

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Abington:

Your Board of Selectmen is pleased to present its report for the year 2007.

Meetings of the Board of Selectmen are held on the second and fourth Mondays of every month and are broadcast live on Comcast Cable's Government channel number 15.

Selectman Joe Murray declined to run for re election. Richard Cunningham was elected to the seat. Thank you to Joe Murray for his service and welcome aboard to Selectman Cunningham.

The year 2007 continued to show significant improvements in the financial management of the Town. The Financial Management team continues to be awarded certificates of excellence in financial reporting.

The Town Manager appointed a new Council on Aging Director, Mary Beth Lawton.

The Town Manager appointed a new Fire Chief, Arthur Pelland. A new Deputy Chief was also appointed, John Weckbacher Jr.

The Board of Selectmen received an application for a cable franchise license from Verizon. This is an exciting opportunity for the Townspeople to be provided with a choice of cable TV providers.

Several large projects took on a life of their own in 2007. A new Senior Center finally came to fruition in December. The Flame of Fire Covenant Church was purchased by the Townspeople for this purpose. Congratulations to all of you who worked so hard for so long to make this dream a reality.

In addition, a new Police Station is almost complete. The building is moving along very rapidly and we hope to have occupancy in early 2008.

The Board of Selectmen held several joint meetings with the School Committee and the Middle School Site Selection Committee. The purpose of these meetings was to jointly discuss potential Town owned land sites for the location of a middle school.

The Board of Selectmen continued the arduous process of capping the landfill and choosing a post closure use. This process will take several years.

In the year 2007 the Board issued or renewed 41 Commercial Garage licenses, 37 Class I and Class II used car licenses, 55 Common Victualler licenses, 27 Liquor licenses, 2 Used Article licenses, 4 Lodging licenses, and 16 Entertainment licenses.

The Board would like to thank Assistant Town Manger, Dori R. Jamieson, Nancy Hurst and Elizabeth Shea for their hard work and dedication to the Office of the Board of Selectmen.

Finally, the Board wishes to thank Town Counsel for his constant support and dedication to the Town and will be deeply missed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert E. Wing, *Chairman*  
Thomas J. Corbett, *Vice Chairman*  
Kathleen W. Lavin  
Gerald F. Corcoran  
Richard D. Cunningham