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**BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN 2010**

<b>Number of Permits</b>	<b>Type of Construction</b>	<b>Construction Value</b>
27	Single Family Dwelling	\$8,339,569.00
85	Remodeling and Additions	\$2,539,779.00
76	Strip & Re-roof, Re-siding & Windows	\$844,999.00
3	Swimming Pools	\$87,500.00
8	Commercial	\$583,379.00
3	Schools	\$24,600,000.00
9	Outbuildings	\$252,200.00
12	Temporary Tents	N/A
19	Wood/Pellet Stoves	\$49,291.00
10	Demolition Permits	\$103,187.00
1	Retaining Wall	\$47,000.00
2	<u>Wireless</u>	<u>\$71,000.00</u>
<b>255</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$37,517,904.00</b>

**TOTAL PERMITS/CERTIFICATES ISSUED IN 2010**

<b>Number of Permits/Certificates</b>	<b>Fees Collected</b>
255 Building Permits	\$73,659.45
343 Electrical Permits	\$27,349.00
238 Plumbing Permits	\$17,446.00
91 Gas Permits	\$4,336.00
33 Sign/Banner Permits	\$948.20
10 Annual Certificates	\$400.00
62 <u>Trench Permits</u>	<u>\$2,370.00</u>
<b>1,032 Total Permits</b>	<b>\$126,508.65</b>

**CABLE LICENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Cable License Advisory Committee assists the Stow Board of Selectmen with awarding the license a cable company requires from the town in order to provide cable television service to its residents. It also works to assure that the terms of the license are being followed.

Stow's first cable license was awarded to Adams Russell way back in 1986 and was last renewed in 2002 for ten years. Adams Russell provided Stow video cable service under this license for many years, and then sold its license to Cablevision, which sold it to AT&T. Today, Comcast holds that license.

In October 2007, Verizon submitted a request for a video cable license to offer cable service to Stow. Negotiations for the terms of this license took place and culminated with the Selectmen signing a 15-year cable license with Verizon on June 24, 2008. Verizon has provided fiber optic cable to most parts of the Town and currently offers full video cable service, along with high-speed Internet service and digital telephone service to those parts of town serviced by overhead wiring. Providing service to those needing underground wiring will begin after the ground thaws this spring. The number of Verizon cable customers is slowly growing, some with new service, some switching from Comcast, and others switching from satellite.

Both Comcast and Verizon offer many options within their video service packages, and both provide Stow's local access channel (Stow-TV) on Comcast channel 9 and on Verizon channel 32. In addition, Verizon provides Stow with a second local access channel (channel 33), which is used currently to carry the Stow bulletin board 24 hours a day and carries repeats of many of the government meetings more frequently than on channel 32.

Both licenses provide for a percentage of Comcast's and Verizon's income from Stow subscribers to be returned to the Town in order to support its Stow-TV local access channels. The Cable Committee is monitoring both Comcast's and Verizon's system to make sure all the terms of the license are being met and that all license payments are being made at the time specified by the license.

The broadband Internet service and the digital telephone service provided by both Comcast and Verizon are carried by the same cable each uses to provide Stow residents with video service. But only the video service requires a Stow license (and provides Stow with operational funds) since the Internet and telephone services are considered a 'data' service and are regulated by the State, not by Stow.

The Stow Cable License Advisory Committee has no control over the cost of service by either company, nor in the selection of programs offered by the companies over their video cable service. Subscribers need to call the company's customer service to resolve any problems of this nature. If the problem is related to providing service (not content or price) and cannot be resolved by customer service, contact the Stow Cable Committee to see if additional assistance can be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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