommended by their classroom teacher. The camp enables them to get a jump on the upcoming school year and helps ensure they become and remain proficient readers.



Amesbury Public Schools

Amesbury Elementary School

Walter Helliesen, Principal

This year marked the beginning of a significant transition for Amesbury Elementary School, and all of Amesbury's schools, as we began the process of shifting our instructional focus to the new Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks in English Language Arts and Mathematics. Based on the Common Core State Standards that have been adopted by 45 states, these documents represent the goal of making our students "college and career ready" upon high school graduation. The changes are significant and require us to rethink the scope and sequence of our instructional program. It also provides a wonderful opportunity to redesign our district curriculum in a collegial and collaborative fashion.



By the Numbers

430 = the average daily enrollment at AES spread over 20 classrooms

20–25 = the range of class sizes in kindergarten through fourth grade

Over 80% = the percentage of third graders scoring proficient or advanced on the 2012 MCAS ELA and Math tests

AES students participated in a variety of activities this year. They raised over \$2,300 for the American Cancer Society through our Mini-Relay-for-Life. We Filled the Sleigh with food items for Pettingill House during the holidays. The North Star recognition program continued, helping students to recognize the importance of good Attitude, good Behavior, and good Choices and culminated in the awarding of the fifth annual George McNeill Leadership Award to two fourth graders.

Our families remained very active, logging hundreds of volunteer hours in our classrooms and on field trips. The Elementary PTA sponsored many field trips and provided for in-school speakers. We are very thankful for the ongoing support from our community and we welcome ideas for ways to increase and improve this partnership.

Amesbury Public Schools

Cashman Elementary School

Louise Charette, Principal

Our staff, students and School Council worked throughout the 2011-2012 school year to articulate exactly what it is we are determined to achieve, and the result is a brand new mission statement: *"Empower a Community of Learners to Build a World of Opportunity."* We are dedicated to working as a community where children and professional educators are learning and achieving each and every day. Cashman students participated in a wide variety of experiences, planned and executed to provide both rich learning and eager engagement. From our fall units of study on harvest

celebrations, to the Immigration Dinner, to the traditional Celebration of Learning, our students showed that they were willing and able to meet the challenge we had given them on the very first day of school: *Work hard and be kind!*

Fast Facts

CES was one of only six schools in Massachusetts to receive MCAS commendations this year for both *High Growth* and *Narrowing Proficiency Gap*.

\$75,200 = total grant awards to CES from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Technology Grants for Students and Staff:

- 10 iPads for teachers as part of grant projects to enhance our educator network and to explore classroom applications for increasing student achievement
- 4 iPads this year to our grade four team for work in literacy
- Class Tablet Pilot with grade three incorporating the use of 6 tablets and projection technology to enhance learning



Learning is what it's all about for all members of the Cashman School Community, and it was a year of study for teachers and principal as well as students. Our school-based teams of professionals work continuously, analyzing state, district, and student data, articulating strengths and areas of needs, refining structures for sharing effective practice, maximizing use of local talent, reaching out to research and the greater professional community for improvement and innovation. The staff of the Cashman School are committed professionals who work each day to ensure that students and their families are partners in all we do.

The volunteers of our school community continue to be invaluable to us. Parents, grandparents, community members, and high school students give hundreds of hours each year and contribute to the warm and welcoming climate of our school. Our students prepare for lives and careers in the 21st century, and our educators are lifelong learners with one aim in mind: to work with our families and community to ensure joyful and meaningful learning for every CES child.

Amesbury Public Schools

Amesbury Middle School

Michael Curry, Principal

The Amesbury Middle School teachers and support staff continue to work hard toward meeting our school mission statement of “ensuring that all students receive a dynamic and challenging middle school experience.” As a school community, we continue to dedicate ourselves toward meeting the academic, social, and emotional needs of all students. As students and staff begin to face a new set of challenges that the Common Core Standards will bring forth, we are all committed to providing our students with the academic rigor they will need in order to solve the very complex issues they will encounter in this global world we now live in.

School Year Highlights

AMS received over \$7000 in innovative grant money from Amesbury Educational Foundation

Food Drive sponsored by the AMS Student Council collected 2300 items for Pettengill House.

Site visits by teachers and administrators from East Boylston and Leominster Massachusetts to observe literacy strategies and teaching practices in action

Staff and students received training in Bullying Prevention and Intervention and students participated in activities at the start of the school year to promote ideas and discussion centered on decreasing bullying and promoting a positive school climate.



Throughout the 2011-2012 school year, Amesbury Middle School continued to provide staff members with meaningful professional development for best teaching and learning practices. Our efforts as a school community to provide a balanced literacy approach in all content areas and disciplines means that students develop the reading, writing, speaking and listening skills they need to become successful. This approach is based on best teaching practices, supported by 20 years of research on the importance of these four skills in all content areas. This year, AMS math teachers in grades 5-8 received specialized math professional development from Dr. Andrew Chen. Teachers participated in three days of learning how to teach and understand the meaning behind mathematical concepts in order to help students build confidence and deepen their own mathematical thinking and reasoning.

Amesbury Public Schools

Amesbury High School

Roy Hamond, Principal

The culture of AHS is that of students and staff working together. The staff of AHS is highly qualified and dedicated to all students. Many make connections with students outside the classroom and volunteer time going to school events, advising, chaperoning, and “going the extra distance” to be sure the school experience is a positive one. Our Student Council has received awards from the Massachusetts of Student Councils and has coordinated many of the programs at the school.

By the Numbers

\$15,425 = Funding received from the Amesbury Educational Foundation

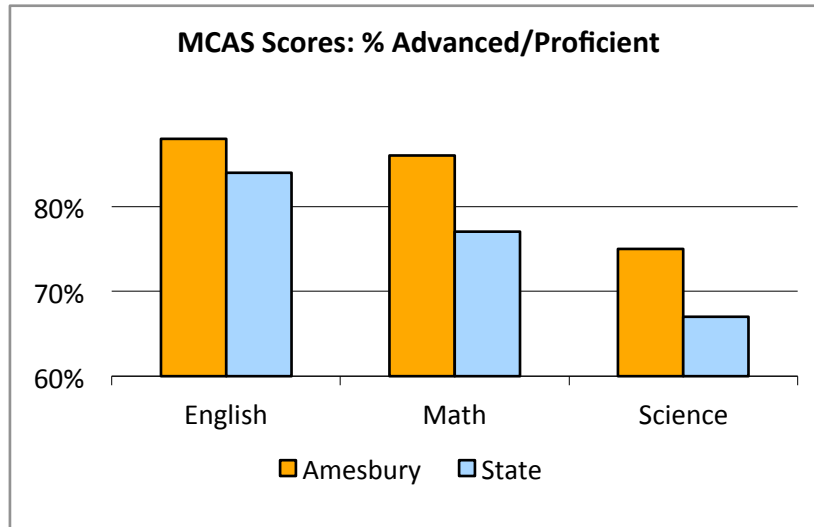
9 = Number of 2011 graduates qualifying for the AP Scholar Award, for exceptional achievement on AP exams

65 = Number of graduating seniors receiving scholarships (totaling \$93,500)

23,090 = hours of community service performed over 4 years by the Class of 2012

16 = AHS athletes to be named All League candidates in their respective sports

The Math team went undefeated in the Tri-State Math League, finishing 6-0.



Amesbury exceeds State averages in MCAS scores

This year, they coordinated *Rachel's Challenge* to promote a culture of acceptance and caring in our school. They lead our spirit programs and coordinate student government. AHS is home to several honor societies recognizing high achievement, and we have competitive academic teams in science and math who have made remarkable accomplishments. The school newspaper is published every week, and the yearbook continues to be outstanding.

Amesbury High School had one main focus for the year, preparing for the New England Schools and Colleges

(NEASC) visit by a team from the Commission on Public Secondary Schools (CPSS) in the spring of 2013. AHS staff members, students, and parents have worked in collaboration to prepare a self-study and establish the core values and beliefs on learning.

The following is the recently developed core values and beliefs for AHS:

IRRAP – Integrity, Respect for Individuality, Responsibility, Academic Excellence, Problem Solving.

Amesbury High School is committed to inspiring all its students to become problem solvers who take responsibility for themselves and their learning. In fostering this quest for excellence, the AHS community will support and work together with integrity, modeling acceptance, collaboration, and respect. School pride permeates the culture of AHS through time-tested traditions blended with student driven innovations and initiatives.

Amesbury Public Schools

Amesbury Academy Public Charter School

Donna Georges, Principal

This was an exciting year on several levels for the Amesbury Academy, marked by positive change and significant milestones.

Celebrating our 11th year was especially memorable for the Academy. We were awarded our third five-year Charter in 2011 and are now enjoying the move to a wonderful new location. Having outgrown our previous space, the Academy was fortunate to have been given the opportunity to lease the former Sacred Heart School from All Saints Parish on Friend Street. With the help of staff, students, friends and Amesbury Public Schools personnel, we completed the move in December and were fully operational when classes resumed after the holiday break. Work crews from the Essex County Sheriff's Department did an excellent job of renovating the space. On January 31, 2012 we enjoyed the 101st anniversary of the building where the school is now located, Sacred Heart School. We were overwhelmed by the outpouring of support, as evidenced by the turnout at this event.

Community Service Learning remains strong at the Academy. We finished the school year with students doing maintenance and enhancements to the nature trails behind the Amesbury Elementary School. In fact, Community Service Learning is what influenced last year's Academy Valedictorian, Amanda Lewis, to choose her profession. From her involvement with the Pettengill House food and clothing drives, Amanda was inspired to go into the field of Social Services. Having completed an internship at Pettengill while at the Academy, Amanda will continue her studies at Northern Essex Community College toward a rewarding career.

Police

Mark Gagnon, Chief

The Amesbury Police Department is dedicated to the prevention of crime, the protection of life and property, the preservation of peace, order and safety, the enforcement of laws and ordinances and the safeguarding of constitutional rights for all. We take pride in providing the highest level of public safety and service to the citizens and business people within the community, and to those visiting. The department encourages citizen input and interaction that will assist in developing sound partnerships between the community and the Police. This partnership with the community is the backbone to fighting crime, reducing fear of crime and continuing to enhance the quality of life for everyone in our small city. The services provided by the Department are a reflection of the increasing requests of social programs by the community. Emphasis has been placed on service-oriented policing so that the needs and demands of the community can be met.

Police Fast Facts

13¢ of every tax dollar is spent on Public Safety.

Amesbury tax payers spend \$201 per person per year for 24-hour crime prevention and response.

The APD responded to 21,458 calls for service during FY12

1.8 = police officers per thousand residents

Recent Achievements

- AAA Safety Award
- Mothers against Drunk Driving Awards
- Underage Alcohol Grant
- Pedestrian Safety Grant



Major Accomplishments for FY12

Increase in number and level of police-community partnerships with local agencies such as the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center, Pettengill House, Amesbury Housing Authority and other state and local agencies

Community Events: Anti-Bullying Programs in Schools, Anti-Scam Task Force, Prescription Drug Take Back Program, Pedestrian and Child Safety Seat Programs, Underage Alcohol Education and Enforcement, Lo-Jack Program for those at high risk of being reported as missing, 9-11 Anniversary Ceremony and participating in the Special Olympics Awards Ceremony

Recruited and hired the first full-time female police officer in the Amesbury Police Department, enhancing the Department's ability to serve our community.

Fire

Jonathan Brickett, Chief

The Amesbury Fire Department has experienced another exceptionally busy year, making changes to improve overall efficiency and effectiveness within our systems. We re-opened the Elm Street Station after 21 years of closure, and implemented a new operational plan that improves the overall effectiveness on our delivery of public safety services.



The biggest improvement will be delivered from Federal Grants our department has been awarded. The SAFER Staffing Grant, for \$583,000.00 covers salary and benefits for two years. And the Diesel Smoke Removal System, which is slated for installation within the next two months, will eliminate a capital investment from the City. Finally, we have just hired a full complement of Firefighter Paramedics, with 7 out of the 9 positions hired completely trained as Firefighter 1&2 and Paramedics.

By the Numbers

Amesbury taxpayers spend \$174 per person per year for 24-hour response to medical, fire, natural and man-made disasters.

1592 = number of fire-related calls the Amesbury Fire Department responded to in FY12

1936 = number of rescue or medical calls the Department responded to in FY12



Emergency Management

Jonathan Brickett, Director

In FY12, the Seabrook Power Plant Graded Exercise was completed and Amesbury marked above grade during the test. Donald Swenson retired as Director of Emergency Management in June. The City of Amesbury has benefited from his commitment and dedication and he will long be remembered and appreciated. Fire Chief Jonathan Brickett will now oversee the Emergency Management operations.

The volunteers responded to a total of 24 incidents, supporting Fire, Police, and public safety events and operations. Although the winter was mild, the Emergency Operations Center was utilized several times, with the most significant event being the storm of October 2011.

Department of Public Works

Department of Public Works

Rob Desmarais, Director

The Town of Amesbury Department of Public Works consists of five divisions: the Administration division provides direction and support for all department operations, including customer service, procurement, payroll, accounts payable and solid waste; the Engineering Division maintains the city's watershed and dams, and provides project management for construction projects and technical support for other departments; the Highway Division repairs and maintains roads, signs, markings, drainage and leads snow removal and sanding operations; the TPC Division oversees the public trees, parks and cemeteries, the Wastewater Division maintains and operates the city's sewer collection, pumping and treatment systems; and the Water Division maintains and operates the city's water distribution, storage, pumping and treatment systems. All divisions participate in snow removal and emergency operations.

By the Numbers

Amesbury residents increased their amount of recycling by more than 10% this year, saving an additional \$15,000 in disposal costs.

Amesbury invested \$500,000 in paving streets not related to a construction project, up from \$30,000 last year.

The new centrifuge at the Water Treatment Plant saves rate-payers \$80,000 per year, with a return on investment of less than five years.

The new culvert at Greenleaf Street for the Park Pond can handle more than 10x the volume of water than the pipe it replaces. The new intake structure is designed to allow the culvert to operate at full capacity even when it is 50% clogged with debris.

Check out the city's annual water quality report at www.amesburyma.gov.



FY2012 Highlights and Accomplishments

- City Council considers relocation of DPW facility
- Reconstruction of the Millyard Walls
- Completion of the Water Treatment Plant Upgrade
- Rehabilitation of the Lower Millyard Parking Deck
- Paving of numerous city streets
- Expansion of the Union Cemetery
- Playground renovation of the Town Park

Community and Economic Development

Community and Economic Development

Joe Fahey, Director

The Office of Community & Economic Development is a multi-disciplined agency involving many facets of the development of Amesbury. Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Economic and Community development activities are all responsibilities of the office. The preparation of development plans for such areas as the Golden Triangle and redevelopment plans for the Lower Millyard are examples of our activities. Permitting of individual projects like the Elm Street hotel and residential subdivisions require countless reviews by the office staff. Concurrent with these activities, the office actively pursues opportunities to create affordable housing for residents of Amesbury.

A great deal of the office's resources this year was dedicated to several projects of importance to the community. The preparation and submission of the City's Open Space Recreational Plan required a significant effort and investment of time. Concurrent with that was the modification and permitting of the CVS project requiring major alterations of the previous plan, neighborhood outreach and zoning amendments. An ongoing effort was permitting the Elm Street hotel and commercial project. Incorporating the wetlands and the bikeway/rail trail extension into the project presented planning obstacles, which needed to be resolved.



Solar panels at Cider Hill Farm (Glenn Cook - Photo)

Another priority project was implementing the Lower Millyard Redevelopment Plan. Almost fifteen years since its inception, infrastructure improvements were begun on this initiative. Securing funding for the Elm Street construction was an important first step toward implementing the plans. Survey work, conceptual planning and preliminary engineering of the Heritage Park and Parking Deck expansion on Water Street along with the DPW relocation were critical steps undertaken this year.

Community and Economic Development



During the upcoming year, the office will continue its efforts in the Lower Mill Yard, concentrating on three potential projects; the Carriage Mills expansion, Bartley's mixed-use project, and the purchase and rehabilitation of three mills on Carriage Hill all by private developers. Preliminary planning for the Golden Triangle will continue, as it will for a few sites along Route 110, which developers have targeted for business expansion.

In general, the office will continue its commitment to assuring quality development in Amesbury that will benefit the community and its residents.

Inspectional Services

Building

Denis Nadeau, Commissioner

The Building Inspectional Services function enhances public safety through the oversight and enforcement of state and local building, health and animal control codes and regulations.

By the Numbers

\$213,178 = FY12 fee revenue from permits

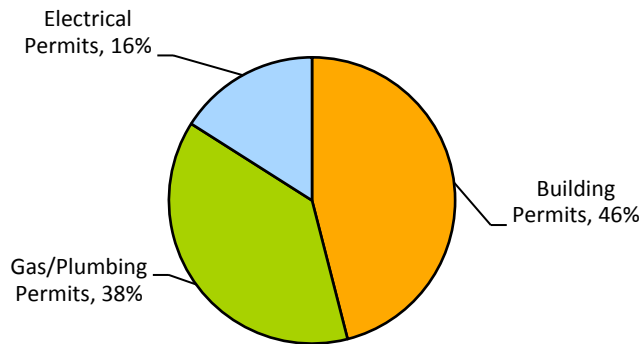
36 = number of blood pressure clinics offered by the City's Health Nurse

490 = number seasonal vaccines administered to residents

The Health Nurse spends 10 hours every week at the Senior Center, up from 4 in FY11.

In accordance with 780CMR State Board of Building and Regulations Standards, the Inspections Department performs 71 annual inspections of public buildings and 56 inspections for churches and in-law apartments.

FY12 Building Permits Issued



Health

Jack Morris, Director

The Regional Health Department is charged with the protection of public health and developing, implementing and enforcing health regulations in adherence to state and local codes and regulations.

In FY12, 209 food permits were also issued. Each food service permit requires at least one (1) yearly inspection, with full service restaurants requiring twice yearly food inspections. Mobile food carts/service, recreational camp, campground, public swimming pool and residential kitchen permit holders also require a pre-operation inspection.

The Health Department is also responsible for monitoring the water at the following beach locations: Lake Gardner, Lake Attitash, Camp Bauercrest and Glen Devin. Water testing results are posted weekly. During Fiscal Year 2012, Lake Attitash was closed on a couple of occasions due to Cyanobacteria, with warnings placed on our website, on site and in the local newspapers.

Community and Social Services

Amesbury Council on Aging

Annmary Connor, Director



The Council on Aging continues to provide comprehensive social services to area seniors. This year, the new Nicholas J. Costello Transportation Center opened its doors to the citizens of Amesbury. This building, located at 68 Elm Street, is fully accessible and state of the art, incorporating provisions for individuals with low vision, mobility issues, and other disabilities. The building is now home to a number of Amesbury's Community and Social Services, including the Senior Center, and also provides direct connections to area bus routes.

Council on Aging Fast Facts

The COA served over 658 seniors and 133 non-seniors during FY12.

Volunteers gave 8,372 hours of time to senior services in FY12, an increase of 47% over FY11.

In FY12 The MVRTA provided 4,828 trips to seniors in the City of Amesbury, up 18% from the previous year.

\$120,000 = Amount the FCOA raised in their capital campaign to furnish the new facility.

The COA hosted interns from several area schools, including Northern Essex Community College, Salem State University, and UMASS Lowell. This benefited the students and allowed the COA to expand and grow services.



Services provided by the Council on Aging:

- **Case Management:** fuel assistance, SNAP, SSDI/SSI, SHINE application assistance, referrals, support
- **Health and Wellness:** exercises classes, yoga, guest lecturers on health concerns, hearing and podiatry clinics, clinical support groups (bereavement, men's group, low vision, caregiver support)
- **Nutrition:** a meals on wheels site and congregate meals, a brown bag program, weekly food deliveries with Our Neighbor's Table, daily snacks
- **Activities:** Wii, movies, cultural council performances, cribbage, bridge, trips and tours, arts and crafts
- **Community education:** coffee with the chiefs, guest lectures, outreach to community organizations.

Community and Social Services

Department of Veterans' Services

Kristen Lucier, Agent

Amesbury Veterans' Services provides financial assistance to eligible veterans and their dependents, and assistance with application and appeals of all pension and compensation claims through the Department of Veterans' Affairs. This office maintains partnerships with state and local service providers in the areas of education, employment, substance abuse treatment, and mental health in an effort to address the unique needs of generations of veterans.



This year, in collaboration with Dolan Financial Services, Veterans' Services held monthly breakfasts for World War II veterans. These events granted opportunities to share military

histories and socialize while increasing community participation. This office also provided educational seminars to the community regarding state and federal benefit programs, and served an active role on Congressman Tierney's Veterans Advisory Board.

The Department of Veterans' Services continues to serve increasing numbers of veterans and family members through Chapter 115 financial assistance. Chapter 115 cases have increased from thirteen to sixty-six from June of 2008 to August of 2012. In addition to providing supplementary income to needy veterans for living expenses and fuel costs, these benefits provide reimbursement for insurance premiums, dental procedures, Medicare Part B and D premiums, co-pays, medications, and various medical expenses not covered by health insurance.



Volunteers prepare packages to send to Afghanistan

In FY2012 Amesbury Veterans Services launched information sessions and discussion groups aimed to provide VA benefit information in a supportive and accessible atmosphere. These groups occurred on a monthly basis and were open to veterans, their spouses and caregivers.

By the Numbers

\$255,390 = amount the City of Amesbury will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth for Chapter 115 benefits paid to Amesbury veterans and their dependents

In FY12, approximately 170 Amesbury veterans, widows and eligible dependents filed for and received federal VA benefits

\$115,561.83 = the combined new compensation and pension awarded to Amesbury's applicants

342 = the number of applications for VA Healthcare the Veteran' Services Office has completed. Veterans also continue to take advantage of the VA's prescription program which also serves as Part D Medicare coverage.

Community and Social Services

Amesbury Public Library

Patty DiTullio, Director

The library had another banner year, continuing work toward the goals of an ambitious new strategic plan that is fundamentally changing the way it provide services to the public – incorporating local community needs assessment with current best practices in the library field.

By the Numbers

22% = Increase in borrowing of library materials over the last five years

\$115,000 = Total funding received from grants and other sources in FY12

10,000 = number of sessions logged annually on the public computers

58% = increase in the use of services provided to Amesbury teachers by the library's children's services staff

\$35,000 = amount area families save through the Museum Pass program

The library has over 60,000 visits per year

\$2,500,000 = value of materials available for free at the public library. Every person in the city would need to spend \$154 at Barnes & Noble to amass a similar collection

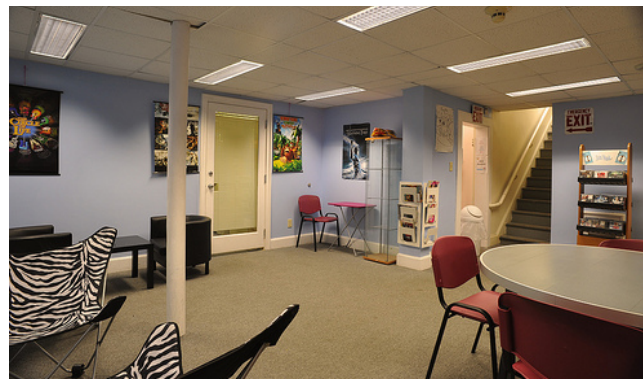


This has resulted in an extensive reorganization of spaces, including the creation of a new local history room and new teen lounge. The

library has also completely redesigned its online presence to offer residents countless free services, including downloadable books and music, language learning, research databases, and even free test prep and live one-on-one tutoring with subjects experts at all grade levels.

In FY12, the library revised many long outdated policies, rigorously streamlined internal procedures, expanded services and programming at all age levels, and launched its first-ever community-wide reading event, *On the Same Page*, which was

enormously successful. Much of this growth and many of our projects have been possible by both creative staffing, and our good fortune in



Teen Lounge

securing a large amount of funding outside our municipal appropriation, which has allowed the library to grow and expand services and programs exponentially without additional cost to taxpayers.

Community and Social Services

Youth Services

Kathleen Crowley, Director

The goal of Amesbury Youth Services is to provide cultural, educational, recreational and physical opportunities to all youth, and to maintain all programs in a safe and healthy way. Amesbury's summer recreation programs served over 1,200 youth in FY2012, employed over 63 staff and trained 45 counselors in training. Additionally, youth services offered over 40 summer program opportunities, including eight new programs: *Music Camp, Cheer Camp, Dance Camp, Robotics, Rocket Making, Crime Scene Investigation, and Amazing Art*. The Provident Community Foundation provided Amesbury Recreation with \$6,500 in grant money for youth summer scholarships.



The City's after school programs (two elementary and one at the middle school), Theater Arts, Lil' Squirts and Tennis served over 300 – an all-time record. The Act Up theater group (grades 5-8), held a production of *The Wizard of Oz*, attended by over 300 people.



By the Numbers

0 = taxpayer dollars used to fund youth programs

\$3.33 = per hour cost for participants of Amesbury's summer camp Park Program (including trips, entertainment and theme days) – the least expensive program in the area

Amesbury Youth Services gave out over \$20,000 in financial assistance to Amesbury families in order to make program participation possible

\$13,000 = grants Amesbury Youth Division secured last year to supplement and expand services and programs

Finance and Administration

Finance and Administration

Mike Basque, Chief Financial Officer

The Department of Finance and Administration is responsible for the coordination of all financial services and activities and consists of the Treasurer/Collector, Assessor, Accountant and MIS offices. Finance and Administration remains committed to the responsible stewardship of the City's assets, finances, and records through sound financial managements principles and adherence to state regulations and professional standards.

By the Numbers

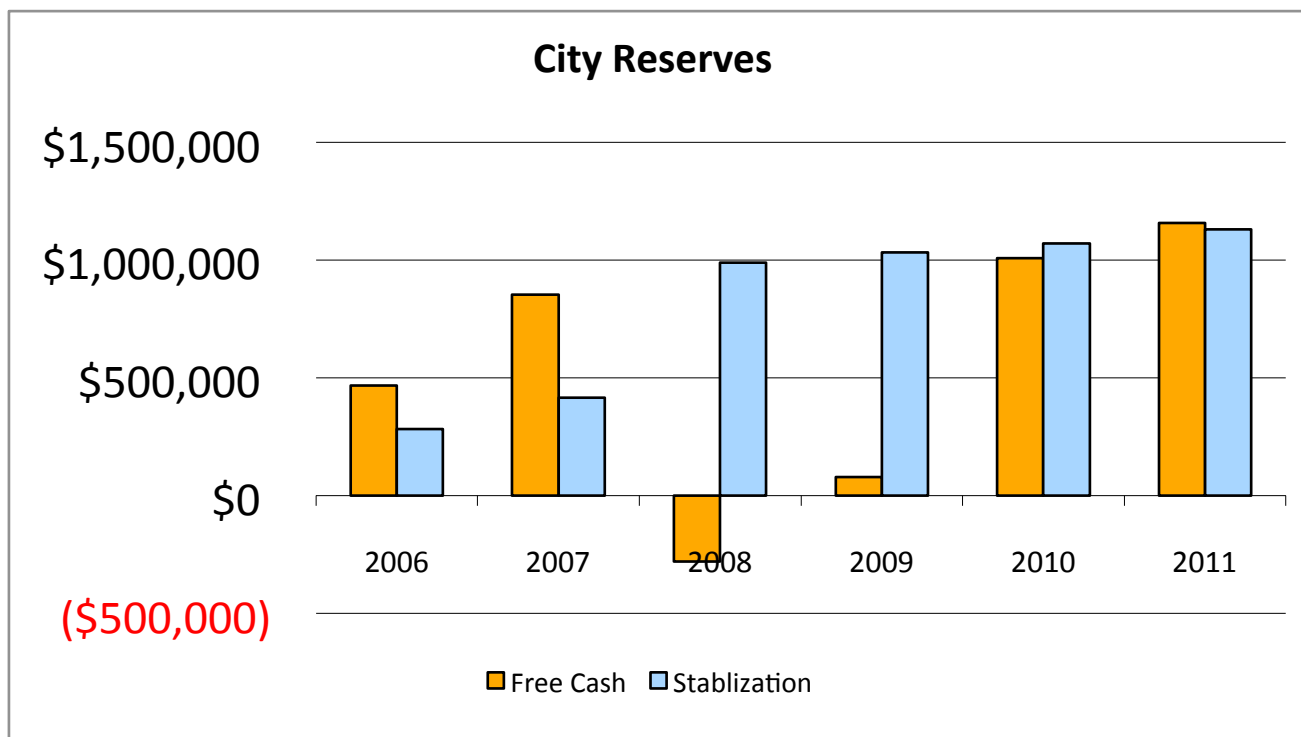
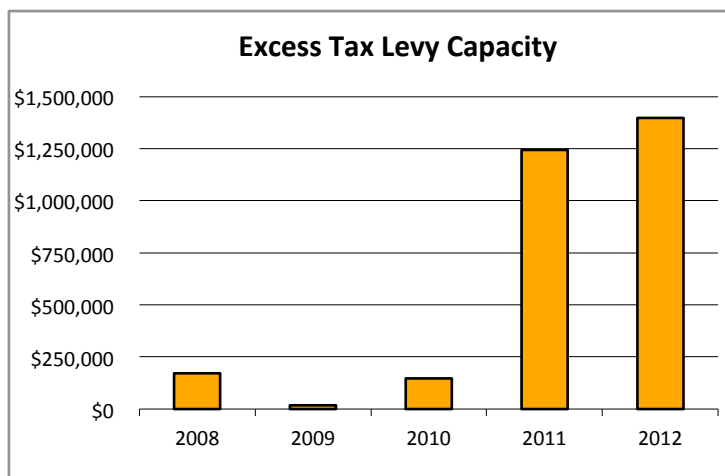
\$53.5M = total operating budget for FY2012

\$1,841,900,000 = total value of all residential, commercial, industrial and personal property in Amesbury

\$35.2M = total real estate and personal property taxes for FY2012

\$40.9M = total long-term debt

"A-Positive" = our City's bond rating from Standard & Poor's



Finance and Administration

Clerk and Records

Bonni Jo Kitchin, City Clerk

Often considered the doorway to local government, the City Clerk's Office serves as the central information point for residents and citizens at large. The City Clerk serves as Chief Election Official, Recording Officer, Public Records Officer, Licensing Officer, Public Information Officer, Parking Clerk and Clerk to the City Council.

Vital Statistics Annual Report July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

	Males	Females	Total
Deaths Recorded	65	96	161
Births Recorded	80	63	143
Marriage Licenses Recorded			87
Marriage Intentions Recorded			87
Vital Records Certificates Issued			861
Dog Licenses Issued			1,270
Business Certificates Issued			154
Fence Applications			8
List of Residents			43
Miscellaneous Business Licenses			175



City of Amesbury Elections Report

July 1, 2011- June 30, 2012

**Amesbury Preliminary Election
City Hall Auditorium, 62 Friend Street**

On Tuesday, the Twentieth Day of September, 2011, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Municipal Election for the candidates for the following office:

Mayor..... For the City of Amesbury

Total Votes Cast..... **769**

Candidates

James N. Thivierge

Theodore T. Semesnyei

Thatcher W. Kezer III

Blank

Votes

70

289

409

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**City Election - Amesbury, MA
November 8, 2011**

Registered Voters 10,939
Cards Cast: 3,119 (28.51%)

Num. Report Precinct 6 - Num. Reporting 6 100.00%

Mayor	Total	
Number of Precincts	6	
Precincts Reporting	6	100.00%
Times Counted	3,119/10,939	28.50%
Total Votes	3088	
Number of Uncast Votes	31	
Thatcher W. Kezer III	1,811	58.65%
Theodore T Semesnyei	1,268	41.06%
Write-in Votes	9	0.29%

Councilor At Large	Total	
Number of Precincts	6	
Precincts Reporting	6	100.00%
Times Counted	3,119/10,939	28.50%
Total Votes	6,385	
Number of Uncast Votes	2,972	
Mario J. Pinierio	1,030	16.13%
James M. Kelcourse	1,797	28.14%
Anne R. Ferguson	1,949	30.52%
Allen R. Neale	1,596	25.00%
Write-in Votes	13	0.20%

District 1 Councilors		
Number of Precincts	1	
Precincts Reporting	1	100.00%
Times Counted	655/2,142	30.60%
Total Votes	469	
Number of Uncast Votes	186	
Robert L Gilday	464	98.93%
Write-in Votes	5	1.07%

District 2 Councilor	Total	
Number of Precincts	1	
Precincts Reporting	1	100.00%
Times Counted	481/1,728	27.80%
Total Votes	459	
Number of Uncast Votes	22	
Christian R. Scorzoni	299	65.14%
Mary A. Chatigny	160	34.86%
Write-in Votes	0	0.00%

District 3 Councilor	Total	
Number of Precincts	1	
Precincts Reporting	1	100.00%
Times Counted	612/1,894	32.30%
Total Votes	401	
Number of Uncast Votes	211	
Donna M. McClure	375	93.52%
Stephen Dunford	14	3.49%
Write-in Votes	12	2.99%

District 4 Councilor	Total	
Number of Precincts	1	
Precincts Reporting	1	100.00%
Times Counted	359/1,464	24.50%
Total Votes	255	
Number of Uncast Votes	104	
Robert W. Lavoie	255	100.00%
Write-in Votes	0	0.00%

District 5 Councilor	Total	
Number of Precincts	1	
Precincts Reporting	1	100.00%
Times Counted	554/2,057	26.90%
Total Votes	413	
Number of Uncast Votes	141	
Joseph W. McMilleon	407	98.55%
Write-in Votes	6	1.45%

District 6 Councilor	Total	
Number of Precincts	1	
Precincts Reporting	1	100.0 %
Times Counted	458/1,654	27.70%
Total Votes	356	
Number of Uncast Votes	102	
Derek T. Kimball	354	99.44%
Write-in Votes	2	0.56%

School Committee	Total	
Number of Precincts	6	
Precincts Reporting	6	100.0 %
Times Counted	3119/10,939	28.5 %
Total Votes	6,093	
Number of Uncast Votes	3,264	
Bonnie Lee Schultz	1,644	26.98%
Debra Ann Lavalley	1,724	28.29%
Stanley P. Schwartz	1,678	27.54%
Vanita Henderson	1,034	16.97%
Write-in Votes	13	0.21%

Planning Board	Total	
Number of Precincts	6	
Precincts Reporting	6	100.00%
Times Counted	3,119/10,939	28.50%
Total Votes	3,774	
Number of Uncast Votes	5,583	
Curtis Wollitz	1,998	52.94%
Ara Sanentz	1,582	41.92%
David Frick	155	4.11%
Write-in Votes	39	1.03%

Housing Authority	Total	
Number of Precincts	6	
Precincts Reporting	6	100.00%
Times Counted	3,119/10,939	28.50%
Total Votes	3,688	
Number of Uncast Votes	2,550	
Philip R Dandurant	1,888	51.19%
Lawrence J Quinn	1,785	48.40%

Write-in Votes	15	0.41%
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Library Trustees	Total	
Number of Precincts	6	
Precincts Reporting	6	100.00 %
Times Counted	3,119/10,939	28.50 %
Total Votes	7,899	
Number of Uncast Votes	4,577	
Gail B. Browne	1,472	18.64%
Jonathan B. Sherwood	1,426	18.05%
Laura C. Buckley	1,728	21.88%
Mary A. Dunford	1,495	18.93%
Johanna Hoyt Kimball	1,768	22.38%
Write-in Votes	10	0.13%

Ballot Question #1	Total	
Shall the charter approved by the Municipal Council in the year 2011 be adopted?		
Number of Precincts	6	
Precincts Reporting	6	100.00 %
Times Counted	3,119/10,939	28.50 %
Total Votes	2,949	
Number of Uncast Votes	170	
Yes	1,587	53.81%
No	1,362	46.19%

Ballot Question #2	Total	
Shall the public water supply for domestic use in the Town of Amesbury continue to be fluoridated?		
Number of Precincts	6	
Precincts Reporting	6	100.00 %
Times Counted	3,119/10,939	28.50 %
Total Votes	3,033	
Number of Uncast Votes	86	
Yes	1,355	44.68%
No	1,678	55.32%

**Warrant for September 6, 2012 State Primary
City Hall Auditorium, 62 Friend Street, Amesbury, MA 01913**

On Thursday, the Sixth Day of September, 2012, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primaries for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

Senator in Congress..... For This Commonwealth
Representative in Congress..... Sixth District
Councilor..... Fifth District
Senator in General Court First Essex District
Representative in General Court..... First Essex District
Register of Deeds Essex District
Clerk of Courts Essex County

Total Votes Cast By District

Districts	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Democrat	47	66	66	56	38	89	362
Republican	228	165	223	177	196	161	1,150
Green-Rainbow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Votes Cast	275	234	291	233	234	250	1,517

Democrat		<i>Democratic Town Committee</i>	
<i>Presidential Preference</i>		Jane B. Siebecker	221
Blanks	11	John P. Siebecker	209
Barack Obama	299	Marie B. Messner	231
No Preference	41	Rebecca K. Jordan	214
Write-ins	1	Scott A. Jordan	208
Total	362	Benjamin G. Siebecker	206
		Sally D. Calderwood	220
<i>State Committee - Man</i>		James N. Thivierge	197
Blanks	91	Robert E. Gaudet	219
James J. Fiorentini	270	Ann Casey Langlois	208
Scott Jordan	1	Sheila C. Casey	199
Total	362	Bernadette S. Lucas	205
		Bruce M. Georgian	200
<i>State Committee - Woman</i>		Mark N. Georgian	197
Blanks	82	Thomas K. Iacobucci	202
Louise C. Bevilacqua	278	Theodore W. Van Nahl	206
Rebecca Jordan	2	Joanna Hammond	216
Total	362	Cynthia C. Costello	260
		Nicholas J. Costello	270
		Anne Ferguson	9
		Mary Chatigny	7
		Thatcher W. Kezer III	5

Republican

Presidential Preference

Blanks	3
Ron Paul	107
Mitt Romney	827
Rick Perry	4
Rick Santorum	149
Jon Huntsman	12
Michelle Bachmann	0
Newt Gingrich	42
No Preference	6
Total	1,150

State Committee - Man

Blanks	279
William H. Ryan	573
Alexander R. Veras	297
Write-ins	1
Total	1,150

State Committee - Woman

Blanks	280
Dorothy Early	258
Sheila A. Mullins	611
Write-ins	1
Total	1,150

Republican Town Committee

Erin K. Butt	594
David McClure	618
Donna M. McClure	620
Jeffrey L. Chaisson	597
Joseph R. Perusse, II	589
Robert V. Evans	610
Richard L. Newton	589
Dorothy R. Howland	593
Mary E. Therrien	630
Ruth A. Genova	615
Joan Zardus	581
Irene B. Leavitt	577
Valentino James Troyli	603
Brian Christopher Phipps	574
William H. Parker, III	627
Joan Currier Parker	609



City of Amesbury

Members and Terms of Boards, Committees and Commissions

July 1, 2011- June 30, 2012

MAYOR

Term to Expire 2013

Thatcher W. Kezer III

CITY COUNCIL

Terms to Expire 2013

Anne R. Ferguson, Councilor at Large, President

Robert L. Gilday, District 1, Vice President

James Kelcourse, Councilor at Large

Allen R. Neale, Councilor at Large

Christian Scorzoni, District 2

Mary Chatigny, District 2 (12/31/2011)

Donna McClure, District 3

Stephen Dunford, District 3 (12/31/2011)

Robert Lavoie, District 4

Joseph W. McMilleon, District 5

Derek T. Kimball, District 6

CITY ROLES

Animal Control Officer.....	Harold Congdon
Animal Control Officer (<i>after hours</i>).....	Tina Boucher
Assessor	Mary Marino
Chief Financial Officer	Michael Basque
Chief of Staff	Jennifer Yim
City Attorney	Kopelman & Paige, P.C.
City Clerk/Clerk to City Council	Bonnijo Kitchin
Council on Aging Director	Annmary Connor
Emergency Management Director	Donald Swenson
Fire Chief	Jonathan Brickett
Health Nurse	Kathy Vichill
Housing Authority Executive Director	Robert Mazzone
Library Director	Patty DiTullio
Office of Community & Economic Development	Joseph Fahey
Police Chief	Mark Gagnon
Public Works Director	Robert Desmarais
Regional Health Director	Jack Morris
Retirement	Sheryl Trezise
Treasurer/Collector	Donna Cornoni
Veterans' Agent	Kristen Lucier
Zoning Officer / Building Commissioner	Denis Nadeau

ELECTED BOARDS

AMESBURY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Lawrence J. Quinn (2015)
Raymond Shockey (2014)
David Hildt (2015)

Phillip Dandurant (2015)
Albert Landry (3/2012)

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mayor Thatcher W. Kezer III, (Chair)
Debra LaValley, (Vice Chair) (2015)
Stanley Schwartz (2015)
Bonnie Schultz (2015)

Thomas McGee (2013)
Peter B. Hoyt (2013)
Gale Hanshaw (2013)

AMESBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Johanna Hoyt Kimball (Chair) (2015)
Gail Browne (2015)
Mary Dunford (2015)
David Pressley (2013)
Jane Ward (2013)

Peter Sheridan (Vice Chair) (2013)
Laura Buckley (2015)
Philip Merrill (2013)
Jonathan Sherwood (2013)
David Oxtan (2/2012)

PLANNING BOARD

Karen Solstad (2013)
Howard Dalton, (Chair) (2013)
David Dragonas (2013)
Theodore T. Semesnyei (2013)

Ara Sanentz (Vice Chair) (2015)
Curtis Wollitz (4/2012)
David Frick, (2015)
Stephen Dunford (2013)

APPOINTED BOARDS

APPEALS BOARD

Donna Collins (2014)
Matthew J. Sherrill, (Chair) (2015)
Olyce Moore (2013)
Benjamin Osgood (2016)

Sandra Gordon (2016)
Sharon McDermot (2016)
William Lavoie (2016)
Robert Orem (2013)

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

John Cena (2015)
Bradford Swanson (2014)

Damian A. Johnson (2013)

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

William J Croteau, Jr., (Chair) (2015)
Normand W. Pare (2013)

Robert E. Gaudet (2013)
Bonnijo Kitchin, Ex Officio (2015)

BOARD OF HEALTH

Amy Courtney, (Chair) (2014)
Matthew Steinel (2014)

Lorri Fucile (2013)
Dr. James Schaepe (2013)

HEALTH CARE TRUST COMMISSION

Rosemary Werner (2013)
Joanne McCarthy (2013)
Raymond Drouin (2015)

Sandra Jutrus (2013)
Kathleen Lucy (2015)

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Joseph Sielicki (2015)

Geoffrey Butler (2013)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Michael Bik (2013)
Steven Langlois (Chair) (2015)
Madeleine Howard (2013)

Jack Tremblay (2013)
Jim Chapman (2014)
Kathryn Lawler (2013)

COUNCIL ON AGING

Lea Cabeen (2014)
Beverly Drew (2014)
Mary Lee Ford (2015)
Gayle Yarnell (2013)
Marcia Gilmore (2015)

Cynthia Costello (2015)
Paul C. Rogers, Jr. (2013)
Joanne Peatfield (2014)
Teresa Axten (2014)
Carol A. Casey, (Chair) (2014)

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Mary Hichborn (2014)
David Andrews (2014)
Robert LaPlante (2014)
Rachel Kohn (2014)
Renee Schneider (2014)
Janice Valverde (2013)

Carley Monell (2013)
Leah T. Hill (2014)
Alison McGonagle (2013)
Pamela Gilday (2014)
Mark Lisle (6/2012)

DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE

Eli Goodwin (2013)

FENCE VIEWERS

Bret Green (2013)

M. Bernice Nagle (2013)

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Jay S. Williamson (2015)
Steven A. Klomps (2014)
Katherine E. Lewis (2014)

Joseph Finn (Chair) (2013)
R. Scott Penoyer (2015)

LAKES & WATERWAYS

Cynthia Roberts, (Vice Chair) (2013)
Eric Bezanson (2013)
John Vigliotti (2014)

Jay Knapp (2015)
Bruce Georgian, (Chair) (2013)
Ken Aspeslagh (2013)

LANDRY STADIUM MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Jeffrey Chaisson (2014)
Stephen G. Bibeau (2013)
Francis Notorgiacomo (6/2012)

David E. Randall (2014)
Les Anderson (Chair) (2014)

LIQUOR COMMISSION

Derek Balaam (2015)
Russell Saboo (2015)

James O'Leary (Chair) (2013)

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Karen Davis (2013)
John Maneikis (2014)

Mark P. Tanzella (2013)

RETIREMENT BOARD

Charles Benevento
Michael Basque, Ex-officio
Mary Marino

Donna Cornoni, Treasurer
Michael Cronin

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Appointed By City Council)

Glenn Chaput
James M. Kelcourse
Craig Berard

Stephen Buonomo
Eric Eby

TRUSTEES OF WAR MEMORIAL

John B. Brohel (2015)
John R. Carter (2013)

Harold A. Burke (2014)
Lillian J. Eaton (2015)

TREE BOARD

Ryan Guilbault (2014)
Michael Towle (2013)

Bruce Bourassa (2015)



City of Amesbury City Council Annual Report

July 1, 2011- June 30, 2012

Municipal Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Town Hall Auditorium

Mayoral Appointments:

2011-040 Re-appointments various Boards and Committees - Voted - Unanimous

Assistant Harbormaster	Paul Hudon (2014)
Board of Health	Amy Courtney (2014)
Conservation Commission	Jim Chapman (2014)
Council on Aging	Carol Casey (2014) Lea Cabeen (2014) Beverly Drew (2014) JoAnn Peatfield (2014) Teresa Axten (2014)
Cultural Council	Mary Hichborn (2014) Rachel Kohn (2014) Robert LaPlante (2014) David Andrews (2014) Renee Schneider (2014) Leah Hill (2014) Pam Gilday (2014)
Fence Viewer	Bret Green (2013) M. Bernice Nagle (2013)
Historical Commission	Steven Klomps (2014)
Lakes & Waterways	John Vigliotti (2014)
Landry Stadium Committee	Jeffrey Chaisson (2014) David Randall (2014) Leslie Anderson (2014)
Parks & Recreations	John Maneikis (2014)
Tree Board	Ryan Guilbault (2014)
Trustees of War Memorials	Harold Burke (2014) John Brohel (2014)
Zoning Board of Appeals	Sandra Gordon (2016) Sharon McDermot (2016) William Lavoie (2016)

Licenses and Permits:

2011-042 General Business License – Bertram & Oliver Booksellers (address change)

Presentation and Final Report of the Amesbury Energy Task Force

Michael Brown of the Energy Task Force gave an overview of the presentation and Final Report and it is on file in the Town Clerk's office for viewing.

Councilor Dunford motioned to accept the Amesbury Energy Future report from the Amesbury Energy Task Force, Councilor McMilleon second. Voted - Unanimous

2011-036 Submit Charter Revisions ballot question to the General Court – Mayor Kezer sponsor

Councilor Ferguson motioned be it ordained by the Municipal Council of the Town of Amesbury assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows: Bill 2011-036 to submit the petition to the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts seeking an act to place the question "Shall an act passed by the general court in the year 2011 entitled, 'An Act Relative to the Charter of the Town of Amesbury' be accepted?" on the ballot of the November 8, 2011 Town's Biennial election in the Town of Amesbury., Councilor Kimball second. Roll Call Vote – 8 Yes (McMilleon, Chatigny, Dunford, Ferguson, Gilday, Kelcourse, Lavoie, Kimball)

2011-037 Submit Fluoridation of the Water ballot question to the General Court – Mayor Kezer sponsor

Councilor Chatigny motioned - to submit the petition to the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts seeking an act to place the question "Shall the public water supply for domestic use in Amesbury continue to be fluoridated?" on the ballot of the November 2011 Town's Biennial Election in the Town of Amesbury. Councilor Gilday second. Roll Call Vote – 8 Yes (Chatigny, Dunford, Ferguson, Gilday, Kelcourse, Kimball, McMilleon, Lavoie)

2011-038 District Councilors elected at the 2011 City Election to General Court – President Lavoie sponsor

Councilor Kelcourse motioned to accept 2011-038 to submit the attached petition to the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts seeking an act to ensure that District Councilors elected at the November 8, 2011 Town Election will be able to serve their elected terms even if they are removed from the precinct from which they are elected solely as a result of the reprecincting required by G.L. c.54.

Councilor Ferguson second. Roll Call Vote – 8 Yes (McMilleon, Chatigny, Dunford, Ferguson, Gilday, Kelcourse, Lavoie, Kimball)

Municipal Council Special Meeting

Tuesday, July 26, 2011

Town Hall Auditorium

2011-039 An Order to Appropriate \$210,000 for the repair of the Water Street Parking Facility – Mayor Kezer sponsor

Councilor Neale moved 2011-039; Ordered that two hundred ten thousand dollars (\$210,000.00) be appropriated for the remodeling and reconstruction of and the making extraordinary repairs to

the parking garage located on Water Street and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow Two hundred ten thousand dollars (\$210,000.00) under general law Chapter 44 sec. 7 or any other enabling authority and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project. Councilor Chatigny seconded. Roll Call Vote 7- Yes, Chatigny, Ferguson, Gilday, Kimball, Kelcourse, Neale, McMilleon

2011-041 A Request to declare surplus Emergency Vehicles belonging to the Fire Dept. –

Mayor Kezer sponsor

Councilor Neale moved the Finance Committee recommendation for approval of 2011-041.

Councilor Kelcourse seconded. Roll Call Vote - 7-Yes, Neale, Chatigny, Ferguson, Gilday, Kelcourse, Kimball, McMilleon

Warrant for the September Primary

Councilor Ferguson moved to approve the municipal election warrant if necessary for September.

Councilor Chatigny second. Voted - Unanimous

Municipal Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Town Hall Auditorium

2011-044 Common Victualler – The Neighborhood Deli, 9 Ellison Street

Councilor Ferguson motioned to approve subject to the usual stipulations, Councilor Neale second.

Voted - Unanimous

2011-045 General Business – Daniel Walsh Heating and Cooling, 1 Elizabeth Street

Councilor Neale motioned to approve subject to the usual stipulations, Councilor Dunford second.

Voted - Unanimous

2011-046 Common Victualler – Pick Your Poison Cakes, 140 Main Street

Councilor Ferguson motioned to approve subject to the usual stipulations, Councilor Chatigny

second. Voted – Unanimous

2011-047 National Grid Pole Hearing – Haverhill Road & Main Street

Councilor Kelcourse motioned to accept 2011-047 subject to the Town Engineers 8/31/2011 memorandum, Councilor Neale second. Voted - Unanimous

2011-048 Verizon Pole Hearing – Main Street near Haines Bridge

Councilor Neale motioned to accept 2011-048 as submitted, Councilor Kimball second.

Voted - Unanimous

2011-043 An Ordinance to request that the Municipal Council vote to amend the Amesbury Zoning Bylaw.

The proposed amendment represents a refinement and clarification of dimensional, open space and parking requirements within the Lower Millyard Overlay District as it applies to existing

buildings used as manufacturing facilities within the Carriage Hill/Oakland Street section of the area.

Councilor Neale moved to adopt the Ordinance Committees recommendation that 2011-043 be accepted as submitted with one amendment on page 4 in section 4.e.1; third line from the bottom of the paragraph after the word discretion, add: **and in keeping with the recommendations of the most current Open Space Plan**, Councilor Chatigny second.

Roll Call Vote – 9 Yes (Neale, Chatigny, Dunford, Ferguson, Gilday, Kelcourse, Kimball, McMilleon, Lavoie)

2011-49 Declare vacancy on School Committee - Ann Connolly King resignation

Councilor Kimball motioned to declare the seat vacant, Councilor McMilleon second.

Voted – Unanimous. Councilor Gilday motioned to scheduled joint meeting with the School Committee for 10/11/11 Municipal Council meeting, Councilor Neale second. Voted Unanimous

Municipal Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Town Hall Auditorium

2011-049 Joint meeting with Amesbury School Committee - to fill seat vacated by Ann Connolly King, term to expire 2013

Debra LaValley nominated Mr. Hoyt for the School Committee, Councilor Neale second.

Municipal Council Roll Call Vote – 8 Yes (Chatigny, Dunford, Ferguson, Gilday, Kelcourse, McMilleon, Neale, Lavoie), 1 Recuse (Kimball)

School Committee Roll Call Vote – 6 Yes (LaValley, Schwartz, Hanshaw, Schultz, McGee, Kezer)

2011-051 Carley Monell appointed to Cultural Council - term to expire 6/30/13

Councilor Ferguson motioned to appoint, Councilor McMilleon second – Voted Unanimous

2011-052 Katherine E. Lewis appointed to Historical Commission, term to expire 6/30/14

Councilor Neale motioned to appoint, Councilor Chatigny second. – Voted Unanimous

2011-050 Common Victualler – Charlie’s Pizza and More, 23 Rocky Hill Rd.

Councilor Neale motioned to approve per the usual stipulations, Councilor McMilleon second.

Voted – Unanimous

2011- 053 A Resolution to Support an Act Regulating Election Primaries

To increases time between the State Primary and State Election so that military personnel and Massachusetts residents residing overseas can vote without having to waive their right to a secret ballot; To save the Commonwealth and communities at least \$8,000,000.00 by consolidating elections; To simplify the election process, decrease opportunity for “voter fatigue” and establish fairness among candidates.

Councilor Neale motioned to accept 2011-053, Councilor Ferguson second. Voted - Unanimous

2011- 056 Declare Vacancy on Board of Library Trustees – term to expire 2013

Councilor McMilleon motioned to declare the seat vacant and schedule a Joint meeting with the Board of Library Trustees for November 15, 2011, Councilor Gilday second.

Voted - Unanimous

2011- 57 Warrant for the November 8, 2011 Election – Board of Registrars

Councilor Kelcourse motioned to accept, Councilor McMilleon second. Voted – Unanimous

Municipal Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

Town Hall Auditorium

2011-056 Joint Meeting with Board of Library Trustees - Indefinitely postponed due to lack of candidates

2011-058 Janice Valverde – Cultural Council term to expire 6/30/2013

Councilor Ferguson motioned to appoint Janice Valverde to the Cultural Council, Councilor McMilleon second. Voted – Unanimous

2011-059 National Grid pole petition – 527 Main Street - continued 2011-059 to the December meeting

2011-060 Common Victualler – Morning Buzz Café, 37 Friend Street

Councilor Neale motioned to approve 2011-060 per the usual stipulations, Councilor McMilleon second. Voted - Unanimous

2011-061 General Business License – Amesbury Reiki & Reflexology, 100 Main St.

Councilor Ferguson motioned to approve 2011-061 subject to the usual stipulations, Councilor McMilleon second. Voted – Unanimous

2011-069 Common Victualler License - Steven J. Graham d/b/a Tony G's, 84 Haverhill Rd.

Councilor Kelcourse motioned to approve 2011-069 per the usual stipulations, Councilor Ferguson second. Voted – Unanimous

2011- 054 Accept a \$7,500 grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners –
Mayor Kezer sponsor

Councilor McMilleon moved to accept 2011-054 as submitted, Councilor Neale second.

Roll Call Vote - Unanimous

2011-068 A Resolution that the Amesbury Municipal Council fully supports the City of Amesbury's Fiscal Year 2012 application for \$900,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds. – Councilor Chatigny sponsor

Councilor Neale moved to accept resolution 2011-068 as submitted, Councilor Kelcourse second.

Voted - Unanimous

Municipal Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 13, 2011
Town Hall Auditorium

2011-059 National Grid pole petition – 527 Main Street

Councilor Gilday motioned to pass 2011-059 with all the stipulations noted in a memo from Pete Manor, Councilor Neale second. – Voted - Unanimous

2011-070 Common Victualler – Corner Kick Pub, 12 South Martin Rd.

Councilor Ferguson motioned to accept 2011-070 per the usual stipulations and the new stipulation regarding dumpsters, Councilor Kimball second. Voted - Unanimous

2011-071 Common Victualler – Heav’nly Donuts, 60 Haverhill Rd.

Councilor Ferguson motioned to accept 2011-071 per the usual stipulations and the new dumpster stipulation, Councilor McMilleon second Voted – 8 Yes, 1 Recuse (Neale)

2011-072 General Business - Northstar Land, Survey Services, 11 Macy St.

Councilor Kimball moved to accept 2011-072 per the usual stipulations, Councilor Kelcourse second. Voted - Unanimous

2011-073 General Business – Precision Powersports & Marine, 39 Haverhill Rd.

Councilor Gilday motioned to approve per the usual stipulations, Councilor Ferguson second. Voted - Unanimous

2011-084 General Business – Simply Foot Care – Catherine Languedoc

Councilor Ferguson motioned to approve 2011-084 per the usual stipulations, Councilor McMilleon second. Voted - Unanimous

2011-074 2012 Common Victualler License Renewals

Councilor Neale motioned to approve per the usual stipulations, Councilor McMilleon second. Voted - Unanimous

2011-075 2012 General Business License Renewals

Councilor Neale motioned to approve per the usual stipulations, Councilor McMilleon second. Voted - Unanimous

2011-076 2012 Dine, Dance & Entertainment Renewals

Councilor Neale motioned to approve per the usual stipulations, Councilor Kelcourse second. Voted - Unanimous

2011-077 2012 Automatic Amusement Renewals

Councilor Kelcourse motioned to approve per the usual stipulations, Councilor Gilday second. Voted - Unanimous

2011-078 2012 Sunday Juke Renewals

Councilor Ferguson motioned to approve per the usual stipulations, Councilor Gilday second. Voted - Unanimous

2011-079 2012 Inn Holders Renewals

Councilor Neale motioned to approve per the usual stipulations, Councilor Gilday second.
Voted - Unanimous

2011-080 2012 Auto Class I Renewal

Councilor Kelcourse motioned to approve per the usual stipulations, Councilor Gilday second.
Voted - Unanimous

2011-081 2012 Auto Class II Renewals

Councilor Neale motioned to approve per the usual stipulations, Councilor Gilday second.
Voted - Unanimous

2011-082 2012 Auto Class III Renewals

Councilor Ferguson motioned to approve per the usual stipulations, Councilor Chatigny second.
Voted - Unanimous

2011-085 2012 Fortune Tellers Renewal

Councilor Kelcourse motioned to approve per the usual stipulations, Councilor Ferguson second.
Voted - Unanimous

2011-055 An Order that the Municipal Council vote to authorize the Mayor to acquire property located at 23 Martin Road South – Mayor Kezer Sponsor

Councilor Neale moved to approve as submitted, subject to the following condition: That the Mayor negotiate a written License Agreement (or its reasonable equivalent) with Waste Management binding upon Waste Management and its successors and assigns relative to the terms and conditions under which Waste Management and its successors and assigns will be occupying the land to be taken (including (a) Waste Management's obligations and responsibilities under applicable environmental law and DEP regulations relative to the subsurface of the land, (b) Waste Management's indemnification to the City of Amesbury as owner of said land and (c) including the City of Amesbury having the right to use and occupy the surface of said land), said written agreement to be effective for a period of at least 30 years and to be brought back to the Municipal Council for approval. Subject to the condition contained in this motion, the Mayor shall have the right to formulate the terms and provisions of such License Agreement as he in his sound discretion shall determine. Councilor Kelcourse seconded. Roll Call Vote 9 – Yes

2011-062 An Order to reduce the FY2012 Water Budget – Mayor Kezer sponsor

Councilor Neale moved the motion of the Finance Committee to accept 2011-062 to reduce the FY2012 Water Budget by \$408,000 as submitted, Councilor Chatigny second. Roll Call Vote 9 - Yes

2011-063 An Order to appropriate \$214,000 of water retained earnings – Mayor Kezer sponsor

Councilor Kimball moved the recommendation of the Finance Committee to Appropriate \$214,000 of water retained earnings to the FY2012 Water budget. Councilor Ferguson second. Roll Call Vote – 9 Yes

2011-066 Accept \$24,290 grant from Tufts Health Plan Foundation – Mayor Kezer sponsor

Councilor Chatigny moved to approve 2011-066 a \$24,290 grant through the Tufts Health Plan Foundation to fund a senior caregiver support program, Councilor Dunford second.
Roll Call Voted – 9 Yes

2011-067 Amend the Municipal Council Rules – President Lavoie sponsor

Councilor Ferguson moved the recommendation of the Rules Committee to approve 2011-067, to amend the Municipal Council Rules by changing the ordering of the items on the Council's Agenda format, in order to have Communications and Committee Reports occur early in each regular meeting. Councilor McMilleon second. Voted - Unanimous

2011-064 Annual Classification Hearing – Mayor Kezer sponsor

The Selection of a Residential Factor: Councilor Neale motioned to seek a residential factor of (1) one, Councilor McMilleon second. Roll Call Vote (9) Yes (Ferguson, Gilday, Kelcourse, Kimball, McMilleon, Neale, Chatigny, Dunford, Lavoie)

An Open Space Discount: Councilor McMilleon motioned to not adopt an open space discount, Councilor Dunford second. Roll Call Vote – (9) Yes

Residential Exemption: Councilor Neale motioned not to recommend a residential exemption, Councilor Dunford second. Roll Call Vote (9) Yes

Commercial Exemption: Councilor Ferguson motioned not to adopt a commercial exemption, Councilor Neale second. Roll Call Vote – (9) Yes

2011-065 Vote to Increase the exemption amount of qualified applicants – Mayor Kezer sponsor

Councilor Neale motioned to adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve as submitted, Councilor Gilday second. Roll Call Vote – (9) Yes

**Municipal Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 3, 2012
Amesbury High School Auditorium**

Organization: Nomination for Council President

Councilor Gilday nominated Councilor Ferguson for Council President. Councilor McMilleon seconded. Voted Unanimous

Nomination for Vice President

Councilor Lavoie nominated Councilor Gilday for Vice President. Councilor Neale seconded. Voted Unanimous

2012-002 Accept Session 8 Municipal Council Rules & Procedures

Councilor Kimball moved to accept the Session 8 Municipal Council Rules & Procedures as submitted. Councilor McMilleon seconded. Voted Unanimous

2012-003 Accept Meeting Schedule for 2012

Councilor Kimball moved to accept the Municipal Council 2012 Regular Meeting Schedule. Councilor Gilday seconded. Voted Unanimous

Municipal Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 2012
Town Hall Auditorium

2012-004 Pleasant Valley Marina – Common Victualler 2012 renewal

Councilor McMilleon motioned to approve as submitted per the usual stipulations, Councilor Kimball second. Voted Unanimous

2012-005 N. E. Roofing & Waterproofing, 46 Kimball Rd – General Business License

Councilor Neale motioned to approve as submitted per the usual stipulations, Councilor McClure second - Voted Unanimous

2012-006 Four Gates Healing Center, 7 Market Sq – General Business License

Councilor Kimball motioned to approve as per the usual stipulations, Councilor Scorzoni second. Voted - Unanimous

2012-008 City Clerk Reappointment – 3 year term

Councilor Kelcourse motioned to approve, Councilor McMilleon second. Voted - Unanimous

2012-007 Declare vacancy - Board of Library Trustees - David Oxtan resignation

A joint meeting with Library Trustees was scheduled for February 14, 2012.

2012-009 Appointment to Cultural Council – Steve Robinson term to expire 6/30/13

Councilor Lavoie motioned to confirm the appointment of Steve Robinson to the Cultural Council term to expire 6/30/2015, Councilor Kelcourse second. Voted Unanimous

2012-010 Common Victualler License – Burger King, 133 Macy Street (Renewal)

Councilor Lavoie motioned to approve as submitted per the usual stipulations including the new dumpster stipulation, Councilor McMilleon second. – Voted - Unanimous

Municipal Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 14, 2012
Town Hall Auditorium

2012-007 Joint meeting with Board of Library Trustees

Johanna Hoyt-Kimball nominated Jonathan Sherwood, Mary Dunford second.

Roll Call: Board of Library Trustees: 8-Yes, Jane Ward, Laura Buckley, Mary Dunford, Peter Sheridan, David Pressley, Philip Merrill, Gail Browne, Johanna Hoyt-Kimball

Municipal Council: 9-Yes James Kelcourse, Derek Kimball, Robert Lavoie, Donna McClure, Joseph McMilleon, Allen Neale, Christian Scorzoni, Robert Gilday, Anne Ferguson

2012-012 Common Victualler – The Boston Café, 110 Haverhill Rd

Councilor Lavoie motioned to approve subject to the usual stipulations, Councilor Kimball second. – Voted Unanimous

2012-014 Dine, Dance & Entertainment – Amesbury Sports Park, 12-14 South Hunt Rd
Councilor Kelcourse motioned to accept 2012-014 per the usual stipulation, Councilor Gilday second. Voted – Unanimous

2012-013 Election Warrant, Presidential Primary – 3/6/2012
Councilor Lavoie motioned to adopt 2012-013, Councilor Kimball second. Voted 8-Yes,

2012-011 A Resolution to request and encourage the Legislature to guarantee the \$65 million supplemental municipal aid for fiscal 2013 – Councilor McMilleon sponsor
Councilor Lavoie moved to adopt 2012-011, Councilor McClure second. Voted 8 Yes

**Municipal Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 13, 2012
Town Hall Auditorium**

2012-025 Bruce Bourassa to Tree Board – term to expire 6/30/15
Councilor Kimball motioned to approve, Councilor McClure second. Voted Unanimous

2012-026 Ken Aspeslagh to Lakes and Waterways - unexpired term to expire 6/30/13
Councilor Lavoie motioned to approve, Councilor Neale second. Voted Unanimous

2012-037 Appoint Cynthia Costello to the Council on Aging - term to expire 6/30/15
Councilor Lavoie motioned to approve, Councilor Neale second. Voted Unanimous

2012-038 Appoint Benjamin Osgood to the Zoning Board of Appeals - term to expire 6/30/17
Councilor Lavoie motioned to accept, Councilor Gilday second. Voted Unanimous

2012-028 National Grid Pole Hearing - Middle Road
Councilor Lavoie motioned to conditionally granting this petition subject to three conditions: 1. The Town of Amesbury be provided with a scaled plan indicating a right of way line including current property owners being identified on the plan adjacent to the roadway and that the small stream that runs down the adjacent property be located on said plan;
2. Compliance with all other applicable rules, regulations, Federal, State and local including consultation with the Amesbury Con Com; 3. Prior to installation of any poles, Dig Safe, The Town of Amesbury Dept. of Public Works and the Town Water and Sewer Dept's be informed of the proposed activities so they can govern themselves accordingly to witness or be satisfied, Councilor Kelcourse second. Voted Unanimous

2012-029 General Business License – Incontri Accounting Services, 7 Whitewood Cir.
Councilor Kelcourse motioned to approve as submitted, Councilor McClure second.
Voted Unanimous

2012-030 Declare vacancy Amesbury Housing Authority - Al Landry resignation

Councilor McClure motioned to accept the resignation of Al Landry and declare the seat vacant, Councilor Gilday second. Voted Unanimous

2012-024 Municipal Council authorize the Mayor to petition the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission to discontinue its interest in a county "Road Parcel" – Mayor Kezer sponsor

Councilor Lavoie motioned, in accordance with the Ordinance Committee recommendation to pass 2012-024 as submitted, Councilor Neale second. Voted Unanimous

2012-015 Request the Municipal Council vote to declare as surplus various municipal vehicles – Mayor Kezer sponsor

Councilor Gilday motioned to approve 2012-015, Councilor Kelcourse second. Roll Call Vote 7 - Yes (Unanimous)

2012-016 Appropriate \$45,000.00 from Free Cash for Weed Abatement at Lake Attitash – Mayor Kezer sponsor

Councilor Gilday motioned to approve, Councilor Neale second. Roll Call Vote 7 - Yes

2012-017 Accept a \$28,750.00 grant from Federal Emergency Management Agency and Department of Homeland Security – Mayor Kezer sponsor

Councilor Gilday motioned to approve as submitted, Councilor Lavoie second. Roll Call Vote - 7 Yes

2012-018 Accept a \$5,265.00 grant from the Mass Dept. of Fire Services – Mayor Kezer sponsor

Councilor Gilday motioned to approve as submitted, Councilor Neale second. Roll Call Vote – 7 Yes

2012-019 Appropriate \$200,000 from Free Cash for the repair and maintenance of streets and sidewalks – Mayor Kezer sponsor

Councilor Gilday motioned to approve as submitted, Councilor Neale second. Roll Call Vote – 7 Yes

2012-023 Amend Addendum N of the 8th Session Municipal Council Rules – Councilor Lavoie, President Ferguson sponsor

Councilor Gilday motioned to approve as submitted, Councilor Kimball second. Voted Unanimous

**City Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 10, 2012
City Hall Auditorium**

2012-040 Declare vacancy on Planning Board – Curtis Wollitz resigning

Councilor Kimball motioned to declare the seat vacant and schedule a joint meeting with the Planning Board at the May Council meeting, Councilor McMilleon second. Voted Unanimous

2012-022 Appropriate \$8,000,000 for the new DPW facility – Mayor Kezer sponsor cont.
Councillor McMilleon motioned to table indefinitely, Councillor Gilday second. Voted 6 - Yes, 1 - No
(McClure)

2012-031 An Order to Amend the Amesbury Zoning Bylaw in order to clarify the use of Accessory Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Systems as an accessory use – Councilor Lavoie sponsor
Councilor Scorzoni motioned to approve as adopted and clarified by the Ordinance Committee and the Planning Board, Councilor McMilleon second. Roll Call Vote – 7 Yes

2012-032 Requesting the Municipal Council vote to amend the provisions of the Amesbury Zoning Bylaws to allow the installation of solar energy structures and facilities in the City of Amesbury – Councilors Scorzoni, Lavoie, Kimball sponsor
Councilor Scorzoni motioned to approve as amended by the Ordinance Committee and the Planning Board, Councilor Gilday second. Roll Call Vote – 7 Yes

2012-033 To accept an \$80,000 donation from the Amesbury Public Library Charitable Trust
 – Mayor Kezer sponsor
 Councilor Kelcourse motions to accept 2012-033 as submitted, Councilor McClure second.
 Roll Call Vote – 7 Yes

2012-034 An Order: To request that the Municipal Council Accept M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 56, a local option personal exemption for Massachusetts National Guardsman and Reservists – Councilors Gilday, Lavoie sponsor
Councilor Gilday motioned to approve as submitted, Councilor McMilleon second. Roll Call Vote – 7 Yes

2012-042 A letter to the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission requesting to receive all filings made to the Commission by Nextera (Seabrook, NH Nuclear Power Plant) and/or other interveners as well as the responses/directives of the NRC relative to the re-licensing process. President Ferguson asked who would be in favor of sending the letter with some editing. Voted – Unanimous

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 8, 2012
City Hall Auditorium

2012-030 Joint Meeting with the Housing Authority
 Councilor Neale nominated David Hildt, Councilor Gilday second.
 Voted Municipal Council – 9 Yes; Voted Housing Authority – 3 Yes

2012-044 National Grid – Pole Hearing, Hitching Post Lane
Councillor Lavoie moved that the City Council grant the petition as presented subject to conditions.
Councillor Kelcourse second. Voted - Unanimous

2012-049 Weekday/Sunday Pool/Bowling - 2012 License Renewals
St. Jean Baptiste Club 61-67 Main Street

Lafayette Club	11 High Street
K&L Ventures d/b/a The Barn	5 Ring Street
Polish National Alliance Inc.	14 ½ Mill Street
Leo's Superbowl	84 Haverhill Road

Councilor Kelcourse motioned to approve subject to the usual stipulations, Councilor Kimball second. Voted - Unanimous

2012-050 Junk/Antique/Second Hand - 2012 License Renewals

Deco Reflections d/b/a Madalines	44 Market Street
Stephen Martin/Gallery 206	206 Elm Street
N.A. Nichols Co. Inc.	Railroad Ave.
Yesterday's Charms	87 Rear Elm Street
Trendsetters Boutique	85 Main Street
Coastal Connections, Inc.	35 Water Street
Merrimack Traders	14 Friend Street
The Kid's Garage	51 Macy Street
Mill 77 Trading Co.	77 Elm Street

Councilor Kelcourse motioned to approve with the usual stipulations. Councilor McClure second. Voted - Unanimous

2012-052 Auctioneer License – 2012 License Renewal

John McInnis, 76 Main Street

Councilor Lavoie motioned to approve subject to the usual stipulations, Councilor Scorzoni second. Voted - Unanimous

2012-020 Amend the Amesbury Zoning Map – Mayor Kezer sponsor cont.

Summary: This Zoning District boundary change on the Amesbury Zoning Map is intended to change the commercial portions of Map 80 Parcel 5 and 24 to residential R-20; and furthermore intending to change the residential R-20 portion of Map 80 Parcel 16 to the Commercial Zone Councilor Lavoie motioned to approve the Mayor's request to allow this measure to be withdrawn without prejudice, Councilor Neale second. Roll Call Vote – 5 Yes (Lavoie Neale, Kelcourse, Kimball, Ferguson), 4 No (McClure, McMilleon, Scorzoni, Gilday)

2012-045 Resolution to surplus 37 Mill Yard Unit 1-107 – Councilor's Lavoie, Gilday, Kimball, Neale sponsor

Councilor Lavoie motioned to adopt 2012-045 as presented, Councilor Kimball second. Voted - Unanimous

2012-051 Amesbury City Council Resolution requesting the Mayor to provide a status update to the City Council on the City's Open Space and Recreational Plan.

Councilor Lavoie motioned that the Council adopt as submitted, Councilor Neale second. Voted - Unanimous

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 12, 2012
City Hall Auditorium

2012-040 Joint Meeting with Planning Board to fill vacancy

Councilor Gilday nominated Stephen Dunford, Howard Dalton second.

Roll Call: Howard Dalton, Ara Sanentz, David Dragonas, Theodore Semesnyei, Councilor McClure, Councilor McMilleon, Councilor Neale, Councilor Scorzoni, Councilor Gilday, Councilor Kimball, Councilor Lavoie, President Ferguson. Vote - Unanimous

2012-056 Health Care Trust Commission - Kathleen Lucy, 35 Orchard Street

Councilor Kimball motioned to accept, Councilor Lavoie second. – Voted - Unanimous

2012-054 General Business License – Picket Fence, 48 Market St.

Councilor Lavoie motioned to approve 2012-054 per the usual stipulations, Councilor Neale second. Voted - Unanimous

2012-021 Amend the Amesbury Zoning Bylaw and Amesbury Overlay Zoning Map – Mayor Kezer sponsor

Councilor Lavoie moved to approve based upon the recommendation of the Ordinance Committee and the Planning Board as amended to include 1) I.B.12 and 2) DEP amendments, Councilor Gilday second. Roll Call Vote – 9 Yes

2012-043 Transfer \$50,000 from Reserve Fund to Veterans Dept. – Mayor Kezer sponsor

Councilor Gilday motioned to approve, Councilor McMilleon second. Roll Call Vote – 9 Yes

2012-047 An Order to authorize the Mayor to enter into a three year inter-municipal agreement with the City of Salisbury for the provision of health inspections, animal control, and health nurse services – Mayor Kezer sponsor

Councilor Neale moved the motion of the Finance and Ordinance Committees to approve as submitted, Councilor Gilday second. Roll Call Vote – 9 Yes

2012-048 An Order to Exempt the Positions of Deputy Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief in the City of Amesbury from the Civil Service Laws – Mayor Kezer sponsor

Councilor Kelcourse motioned to approve as submitted, Councilor Kimball second. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 3 No (Neale, McClure, Ferguson)

City Council Special Meeting
Tuesday, June 19, 2012
City Hall Auditorium

Public Hearing

2012-001 FY13 Operating Budget

Be it Ordered by the Municipal Council of the City of Amesbury assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows: that the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year 2013 be approved as follows:

Councilor Neale moved to accept all unquestioned budget line items as submitted and recommended by the Finance Committee. Councilor McClure seconded. Roll Call Vote – 8 – Yes, Councilor McClure, Councilor McMilleon, Councilor Neale, Councilor Scorzoni, Councilor Kelcourse, Councilor Kimball, Councilor Lavoie and Councilor Gilday.

Municipal Council \$ 88,932

Councilor Neale moved to approve the finance committee recommendation for the Municipal Council's budget \$88,932. Councilor Lavoie seconded. Voted 7-Yes, Councilor McMilleon, Councilor Neale, Councilor Scorzoni, Councilor Kelcourse, Councilor Kimball, Councilor Lavoie and Councilor Gilday, 1 No, Councilor McClure

Mayor \$ 209,487

Councilor Neale moved to approve the finance committee recommendation for the Mayor's budget \$209,487. Councilor McMilleon seconded. Voted 7-Yes, Councilor McMilleon, Councilor Neale, Councilor Scorzoni, Councilor Kelcourse, Councilor Kimball, Councilor Lavoie and Councilor Gilday, 1 No, Councilor McClure

Reserve Funds \$ 450,000

Administration & Finance \$ 270,242

Councilor Neale moved to approve the finance committee recommendation for the Administration and Finance budget \$270,242. Councilor McMilleon seconded. Voted 7-Yes, Councilor McMilleon, Councilor Neale, Councilor Scorzoni, Councilor Kelcourse, Councilor Kimball, Councilor Lavoie and Councilor Gilday, 1 No, Councilor McClure

Assessor \$ 208,242

Councilor Neale moved to approve the finance committee recommendation for the Assessors' budget \$208,242. Councilor McMilleon seconded. Voted 7-Yes, Councilor McMilleon, Councilor Neale, Councilor Scorzoni, Councilor Kelcourse, Councilor Kimball, Councilor Lavoie and Councilor Gilday, 1 No, Councilor McClure

Collector/Treasurer \$ 207,206

Councilor Neale moved to approve the finance committee recommendation for the Collector / Treasurer's budget \$207,206. Councilor McMilleon seconded. Voted 7-Yes, Councilor McMilleon, Councilor Neale, Councilor Scorzoni, Councilor Kelcourse, Councilor Kimball, Councilor Lavoie and Councilor Gilday, 1 No, Councilor McClure

Legal Services \$ 100,300

Councilor Neale moved to approve the finance committee recommendation for the Legal Services budget \$100,300. Councilor McMilleon seconded. Voted 7-Yes, Councilor McMilleon, Councilor Neale, Councilor Scorzoni, Councilor Kelcourse, Councilor Kimball, Councilor Lavoie and Councilor Gilday, 1 No, Councilor McClure

Mgmt Information Systems \$ 285,508

Central Supply \$ 72,500

City Clerk \$ 170,518

Councilor Neale moved to approve the finance committee recommendation for the Town Clerk's budget \$170,518. Councilor McMilleon seconded. Voted 7-Yes, Councilor McMilleon, Councilor

Neale, Councilor Scorzoni, Councilor Kelcourse, Councilor Kimball, Councilor Lavoie and Councilor Gilday, 1 No, Councilor McClure

Elections \$ 38,914

Conservation Commission \$ 47,832

Community & Economic Development \$ 293,579

Councilor Neale moved to approve the finance committee recommendation for the Community & Economic Development budget \$293,579. Councilor McMilleon seconded. Voted 7-Yes, Councilor McMilleon, Councilor Neale, Councilor Scorzoni, Councilor Kelcourse, Councilor Kimball, Councilor Lavoie and Councilor Gilday, 1 No, Councilor McClure

Planning Board \$ 15,728

Councilor Neale moved to approve the finance committee recommendation for the Planning Board budget \$15,728. Councilor McMilleon seconded. Roll Call Vote – 8 – Yes, Councilor McClure, Councilor McMilleon, Councilor Neale, Councilor Scorzoni, Councilor Kelcourse, Councilor Kimball, Councilor Lavoie and Councilor Gilday.

Board of Appeals \$ 5,891

Municipal Buildings \$ 171,576

Police Department \$ \$3,372,470

Councilor Kimball moved to approve the finance committee recommendation for the Police department budget minus \$30,000 for a total of \$3,372,470. Councilor Lavoie seconded. Voted 6-Yes, Councilor Neale, Councilor Scorzoni, Councilor Kelcourse, Councilor Kimball, Councilor Lavoie and Councilor Gilday, 2 No, Councilor McMilleon, Councilor McClure

Fire Department \$ 2,934,765

Councilor Neale moved to approve the finance committee recommendation for the Fire department budget \$2,934,765. Councilor McMilleon seconded. Voted 7-Yes, Councilor McMilleon, Councilor Neale, Councilor Scorzoni, Councilor Kelcourse, Councilor Kimball, Councilor Lavoie and Councilor Gilday, 1 No, Councilor McClure

Communications \$ 532,090

Inspections \$ 194,696

Weights & Measures \$ 4,500

Harbormaster \$ 7,500

Department of Public Works \$ 1,309,547

Councilor Neale moved to approve the finance committee recommendation the Department of Public Works budget \$1,309,547. Councilor McMilleon seconded. Voted 6-Yes, Councilor McMilleon, Councilor Neale, Councilor Scorzoni, Councilor Kelcourse, Councilor Lavoie and Councilor Gilday, 1-No, Councilor McClure, 1-Abstain, Councilor Kimball

Snow & Ice \$ 225,000

Outdoor Lighting \$ 170,004

Refuse/Recycling \$ 994,118

Regional Health Department	\$	159,790
Council on Aging	\$	125,297
Youth	\$	293,463
Veterans Services	\$	406,005
Library	\$	707,994
Debt Services	\$	2,321,861
Other Assessments	\$	865,774
Employee Benefits	\$	4,678,822
Insurance Expense	\$	278,300
School	\$	26,433,496
For a total appropriation of:	\$	48,651,947

Councilor Neale moved to approve the finance committee recommendation for a total appropriation of \$48,651,947 Councilor McMilleon seconded. Roll Call 7-Yes, Councilor McMilleon, Councilor Neale, Councilor Scorzoni, Councilor Kelcourse, Councilor Kimball, Councilor Lavoie and Councilor Gilday, 1-No, Councilor McClure.

Councilor Neale moved to approve the finance committee recommendation of \$47,279,984 to be raised by taxation and other revenue sources and further that \$1,371,963 be applied from the sources detailed below. Councilor McMilleon seconded. Roll Call 7-Yes, Councilor McMilleon, Councilor Neale, Councilor Scorzoni, Councilor Kelcourse, Councilor Kimball, Councilor Lavoie and Councilor Gilday, 1-No, Councilor McClure.

That to fund said appropriation, the City Council approves \$47,279,984 to be raised by taxation and other revenue sources and further that \$ 1,371,963 be applied from the sources detailed below:

Sale of Cemetery Lots	\$	13,000
Ambulance Receipts	\$	600,000
Youth Revolving	\$	293,463
Cemetery Interest	\$	8,000
Waterways Improvement	\$	7,500
Regional Health	\$	50,000
Free Cash	\$	400,000

Further voted that the City Council approves the following enterprise fund budgets:

Landry Stadium	\$	9,000	Total Landry
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Councilor Neale moved to approve the finance committee recommendation of \$9,000 for the Landry Stadium. Councilor McMilleon seconded. Roll Call 7-Yes, Councilor McMilleon, Councilor Neale, Councilor Scorzoni, Councilor Kelcourse, Councilor Kimball, Councilor Lavoie and Councilor Gilday, 1-No, Councilor McClure

Sewer Department

\$ 2,727,258 Total Sewer

Councilor Neale moved to approve the finance committee recommendation of \$2,727,258 for the Sewer Department. Councilor McMilleon seconded. Roll Call 7-Yes, Councilor McMilleon, Councilor Neale, Councilor Scorzoni, Councilor Kelcourse, Councilor Kimball, Councilor Lavoie and Councilor Gilday, 1-No, Councilor McClure

Water Department

\$ 3,241,848 Total Water

Councilor Neale moved to approve the finance committee recommendation of \$3,241,848 for the Water Department. Councilor McMilleon seconded. Roll Call 7-Yes, Councilor McMilleon, Councilor Neale, Councilor Scorzoni, Councilor Kelcourse, Councilor Kimball, Councilor Lavoie and Councilor Gilday, 1-No, Councilor McClure

Therefore, the City Council hereby appropriates the following:

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

\$ 54,630,053

Councilor Neale moved to approve the finance committee recommendation for a TOTAL APPROPRIATION of \$ 54,630,053 Councilor McMilleon seconded. Roll Call 7-Yes, Councilor McMilleon, Councilor Neale, Councilor Scorzoni, Councilor Kelcourse, Councilor Kimball, Councilor Lavoie and Councilor Gilday, 1-No, Councilor McClure

City Council Special Meeting

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

City Hall Auditorium

2012-055 Update Section XII, Wetlands and Floodplain protection of the Amesbury Zoning Bylaw
Councilor Neale moved the Ordinance Committee, Conservation Commission and Planning Board recommendations to approve as submitted. Councilor Kelcourse seconded. Roll Call Vote: 7 – Yes, McClure, McMilleon, Neale, Scorzoni, Kelcourse, Kimball and Lavoie.

Additional Information and Resources

The city publishes other useful and informative reports on topics of interest to our citizens. The reports are available at the Public Library, Amesbury Town Hall or online at www.amesburyma.gov, Forms and Documents section.

Annual Budget: Contains a detailed breakdown of the fiscal year's anticipated expenditures by department, category and line item. The budget contains a financial summary, revenue details, and prior-year comparisons. The Annual Budget is published in May.

Capital Improvement Plan: Contains all of the known capital investment needs for the city, including proposed implementation schedules, cost estimates, and anticipated outcomes of projects. Spending on each budget is approved either with the annual operating budget vote or on an individual basis if projects cannot be funded through normal operations. The Capital Improvement plan is published in February.

Audit Report: Contains a statement of the city's balance sheet, assessment of its financial management policies, and an independent report of the city's books.

Wages Report: Contains the gross salaries for all employees of the city by fiscal year and includes all reportable wages including regular wages, overtime, details (paid for privately), and stipends applicable with IRS code. The Wages Report is published in September.

Consumer Confident Report: Contains information about drinking water quality, and updates and notices regarding water treatment. The Consumer Confidence report is published in July.

Revenue Projections and Financial Report: Contains revenue projections for the coming five years, and the financial statements for the city's water and sewer enterprise funds. The Revenue Projections and Financial Report is published in February.

Public Records Request

Can't find what you are looking for? Consider a public records request. The Massachusetts Public Records Law provides that every person has a right to access public information. The right to access public information includes the right to inspect, copy or have copies provided upon payment of a reasonable fee. Public records requests should be made directly to the department housing the information, or to the Mayor's Office for general requests.

For more information about Massachusetts' Public Records Law contact the State Public Records Division at (617) 727-2832.

