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**THE WAKEFIELD CONCERT BAND ELECTS
OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS
COMMUNITY BAND LOOKS FORWARD TO SERVING
THE RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY IN 2011**

South Kingstown, Rhode Island. January 3, 2011 — The Wakefield Concert Band, as a newly self-supporting community musical organization, is pleased to announce that it has elected its first slate of Officers and Directors. The Band's new officers are David Stephenson of Wakefield, President; Elaine Shanley (Wakefield), Vice President; Stacey Snow (Exeter), Treasurer; and Sarah Denis (Wakefield), Secretary. Steve Brown (Wakefield) and Jay Swoboda (Kingston) were elected to the Band's Board of Directors.

"In 2010 we established our independence," explains Band President David Stephenson, reflecting on the fact that, until last July, the Wakefield Concert Band was supported by the Town of South Kingstown. The Band is now a self-supporting nonprofit musical organization.

"Last year," Stephenson continues, "we also grew in stature and community recognition. In the past three years, the Band has raised some \$15,000 for South County Hospital," he adds.

The Wakefield Concert Band also actively supports the Jonnycake Center in Peace Dale. Last summer's outdoor concert series in Marina Park, for example, resulted in donations of more than 2,500 pounds of food. More recently, the Annual Community Holiday Concert raised \$139 in cash and several hundred pounds of toiletries and personal care items for the Jonnycake Center.

Throughout the year the Band also participates in fund raising concerts sponsored by other groups such as the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at Jesus Saviour Church in Newport.

The Wakefield Concert Band, founded in the late 1890s, has been playing music throughout Rhode Island for more than a century. Band members come from all walks of life and have diverse musical backgrounds but play with one singular goal: to encourage community cultural enrichment and foster musical enjoyment.

David Stephenson, the Band's President, explains that, while it is now an independent, nonprofit organization, the Wakefield Concert Band continues to serve as a community band. "We invite musicians of all ages to join us and to celebrate life through music," he emphasizes.

To arrange an interview with the Wakefield Concert Band or for further information, please call Director Barry Lieberman at (401) 294-7101. The Wakefield Concert Band Website is: <http://www.wakefieldconcertband.com>