

NOTES FROM TOWN HALL
Town Administrator Rosemary Cashman

Special Town Meeting. In February, a Special Town Meeting was held at which funding was approved for various items. Items to be paid from Free Cash include veterans' benefits, assessors' measure and list program, and capital asset funding. Items to be paid from Community Preservation Funds include recreational fields at the Elementary School, creation of a park at the former Campground off Frost Road, demolition of a portion of Shur Fine Market, and a market analysis of the Town Center.

Town Bicentennial. The Town will be celebrating its 200th anniversary in June. Various individuals are hard at work planning activities that everyone will enjoy. Donations are needed to make this a successful event. T-shirts, ornaments, baskets, and other items are for sale. There will be a fundraiser on April 3 called a Comedy and Hypnotist Night. Tickets are \$20 and available at the Town Offices. Please contact any of the following for information: Recreation Director Alison McNamara, Town Clerk Joanne Shifres, or Sewer Administrator Kerry Colburn-Dion.

Strategic Financial Plan. The Strategic Financial Planning Committee continues to meet to develop recommendations on the financial sustainability of town and school operations for three fiscal years (Fiscal Years 2010, 2011, 2012). The Committee has met with department heads in the past few months. The Committee has had much discussion about the regionalization of services, and letters have been sent from the Selectmen and School Committee to surrounding communities to determine if there is any interest in regionalizing any services. The Committee is also reviewing possible new revenue sources and personnel costs.

Sewer Plan. The State has approved the comprehensive management plan for sewers in the town. The Sewer Commission and staff spent long hours in the last few years developing this plan. The next step will be the hiring of an engineering firm to assist with the implementation of the plan.

Snow. As we all know, we have experienced another snowy and icy winter. So far, the Selectmen and Finance Committee have approved an additional \$500,000 to plow the snow and keep the roads safe. We thank our highway employees and outside contractors for working all sorts of hours and doing such a good job for this community.