

Town of
Williamsburg
Massachusetts



2020
Annual Report

Williamsburg's Front-line Employees

This year, the Williamsburg Select Board dedicates the 2020 Annual Report to the front-line employees of the town of Williamsburg.

2020 was a year unlike any other. On March 10, 2020, Governor Charlie Baker declared a state of emergency in response to the Coronavirus outbreak. The COVID-19 pandemic shut down the entire country, changing the way everything operated, and we do not expect to see a shift back to any type of normalcy until the fall of 2021 or possibly even later. Our front-line employees have continued to work, staying in their “pods” and “bubbles” whenever possible. They have worn masks when they stepped outside their homes to come to work and maintained a minimum of six feet apart from their co-workers and the public whenever possible. They have taken innumerable steps to protect themselves and others. Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Facetime and Duo were just some of the software options they used to communicate with co-workers and stay connected to all of the many parts of Williamsburg. It has been a strange time, a time of great worry because so much was unknown; it was difficult, and it was tragic. We have been fortunate to experience a minimum of loss of life in our town compared to other places in our country, and much of that is due to the diligence, pride, and steadfastness of our employees in Williamsburg.

And through all of this, essential operations have continued to function, thanks to our many front-line employees, who made sure we have had continued access to health care, food, and other essential services.

We want to thank and acknowledge those who never stopped working to serve our community. To the fire, highway and police departments who continued to do their jobs protecting the community and maintaining our roads and infrastructure; to the Board of Health and Health Agent who interpreted the Governor's orders and educated and provided guidance to all the people and businesses in town; to the teachers who kept educating our children; to the Senior Center staff who quickly adjusted to maintain programs in a new way and stepped up outreach programs to the seniors in our community; to the transfer station workers who kept the transfer station open; to the town office officials who continued to fulfill their responsibilities and kept town government functioning; and to the Meekins Library personnel who moderated operations so that the community could still get access to excellent reading material. We are so appreciative of all that you have done and continue to do during this unprecedented time.

THANK YOU ALL

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 Foothills Health zoom meeting - Helen Symons
 Highland Ambulance building - Highland Ambulance
 Snow plow, Police patch - Charlene Nardi
 Household Hazardous Waste event - Kathleen Casey
 Haydenville Button Co. factory - Historical Commission
 Library - Daria D'Arienzo and Library
 Mill River Greenway - Mill River Greenway Committee
 Police & Fire, Helen E. James Building - Rob Todisco
 Police with concerned citizens - Collin Black
 Pickleball - Benjamin Thompson
 Elementary School - Stacey Jenkins
 High School seniors - Grynne & Barrett
 High School parking spaces - Kristen Smidy
 Veterans Memorial, Veterans Day card - Dan Nye
 Horse Mountain kiosk installation - Eileen Keegan
 Horse Mountain bridge installation - Dwight Baghdoyan
 Water pump house, road, machine - Bryan Osetek

Government Officials

Select Board

William Sayre
David Mathers
Denise Banister

Representative in the General Court (1st Franklin District)

Natalie Blais

State House, Room B1, 24 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02133

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(413) 362-9453 Fax: (413) natalie.blais@mahouse.gov

State Senator (Berkshire, Hampshire & Franklin District)

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Governor

Charles Baker

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436 Dwight Street, Suite 300, Springfield, MA 01103

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www.mass.gov/governor/constituent-services/contact-governor-office/

Town Office Hours and Contact Information

Subject to change, see www.burgy.org

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Charlene Nardi, (413) 268-8418

Town Offices, 141 Main Street, or working remotely

Mon thru Thurs 8 – 4, Fri by appointment

townadmin@burgy.org

ADMIN. ASST. TO SELECT BOARD

Eleanor Warnock, (413) 268-8400

Mon thru Thurs varies, often 11 – 3

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TOWN COLLECTOR

Bonnie Roberge, (413) 268-8401

Mon thru Thurs 8 – 3:30

towncollector@burgy.org

TOWN CLERK

Brenda Lessard, (413) 268-8402

Mon & Tues 8:30 – 3:30; Thurs 9 – 2 by appointment

townclerk@burgy.org

ASSESSORS

Robin Everett, (413) 268-8403

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assessors@burgy.org

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Kala Fisher, (413) 268-8412

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TOWN TREASURER

Nathan Rosewarne, (413) 268-8415

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FOOTHILLS HEALTH AGENT

Mark Bushee, (413) 268-8404

By appointment

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SENIOR CENTER

Director Melissa Wilson
(413) 268-8410

Mon thru Thurs 8 – 2

Meals delivered Mon thru Fri during the pandemic

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VETERANS' AGENT

Tom Geryk, (413) 587-1251

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HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Dan Banister, (413) 268-8405

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Jonathan Flagg, (413) 587-1240

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Board Meeting Schedules

Agricultural Commission	Four times a year, February, May, August, November, 2 nd Thursday, 7 p.m.
Assessors	Weekly, Tuesday 9 – 11 a.m., 7 – 8 p.m.
Conservation Commission	Twice a month, 2 nd and 4 th Thursdays, 7 p.m. Site visits as needed
Council on Aging	Monthly, 3 rd Wednesday, morning, times vary
Energy Committee	Varies
Finance Committee	Various Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Board of Health	Twice a month, Mondays, 2 p.m.
Library Trustees	Monthly, 2 nd Monday, 7 p.m.
Mill River Greenway Committee	Monthly, 1 st Thursday, 7 p.m.
Open Space Committee	Varies
Planning Board	Twice a month, 1 st and 3 rd Mondays, 7 p.m.
Recreation Commission	Monthly, 1 st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Williamsburg School Committee	Monthly, 3 rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Hampshire Regional School Committee	Monthly, 1 st Monday, 7 p.m.
Select Board	Every other Thursday, 9 a.m. (warrant weeks)
Technology Committee	Varies
Trust Fund Commission	Monthly, 1 st Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Water/Sewer Commission	Every other Tuesday, 7 p.m. (warrant weeks)
Woodland Trails	Monthly, 2 nd Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals	Per application

Most meetings are held remotely during the pandemic and may not follow the usual schedules. Some changes may be made in timing to accommodate summer and winter differences. Many boards hold additional meetings as necessary. Meetings are not held on state or federal holidays. All meetings and agendas are posted on the bulletin board in the Town Clerk's office and on the Town website www.burgy.org.

2020 Elected Officials

Office Expiration

Assessors (3 years)

Robin Everett	2023
Denise Banister	2021
Glen Everett	2022

Board of Health (3 years)

Donna Gibson	2022
Helen Symons	2023
Gordon Luce	2021

Board of Library Trustees (3 years)

<i>Cynthia Barker</i>	2022 <i>resigned 4/2020</i>
Fred Goodhue	2021 <i>appointed 7/2020</i>
Charlotte Meryman	2022
Patricia Billingsley	2023
Robert Stinson	2023
Joan Coryat	2021
Ken Borden	2021

Elector – Oliver Smith Will (1 year)

Eric Cerreta	2021
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Finance Committee (3 years)

Charles Heath	2022
Richard Kisloski	2022
Linda Rowley	2022
<i>Jacqueline Dufresne</i>	2020 <i>term expired 7/2020</i>
Gilbert Loud III	2023
Lisa Sheehy	2023 <i>elected 7/2020</i>
Paul R. Wetzell	2023
Eric Cerreta	2021
Charles Dudek	2021
<i>Linda Kisloski</i>	2021 <i>resigned 9/2020</i>
Julia Peters	2021 <i>appointed 10/2020</i>

Local School Committee (3 years)

Amber Smith-Harder	2022
Matthew Wilhelm	2022
Collin Black	2023 <i>elected 7/2020</i>
Ryan Schiff	2023
<i>Meg Taylor</i>	2020 <i>resigned/term expired 7/2020</i>
<i>Cynthia Kassell</i>	2021 <i>resigned 11/2020</i>

Moderator (3 years)

Paul Rudof	2021
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Recreation (3 years)

Alan Golash	2022
Ben Thompson	2022
Coni Gilman	2023 <i>elected 7/2020</i>
Pam Plumer	2023
<i>Stuart Brisson</i>	2020 <i>term expired 7/2020</i>
Collin Black	2021

Regional School Committee (3 years)

Sarah Christiansen	2023
Paul Kennedy	2021
Carl Schlerman	2022

Board of Selectmen (3 years)

David Mathers	2022
Denise Banister	2023
William Sayre	2021

Town Clerk (3 years)

Brenda Lessard	2022
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Trust Fund/Cemetery Commission (3 yrs)

Eric Weber	2021
Dick Kisloski	2022
Collin Black	2023

Water/Sewer Commission (3 years)

James Hyslip	2022
Eric Cerreta	2022
<i>Don Hultman</i>	2020 <i>term expired 7/2020</i>
Gary Benoit	2023 <i>elected 7/2020</i>
Paul Kennedy	2023
Roger Bisbee	2021

2020 Appointed Officials

Office

Expiration

Accountant (contract)

Franklin Council of Governments
Kala Fisher

Administrative Assistant (1 year)

Eleanor Warnock 2021

Agricultural Commission (5 members, 3 years, up to 3 alternates, 1 year)

Alan Everett	2023	
David Nehring	2023	moved from Alternate 7/2020
Amanda Emerson	2021	
Keith Dufresne	2022	
Paul Zononi	2022	
Ann Loomis, Alternate	2021	appointed 11/2020
<i>Alternate, vacancy</i>		
<i>Alternate, vacancy</i>		

Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator (1 year)

Charlene Nardi 2021

Animal Control Officer (1 year)

Shayla Howe 2021
Danielle Grenier, Assistant 2021

Animal Inspector (1 year)

Donald Lawton 2021

Assessors' Clerk (appointed by Assessors)

Robin Everett

Assistant Town Treasurer (appointed by Treasurer, 1 year)

Karen Karowski 2021

Building Inspector (contract City of Northampton, 1 year)

Jonathan Flagg 2021

Building Supervisor (1 year)

Dan Hathaway 2021

Capital Planning Committee (5 members plus Advisory)

(3 year appointments by Select Board, 1 year appointments by Finance Committee)

Richard Kisloski	2020	appointed by Finance
Gil Loud	2020	appointed by Finance
Robert Cayo	2023	
<i>Mitch Cichy (vacancy)</i>	2021	<i>resigned 9/2020</i>
Melissa Zawadzki	2022	
Nathan Rosewarne – Advisory	Ex officio	

Collector (3 years)

Bonnie Roberge 2022

Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC, 5 members, 3 years) disbanded 7/2020

Nick Dines 2022

Sally Loomis 2022

Fred Goodhue (vacancy) 2020 *resigned 7/2020*

Vacancy

Vacancy

Conservation Commission (5 members, 3 years)

Marcianna Caplis 2023

C. Todd Lynch 2021

Mary Dudek 2021

Andrew MacLachlan 2022

Joseph Rogers 2022

Melinda McCall, Secretary Appt by Conservation Commission

Constables (4, 3 years)

Jason Connell 2023

Paul Sanderson 2021

Robert Lapointe 2022

Joshua Lapointe 2022 *appointed 7/2020*

Chris Packard 2022 *inactive 7/2020*

Council on Aging Advisory Board (5 members, 3 years, 1 year for alternates)

Dianne Martin 2023 *appointed 12/2020*

Jacqueline Dufresne 2023 *resigned 12/2020*

Linda Gibbon 2021 *appointed 12/2020*

Margaret Ricci 2021 *resigned 8/2020*

Maureen O'Brien 2021

Dean Acheson 2022 *moved from Associate to full member 3/2020*

Daria D'Arienzo 2022

Mary Lee Satterfield, Emerita (Lifetime)

Barbara Bricker, Assoc 2021 *appointed 12/2020*

James Cahillane, Assoc 2020 *term expire/resign 7/2020*

Gerry Mann, Associate 2021

Lawrence West, Associate 2021

Nancy Winninger, Associate 2021 *moved from full member to Associate 3/2020*

Council on Aging Senior Center Staff (1-year term)

Melissa Wilson, Director 2021 *appointed 3/2020*

Sharon Loomis, Admin. Asst. 2021

Tamar Smith, Meal site Coordinator 2021 *appointed 10/2020*

Melinda McCall, Meal Site Coordinator 2021 *resigned 10/2020*

Carol Hendricks, Outreach Coordinator 2021

Tryna Hope, Office Asst. 2021

Cultural Council (5 members, 3 years)

Zevey Steinitz	2021	
Dianne Martin	2021	appointed 12/2020
<i>Henrietta Wallace</i>	2021	<i>resigned 10/2020</i>
Sue Davis	2022	
Abigail Knopp	2023	appointed 7/2020
Trish Lafreniere	2023	appointed 7/2020
<i>Tom Adams</i>	2020	<i>term expire/resign 7/2020</i>
<i>Sharon Loomis</i>	2020	<i>term expire/resign 7/2020</i>

Emergency Management Director (1 year)

Denise Banister	2021
Jason Connell, Assistant	2021

Energy Committee (5 members, 1 year)

<i>Mark Corner</i>	2020	<i>resigned 5/2020</i>
Neal Anderson	2021	appointed 11/2020
Charles Dudek	2021	
<i>Mary Dudek (vacancy)</i>	2021	<i>resigned 11/2020</i>
Paul Fenn	2021	
<i>Gerald Mann</i>	2021	<i>resigned 11/2020</i>
Jim Piermarini	2021	appointed 11/2020

Environmental Certifying Officer (3 years)

Charlene Nardi	2021
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Field Driver Team (1 year)

Diane Merritt, Coordinator	2021	
Robin Merritt, Coordinator	2021	
<i>Jacqueline Dufresne</i>	2020	<i>term expire/resign 7/2020</i>
Kathy Emerson	2021	
Alan Everett	2021	
Sue Fortgang	2021	
Sue Froehlich	2021	
Mike Hebert	2021	
David Nehring	2021	
Carl Schlerman	2021	

Fire Chief/Forest Fire Warden (1 year)

Jason Connell	2021
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Firefighters (appointed by the Fire Chief, 1 year) 2021

Daryl Springman – Deputy Chief
 Daniel Banister – Captain
 Cory McGill – Captain
 Joshua Lapointe – Lieutenant
 Alex Kassell – Lieutenant
 Worth Noyes – Chaplain (Police & Fire)
 Kenneth Taylor – Administrative Assistant

Firefighters

Zachariah Andross	Daniel Arndt	Kenneth Banas	Andre Barnes
Bartholomew Casey	Joshua Connell	Greg Dibrindisi	Alex Kassell
Joshua Lapointe	Jake Lulek	Reilly McQueston	Hugh Parker
Maya Parker	Shawna Rogers		

Senior Firefighters

Alan Everett	Glen Everett	James Ferron	Richard Karowski
Robert Lapointe	Paul Sanderson		

Junior Firefighters

Rebecca Connell	Joseph Farrell	Luke Enright	Reese Hillenbrand
Eden Lulek	Maxwell McQuade		

Auxiliary

Deborah Connell	Sabrina McGill
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Emergency Manager

Denise Banister

Gas Inspector (1 year)

Donald Lawton	2021
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Highland Ambulance Board of Directors (appointed by Highland Ambulance)

Denise Banister

Highway Superintendent (1 year)

Dan Banister	2021	appointed 2/2020
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Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (1 year)

Gordon Luce	2021
Paul Wetzel (vacancy)	2020 term expire/resign 7/2020

Historical Commission (5 members, 3 year)

Jacqueline Dufresne	2022
Steve Herzberg	2023
Ed O'Neil	2023 appointed 6/2020
Leah Chava Reiner	2021 appointed 3/2020
Eric Weber	2021

Materials Recycling Facility Advisory Board (appointed by MRF)

Kathleen Casey

Measurer Gravel/Soil and Manure (1 year)

Alan Everett	2021
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Mill River Greenway Committee (11 members, 1 year)

Jennifer Black	2021	appointed 7/2020
Eric Bloomquist	2021	
Francie Borden	2021	
Nick Dines	2021	
John Hoogstraten	2021	
Jim Hyslip	2021	

Gaby Immerman	2021	
Jody Nishman	2021	
Joseph Rogers	2021	
<i>Brett Towler</i>	2020	<i>term expire/resign 7/2020</i>
David Weber	2021	
James Weed	2021	

Open Space and Recreation Committee (7 members, 1 year)

Eric Bloomquist	2021	
Kenley Clark	2021	
<i>Roz Driscoll (vacancy)</i>	2020	<i>term expire/resign 7/2020</i>
Paul Kennedy	2021	
Sally Loomis	2021	
Melinda McCall	2021	appointed 2/2020
Markelle Smith	2021	

Owner's Project Manager Steering Committee (9 members, 1 year)

James Ayres	2021	
Kim Boas	2021	resigned 10/2019, reappointed 1/2020
Daniel Bonham	2021	
<i>Mitch Cichy</i>	2021	<i>resigned 9/2020</i>
Jason Connell	2021	
Brenda Lessard	2021	
Jean O'Neil	2021	
Paul Wetzel	2021	
Denise Wickland	2021	

Parking Clerk (1-year term)

Charlene Nardi	2021	
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Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (1 year)

Stephen Snow (commissioner)	2020	Appointed by Planning Board
Christopher Flory (alternate)	2021	

Pioneer Valley Joint Transportation Committee (1 year)

Dan Banister	2021	appointed 1/2020
Nick Dines – alternate	2021	

Pioneer Valley Transit Authority Representative (1 year, appointed by Select Board Chair)

J.M. Sorrell	2021	
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Planning Board (7 members, 5 years)

Holly Hendricks	2024	appointed 1/2020
Christopher Flory	2025	
Stephen Smith	2021	
Stephen Snow	2021	
Jean O'Neil	2022	
Amy Bisbee	2023	
Eric Schmitt	2023	

Plumbing Inspector (1 year)

Donald Lawton 2021

Police and Fire Chaplain (1 year)

Worth Noyes 2021

Police Chief (contract)

Denise Wickland

Police Officers (1 year)

Jason Soukup, Sergeant 2021

Michael Wayne, Corporal 2021

Mitchell Cichy 2021

Peter Fisher 2021 appointed 1/2020, appointed full-time 12/2020

Aubrey Luszccki 2021 appointed 3/2020

Bryan Luszccki 2021

Michael LeMoine 2021

Shane Pinkham 2021

Robert Reinke 2021

Procurement Officer (1 year)

Charlene Nardi 2021

Records Access Officers (ex officio)

Brenda Lessard (Town Clerk), Chief RAO

Denise Wickland (Police Chief)

Jason Connell (Fire Chief)

Charlene Nardi (Town Administrator)

Registrar of Voters (4 members, 3 years)

Brenda Lessard 2022

Jean York 2022

Marjorie Dunphy 2023

Diane O'Sullivan 2021

Surveyor Wood/Lumber (1-year term)

Alden Bacon 2021

Tax Title Custodian (3-year term)

Nathan Rosewarne 2022

Technology Committee (5, 1-year term)

Tom Adams 2021

David Chase 2021

David Martin 2021

David Nardi 2021

Kyle Schwartz 2021

Town Administrator (contract)

Charlene Nardi

Treasurer (3-year term)

Nathan Rosewarne 2022

Tree Warden/Gypsy Moth Superintendent (1 year)

Thomas Por 2021

Trench Permit Granting Authority (1 year)

Dan Banister 2021 appointed 1/2020

250th Anniversary Celebration Committee

Brenda Lessard

Dan Nye

Tracy Magdalene

Eric Weber

Delia Crocker

Steve Snow appointed 1/2020

Martha Baker appointed 2/2020

Veterans' Agent (contract)

City of Northampton

Steve Connor

Tom Geryk

Veterans' Memorial Committee (3 members, 1 year)

Dan Nye 2021

Roy Beals 2021 appointed 7/2020

Vacancy 2019

Tom Geryk, ex officio

Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee (9 members, 1 year)

Dwight Baghdoyan 2021

Gwen Blodgett 2021

John Hoogstraten 2021

Paul Jahnige 2021

Eileen Keegan 2021

Sarah LaPointe 2021

Diane Merritt 2021

David Weber 2021

*Vacancy***Wiring Inspector/Electrical Inspector (contract City of Northampton, 1 year)**

Roger Malo 2021

Zoning Board of Appeals (3 members, 3 years, 2 alternates, 1 year)

Gerald Mann 2023

Charles Dudek 2021

Marciana Caplis 2022

Paul Kennedy (alternate) 2021

Vacancy, alternate

Town Employees and Election Workers

Williamsburg Libraries

Beverly Bullock – Director
 Rochelle Wildfong – Assistant Director and Children’s Librarian
 Bobbin Young – Technical Services Librarian
 Michele Morales-Wolk – Circulation & ILL Assistant
 Amber Smith-Harder – Circulation Assistant
 Lisa Zacks – Circulation Assistant
 John Palmer – Bookkeeper
 Naomi Schmidt – Kmit Children’s Programming Librarian
 Daria D’Arienzo – Archivist
 Laurie Scanlon – Library Cleaner
 Karen Pedruczny – Substitute Cleaner

Health Agent (contract Foothills Health District)

Mark Bushee

Highway Department

Dan Banister (appointed Superintendent 2/2020)	Robert Lapointe
Mark Loven (hired 4/2020)	Bryan Osetek
Donald Turner	Anthony Thomas III
	<i>Jennifer Westlake (resigned 5/2020)</i>

Pollworkers

Kelly Bombard	Madelyn Breen	Pat Casterline
DeAun Corbett	Joan Donovan	Sheila Dufresne
Gail Gagne	Thomas Hodgkins	Roberta Knox
Susan McAllister	Dorthea O’Connell	Diane Punska
Fran Tilley	Nancy Zimmer	Richard Zimmer

Election Wardens

Glenda Cresto (appointed 12/2020) Kathleen Luce

Town Office Custodian

Al Golash

Transfer Station Manager

Gordon Luce

Transfer Station Staff

William Ahearn, David Brooks, Linwood Clark, Jim Packard,
 Gilman Smith, James Wilson

Town Clerk

The year 2020 during a pandemic has been a year like no other in recent memory. Town office was closed in March of 2020 and remained closed to the public for the remainder of the year and is extending into the next year. Working remotely or in the locked office and meeting residents at the door of town office to notarize documents, issue tag sale permits, sign wedding intentions, swear in board members, and issue business certificates or vital records became the norm for this office. The Clerk's office still issued dog licenses, fuel storage licenses, raffle/bazaar permits, tag sale permits, business certificates, vital records, transfer station stickers, and marriage licenses, although the procedure of the work involved changed and varied day to day. The annual town election was held outdoors at town office, and the annual town meeting was delayed to a later date and held under a tent outdoors at the elementary school. Our whole way of doing business for the town had to adapt to social distancing and wearing masks and trying to keep everyone safe from the virus. Throwing in a State Primary in September and a State Election in November that was like no other, this most definitely was a year for the history books. From mail-in ballots, to socially distancing at the polling places, this very busy election year was more difficult in planning, and much extra time had to be given to successfully mail all the ballots requested, answer voter questions, register new voters, and count all the votes, all while there was record voter turnout. Hopefully, we will start getting back to normal business sometime in 2021, possibly with some permanent changes to operations.

Deaths:

The Town sends its sympathy to all families who lost a loved one in 2020.

The following 27 deaths were recorded in Williamsburg in 2020

O'Connell, Deborah M., daughter of Mary Jean (Carroll) Ahearn and William Ahearn. Born on September 25, 1948 in Northampton, MA. Date of death was January 3, 2020 in Northampton, MA. Resided at 178 Main Street, Williamsburg, MA. Married to Daniel O'Connell.

Ingellis Jr., Victor M., son of Angela (Pugriese) Ingellis and Victor Ingellis Sr. Born on September 29, 1923 in Williamsburg, MA. Date of death was January 4, 2020 in Northampton, MA. Resided at 7 Williams Street, Williamsburg, MA. Married to Marilyn Williams.

Boyer, Roger Edward, son of Irene Louise (Dausch) Boyer and William Robert Boyer. Born on July 15, 1958 in Northampton, MA. Date of death was January 16, 2020 in Northampton, MA. Resided at 8 Fairfield Ave., Williamsburg, MA. Married to Vickie Ann Finch.

Magdalenski, Bernardine Lorena, daughter of Mary (Lambert) Roy and Laurent O. Roy. Born on January 14, 1934 in Grand Isle, VT. Date of death was January 26, 2020 in Williamsburg, MA. Resided at 18 Kingsley Ave., Williamsburg, MA. Married to James F. Magdalenski.

D'Arienzo, Joan M., daughter of Ruth Ann (Payne) Russo and Thomas Russo. Born on August 17, 1926 in Brooklyn, NY. Date of death was January 29, 2020 in Northampton, MA. Resided at 13 Valley View Rd., Williamsburg, MA. Widow of Henry L. D'Arienzo.

Punska, David P., son of Grace (Tuccelli) Punska and John Punska. Born on August 17, 1950 in Northampton, MA. Date of death was February 11, 2020 in Northampton, MA. Resided at 118 South St., Williamsburg, MA. Married to Diane Katherine Sicard.

Guzik, Susan E., daughter of Carol (Swindell) Doyle and John M. Doyle. Born on January 19, 1967 in Northampton, MA. Date of death was February 10, 2020 in Worcester, MA. Resided at 2 Geer Hill Rd., Williamsburg, MA. Married to Joseph Guzik.

Anderson, Susanne L., daughter of Dorothy (Hartson) Congos and William Congos. Born May 3, 1947 in Painesville, OH. Date of death was March 10, 2020 in Springfield, MA. Resided at 6 Fort Hill Rd., Williamsburg, MA.

Cutting, Lloyd A., son of Unknown and Delbert Cutting. Born on November 4, 1935 in North Adams, MA. Date of death was March 8, 2020 in Northampton, MA. Resided at 7 Nash Hill Pl., Williamsburg, MA. Widower of Phyllis Adams.

Pope, John Paul, son of Barbara (Green) Pope and Donald Pope. Born on November 14, 1966 in Northampton, MA. Date of death was May 3, 2020 in Williamsburg, MA. Resided at 11D South Main St., Williamsburg, MA.

Beach, Carl Douglas, son of Ethel (Christenson) Beach and Raymond H. Beach. Born on March 5, 1929 in Northampton, MA. Date of death was May 7, 2020 in Williamsburg, MA. Resided at 40 Village Hill Rd., Williamsburg, MA. Married to Mary Jane Buhrer.

Emerson, Marion Louise, daughter of Rose (LaChapelle) Upright and Jessie Upright. Born on March 28, 1942 in Montague, MA. Date of death was May 17, 2020 in Williamsburg, MA. Resided at 87 Main St., Williamsburg, MA. Widow of Walter R. Emerson.

Cranston, Gerald Edward, son of Eleanor (Gougeon) Cranston and Harvey Cranston. Born on August 5, 1963 in Northampton, MA. Date of death was May 20, 2020 in Williamsburg, MA. Resided at 4 Goshen Rd., Williamsburg, MA. Married to Cheryl Ann Hewes.

Pollard, Fred Don, son of Mildred (Brobst) Pollard and Bryant Pollard. Born on September 15, 1931 in Proctorsville, VT. Date of death was May 15, 2020 in Northampton, MA. Resided at 204B Main St., Williamsburg, MA. Married to Sandra J. Norton.

Kania, Thomas, son of Delores A. (Perez) Kania and Edward Kania. Born on April 6, 1953 in Northampton, MA. Date of death was May 23, 2020 in Northampton, MA. Resided at 7 Nash Hill Pl., #103, Williamsburg, MA.

Downing, James Norman, son of Martha (Magoffin) Downing and John Downing. Born on January 13, 1949 in Melrose, MA. Date of death was August 4, 2020 in Williamsburg, MA. Resided at 63 Nash Hill Rd., Williamsburg, MA. Married to Alison Fobes.

Kisloski, Linda Ann, daughter of Katherine (Lakitus) Grisby and Charles B. Grisby. Born on November 30, 1947 in Northampton, MA. Date of death was September 2, 2020 in Williamsburg, MA. Resided at 12 Cole Rd., Williamsburg, MA. Married to Richard J. Kisloski.

Loomis, Eleanor Warren, daughter of Mary (Coburn) Warren and Francis Warren. Born on June 29, 1935 in Stow, MA. Date of death was October 25, 2020 in Williamsburg, MA. Resided at 29B Nash Hill Rd., Williamsburg, MA. Widow of Wilbur Loomis.

Childs, Susan Diane, daughter of Cynthia (Hough) Moreau and Leo Moreau. Born on September 11, 1958 in Northampton, MA. Date of death was October 22, 2020 in Williamsburg, MA. Resided at 108 Ashfield Rd., Williamsburg, MA. Married to Christopher James Childs.

O’Connell, Kathleen Ellen, daughter of Mary E. (Faulkner) Wright and Edward J. Wright. Born on November 25, 1934 in Northampton, MA. Date of death was October 27, 2020 in Williamsburg, MA. Resided at 65 Ashfield Rd., Williamsburg. Widow of James. T. O’Connell.

Bateman, Claire Louise, daughter of Coors Munroe (Munroe) Bateman and Glen Latrobe Bateman. Born on August 11, 1934 in Johannesburg, South Africa. Date of death was October 30, 2020 in Williamsburg, MA. Resided at 152 Ashfield Rd., Williamsburg, MA.

Hebert, Martin E., son of Melvina S. (Sturgeon) Hebert and George Hebert. Born on November 13, 1930 in Wray, CO. Date of death was November 16, 2020 in Northampton, MA. Resided at 106 South St., Williamsburg, MA. Married to Eleanor M. Elsensohn.

Clark, Lucille Marion, daughter of Lucy May (Jeanotte) Warner and William Edwin Warner. Born on April 17, 1923 in Northampton, MA. Date of death was December 6, 2020 in Northampton, MA. Resided at 19 Williams St., Williamsburg, MA.

Burke, Joshua Alexander, son of Lauren Ann (Burke) Burke and Richard Winalski. Born on October 25, 1988 in Northampton, MA. Date of death was December 20, 2020 in Northampton, MA. Resided at 122 Petticoat Hill Rd., Williamsburg, MA.

Streaman, Joann Louise, daughter of Marian Ester (Daley) Streaman and John Clifford Streaman. Born on September 2, 1948 in Danbury, CT. Date of death was December 21, 2020 in Pittsfield, MA. Resided at 12 Petticoat Hill Rd., Williamsburg, MA. Married to Gina Frances Vernava.

Molloy, Helen Ann, daughter of Delia (Thouin) Tetreault and Harry Tetreault. Born on June 27, 1920 in Northampton, MA. Date of death was December 21, 2020 in Williamsburg, MA. Resided at 6 Hatfield St., Williamsburg, MA. Widow of Edward Molloy. (Helen was our oldest resident at the time of her death)

Jerome, Michelle Anne, daughter of Loretta (Hamilton) Jerome and Raymond Jerome. Born on July 8, 1966 in Lawrence, MA. Date of death was December 25, 2020 in Williamsburg, MA. Resided at 13 Main St., Williamsburg, MA.

Marriages:

May all the couples be blessed with a lifetime of love, laughter & marital bliss!

The following 11 Marriages were recorded in Williamsburg in 2020:

Glenda Gean Cresto, Williamsburg, MA and David Robert Torci, Williamsburg, MA were married on February 28, 2020 in Williamsburg, MA.

Cristian Jay Houlihan Johnston, Corfu, NY and Rosita Del Pilar Alvan Reategui, Corfu, NY were married on April 11, 2020 in Williamsburg, MA.

Robert Bruce Schneider, Williamsburg, MA and Leslie Ann Leblanc, Williamsburg, MA were married on April 19, 2020 in Williamsburg, MA.

Kelly Arielle Bitov, Williamsburg, MA and Gary Charles Blaser, Williamsburg, MA were married on July 19, 2020 in Williamsburg, MA.

John Joseph Svoboda, Williamsburg, MA and Gwen Marie Orzel, Williamsburg, MA were married on July 25, 2020 in Northampton, MA.

Elisabeth Brook, Williamsburg, MA and Nancy A. Perman, Williamsburg, MA were married on August 8, 2020 in Williamsburg, MA.

Brendan Eugene Nally, Bedminster, NJ and Lindsay Morgan Allcroft, Bedminster, NJ were married on October 5, 2020 in Williamsburg, MA.

Robin Leigh Merritt, Williamsburg, MA and Jonathan Edward Brown, Williamsburg, MA were married October 3, 2020 in Williamsburg, MA.

Peter M. Kennedy, Williamsburg, MA and Steven T. Wernicki, Wilton, CT were married on October 17, 2020 in Provincetown, MA.

Randall A. Wade, Williamsburg, MA and Patricia Elizabeth Kuzmeski, Williamsburg, MA were married on October 24, 2020 in Northampton, MA.

Nylda L. Weeks, Williamsburg, MA and Joseph E. Weeks, Williamsburg, MA were married on December 21, 2020 in Williamsburg, MA.

Births:

There were seven (7) births in town and applications for the Henry Hills Trust Fund were sent to all. Congratulations to all the families on welcoming their new little ones. (Due to identity theft, I choose not to publish the names of the children whose births were recorded in 2020).

2020 Events		Births	Deaths	Marriages
	Male	1	12	
	Female	6	15	
	Total	7	27	11

Dog Licenses



Dog Licenses are renewed annually by March 31st. The fees for a dog license are \$10.00 for spayed or neutered dogs, and \$20.00 for intact dogs. Kennel fees vary in price depending on the size of the kennel. A penalty of \$25.00 is assessed after May 1st for late registration with an additional \$25.00 penalty after June 1st.

Total Dog Licenses Issued in 2020	349
Total Kennel Licenses Issued in 2020	4 containing 31 dogs

2020 Town Meetings and Elections

Early voting and vote by mail dominated 2020. The state wanted as many voting opportunities as possible available for the voters of Massachusetts. This included an expansion of in-person early voting hours for the primaries and the state election. The in-person early voting hours expanded

to two weeks and included two weekends. Vote by mail also became the norm and many voters took advantage of having their ballots mailed to them.

We had a temporary move of the 11/3/2020 election to the Anne T Dunphy School to allow for more social distancing. I applied for and received a \$5000. election assistance grant which helped with extra costs for extra election help, extra voting booths, Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) and postage. We also had an official ballot box installed at the Town Office for dropping off ballots.



I want to thank my warden Kathy Luce, my assistant warden, Joan Donovan, and all my poll workers for their dedication and hard work this past year. I also wish to thank my constables and poll workers for their help in making sure the elections and Town Meeting ran smoothly. Thanks goes to my fellow Voter Registrars: Jean York, Diane O’Sullivan and Margie Dunphy. The town office custodian, Alan Golash, gets extra special thank you for his help going above and beyond to make sure everything was set up and ready to go for the town meetings and elections and helping to clean up after us after the elections. This year especially, I would like to thank the Highway Department, the Fire Department, and Mike O’Brien, school custodian, for helping with setting up and taking down tents, moving voting equipment and PPE to the polls and town meeting.

Here is a breakdown of total registered voters:

Party or Designation	Democrat	Green Rainbow	Libertarian	Republican	Unenrolled	Mass Independent Party	United Independent Party	Grand Total
	811	1	7	116	1119	1	7	2062

Town of Williamsburg	Date Held
Special Town Meeting	February 24, 2020
Presidential Primary	March 3, 2020
Annual Town Caucus	March 9, 2020
Annual Town Election	May 4, 2020
Annual Town Meeting	June 29, 2020
Special Town Meeting	June 29, 2020
State Primary	September 1, 2020
State Election	November 3, 2020

The full text of all town meeting votes, and all election results are published in the Annual Town Report, on the town website at www.burgy.org or are available for public inspection at the Town Clerk's Office.

I look forward to serving the residents of Williamsburg and Haydenville for the upcoming year and hopefully many more into the future.

Brenda Lessard
Williamsburg Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting February 24, 2020

The warrant was signed on January 30, 2020, and posted on February 3, 2020

Moderator: Paul Rudof

Town Clerk: Brenda Lessard

Board of Selectmen present: Denise Banister, Chair; William Sayre, Clerk; David Mathers

Constables: Paul Sanderson and Robert Lapointe

A quorum (60 registered voters) being present (there were 253 registered voters present), the Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. The Moderator noted the return of the warrant and that it had been properly posted.

Article 1

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$30,000 to supplement funds previously appropriated for the fiscal year 2020 Local School Budget to support educational services at the Anne T. Dunphy School.

Passed Unanimously

Article 2

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$180,000 for the purpose of extending the Owner's Project Manager contract, hiring a licensed design consultant to complete architectural plans for a public safety complex, and conducting an engineering and environmental study of the Helen E. James building, and any other incidental and related expenses to the public safety complex and/or the Helen E. James site.

The OPM Steering Committee did a short presentation of the work done thus far with the Committee.

Motion made and seconded to amend the article as follows: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$180,000 for the purpose of extending the Owners Project Manager contract, hiring a licensed design consultant to complete architectural, engineering, and environmental plans for a "Stand-alone public service complex on the Helen E. James property or a combination of a stand-alone building on the property to house vehicles and equipment in conjunction with use of the Helen E. James building for public safety offices and accommodations. Neither option is to consider the demolishing of the Helen E. James building".

There was a brief discussion regarding the Helen E. James building.

Amendment Motion failed majority.

After discussion ended, the original article went to a secret ballot vote.

Original motion passed Yes: 207 No: 40

Meeting Adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Filed: March 3, 2020

A True Copy Attest: Brenda Lessard, Town Clerk

Brenda Lessard

Minutes of the Presidential Primary March 3, 2020

Voting took place at Town Offices, 141 Main Street, Haydenville, MA

The polls were open at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

Warden: Kathy Luce

Town Clerk: Brenda Lessard

Constables: Paul Sanderson, Bob Lapointe, and Jason Connell

Total Registered Voters: 1976

Total Absentee Ballots Sent: 42 (8 email overseas) Returned Absentees: 35 (6 email overseas)

Ballots Total by Imagecast: 1132 and 6 hand-count ballots (email)

Total Ballots Cast: 1138

Democrat Ballots Cast: 1049

Republican Ballots Cast: 88

Green Rainbow Ballots Cast: 1

Libertarian Ballot: 0

Democratic- Presidential Preference	
Deval Patrick	2
Amy Klobuchar	9
Elizabeth Warren	369
Michael Bennet	0
Michael R. Bloomberg	52
Tulsi Gabbard	6
Cory Booker	1
Julian Castro	0
Tom Steyer	1
Bernie Sanders	391
Joseph Biden	202
John Delaney	1
Andrew Yang	2
Pete Buttigieg	11
Marianne Williamson	0
No Preference	1
Blanks	0
Write-Ins	1
	Donald Trump-1
Totals	1049

Democratic- State Committee Man	
Sherwood Guernsey II	651
Blanks	396
Write-Ins	2
	Cate Edon-Higgins-1
	Gary Benoit-1

Democratic- State Committee Woman	
Marietta Rapetti	668
Cawse	
Blanks	369
Write-Ins	12
	Marley Fox-5
	Cherilyn Strader-4
	Gina Louise Zaccari-2
	Thomas Ferriter-1

Democratic- Town Committee	
Blanks	26209
Write-Ins	16
	Stephen Snow-2
	Peter Klejna-1
	Mark Corner-1
	Mark Marino-1
	Stephen Higgins-1
	Cate Edon-Higgins-1
	Diana Howard-1
	Kelsey Clements-1
	Susan Farrell-1
	Nick Dines-1
	Lauri Munroe-
	Hultman-1
	Susan Waltner-1
	John Lancaster-1
	Mark Kenen-1
	Other-1

Republican-Presidential Preference	
William Weld	16
Joe Walsh	2
Donald J Trump	69
Roque “Rocky” De La Fuente	0
No Preference	1
Blanks	0
Write-Ins	0
Totals	88

Republican- State Committee Man	
Michael Case	41
Tyler James Hastings	31
Blanks	16
Write-Ins	0

Republican- State Committee Woman	
Robin S. Almgren	33
Christine M. Canning	32
Blanks	23
Write-Ins	0

Republican-Town Committee	
Blanks	3079
Write-Ins	1
	Daryl Springman-1

Green Rainbow- Presidential Preference	
Dario Hunter	0
Sedinam	0
Moyowasifza-Curry	
Kent Mesplay	0
Howard Hawkins	0
No Preference	0
Blanks	0
Write-Ins	1
	Bernie Sanders-1

Green Rainbow- State Committee Man	
Blanks	1
Write-Ins	0

Green Rainbow- State Committee Woman	
Blanks	1
Write-Ins	0

Green Rainbow- Town Committee	
Blanks	10
Write-Ins	0

Libertarian-Presidential Preference	
Arvin Vohra	0
Vermine Love Supreme	0
Jacob George Hornberger	0
Samuel Joseph Robb	0
Dan Taxation Is Theft Behrman	0
Kimberly Margaret Ruff	0
Kenneth Reed Armstrong	0
Adam Kokesh	0
Jo Jorgensen	0
Max Abramson	0
No Preference	0
Blanks	0
Write-Ins	0
Totals	0

Libertarian- State Committee Man	
Blanks	0
Write-Ins	0

Libertarian- State Committee Woman	
Blanks	0
Write-Ins	0

Libertarian- Town Committee	
Blanks	0
Write-Ins	0

FILED: March 5, 2020

TRUE COPY ATTEST

Brenda Lessard, Williamsburg Town Clerk

Certificate of Nomination – Town Caucus

We certify that a caucus of qualified voters (quorum 40) of the Town of Williamsburg was called and held in accordance with the provisions of law relating thereto, at the Williamsburg Town Offices, 141 Main Street on the ninth day of March 2020, and the following nominations of Candidates for Town Offices were made:

The Town Clerk, Brenda Lessard, called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. once a quorum was met. The Voters of Caucus elected a Chair and Secretary.

Chair: Paul Rudof

Secretary: Charlene Nardi

OFFICE	TERM	CANDIDATE	RESIDENCE	SIGNATURE
ASSESSOR	3	Robin Everett	89 Ashfield Road	Signed by same
BOARD OF HEALTH	3	Helen Symons	9 High Street	Signed by same
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES	3	Patricia Billingsley	82 South Street	Signed by same
	3	Robert Stinson	21 High Street	Signed by same
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES	1	Ken Borden	4 Pine Street	Signed by same
ELECTOR-OLIVER SMITH WILL	1	Eric Cerreta	157 Main St.	Signed by same
FINANCE COMMITTEE	3	Gilbert E. Loud	20 Briar Hill Road	Signed by same
	3	Paul Wetzel	108 Petticoat Hill Road	Signed by same
	3	Lisa Sheehy	47 South Street	Signed by same
LOCAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3	Ryan Schiff	29 Hyde Hill Road	Signed by same
	3	Collin Black	119 Nash Hill Road	Signed by same
MODERATOR	1	Paul Rudof	106 Nash Hill Road	Signed by same
RECREATION COMMISSION	3	Pam Plumer	7 Deer Haven Drive	Signed by same
	3	Vacancy		
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3	Sarah Christiansen	109 Petticoat Hill Road	Signed by same
SELECTMAN	3	Denise Banister	54 Old Goshen Road	Signed by same

TRUST FUND/CEMETERY

COMMISSION 3 Collin Black 119 Nash Hill Road Signed by same

WATER/SEWER

COMMISSION 3 Gary Benoit 8 Grove Street Signed by same

3 Paul Kennedy 10B Eastern Avenue Signed by same

WATER/SEWER

COMMISSION 1 Roger Bisbee 37 South Street Signed by same

We hereby certify that at least forty qualified voters (there were 41) of the Town of Williamsburg participated and voted therein. Due to the fact, that all of the nominees would be placed on the ballot, it was voted that the Secretary cast one ballot to certify the nominees are certified. We also certify that the caucus voted that in the case of death, withdrawal or ineligibility of the candidate or candidates so nominated, the vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by the following: a committee consisting of the Chairman and Secretary of the Caucus and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

S/ Paul Rudof, Presiding Officer S/ Charlene Nardi, Secretary to Caucus

Filed: March 16, 2020

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

BRENDA LESSARD, TOWN CLERK

Minutes of Annual Town Election May 4, 2020

Polling Place: Williamsburg Town Office 141 Main Street Haydenville, MA Polling Hours: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm.	Warrant Signed- 4/9/2020	Warden-Kathleen Luce
	Warrant Posted- 4/16/2020	Constables: Paul Sanderson, Robert Lapointe, Jason Connell
	Registered Voters- 1981	
	Early Voter Ballots Sent- 155	
	Early Voter Ballots Cast- 121	# Ballots used for testing
	Absentee Ballots Sent- 27	AccuVote: 11
	Absentee Ballots Cast- 17	Clerk: Kathy Luce
	Total Ballots Cast- 167	Last Day to Register- 4/14/2020

The polls opened at 10:00 am in the Parking Lot of Williamsburg Town Offices and balloting began. The polls closed at 7:00 pm, and the Imagecast machine tape was printed. The following are the election results recorded by Warden Kathleen Luce and Town Clerk Brenda Lessard. All elected individuals take office July 1, 2020, per the bylaw change voted November 14, 2005.

Assessor-3 years-vote for 1

Blanks-7
Robin Everett-160 E
Write-Ins-0

Board of Health-3 years-vote for 1

Blanks-15
Helen Symons-152 E
Write-Ins-0

Board of Library Trustees-3 years-vote for 2

Blanks-34
Patricia Billingsley-151 E
Robert Stinson-149 E
Write-Ins-0

Board of Library Trustees-1 year-vote for 1

Blanks-11
Kenneth Borden-156 E
Write-Ins-0

Elector Oliver Smith Will-1 year-vote for 1

Blanks-16
Eric Cerreta-151 E
Write-Ins-0

Finance Committee-3 years-vote for 3

Blanks-39
Gilbert Loud III-154 E
Paul Wetzel-157 E
Lisa Sheehy-151 E
Write-Ins-0

Local School Committee-3 years-vote for 2

Blanks-27
Ryan Schiff-151 E
Collin Black-156 E
Write-Ins-0

Moderator-1 year-vote for 1

Blanks-9
Paul Rudof-158 E
Write-Ins-0

Recreation Commission-3 years-vote for 2

Blanks-157
Pamela Plumer-160 E
Write-Ins-11
Coni Gilman-7 E
Ian Newton-1
Ben Thompson-2
Collin Black-1

Regional School Comm. -3 years-vote for 1

Blanks-9
Sarah Christiansen-158 E
Write-Ins-0

Selectman-3 years-vote for 1

Blanks-10
Denise Banister-156 E
Write-Ins-1
Chris Morris-1

Trust Fund/Cemetery-3 years-vote for 1

Blanks-10
Collin Black-157 E
Write-Ins-0

Water/Sewer Comm. -3 years-vote for 2

Blanks-25
Paul Kennedy-157 E
Gary Benoit-151 E
Write-Ins-0

Water/Sewer Commission-1 year-vote for 1

Blanks-7
Roger Bisbee-160 E
Write-Ins-0

Filed: May 5, 2020

Brenda Lessard, Williamsburg Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting June 29, 2020

The Special Town Meeting was held outdoors at the Anne T. Dunphy Schoolyard, 1 Petticoat Hill Rd., Williamsburg, MA due to COVID-19 concerns.

The warrant was signed on June 11, 2020 and posted on June 15, 2020

Moderator: Paul Rudof

Town Clerk: Brenda Lessard

Selectmen Present: Denise Banister, Chair, William Sayre, Clerk and David Mathers

Constable: Paul Sanderson and Robert Lapointe

There were 112 voters present of 1987 registered voters.

Last day to register to vote was June 9, 2020

A quorum of twenty-five (25) registered voters being present (there were 112 voters), the special town meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. by the Moderator. The Moderator noted the return of the warrant and that it had been properly posted.

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to adopt a rule that the Moderator be authorized to declare a 2/3 or 4/5 vote in the same manner as a majority vote is declared, provided that if a vote so declared is questioned by seven (7) or more members, the Moderator shall verify the vote by taking a count.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Article 1

Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer the sum of \$ 25,000 from water Retained Earnings to Water Expenses for unanticipated FY20 budget shortfalls including work on South Main Street, replacing an alarm system at the pump house, increased labor costs, and any other FY20 invoices related to these expenses.

Passed Unanimously

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Special Town Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

Filed: June 30, 2020

A True Copy Attest: Brenda Lessard, Town Clerk

Brenda Lessard

Williamsburg Town Clerk

Cc: Accountant, Department of Revenue, Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Assessors, KP/Law, Town Administrator, and Water & Sewer Commission

Annual Town Meeting June 29, 2020

The Annual Town Meeting was held outdoors at the Anne T. Dunphy Schoolyard, 1 Petticoat Hill Rd., Williamsburg, MA, due to COVID-19 concerns.

The warrant was signed on June 4, 2020 and posted on June 15, 2020

Moderator: Paul Rudof

Town Clerk: Brenda Lessard

Selectmen Present: Denise Banister, Chair, William Sayre, Clerk and David Mathers

Constable: Paul Sanderson and Robert Lapointe

There were 112 voters present of 1987 registered voters.

Last day to register to vote was June 9, 2020

The Board of Selectmen made the dedication of the 2019 Annual Town Report to William Turner to a round of applause from the town body.

A quorum of twenty-five (25) registered voters being present (there were 112 voters), the town meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by the Moderator. The Moderator noted the return of the warrant and that it had been properly posted.

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to adopt a rule that the Moderator be authorized to declare a 2/3 or 4/5 vote in the same manner as a majority vote is declared, provided that if a vote so declared is questioned by seven (7) or more members, the Moderator shall verify the vote by taking a count.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Article 1

Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$17.77, to pay NAPA Auto Parts for items purchased by the Highway Department in Fiscal Year 2019.

Passed Unanimously

Article 2

Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$528.13, the amount due to the Williamsburg Pharmacy for purchases made by the Highway Department in prior fiscal years.

Passed Unanimously

Article 3

I move that the town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$33.24, to reimburse Charlene Nardi for an amount paid to Verizon for the Highway Department cell phone, an amount that was owed but not paid in Fiscal Year 2019.

Passed Majority-2 No

Article 4

Moved and seconded that the town vote pursuant to M.G.L. c.268A, §21A to authorize the Board of Selectmen, Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners, Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Board of Appeals, Finance Committee, and the Trustees of Libraries to appoint their own members to positions under their respective jurisdictions at such salaries or wage rates to be established by the Board of Selectmen.

Passed Majority-2 No

Article 5

Moved and seconded that the town vote to authorize the Moderator to choose a committee to expend the income from the Whiting Street Fund.

Passed Unanimously

Article 6

Moved and seconded that the town vote to approve a Capital Improvement Plan, as prepared by the Capital Planning Committee and approved by the Finance Committee, including recommended capital improvements for the following five fiscal years.

Passed Unanimously

Article 7

Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$6,366.62, an amount equal to one-half of the amount received by the Town as Medicaid reimbursements in FY2019, to the Williamsburg School Department.

Passed Unanimously

Article 8

Moved and seconded that the town vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected and appointed officers of the Town for the twelve month period ending June 30, 2021, as provided in M.G.L. c.41, §108, as amended, and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for that same period, with each line being its own appropriation and in the total sum of \$8,290,047, as recommended by the Finance Committee, such sum to be appropriated by transferring \$276,916 from Free Cash and raising \$8,013,131 from taxation.

Passed Unanimously

ACCOUNT NAME	FY20 EXPENSE	FY21 REQUEST	FY21 FC RECMDS	FY21 REQ. W/ SALARY CHGE	% CHG	\$ CHG
MODERATOR	346	346	311	311	-10.1%	(35)
SELECT BOARD SALARIES	9,659	9,659	8,694	8,694	-10.0%	(965)
SELECT BOARD EXPENSES	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750	0.0%	0

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SALARY	69,353	69,353	69,353	69,353	0.0%	0
TOWN ADMIN ASSISTANT	16,745	16,745	16,745	16,745	0.0%	0
TOWN ADMIN EXPENSES	750	750	750	750	0.0%	0
CAPITAL PLANNING SALARIES	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
CAPITAL PLANNING EXPENSES	75	75	75	75	0.0%	0
FINANCE COMMITTEE SALARIES	3,880	4,366	3,929	3,929	1.3%	49
FINANCE COM SECRETARY	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
FINANCE COMMITTEE EXPENSES	500	500	500	500	0.0%	0
RESERVE FUND	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	0.0%	0
ACCOUNTANT LABOR	30,880	35,992	35,992	35,992	16.6%	5,112
ACCOUNTANT EXPENSES	150	150	150	150	0.0%	0
ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE	750	750	750	750	0.0%	0
AUDIT SERVICES	17,000	17,500	17,500	17,500	2.9%	500
ASSESSORS SALARIES	9,659	9,659	9,659	9,659	0.0%	0
ASSESSORS LABOR	13,483	13,483	13,483	13,483	0.0%	0
ASSESSORS EXPENSES	19,200	19,700	19,700	19,700	2.6%	500
ASSESSORS REVALUATION	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	0.0%	0
TREASURER SALARY	23,413	23,413	23,413	23,413	0.0%	0
TREASURER ADDITIONAL SALARY	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%	0
TREASURER'S ASSISTANT	6,218	6,218	6,218	6,218	0.0%	0
TREASURER EXPENSES	4,720	4,720	4,720	4,720	0.0%	0
TREASURER SOFTWARE	9,600	5,000	5,000	5,000	-47.9%	(4,600)
OPEB Reval	3,000	1,475	1,475	1,475	-50.8%	(1,525)
OPEB Trust	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%	0
COLLECTOR SALARY	44,902	44,902	44,902	44,902	0.0%	0
COLLECTOR ADD'L SALARY	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%	0
COLLECTOR EXPENSES	7,992	7,992	7,992	7,992	0.0%	0
DEPUTY COLLECTOR EXPENSES	1,700	1,900	1,900	1,900	11.8%	200
TAX TITLE EXPENSES	1,549	1,500	1,500	1,500	-3.2%	(49)
OLIVER SMITH TRUSTEE	38	38	34	34	-10.5%	(4)
TOWN LEGAL COUNSEL	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	0.0%	0
ADVERTISING	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%	0
ENERGY COMMITTEE	250	250	250	250	0.0%	0
CONSTABLE SALARY	462	462	462	462	0.0%	0
CONSTABLE ELECTIONS	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0

CLERK SALARY	21,812	21,812	21,812	21,812	0.0%	0
CLERK'S ASSISTANT	2,490	2,490	2,490	2,490	0.0%	0
CLERK'S EXPENSES	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	0
CLERK'S SOFTWARE	500	500	500	500	0.0%	0
ELECTIONS/REGISTRATION	9,500	9,500	9,500	9,500	0.0%	0
STREET LISTING	1,450	1,450	1,450	1,450	0.0%	0
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	2,070	2,070	1,863	1,863	-10.0%	(207)
CONSERVATION COM EXPENSES	3,025	3,025	2,825	2,825	-6.6%	(200)
PLANNING BOARD EXPENSES	750	750	750	750	0.0%	0
BOARD OF APPEALS EXPENSES	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0
CUSTODIAN LABOR	12,357	12,357	12,357	12,357	0.0%	0
BUILDING SUPERVISOR SALARY	9,543	9,543	9,543	9,543	0.0%	0
TOWN BLDGS & GROUNDS	35,275	35,275	35,275	35,275	0.0%	0
TOWN OFFICE EXPENSE	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.0%	0
TOWN OFFICE INTERNET SERV.	6,204	10,328	9,045	9,045	45.8%	2,841
TOWN TELEPHONE	8,228	10,620	10,620	10,620	29.1%	2,392
COPIER MAINTENANCE	2,835	2,835	2,400	2,400	-15.3%	(435)
TOWN HEATING FUEL	44,492	44,492	44,492	44,492	0.0%	0
TOWN ELECTRIC	25,500	25,500	25,500	25,500	0.0%	0
TOWN COMPUTER SERVICE	25,895	25,895	25,895	25,895	0.0%	0
TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.0%	0
TOWN BUILDING REPAIRS	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	0.0%	0
DOCUMENT STORAGE CONTRACT	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	0.0%	0
TOWN REPORT	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	0.0%	0

GENL GOVERNMENT TOTAL	630,450	637,590	634,024	634,024	0.6%	3,574
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POLICE CHIEF SALARY	70,126	70,126	70,126	70,126	0.0%	0
POLICE DEPT LABOR	136,792	135,792	135,792	135,792	-0.7%	(1,000)
POLICE DEPT EXPENSES	24,626	25,626	25,626	25,626	4.1%	1,000
POLICE RECORDS SOFTWARE	8,035	8,035	8,035	8,035	0.0%	0
FIRE DEPT CHIEF SALARY	25,164	25,164	25,164	25,164	0.0%	0
FIRE DEPT LABOR	22,963	22,963	22,963	22,963	0.0%	0
FIRE DEPT ADMIN ASST	5,487	5,487	5,487	5,487	0.0%	0
FIRE DEPT TRAINING	13,268	13,268	13,268	13,268	0.0%	0

FIRE DEPT EXPENSES	33,147	33,147	33,147	33,147	0.0%	0
AMBULANCE SERVICE	101,504	125,132	125,132	125,132	23.3%	23,628
EMER MANAGEMT DIR SALARY	1,242	1,242	1,242	1,242	0.0%	0
EMER MANAGEMT DEPUTY	578	578	578	578	0.0%	0
EMER MANAGEMT EXPENSES	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750	0.0%	0
EMER COMMUNICATIONS	486	486	486	486	0.0%	0
TREE REMOVAL/PLANTING	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	0.0%	0

PUBLIC SAFETY TOTAL	454,168	477,796	477,796	477,796	5.2%	23,628
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LOCAL SCHOOL COMM SALARIES	1,732	1,732	1,559	1,559	-10.0%	(173)
LOCAL SCHOOL BUDGET (+\$100,000 school choice in FY21)	2,108,679	2,274,388	2,274,388	2,274,388	7.9%	165,709
REGIONAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENT	1,554,453	1,599,012	1,599,012	1,599,012	2.9%	44,559
VOCATIONAL TUITION	572,682	661,275	661,275	661,275	15.5%	88,593
VOCATIONAL TRANSPORT	40,085	40,085	40,085	40,085	0.0%	0

EDUCATION TOTAL	4,277,631	4,576,492	4,576,319	4,576,319	7.0%	298,688
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HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT SAL	65,242	65,242	65,242	65,242	0.0%	0
HIGHWAY LABOR	161,108	161,108	152,608	152,608	-5.3%	(8,500)
HIGHWAY ROAD MAINTENANCE	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	0.0%	0
HIGHWAY GARAGE/EQUIP MAINT.	41,641	41,641	41,641	41,641	0.0%	0
VEHICLE FUEL	35,000	35,000	29,000	29,000	-17.1%	(6,000)
HIGHWAY SURPLUS & SAFETY EQUIP	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0.0%	0
INVASIVE SPECIES ERADICATION	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%	0
SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION	5,000	5,000	0	0	100.0%	(5,000)
WINTER OVERTIME	15,235	15,235	15,235	15,235	0.0%	0
WINTER EXPENSES	72,500	72,500	72,500	72,500	0.0%	0
STREET LIGHTING	13,432	13,432	12,000	12,000	-10.7%	(1,432)
TRANSFER STATION SALARIES	31,575	31,575	31,575	31,575	0.0%	0
TRANSFER STATION EXPENSES	86,200	119,825	99,825	99,825	15.8%	13,625
CEMETERY COMMISSION	1,000	1,100	1,100	1,100	10.0%	100
HAYDENVILLE TOWN CLOCK	0	1,475	1,327	1,327	90.0%	1,327

PUBLIC WORKS TOTAL	617,433	652,633	611,553	611,553	-1.0%	(5,880)
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	1,273	1,000	1,000	1,000	-21.4%	(273)
BOARD OF HEALTH SALARIES	4,262	4,262	3,836	3,836	-10.0%	(426)
BOARD OF HEALTH EXPENSES	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050	0.0%	0
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY & TRAINING (formerly Public Nurse)	1,550	1,550	1,550	1,550	0.0%	0
COUNCIL ON AGING--DIRECTOR	29,705	29,705	29,705	29,705	0.0%	0
COA--STAFF LABOR	12,729	12,729	12,729	12,729	0.0%	0
COA--MEAL SITE STAFFING	10,057	10,057	10,057	10,057	0.0%	0
COA--ADMIN ASSIST	13,312	13,312	13,312	13,312	0.0%	0
COA--EXPENSES	3,718	3,718	3,718	3,718	0.0%	0
COA--HEN PROGRAM	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	0.0%	0
VETERANS EXPENSES	11,222	11,966	11,966	11,966	6.6%	744
VETERANS BENEFITS	42,618	42,618	42,618	42,618	0.0%	0
AMERICAN'S w/DISABILITIES	400	400	400	400	0.0%	0
HEALTH / HUMAN SERVICES TOTAL	135,896	136,367	135,941	135,941	0.0%	45
LIBRARY DIRECTOR	49,928	50,000	50,000	50,000	0.1%	72
LIBRARY LABOR	86,462	86,462	93,236	93,236	7.8%	6,774
LIBRARY MAINTENANCE	15,000	15,000	8,226	8,226	-45.2%	(6,774)
LIBRARY BOOKS & SUPPLIES	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0.0%	0
RECREATION LABOR	4,268	4,268	3,841	3,841	-10.0%	(427)
ATHLETIC FIELDS	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.0%	0
WOODLAND TRAILS COMMITTEE	500	500	500	500	0.0%	0
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	500	500	500	500	0.0%	0
VETERANS RECOGNITION	500	500	500	500	0.0%	0
CULTURE / RECREATION TOTAL	165,158	165,230	164,803	164,803	-0.2%	(355)
HIGHLAND AMBULANCE DEBT SER	6,339	6,348	6,348	6,348	100.1%	9
HRHS DEBT SERVICE - DE1	75,838	0	0	0	100.0%	(75,838)
ATD SCHOOL--PRINCIPAL - DE1	270,000	270,000	270,000	270,000	0.0%	0

ATD SCHOOL--INTEREST - DE1	113,700	105,600	105,600	105,600	-7.1%	(8,100)
FIRE TRUCK--PRINCIPAL - DE1	53,000	53,000	53,000	53,000	0.0%	0
FIRE TRUCK--INTEREST - DE1	3,541	2,109	2,109	2,109	-40.4%	(1,432)
TOWN GARAGE--PRINCIPAL DE1	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	0.0%	0
TOWN GARAGE--INTEREST - DE1	2,200	1,600	1,600	1,600	-27.3%	(600)
HIGHWAY TRUCK--PRINCIPAL	27,000	27,000	27,000	27,000	0.0%	0
HIGHWAY TRUCK--INTEREST	602	0	0	0	100.0%	(602)
DEBT SERVICE TOTAL	572,220	485,657	485,657	485,657	-15.1%	(86,563)
HIGHLAND AMBULANCE BLDG	14,635	14,657	14,657	14,657	0.2%	22
FRCOG ASSESSMENT		2,750	2,750	2,750	100.0%	2,750
HAMP CO REGIONAL LOCKUP	2,358	2,358	2,358	2,358	0.0%	0
HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANGMT	12,980	13,266	13,266	13,266	2.2%	286
FOOTHILLS HEALTH DISTRICT	30,533	32,074	32,074	32,074	5.0%	1,541
BUILDING INSPECTION PROG	43,000	43,000	42,500	42,500	-1.2%	(500)
PVPC ASSESSMENT	411	411	411	411	0.0%	0
PLUMBING/GAS INSPEC TRAINING	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0
INTERGOVERNMENTAL TOTAL	104,217	108,816	108,316	108,316	3.9%	4,099
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT	286,176	313,382	313,382	313,382	9.5%	27,206
WORKERS COMPENSATION	34,117	34,000	34,000	34,000	-0.3%	(117)
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	5,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	-40.0%	(2,000)
POLICE & FIRE ACCIDENT INSUR	13,122	13,399	13,697	13,697	4.4%	575
GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	657,746	610,527	610,527	610,527	-7.2%	(47,219)
MEDICARE/SOCIAL SECURITY TAX	47,147	47,147	47,147	47,147	0.0%	0
TOWN PROPERTY INSURANCE	72,647	73,885	73,885	73,885	1.7%	1,238
FIXED COSTS TOTAL	1,115,955	1,095,340	1,095,638	1,095,638	-1.8%	(20,317)
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	8,073,131	8,335,921	8,290,047	8,290,047	2.7%	216,916

Article 9

Moved and seconded that the town vote to accept monies from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, including but not limited to Chapter 90 funds, for the maintenance and reconstruction of Town roads and bridges, and to authorize expenditure of the same without further appropriation.

Passed Unanimously

Article 10

Moved and seconded that the town vote pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §54E½, as most recently amended, to set Fiscal Year 2021 spending limits for the Revolving Funds as outlined in Article 10 in the warrant.

Moved and seconded to amend the motion to increase the spending limit of the Electrical Inspector Revolving Fund from \$7,500 to \$10,000, the Plumbing Inspector Revolving Fund from \$3,500 to \$4,500 and the Fire Department Revolving Fund from \$3,000 to \$4,500, for a total \$131,500 for the FY21 spending limit of all the revolving funds

**Motion to amend article-Passed Majority-1 No
Amended Article Passed Unanimously**

Revolving Fund	FY21 Spending Limit
Board of Assessor Revolving Fund	\$15,000
Gas Inspector Revolving Fund	\$ 1,500
Electrical Inspector Revolving Fund	\$ 7,500
Plumbing Inspector Revolving Fund	\$ 3,500
Transfer Station Open Box Revolving Fund	\$18,000
Planning Board Revolving Fund	\$30,000
Animal Control Officer Revolving Fund	\$ 5,000
Recreation Commission Revolving Fund	\$30,000
Council on Aging Revolving Fund	\$ 2,000

Conservation Commission Revolving Fund	\$ 5,000
Board of Appeals Revolving Fund	\$ 6,000
Fire Dept. Revolving Fund	\$ 3,000
Total Spending	\$126,500

As Amended (Passed):

Revolving Fund	FY21 Spending Limit
Board of Assessor Revolving Fund	\$15,000
Gas Inspector Revolving Fund	\$ 1,500
Electrical Inspector Revolving Fund	\$10,000
Plumbing Inspector Revolving Fund	\$ 4,500
Transfer Station Open Box Revolving Fund	\$18,000
Planning Board Revolving Fund	\$30,000
Animal Control Officer Revolving Fund	\$ 5,000
Recreation Commission Revolving Fund	\$30,000
Council on Aging Revolving Fund	\$ 2,000
Conservation Commission Revolving Fund	\$ 5,000
Board of Appeals Revolving Fund	\$ 6,000
Fire Dept. Revolving Fund	\$ 4,500
Total Spending	\$131,500

Article 11

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$199,600 as set forth in Article 11 of the Warrant, for the purpose of operating and maintaining, and constructing the Town water system, including the laying of mains, for Fiscal Year 2021, and to take said sum from Water Enterprise Revenue.

Stipends	\$ 2,800
Expenses	\$ 196,800
Total	\$ 199,600

Passed Unanimously

Article 12

I move that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$208,500 as set forth in Article 12 of the Warrant, for the purpose of operating, maintaining, and constructing the Town sewer system for Fiscal Year 2021, and to take said sum from Sewer Enterprise Revenue.

Stipends	\$ 2,800
Operation & Maintenance	\$ 205,700
Total	\$ 208,500

Passed Majority-1 No

Article 13

Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$16,640 for the purpose of heating and cooling system repairs at Hampshire Regional High School, and any other incidental and related expenses.

Passed Unanimously

Article 14

Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$18,257 for the purpose of purchasing and installing 12 computers throughout town government departments, and any other incidental and related expenses.

Passed Unanimously

Article 15

Moved and seconded that the town vote to borrow the sum of \$51,092.38 for the purpose of purchasing a new Chevrolet Silverado 4WD Double Cab work truck with plow and equipment for the Highway Department, and any other incidental and related expenses.

Passed Majority-1 No

Article 16

Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,628 for the purpose of upgrading the Meekins Library Fire Alarm control system, and any other incidental and related expenses.

Passed Unanimously

Article 17

Moved and seconded that the town vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws, Sections 42A-42F, inclusive, for the purposes of establishing a municipal lien for unpaid water bills at the end of each fiscal year.

Passed Unanimously

Motion made and seconded to adjourn Town Meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

Filed: June 30, 2020

A True Copy Attest: Brenda Lessard, Town Clerk

Brenda Lessard
Williamsburg Town Clerk

Cc: Accountant, Capital Planning, Department of Revenue, Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Assessors, KP/Law, Highway Department, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Town Administrator, and Water & Sewer Commission

Minutes of the 2020 State Primary

September 1, 2020

Voting took place at the Town Offices, 141 Main Street, Haydenville, MA
The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m. The following were the results of the election.

Warden: Kathy Luce

Constables: Paul Sanderson, Jason Connell, Robert Lapointe, Josh Lapointe

Registered Voters: 2023

Absentee and Early Voter Ballots: 819 sent, 762 returned, accepted and cast

In-person Early Voting Ballots Cast: 116

Total Ballots cast: 1221 (60.4% voter turnout)

Democrat Ballots: 1153

Republican Ballots: 68

Green-Rainbow Ballots: 0

Libertarian: 0

Democratic Ballot: 1153	
Senator in Congress: (D)	
Blanks	6
Edward J. Markey	827
Joseph P. Kennedy III	319
Write-Ins	1
Representative in Congress (D)	
Blanks	6
Richard Neal	429
Alex B. Morse	718
Write-Ins	0
Councillor (D)	
Blanks	218
Mary E. Hurley	931
Write-Ins	4
Senator in General Court (D)	
Blanks	173
Adam G. Hinds	977
Write-Ins	3
Representative in General Court (D)	
Blanks	172
Natalie M. Blais	978
Write-Ins	3

Register of Probate (D)	
Blanks	209
Michael J. Carey	943
Write-Ins	1

Republican Ballot: 68	
Senator in Congress (R)	
Blanks	1
Shiva Ayyadurai	32
Kevin J. O'Connor	34
Write-Ins	1
Representative in Congress (R)	
Blanks	59
Write-Ins	9
Councillor (R)	
Blanks	64
Write-Ins	4
Senator In General Court (R)	
Blanks	64
Write-Ins	4
Representative In General Court (R)	
Blanks	63
Write-Ins	5

Register of Probate (R)	
Blanks	64
Write-Ins	4

<u>Green Rainbow Ballot: 0</u>	
Senator in Congress (J)	
Blanks	0
Write-Ins	0
Senator In General Court (J)	
Blanks	0
Write-Ins	0
Councillor (J)	
Blanks	0
Write-Ins	0
Senator in General Court (J)	
Blanks	0
Write-Ins	0
Representative in General Court (J)	
Blanks	0
Write-Ins	0
Register of Probate (J)	
Blanks	0
Write-Ins	0

<u>Libertarian Ballot: 0</u>	
Senator in Congress (L)	
Blanks	0
Write-Ins	0
Representative in Congress (L)	
Blanks	0
Write-Ins	0
Councillor (L)	
Blanks	0
Write-Ins	0
Senator in General Court (L)	
Blanks	0
Write-Ins	0
Representative in General Court (L)	
Blanks	0
Write-Ins	0
Register of Probate (L)	
Blanks	0
Write-Ins	0

FILED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
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BRENDA LESSARD, TOWN CLERK

General & State Election November 3, 2020

Election held @ Anne T. Dunphy School, 1 Petticoat Hill Road, Williamsburg
In-Person Early voting took place at Town Office, 141 Main Street, Haydenville from October 17, 2020 until October 30, 2020

Polls opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

Total Registered Voters: 2092 – Total Ballots cast 1835 (88% turnout)

Warrant Signed: October 8, 2020

Warrant Posted: October 19, 2020

Constables: Paul Sanderson, Jason Connell, Robert Lapointe & Joshua Lapointe

Warden: Kathleen Luce

Clerk: Fran Tilley

Total Absentee Ballots Requested: 67 Total Absentee Ballots Returned & Voted: 59

Total Early Voting Ballots: 1337 (during Advance Opening & Processing- nine to be hand-counted)

All Early Voting Ballots Cast: 1358

Total Provisional Ballots: 3

Total Provisional Ballots Cast: 0

Election Day Imagecast Machine Total: 474

Advance Opening & Processing Imagecast Total: 1328

Hand-counted ballots: 23 Absentee, 9 hand-counts from advance opening & processing, 1 (post-election 11/6/20 count)

Electors of President & Vice-President

Blanks.....	13
Biden & Harris.....	1446
Hawkins & Walker.....	13
Jorgensen & Cohen.....	21
Trump & Pence.....	337
Write-ins all others.....	5

Representative in Congress-1st District

Blanks.....	373
Richard E. Neal.....	1413
Write-Ins.....	49
Alex Morse.....	34
Shiva Ayyadurai.....	2
All Others.....	13

Senator in General Court

Blanks.....	344
Adam G. Hinds.....	1487
Write-ins all others.....	4

Register of Probate-Hampshire

Blanks.....	519
Michael J. Carey.....	1313
Write-ins all others.....	3

Senator in Congress

Blanks.....	22
Edward J. Markey.....	1429
Kevin J. O'Connor	364
Write-ins.....	22
Shiva Ayyadurai.....	22

Councillor-Eight District

Blanks.....	362
Mary E. Hurley.....	1465
Write-ins all others.....	8

Representative in General Court

Blanks.....	344
Natalie M. Blais.....	1487
Write-ins all others.....	4

QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 5, 2020?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would require that motor vehicle owners and independent repair facilities be provided with expanded access to mechanical data related to vehicle maintenance and repair.

Starting with model year 2022, the proposed law would require manufacturers of motor vehicles sold in Massachusetts to equip any such vehicles that use telematics systems -- systems that collect and wirelessly transmit mechanical data to a remote server -- with a standardized open access data platform. Owners of motor vehicles with telematics systems would get access to mechanical data through a mobile device application. With vehicle owner authorization, independent repair facilities (those not affiliated with a manufacturer) and independent dealerships would be able to retrieve mechanical data from, and send commands to, the vehicle for repair, maintenance, and diagnostic testing.

Under the proposed law, manufacturers would not be allowed to require authorization before owners or repair facilities could access mechanical data stored in a motor vehicle's on-board diagnostic system, except through an authorization process standardized across all makes and models and administered by an entity unaffiliated with the manufacturer.

The proposed law would require the Attorney General to prepare a notice for prospective motor vehicle owners and lessees explaining telematics systems and the proposed law's requirements concerning access to the vehicle's mechanical data. Under the proposed law, dealers would have to provide prospective owners with, and prospective owners would have to acknowledge receipt of, the notice before buying or leasing a vehicle. Failure to comply with these notice requirements would subject motor vehicle dealers to sanctions by the applicable licensing authority.

Motor vehicle owners and independent repair facilities could enforce this law through state consumer protection laws and recover civil penalties of the greater of treble damages or \$10,000 per violation.

A YES VOTE would provide motor vehicle owners and independent repair facilities with expanded access to wirelessly transmitted mechanical data related to their vehicles' maintenance and repair.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the law governing access to vehicles' wirelessly transmitted mechanical data.

Yes: 1455 No: 313 Blanks: 67

QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 5, 2020?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would implement a voting system known as “ranked-choice voting,” in which voters rank one or more candidates by order of preference. Ranked-choice voting would be used in primary and general elections for all Massachusetts statewide offices, state legislative offices, federal congressional offices, and certain other offices beginning in 2022. Ranked-choice voting would not be used in elections for president, county commissioner, or regional district school committee member.

Under the proposed law, votes would be counted in a series of rounds. In the first round, if one candidate received more than 50 percent of the first-place votes, that candidate would be declared the winner and no other rounds would be necessary. If no candidate received more than 50 percent of the first-place votes, then the candidate or candidates who received the fewest first-place votes would be eliminated and, in the next round, each vote for an eliminated candidate would instead be counted toward the next highest-ranked candidate on that voter’s ballot. Depending on the number of candidates, additional rounds of counting could occur, with the last-place candidate or candidates in each round being eliminated and the votes for an eliminated candidate going to the voter’s next choice out of the remaining candidates. A tie for last place in any round would be broken by comparing the tied candidates’ support in earlier rounds. Ultimately, the candidate who was, out of the remaining candidates, the preference of a majority of voters would be declared the winner.

Ranked-choice voting would be used only in races where a single candidate is to be declared the winner and not in races where more than one person is to be elected.

Under the proposed law, if no candidate received more than 50 percent of first-place votes in the first round, the rounds of ballot-counting necessary for ranked-choice voting would be conducted at a central tabulation facility. At the facility, voters’ rankings would be entered into a computer, which would then be used to calculate the results of each round of the counting process. The proposed law provides that candidates in a statewide or district election would have at least three days to request a recount.

The Secretary of State would be required to issue regulations to implement the proposed law and conduct a voter education campaign about the ranked-choice voting process. The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2022.

A YES VOTE would create a system of ranked-choice voting in which voters would have the option to rank candidates in order of preference and votes would be counted in rounds, eliminating candidates with the lowest votes until one candidate has received a majority.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws governing voting and how votes are counted.

Yes: 1130 No: 649 Blanks: 56

QUESTION 3: THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the representative for this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation that would require Massachusetts to achieve 100% renewable energy use within the next two decades, starting immediately and making significant progress within the first five years while protecting impacted workers and business?

Yes: 1378 No: 345 Blanks: 112

QUESTION 4: THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the representative for this district be instructed to vote in favor of changes to the applicable House of Representative rules to make the results of all the votes in that body's Legislative committees publicly available on the Legislature's website?

Yes: 1544 No: 138 Blanks: 153

FILED: November 13, 2020

Brenda Lessard, Williamsburg Town Clerk

Town Accountant Revenue Report FY2020

Account Code	Account Title	Original Budget	Revised Budget	YTD Budget - Final	YTD Actual	Balance
001	General Fund					
001	Balance Sheet					
4110	Personal Property Taxes	0.00	140,236.46	140,236.46	133,319.02	31,775.17
4120	Real Estate Taxes	0.00	6,424,211.54	6,424,211.54	6,299,909.19	339,790.47
4142	Tax Liens Redeemed	0.00	0.00	0.00	38,885.77	(38,885.77)
4146	Rollback Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,607.96	(1,607.96)
4150	Motor Vehicle Excise	0.00	295,000.00	295,000.00	312,827.63	(14,827.63)
4170	Pen & Int on Prop Taxes	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	15,713.63	1,286.37
4171	Pen & Int on Excise Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,480.66	(1,480.66)
4173	Penalty and Interest on Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,654.29	(1,654.29)
4180	Pmts In Lieu of Taxes	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	100,000.00
4195	Abated MV Taxes Recovered	0.00	0.00	0.00	168.76	(168.76)
4196	Meals Tax	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	49,177.98	(29,177.98)
4320	Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	(5.00)
4360	Rentals	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,700.00	(6,700.00)
4510	Medicaid Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,448.85	(2,448.85)
4610	Reimb for Loss of Taxes	0.00	7,585.00	7,585.00	7,585.00	196.00
4613	Veterans Abatements	0.00	16,740.00	16,740.00	0.00	14,455.00
4616	Elderly Abatements	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,534.00	(8,534.00)
4620	School Aid Chapter 70	0.00	665,637.00	665,637.00	638,380.00	77,325.00
4640	School Choice	0.00	37,166.00	37,166.00	76,403.00	(60,381.00)
4661	Lottery Aid	0.00	321,490.00	321,490.00	359,097.00	(37,607.00)
4665	Veterans Benefits	0.00	28,892.00	28,892.00	26,017.00	(2,142.00)
4685	Fines - MV	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	4,884.60	115.40
4770	Fines - Parking	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	(75.00)
4771	Fines - District Court	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,355.00	(355.00)
4820	Earnings on Investments	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	37,104.49	(19,104.49)
4840	Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	14,000.00	14,000.00	143,276.53	(129,276.53)
Total 001	Balance Sheet	0.00	8,032,958.00	8,032,958.00	8,166,610.36	210,511.49
122	Selectmen					
4410	Alcoholic Beverage Licenses	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	8,843.10	1,156.90
4420	Other Licenses	0.00	500.00	500.00	674.93	(174.93)
Total 122	Selectmen	0.00	10,500.00	10,500.00	9,518.03	981.97
146	Collector					
4320	Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,211.26	(6,211.26)
Total 146	Collector	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,211.26	(6,211.26)
161	Clerk					
4320	Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	(0.05)
Total 161	Clerk	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	(0.05)

210	Police					
4320	Fees	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,946.59	(946.59)
4450	Permits	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>(100.00)</u>
Total 210	Police	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	6,046.59	(1,046.59)
220	Fire					
4320	Fees	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,039.80</u>	<u>(1,039.80)</u>
Total 220	Fire	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,039.80	(1,039.80)
241	Building Inspections					
4450	Permits	<u>0.00</u>	<u>29,500.00</u>	<u>29,500.00</u>	<u>19,330.85</u>	<u>5,169.15</u>
Total 241	Building Inspections	0.00	29,500.00	29,500.00	19,330.85	5,169.15
300	Elementary School					
4540	Revenue	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>10,419.00</u>	<u>(10,419.00)</u>
Total 300	Elementary School	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,419.00	(10,419.00)
431	Trash Stickers					
4320	Fees	<u>0.00</u>	<u>45,000.00</u>	<u>45,000.00</u>	<u>75,005.00</u>	<u>(30,005.00)</u>
Total 431	Trash Stickers	0.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	75,005.00	(30,005.00)
512	Board of Health					
4320	Fees	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
4450	Permits	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>10,405.00</u>	<u>(10,405.00)</u>
Total 512	Board of Health	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>10,405.00</u>	<u>(5,405.00)</u>
Report Difference		<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,127,958.00</u>	<u>8,127,958.00</u>	<u>8,304,585.94</u>	<u>162,535.91</u>

Town Accountant Expense Report FY2020

Account Code	Account Title	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Total Budget	YTD Actual	Balance	% Exp
114	Moderator						
5100	Salaries & Wages, Elected	<u>346.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>346.00</u>	<u>346.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Total 114	Moderator	346.00	0.00	346.00	346.00	0.00	100.00%
122	Selectmen						
5100	Salaries & Wages, Elected	9,659.00	0.00	9,659.00	9,659.00	0.00	100.00%
5400	General Expenses	3,750.00	0.00	3,750.00	2,577.55	1,172.45	68.73%
5405	FY19 Art#19 250th	3,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00%
5407	ART #2 FY18 EXPENSE	12.58	0.00	12.58	12.58	0.00	100.00%
5408	ART #20 Flags/Brackets	200.00	0.00	200.00	194.58	5.42	97.29%
5409	Article # 16 VOIP	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	800.00	200.00	80.00%
5439	Article #18 Town Firewall	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	100.00%
5823	Art #2 STM 2-24-20 PSC	0.00	180,000.00	180,000.00	4,798.51	175,201.49	2.67%
5880	OPM Public Safety	<u>0.00</u>	<u>19,680.23</u>	<u>19,680.23</u>	<u>8,037.58</u>	<u>11,642.65</u>	<u>40.84%</u>
	Complex Art#1						
Total 122	Selectmen	20,121.58	202,680.23	222,801.81	28,579.80	194,222.01	12.83%
123	Town Administrator						
5100	Salaries & Wages, Elected	69,353.00	0.00	69,353.00	69,353.00	0.00	100.00%
5101	Admin Asst	16,745.00	0.00	16,745.00	16,300.16	444.84	97.34%
5400	General Expenses	<u>750.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>750.00</u>	<u>750.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Total 123	Town Administrator	86,848.00	0.00	86,848.00	86,403.16	444.84	99.49%
130	Capital Planning Committee						
5400	General Expenses	<u>75.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>75.00</u>	<u>19.50</u>	<u>55.50</u>	<u>26.00%</u>
Total 130	Capital Planning Committee	75.00	0.00	75.00	19.50	55.50	26.00%
131	Finance Committee						
5100	Salaries & Wages, Elected	3,880.00	0.00	3,880.00	3,880.00	0.00	100.00%
5400	General Expenses	<u>500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>320.00</u>	<u>180.00</u>	<u>64.00%</u>
Total 131	Finance Committee	4,380.00	0.00	4,380.00	4,200.00	180.00	95.89%
132	Reserve Fund						
5400	General Expenses	<u>60,000.00</u>	<u>(25,866.95)</u>	<u>34,133.05</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>34,133.05</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Total 132	Reserve Fund	60,000.00	(25,866.95)	34,133.05	0.00	34,133.05	0.00%
135	Accountant						
5110	Salaries & Wages	30,880.00	0.00	30,880.00	30,879.68	0.32	100.00%
5400	General Expenses	150.00	0.00	150.00	111.38	38.62	74.25%
5420	Accounting Software	750.00	0.00	750.00	750.00	0.00	100.00%
5710	Audit Services	<u>17,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>17,000.00</u>	<u>17,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Total 135	Accountant	48,780.00	0.00	48,780.00	48,741.06	38.94	99.92%
141	Assessors						
5100	Salaries & Wages, Elected	9,659.00	0.00	9,659.00	9,658.80	0.20	100.00%
5110	Salaries & Wages	13,483.00	0.00	13,483.00	13,483.00	0.00	100.00%
5400	General Expenses	<u>19,200.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>19,200.00</u>	<u>11,941.16</u>	<u>7,258.84</u>	<u>62.19%</u>
Total 141	Assessors	42,342.00	0.00	42,342.00	35,082.96	7,259.04	82.86%
142	Revaluation						
5400	General Expenses	<u>7,500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>7,500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>7,500.00</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Total 142	Revaluation	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00	0.00%
145	Treasurer						
5100	Salaries & Wages, Elected	23,413.00	0.00	23,413.00	23,413.00	0.00	100.00%

5110	Salaries & Wages	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.00%
5123	Treasurers Asst	6,218.00	0.00	6,218.00	6,218.00	0.00	100.00%
5400	General Expenses	4,720.00	3,194.05	7,914.05	7,914.05	0.00	100.00%
5421	Treasurer's Software	9,600.00	0.00	9,600.00	4,899.13	4,700.87	51.03%
5810	OPEB Reeval	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>2,950.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>98.33%</u>
Total 145	Treasurer	47,951.00	3,194.05	51,145.05	46,394.18	4,750.87	90.71%
146	Collector						
5100	Salaries & Wages, Elected	44,902.00	0.00	44,902.00	44,902.00	0.00	100.00%
5110	Salaries & Wages	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.00%
5400	General Expenses	7,992.00	0.00	7,992.00	7,688.05	303.95	96.20%
5410	Deputy Coll Expenses	1,700.00	0.00	1,700.00	1,337.06	362.94	78.65%
5460	Tax Title Exp	<u>1,549.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,549.00</u>	<u>1,342.12</u>	<u>206.88</u>	<u>86.64%</u>
Total 146	Collector	57,143.00	0.00	57,143.00	56,269.23	873.77	98.47%
149	Oliver Smith Trust						
5100	Salaries & Wages, Elected	<u>38.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>38.00</u>	<u>38.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Total 149	Oliver Smith Trust	38.00	0.00	38.00	38.00	0.00	100.00%
151	Legal						
5400	General Expenses	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>4,141.76</u>	<u>19,141.76</u>	<u>19,141.76</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Total 151	Legal	15,000.00	4,141.76	19,141.76	19,141.76	0.00	100.00%
159	Other Operations Support						
5400	General Expenses	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	100.00%
5401	Energy Comm Expenses	<u>250.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>131.13</u>	<u>118.87</u>	<u>52.45%</u>
Total 159	Other Operations Support	1,450.00	0.00	1,450.00	1,331.13	118.87	91.80%
160	Constable						
5100	Salaries & Wages, Elected	<u>462.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>462.00</u>	<u>462.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Total 160	Constable	462.00	0.00	462.00	462.00	0.00	100.00%
161	Clerk						
5100	Salaries & Wages, Elected	21,812.00	0.00	21,812.00	21,812.00	0.00	100.00%
5124	Clerk's Assistant	2,490.00	0.00	2,490.00	2,490.00	0.00	100.00%
5400	General Expenses	1,700.00	0.00	1,700.00	1,374.53	325.47	80.85%
5422	Clerk's Software	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.00%
5461	FY19 Art#22 TC Scan	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,300.00</u>	<u>2,300.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,300.00</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
	Tabulator						
Total 161	Clerk	26,502.00	2,300.00	28,802.00	26,176.53	2,625.47	90.88%
162	Elections						
5400	General Expenses	<u>9,500.00</u>	<u>732.27</u>	<u>10,232.27</u>	<u>10,232.27</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Total 162	Elections	9,500.00	732.27	10,232.27	10,232.27	0.00	100.00%
164	Street Listing						
5400	General Expenses	<u>1,450.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,450.00</u>	<u>1,408.50</u>	<u>41.50</u>	<u>97.14%</u>
Total 164	Street Listing	1,450.00	0.00	1,450.00	1,408.50	41.50	97.14%
171	Conservation Commission						
5110	Salaries & Wages	2,070.00	0.00	2,070.00	1,258.48	811.52	60.80%
5400	General Expenses	3,025.00	0.00	3,025.00	1,725.66	1,299.34	57.05%
5499	Encumbrance	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,338.93</u>	<u>2,338.93</u>	<u>2,338.93</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Total 171	Conservation Commission	5,095.00	2,338.93	7,433.93	5,323.07	2,110.86	71.61%
173	Mill River Greenway						
5400	General Expenses	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Total 173	Mill River Greenway	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00%
175	Planning Board						
5400	General Expenses	<u>750.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>750.00</u>	<u>39.46</u>	<u>710.54</u>	<u>5.26%</u>
Total 175	Planning Board	750.00	0.00	750.00	39.46	710.54	5.26%
176	Zoning/Appeals Board						

5400	General Expenses	<u>600.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>	<u>496.84</u>	<u>103.16</u>	<u>82.81%</u>
Total 176	Zoning/Appeals Board	<u>600.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>	<u>496.84</u>	<u>103.16</u>	<u>82.81%</u>
192	Town Office						
5125	Custodian Labor	12,357.00	3.60	12,360.60	12,360.60	0.00	100.00%
5130	Building Supervisor	9,543.00	0.00	9,543.00	9,543.00	0.00	100.00%
5400	General Expenses	35,275.00	0.00	35,275.00	34,627.86	647.14	98.17%
5412	Town Office Exp	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,391.50	108.50	95.66%
5430	Internet	6,204.00	1,161.45	7,365.45	7,365.45	0.00	100.00%
5431	Town Telephone	8,228.00	1,509.42	9,737.42	9,737.42	0.00	100.00%
5432	Copier Maint	2,835.00	0.00	2,835.00	2,078.27	756.73	73.31%
5436	Document Storage	2,100.00	0.00	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00	100.00%
5450	Heating	44,492.00	0.00	44,492.00	44,311.01	180.99	99.59%
5455	Electricity	25,500.00	194.93	25,694.93	26,007.69	(312.76)	101.22%
5470	Computer Services	25,895.00	2,128.22	28,023.22	28,023.22	0.00	100.00%
5480	Technology Upgrades	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	4,616.87	383.13	92.34%
5499	Encumbrance	0.00	7,888.24	7,888.24	5,584.92	2,303.32	70.80%
5850	Town Building Repairs	<u>18,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>18,000.00</u>	<u>6,067.76</u>	<u>11,932.24</u>	<u>33.71%</u>
Total 192	Town Office	<u>197,929.00</u>	<u>12,885.86</u>	<u>210,814.86</u>	<u>194,815.57</u>	<u>15,999.29</u>	<u>92.41%</u>
193	Property Insurance						
5400	General Expenses	<u>72,647.00</u>	<u>1,237.44</u>	<u>73,884.44</u>	<u>73,884.44</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Total 193	Property Insurance	<u>72,647.00</u>	<u>1,237.44</u>	<u>73,884.44</u>	<u>73,884.44</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
195	Town Reports						
5400	General Expenses	<u>1,900.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,900.00</u>	<u>920.63</u>	<u>979.37</u>	<u>48.45%</u>
Total 195	Town Reports	<u>1,900.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,900.00</u>	<u>920.63</u>	<u>979.37</u>	<u>48.45%</u>
210	Police						
5110	Salaries & Wages	70,126.00	0.00	70,126.00	70,126.00	0.00	100.00%
5121	Police Dept labor	136,792.00	0.00	136,792.00	118,797.97	17,994.03	86.85%
5400	General Expenses	24,626.00	0.00	24,626.00	24,626.00	0.00	100.00%
5423	Police Records Software	8,035.00	0.00	8,035.00	8,035.00	0.00	100.00%
5822	Police Dept Training & Gear	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Total 210	Police	<u>244,579.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>244,579.00</u>	<u>221,584.97</u>	<u>22,994.03</u>	<u>90.60%</u>
220	Fire						
5110	Salaries & Wages	25,164.00	0.00	25,164.00	25,164.00	0.00	100.00%
5122	Fire Dept labor	22,963.00	0.00	22,963.00	22,675.46	287.54	98.75%
5131	FD Admin Asst	5,487.00	0.00	5,487.00	5,380.96	106.04	98.07%
5132	FD Training	13,268.00	0.00	13,268.00	10,552.15	2,715.85	79.53%
5400	General Expenses	33,147.00	0.00	33,147.00	33,050.80	96.20	99.71%
5815	ART #23 Fill Station	2,075.00	0.00	2,075.00	0.00	2,075.00	0.00%
5816	Art #22 Brush Truck	<u>10,209.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>10,209.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>10,209.00</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Total 220	Fire	<u>112,313.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>112,313.00</u>	<u>96,823.37</u>	<u>15,489.63</u>	<u>86.21%</u>
231	Ambulance						
5400	General Expenses	<u>101,504.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>101,504.00</u>	<u>101,503.39</u>	<u>0.61</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Total 231	Ambulance	<u>101,504.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>101,504.00</u>	<u>101,503.39</u>	<u>0.61</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
232	Emergency Medical Service						
5110	Salaries & Wages	1,242.00	0.00	1,242.00	1,242.00	0.00	100.00%
5127	Emer Mgmt Deputy	578.00	0.00	578.00	578.00	0.00	100.00%
5400	General Expenses	3,750.00	0.00	3,750.00	3,597.31	152.69	95.93%
5433	Emergency	486.00	0.00	486.00	0.00	486.00	0.00%
5499	Encumbrance	<u>0.00</u>	<u>322.13</u>	<u>322.13</u>	<u>322.13</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Total 232	Emergency Medical Service	<u>6,056.00</u>	<u>322.13</u>	<u>6,378.13</u>	<u>5,739.44</u>	<u>638.69</u>	<u>89.99%</u>

294	Tree Service						
5414	Tree Removal/Planting	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00	100.00%
5445	Art #19 Shade Tree	<u>9,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>9,000.00</u>	<u>9,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
	Rem/Maint						
Total 294	Tree Service	16,000.00	0.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	0.00	100.00%
300	Elementrary School						
5100	Salaries & Wages, Elected	1,732.00	0.00	1,732.00	1,732.00	0.00	100.00%
5400	General Expenses	2,108,679.00	30,000.00	2,138,679.00	2,012,703.74	125,975.26	94.11%
5499	Encumbrance	<u>0.00</u>	<u>147,107.04</u>	<u>147,107.04</u>	<u>146,585.80</u>	<u>521.24</u>	<u>99.65%</u>
Total 300	Elementrary School	2,110,411.00	177,107.04	2,287,518.04	2,161,021.54	126,496.50	94.47%
310	Regional School						
5400	General Expenses	<u>1,554,453.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,554,453.00</u>	<u>1,554,453.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Total 310	Regional School	1,554,453.00	0.00	1,554,453.00	1,554,453.00	0.00	100.00%
320	Vocational/Technical Schools						
5400	General Expenses	572,682.00	0.00	572,682.00	519,561.88	53,120.12	90.72%
5415	Voc Transportation	<u>40,085.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>40,085.00</u>	<u>33,670.76</u>	<u>6,414.24</u>	<u>84.00%</u>
Total 320	Vocational/Technical	612,767.00	0.00	612,767.00	553,232.64	59,534.36	90.28%
	Schools						
422	Highway						
5100	Salaries & Wages, Elected	65,242.00	0.00	65,242.00	54,617.85	10,624.15	83.72%
5110	Salaries & Wages	161,108.00	0.00	161,108.00	153,048.75	8,059.25	95.00%
5400	General Expenses	85,000.00	0.00	85,000.00	75,159.00	9,841.00	88.42%
5416	Highway Garage/Equip	41,641.00	0.00	41,641.00	38,941.71	2,699.29	93.52%
	Maint						
5417	Vehicle Fuel	35,000.00	0.00	35,000.00	27,913.91	7,086.09	79.75%
5440	Invasive Species	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	100.00%
5499	Encumbrance	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00%
5840	Highway Surplus equip	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	2,438.66	561.34	81.29%
5841	Cement Sidewalk Const	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>3,263.68</u>	<u>8,263.68</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,263.68</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Total 422	Highway	397,491.00	3,463.68	400,954.68	353,619.88	47,334.80	88.19%
423	Snow & Ice Removal						
5110	Salaries & Wages	15,235.00	0.00	15,235.00	15,235.00	0.00	100.00%
5400	General Expenses	<u>72,500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>72,500.00</u>	<u>69,593.68</u>	<u>2,906.32</u>	<u>95.99%</u>
Total 423	Snow & Ice Removal	87,735.00	0.00	87,735.00	84,828.68	2,906.32	96.69%
424	Street Lighting						
5400	General Expenses	13,432.00	0.00	13,432.00	6,981.48	6,450.52	51.98%
5499	Encumbrance	0.00	573.86	573.86	573.86	0.00	100.00%
5890	Lighting Replacement	<u>0.00</u>	<u>13,844.92</u>	<u>13,844.92</u>	<u>10,785.60</u>	<u>3,059.32</u>	<u>77.90%</u>
	Art#2						
Total 424	Street Lighting	13,432.00	14,418.78	27,850.78	18,340.94	9,509.84	65.85%
433	Transfer Station						
5110	Salaries & Wages	31,575.00	0.00	31,575.00	29,597.50	1,977.50	93.74%
5400	General Expenses	86,200.00	0.00	86,200.00	86,033.34	166.66	99.81%
5499	Encumbrance	<u>0.00</u>	<u>442.27</u>	<u>442.27</u>	<u>20.93</u>	<u>421.34</u>	<u>4.73%</u>
Total 433	Transfer Station	117,775.00	442.27	118,217.27	115,651.77	2,565.50	97.83%
491	Cemetery						
5400	General Expenses	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Total 491	Cemetery	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.00%
510	Animal Inspection						
5400	General Expenses	<u>1,273.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,273.00</u>	<u>1,085.75</u>	<u>187.25</u>	<u>85.29%</u>
Total 510	Animal Inspection	1,273.00	0.00	1,273.00	1,085.75	187.25	85.29%
512	Board of Health						

5100	Salaries & Wages, Elected	4,262.00	0.00	4,262.00	4,219.98	42.02	99.01%
5400	General Expenses	1,050.00	0.00	1,050.00	338.97	711.03	32.28%
5418	Public Health Emgy/ Training	<u>1,550.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,550.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,550.00</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Total 512	Board of Health	6,862.00	0.00	6,862.00	4,558.95	2,303.05	66.44%
541	Council on Aging						
5110	Salaries & Wages	29,705.00	0.00	29,705.00	21,986.20	7,718.80	74.02%
5128	COA Labor	12,729.00	0.00	12,729.00	12,368.14	360.86	97.17%
5129	COA Meal Site Staff	10,057.00	0.00	10,057.00	7,815.42	2,241.58	77.71%
5140	COA Admin Asst	13,312.00	0.00	13,312.00	13,312.00	0.00	100.00%
5400	General Expenses	3,718.00	0.00	3,718.00	2,423.03	1,294.97	65.17%
5419	COA HEN Program	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Total 541	Council on Aging	73,521.00	0.00	73,521.00	61,904.79	11,616.21	84.20%
543	Veteran's Services						
5400	General Expenses	11,222.00	0.00	11,222.00	11,222.00	0.00	100.00%
5454	Veterans Benefits	<u>42,618.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>42,618.00</u>	<u>36,633.06</u>	<u>5,984.94</u>	<u>85.96%</u>
Total 543	Veteran's Services	53,840.00	0.00	53,840.00	47,855.06	5,984.94	88.88%
549	ADA						
5400	General Expenses	<u>400.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Total 549	ADA	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00%
610	Library						
5100	Salaries & Wages, Elected	49,928.00	0.00	49,928.00	48,972.99	955.01	98.09%
5110	Salaries & Wages	86,462.00	0.00	86,462.00	85,802.63	659.37	99.24%
5400	General Expenses	18,000.00	4,981.61	22,981.61	22,981.61	0.00	100.00%
5861	Library Insulation	<u>0.00</u>	<u>11,101.96</u>	<u>11,101.96</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>11,101.96</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Total 610	Library	154,390.00	16,083.57	170,473.57	157,757.23	12,716.34	92.54%
630	Recreation Activities						
5110	Salaries & Wages	4,268.00	0.00	4,268.00	3,403.00	865.00	79.73%
5400	General Expenses	5,000.00	168.00	5,168.00	5,168.00	0.00	100.00%
5425	Woodland Trails Comm	500.00	0.00	500.00	413.19	86.81	82.64%
5499	Encumbrance	<u>0.00</u>	<u>147.95</u>	<u>147.95</u>	<u>147.62</u>	<u>0.33</u>	<u>99.78%</u>
Total 630	Recreation Activities	9,768.00	315.95	10,083.95	9,131.81	952.14	90.56%
691	Historical Commission						
5400	General Expenses	<u>500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Total 691	Historical Commission	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00%
699	Veterans Recognitions						
5400	General Expenses	<u>500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>	<u>20.00%</u>
Total 699	Veterans Recognitions	500.00	0.00	500.00	100.00	400.00	20.00%
710	Retirement of Debt						
5481	Highland Amb Vehicle	6,339.00	0.00	6,339.00	6,338.17	0.83	99.99%
5910	School Debt	75,838.00	0.00	75,838.00	75,838.00	0.00	100.00%
5917	Highland Amb Building	14,635.00	0.00	14,635.00	14,634.18	0.82	99.99%
5925	School Building	270,000.00	0.00	270,000.00	270,000.00	0.00	100.00%
5970	Fire Truck	53,000.00	0.00	53,000.00	53,000.00	0.00	100.00%
5975	Highway Garage	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	100.00%
5980	Highway	<u>27,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>27,000.00</u>	<u>27,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Total 710	Retirement of Debt	466,812.00	0.00	466,812.00	466,810.35	1.65	100.00%
751	Interest on Long-term Debt						
5925	School Building	113,700.00	0.00	113,700.00	113,700.00	0.00	100.00%
5970	Fire Truck	3,541.00	0.00	3,541.00	3,540.13	0.87	99.98%
5975	Highway Garage	2,200.00	0.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	0.00	100.00%
5980	Highway	<u>602.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>602.00</u>	<u>601.16</u>	<u>0.84</u>	<u>99.86%</u>

Total 751	Interest on Long-term Debt	120,043.00	0.00	120,043.00	120,041.29	1.71	100.00%
820	State Assessments & Charges						
5640	Air Pollution District	0.00	732.00	732.00	732.00	0.00	100.00%
5646	RMV Marking Surchg	0.00	1,740.00	1,740.00	1,340.00	400.00	77.01%
5663	Reg Transit Authority	0.00	38,506.00	38,506.00	38,506.00	0.00	100.00%
5690	Charter School Assessment	0.00	231,115.00	231,115.00	225,348.00	5,767.00	97.50%
5691	School Choice Assessment	0.00	92,734.00	92,734.00	143,158.00	(50,424.00)	154.37%
Total 820	State Assessments & Charges	0.00	364,827.00	364,827.00	409,084.00	(44,257.00)	112.13%
830	County Assessments & Charges						
5628	HC Reg Lock Up	2,358.00	0.00	2,358.00	2,358.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 830	County Assessments & Charges	2,358.00	0.00	2,358.00	2,358.00	0.00	100.00%
840	Inspection Programs						
5400	General Expenses	12,980.00	0.00	12,980.00	12,980.00	0.00	100.00%
5490	Foothills Health District	30,533.00	0.00	30,533.00	30,532.96	0.04	100.00%
5491	Building Inspection Prog	43,000.00	0.00	43,000.00	42,500.00	500.00	98.84%
5492	PVPC Assessment	411.00	0.00	411.00	410.55	0.45	99.89%
5493	Plumbing/Gas Inspect Prog	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 840	Inspection Programs	87,224.00	0.00	87,224.00	86,723.51	500.49	99.43%
911	Retirement Contribution						
5400	General Expenses	286,176.00	0.00	286,176.00	286,176.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 911	Retirement Contribution	286,176.00	0.00	286,176.00	286,176.00	0.00	100.00%
912	Worker's Compensation						
5400	General Expenses	34,117.00	0.00	34,117.00	33,655.81	461.19	98.65%
Total 912	Worker's Compensation	34,117.00	0.00	34,117.00	33,655.81	461.19	98.65%
913	Unemployment Compensation						
5400	General Expenses	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	499.05	4,500.95	9.98%
5411	Police & Fire insurance	13,122.00	575.00	13,697.00	13,697.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 913	Unemployment Compensation	18,122.00	575.00	18,697.00	14,196.05	4,500.95	75.93%
914	Health Insurance						
5400	General Expenses	657,749.00	0.00	657,749.00	602,617.73	55,131.27	91.62%
Total 914	Health Insurance	657,749.00	0.00	657,749.00	602,617.73	55,131.27	91.62%
916	Medicare						
5400	General Expenses	47,147.00	0.00	47,147.00	39,366.85	7,780.15	83.50%
Total 916	Medicare	47,147.00	0.00	47,147.00	39,366.85	7,780.15	83.50%
970	Transfer To						
5696	Transfer to Other Funds	9,473.64	7,034.85	16,508.49	16,508.49	0.00	100.00%
5900	OPEB	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.00%
5962	Transfer to Stabilization Fund	150,000.00	0.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 970	Transfer To	160,473.64	7,034.85	167,508.49	167,508.49	0.00	100.00%
Report Difference		8,265,601.22	793,233.86	9,058,835.08	8,435,037.38	623,797.70	93.11%

Town Accountant Special Funds Report FY2020

		Beginning Bal.	Revenue	Expense	Balance
1HW	Highway Funds				
217	Highway C291 FY07	(31,070.64)	333,467.60	(369,439.84)	(67,042.88)
	Total Highway Funds	(31,070.64)	333,467.60	(369,439.84)	(67,042.88)
2Rev	Revolving Funds				
231	Wetlands Protection Fund	4,416.25	3,650.00	(3,650.00)	4,416.25
232	Dog Revolving Fund	1,933.07	4,110.00	(2,926.21)	3,116.86
233	Transfer Station Open	30,003.53	18,125.22	(7,365.21)	40,763.54
234	Planning Board	14,153.48	100.00	(131.57)	14,121.91
235	Recreation Revolving	8,852.00	4,120.00	(12,302.76)	669.24
237	Fire Inspections	2,602.00	3,015.00	(4,240.00)	1,377.00
238	Plumbing Inspections	(697.00)	2,450.00	(2,450.00)	(697.00)
239	Electrical Inspections	1,969.50	7,701.10	(6,885.00)	2,785.60
	Total Revolving Funds	63,232.83	43,271.32	(39,950.75)	66,553.40
3OSR	Other Special Revenue				
241	Board of Appeals	1,718.44	1,353.52	(668.79)	2,403.17
243	Conservation Revolving	6,996.09	1,135.00	0.00	8,131.09
244	Tax Lien Custodian	50.00	0.00	(50.00)	0.00
246	Early Voting Funds	0.00	441.09	0.00	441.09
256	Insurance Claims	4,616.26	3,545.25	(8,161.51)	0.00
257	Town Picnic Fund	389.64	0.00	0.00	389.64
258	Road Machinery Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
259	Mill River Greenway	9,837.36	265.00	643.49	10,745.85
260	Recreation Donation	31,684.48	0.00	0.00	31,684.48
262	Horse Mountain	8,169.00	0.00	(2,993.63)	5,175.37
264	Woodland Trails Donation	6,906.64	0.00	(88.67)	6,817.97
267	COVID 19	0.00	33,034.00	(2,592.84)	30,441.16
269	Special Donation Account	15.05	0.00	(15.05)	0.00
270	COA Donations	8,048.11	7,446.35	(4,426.49)	11,067.97
271	Flag Donations	13.05	0.00	0.00	13.05
272	Ice Rink Donations	509.62	0.00	0.00	509.62
273	DTA-SNAP	542.00	0.00	(542.00)	0.00
274	Library Donations	11,226.69	109.60	(1,100.50)	10,235.79
275	Library Local	38,190.86	40,106.29	(36,484.13)	41,813.02
277	Town Flag Gift Donations	170.00	0.00	(170.00)	0.00
279	Angel Garden Fund	2,552.00	320.00	(20.00)	2,852.00
280	TNC Ride Share	204.40	80.40	0.00	284.80
284	Highland Valley Elder	(1,293.00)	5,551.10	(2,884.94)	1,373.16
285	Consortium Support	51.12	51.03	(102.15)	0.00
286	HV-Carpooling Grant	(825.00)	4,034.93	(3,209.93)	0.00
287	PVTA	(5,538.06)	14,808.41	(9,270.35)	0.00
289	Outreach - Highland	0.00	1,088.59	(1,088.59)	0.00
299	250th Committee	18,383.40	5,000.00	0.00	23,383.40
	Total Other Special	142,618.15	118,370.56	(73,226.08)	187,762.63

4S&F	State & Federal Grants				
252	MIIA Grant	(1,195.65)	1,195.65	0.00	0.00
263	Green communities Grant	(7,036.25)	7,037.25	0.00	1.00
268	EMP Grant	(2,117.47)	2,427.47	(2,650.77)	(2,340.77)
283	Septic Grants	15,934.23	0.00	0.00	15,934.23
288	Mass Historical Comm	8,548.86	0.00	(8,548.86)	0.00
293	Comcast Technology	19,773.13	6,443.01	(24,677.47)	1,538.67
298	SAMSHA Policing Grant	1,142.10	1,000.00	(834.59)	1,307.51
405	Bulletproof Vest Grant	8,390.29	0.00	(1,150.00)	7,240.29
406	IMC Mobile - CCC Grant	10,350.00	(10,350.00)	0.00	0.00
409	MVP GRANT	0.00	20,000.00	(20,000.00)	0.00
412	COA Formula Grant	5,054.47	2,291.81	(7,346.28)	0.00
414	Library State Aid	1,729.24	7,590.66	(5,722.95)	3,596.95
415	Cultural Council	3,928.16	4,800.04	(4,838.00)	3,890.20
417	MassWorks Grant	0.00	0.00	(21,434.12)	(21,434.12)
419	Volunteer Fire Assistance	0.00	680.00	(680.00)	0.00
420	Fire Dept SAFE Grant	7,989.55	0.00	(6,029.42)	1,960.13
425	Recycling Div Grant	6,799.00	4,200.00	0.00	10,999.00
433	Regional IT Grant	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
434	Tactical Urbanism	539.54	0.00	(539.54)	0.00
436	META Energy Comm	(2,360.00)	3,508.87	(1,148.87)	0.00
438	Document IT Mgmnt	1,460.15	0.00	0.00	1,460.15
439	Mill River Greenway Grant	(142,476.20)	147,250.00	(4,773.80)	0.00
501	Title I Grant	14,342.68	14,000.00	(14,140.84)	14,201.84
502	School Choice	255,541.47	67,660.00	(81,780.33)	241,421.14
503	REAPS Grant	(5,674.55)	16,704.00	(19,846.29)	(8,816.84)
504	Early Literacy Grant	373.83	0.00	(373.83)	0.00
505	Kindergarten	3,337.98	0.00	(3,337.98)	0.00
506	Quality K-5 Grant	423.32	0.00	(423.32)	0.00
508	94-142 Grant	(4,088.01)	0.00	(8,036.34)	(12,124.35)
510	Star Grant	3,500.00	0.00	(8,500.00)	(5,000.00)
513	Title IIA	2,693.74	0.00	(2,693.74)	0.00
516	Medicaid Reimbursement	(896.72)	9,473.64	(9,740.87)	(1,163.95)
517	Circuit Breaker	5,878.59	16,966.00	(22,844.59)	0.00
518	Voc Transportation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
552	Preschool Program	105,032.99	32,968.75	(34,636.87)	103,364.87
554	School Building Use	11,658.65	600.00	0.00	12,258.65
559	School Lunch Fund	9,797.02	42,252.92	(51,225.81)	824.13
560	Elaine Lawton Fund	31,158.75	573.11	(1,074.00)	30,657.86
562	Big Yellow School Bus	1,490.16	0.00	0.00	1,490.16
563	Korpitass Kids Awards	900.00	0.00	0.00	900.00
564	Wellness Grant	65.06	1,000.00	(791.88)	273.18
	Total State & Federal	386,988.11	400,273.18	(369,821.36)	417,439.93
5Ent	Enterprise Funds				
610	Water Enterprise Fund	778,568.82	226,750.75	(227,841.16)	777,478.41
620	Sewer Enterprise Fund	379,202.21	219,859.47	(231,247.43)	367,814.25
	Total Enterprise Funds	1,157,771.03	446,610.22	(459,088.59)	1,145,292.66
6CP	Capital Projects				
725	School Construction	55,185.29	0.00	(55,185.29)	0.00

726	Fire Truck	<u>1,001.57</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,001.57</u>
	Total Capital Projects	56,186.86	0.00	(55,185.29)	1,001.57
7Tru	Trust Funds				
801	Daniel Collins Fund	599,061.01	18,991.61	(15,650.50)	602,402.12
802	O C Spellman Fund	119,535.05	3,790.10	(3,055.68)	120,269.47
803	Ethel Curry Fund	313.17	9.98	0.00	323.15
804	Albert D Sanders Fund	22,016.71	696.64	(619.61)	22,093.74
805	Dunphy-Dunphy School	27,003.43	863.96	(2,279.79)	25,587.60
806	Dunphy-James School	37,781.07	1,057.78	(1,041.03)	37,797.82
807	Ellsworth Hyde Fund	2,241.00	(234.93)	(21.09)	1,984.98
808	Byron Loomis Fund	25,448.87	807.27	(653.06)	25,603.08
810	Helen E James Fund	32,637.01	1,046.33	(315.44)	33,367.90
821	WCTU Clock Fund	6,054.25	202.71	(1,520.97)	4,735.99
822	Cemetery Perpetual Care	12,345.87	5,874.39	(542.58)	17,677.68
823	Whiting Street Fund	6,221.78	188.76	(556.16)	5,854.38
824	Arthur King Fund	108,974.99	3,310.81	(850.15)	111,435.65
825	Albert Hills Fund	5,963.51	171.52	(340.00)	5,795.03
826	Christian Hills Fund	29,829.19	859.10	(1,691.30)	28,996.99
827	Henry Hills Fund	98,318.49	2,139.77	(2,533.53)	97,924.73
828	Mary Main Fund	4,269.59	122.02	(241.97)	4,149.64
829	Lyman Wait Fund	930.74	23.23	(1.81)	952.16
830	Electra Wait Fund	8,391.26	269.59	(81.11)	8,579.74
831	Henry Warner Fund	44,505.88	1,281.79	(2,523.50)	43,264.17
832	Women's Club Fund	2,859.40	91.85	(27.64)	2,923.61
833	James Taylor Fund	2,551.54	81.91	(174.64)	2,458.81
834	Sanderson/Heath Fund	4,620.78	148.37	(194.65)	4,574.50
835	Library Humanities Fund	8,377.90	269.17	(80.98)	8,566.09
836	William J Sheehan Fund	219.49	6.71	0.00	226.20
838	KMIT Library Fund	542,289.25	16,977.17	(20,777.86)	538,488.56
842	Brassworks-Rec Long-	5,903.33	6,791.47	(112.74)	12,582.06
843	Brassworks-Economic Dev	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
844	Brassworks-Loan Fund	2.52	(2.52)	0.00	0.00
851	Unemployment	30,936.13	125.42	0.00	31,061.55
852	Elder Trust Fund	12,112.72	393.10	(107.61)	12,398.21
853	Stabilization Fund	1,448,760.54	157,078.45	0.00	1,605,838.99
854	Meekins Library Trust	22,674.30	1,925.44	(1,007.59)	23,592.15
855	Seewald Technology	471.57	0.00	0.00	471.57
856	OPEB	<u>15,604.95</u>	<u>1,086.16</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>16,691.11</u>
	Total Trust Funds	3,289,227.29	226,445.13	(57,002.99)	3,458,669.43
8Age	Agency Funds				
891	Off Duty Police Detail	484.40	40,113.65	(40,693.25)	(95.20)
892	Firearm ID Cards	648.00	3,575.00	(4,612.50)	(389.50)
893	Clerk Fees	157.78	1,805.75	(1,762.25)	201.28
897	Collector Fees	405.00	3,448.74	0.00	3,853.74
898	Deputy Collector Fees	<u>38.05</u>	<u>4,454.00</u>	<u>(4,364.00)</u>	<u>128.05</u>
	Total Agency Funds	<u>1,733.23</u>	<u>53,397.14</u>	<u>(51,432.00)</u>	<u>3,698.37</u>
	Total Williamsburg	<u>5,066,686.86</u>	<u>1,621,835.15</u>	<u>(1,475,146.90)</u>	<u>5,213,375.11</u>

Angel Park Quiet Reflections Garden

The Angel Park Quiet Reflections Garden was quiet during 2020 due to the COVID-19 strictures. However, the shrubs and trees still bloomed and flower pots still required weekly watering, so the volunteer staff continued to provide ongoing care in anticipation of better times ahead. Visitors came to the park for refuge and reflection. The Garden is used by school children and teachers on special occasions and is available to the public for spending quiet moments during the day during all seasons.

Park Improvements and Ongoing Care Projects for the 2020 Garden Year:

1. New Memorial Bricks were installed.
2. The Park lawns and planting beds received organic care to prevent infestations of an array of garden pests.
3. The beds were fed, weeded and pruned by N. Dines and the Williamsburg Dead Head Society, led by Joan Coryat and Heidi LeBaron Johnson. Thanks to additional help by Joan Donovan, Dianne Martin, Tamar Smith and Lisa Sheehy, who tended the gardens and watered the flower pots at both the Vet's Park and the Angel Park.
4. Zononi Lawn Maintenance provided regular mowing, trimming and raking services throughout the season.

2021 Plans:

The gardens are maturing and will require substantial pruning to accommodate pedestrian walking clearances and to cut back shrubs away from benches, and in some cases some perennials will require removal to sunnier locations as adjacent trees mature. Additional shade tolerant perennials will be introduced over the next few seasons. See below if you would like to help with ongoing care of Angel Park or any of the other Public Gardens listed.

Funding

The Park is funded in part by donations from memorial brick purchases (forms available at Town Offices), contributions from the Summer Music Series (if we can resume later in the summer), and the ongoing care funds provided by the Williamsburg Beautification Fund, which also supports all of the Public Gardens, including Meekins Library Gardens and the Mill River Park, the Market Square Gardens, and the flower beds along Route 9. Ms. April O'Brien administers the Beautification Fund at Florence Bank. The Fund gratefully receives private donations as well as weekly income from the redemption of bottles and cans collected at the Transfer Station. Local businesses that support the fund are: Florence Bank, Williamsburg Market, Cichy's Garage, Dove Business Associates, Burgy Brews, and the General Store. The Williamsburg Redemption Society is a group of volunteers who work in shifts on Wednesdays and Saturdays to sort, stack, and transport the bottles and cans to Pat's for deposit redemption, (Thanks to John Hoogstraten, Eileen Keegan, Ellen Wittlinger, David Prichard, Roger Bisbee, Fred Goodhue, Nancy Desrosiers, Dean Acheson, and Jen Black.) Many thanks to Pat's for their generous cooperation in processing the collected bottles and cans. Please note the signs at the shed to aid in sorting and help volunteers with their work.



The Williamsburg Dead Head Society (including the Angel Park gardeners), also receives assistance from Susan Waltner, Kathleen Casey, Elaine Hyde, Charles and Mary Dudek, Martha Baker, and Melinda McCall. Please let us know if you would like to help at the Bottles and Cans Shed or with the Garden Crew; send a message to: ndines@larp.umass.edu

Volunteers receive compensation that is priceless and the benefit package is excellent. Contact us at the above email address before available slots are filled! Do not miss out on this opportunity. Thanks.

Thanks to all who help with ongoing care, provide support, and who enjoy the beauty of the Park and surrounding gardens.

N. Dines, FASLA

Board of Assessors

The primary responsibility of the Board of Assessors is to determine fair market value for all real and personal property as of January 1. Values in Massachusetts are determined by the amount a willing buyer and a willing seller would pay for the property on the open market. All values must be submitted to and approved by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue before the tax rate can be set. The operating budget for our town is approved by voters at town meeting. The total amount to be raised, \$9,507,535.61 less estimated receipts, \$2,702,741.76, leaves the figure of \$6,804,793.85 to be raised by taxation. The total value of taxable property for FY21 is \$324,501,376.00; and the resulting tax rate is \$20.97 per thousand dollars of assessed value.

Despite COVID-19 restrictions which have kept the Town Office doors closed to the public, Robin Everett, the Board of Assessors' clerk, continues to be in the office on Tuesday mornings from 9:00-11:00 as well as other hours as needed. The office phone is 413 268-8403, and we ask that you leave a clear and detailed message with a return phone number. We want you to know that we are still here to help.

Our data has been successfully transferred to the Tyler system, a new operating system, as the state has discontinued support of the CAMA system. Once the conversion was completed, we had to test our data under the watchful eyes of the state's Department of Revenue to assure the correctness of our figures. FY 2021 is a recertification year, and our data was approved so we could set our tax rate. We owe a debt of gratitude to Robin Everett and Glen Everett for many extra hours worked during the conversion; to Bishop Associates and Mike Quinlivan for all of their assistance during this process; and to town office staff for their speedy responses to our requests for information.

If a taxpayer feels the assessed value of their property is incorrect, it is the taxpayer's right to appeal the assessment. The appeal is of the assessment, not of the taxes. An abatement request must be filed within thirty days of the date of the mailing of the real tax bill, which is normally at the end of December. Abatement applications received after the thirty-day deadline must be denied per state law. Taxpayers are welcome to make an appointment to discuss their value at any time.

Denise Banister, Chair; Robin Everett, Clerk; Glen Everett

Building Inspector

The Town of Williamsburg has contracted with the City of Northampton to provide Building Inspection and Zoning services as required by M. G. L. c. 143, § 3 and c. 40A, §7 and for Electrical Inspection services in accordance with M.G.L. 166, § 32. The Building Commissioner is Jonathan Flagg and the Inspector of Wires is Roger Malo.

The Building Department office in Northampton is currently closed to the public. Hopefully, this will change soon. Staff are in the office from 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday. The department has three building inspectors, two electrical inspectors and two full-time clerks. This staffing allows us to schedule timely inspections and provide expedient support for permit applications. Despite the current challenges, permit processing and inspections are happening on a normal schedule.

In 2020, the number of building permits (143) was a little higher than 2019 (126). Permit fees and the estimated costs of construction were slightly less than 2019, primarily because only one new single-family house and no new commercial buildings were permitted in 2020. The ongoing Covid-19 crisis has also had a significant effect on larger building projects in Williamsburg, as it has throughout Massachusetts.

2020's building permit totals (143), are very close to the average of the past 11 years (142).

A continuing bright spot for Williamsburg is the number of solar electric systems in the town. The total number of new residential solar installations has kept pace with the past few years. There are now 142 residential solar systems in Williamsburg. There were 12 residential solar electric system permits issued in 2020. Beginning with the Solarize Williamsburg program in 2014, there have been 142 residential solar installations installed through the end of 2020, with an estimated capacity of 1.024 megawatts. Williamsburg's three large-scale ground-mounted solar arrays have a total capacity of approximately 10.75 megawatts. The town's total solar capacity, 12.72 megawatts, is 0.49% of Massachusetts' total capacity of 2572 megawatts. This is an exceptional number, considering the population of Williamsburg is less than .04% of the population of the state. From another perspective, 12.72 megawatts is enough to power more than 2000 homes; nearly twice the number of houses in Williamsburg.

I expect more building permit activity in 2021. Hopefully, with Covid-19 under control, bigger building projects will get under way.

We look forward to providing prompt and courteous building, zoning and electrical inspection services to Williamsburg and Haydenville residents in the coming year. As always, feel free to contact me with any problems or concerns you may have regarding building or zoning issues. The Building Department telephone number is (413) 587-1240 and my email address is jflagg@northamptonma.gov.

Jonathan Flagg
Building Inspector

Town of Williamsburg Building Department Activity 2020

Number of Permits	Type of Work	Estimated Cost of Construction
<u>1</u>	<u>NEW SF HOUSES</u>	<u>\$649,653</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>ADDITIONAL DWELLING UNITS</u>	<u>\$397,600</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>ADDITIONS</u>	<u>\$290,000</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>FOUNDATIONS</u>	<u>\$130,000</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>COMMERCIAL RENOVATIONS</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
<u>20</u>	<u>INTERIOR RENOVATIONS</u>	<u>\$727,071</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>EXTERIOR RENOVATIONS</u>	<u>\$48,188</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>PORCH-DECKS</u>	<u>\$87,180</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>BARN-GARAGE-SHEDS</u>	<u>\$289,697</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>SOLAR PV</u>	<u>\$460,836</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>WOOD STOVES</u>	<u>\$16,700</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>SWIMMING POOLS</u>	<u>\$195,900</u>
<u>21</u>	<u>INSULATION</u>	<u>\$96,951</u>
<u>22</u>	<u>ROOFING-SIDING</u>	<u>\$277,765</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>WINDOWS-DOORS</u>	<u>\$80,490</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>DEMOLITION</u>	<u>\$73,500</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>ZONING REQUEST</u>	
<u>Total Building Permits, 2020</u>		<u>143</u>
<u>Total Fees, 2020</u>		<u>\$21,261</u>
<u>Total Estimated Cost of Construction, 2020</u>		<u>\$3,826,531</u>
<u>Total Building Permits (11 year avg.)</u>		<u>142</u>
<u>Total Fees (11 year avg.)</u>		<u>\$28,111</u>
<u>Total Estimated Cost of Construction (11 year avg.)</u>		<u>\$4,662,511</u>

Building Supervisor

This year has been a quiet one with the use of the towns building closed due to the pandemic. Wear and tear has been primarily the result of weather and time. There are some obvious repairs necessary and painting that will help overall.

The big consideration on the table is the Helen E. James School and the path forward for a new Safety complex. That complex has been deemed best on the existing site of HEJ. The existing school would be removed. I have spent some time getting a sense of that building as a maintenance stop as well as thoughts on its fate. In my opinion it is clearly a landmark but not a building that has any definitive architectural value, other than the personal sentiment of those who have attended there. History will have run its course and the safety complex will be a welcome addition to the functions of the town overall.

The siding and trim on the Anne T. Dunphy School was addressed due to an improper installation by the company that did the most recent renovation. There are still some concerns at ATD but the general condition of that building is stable and good.

The Meekins Library too has flaws that seem the result of an inadequate design, which should be corrected. I've spent the winter trying to understand the causes of ongoing water and drainage issues. A porch roof was resurfaced at the main parking lot entrance and some roof inspections were completed. Otherwise the library has been very low maintenance.

The police and fire stations have been relatively low maintenance as well, due primarily to being on hold as we await the development of the Safety Complex. There was an environmental condition at the police station causing some symptomatic discomfort for some employees which was corrected by better lighting. Plexiglass shields were installed there as well to keep proper protocol while being cautious of the Covid outbreak.

There are some maintenance concerns at the Town Offices in Haydenville. Water damage there too could be remedied with some simple improvements along the outside lower skirt trim. The front entry porch (which is seldom used) might be improved with a better roof at the entry. For now that situation is stable.

The Old Town Hall in Williamsburg could use a coat of paint and window reglazing. There are two doors at the rear which are in poor shape and should be replaced.

The Haydenville Library is also in need of new paint. Otherwise it's staying relatively healthy as it sits idle.

The Transfer Station need some roof repairs as there are some leaks. I have sought to find the source of the leaks but haven't found the source and that will need further attention.

The Highway Department has had a new filling dock built and installed for filling the petrol tanks. There is some decay caused by road salt to the interior which will need to be addressed as soon as possible. A special chemical resistant paint will be applied.

I am honored to have this role in town. It has been an overwhelming year personally but I am getting my sea legs and I look forward to making my role a regular benefit for the town.

Dan Hathaway

Capital Improvement Budget FY21																
Capital Improvement Program FY21-FY26																
Total Debt Years	Years Remaining	Estimated Interest %	Project Description	Quote Received	Funding	Current Year	Condition	Replace with	Town's Share of Project (Current Dollars, Interest Not Incl.)	Remaining Principal	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY2025	FY2026
1APPROVED REQUESTS																
2			Bonded													
3	20	17	3.00	ATD School Building Construction	DE	2013	Excellent		5,183,250	3,610,000	375,600	370,200	362,100	364,000	355,600	347,200
4	10	7	3.00	Hwy. Dept. - Addition & Improvements	DE	2010	Good		175,000	60,000	21,600	21,200	20,600			
5				Short Term Borrowing												
6	5	4	2.19	Hwy. - Truck 4 & Sander Int'l		2016	Excellent		135,000	27,000	28,600					
7	5	10	2.19	2017 Fire Truck - Eng I	DE	2017	Excellent		265,000	106,000	55,109	55,109				
8				Third Party Assessments												
1				Approved Requests Subtotals					5,758,250	3,803,000	480,909	446,509	382,700	364,000	355,600	347,200
2CURRENT REQUESTS PROPOSED FY2020																
3				2020 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD	DE	2020					51,093					
4				Computers - upgrade of Windows 7	FC	2020					18,257					
5				Hampshire Regional Heating/cooling repairs	FC	2020					16,640					
6				Current Requests Subtotals							85,990	0	0	0	0	0
7FUTURE REQUESTS																
8		0.00		Fire - Public Safety Complex - Construction	ST				1,000,000			1,000,000				
9	20	4.25		Fire - Public Safety Complex - Construction	DE	1887	Poor		2,000,000			185,000	180,750	176,500	172,250	168,000
10				James School Envelope Renovation, staged												
11				Move Town Offices to James Bldg.	FC				20,000			20,000				
12		4.25		Roof	DE				117,000			28,373	27,378	26,384	25,389	24,395
13		4.25		Exterior walls, repoint, repair	DE				450,000			64,125	62,213	60,300	58,388	56,475
14		4.25		Doors, Windows	DE				250,000			67,177	65,056	62,935	60,813	58,692
15				Heat, Security, 2nd, 3rd floors	FC				50,000				50,000			
16		4.25		Foundation work and environs	DE				350,000			84,875	81,900	78,925	75,950	72,975
17				Elevator	FC				75,000			75,000				
18				Highway Garage - Insulation	FC				10,000			10,000				
19				Meekins Library Repairs	FC				64,500			24,000	24,000	16,500		
20				Old Town Hall Repairs	DE				50,000							

	Total Debt Years	Years Remaining	Estimated Interest %	Project Description	Quote Received	Funding	Current Year	Condition	Replace with	Town's Share of Project. (Current Dollars, Interest Not Incl.)	Remaining Principal	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY2025	FY2026
21				Greenway - Design/Engineering		FC				1,300,000			400,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	
22				Sale H'ville Town Offices						(100,000)					(100,000)		
23				Sale H'ville Fire/Police Station						(50,000)				(50,000)			
24				Sale Wmsburg Fire Station						(10,000)							(10,000)
25	1			Police - Ford Explorer		FC	2018	Excellent		43,000						47,943	
26	1			Police - Ford Interceptor SUV		FC	2014	Good		43,000			43,946				
27	1			Police - Ford Explorer		FC	2016	Excellent		43,000				44,913			
28	5			Fire - Engine 1 - E-One		DE	2017	Excellent	2037	463,000							
29	10	4.25		Fire - Engine III - Ford Ltgon Fire Truck		DE	1992	Fair	Rescue	148,800			36,084	34,819	33,554	32,290	31,025
30	10	4.25		Fire - Engine IV - International Pumper		DE	2001	Good	Refurb	200,000					48,500	46,800	45,100
31	10	4.25		Fire - Engine II - Int'l 400 Ser Fire Truck		DE	2006	Excellent	pumper	300,000							
32	1			Fire - Chiefs Vehicle - Ford Expedition		FC	2012	Excellent		60,000				62,669			
33	1	4.25		Hwy- Ford F350 Pickup		FC	2014	Excellent		40,000							
34	5	4.25		Hwy. - Excavator		DE	2018	Excellent		200,000							
35	5	4.25		Hwy. - Grader John Deere		DE	1987	Good	not replace	300,000							
36	5	4.25		Hwy. - Loader Cat 446		DE	2006	Good		160,000			40,564	39,283	38,002	36,721	35,440
37	5	4.25		Hwy. - Truck 6 Int'l.		DE	2009	Good		190,000					46,075	44,460	42,845
38	5	4.25		Hwy - Truck 5 F550		DE	2011	Excellent		75,000					18,188	17,550	16,913
39	5	4.25		Ford - F350 Pickup		DE	2001	Poor		30,000		51,093					
40	5	4.25		Hwy. - Truck 4 & Sander Int'l		DE	2016	Excellent		185,000							
41	5			Hwy- LeRoi 185 towable air compressor		FC	1995			20,000							
42	1			School Tractor		FC	2018	Excellent		23,000							
43	1			Tennis Court		FC	2020	Excellent		10,000							
44	5	4.25		Assessors Mapping		DE				125,000			30,313	29,250	28,188	27,125	26,063
45				Pension Liabilities		FC				2,200,000							
46				Future Year Requests Subtotals						10,435,300		0	2,109,457	952,231	834,051	945,679	567,923
47				Payments from Free Cash/Stabilization/Other								34,897	1,572,946	431,582	216,500	347,943	(10,000)
48				TOTALS - DEBT PAYMENTS						16,193,550		532,002	983,020	903,349	981,551	953,336	925,123
49				TOTAL BUDGET EST.								8,252,936	8,459,259	8,670,741	8,887,509	9,109,697	9,337,440
50				DEBT PMNT. AS % OF BUDGET EST. (10% TARGET)								6.45%	11.62%	10.42%	11.04%	10.47%	9.91%

Capital Planning Committee

The charge of the capital planning committee is to help the town plan for anticipated expenditures and for their financing. The committee is composed of six members: three at-large members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, two members of the Finance Committee, appointed by the Finance Committee, and the town treasurer serving as an ex-officio member.

The members for 2020 were Mitch Cichy, Melissa Zawadzki, Gil Loud, Richard Kisloski, Robert Cayo and Treasurer Nathan Rosewarne, ex-officio.

Each year the committee solicits capital expenditure requests for the next fiscal year and anticipated requests for the next five years from all departments. Capital expenditures include all equipment or projects that cost at least \$10,000 and have a useful life of at least five years. These costs are then compiled and prioritized and forwarded to the Finance Committee along with funding recommendations. The town then votes to accept or modify the plan each year at the annual town meeting.

During 2020 the capital planning committee discussed Hampshire Regional building system conversions and agreed to accept version 2 with a town share of \$16,247. The highway department requested a replacement 3/4 ton pickup truck with snowplow to replace a 2001 with 141,000 miles. The final item for consideration was for the purchase of nine Dell Optiplex desktop PCs and three Latitude Laptops for \$18,256.77. The committee was in favor of purchasing the upgraded computers.

The Committee forwarded the Capital Improvement Budget FY 21 and Capital Improvement Program FY 22 – FY 26 for the Town of Williamsburg to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Richard Kisloski
Chairman

Town Collector - FY2020

The following lists represent amounts that remain outstanding as of the end of the fiscal year - June 30th.

REAL ESTATE TAXES

Fiscal Year	Balance o/s 6/30/2016	Balance o/s 6/30/2017	Balance o/s 6/30/2018	Balance o/s 6/30/2019	Balance o/s 6/30/2020
2021					
2020					\$ (59,469.01)
2019			\$ (18,602.68)	\$ (34,330.37)	\$ 193,170.81
2018		\$ (13,390.36)	\$ 110,076.70	\$ 189.30	\$ -
2017	\$ (69,055.81)	\$ 69,587.13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2016	\$ 87,865.32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS Real Estate	\$ 18,809.51	\$ 56,196.77	\$ 91,474.02	\$ 32,470.42	\$ 133,701.80

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

2021					
2020					\$ (143.83)
2019				\$ (200.00)	\$ 7,456.65
2018		\$ (15.10)	\$ 173.39	\$ 112.84	\$ 3,260.78
2017	\$ (289.09)	\$ 8,284.83	\$ 642.21	\$ 47.27	\$ -
2016	\$ 1,298.69	\$ 230.17	\$ 230.17	\$ -	\$ -
2015	\$ 1,706.23	\$ 22.67	\$ 22.67	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS Pers Prop	\$ 2,715.83	\$ 8,522.57	\$ 1,068.44	\$ 3,718.45	\$ 10,573.60

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

2020					\$ 32,208.57
2019				\$ 14,793.88	\$ 2,930.58
2018			\$ 15,454.63	\$ 4,268.78	\$ 1,697.09
2017		\$ 24,220.79	\$ 3,776.36	\$ 1,768.45	\$ 1,199.59
2016	\$ 24,503.85	\$ 2,906.67	\$ 1,449.90	\$ 607.50	\$ 37.50
TOTALS Motor veh	\$ 24,503.85	\$ 27,127.46	\$ 20,680.89	\$ 21,438.61	\$ 38,073.33

Water 2020									\$	49,952.58
Water 2019	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	10,348.43	\$	-
Sewer 2020									\$	23,088.85
Sewer 2019	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	5,536.93	\$	-
Meter rental 2020									\$	585.00
Meter rental 2019	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	305.00	\$	-
Liens 2019									\$	11,488.68
Liens 2018	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	4,464.81	\$	-
Backflow Insp 2020	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Backflow Insp 2019	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,350.00	\$	850.00	\$	250.00
TOTALS W/S Dept	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,350.00	\$	21,505.17	\$	85,365.11
TOTAL	\$	46,029.19	\$	91,846.80	\$	114,573.35	\$	79,132.65	\$	267,713.84

	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020
Water Connection Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -
Sewer Connection Fees	\$ 17,500.00	\$ -	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ -
Cross Conn/Misc	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,550.00	\$ -	\$ 1,650.00
Final Water Reads	\$ 525.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 325.00
PILOT	\$ 43,628.75	\$ -	\$ 91,010.18	\$ 48,342.90	\$ -
Rollback	\$ 18,255.61	\$ 1,345.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,607.96
Total Other Collected	\$ 81,809.36	\$ 3,795.20	\$ 109,160.18	\$ 59,817.90	\$ 3,582.96

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Cultural Council

The Williamsburg Cultural Council is part of the network of local Cultural Councils throughout Massachusetts that administer funds from the state Cultural Council. According to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, local cultural councils make decisions on grant proposals “to support public programs that promote excellence, education, diversity, and inclusion in the arts, humanities, and sciences to foster a rich cultural life.” Each year the Williamsburg Cultural Council reviews grant proposals in the fall for the upcoming year’s grant cycle.

In 2020, the Williamsburg Cultural Council (WCC) was allotted \$4800 from the state Cultural Council to grant out. WCC began 2020 by granting funds to fifteen programs. Of course, 2020 had other plans for all of us. A few months into the covid-19 health emergency, the Massachusetts Cultural Council issued guidelines to the local Cultural Councils allowing for generous leeway in giving projects extensions as well as possibilities to alter projects to allow for safety and the changed needs of artists and the community.

The grantees that were able to complete their projects in 2020 were: Davis Bates’ A Celtic Celebration: Performance for Seniors; Edo Mor/World Music Collider’s Global Music Concert/Dance Event; the Hampshire Music Boosters 2020 Spring Musical; Makerspace Workshops’s 3D Design and Printing Workshop; and Tamarack Hollow Nature and Cultural Center’s Explore the Fauna and Flora of the Graves Farm. In addition, Community Dance Nights in Cummington was able to partially complete their proposed program.



Many of the grantees chose to request an extension, in the hope that they will be able to complete their projects in 2021, possibly with alterations to accommodate covid-19 safety concerns. These are: the Chesterfield Fourth of July Parade; the Friday Night Café at the Cummington Congregational Church; Hilltown Theatre Anonymous; the Advanced French and Spanish History and Art trip to NYC; John Porcino’s To Life!: Celebrations in Story, Song and Music; Hilltown Bash IV; Plainfield Congregational Church Concerts at 7. WCC is holding the funds for these programs in the hope that these projects will be able to be brought to fruition.

Two of our grantees needed to cancel their planned projects: the Audubon Society’s Life in a Changing Climate at Hampshire Regional Middle and High School; and the Ann Hutt Browning Poetry Series. The funds that were allocated for these projects were put back into the pool of money that could be granted out in the coming year.

Local cultural councils must have a minimum of five members. WCC welcomed several new members this year. Joining Zevey Steinitz and Sue Davis are Abigail Knopp, Patricia LaFreniere and Dianne Martin. In the coming year, WCC plans to reach out to the Williamsburg residents for input about the cultural needs of our community, as part of our mandate from the state.

There is more information about the Williamsburg Cultural Council on the town website, and with a link to email the council with any queries. More information about the Massachusetts Cultural Council can be found at massculturalcouncil.org. Grants for the next funding cycle will be due in October 2021.

Conservation Commission

Members of the Williamsburg Conservation Commission include Marcianna Caplis (Chairperson), Mary Dudek, Todd Lynch, Andrew MacLachlan, and Joseph Rogers.

The Williamsburg Conservation Commission works in cooperation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to administer and enforce the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act and the Massachusetts Rivers Protection Act. These laws protect wetland resources which provide for clean water, flood control, and habitat for wildlife.

Residential and commercial projects near these resources require review and approval by the Conservation Commission. Landowners should contact the Commission prior to breaking ground or commencing any project within 200 feet of a stream or river, or within 100 feet of a



wetland. We are happy to assist landowners planning a project who are unsure if their land is within wetland buffer or riverfront zones to determine if any action is required on their part. More information and required forms are available on the town website at <http://www.burgy.org/conservation-commission>.

The Commission aims to educate residents and facilitate the required paperwork. In 2020, the Conservation Commission drafted and approved the following Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection forms submitted on behalf of town residents and property owners: 5 Requests for Determination, 3 Notices of Intent, 2 Enforcement Orders, 2 Emergency Certifications, and 4 Certificates of Compliance. The Commission provided guidance to the public on 8 occasions and performed 16 site visits.

There were several large or complex projects that required consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection to provide clear guidance to the applicant. In that context, the Commission:

- Assisted the Beaver Brook Golf Course wetlands consultant in meeting WPA regulations.
- Worked with the Town Highway Department to develop a permittable plan for replacing a collapsed culvert on Depot Road.
- Met with the OPM to discuss issues around siting and meeting WPA regulations for the proposed safety complex.

In addition to regulatory work, the Conservation Commission continued its collaboration with other town boards and organizations.

The Commission manages six conservation areas in town: Horse Mountain, with the Kestrel Land Trust; Brewer Brook, with the Forest Resiliency Project; the Hall, Briar Hill, and Geer Hill properties with the Williamsburg Woodland Trails and the Open Space Committees; and Old

Wolf Hill, with the Kestrel Land Trust. Holding the conservation restrictions on these properties allows the Town to assure properties are maintained in perpetuity in natural and scenic conditions while protecting drinking water, wildlife habitat, and providing public trails for hiking.

The goals and objectives of the Conservation Commission overlap with those of the Open Space and Recreation Committee (OSRC) and the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) plan. Unobstructed flood plains, clean water, vibrant habitats, and open space are essential to the health of the community. Commissioners met with the OSRC to provide feedback on their updating of the Open Space Plan. Part of the planning for meeting goals was the creation of a draft Wetlands Protection By-Law which would strengthen the ability of the town to protect its wetlands resources. The lack of such a by-law was noted as a weakness in the MVP. The by-law will be resubmitted to the Select Board in 2021. Another part of the planning and collaboration is working with local land trusts to protect land vulnerable to flooding and to connect parcels to maximize their effectiveness as habitat protection and recreational value.

To aid in these efforts, Commissioners worked with a Smith College student developing new layers on the town's GIS map to improve access to, and depth of information regarding, natural resources and to make the data more user-friendly.

The Commission meets monthly on the second Thursday (and fourth Thursday as needed) at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, or on the second floor of the Town Offices in Haydenville when possible. To contact the Commission, please email conservation@burgy.org or call (413) 268-8416.

Emergency Management

On March 10, 2020, Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker declared a statewide emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. An emergency we anticipated lasting for a month or two became our way of life. Weekly emergency response group meetings were held by Zoom as we learned of new information and tried to craft appropriate responses. Personal protective equipment needed to be procured for the departments whose personnel were on the front line. MEMA helped with supplies of equipment that were hard to find. A National Guard truck made several deliveries of needed equipment from the Franklin warehouse, and several trips to MEMA headquarters enabled me to get supplies to keep the police, fire, and water departments fully stocked.

I was able to attend in-person trainings on various response tools, as well as remotely attending emergency managers' meetings. In the fall, I participated in a planning meeting for a local emergency dispensing site. Our Emergency Management Planning Grant was used to purchase shelter supplies, which are stored in the emergency response trailer.

Unfortunately, we were not able to hold our community shredding day. COVID-19 has changed our "normal". It is my hope that once the majority of the community has received the vaccine, 2021 will bring a new and improved normal.

Denise L. Banister, Emergency Manager

Employee Earnings

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Department Name</u>	<u>Total Pay</u>
ACHESON	ROBERT	Poll Worker	84
AHEARN	WILLIAM	Transfer Station	2,878
ALLARD	MARGARET	School-Substitutes	420
ANDROS	ZACHARIAH	Firefighter	143
ARNDT	DANIEL	Firefighter	382
ASSELIN	AMANDA	School-Teachers	56,218
BAKER	BETTINA	School-Clerical	51,417
BANAS	KENNETH	Firefighter	183
BANISTER	DENISE	Assessors, EM Coordinator, Etc.	3,913
BANISTER	DANIEL	Firefighter	2,014
BANISTER	DANIEL	Highway Dept Head	67,966
BANISTER	DENISE	Select Board	3,220
BARNES	ANDRE	Firefighter	2,785
BENOIT	GARY	Finance Committee	550
BERUBE	PAMELA	School-Teachers	72,196
BISBEE	ROGER	Water / Sewer	1,100
BLACK	HANNAH	School-Aides	24,164
BLACK	ALYSON	School-Substitutes	175
BLACK	JENNIFER	School-Teachers	51,892
BLACK	COLLIN	Trust Fund Committee	300
BOMBARD	KELLY	Poll Worker	126
BROOKS	REBECCA	Poll Worker	36
BROOKS	DAVID	Transfer Station	4,234
BULLOCK	BEVERLY	Library	49,793
BUSSLER	ANNE	School-Substitutes	600
CASEY	BARTHOLOMEW	Firefighter	404
CASTERLINE	PATRICIA A.	Poll Worker	702
CERRETA	ERIC	Finance Committee	485
CERRETA	ERIC	Water / Sewer	6,788
CHABOT	MARY	Poll Worker	60
CHABOT	AARON	Poll Worker	60
CICHY	MITCHELL JR.	Police	5,872
CLARK	LINWOOD	Transfer Station	4,801
CONNELL	JASON A.	Fire Chief	31,231
CONNELL	JOSHUA	Firefighter	1,550
CORBETT	DEAUN	Poll Worker	84
DELANEY	SUZANNE	School-Aides	15,551
DELISLE	SAMUEL	Firefighter	37
DERBY	NICOLE	School-Teachers	67,039
DIAS	NATALEE	School-Teachers	33,590
DIBRINDISI	GREG	Firefighter	467

DONOVAN	JOAN	Poll Worker	1,092
DUDEK	CHARLES	Finance Committee	485
DUFRESNE	JACQUELINE	Finance Committee	485
DUFRESNE	SHELIA	Poll Worker	852
DUNLAP	CAREY	School-Teachers	70,486
DUNPHY	MARJORIE	Poll Worker	80
ESTES	BARBARA	COA Mealsite	744
EVERETT	GLEN	Assessors	3,487
EVERETT	ROBIN	Assessors Clerk	15,302
EVERETT	ALAN	Firefighter	446
EVERETT	GLEN	Firefighter	335
FARRELL	SUSAN	COA Mealsite	1,368
FERRON	JAMES	Firefighter	1,816
FISHER	PETER	Police	17,914
FLOREK	MEGAN	School-Aides	17,320
GAGNE	GAIL	Poll Worker	330
GELBARD	ANNE	School-Aides	24,511
GERTZ	LUCY	School-Teachers	59,967
GIBSON	DONNA	Board of Health	5,075
GILBERT	LOUD	Finance Committee	485
GILMAN	BRIAN	School-Teachers	56,221
GOLASH	ALAN	Custodian	14,552
GOUGEON	SONJA	Police	940
GURDAK-FOLEY	ROBIN GRACE	School-Teachers	77,709
HARVEY	RENEE	School-Cafeteria	33,466
HATHAWAY	DANIEL	Building Supervisor	8,929
HENDRICKS	CAROL	COA Mealsite	5,022
HENDRY	KAREN	School-Aides	47,179
HODGKINS	THOMAS	Poll Worker	156
HOOGSTRATEN	JOHN	Building Supervisor	574
HOPE	TRYNA	COA Asst	11,078
HOWE	SHAYLA	Animal Control	1,700
HULTMAN	DONALD	Water / Sewer	550
HUNTINGTON	SARAH	School-Teachers	70,494
HYSLIP	JAMES	Water / Sewer	1,550
IMBIMBO	SALLY	School-Teachers	26,895
JENKINS	STACEY	School-Principal	107,001
JOYCE	KATHRYN	School-Teachers	70,282
JURGENSEN	EVA	School-Teachers	57,136
KAROWSKI	RICHARD P.	Firefighter	789
KAROWSKI	KAREN	Treasurer's Assist	6,192
KASELL	ALEX	Firefighter	3,459
KASELL	CYNTHIA	School Committee	346
KENNEDY	PAUL	Water / Sewer	1,100

KISLOSKI	RICHARD	Finance Committee	785
KLINE	TODD	School-Custodial	43,517
KNOX	ROBERTA	Poll Worker	90
LAFAYETTE	KOLBY	School-Teachers	19,560
LAPOINT	JOSHUA	Firefighter	3,022
LAPOINTE	ROBERT	Firefighter	3,000
LAPOINTE	ROBERT	Highway	12,010
LASTOWSKI	ANTHONY	Water / Sewer	12,740
LAWTON	DAVID	Highway	162
LEMOINE	MICHAEL	Police	10,056
LESSARD	BRENDA	Town Clerk	35,095
LOOMIS	SHARON	COA Asst	16,429
LOVEN	MARK	Highway	29,417
LUCE	KATHLEEN	Poll Worker	1,422
LUCE	RITA MACINNIS	School-Teachers	65,275
LUCE	GORDON	Transfer Station	8,771
LULEK	JAKE	Firefighter	2,442
LULEK	CHESTER J.	School-Custodial	10,869
LUSZCZKI	AUBREY	Police	17,757
LUSZCZKI	BRYAN	Police	9,326
MALONI	ROBERT	Water / Sewer	2,550
MANDILE	CHELSEA	School-Aides	13,915
MATHERS	DAVID E.	Select Board	3,220
MCALLISTER	SUSAN	Poll Worker	312
MCAVOY	LORI	School-Teachers	23,550
MCCAFFREY	MICHELLE	School-Teachers	71,409
McCALL	MELINDA	COA Mealsite	5,346
MCGILL	CORY J.	Firefighter	2,539
MCGOWAN	KARIN	Poll Worker	48
MCQUESTON	REILLY	Firefighter	191
MERRITT	ROBIN	Firefighter	32
MERRITT	DIANE U.	Poll Worker	42
MURPHY	JOCELYN	School-Aides	22,256
NARDI	CHARLENE	Town Admin	69,065
NOYES	WORTH	Firefighter	398
O'BRIEN	MICHAEL	School-Custodial	56,076
O'CONNELL	DOROTHEA	Poll Worker	522
O'CONNELL	MICHAEL	School-Teachers	28,795
OSETEK	BRYAN	Highway	61,883
O'SULLIVAN	DIANE M.	Poll Worker	80
PACKARD	CHRISTIAN	Firefighter	48
PACKARD	JAMES	Transfer Station	4,160
PALMER	JOHN	Library	3,903
PARKER	HUGH	Firefighter	48

PARKER	MAYA	Firefighter	32
PEDRUCZNY	KAREN	Library Custodial	743
PETERSON	JENNIFER	School-Substitutes	245
PINKHAM	SHANE	Police	32,364
PISANO	KRISTIN	School-Teachers	58,931
POPE	JOHN P.	Firefighter	159
PUNSKA	DIANE	Poll Worker	588
PUNSKA	HEATHER	School-Teachers	70,486
REINKE	ROBERT	Police	8,392
ROBBINS	REBECCA	Poll Worker	120
ROBERGE	BONNIE	Collector	45,716
ROBINSON JR.	JAMES	Firefighter	613
ROGERS	SHAWNA	Firefighter	945
ROMA	GARY	School-Clerical	1,993
ROMANOWSKI	STEVEN	School-Aides	25,535
ROSEWARNE	NATHAN	Treasurer	24,316
ROVATTI	VERONICA	School-Teachers	28,336
ROWLEY	LINDA	Finance Committee	485
RUDOF	PAUL	School Committee	346
SANDERSON	PAUL	Constable	274
SANDERSON	PAUL	Firefighter	2,769
SAYRE	WILLIAM	Select Board	3,220
SCANLON	LAURIE	Library	5,176
SCHIFF	RYAN	School Committee	346
SCHMIDT	NAOMI	Library	13,097
SCHWEITZER	KAREN	School-Teachers	72,416
SMITH	TAMAR	COA Mealsite	1,907
SMITH	SYLVIA	School-Aides	5,417
SMITH	GEORGE	Transfer Station	3,578
SMITH-HARDER	AMBER	Library	7,170
SNODGRASS	ISABEL	Poll Worker	174
SNYDER	EVELYN	School-Teachers	15,142
SOUKUP	JASON T	Police	20,999
SPRINGMAN	DARYL R.	Firefighter	3,840
STONE-ADAIR	DARLENE	School-Substitutes	350
SYMONS	HELEN	Board of Health	710
TAYLOR	MEGAN	School Committee	346
TAYLOR JR	KENNETH H	Fire Admin	6,428
THOMAS	ANTHONY	Highway	2,250
TILLEY	FRANCES	Poll Worker	1,380
TURNER	DONALD W.	Highway	53,030
WARNOCK	ELEANOR	Admin Assistant	16,539
WATLING	MARIANNE	Library Custodial	244
WAYNE	MICHAEL H.	Police	39,097

WEBER	ERIC	Trust Fund Committee	300
WEIDHAAS	RYLIE	School-Substitutes	70
WESTLAKE	JENNIFER	Highway	27,463
WETZEL	PAUL	Finance Committee	485
WICKLAND	DENISE	Police Chief	77,963
WICKLINE	JOHN	School-Aides	21,400
WILDFONG	ROCHELLE	Library	33,197
WILDMAN	ERIKA	School-Teachers	9,281
WILHELM	MATTHEW	School Committee	346
WILSON	MELISSA	COA Director	23,576
WILSON	JAMES	Transfer Station	1,625
WOLK	MICHELE	Library	7,764
WOODS	MARY ELLEN	School-Teachers	72,038
YOUNG	BARBARA	Library	29,848
YOUNG	CHRISSA	School-Aides	27,637
ZACKS	LISA	Library	4,127
ZIMMER	RICHARD	Poll Worker	84
ZIMMER	NANCY	Poll Worker	144

Energy Committee

LED STREETLIGHTS

The Town completed the installation of the LED streetlights in 2019. In 2020, the Town Administrator and Energy Committee coordinated the relocation of several LED streetlights, and responded to and resolved several requests from residents to adjust the intensity or coverage of individual streetlights.

GREEN COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM

As a recipient of a Green Communities grant in the past, the Town has worked to achieve a reduction of its energy consumption by 20%. The Town continues to work towards this goal, including focusing on the energy usage at the Dunphy School. The Committee continued to discuss potential energy-reduction strategies and efforts which may qualify for funding grants under the Green Communities grant program.



TOWN-WIDE ELECTRIC AGGREGATION

The Committee considered ways to improve the current Community Choice Power Supply program, including assuming the data-reporting function, segregating commercial and residential program participants and their corresponding energy consumption, and demand characteristics by customer category.

This year Committee members Mary Dudek, Gerry Mann and Mark Corner resigned. Mary and Gerry have served for many years and been active contributors to the work of the Committee. Mark Corner, during his time on the committee, has provided unique technical expertise and insights about alternative energy sources and energy conservation. The Committee welcomed new members Paul Fenn, Neal Anderson, and James Piermarini, Jr. Neal previously served as a member of the Planning Board.

Finance Committee

The Town of Williamsburg Finance Committee provides oversight of the Town's budget. The Committee works closely with the Town departments to create a budget that is presented to the Town at its annual meeting for discussion and approval. Current members of the Committee include Paul Wetzels chair, Eric Cerreta, Charles Dudek, Charlie Heath, Richard Kisloski, Gil Loud, Julia Peters, Linda Rowley, and Lisa Sheehy.

To build the Town's budget, the Finance Committee begins its work in February, gathering budget requests and information from all the Town departments. Working within the legal constraints of the State and with the help of the Select Board, the Committee reviews budget requests, decides on how much free cash will be spent and employee salary changes. Requests are challenged and defended; eventually a budget is crafted and presented to the Town in June.

In FY 2020 the Town operating budget was \$8,073,131. The table below describes the amount of money in each budget category along with the percent of the budget each category represents.

<i>Budget Category</i>	<i>Budgeted Amount (\$)</i>	<i>Percent of Operating Budget</i>
Education —operating budgets local & regional	4,277,631	53.0
Miscellaneous Expenses —Insurance, employee retirement, Medicare, Charter & School Choice	1,115,955	13.8
General Government —includes all Town fuel	630,451	7.8
Public Works & Facilities	617,433	7.6
Debt Service	572,220	7.1
Protection of Persons & Property —Police, fire, ambulance	454,169	5.6
Culture & Recreation —Library, Recreation, Athletic Fields	165,158	2.0
Human Services —Council on Aging, Veterans	135,896	1.7
Intergovernmental Expenses —Solid waste, county jail, building inspection	104,217	1.3

Reserve transfers are funds added to budget lines by the Finance Committee that ran out of funds for an unforeseen reason before the end of the fiscal year. Finance Committee Reserve Fund transfers for Fiscal Year 2020 are listed below:

Opening Balance \$60,000			
<i>Amount (\$)</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Amount (\$)</i>	<i>Reason</i>
3,194.05	Treasurer's Expenses	1,192.07	Town Telephone
83.76	Legal	1,237.44	Property Insurance
732.27	Elections	1,042.40	Library Maintenance
3.60	Custodian Labor	1,616.02	Library Maintenance
617.08	Internet	4,058.00	Town Legal Counsel
317.35	Town Telephone	2,330.33	FY17 negative balance
194.93	Electricity	3,508.87	Municipal Energy (META) Grant
2,128.22	Computer Services	2,323.19	Library Maintenance
168.00	Athletic Fields	575.00	Police and Fire Insurance
544.37	Internet	83.76	Legal
Total Reserve Transfers \$25,950.71			
Ending Balance \$34,049.29			

Fire Department

The Williamsburg Fire Department is a call volunteer fire department, made up of men and women of all ages. The department responds to numerous and varied types of emergency calls throughout the year. The department also provides life and fire safety programs to the elementary school, senior citizens, and other groups upon request. In addition, the department handles numerous types of inspections, including smoke and carbon monoxide alarms for home sales and building permit occupancies, oil and propane tanks, oil burner equipment and many more. The department operates out of two stations, Station 1 on North Main Street, Williamsburg, and Station 2 on South Main Street, Haydenville.

The Department's fleet is made up of a Chief/Command vehicle, two attack pumpers, one pumper/tanker and a mini pumper/ brush/ rescue truck. In addition, we also operate a pick-up truck to assist with towing the department's two trailers, one that carries a Utility terrain vehicle (UTV). In addition to the two stations the department operates a small training facility next to the transfer station that also has space for extra storage. Finally, the department shares space at the highway department with the police department that houses the department's trailers along with the UTV.



In 2020 the department had another record-breaking year, responding to 381 calls for service. The calls included fire suppression, emergency medical service, hazardous material responses, carbon monoxide incidents, motor vehicle accidents, storm-related calls, fire alarm activations and many more. The department provided mutual aid to our surroundings towns 13 times in 2020 and received mutual aid 3 times.

A breakdown of the calls for 2020 are listed below:

INCIDENT TYPES	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	12	3.15%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	223	58.53%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	15	3.94%
Service Call	31	8.14%
Good Intent Call	9	2.36%
False Alarm & False Call	48	12.6%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	37	9.71%
Special Incident Type	6	1.57%
TOTAL	381	100.00%

For the second year in a row, the department was awarded the VFA (Volunteer Fire Assistance) Grant. The grant, which is a 50/50 matching grant, allowed the department, to complete a projected that was started 2019 to purchase brush fire hose and other associated equipment. The purchased equipment was formed into Interface kits and installed on our three main engines. These kits expanded our capabilities to better serve the community and address the types of brush fires the department often responds to.



In addition to the VFA Grant, the department was also awarded S.A.F.E. and Senior S.A.F.E. Grants from the Department of Fire Service (DFS). These grants help support our role in teaching fire safety and prevention in our schools and community, which includes a 13-segment 3rd grade program, and a fire safe function and picnic at the school's annual field day. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the in-school

program had to be cancelled, which allowed the department to purchase a "Sparky the Fire Dog Mascot." The senior portion of the grant helps the department support a home safety inspection program covering fall prevention, free smoke and CO alarms and other information. Again, due to the ongoing pandemic, our normal in-home visits were cancelled for safety concerns, but the department continued to offer smoke alarms and other safety materials to our over-65 population.

In January 2020, the Williamsburg Fire Department, along with Highland Ambulance EMS, responded to a residence in town for a reported subject having trouble breathing. Williamsburg first responders arrived and realized right away the patient was not breathing. The patient was immediately moved to the floor and started life saving measures. Highland Ambulance arrived and a device to assist with chest compressions was applied along with an AED. The patient was transported to a local hospital, where they regained a pulse. Ultimately the patient made a full recovery. If not for the action of our fire responders and Highland Ambulance crew, our neighbor would not be with us today.

The Williamsburg Police and Fire Department held the inaugural Police and Fire 5K in 2019 and were amid planning the 2nd Annual Race for 2020 when the pandemic hit. After being rescheduled several times, the race was ultimately cancelled. Having already received some funds from a local sponsor, the departments were able to purchase three additional AED's, which were presented to two out of the three local churches (the third was already equipped with an AED) along with the Williamsburg Transfer Station. The Police and Fire Departments hope to hold future 5K racing once the pandemic goes away.

The Department would like to thank the following members and supporters who responded or played a major role in the fire department in 2020:

Officers/Administrative
Fire Chief Jason Connell,
Deputy Chief Daryl Springman
Captains Cory McGill, Daniel Banister
Lieutenants Joshua Lapointe, Alex Kassell
Chaplain Worth Noyes
Administrative Assistant Kenneth Taylor

Firefighters/First Responders

Senior Firefighters; Paul Sanderson, James Ferron, Richard Karowski, Robert Lapointe, Glenn Everett, Alan Everett.

Firefighters/First Responders; Jake Lulek, Andre Barnes, Shawna Rogers, Hugh Parker, Robin Merritt, Zachariah Andross, Bartholomew Casey Kenneth Banas, Joshua Connell, Daniel Arndt,

Greg Dibrindisi, , James Robinson, Reilly McQueston, Maya Parker.

Junior Firefighters; Rebecca Connell, Eden Lulek, Reese Hillenbrand, Joseph Farrell, **Maxwell McQuade, Luke Enright.**

Support Personnel/Auxiliary

Denise Banister (Emergency Manager), Sabrina McGill (Auxiliary), Deborah Connell (Auxiliary)

In closing, on behalf of the members of the Williamsburg Fire Department, we would like to dedicate our report to John P. Pope. John passed away on May 3, 2020, from complications from COVID-19 at the age of 53. At the time of his passing, John had been an active member of the fire department for the past 24 years and was working at a nursing home facility as a Certified Nursing Assistant, taking care of patients infected COVID-19.

John joined the department in 1996 and quickly became a fixture of the department. Having lived across the street from the Haydenville Fire Station, John was no stranger to the fire trucks coming and going and had no trouble finding himself within the department. Soon after joining the fire department, John became an EMT and joined the Goshen Ambulance, and responded to emergencies in not only Williamsburg but Chesterfield and Goshen. John touched many lives over the years and was always willing to put others ahead of himself. When you ran into John either on a call, at the station or in passing at the store, he always made it a point to ask not only about how you were doing, but how every member of your family was doing. He would pat you on the back telling you how great you did on a call, or give you words of encouragement when he saw it may not have gone according to plan. The members of the Williamsburg Fire Department who served with John will forever remember him for his boisterous laugh, knowledge about baseball greats, and his willingness to always help. John's accountability tag currently hangs on the wall at the station, across the street from his home, in honor of his dedication to the town and his friendship to many.



Board of Health

The Board has been meeting remotely for the past year since the COVID-19 restrictions were



initiated. Our work this year has focused, particularly with the COVID-19 pandemic, with efforts to keep residents safe and healthy and businesses operating safely. Working remotely weekly with the other health board members of the towns in our Foothill Health District, we have done planning, shared information and expertise, and coordinated services, resources and supplies. We have worked with the schools in our system to stay open with a hybrid model of in-person and remote learning.

With extra grant funding from the state Department of Public Health and the federal Cares Act, the District has been able to hire a nurse to work with our boards to contact positive cases of the virus and give them instructions on isolating for the required amount of time. This nurse and Donna Gibson also do case contact tracing and instruct on how to quarantine appropriately, watching for any signs or symptoms of this very contagious and serious illness. This is all done confidentially. As of this writing, the Town of Williamsburg has had 40 reported cases of COVID-19 with one fatality.

The Health Board wishes to thank all the other town departments who participated in weekly remote meetings for many months to address the pandemic and share ideas about how to manage town functions and resources and get out weekly updates to the community via the town website, Facebook and phone calls. The state Department of Public Health did regular emails, remote meetings with local boards of health (which Helen Symons attends) and regular updates of the situation throughout the state to try to address the particular needs of individual towns. Massachusetts is unique in the nation in having health boards in every town, whereas most states have health districts or county-based health departments.

The Transfer Station acquired a new compactor for the household trash, as the old one of 20+ years had significantly deteriorated. Of note, the paper and cardboard compactor has noticeably reduced the number of loads of that material hauled to the Springfield Municipal Recovery Facility, saving us some hauling expense.

As residents seem to have had more time to do organizing and cleaning, there has been a larger use of the Transfer Station in all collection areas including metal loads. The town receives income from recycled metal but we no longer receive any money from the other recyclables – in fact we now pay for them by the ton at prevailing rates. Yet, unfortunately, our overall recycling rate has gone down.

The deposit bottles and cans area was closed for a period of time due to COVID precautions. With the commitment of the volunteer group running it, led by Nick Dines, renovations were done to make the area safer. The deposit money received from these items serves to beautify the streets of both Williamsburg and Haydenville Centers. We very much appreciate residents' work rinsing and sorting these items and taking the time to donate them.

The free table, a popular site, had to be closed because of the COVID-19 restrictions. We hope to open it again once a high vaccination level has been achieved. We know that residents appreciate being able to recycle rather than dispose of useable items. Rusty Luce has initiated many improvements to the Transfer Station, saving money on some and keeping it running efficiently. We are grateful to have attendants who are kept very busy at times being sure residents are disposing items appropriately, keeping traffic flow safe and helping folks cheerfully and courteously.

The biennial sampling and testing of the wells in the closed former Wood Waste Disposal Area was done successfully this fall and no contaminant hazards were found.

Donna Gibson, Chair; Gordon “Rusty” Luce; Helen Symons

Health Agent

The year 2020 will be one for the history books. No one could have expected an outbreak of Covid-19 that affected approximately 47 people in Williamsburg and globally 83,832,334. This year the Health Department spent time helping local business stay safe, helping people get vaccinated and helping residents get food during the pandemic. However, with great resilience the community pulled together to help each other, and this shows the strength and kindness of the residents of Williamsburg.

In terms of the more traditional tasks, during 2020 the department witnessed 11 perc tests and 15 Title 5 inspections. Septic system permits were issued for 10 new systems or system components. 27 inspections or re-inspections of food establishments were completed.

The following is a general breakdown of the many responsibilities handled on a regular basis by your Board of Health and the Health Agent:

- Witnessing percolation tests for all new and replacement septic systems
- Permit review and on-site inspections for all septic repairs and installations
- Housing code inspections and enforcement
- Infectious disease investigation and reporting
- Tobacco regulation enforcement
- On-site inspections for all beaver conflict permits
- Handling the numerous public health-related questions and complaints
- Camp inspections
- Bathing Beach test review
- Food establishment permitting and inspections

I may be reached at 413-268-8404. In-person help must be scheduled in advance. Written messages or mail should be directed to me at P.O. Box 447, Haydenville, MA 01039, or via email at Foothills@Burgy.org. I look forward to another productive year.

Mark R. Bushee, Health Agent, Foothills Health District



Highland Ambulance EMS, Inc.

FY 2020

This year we were challenged when Covid-19 came to town. At first it was not well understood and we had to deal with staff self-quarantining due to suspected exposure, hard-to-find and expensive PPE equipment, extra cleaning supplies to keep our ambulances safe even with an increased call volume. Through all of this our community members came through with selfless donations of face masks and shields, home-made gowns, food and cleaning supplies, as well as donations to help us keep going. All this was done without our asking, you just stepped forward where you saw the need. We are humbled and grateful for your thoughtfulness and generosity and are proud to serve you.

Operations: Highland Ambulance is the primary ambulance service provider for the towns of Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Plainfield and Williamsburg. Highland also provides primary back-up in the town of Worthington in support of Hilltown Ambulance of Huntington. Paramedics are on duty at Highland's station in Goshen from 6 a.m. until midnight seven days a week. During the midnight to 6 a.m. time period, Highland EMT's are occasionally assisted by Paramedics from other ambulance companies when the service of a Paramedic is required. Highland's active roster as of June 30, 2020, consisted of 27 members including 14 Paramedics and 13 EMT's. Our Service Director and Assistant Service Director are two full-time paramedics and we have one full-time EMT to solidify our staffing pattern. We have increased our administrative assistant's hours to help with increasing clerical and bookkeeping duties. Dr. Peter Morse is our Medical Director.

Mission. The mission of Highland Ambulance EMS, Inc., is to provide the full range of emergency medical services to the member communities. These services include:

- Providing training and certification testing for all first responders
- Developing and practicing emergency response plans with the schools and camps in the member towns
- Conducting health and safety classes for the schools
- Working with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and Homeland Security to develop emergency response plans for the member towns
- Providing mutual aid and paramedic intercept services to the neighboring communities
- Providing transport services
- Providing standby service for major emergency situations, e.g. house fires
- Providing standby service for major community events such as the Chesterfield Parade, the Ashfield Fall Festival and the Cummington Fair
- Responding to all 911 calls that may require emergency medical services
- Providing CPR programs to community members

Emergency Responses: During FY 19/20 Highland responded to 660 emergency calls. These are broken down by town as follows:

Ashfield;	114 or 17.27 %	Chesterfield;	67 or 10.15%
Cummington;	66 or 10.8%	Goshen;	88 or 13.35%
Plainfield;	67 or 10.15%	Williamsburg;	232 or 35.15%
Other;	26 or 3.93%		

Training: The following is a partial list of special training events held:

CPR and First Responder trainings for
Emergency Service Personnel, Police, and
Firefighters
Medical Management Classes
ALS/BLS interface classes for area EMTs
Basic EMT refresher courses
Paramedic refresher courses
12 Lead EKG and Advanced EKG courses
Bio-hazard class
Fire Rehab class



Community Involvement: (Due to Covid most of the events listed below did not happen.)

Here are some of the ways Highland would normally have participated in our communities in support of them;

Ambulance coverage for community events including the Chesterfield 4th of July Parade, the
Cummington Fair and the Ashfield Fall Festival
Safe Day at Sanderson Academy, New Hingham and Anne T. Dunphy schools
In January of 2019 Highland hosted a Board & Finance committee meeting with all 6
participating towns.
EMT coverage at the Chesterfield Gorge for a 5K run also EMTs for the Junior Olympics in
Goshen and a Polar Plunge fundraiser at the DAR State Forest.

Operating Expenses in FY 19/20: \$716,385.58

Cash on hand June 30 2020:

Operating Funds	\$133,977.48
Ambulance Fund	\$205,599.08
Memorial Fund	\$33,763.60
Dresser Fund	\$4,092.17
Donations	\$132,555.74

Our six towns contributed \$386,478.91 of our total operational budget, based upon town assessments. The balance came from billings to insurance companies, Medicare, Medicaid and contributions.

Building: There were some small repairs/changes that were not anticipated but needed to be completed in the new facility. These expenses were met either through our current budget or from donations.

Highland Ambulance Board of Directors:

Ashfield – Patricia Thayer
Chesterfield – Spencer Timm
Cummington – Amanda Savoie

Goshen – Cassandra Morrey
Plainfield – Edward Morann
Williamsburg – Denise Banister

At Large – Bernard Forgea (Cummington)
At Large – Nate Rosewarne (Goshen)
At Large – Douglas Mollison (Ashfield)

Highway Department

The crew was kept busy at the beginning of the year dealing with snow and ice events, which meant some long days and nights. After the snow subsided and started to melt, we began cutting



brush from the side of Route 143, which made a positive impact on the road, letting more sun hit the road surface to help melt the snow and ice, and help dry the road out. We hope to be able to finish this road and possibly a few more this year.

In mid-March and early April of this year, the COVID pandemic hit the town. This meant the crew was pressed into action doing things we

never had to do before. A few members came in on a Saturday morning to cordon off the playgrounds in town and to remove swings and basketball hoops. We were asked to assist in setting up tents at the voting site at the town office and for the Town Meeting at the school. We also assisted in setting up for the drive-through flu clinic at the town office. Mask wearing also became a norm for us when social distancing was not possible.

In early May, we began getting South Street ready for the top coat of blacktop. We had to locate and cut out the manhole covers and water shut-off boxes we had lowered the previous year to allow the road reclaimer to grind the road down a foot or more to help stabilize the base of the road. After the structures were raised back up, the road had the final (top) coat of asphalt applied. Shortly after, the crew applied loam and grass seed to the edge of the blacktop to finish the project. Some trees were trimmed back to clean up the edges of the road. The crew also put some blacktop on North Farms Road, Old Goshen Road, and Mountain Street to hopefully prolong the life of these roads, since repaving is a very expensive option. Roads around Williamsburg center were crack sealed and given a thin, shim coat of blacktop to strengthen them a little to accommodate chip sealing, and also help to prolong the life of the road. After the roads were patched, shimmed, and chip sealed, line painting was done on the majority of the roads in town. State Chapter 90 funds were used for most of the projects. Old Goshen Road, from Route 9 to the intersection of Village Hill, was also given a top coat of blacktop to prevent the road from falling into further disrepair.

In early summer, the crew also assisted CE Roberts Jr Construction with tie-ins from residences along South Main Street to the new water main. Approximately six houses were tied in, along with a new fire hydrant. We repaired a few of the water curb stops at some residences, and found a buried shut-off at the Hardware Store. We also performed sewer monitoring and sampling within the town's sewer system.

The crew did a great deal of clean up around the shop as well. Many trips were taken to a local metal recycler to rid the yard of clutter and equipment that was no longer used. The old boom mower tractor was declared surplus and sold. An old fire engine was also sold at auction.

At the request of the Greenway Committee, we did some work at the termination of the Greenway. The area was graded, some stone and stabilization fabric was installed, and a new rail was installed at the top of the slope.

A new guardrail was installed on Unquomunk Rd by the lower reservoir. There was a steep banking there and trees had fallen over, leaving little protection to keep cars from going into the water. This road has seen a rapid increase in traffic, with more and more people using the hiking trails. Cost of the guardrail was split between the Water Sewer Commission and the Highway Department.

The crew continued to maintain the flags in the town and to put them up and remove them for the holidays chosen by the Board of Selectmen. The flags are really starting to show their age and many need to be replaced.

The dirt roads in town were graded and rolled to help stabilize them. Using the roller seemed to help to alleviate washouts in heavy rains. The crew also went out and cleaned numerous ditches and road edges to direct water off of the roads. This helped tremendously to protect the roads from getting damaged during heavy storms. Brush was cut on the roadsides with both the tractor and the excavator with the over-the-rail mower.

There were many trees that were damaged or blown over during some of the heavy rain and wind storms we had over the past year. The excavator with the grapple made these jobs much easier than having to handle everything by hand, which had been done in the past. The grapple can also feed the chipper, making the job much easier and safer.

The street sweeper was used quite frequently this year, helping to clean debris off the roads and helping to prepare for paving and edging the sides of the roads, and helping them to shed water.



Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative

The Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (HRMC) was created in 1989 by a group of dedicated volunteers who had the vision to seek a regional solution to help small towns attain sustainability and environmental objectives through solid waste and recycling programs.

The member-towns that comprise the HRMC include: Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg, and Worthington. Each town appoints two representatives to serve on the HRMC Board. Board Officers for 2020 included: Joe Kearns, Chair (Middlefield); John Chandler, Vice Chair (Chesterfield); and, David Blakesley, Treasurer (Westhampton). In 2020, HRMC services included:

- Conducting annual DEP transfer station inspections and work as a liaison between towns and MA DEP on transfer station compliance matters.
- Bid Administration for a new 3-year municipal waste hauling and disposal contract.
- Representation and bid liaison on a new 5-year recycling contract with extension options.
- Work with regional entities to challenge increased prevailing wage rates for hauling.
- Execution of an annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event.
- Program management of transfer station recyclables including collection, hauling and recycling of tires, electronic waste, universal waste (including free recycling of mercury thermostats and re-chargeable batteries), books, and Freon evacuation.
- Outreach on transfer station operations and recycling initiatives.
- Submittal of member-town DEP annual surveys, grants, and reports.
- Financial administration of HRMC programs and monitoring of grant activities.

The day-to-day business and program operations of the HRMC are managed by a contracted Administrator, who also serves as a representative to the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) Municipal Advisory Board (Vice-Chair), the State Solid Waste Advisory Committee, the Western Mass Regional Recycling Coordinator group, and interfaces with local, regional, and State officials. Board meetings are held on alternate months. The March 16, 2020, meeting was cancelled due to the Covid 19 social distancing guidelines. All subsequent meetings were held virtually. Throughout the pandemic, the HRMC provided guidance on operations protocols.

The HRMC has an annual operations assessment that is approved by each town at its annual



Town Meeting. The annual Assessment Budget is based on tonnage and population. In FY20, the combined assessment for all ten towns was \$ 63,289. The Assessments offset base operating expenses. HRMC recycling program collection costs are pass-through expenses from the HRMC to the towns to best maximize economy of scale and to enable the HRMC administrator to have review and oversight of vendor relations and program operations.

In 2020, all HRMC member-towns were eligible for and received Recycling Dividend Program Grants (RDP) under the DEP Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP). Applications were submitted for them through the HRMC. In total, the HRMC Towns received \$ 47,250 in grant funds to be used to further enhance recycling programs. Williamsburg was awarded \$4,200.

During the past year, the HRMC member-towns collectively diverted 965 tons of recyclable materials to the MRF; the Town of Williamsburg recycled 205.91 tons in 2020. Eight of the ten member-towns have adopted recycling goals of 50% with the intent of increasing quantity and improving the quality of materials being recycled at their transfer stations and to reduce waste being landfilled. In 2020, the Town of Williamsburg had a recycling rate of 31.2% compared with 33.3% in 2019.

Kathleen A. Casey, HRMC Administrator

Historical Commission

The Commission has been in suspended animation throughout 2020. No meetings were held, no votes taken, no activities carried out, due to COVID-19.

The Williamsburg Historical Commission [WHC] is charged with preserving, protecting, developing and advocating for historical and archaeological resources of the Town, whether publicly or privately held. None of those resources are owned or controlled by WHC, so its work consists entirely of cooperating with the people and entities who do control them to promote their conservation. WHC has an active interest in the future of the historic 1841 Old Town Hall, which the Historical Society has been allowed to use since 1971 as its principal repository for donated local historical artifacts, and in the Old Village Hill and Mountain Street Cemeteries and the efforts of the Trust Fund and Cemetery Commission to maintain, preserve and protect them.

WHC continues to hope the town will adopt the Community Preservation Act (CPA), which offers perhaps the only opportunity to obtain major state funding assistance for projects like the Old Town Hall renovation or facelift, much-needed cemetery improvements and repairs, conserving and digitizing old town records, and other historic preservation projects that don't readily fit into the town's annual budget. CPA funds can also be earmarked and accumulated from year to year for projects too big to fund in a single year. A campaign to adopt the CPA will require persistent and determined leadership. WHC eagerly awaits the emergence of such an initiative and will do all it can to help.

WHC will continue contributing knowledge, ideas and photos to further the ongoing work and publications of the Mill River Greenway Initiative, the Williamsburg Greenway Committee, and the 250th Anniversary Committee planning the delayed celebration to be held, we hope, in 2022.

Eric Weber, Chairman



Libraries

~ Williamsburg and Haydenville ~

January and February looked like a wonderful start to 2020. We welcomed the Anne T. Dunphy School kids back from the Holiday Break for library instruction, kept up our fantastic circulation



numbers and provided meeting space and special programs for all ages. The Hawks-Hayden Room had a display of the photographic works of Patrick Raycroft – *Healing Haiti*. In February, the Friends sponsored their well-loved Valentine’s Day Extravaganza.

We held our first **Toy Party** – 15 adults brought in their laptops, kindles, phones and nooks and learned how to download items, sign in to Acorn TV and use the library’s resources.

While We Were Closed

On March 10, 2020, Governor Charlie Baker declared a state of emergency in response to the rapidly spreading Coronavirus. On March 12 all Town offices, schools and buildings were closed to the public. On March 29, the Library Director and Trustees of the Library petitioned the Board of Selectmen to allow limited staff in the building, continue paying for part-time and full-time staff to run the library, keep everyday operations going, move forward on special projects and work from home. The Board of Selectmen and the Town of Williamsburg demonstrated strong support of the Meekins staff and the services it provides the community.

We began the renovation and redesign of the Riverside Children’s Room. Staff also went over the entire collection to make sure all library items had current information and were not falling apart – a huge job but something we would never have time for when we are open to the public. Amber Smith-Harder learned the ins and outs of library cataloging and took over some tasks while Bobbin Young worked from home to keep the most meticulous care of our collection and relationship to CW MARS.



For several months all Town Department heads met by teleconference to exchange Health Department information, Personal Protective Equipment needs, and information on building closures. This group was so helpful in demonstrating that the whole town was working together to serve the community.

Keep Safe and Keep Strong, Burgy became our temporary motto and driving force to keep momentum in the pandemic muck. Reinventing what we do, how we serve our community and reaching out to those in need drove us to some creative projects. Lisa Zacks, our talented Social Media technician, helped up our social media game with regular posts to Facebook and Instagram that were both fun and informative. As the weather began to warm, we offered several book give a-ways: lovely bundles of books in various genres and age interests. Our town’s people were hungry for reading material that didn’t involve viewing on screens.



Quarantining books

Daily book and item deliveries from around the state ended and didn't start back up until July. Starting in late April we began to offer books, DVDs and audiobooks just from the Meekins collection. What did this mean? Initially we cleaned every single item with disinfectant and then began quarantining items for 4 days according to the testing of library materials by the REALM project. Our meeting room became a quarantine site for books to remain four days before being handled by staff.

In July, our patrons could request books from other libraries from around the state and deliveries resumed. Boxes and boxes of books finally headed to their home libraries and ours came back to us.

Meekins made the decision to make our Summer Reading program virtual in 2020. We joined many Massachusetts libraries in signing up with Beanstack. Children and adults could log books and participate in wonderfully designed online programs through Beanstack. Anyone who registered got a free ice cream. One of the most fun and engaging programs was an Escape Room that took place at virtual Meekins. Naomi Schmidt, our Kmit Programming Librarian, was locked the Town Vault and needed to be freed to solve the escape puzzle. We had 50+ participants in summer reading, not our usual numbers but a good turnout given the circumstances. All prizes given this year were gift certificates, purchased by the Friends of Williamsburg Libraries, from local merchants. Florence Bank donated money toward the Grand Prize, an iPad mini. We had a socially distanced pizza party on the patio for all participants who completed the entries in Beanstack.



Curbside in Meekins lobby



Williamsburg Fire Department, Police Department, local merchants and community groups collaborated to make Halloween special in 2020. Inspired by Charles Dickens's story *A Christmas Carol*, we donned costumes and became characters in the story, then safely gathered for Halloween, and passed out hundreds of bags of treats.



A Dickens Halloween

In December 2020, we gathered as a virtual community for Meekins Holiday Reading and together we read that same story, *A Christmas Carol*, in a Zoom Room.

Story Hour

Rochelle Wildfong doubled her weekly story hour and took it to YouTube. Recordings of her wonderful stories can now be found on the Meekins Facebook page.

Meekins as School library

When school and the library closed abruptly in March and the entire state went on lock down we missed our weekly classes with the students.



When school finally started back up, we offered book deliveries, story times on our front steps or in our tent, and developed a curriculum that could be offered on Zoom.

Local History Collection and resources

With Daria D'Arienzo's passion for town history and excellent sleuthing we created "Throwback Thursday" for Facebook and Instagram to showcase the odd and the quirky as well as the historical "stuff" in Meekins.

Library Outreach

Meekins served as a collection and distribution center for warm clothing, collaborating with the Williamsburg Grange.

The Director, Bev Bullock, began working with a newly formed group, All Hamptons Reads/Reopens, sharing ideas, Covid responses and developing programs. Meekins, Forbes, Lilly, Emily Williston, Easthampton, Westhampton and Southampton library directors continue to work together.



I am extremely grateful for the dedication of the Meekins staff and the support and encouragement from our patrons and loyal volunteers.

No doubt about it, 2020 is one for the history books. What will the next year bring to the Williamsburg Libraries? The staff, Trustees, volunteers, and community members will work together in 2021 to develop a Long-Range Plan for the Williamsburg Libraries. We will take stock of what worked from the 2015-2020 Plan, what still needs attention, and look to the future for the best ways to serve our community. We hope you will join us in forging our way forward and serving all citizens of Williamsburg.

Beverly Bullock
Library Director



Library Staff:

Beverly Bullock, Library Director
Rochelle Wildfong, Children's Librarian
Bobbin Young, Technical Services Librarian
Naomi Schmidt, KMIT Children's Programming Librarian
Daria D'Arienzo, Meekins Archivist
Circulation Assistants: Michele Morales, Amber Smith-Harder and Lisa Zacks
John Palmer, Bookkeeper
Laurie Scanlon, Library Cleaner

Trustees:

Patricia Billingsley, Chair; Ken Borden, Treasurer; Joan Coryat; Fred Goodhue; Charlotte Meryman and Rob Stinson

Williamsburg Library Volunteers:**January 2020-December 2020**

Lorraine Barrack	Program Volunteers
Amy Bedell	Francie Taylor
Ken Borden	Trustees of the Williamsburg Libraries
Daria D'Arienzo	Margo Valone
Nick Dines	Eric Weber
Friends of the Williamsburg Libraries	Jim Weigang
Garden Volunteers	Jennifer Miller-Antill
John Hoogstratten	
Elaine Hyde	
Beth Kilduff	
John Lancaster	

(We hope we listed everyone but if we overlooked someone please accept our apologies.)

Board of Trustees of the Williamsburg Libraries

The current board members are: Joan Coryat, Chair; Charlotte Meryman, Vice Chair; Ken Borden, Treasurer; Pat Billingsley, Rob Stinson, and Fred Goodhue. The Board was delighted to welcome Fred in July, when he was appointed by the Select Board to replace Cynthia Barker, who moved out of state.

The Board is grateful to Library Director Beverly Bullock and all the staff and volunteers of Meekins Library, who have continued to provide much needed materials and services throughout this difficult period. Even during the early months of the pandemic, when the library was completely closed to the public, staff were busy cleaning and quarantining returned books, weeding the collection, planning for the summer reading program, and more.

The Board worked closely all year with the library's director and bookkeeper to monitor funds, expenses, and future expenditures. A subcommittee worked with the bookkeeper to improve the labelling and formatting of our financial reports so that they are more user friendly. A separate

initiative has begun to create a handbook for new trustees outlining library operations and finances.

The Board, in liaison with the Director, Town Administrator, and Town Building Supervisor, oversaw the funding and addressing of maintenance needs for the buildings and grounds of both Meekins and Haydenville libraries, including fixes to the Meekins HVAC Mini-Split system, replacement of the Fire Control Panel, and modifications required to keep staff and library patrons safe during the pandemic, including a new air exchange filtration system and the addition of plexiglass “sneeze guards” at the circulation desk. Additionally, the Board explored options and obtained estimates to replace the front walkway at Meekins, which is in a state of serious disrepair. We hope to move forward with that work in 2021.

As Meekins Library also serves as the Anne T. Dunphy School Library, the Board worked with the Director, the Williamsburg School Committee, and school staff to review protocols, staffing, and curriculum. Due to the pandemic and the school’s resulting hybrid model, library staff modified the curriculum to support virtual learning in students’ homes, now being implemented.

The Board's FY 2021 Annual Fund campaign, which concluded June 30, 2020, achieved its goal of \$18,500, critical to meeting state certification requirements, including the state-mandated purchase of new materials, which is not fully covered by our town appropriation. Many thanks to everyone for their continuing support of library services.

Our continuing liaison with the Friends of the Williamsburg Libraries has increased communication between our boards and allowed us to better coordinate our efforts.

In 2021, the Board and Director, with input from the community, will create an updated, state-mandated strategic plan setting forth our vision and goals for the library for the next 3-5 years.

Joan Coryat, Chair, Board of Trustees of the Williamsburg Libraries



The Friends of the Williamsburg Libraries

It has been a challenging year for the Friends, as for everyone else. Our main focus is to support the Library and, except for our annual fundraising through our membership letter in the Fall, we were not able to hold any fundraising events. Most notably, we were not able to have our biggest event, the Fall Book Sale. This event has been a big fundraiser, and an event very much anticipated by the entire local community.

We did receive a very nice grant from the Florence Bank Customer’s Choice Community Grant Program, as in recent years, thanks to our many loyal supporters who voted for us.

We were able to support several projects in the Library:

- Furnishings for the newly renovated Riverside Room
- An Electrician and an access point in the Riverside Room
- Carpet cleaning
- Window washing
- A new vacuum
- Basement cleaning
- Shelves on wheels for the lobby for pick-ups during the pandemic
- Umbrellas for the tables on the patio
- A new computer for the Director

We also supported the drive-by Halloween event hosted by the staff, prizes for the summer reading program, and supplies for the Valentine's Day event for kids (of all ages!) in the Hawks-Hayden Room.

We again bought passes for local museums.

We were and are in on-going discussions about how best to use the internet, particularly regarding membership dues and information, but also, if the pandemic continues, how to creatively devise other activities and events, both as community engagement and as fundraising.



Finally, we revised our mission statement, which can be found on the Friends Page on the Library website. Here it is:

The purpose of the Friends of the Williamsburg Libraries is to help maintain a vibrant cultural center for the town of Williamsburg and the surrounding communities. The Friends sponsors and raises funds for community events and assists in making gifts of time and money to meet needs not normally covered in the library's operating budget.

Susan Waltner, President of the Friends of the Williamsburg Libraries

Mill River Greenway Committee

The Mill River Greenway Committee had a productive year despite the best efforts of COVID to slow us down. MA DOT's design and engineering of the Route 9/Mill River Greenway Shared Use Path is moving forward, with a current timeline of achieving the important "25% Design" threshold projected for end of 2021. This keeps the project on track for potential groundbreaking in 2025 or 2026.



We are working closely with other town committees including the Water/Sewer Commission, Public Safety Complex (OPM Steering Committee), and the Open Space Committee to ensure that all the major town projects are working together to coordinate timing, connectivity, and design. One example of this coordination will be the replacement of the Water Main that runs under Route 9 concurrent with the highway work through town; this "nonparticipating cost" will be undertaken by the Water/Sewer Commission using their own Enterprise funds. We are also coordinating with project engineers VHB to ensure that the MA DOT's project to replace the two Mill River bridges to South Main Street integrates the connection from the Haydenville- Williamsburg Route 9 Greenway, which ends at the Brassworks, to the MassCentral Trail dismount in Haydenville. We are pursuing multiple funding sources in hopes of being able to construct the last stretch of this connection along the eastern section of South Main Street, which we hope will include a new pedestrian bridge to connect walkers and bikers safely to the trail switchback.



Over the winter of 2019-2020, the Greenway Committee spearheaded the town's efforts to be certified under the state's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness program, convening several meetings that engaged stakeholders from across town boards and administration to develop consensus on priorities for increasing Williamsburg's resilience in the face of climate disruptions. Williamsburg received this certification in October 2020; focus now turns to considering opportunities to apply for "Action Grants" under the MVP Program.

Our committee has been involved in the restoration and stewardship of several parcels that relate to our "linear park" project. Following improvements made in 2017 to the Mass Central Trail dismount in Haydenville, the Greenway Committee partnered with the Highway Department to improve

drainage, reduce erosion, and install native grasses and perennials at the switchback from the trail down to South Main Street. We have also funded invasive plant management on the Brassworks flood plain parcel acquired in 2018 for planned use as a town "greenway park."

The Mill River Greenway Committee meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. and welcomes your questions, ideas, and energy as we carry this exciting project forward!

Owner's Project Manager (OPM) Steering Committee Public Safety Complex

The owner's project manager committee (OPM committee) is the town committee charged with the development, siting, and advancement of a new public safety complex in Williamsburg.

The committee presented to town residents at a special town meeting in February of 2020 its work and findings over the past years. There were four key parts to these findings:

- The current public safety facilities are fundamentally inadequate. The buildings are in disrepair, were not designed for the functions they currently serve, and their condition is unfit to house some of the town's fire volunteers and police staff.
- There is no suitable private land available to site a new public safety complex. This was determined by a public request for proposals process that targeted all parcels along the Route 9 corridor, particularly those thought to be most suitable for the project. No public bids were submitted in response to this request for proposals. As a result, the committee determined that any public safety facility must be sited on existing town-owned properties.
- The committee looked at four town-owned properties including the current fire and police station in Haydenville, the current highway department, the current town offices, and the Helen E. James property as potential sites for the project. Of these, the committee determined that the Helen E. James site was the only one suitable for the project due to factors such as location, elevation, accessibility, and lot size. As such, the question of what to do with the currently unused Helen E. James school building and where to site the public safety complex are inextricably linked.
- Voters will not support the cost of a public safety complex that is beyond the community's needs.



equipment. A second would involve building a new, completely freestanding building next to the school. A third would involve tearing down the existing school and building a new building in its place. Additionally, the voters approved funding to engage an architect for preliminary design of a public safety facility and to assess the current conditions of the Helen James school building including structural and environmental needs.

The subsequent ten months of the year were spent working with the architect and the owner's project manager firm to assess these three scenarios and to further hone the scope and scale of the safety complex to be recommended, with the goal of holding a special town meeting in spring of 2021 to share findings and hold a vote on its recommendations.

Open Space

Williamsburg's Open Space Committee is completing a revision of the town's Open Space and Recreation Plan. The plan includes information on existing open space and recreational resources, goals related to land conservation, management and recreational activities, and a series of maps. Having an up-to-date open space and recreation plan enables Williamsburg to proactively identify those lands that are most suitable for conservation and to receive state funding to protect land that is open for public use.

In February 2020, the Open Space Committee co-hosted a public meeting with the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) planning group to share the recommendations coming out of both plans. Public input from this session, other public meetings, and discussions with key town committees are informing the updated Open Space and Recreation Plan.

A draft plan is expected to be ready for public comment in March 2021.

Planning Board

The Planning Board began 2020 working on revisions to the Zoning Bylaws, with a plan to update the Accessory Apartments portion of the bylaw at the 2020 Annual Town Meeting. The Board held a live listening session on Zoning on March 9. That turned out to be our last in-person meeting for the year. At the listening session, we gathered comments from attendees on the topics of Detached Accessory Apartments (not currently allowed in our zoning), signs, and Solar Photovoltaic Arrays.

With lockdowns due to the COVID-19 epidemic, plans to bring Zoning Bylaw changes to the Town Meeting were deferred to 2021. The Board continued to meet monthly throughout 2020, gathering information and drafting possible changes for Accessory Apartments and Solar developments. In the fall, the Board also started reviewing zoning for marijuana establishments.

The Planning Board reviews plans when landowners in town wish to alter or divide lots, and we were able to continue that work in video-conference meetings during the balance of 2020.

The Board reviewed tree removal requests with the Tree Warden in four public hearings. We also did some preliminary work on creation of a written Master Plan for the town. Work on that will be ongoing.

The Board welcomed the addition of Holly Hendricks in 2020, bringing it to full strength of seven members.

Police Department

In 2020 the Police Department was composed of the following members:

Chief Denise Wickland
Sergeant Jason Soukup
Corporal Michael Wayne
Officer Bryan Luszczki
Officer Shane Pinkham
Officer Robert Reinke
Officer Michael Lemoine
Officer Mitchell Cichy
Officer Peter Fisher
Officer Aubrey Luszczki



2020 was a challenging year in many aspects.

As the country faced the pandemic, the members of the Police Department held true to their dedication and values and continued to protect and serve those in our Community with pride. Despite having to halt many of the enjoyable community events, we did our best to remain a positive and visible part of the community. We continued the Safe Entry Program in collaboration with the Fire Department and many new boxes were installed. The program provides mounted lock boxes to seniors in our community. The boxes are installed by a member of the Police or Fire Departments and hold a key to the home provided by the resident. If emergency responders need to make entry to the home for a medical emergency, they are able to call the dispatch center and receive the code which will unlock the box. This not only provides quick access to a person having an emergency but also prevents damage to homes which may otherwise occur if a home is locked and there is no other way to gain access to a patient. These boxes are provided to seniors at no cost and to any other residents with a suggested donation of \$25. Anyone interested in one of these lock boxes can call the Police Department at 413-268-7237.

Some of the collective duties of the Department include: responding to emergency and non-emergency calls, handling department administrative functions, routine patrols, criminal investigations, responding to medical emergencies, investigating traffic crashes, attending court, enforcing state and local laws. Williamsburg should pride itself on being a low crime community, although the Police Department would like everyone to remember that we are not crime free. The Department does investigate drug possession and distribution cases, sexual assaults, burglaries, domestic violence, child abuse and many other serious offenses. These crimes take place in every community, even Williamsburg. An example of this is, in the year 2020 officers served a high risk search warrant on a residence after police received a tip that a resident with known gang affiliations was in possession of illegal firearms. The successful investigation yielded several classes of illegal narcotics, body armor, drug packaging materials, and firearms which were seized from a home in our community. Several sexual assault cases and child abuse cases were reported and investigated by officers who are specially trained for these types of investigations. Suspects were charged with several felony offenses and are awaiting trial dates.

The Police Department handles over 3,000 calls per year, which all require some form of action or follow up. These calls range anywhere from loose dogs to violent subjects and everything in between. These calls come in from the emergency dispatch center and also through our non-emergency line. Several arrests were made in 2020 for various criminal offenses including warrants, operating under the influence of liquor, operating under the influence of drugs, revoked licenses, possession of heroin, possession of cocaine, trafficking heroin, distributing narcotics, assault and battery, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, intimidation of a witness, disturbing the peace, possession of a firearm without a license, and several other offenses. Each arrestee is taken to the Williamsburg Police Department where they are booked according to policy prior to transport to the Regional Lock up Facility for holding in a cell until release or transport to court.



The Police Department performs other duties that some residents may not be aware of. We offer vacant property checks for unoccupied homes or homes that may be vacant while families are away on vacation. These checks can be requested by contacting the Police Department and completing a simple request form.

The Police Department still has a permanent kiosk for collecting unused prescription and over-the-counter medications. Any person wishing to dispose of unused medications may do so, no questions asked. We only ask that you make an appointment to access the lobby as we are still not holding walk-in hours due to COVID-19 precautions. This service is open to all citizens whether they reside in Williamsburg or not. To date the Williamsburg Police Department has collected more than 1,100 pounds of unused medications.

There are two certified car seat installation technicians on the Police Force. Free seat inspections and installations are available by appointment and seats are available to families who need them. Anyone interested in receiving a car seat or having their current seat inspected should contact the Police Department.

The Police Officers that serve the Town of Williamsburg pride themselves on being courteous and professional. We train as a group throughout the year, and despite training looking a little different in 2020, we continued to work as a team and I am proud of the talented and professional officers serving Williamsburg. We are extremely fortunate to live in a community that supports our Police Department. Thank you to all of the residents who have supported this Department past and present. Anyone who needs to reach us can call 413-268-7237.

Chief Denise Wickland

Recreation Commission

The Williamsburg Recreation Commission has had a quiet year due to the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. To support our community in remaining safe and healthy, there were no organized athletic events after March of 2020. We look forward to the return of our community-based recreation activities as soon as it is safe to do so.

This year's efforts have focused on maintenance of the fields and the tennis courts at Ames Field. Benjamin Thompson continues to enthusiastically support the use of the courts, even in the cold weather. In order to that ensure the courts (which were resurfaced and repainted the previous year) remain in good shape, we have established a system in which the courts need to remain inaccessible after a snow storm until they have been appropriately cleared. We ask that no community member clears the courts without prior approval from the Recreation Commission. Advantage Tennis continues the maintenance of the courts, having fixed some cracks under our warranty this year.

Pickleball remains an active sport for our community members as well as tennis and basketball. Players have demonstrated a collaborative relationship working out a system of shared use that allows near constant daylight use of the courts, even in the freezing, cold weather.



As we knew that we would not be able to have the typical use of our fields this year, we took this opportunity to invest in improving the turf by reseeding and aerating the field. Rory Zononi did an amazing job and the fields have never looked better. The fields are healthier and will be ready to handle crowds of energetic athletes when we return.

This past fall we said goodbye to commission member Stuart Brisson, who is missed, and we were happy to welcome our newest member, Coni Gilman.

Pamela Plumer, Chair
Al Golash, Treasurer
Coni Gilman, Secretary
Benjamin Thompson
Collin Black

Anne T. Dunphy School Williamsburg School District Annual Principal's Report

As I draft this annual report, I realize that none of us could have predicted what the end of the 2019-2020 school year would have looked like at Anne T. Dunphy School! Just as we settled into 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic arrived with challenges we could never have anticipated. On March 13, 2020, our school building closed for what we assumed was a short period of time. As it became clear that the circumstances were likely not improving, our teachers quickly pivoted to virtual teaching using a platform called “Zoom.” This allowed teachers to meet and conduct lessons virtually with the entire class, small groups, or 1:1 with students. While this model of instruction was new for both staff and students, it was amazing at how quickly these transitions were able to take place. Throughout the spring, our school community worked to support families through sharing of technology devices, on-line technology support classes for adults, materials pick-up days, a grab-and-go school lunch program, and some videos and events aimed at simply keeping us all connected during this difficult time in society. Our families, staff, and students showed such resilience in 2020.

Student Enrollment Fall 2020	
Preschool	4
Kindergarten	8
1 st grade	12
2 nd grade	23
3 rd grade	10
4 th grade	18
5 th grade	24
6 th grade	20
Choice in students: 11	
Choice out students: 17	
Charter out students: 1	

Throughout the past year, so much has been asked of our school committee. Leaders in the state left many decisions in the hands of local school committees regarding models of education during the pandemic, placing an extreme amount of responsibility and burden on these elected officials. The Williamsburg School Committee has volunteered countless hours in the process of working to make their best, informed decisions for the Anne T. Dunphy School. They individually read, researched, and communicated with community members, and together they managed many public meetings

during which community members expressed passionate, thoughtful, and opposing perspectives. Their dedication to their roles is admirable and we appreciate their ongoing support. In this year, we have been *especially* appreciative of the leadership and support of the Williamsburg School Committee: **Cindy Kassell, Matt Wilhelm, Ryan Schiff, Amber Smith-Harder and Meg Taylor.** At the end of her term, Meg Taylor chose not to seek another term, and **Collin Black** was elected to the position at the spring 2020 elections. In November 2020, Cindy Kassell stepped away from her role on the Williamsburg School Committee after three years of service in that role. We are grateful to both Meg and Cindy for their dedication to the school, for their strong advocacy on behalf of the school, and to Cindy for her leadership as the committee chairperson. **Marissa Nye** was appointed to the committee to complete Cindy's term.



In June, we worked hard to be able to plan a celebration to honor our sixth grade students while still maintaining health and safety guidelines. The staff, parents, students, and entire community came together to make this an extra special event ~ as we were so cognizant that many of our annual sixth grade traditions were not possible this year. On the evening of graduation, families of each graduate parked in designated spots in our parking lot, creating a large circle of cars. Families were invited to decorate their cars for the occasion, and each graduate sat in front of their car. Staff were spread out along the sidewalk in lawn chairs, prepared with noise makers to celebrate our students. A portable sound system was used to



allow the attendees to hear the speakers who spoke of the resilience of these students throughout the spring. As each graduate was called up to receive a diploma, their family was invited up along with them, and were then invited to Angel Park to have a family photo taken. The event was topped off with a loud and fun car parade through town, complete with a fire hose water arch created by the Williamsburg Fire Department, and loud sirens from the Williamsburg Police Department. Many community members and extended family and friends lined the street from Anne T. Dunphy down to Haydenville to cheer them on. We are so grateful to the town of Williamsburg for helping to make this event so special. The 2020 graduates of Anne T. Dunphy School were: **Kaitlyn Banister, Isabelle Couture, Luke Gardner, Ezra Gilman, Ivan Harder, Katelynn Hennessy, Ashleigh Hodges, Sarah Hultman, Aiden Jones, Ruby Lederer, William Leopaldi, Michael Lockwood, Kaela Lorentzen, Emily Love, Adam Müller, Samuel Robbins, and Oscar Schiff.**

In June 2020, we also acknowledged the retirement of **Jennifer Black**. Jen had most recently served as our sixth grade classroom teacher, but has held many roles within the school in her twenty years of service to our community. Her students and colleagues helped her to celebrate with drive-by parades and special Zoom celebrations. We wish Jen the best in her retirement!

As we prepared for the 2020-2021 school year, we welcomed **Ms. Kolby Lafayette** as our sixth grade teacher.

In August 2020, the decision was made that we would begin our year in a “hybrid” model. This meant that half of each class would come to school in-person on Monday/Tuesday, and the other half of the class would be in-person on Thursday/Friday. Wednesday would act as a fully remote day for all students. All of our students were provided with laptops (4-6) or iPads (K-3) to support remote learning during their at-home days. We also worked with families to support internet connectivity in areas with no access. When students are participating in their learning-at-home days, they spend their time completing work planned and created by their classroom teacher, and participating in virtual morning meetings, specials, and afternoon check-ins with school staff. The state also required that each school district provide a fully remote alternative for any family who preferred that option. Partnering with Westhampton Elementary School, we have two elementary classroom teachers providing remote learning for our students, **Rita Luce** and **Letitia Scafidi**. Students who are part of our fully remote model also participate in daily opportunities to virtually connect with other students and staff at ATD.

To prepare for our reopening, many internal logistics were planned, as well as some minor HVAC adjustments to ensure the maximum air exchange rates in each space throughout the school. In addition to health and safety supplies such as PPE (personal protective equipment) and hand sanitizer, other equipment was purchased to allow for safe in-person learning. Some examples are:

- Plexiglass barriers to allow teachers to work 1:1 with students
- Tents and additional picnic tables for outdoor learning
- Portable outdoor desks
- Yoga mats to provide each student an outdoor sitting spot or an alternative seating area in the classroom



The custodians worked diligently throughout the summer and our facility was ready to go on the first day for students, September 17th. Prior to that date, staff participated in ten days of professional development to help increase their skills in approaching remote learning and to better be able to support students' social emotional needs during a pandemic.

Our students have been engaged in exciting new learning despite our unique circumstances in the 2020-2021 school year. They have showed immense flexibility in managing all of our safety protocols, and are still excited to come to school each day, whether it is in-person or on a screen. Teachers have found creative ways to have students work with partners while being socially distanced. We have instrumental lessons taking place outside, socially distanced PE games, virtual field trips, a virtual Family Game Night, and have even found safe ways to celebrate holidays such as Halloween and Valentine's Day. We are so appreciative of the additional effort that our school staff have put into making these months of school meaningful and as typical as possible for our students.

We are keenly aware that our students are experiencing missed opportunities this year, despite all of our best efforts. We know that there are field trips being missed, enrichment activities not taking place, and whole school events that cannot be planned. Where possible, we are working to recreate these events or create new traditions, but it is also important that we acknowledge to students that this period in time does feel different, and there are losses that they are feeling.

I also want to be sure to thank all of the community members of Williamsburg. The investment that the town made into the Anne T. Dunphy facility made a return to in-person schooling possible this fall. Had the community not supported the renovation of the Anne T. Dunphy School, or annually provided the funding to maintain and supply it, a safe in-person return would have been impossible to consider. The children of this community are benefitting from that support. Thank you, Williamsburg!

We appreciate the town employees and departments who support our school community. Our students continue to benefit from the school's relationships with the Williamsburg PTO, Williamsburg Fire Department, the Williamsburg Police Department, the Williamsburg Council on Aging, the Williamsburg Cultural Council, the Daniel Collins Trust Fund, and the Meekins Library staff, trustees, and Friends. The school community is also grateful for the support of the Williamsburg Highway Department and the staff at the Williamsburg Town Offices. Our staff and students benefit from being raised in such a connected and caring community.

Stacey Jenkins, Principal

Hampshire Regional High School

Students and staff at Hampshire Regional showed impressive resilience and compassion during the 2020 calendar year.

January and February of 2020 began in our typical fashion of hitting the deck running into the new year. Our academic programming was in full swing and students were engaged in numerous educational opportunities on and off campus. Notably, the math department, led by program leaders Nicole Rainville and Terry Barut, was in the process of including new inquiry-based learning lessons into their classes, based on meaningful professional development they had earlier in the school year. A new interdisciplinary course, AP Seminar, engaged students in critical thinking and research on a number of current events such as school safety, taught by librarian Andrea Belanger. Both eighth grade teams visited UMass in January on their annual college visit. Extracurricular student-led activity esports was a new organization that gained popularity in 2019, and our highly anticipated spring musical, *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* was in rehearsals. Winter athletics such as basketball, wrestling, skiing, and our co-op programs with Easthampton for swimming, diving and hockey had high participation with Hampshire athletes. Hampshire Regional experienced a shift in leadership when the Assistant Principal, Mark Biagini resigned in February and Karen Milch, the school's Evaluation Team Leader, was hired in his place. Karen's proven track record at Hampshire made her a good fit to fill in the mid-year vacancy and she seamlessly took on the leadership role.

Special education teacher Jason Threlfall was awarded the Harold Grinspoon Teacher of Excellence from Hampshire in February. Jason was an ideal candidate for this accolade due to his tireless work with the students he works with and his clear dedication to ensuring they grow and learn with his support.

The winter months also included a number of conversations with member towns' select boards and finance committees regarding important building projects that needed to be done at Hampshire Regional based on the school's capital improvement plan. Given that the school renovations were completed almost 20 years before, there were a few key areas that needed immediate attention, including the school's HVAC system, recommended safety upgrades, sidewalk repairs, water tank repairs, locker upgrades and field irrigation. Significant collaboration took place between all towns, the district's central office, and the school's administration to determine how to fund these improvements with a specific focus on the HVAC system. Little did any of us know that this project served to be extremely valuable for health and safety purposes related to COVID-19 in the fall.

March of 2020 brought some significant, unexpected changes to the school year with the infection rate of COVID-19 affecting our state. The School Committee had several emergency meetings to discuss the cancellation of international trips to Ireland, Berlin/London/Paris, and France. After working in partnership with our local Board of Health from Westhampton, the musical was able to have one evening show with a limited audience on Friday, March 13, with the shows on Saturday and Sunday being cancelled. That same day, school was canceled for several weeks to encourage community members to stay home to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our area. Educational programming was challenging due to the inequities across the districts,

including access to broadband internet, access to technology, and availability of support at home. Because of this, the administration worked to provide packets of work to students and

streamline assignments to focus on English language arts, mathematics, wellness, and a daily journal. Weekly communication included family newsletters, faculty meetings, and class meetings.



Once the school closure was extended to include most of the spring, the staff rallied around the Class of 2020 and became the first in the area to deliver lawn signs to seniors to recognize and appreciate their strength during what should have been an exciting and busy time for them. Many staff members contributed to the signs and had car parades to deliver them to students' houses around the district. Senior post-graduation plans were highlighted on the school's Instagram and Facebook pages. Later in the spring, the governor announced that schools would be closed for the remainder of the school year. April vacation was changed to school days to end the school year earlier in June. Teaching and learning transitioned from general assignments to course-based assignments for the fourth quarter, and online learning commenced without training or support. Teachers worked hard to develop appropriate lessons that were accessible to all, regardless of the access issues. Wireless hotspots were provided to families, as were laptops. Hampshire Regional offered a grab and go meal program that was popular with the local community, led by cafeteria manager Carol Inman. The junior prom was rescheduled and then cancelled, along with many other exciting spring events that all students were looking forward to enjoying, including the middle school semi-formal, jazz and arts night, all athletics, the sophomore Washington DC trip, and senior activities including the senior banquet and the senior class trip.

Instead of canceling graduation, the school administration and class advisors Tonya Aitken and Steve Croft hosted an individual ceremony for each of the 119 graduates over the course of a week and had a professional videographer, Reelife Productions out of Williamsburg, record each ceremony to make one special production. The class valedictorian, Emma Civallo of Southampton, and class salutatorian and president, Annie Curran of Southampton, both gave

moving remarks, and additional highlights included speeches by the class Vice President April Warner of Chesterfield, the class Secretary Aine McDonald of Worthington, and class treasurer Aiden Braastad of Southampton. The school photographer, Gynnn and Barrett, provided professional photos to graduates and their families, and Forget Me Not Florists out of Northampton donated roses to each graduate. The ceremony was available to all on YouTube, Facebook, and through the Southampton local access channel on June 5, the originally scheduled graduation date. An additional ceremony was planned for August with all graduates celebrating together, but after consulting with the board of health, the decision was made to cancel that event.

The end of the school year brought about a much-needed break for hardworking students and staff. Special education teacher Glenda Hall, school psychologist Leslie Giordano, and para educator Sue Henson decided to retire at the end of the 2019-2020 school year, and special education teacher Roberta (Bobbie) Smith and para educator Liz Sormanti retired in the fall of 2020. The dedication and support these women offered to our students will be greatly missed. Additionally, the school superintendent, Aaron Osborne, resigned at the end of August and interim superintendent Michael Sullivan was selected by the school committees to lead the district for the year.

The summer of 2020 consisted of a great deal of planning for the upcoming school year in addition to these leadership shifts. Town meetings occurred over the summer and voted to approve the Hampshire Regional budget as well as the HVAC project for the school, while other capital items were withdrawn by the school administration and school committee earlier in the summer due to budgetary implications due to COVID affecting towns. The HVAC project focused on the heat of the building, but additional components of ensuring acceptable air exchange rates and the installation of MERV13 filters were added to the scope of the work to be done. The school committee met on a weekly basis to discuss school reopening and all of the details that accompanied it. The local boards of health were often consulted and our district's nurses worked throughout the summer to comply with the Department of Public Health with procedures in schools for health and wellness. The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education provided resources and directives for schools to prepare for opening with COVID under three potential models: a full reopen, a hybrid reopen, and a remote reopen. The number of school days for students was decreased from 180 to 170 to allow for staff to have an additional ten days of professional development, which was highly valuable to the HRHS faculty and staff. Staff engaged in lessons on zoom, google classroom, apps such as Padlet and FlipGrid, as well as engaging with one another to share best practices for distance learning. Staff also read one of four anti-racism texts and shared their learning during the professional development time.

Hampshire had some faculty members shift roles for the 20-21 school year including:

- Katie Watkins moved from counselor to Evaluation Team Leader to replace Karen Milch
- Alicja Duprat moved from para educator to Special Education teacher to replace Jeff Carrierio



- Erin Mahon-Moore moved from Special Education teacher to English teacher to replace Glenda Hall
- Dan Charko moved from van driver to cafeteria staff to replace Maryrose Cerulla

Hampshire also welcomed a number of new faculty members:

- Emily Krems as Middle School Counselor replacing Katie Watkins
- Mya Holmes as School Psychologist replacing Leslie Giordano
- Cayce Williams as Special Education teacher replacing Bobbie Smith
- Melissa Zazzaro-Williams as Spanish teacher replacing Ana Rueda-Hernandez
- Kristin Brouillette as English teacher replacing James Belcastro
- Jules Marciano as a para educator replacing Melinda Conway
- Adam Burt as a para educator replacing Madison McCarthy
- Keri Doldoorian as a para educator replacing Sue Henson
- Andi Moriarty as a para educator replacing Liz Sormanti
- Sarah Manley as a para educator as a new position
- David Cook as a building substitute
- Kevin Marsh as a cafeteria helper replacing Sevun Moran

Additionally, some temporary staff were hired to replace teachers taking a one year leave of absence, including:

- Josh Lane as a middle school history teacher replacing Tracey Pinkham
- Kasey Soderberg as a middle school English teacher replacing Allison Coates
- Nora Penn as a high school math teacher replacing Matt Geertsma

With the new staff in place, the additional time at the beginning of the school year was even more important to orient the full faculty to the new way of teaching and learning for the first quarter.

After significant discussion, the school committee decided to open in a hybrid model for incoming 7th grade students and open remotely for students in grades 8 through 12. The HVAC project was a major component, and the school committee wanted the contractors to have access to the building to complete their work with limited interruptions to student learning. At the same time, the 7th grade students were prioritized for in-person learning due to their status of being new to the school. Students with significant disabilities would be invited into the building to participate in learning from the building in small learning pods. Fall athletics were allowed to proceed with modifications to each sport to comply with health protocols. The school committee formed a safety committee that included teachers, administration, school committee members, and nursing staff to consult with the Board of Health to make recommendations based on the data for our community and the progress of the HVAC project.

Due to COVID, there were a number of operational changes to teaching and learning at Hampshire. The schedule shifted from a seven-period rotating waterfall schedule to an eight-period schedule with four periods each day and no rotation. This allowed for more classes to be offered, to reduce class sizes. It also enabled all students to add a new class to their schedule called COVID support. This class offered students the opportunity to engage in lessons that provided academic, social and emotional support, as well as be a consistent place for students to receive information and check in with a familiar teacher. PE electives were streamlined into a

general course, limiting the physical interaction between students. Incoming school choice programs were closed due to needing to plan for the current population of students and limiting class sizes to be the appropriate distance from one another in classes.

The school year officially began for students on September 16 and welcomed 699 students enrolled at Hampshire Regional.

Grade	Student Enrollment	Seventh graders had the unique opportunity to be in the building without any upperclassmen, and they engaged in in-person learning two half days a week, while students in grades 8-12 learned online through the first quarter. A great deal of learning took place outside for students in person, and Hampshire is fortunate to have a wonderful campus for this to occur. By the end of the first quarter, the staff recognized a number of shifts that should occur for the second quarter to optimize teaching and learning, including more synchronous time in the remote model and additional support for students who were struggling to engage. A number of student activities were put on hold to focus on academics for the fall, including academic society induction and many extracurricular clubs. However, some groups were able to meet remotely such as the game club and yearbook committee, and student council elections were held in December. The class of 2021 held some socially distant activities with the support of the Board of Health. All students who participated were compliant with safety guidelines and engaged in the movie night, parking lot paint party, sunrise watch party, and annual Halloween parade.
7	132	
8	121	
9	104	
10	101	
11	137	
12	98	
Post Grad	6	
Total	699	

As soon as the HVAC project was complete in late November, the learning model shifted to a half-day hybrid for all students in grades 8-12, with a fully remote option still available for any student at Hampshire. After reviewing the data in our own school and locally, our local health experts and school superintendent recommended this model, due to evidence that COVID is not transmitted in schools because of the mitigation strategies in place. With COVID cases on the rise locally, the school committee and safety committee met regularly to continue discussing the best option for Hampshire students to continue learning into the new year.



The year 2020 was filled with a number of unexpected twists and turns and ups and downs due to the global pandemic. Even still, the admirable qualities of our district shone through even in these unsettling times. The community continued to care for one another and show amazing grace and compassion throughout the year. As I reflect on the mountains moved this year, I am incredibly grateful to continue to lead this amazing school community into 2021.

Kristen Smidy Principal

Board of Selectmen

2020 was a year unlike any other. The Board of Selectmen started the year with a list of priorities including moving forward with important projects; however, the Coronavirus pandemic ended up being the main focus throughout the year and was the first consideration in every decision made and action taken throughout the year. We are thankful for the town employees and that even under the constraints of the epidemic, projects moved forward and we achieved many of our goals.

This year there were several personnel changes. The Select Board hired Melissa Wilson as the new Senior Center Director and Daniel Banister as the new Highway Superintendent. Both have settled into their positions with ease and are doing a terrific job for the town. The Board also appointed Dan Hathaway as Building Supervisor and Thomas Por as Tree Warden. We are pleased to welcome both to town government.

The Town completed the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Report in the fall of 2019 and it was accepted by the State in the spring of 2020. This allows the Town to request grants to address identified areas of vulnerability in the town. A group of volunteers are moving this initiative forward to deal with issues identified in the MVP process.

The Board held a Special Town Meeting on February 24th to vote \$180,000 for the hiring of an [architect](#) to do three schematic designs for a public safety complex on the Helen E. James School site. [With a successful vote by Town Meeting](#), the Board and the Owner's Project Manager (OPM) Committee hired Juster Pope Frazier [as the project architect and renewed the contract with P3 for owner's project management services](#). The schematic designs [were completed and the OPM Steering Committee will make a recommendation on one of the scenarios to move forward with in 2021](#).



On March 10, 2020, Governor Charlie Baker declared a state of emergency and the Town declared a state of emergency on March 12, 2020, in response to the Coronavirus outbreak. The Town closed all buildings to the public. Essential employees such as police, fire and highway continued to perform their duties by responding to calls and interacting with the community using available personal protection equipment and social distancing as much as possible. All other employees began working remotely if possible or with staggered days and hours in the town buildings. The Select Board cancelled public meetings for much of March and then began meeting remotely at the end of March.

Town Meeting was postponed from June 1st to June 29th and the quorum was reduced from 60 to 25 as allowed by the Governor's Emergency

Authorizations. Town Meeting was held outdoors behind the Anne T. Dunphy School in a 20 x 80 tent with social distancing and masks; more than 100 people attended. While the

circumstances that required us to hold Town Meeting outdoors and to take special precautions were awful, the event itself was upbeat and positive. Townspeople were excited to get outdoors and see other people in person even it was masked and at a social distance.

During 2020 some important road construction projects were moved forward, reaching important design milestones. In late February a hearing was held for the MassDOT project which involves the replacement of the two bridges in the center of Haydenville, allowing design to move forward to 25% completion. A MassWorks grant in the amount of \$350,000 allowed the Town to hire Hill



Engineers to design the Depot Road Culvert replacement and get appropriate permitting from the Conservation Commission. The project is on schedule to be done in late August or early September of 2021. The Mountain Street Road project has reached 25% design completion and a public hearing will be held in spring of 2021. Using a Complete Streets grant, the Town created a new striped crosswalk and installed three solar-powered flashing signs on East Main Street. The Mill River Greenway,



which will connect the center of Williamsburg to the village of Haydenville and will be done at the same time as the Route 9 reconstruction project by the State, reached 10% design.

The Town received two Cares Act funding grants in the amounts of \$33,034 and \$99,321. The grants were used for purchasing technology, virtual meeting software, air purifiers for all the town departments, and personal protective equipment to continue town government operations. We also used them to

support the rental of the tent and chairs for the outdoor town meeting, pay for additional hours and staffing for the Board of Health, and support some of the local school purchases.

The Board would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to all our employees, committees, boards, and volunteers who stepped up and went above and beyond their normal duties to make everything work under the Covid-19 restrictions. We also thank all of our residents and business owners who adapted to an ever-changing set of rules and regulations and responded with understanding and kindness to help reduce the spread of the virus. We got through the year together and because of one another.

Senior Center

In the year 2020, the Town offices were closed to the public in response to the global pandemic. The Senior Center and all in-person activities came to an abrupt halt. It was not business as usual, we needed to provide meaningful services in a different way. We wanted to be as helpful, creative and compassionate as we could in these challenging times.

Outreach: While we did have an outreach program, it became much larger and much more central to our daily work. Outreach and phone calls began immediately (mid-March) and continue to this day. Staff made calls to Seniors to ask how they were doing, if they needed anything, or just to talk. Addressing isolation and loneliness became even more important. The Senior Center also made an effort with the curbside visit program in September. Outreach calls are made to about 100 Seniors on a monthly basis. In addition to this, the Senior Center remained open to phone calls; staff was quick to respond to these calls and provide whatever assistance we could. As of the end of December 2020, the population over 60 years of age is about 37.25%.

Newsletter: The Senior Center Newsletter is mailed to 627 households reaching close to 1000 individuals. It is an important way for us to communicate with Seniors.

Food security:

- The Senior Center increased our food capacity in several ways. While the congregate meals were no longer being served, we began to deliver these **lunch meals** (provided by Highland Valley Elder Services) to the Seniors who had been coming to the Senior Center Meal Site. Meals increased from 4 days a week to 5 days a week. This program delivers 15-18 meals daily.
- Staff at the Senior Center attended training for the **SNAP program (Food Stamps)** and began to help folks apply for benefits, recertify, or in general help folks with any problems they were having with this program.
- The **Farm Shares** program increased from 20 participants to 50. This program brings local farm produce to our Town for residents to purchase at a reduced price.
- The **Brown Bag** program provides a healthy bag of groceries to eligible Seniors once a month. They are currently being delivered to 15-22 Seniors in their homes.
- The **Take and Eat program** expanded their Saturday lunch meal delivery program from the first Saturday (Our Lady of the Hills Parish) and second Saturday (Williamsburg Congregational Church) of the month to **every** Saturday of the month. Thanks to the wonderful folks for the effort and resources to make this happen. This program delivers about 40 Saturday meals.
- **SHINE:** Is the acronym we use to refer to “Serving the Health Information Needs of Elders.” This program for our Seniors is extremely helpful to those enrolling or making changes to their health care insurance options. The Senior Center worked with the SHINE representative to keep this program viable during COVID-19. With face-to-face appointments not an option, extra care and diligence was needed to make this a successful program.

Exercise programs:

- The Senior Center was very lucky to have dedicated instructors continue their exercise classes. Michelle Morales Wolk made the transition from in person Yoga for You class to being on Zoom. Attendance ranged from 8-12 folks.
- We were also able to begin a cardio exercise class (via Zoom) with Joan Griswold. Participants ranged from 10-20.
- Susan Waltner (Contemporary Dance – 14+ in attendance) and Marty Phinney (Tai-Chi – 4-8 participants) continued their classes outside at the Town Office building. This was subject to weather permitting.



Zoom programs: The Men's Breakfast group also continues to meet (third Thursday of each month, 8:30 am, 5-15 in attendance). Folks attending this "outing" speak very highly of the satisfaction this brings to them. The Caregiver Support group also continues to meet twice a month. This is a small group of 4-6 individuals that meets to support caregivers.

Donations: Thank you to all who contributed! Funding for the programs at the Senior Center is limited to a few small grants and your donations make a difference. Your support is appreciated and helps to provide meaningful services!

Volunteers: Our dedicated group of volunteers were also deeply affected; face-to-face volunteering could no longer occur. However, our volunteers continue to be important in helping the Senior Center meet the needs of our constituents. Thank you so much to these folks who continue to answer the call. This includes the businesses, Town departments, Council on Aging Advisory Board, religious groups, seniors, and individuals who give time, money, labor, supplies, etc. It is this compassion that makes our community a caring community.

Melissa Wilson, Director, and Senior Center Staff

Melissa



Tryna



Carol



Sherry



Tamar



Oliver Smith Will Charities

To the Residents of the Town of Williamsburg

RE: SMITH CHARITIES' 2020 BENEFICIARY DISTRIBUTIONS

Below please find a breakdown of the following applicants who were paid monetary gifts as beneficiaries under the Oliver Smith Will between February 1, 2020, through January 31, 2021:

Gift Distribution(s)

<u>Recipient(s)</u>	<u>Beneficiary(ies)</u>	<u>Total Gift Amount</u>
0	Brides	\$ 0.00
0	Nurses	\$ 0.00
0	Tradespersons	\$ 0.00
<u>1</u>	Widow	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
1		\$ 300.00

Eric Cerreta, Current Elector Under the Oliver Smith Will

\$14,943 TOTAL BENEFICIARY GIFTS PAID

During the past fiscal year, February 1, 2020 – January 31, 2021, the following beneficiary activity has occurred within the nine (9) designated communities of Amherst, Deerfield, Easthampton, Greenfield, Hadley, Hatfield, Northampton, Whately, and Williamsburg:

Brides

- Two (2) brides each received the \$100 marriage gift.

Nurses

- Two (2) new student nurses were enrolled.
- No nurses graduated this year.

Tradespersons

- Four (4) new tradespersons were enrolled.
- One (1) tradesperson received the \$600 apprentice gift.

Widows

- One (1) new widow, one (1) new widow who also renewed, and seventeen (17) widows who renewed, were paid a total of \$7067.

The total sum disbursed as gifts to beneficiaries was \$14,943, which includes the \$7,076 that will be paid to the City of Northampton, after our monthly Trustees meeting on February 24, 2021, for the account of Smith's Agricultural School, being the net income from the permanent fund established for the school.

Since the provision of the Will went into effect, the beneficiaries from the nine (9) communities have been paid the following:

\$ 1,497,600	Bride's Gift (originally designated in the Will as Indigent Young Women)
\$ 814,133	Nurse's Gift (originally designated in the Will as Indigent Female Children)
\$ 2,926,500	Tradesperson's Gift (originally designated in the Will as Indigent Boys)
\$ 1,828,779	Widow's Gift
\$ 1,561,014	Smith's Agricultural School Yearly Distributions
\$ 35,374	Annuities
<u>\$ 613,717</u>	<u>Taxes</u>
\$ 9,277,117	Total Amount Paid to Date

Current Trustees

David A. Murphy, Adelia A. Bardwell, Leonard Grybko, Jr.

Tree Warden

The Williamsburg Tree Warden has care and control of all public shade trees, shrubs and growths in the Town except those within the Route 9 corridor. Tree Warden business in 2020 was focused on removing potential hazards posed by our public shade trees to public safety and property and was conducted in close consultation with the Highway Department and particularly Superintendent Dan Banister. All official business of the Tree Warden is tracked in an excel spreadsheet maintained by the Tree Warden and titled “Williamsburg Tree File.”



This living document is updated as required and shared with Town Administrator Charlene Nardi and Highway Department Superintendent Dan Banister.

There were fifty-two matters which required the attention of the Tree Warden in 2020:

- 7 matters posed a hazard to electricity supply lines and poles. In cooperation with the Town, these matters were addressed by National Grid with thanks to Lance Wade, Lead Forestry Supervisor New England North, and Jackson Denham, Arborist.
- 18 matters required the attention of the Highway Department or its agents. Highway Superintendent Dan Banister estimates the Department spent up to 150 hours performing pruning, removal, and emergency work on our public shade trees in 2020.
- 5 matters were pertaining to, or required, the permitting process and 4 led to the removal of nuisance or hazardous public shade trees by property owners.
- 7 matters required no formal action as it was determined that the subject trees were on private land.
- 5 matters required a consultation with the Tree Warden and no further action.
- 10 matters are in progress or were determined to be a low or medium priority and are on hold pending additional funding.

Just like buildings, roads and stone walls, trees help define the character of our community. They reflect our history and, given the time horizon involved with trees and other plants, should reflect our vision for Williamsburg in the future. The (current) COVID-19 Pandemic has complicated efforts to undertake an assessment of our current situation to facilitate future planning; however, this will be a focus for the Tree Warden in 2021-2. Our current focus on reducing hazards reflects the mature and declining condition of the trees lining our roads. Unfortunately, large and expensive tree removals will continue to consume (and exceed) the current level of funding in the budget well into the future. For example, with roughly \$7,000 available for tree-related work in 2020 on the regular tree budget line, an additional \$9,000 in funding was necessary and approved by town meeting article. Alternate sources of funding should be considered as part of future planning and as a means of building Williamsburg’s urban and rural forest of the future.

Thomas Por
Tree Warden

Trust Fund and Cemetery Commission

During 2020, the three member Trust Fund and Cemetery Commission continued to oversee the more than 30 bequests left to the town by generous benefactors over the years, making distributions according to the terms of the various trusts, to our local schools, the library, newborns, senior citizens and the financially disadvantaged. The values of the trusts have grown 8.99% in 2020 to \$2,065,148.99 with expenditures of \$48,646.90. Earnings from dividends, interest and other income totaled \$48,328.77. We continue in our efforts to reach out to the citizens of Williamsburg to find creative ways to help students with school related educational projects.

As trustees, we encourage all Williamsburg residents to consider the Town when planning their estates, so their generosity and forethought can benefit our community for generations. In recent years the Town has received bequests from the estates of Gertrude Ronk, Lois Scott, and from the Kmit family. The Kmit gift of \$354,000 is earmarked for the libraries, specifically to strengthen the programs and expand educational opportunities for children under the age of nineteen.

Other gifts are now used to aid students and strengthen our public schools. Trust fund support in the past has enabled Williamsburg Public School students to explore robotic technology, enjoy performance and studio arts, take field trips and benefit from many other teacher and student projects. The Trust Fund has also provided support to Hampshire Regional students for academic related travel, computers, extracurricular activities and study materials. The commission encourages creative student-initiated proposals.

In managing these gifts the Trust Fund protects the original investment and only expends up to 4% of the value above the original gift value on an annual basis. Distributions from the trusts are based on a formula that uses earned income, thereby protecting the principal. As the value of these trusts increases, the amount of gifting increases.



Another responsibility of the Commission is to oversee the Town's two cemeteries, Old Village Hill and Mountain Street and to handle the sale of plots at Mountain Street, the historic Old Village Hill Cemetery being closed for burials.

The Trust Fund is also responsible for the beautiful E. Howard & Co. clock, donated to the people of Haydenville in 1901 by Hayden Sands in memory of his mother, Alice, and housed in the steeple of the Haydenville Congregational Church.

Whether helping students, providing for the needy families, welcoming newborns, or aiding in beautification projects, your gifts, too, could be a source of continuing giving. The generosity and forethought of a 19th century town doctor, Daniel Collins, is a case in point. In 1856, Dr. Collins left the town 51 shares of bank stock and \$7,000. Since then the bequest has generated tens of thousands of dollars to help our public school students grow and learn. Yet today the Collins Fund is worth more than \$621,310.44.

Trust Fund meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Town offices,

Richard Kisloski, Chair; Eric Weber, Correspondent; and Collin Black, Secretary

Veterans' Services

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic many of the goals and objectives for our department district-wide have either been canceled or postponed. Much of the work of our office has been done remotely, which has been a significant challenge for my staff and our benefit processes, but we've managed to keep operating with very few interruptions in service. Back in the end of March 2020 as all of our offices ended up closing to the public, we faced a huge challenge: how do we keep track of our vulnerable population and keep up communication on their needs if they are unable to come to our town offices? Our solution was to bring our



support to them. We collaborated with the Salvation Army of Massachusetts, Massachusetts Military Support Foundation and One Call Away to provide monthly boxes of both nonperishable food items, and beginning in October 2021 prepacked boxes of fresh dairy, protein and produce which we have been delivering on Wednesdays and Saturdays throughout the district. At the time of this writing, one year from the pandemic shutdown, we have delivered over 1050 of these food boxes. To date we have delivered 48 from the Salvation Army and 36 from Food4Vets to our recipients in Williamsburg. Great thanks go out to each of these organizations for their help and support.

Tom Geryk, Veterans' Service Officer on our staff, participated in the SHINE training that occurred the fall of 2020 and has become a certified SHINE Representative. Our objective for this is to more directly assist Veterans and families to access the ever-changing medical insurance challenges. The federal government has made significant changes (Mission Act) to the VA Healthcare system nationally and in Western Mass., and we will need to provide the best information possible as our older veterans are being compelled to use more and more health services in the community.

Our office, as a member of the Western MA Veterans' Outreach Project, participated in coordinating and presenting at our February 10 webinar: ***Adapting and Thriving in the Era of COVID-19***. This was cosponsored with the Smith College School of Social Work. We had nearly 90 registered and almost 70 were still present when the webinar ended. We believe that since most stayed until the end of a 2-hour webinar they obviously found the material and the speakers credible and valuable.

The holiday season during a pandemic was also a big concern for our population. So many of our veterans and surviving spouses do not live with their families and in some cases their families live far away. To address this isolation we contacted those who live alone and brought them a full holiday meal right to their door. We worked with the VFW in Florence to help prepare over 60 meals that were delivered by volunteers from the VA medical center and members of the Northampton Kiwanis club throughout Northampton, Williamsburg, Hadley and Amherst. As we

had done on Veterans' Day, we included bags with small gifts of goodies and activities such as word puzzles and jigsaw puzzles. We also worked with the Amherst Police Department to provide Home Depot buckets with winter coats and other goodies to some of our most needy in the community.

We were unable to participate in most all of our traditional outreach events i.e. the Western Mass. Stand Down, Cummington Fair, 3-County Fair, the Big E, and the University sporting events, due to the pandemic. Therefore, information about veterans' benefits has been hard to get out to the veterans and their families to assist them in a time of great need or for ongoing support. The Department's objective is ongoing and efforts to find new and innovative methods of outreach will be important to ensure all who need assistance receive it.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic and the restrictions that came with it, the majority of our community objectives for FY 21 were unmet and we hope that most of them will be addressed in FY 22. In so many ways it's been a lost year for our community.

Memorial Day 2020 was an experience like none other. This was the year of virtual ceremonies. It was not ideal but we certainly made the best of it. As usual, American Legion Post 236 visited all the town cemeteries and provided a ceremony in honor and remembrance of our deceased veterans at each stop. Those ceremonies were shared online for town residents to view. Although we didn't have our traditional ceremony at the War Memorial, we did have our traditional decorations coupled with a respectful photo display.

For Veterans' Day, Dan Nye of the Veterans Memorial Committee spearheaded an effort to show appreciation for veterans by coordinating what we referred to as "Operation Gratitude."



There were many thank you cards made by town residents that the Memorial Committee members delivered to town veterans. The biggest hit of the holiday was the cards provided by the students of the Anne T. Dunphy School. Those cards truly served their purpose and brought big smiles to many faces.

Lastly, this year many veterans and some dependents of Williamsburg and Haydenville received VA compensation and pension benefits in the amount of \$190,242 all together on a monthly basis. In addition, the town was able to help several veterans and families by providing financial assistance in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 115. In all, the town issued \$32,366 in benefits for FY 2020 and received \$24,275 of that money as a reimbursement from the state.

Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee

The Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee (WWTC) was established by the Select Board to work with interested public and private property owners to enhance trail opportunities in town.

Goals of the Committee

- Work with public and private property owners, in a respectful manner, to open and improve trails for appropriate community use
- Collaborate with local land preservation organizations and volunteers to promote the use and maintenance of Williamsburg Woodland Trails
- Strengthen the bonds of our community through this effort

This past year, due to the pandemic, hikers appreciated the use of our trails more than ever. Some showed their gratitude through writing and monetary donations.

2020 Hikes

- Moonlight Hike, Saturday, February 8, at MassAudubon Graves Sanctuary was cancelled due to icy conditions.
- Due to COVID-19 state guidelines, all of our remaining 2020 hikes were cancelled

Trail Maintenance

Our committee works closely with MassAudubon, Hilltown Land Trust, Trustees of Reservations and private land owners on trail development and maintenance. Since no community volunteer workdays could be held this year, we thank individual committee members and volunteers who donated their time and money to the committee to purchase materials to clean up trail debris, refresh blazes, post signage, update kiosks and perform chainsaw, construction and drainage work on our public and private trails.

- Historic Dam trail workdays were held to replace the kiosk panels, rebuild bridge ramps and re-lay bridge decking and install bog bridges. Due to the narrowness of the trail, it has been closed to use during the pandemic to comply with social distancing guidelines.
- New informational panels were designed and installed in trail head kiosks located at the Briar Hill, Hall and Horse Mountain sites
- A committee member and volunteer removed invasives and reopened an overgrown section of the O'Neil Hill trail
- A workday was held at Briar Hill to reopen the view from the lookout



Horse Mountain Project

The main focus of WWTC this past year was the completion of a trail network on the 128 acre Horse Mountain parcel jointly owned by Williamsburg and Hatfield. The Williamsburg Horse Mountain trails link up with a trail developed by Hatfield and can be accessed by both towns. Throughout many committee workdays this year, the trail route was finalized and constructed, a

bridge built and trail marking and signage put in place. In September the Williamsburg trail opened with the completion of trail signage and the installation of the entrance sign and kiosk.



Other Activities

In January, WWTC members participated in a Conservation Network Workshop, held in Goshen and organized by Hilltown Land Trust.

Open Space Committee chair Sally Loomis met with the WWTC to discuss open space survey responses that showed interest in the use of public access trails in town. We expressed an interest in forming an inter-town network of trails as well as a trail accessible to those with disabilities that could be included in the updated Open Space Plan.

WWTC participated in a collaborative workday with the Mill River Greenway Committee to perform maintenance on the Haydenville portion of the Mass Central Rail Trail.

The committee has been discussing the construction of a shed to be shared with the Town Building Supervisor to be located at the Highway Department for the storage of the committee's trail building and maintenance tools and equipment.

Our budget was used to purchase equipment and materials used for trail construction and maintenance and to promote our trails through our website and printed materials.

Using Williamsburg's Trails

Information about Williamsburg's trails and current activities is available on our website, www.WilliamsburgWoodlandTrails.org. These trails may cross private and public property, so please respect the trails and properties. WWTC requests that all users follow these guidelines when using local trails.

- WWTC appreciates the Williamsburg landowners who have opened their properties for public trail use. On private and public properties please follow all trail use signs.
- Please respect all trail uses: hiking, biking, skiing, horseback riding, ATV and snowmobile use are all important trail uses in Williamsburg
- Please stay on trails
- Please be sensitive to natural and cultural resources, remove trash if you find it and avoid environmentally and culturally sensitive areas
- Please observe property-specific guidelines for trail usage by dogs

I love to be out in nature, walking & hiking & biking & relaxing and I was SO delighted!!! To discover your trail system a few weeks ago. ... What a great map! 10 trails!!!! Awesome! I love discovering new-to-me trails. So I came back (I live not too far away) two different weekends since, to begin enjoying and immersing myself in the beauty of each of these special places. ... Off I went on an unplanned adventure. ... So thank you all for creating & maintaining trails, for great signage & bridges & boardwalks & for the love of all of nature's wondrous gifts. – Doris S.

Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee

Committee members: Paul Jahnige, chair, Dwight Baghdoyan, Gwen Blodgett, John Hoogstraten, Eileen Keegan, Sarah LaPointe, Diane Merritt, David Weber

Water and Sewer Commission

The Water/Sewer Commission met nine times in 2020. After March we held the meetings outdoors at the well house on Roger Bisbee Road. We found that was an effective short-term solution to be able to have productive in-person meetings and have residents and business owners be able to talk to the commission. As a result, we had a productive year.

We welcomed Gary Benoit, who was elected to take Don Hultman's seat when he chose not to seek re-election.

We finalized the installation of the monitoring system for the wells. The system monitors chemical and well functions and has remote access for the operators to be able to interface remotely via cell phone. Additionally, it keeps historical data and allows for accurate record keeping for reporting to state and federal authorities.



The state will be doing a major reconstruction of Route 9 in a few years. We would like to replace the water main installed in 1907 that runs along the highway between the two villages. The commission will be seeking permission from Town Meeting to replace that aging pipe. We are engaging with VHB, which is the engineering firm designing the Route 9 rebuild, to design the new water line replacement in conjunction with the larger Route 9 project. There are some cost savings in using the engineers that are doing the work for the state that we will be taking advantage of.



A new water main was laid a few years ago by the highway department on South Main Street and Fort Hill. We hired a subcontractor to start hooking houses up in the spring of 2020 and got a few of the new connections done. It became clear that this was going to be a bigger project than anticipated and we will need to hire a contractor to finish connecting the houses and connect the Overlook at Northampton Hospital.

The sewer system has a problem with excess TSS (Total Suspended Solids) and BOD (Biochemical Oxygen Demand) as well as occasional excess flows during rain events. The elevated BOD and

TSS has resulted in additional Surcharge Fees levied by the City of Northampton and has added a considerable increase to our cost of doing business. Our sewer flow volume, along with the levels of BOD and TSS in our waste stream, has been steadily increasing over the past several years. Since March of this year (2020), we have seen a drastic increase in BOD and TSS due largely to more waste entering the system from people spending much more time at home. We must solve these problems to keep the sewer rate from increasing, doubling, or possibly tripling. Work has been done to correct ground water infiltration during rain events, and homes have been inspected to ensure that people's sump pumps are not discharging into the sewer system. We have performed repairs on underground sewer pipes and on surface manholes to reduce rain and ground water infiltration into our sewer lines. We have also been coordinating with local businesses in town to minimize their BOD and TSS input to our system. Additionally, our effort

last year to redirect residential sump pump discharges from the sewer system helped reduce overall flow. But we are still experiencing problems with excessive BOD and TSS. The last Surcharge Fees to date have been paid using retained earnings, but these will be depleted if we continue. Our current service charges to customers will not cover that level of cost long term.



Plus, this is a waste of funds which would be better spent on other things.

Commissioner Jim Hyslip completed the Phase 1 Inspection/Evaluation Report for the Upper Unquomunk Reservoir Dam for compliance with the Mass Dept of Conservation and Recreation. Another Phase 1 Inspection will need to be done in ten years.

We had one of our licensed Operators in Training get a license upgrade to full 1 T Operator status and another Operator in Training has applied for the license upgrade as well.

The Commission would like to thank our System Operator and our daily operators for their professionalism and dedication to providing clean drinking water to our customers.

As chair, I would also like to thank my fellow commissioners for their commitment and hard work in overseeing the operation and maintenance of our water and sewer system.

Eric Cerreta, Chairman

Zoning Board of Appeals

The current members of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) are Marcianna Caplis, Gerald Mann, Charles Dudek, and alternate member Paul Kennedy. In addition to their service on the ZBA, our members are all active in the Williamsburg community and serve on other boards and committees. We encourage the public to refer to the ZBA's page on the Town's website for information and forms concerning matters for the ZBA's consideration.

Special Permits

The entire texts in the following decisions are available for viewing on the ZBA's page on the Town's website.

6 SOUTH MAIN STREET

The applicant required a Special Permit to convert two existing storage spaces to apartments. The structure is located at 6 South Main Street, Haydenville, Map K, Parcel 227, was built in 1880 and consists of 4,070 square feet of space.

The premises consist of four one-bedroom apartments and two storage spaces. No exterior changes were planned. No short-term rentals were contemplated. There is sufficient on-site parking, which will not be increased from the existing use. The applicant stated that the Building Inspector has reviewed the plans and had no objections to the project.

The ZBA found that the criteria for an increase in dwelling units as set forth in Section 9.21 of the Zoning Bylaw have been met. The additional dwelling units make a positive contribution to the character of Town Williamsburg's village center. The proposed alteration is not substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing structure and use and the increase in the availability of housing constitutes a public benefit.

2 OLD GOSHEN ROAD

The applicant requested a Special Permit regarding the property at 2 Old Goshen Road, Assessors Map C, Parcel 77. The applicant planned to construct an 18' x 14' addition to an existing garage/workshop building. The building is currently non-conforming as to setback (40 feet from a public way) and is located in the Village Mixed Zone (VM) of the Town's zoning districts.

Section 5.5 of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Williamsburg provides that the Zoning Board of Appeals may grant a Special Permit if it finds that the proposed structure and use will be reasonably compatible with the character and scale of other uses permitted as of right in the same district. Section 12.0 (e) of the Zoning bylaw allows for the issuance of a Special Permit extending or enlarging a nonconforming structure or use or land, if the Board finds that the existing nonconformity is not more detrimental to the neighborhood.

The ZBA determined that the applicant met the criteria for a Special Permit as set forth in Sections 5.5 and 12.0 (e) of the Zoning Bylaw and that the use will be reasonably compatible with the character and scale of other uses permitted as of right in the same district.

40 ADAMS ROAD

The applicant sought approval under Section 9.2 (b) of the Zoning Bylaw to build an addition to an existing accessory structure located at 40 Adams Road, Assessors Map D, Parcel 61-A. The addition of 552 square feet, to the 1,100 square feet accessory building, will be used as a carport and storage space. The applicant also proposed to build an additional free-standing building of 252 square feet adjacent to the existing dwelling on the property. The resultant 1908 square feet of the accessory buildings exceeds the allowable limit of 1,500 square feet under the Zoning Bylaw.

The ZBA decided to issue a Special Permit and concluded that the enlargement of the non-conformity was permitted under Section 12.0 (e) of the Bylaw.

103 GOSHEN ROAD

The applicant required a Special Permit under Section 12.0 (e) of the Bylaw to convert an existing, non-conforming, single-family dwelling at 103 Goshen Road to a two-family dwelling. The existing structure lacked the necessary front setback and acreage; it contained sufficient space for parking. The applicant sought to convert the property for long-term rental purposes.

The ZBA granted the Special Permit based on the applicant's submitted plans and description of the project. The ZBA noted that the Highway Superintendent had jurisdiction over the construction of a new driveway. Therefore the ZBA took no action concerning the proposed driveway.

17 HYDE HILL ROAD

The applicant wanted a Special Permit under Section 12.0 (e) of the Zoning Bylaw to operate a warehouse in an existing building at 17 Hyde Hill Road, Assessors Map C, Parcel 158.2.

The applicant planned to utilize approximately 5,000 square feet of a 6,000 square feet building as storage space for materials related to the applicant's business. The items to be stored on the site include pallets, grain, ingredients related to brewing beverages, tools, and supplies. The building is located in the Rural District (RU) of the Town's zoning districts.

The applicant represented to the ZBA that the activities at the site would be generally limited to the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The applicant stated that no changes would be made to the exterior of the building, surrounding space, wetlands, roadways, driveways, or outdoor lighting. The applicant stated that any new signage would comply with the Town's sign regulations, and traffic to and from the building would be limited to the intermittent arrival and departure of employees and vehicles delivering brewery-related supplies.

The ZBA granted the Special Permit and imposed certain conditions regarding lighting and the type of materials allowed to be stored in the building.

159 MAIN STREET

The applicant applied for approval to replace a pre-existing non-conforming wooden garage with a steel garage of similar size and configuration. The premises are located at 159 Main St., Assessors Map and Parcel number 011.K 340/011.K-0000-0117-0.

The premises consist of a one family dwelling and an accessory structure. The applicant intended to demolish the wooden accessory structure and replace it with a steel structure of similar size (20ft x 26ft) on the existing foundation pad and continue to use it as vehicle and general household storage with no change to the premises or driveway access. A Special Permit was required because one side of the existing accessory structure is located on the property line with no setback from the adjacent property (157 Main Street).

The applicant presented affidavits from the owners of the two adjacent properties showing their approval with the applicant's plan to replace the wooden accessory structure.

Upon consideration of the testimony at the public hearing and the relevant regulations, the ZBA found that the replacement accessory structure would not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing accessory structure at the premises at 159 Main Street and granted the request for a Special Permit.

Brenda Lessard, Town Clerk, continues to assist the ZBA in its work. Brenda serves as our Secretary: scheduling meetings and public hearings, preparing minutes, filing decisions, and responding to many requests from the public for information regarding the work of the ZBA. In particular, Brenda has the responsibility for updating and maintaining the ZBA's section on the Town's website. Brenda's conscientiousness and resourcefulness in adapting to the added responsibilities brought about by the effects of the COVID-19 virus on the completion of our work were invaluable to our ability to respond to the requests of the parties that appeared before the ZBA.

