

Town of  
**Williamsburg**  
Massachusetts

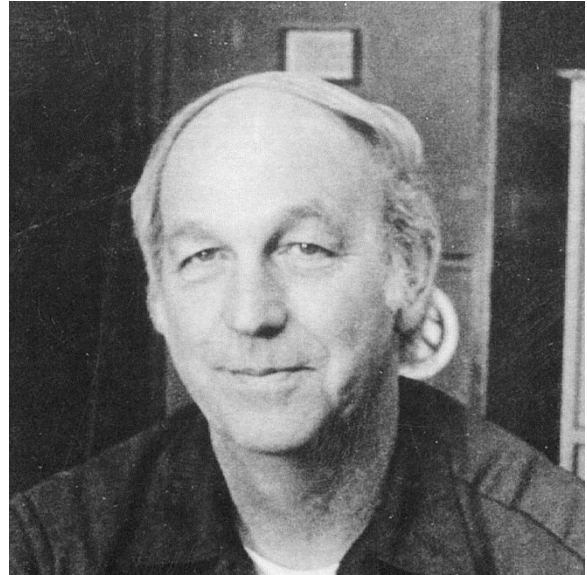


**2022**  
**Annual Report**

## Roger Bisbee

The Williamsburg Board of Selectmen is pleased to dedicate the 2022 Annual Report to Roger A. Bisbee, who was a tireless public servant for the Town of Williamsburg for many, many years.

Roger was born in Northampton in 1945, the son of Henry and Emma (Nehring) Bisbee. He attended Williamsburg schools, including Williamsburg High School, and lived in Williamsburg his entire life. He was the epitome of what a public servant should be. He dedicated almost his entire career to the Town.



Roger began serving on the Williamsburg Fire Department in 1965. He grew up around the Fire Department, as his father and brothers were all members of the department. He continued up through the ranks of the Fire Department, and he became the Fire Chief in 1978 and would serve until his retirement in 1999. During this time, Roger worked at the Hampshire County Hospital in Leeds in the maintenance department. Roger also served as the Town's Highway Superintendent from 1985 until his retirement in 1999. His Yankee ingenuity helped solve many things that needed fixing. Roger also served on the Town's Water and Sewer Commission from 1989 to 1992 and was drawn back to serve again from 2019 until 2022.



Roger married Mary Sanderson from Williamsburg. Mary also grew up with the Williamsburg Fire Department in her blood, as her father was very active with the Fire Department and had served as Fire Chief. They had two daughters, Amy and Angelia. He and Mary shared many hobbies, including cooking, gardening, maple sugaring and watching NASCAR.

After his retirement, Roger decided to enjoy his love of baking and took on a job working at the Lunch Box restaurant in Williamsburg. His chocolate eclairs, whoopie pies and his Sunday breakfast specials brought in customers from all over the hilltowns and Northampton. He once said "the reason he loved that job so much, was that his legs were warm near the ovens." He worked there until the restaurant closed in 2003. He had a passion for making delicious goodies and he often entered his creations in the Williamsburg Grange Fair, winning many blue ribbons. Roger cooked for many a fire department function, including making dinner rolls and strawberry shortcake. He also worked at Lashway Logging as a delivery driver after his retirement.

Roger passed away in 2022 on his birthday. He worked right up until the day of his passing. His great smile and laugh will be missed by many of the residents of Williamsburg.

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## **Government Officials**

As of the end of 2022

### **Select Board**

Denise Banister  
William Sayre  
David Mathers

### **Representative in the General Court (1<sup>st</sup> Franklin District)**

Natalie Blais  
State House, Room 134, 24 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02133  
(617) 722-2400 Fax: (617) 722-2847  
District Office: PO Box 450, Sunderland, MA 01375 (413) 362-9453  
[natalie.blais@mahouse.gov](mailto:natalie.blais@mahouse.gov)

### **State Senator (Berkshire, Hampshire & Franklin District)**

Adam Hinds  
Room 109-E, State House, Boston, MA 02133  
(617) 722-1625 Fax: (617) 722-1523  
District Office: (413) 344-4561  
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### **United States Representative (1<sup>st</sup> District)**

Richard E. Neal  
341 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515  
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### **United States Senators**

Elizabeth Warren  
317 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
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Springfield, MA 01103  
(413) 788-2690 [www.warren.senate.gov](http://www.warren.senate.gov)

Edward Markey  
255 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
(202) 224-2742 Fax: (202) 224-8525  
1550 Main Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Springfield, MA 01101  
(413) 785-4610  
[www.markey.senate.gov/contact](http://www.markey.senate.gov/contact)

### **Governor**

Charles Baker  
Office of the Governor, State House, Room 280, Boston, MA 02133  
(617) 725-4005 or (888) 870-7770 (in-state use only)  
436 Dwight Street, Suite 300, Springfield, MA 01103  
(413) 784-1200  
[www.mass.gov/governor/constituent-services/contact-governor-office/](http://www.mass.gov/governor/constituent-services/contact-governor-office/)

## **Government Officials**

Starting January 2023

### **Select Board**

Denise Banister

William Sayre

David Mathers

### **Representative in the General Court (1<sup>st</sup> Hampshire District)**

Lindsay Sabadosa

State House, Room 160, 24 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02133

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District Office: 76 Gothic Street, Northampton, MA 01060 (413) 270-1166

[lindsay.sabadosa@mahouse.gov](mailto:lindsay.sabadosa@mahouse.gov)

### **State Senator (Berkshire, Hampshire & Franklin District)**

Paul Mark

Room 70, State House, 24 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02133

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Local Office: 141 Main St, Williamsburg (413) 413-570-0022

[Paul.Mark@masenate.gov](mailto:Paul.Mark@masenate.gov)

### **United States Representative (2nd District)**

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370 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515

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94 Pleasant Street, Northampton, MA 01060

Phone: (413) 341-8700 Fax: (413) 584-1216

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(413) 784-1200

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/governors-office-scheduling-and-special-request-forms#email-the-governor->

## Town Office Hours and Contact Information

*Subject to change, see [www.burgy.org](http://www.burgy.org)*

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Nicholas Caccamo, (413) 268-8418

Town Offices, 141 Main Street, or working remotely

Mon–Fri 8–3:30, in office Mon thru Thurs  
[townadmin@burgy.org](mailto:townadmin@burgy.org)

### **ADMIN. ASST. TO SELECT BOARD**

Eleanor Warnock, (413) 268-8400

Mon thru Thurs varies, often 11 – 3  
[selectmen@burgy.org](mailto:selectmen@burgy.org)

### **TOWN COLLECTOR**

Sharon Strzegowski, (413) 268-8401

Mon thru Thurs 9 – 4  
[towncollector@burgy.org](mailto:towncollector@burgy.org)

### **TOWN CLERK**

Brenda Lessard, (413) 268-8402

Mon 8 – 11:30, Tues 8-5, Thurs 4:30 – 7  
[townclerk@burgy.org](mailto:townclerk@burgy.org)

### **ASSESSORS**

Robin Everett, (413) 268-8403

Tuesday 9 –11  
[assessors@burgy.org](mailto:assessors@burgy.org)

### **TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Kala Fisher, (413) 268-8412

Thursday 9 – 3  
[kfisher@frcog.org](mailto:kfisher@frcog.org)

### **TOWN TREASURER**

Nathan Rosewarne, (413) 268-8415

By appointment  
[treasurer@burgy.org](mailto:treasurer@burgy.org)

### **FOOTHILLS HEALTH AGENT**

Mark Bushee, (413) 268-8404

Tues thru Thurs 8 – 3  
[foothills@burgy.org](mailto:foothills@burgy.org)

### **SENIOR CENTER**

Director Melissa Wilson  
(413) 268-8410

Mon thru Thurs 8 – 2  
Meals Mon thru Thurs, meals delivered Fri  
[seniorcenterdirector@burgy.org](mailto:seniorcenterdirector@burgy.org)

### **VETERANS' AGENT**

Dan Nye, (413) 587-1299

First and third Wed 11:30 – 1  
[dnye@northamptonma.gov](mailto:dnye@northamptonma.gov)

### **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

Dan Banister, (413) 268-8405

24 Main St, Williamsburg, Mon thru Fri 7 – 3:30  
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### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Jason Connell, (413) 268-7233

5 N Main St, Wmsbg, 16 S Main St, Haydenville  
[williamsburgfire@burgy.org](mailto:williamsburgfire@burgy.org)

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Denise Wickland, (413) 268-7237

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[wicklandd@williamsburgpd.org](mailto:wicklandd@williamsburgpd.org)

**TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING CENTER** 27 Mountain Street, Haydenville  
(413) 268-8408

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### **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

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## Board Meeting Schedules

<b>Agricultural Commission</b>	Four times a year, February, May, August, November, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 7 p.m.
<b>Assessors</b>	Weekly, Tuesday 9 – 11 a.m.
<b>Conservation Commission</b>	Monthly, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 7 p.m. Site visits and other meetings as needed
<b>Council on Aging</b>	Monthly, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, morning, times vary
<b>Energy Committee</b>	Varies
<b>Finance Committee</b>	Various Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
<b>Board of Health</b>	Fourth Monday, 10 a.m.
<b>Library Trustees</b>	Monthly, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7 p.m.
<b>Mill River Greenway Committee</b>	Monthly, 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7 p.m.
<b>Open Space Committee</b>	Varies
<b>Planning Board</b>	Monthly, 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday, 7 p.m. or as needed
<b>Recreation Commission</b>	Monthly, 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
<b>Williamsburg School Committee</b>	Monthly, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Anne T. Dunphy School
<b>Hampshire Regional School Committee</b>	Monthly, 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday, 7 p.m.
<b>Select Board</b>	Every other Thursday, 9 a.m. (warrant weeks)
<b>Technology Committee</b>	Varies
<b>Trust Fund Commission</b>	Monthly, 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7 p.m.
<b>Water/Sewer Commission</b>	Every other Tuesday, 5 p.m. (meeting days can vary)
<b>Woodland Trails</b>	Monthly, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 7 p.m.
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b>	Per application

*Most meetings are held remotely and not following usual schedules during the pandemic. Some changes may be made in scheduling to accommodate summer/winter scheduling. 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](http://www.burgy.org).*

## 2022 Elected Officials

### Office                      Expiration

#### **Assessors (3 years)**

Robin Everett	2023
Denise Banister	2024
Glen Everett	2025

#### **Board of Health (3 years)**

Donna Gibson	2025
Helen Symons	2023
Gordon Luce	2024

#### **Board of Library Trustees (3 years)**

<i>Fred Goodhue (vacancy)</i>	2025
	<i>resigned 11/2022</i>
Charlotte Meryman	2025
Patricia Billingsley	2023
Robert Stinson	2023
Joan Coryat	2024
Ken Borden	2024

#### **Elector – Oliver Smith Will (1 year)**

Richard Kisloski	2023
	<i>elected 7/2022</i>
<i>Eric Cerreta</i>	<i>term expired 7/2022</i>

#### **Finance Committee (3 years)**

Richard Kisloski	2025
Gordon Allen	2025
	<i>elected 7/2022</i>
Melissa Zawadzki	2025
	<i>elected 7/2022</i>
<i>Charles Heath</i>	<i>term expired 7/2022</i>
<i>Linda Rowley</i>	<i>term expired 7/2022</i>
Gilbert Loud III	2023
Lisa Sheehy	2023
Paul R. Wetzell	2023
Eric Cerreta	2024
Charles Dudek	2024
Julia Peters	2024

#### **Local School Committee (3 years)**

Glenda Cresto	2025
	<i>elected 7/2022</i>
Kathaleen Emerson	2025
	<i>elected 7/2022</i>
<i>Amber Smith-Harder</i>	<i>term expired 7/2022</i>

*Matthew Wilhelm*

*term expired 7/2022*

Collin Black	2023
Ryan Schiff	2023
Marissa Nye	2024

#### **Moderator (3 years)**

Kayla Solomon	2023
	<i>elected 7/2022</i>
<i>Paul Rudof</i>	<i>term expired 7/2022</i>

#### **Recreation (3 years)**

Alan Golash	2025
Ben Thompson	2025
Coni Gilman	2023
Pam Plumer	2023
Collin Black	2024

#### **Regional School Committee (3 years)**

<i>Allison Arbib (vacancy)</i>	2022
	<i>term expired 7/2022</i>
<i>Vacancy</i>	2023
Paul Kennedy	2024

#### **Board of Selectmen (3 years)**

David Mathers	2025
Denise Banister	2023
William Sayre	2024

#### **Town Clerk (3 years)**

Brenda Lessard	2025
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#### **Trust Fund/Cemetery Commission (3 yrs)**

Eric Weber	2024
Dick Kisloski	2025
Collin Black	2023

#### **Water/Sewer Commission (3 years)**

Eric Cerreta	2025
Paul Sanderson	2025
	<i>elected 7/2022</i>
<i>James Hyslip</i>	<i>term expired 7/2022</i>
Gary Benoit	2023
Paul Kennedy	2023
<i>Roger Bisbee (vacancy)</i>	2024
	<i>deceased 3/2022</i>

## 2022 Appointed Officials Town Employees

### Office

### Expiration

#### **Accountant (contract)**

Franklin Council of Governments  
Kala Fisher

#### **Administrative Assistant**

Eleanor Warnock                      2023

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

Alan Everett	2023	
David Nehring	2023	
Amanda Emerson	2024	
Keith Dufresne	2025	
Paul Zononi	2025	
Andy Erwin, Alternate	2023	appointed 7/2022
Ann Loomis, Alternate	2023	
<i>Alternate (vacancy)</i>		

#### **Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator (1 year)**

Nick Caccamo                      2023

#### **Animal Control Officer (1 year)**

Shayla Howe                      2023

#### **Animal Inspector (1 year)** (term May 1 to April 30)

Donald Lawton                      2023

#### **Assessors' Clerk (appointed by Assessors)**

Robin Everett

#### **Assistant Town Treasurer (appointed by Treasurer, 1 year)**

Karen Karowski                      2023

#### **Building Inspector (contract City of Northampton, 1 year)**

Jonathan Flagg                      2023

#### **Building Supervisor (1 year)**

Richard Bart                      2023    appointed 7/2022

#### **Capital Planning Committee (5 members plus Advisory)**

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

Charles Heath                      2022    appointed by Finance

Julia Peters                      2022    appointed by Finance

Robert Cayo                      2023

*(Vacancy)*                      2021

Melissa Zawadzki                      2025

Nathan Rosewarne – Advisory    Ex officio

**Collector (3 years)**

*Bonnie Roberge (vacancy) 2022 resigned 6/2022*  
 Sharon Strzegowski 2023 appointed 9/2022

**Conservation Commission (5 members, 3 years)**

Marcianna Caplis 2023  
 Mary Dudek 2024  
 Melinda McCall 2024  
 Andrew MacLachlan 2025  
 Joseph Rogers 2025  
 Melinda McCall, Secretary Appt by Conservation Commission

**Constables (4, 3 years)**

*Jason Connell 2023 resigned 7/2022*  
 John Svoboda 2023 appointed 7/2022  
 Paul Sanderson 2024  
 Robert Lapointe 2025  
 Joshua Lapointe 2025

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

Dianne Martin 2023  
 Linda Gibbon 2024  
 Maureen O'Brien 2024  
*Dean Acheson 2022 term expired 7/2022*  
 Pat Billingsley 2025  
 Daria D'Arienzo 2025  
 Mary Lee Satterfield, Emerita (Lifetime)  
*Barbara Bricker, Assoc 2022 resigned 4/2022*  
 Gerry Mann, Associate 2023

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

Melissa Wilson, Director 2023  
 Sharon Loomis, Admin. Asst. 2023  
 Tamar Smith, Meal site Coordinator 2023  
 Carol Hendricks, Outreach Coordinator 2023  
 Tryna Hope, Office Asst. 2023

**Cultural Council (5 members, 3 years)**

Ann Biddle 2024 first appointed 8/2021  
 Zevey Steinitz 2024 first appointed 7/2018  
*Sue Davis 2022 term expire 7/2022*  
 Louise Mosrie Coombe 2025 first appointed 9/2022  
 Trish Lafreniere 2023 first appointed 7/2020  
*Sherry Loomis 2023 resigned 9/2022*  
 Lauri Munroe-Hultman 2023 appointed 9/2022

**Election Pollworkers (1 year) (appointed between July 15 and August 15; term to August 31)**

R. Dean Acheson 2023  
 Pamela Acheson 2023 appointed 7/2022

Denise Banister	2023	appointed 7/2022
<i>Kelly Bombard</i>	2022	<i>term expired 7/2022</i>
Madelyn Breen	2023	
Pat Casterline	2023	
DeAun Corbett	2023	appointed 7/2022
Joan Donovan	2023	
Sheila Dufresne	2023	appointed 7/2022
Gail Gagne	2023	
Thomas Hodgkins	2023	
Dinah Mack	2023	appointed 7/2022
Susan McAllister	2023	
Diane Merritt	2023	appointed 7/2022
Dorothea O'Connell	2023	
Diane Punska	2023	
Rebecca Robbins	2023	
Fran Tilley	2023	
<i>Nancy Zimmer</i>	2022	<i>term expired 7/2022</i>
<i>Richard Zimmer</i>	2022	<i>term expired 7/2022</i>

**Election Wardens (1 year)** (appointed between July 15 and August 15; term to August 31)

Glenda Cresto	2023
Kathleen Luce	2023

**Emergency Management Director (1 year)**

Denise Banister	2023
Jason Connell, Assistant	2023

**Energy Committee (5 members, 1 year)**

Neal Anderson	2023
Richard Guzowski	2023
Mimi Kaplan	2023
Adin Maynard	2023
Jim Piermarini	2023

**Environmental Certifying Officer (3 years)**

Nick Caccamo	2025
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**Field Driver Team (1 year)**

Diane Merritt, Coordinator	2023
Robin Merritt, Coordinator	2023
Kathy Emerson	2023
Alan Everett	2023
Sue Fortgang	2023
Sue Froehlich	2023
David Nehring	2023
Carl Schlerman	2023

**Fire Chief/Forest Fire Warden (1 year)**

Jason Connell	2023
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**Firefighters (appointed by the Fire Chief, 1 year) 2023**

Daryl Springman – Deputy Chief

Daniel Banister – Captain

Alex Kassell – Captain

Cory McGill – Captain

Joshua Lapointe – Lieutenant

Jake Lulek – Lieutenant

Worth Noyes – Chaplain (Police &amp; Fire)

Kenneth Taylor – Administrative Assistant

Denise Banister – Emergency Management Director

**Firefighters**

Zachariah Andross    Andre Barnes    Bartholomew Casey    Joshua Connell

Rebecca Connell    Greg Dibrindisi    Luke Enright    Mark Girard

Patrick Higgins    Reese Hillenbrand    Peter Korotev    Eden Lulek

Sabrina McGill    Reilly McQueston    Maryellen McQueston    Hugh Parker

James Robinson    Shawna Rogers    Daniel Stuart

**Senior Firefighters**

Alan Everett    Glen Everett    James Ferron    Richard Karowski

Robert Lapointe    Paul Sanderson

**Junior Firefighters**

Christopher Connell    Joseph Farrell    Cheyenne Huff    Mikayla Joyner

Maxwell Sharleville

**Gas Inspector (1 year)**

Donald Lawton    2023

**Health Agent (contract)**

Foothills Health District

Mark Bushee

**Highland Ambulance Board of Directors (appointed by Highland Ambulance)**

Denise Banister

**Highway Superintendent (1 year)**

Dan Banister    2023

**Highway Department**

Dan Banister    Robert Lapointe    Mark Loven    John McGill (hired 9/2022)

Bryan Osetek    Anthony Thomas III    *Donald Turner (resigned 6/2022)***Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (1 year)**

Gordon Luce    2023

Melinda McCall    2023

**Historical Commission (5 members, 3 year)***Jacqueline Dufresne*    2022    *term expire 7/2022*Daniel Nye    2025    *appointed 7/2022*

Steve Herzberg    2023

Ed O'Neil    2023

Leah Chava Reiner	2024
Eric Weber	2024

**Libraries**

Beverly Bullock – Library Director  
 Rochelle Wildfong – Assistant Director and Children's Librarian  
 Bobbin Young – Technical Services Librarian  
 Naomi Schmidt – Kmit Children's Programming Librarian  
 Daria D'Arienzo – Archivist  
 Amber Smith-Harder, Beth Kilduff, Susan Cornell, Irene Tournas – Circulation Assistants  
 John Palmer – Bookkeeper  
 Laurie Scanlon – Library Cleaner

**Materials Recycling Facility Advisory Board (appointed by MRF)**

Kathleen Casey

**Measurer Gravel/Soil and Manure (1 year)**

Alan Everett	2023
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**Mill River Greenway Committee (11 members, 1 year)**

Jennifer Black	2023	
Eric Bloomquist	2023	
John Connolly	2023	appointed 11/2022
Nick Dines	2023	
John Hoogstraten	2023	
Jim Hyslip	2023	
Gaby Immerman	2023	
Rachel Koh	2023	appointed 11/2022
Jody Nishman	2023	
Joseph Rogers	2023	
David Weber	2023	
<i>James Weed</i>	2022	<i>term expire 7/2022</i>
Francie Borden, alternate	2023	moved to alternate 11/2022

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

Eric Bloomquist	2023	
Kenley Clark	2023	
Paul Kennedy	2023	
Sally Loomis	2023	
<i>Llama Maynard (vacancy)</i>	2022	<i>term expire 7/2022</i>
Melinda McCall	2023	
Markelle Smith	2023	

**Parking Clerk (1 year)**

Nick Caccamo	2023
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**Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (1 year)**

Christopher Flory (commissioner)	2023	Appointed by Planning Board
Holly Hendricks (alternate)	2023	

**Pioneer Valley Joint Transportation Committee (1 year)**

Dan Banister 2023

Nick Dines – alternate 2023

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

J.M. Sorrell 2023

**Planning Board (7 members, 5 years)**

Holly Hendricks 2024

Christopher Flory 2025

Tariq Abu-Jaber 2026

Stephen Smith 2026

Jean O'Neil 2027

Amy Bisbee 2023

Eric Schmitt 2023

**Plumbing Inspector (1 year)**

Donald Lawton 2023

**Police and Fire Chaplain (1 year)**

Worth Noyes 2023

**Police Chief (contract)**

Denise Wickland

**Police Officers (1 year)**

Jason Soukup, Sergeant 2023

Peter Fisher 2023

Bryan Luszciski 2023

Michael LeMoine 2023

Shane Pinkham 2023

Robert Reinke 2023

Aimee Wallace 2023 appointed 11/2022

Danielle Wright 2023

**Procurement Officer (1 year)**

Nick Caccamo 2023

**Public Safety Complex Building Committee**

Amy Bisbee

Dan Bonham

Jason Connell

Mary Dudek

Dick Guzowski appointed 12/2022

Dave Mathers

Jean O'Neil

Robert Reinke

Bill Sayre

Daryl Springman

Denise Wickland

Melinda McCall, alternate appointed 12/2022

**Records Access Officers (ex officio)**

Brenda Lessard (Town Clerk), Chief RAO  
 Denise Wickland (Police Chief)  
 Jason Connell (Fire Chief)  
 Nicholas Caccamo (Town Administrator)

**Registrar of Voters (4 members, 3 years)**

Brenda Lessard	2023
Jean York	2023
Marjorie Dunphy	2023
Diane O'Sullivan	2024

**Surveyor Wood/Lumber (1 year)**

Alden Bacon	2023
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**Tax Title Custodian (3 years)**

Nathan Rosewarne	2023
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**Technology Committee (3 members, 1 year)**

Collin Black	2023
Rich French	2023
David Martin	2023
<i>David Nardi</i>	<i>2022 term expired 7/2022</i>
<i>Kyle Schwartz</i>	<i>2022 term expired 7/2022</i>

**Town Administrator (contract)**

Nick Caccamo

**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

**Treasurer (3 years)**

Nathan Rosewarne	2025
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**Tree Warden/Gypsy Moth Superintendent (1 year)**

Thomas Por	2023
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**Trench Permit Granting Authority (1 year)**

Dan Banister	2023
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**250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee**

Lisa Bertoldi  
 Miana Dawson  
 Apostol Hoda  
 Steve Smith

**Veterans' Agent (contract)**

City of Northampton

Dan Nye

**Veterans' Memorial Committee (3 members, 1 year)**

Dan Nye 2023

Roy Beals 2023

*Vacancy*

Dan Nye, ex officio

**Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee (9 members, 1 year)**

Gwen Blodgett 2023

John Hoogstraten 2023

Paul Jahnige 2023

Eileen Keegan 2023

Dinah Mack 2023 appointed 9/2022

Kevin McAllister 2023

Diane Merritt 2023

David Weber 2023

Sarah Welch 2023 appointed 9/2022

*Dwight Baghdoyan* 2022 *term expired 7/2022**Sarah LaPointe* 2022 *term expired 7/2022***Wiring Inspector/Electrical Inspector (contract City of Northampton, 1 year)**

Roger Malo 2023

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

Gerald Mann 2023

Paul Kennedy 2024

Mickey Gallagher 2025

Amy Bisbee, Alternate 2023 appointed 3/2022

*Alternate (vacancy)*

## Town Clerk

### **In 2022 these vital records were recorded:**

#### **Deaths:**

**Larareo, Joseph J.**, son of Rosa (Zita) and Domenico Lerario. Born on April 19, 1932, in Northampton, MA. Date of death was January 4, 2022, in Springfield, MA.

**Mahieu, Peter A.**, son of Virginia (Schmitt) and Roscoe Mahieu. Born on September 1, 1948, in Peoria, IL. Date of death was January 19, 2022, in Northampton, MA.

**Cassarino, Paula**, daughter of Rachel (Selonia) and Paul Cassarino. Born on November 29, 1947, in Hartford, CT. Date of death was January 21, 2022, in Pittsfield, MA.

**Kellogg, Norma**, daughter of Mary M. (Hill) and Leon A. Parsons. Born on April 22, 1924, in Northampton, MA. Date of death was February 18, 2022, in Northampton, MA.

**Bisbee, Roger Albert**, son of Emma Louise (Nehring) and Henry M. Bisbee. Born on March 9, 1945, in Northampton MA. Date of death was March 9, 2022, in Northampton, MA.

**Valone, Margo Gall**, daughter of Elizabeth Taylor (Cessford) and Frederick Wilhelm Gall. Born on December 23, 1937, in Pittsfield, MA. Date of death was March 27, 2022, in Williamsburg MA.

**MacLachlan, Patricia Marie**, daughter of Madonna Gertrude (Moss) and Philo T. Pritzkau. Born on March 3, 1938, in Cheyenne, WY. Date of death was April 1, 2022, in Williamsburg, MA.

**Wilson, Victor Antonio**, son of Palma (Ingellis) and Robert Turner Wilson. Born on September 1, 1951, in Northampton, MA. Date of death was April 13, 2022, in Williamsburg, MA.

**Goulet, Josephine**, daughter of Josephine M (Shulda) and Earle Slater. Born on November 6, 1938, in Westfield, MA. Date of death was April 10, 2022, in Northampton, MA.

**Polczwartek, Pauline May**, daughter of Sophie Gnatek (Skorupski) and Peter Backiel. Born on May 12, 1937, in Northampton, MA. Date of death was June 26, 2022, in Northampton, MA.

**Wilson, Louis Edward**, son of Rebecca (McKenzie) and Essie Samuel Wilson. Born on March 1, 1939, in Longview, TX. Date of death was July 10, 2022, in Northampton, MA.

**Hodgkins, Susan Senecal**, daughter of Theresa (Kmit) and Willard Senecal. Born on January 12, 1943, in Northampton, MA. Date of death was July 19, 2022, in Williamsburg, MA.

**Bilger, Rose**, daughter of Genevieve (Jaskiewicz) and Joseph Olbris. Born on February 20, 1938, in Holyoke, MA. Date of death was July 19, 2022, in Northampton, MA.

**Goulet, Louis A.**, son of Edna C. (Kleeberg) and Lauria L. Goulet. Born on June 13, 1937, in Holyoke, MA. Date of death was August 18, 2022, in Springfield, MA.

**Whitaker, Mary Sibley**, daughter of Kathryn Noble (Loomis) and Ellis Hobart Whitaker. Born on April 13, 1939, in Waterbury, CT. Date of death was August 18, 2022, in Amherst, MA.

**Kellogg, Julia C.**, daughter of Eleanor (Banas) and Michael Koloszyycz. Born on August 12, 1935, in Williamsburg, MA. Date of death was September 22, 2022, in Williamsburg, MA.

**Roberts, Norene Ann**, daughter of Norma (Harry) and Edward Everett Bagnall. Born on June 21, 1945, in Goshen, MA. Date of death was October 1, 2022, in Greenfield, MA.

**Loomis, Priscilla Ruth**, daughter of Germaine (Bonne) and Clarence Lambert. Born on September 2, 1928, in Holyoke, MA. Date of death was October 10, 2022, in Williamsburg, MA.

**Jacque, William E.**, son of Georgianna (Marsh) and Albert Jacque. Born on January 16, 1939, in Amherst, MA. Date of death was October 26, 2022, in Northampton, MA.

**Goodhue, Lynn R.**, daughter of Marilyn Gage (Staab) and William Tornow. Born on December 10, 1948, in Pearl Harbor, HI. Date of death was November 12, 2022, in Northampton, MA.

**Wittlinger, Ellen Kay**, daughter of Doris Margaret (Pritchard) and Karl Friedrich Wittlinger. Born on October 21, 1948, in Belleville, IL. Date of death was November 17, 2022, in Williamsburg, MA.

**Cameron, Shirley Elizabeth**, daughter of Elizabeth (Korpita) and Benjamin Magdalenski, on May 24, 1932, in Williamsburg, MA. Date of death was December 7, 2022, in Williamsburg, MA.

### **Marriages:**

James William Robator, Jr., Williamsburg, MA, and Corinne Marie Goncalves, Williamsburg, MA, were married on June 25, 2022, in Northampton, MA.

Molly Botnik, Brooklyn, NY, and David James D'Altorio, Brooklyn, NY, were married on July 2, 2022, in Williamsburg, MA.

LyRie Elizabeth Scinto, Jersey City, NJ, and John Drew Morrision, Jersey City, NJ, were married on July 29, 2022, in Williamsburg, MA.

Debra Ann Scott, Williamsburg, MA, and Michael Patrick O'Brien, Williamsburg, MA, were married on August 6, 2022, in Williamsburg, MA.

Greer Annamae Hines, Williamsburg, MA, and Jared Jacob Pease, Williamsburg, MA, were married on August 20, 2022, in Pittsfield, MA.

Christina Katherine Lavigne, New Haven, CT, and John Charles Huston, New Haven, CT, were married on August 21, 2022, in Williamsburg, MA.

Katherine Elizabeth Wickline, Williamsburg, MA, and Hudson Woo Cooney, Williamsburg, MA, were married on September 24, 2022, in Chesterfield, MA.

Juan Carlos Serrani Yarce, Sunderland, MA, and Catalina Gonzalez Molina, Sunderland, MA, were married on September 22, 2022, in Williamsburg, MA.

Mary Ann Coppola, Williamsburg, MA, and Michele N. Reiter, Williamsburg, MA, were married on October 1, 2022, in Williamsburg, MA.

Edward Charles Jacque, Williamsburg, MA, and Samantha Elizabeth Lussier, Williamsburg, MA, were married on October 2, 2022, in Hadley, MA.

### **Births:**

(Due to identity theft, I choose not to publish the names of the children whose births were recorded in 2022).

<b>2022 Events</b>		Births	Deaths	Marriages
	Male	4	7	
	Female	3	15	
	Total	7	22	10

### **Dog Licenses**

Dog Licenses are renewed annually by March 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> for late registration with an additional \$25.00 penalty after June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Total Dog Licenses including Kennel Issued in 2022	429
Total Kennel Licenses Issued in 2022	3 containing 26 dogs



### **2022 Town Meetings and Elections**

There were many voting law changes that were implemented by the State in 2022. This has increased the workload for the Town Clerk's office regarding elections. Vote by Mail and Early Voting Hours has been made law for State Elections going forward. Vote by Mail will be available for town elections and a determination will be made with regard to holding in-person early voting hours for town elections.

I want to again thank my wardens, Kathy Luce and Glenda Cresto, and all my poll workers for their dedication and hard work this past year. I also wish to thank my election workers and constables for their help in making sure all the elections and Town Meetings run smoothly. Thanks go to my fellow Voter Registrars: Jean York, Diane O'Sullivan and Margie Dunphy. The town office custodian, Alan Golash, gets an extra special thank you for his help going above



and beyond to make sure everything is set up and ready to go for the town meetings and elections and helping to clean up after us after the elections.

Here is a breakdown of total registered voters as of December 31, 2022:

<b>Party or Designation</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Green Rainbow</b>	<b>Libertarian</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Unenrolled</b>	<b>Mass Independent Party</b>	<b>United Independent Party</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
	759	2	6	108	1166	1	7	2049

<b>TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG</b>	<b>DATE HELD</b>
Annual Town Caucus	March 5, 2022
Annual Town Election	May 2, 2022
Annual Town Meeting	June 6, 2022
State Primary	September 6, 2022
State Election	November 8, 2022
Special Town Meeting	November 19, 2022

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](http://www.burgy.org) or 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

## Certificate of Nomination – Town Caucus

We certify that a caucus of 50 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 Highway Garage, 24 Main Street, on the fourth day of March, 2022, and the following nominations of Candidates for Town Offices were made:

The Town Clerk, Brenda Lessard, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The Voters of Caucus elected a Chair and Secretary.

Chair: Denise L Banister      Secretary: Kathleen Luce

<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>CANDIDATE</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>	<b>SIGNATURE</b>
ASSESSOR	3	Glen Everett	40 Hemenway Road	Signed by same
BOARD OF HEALTH	3	Donna Gibson	110 Nash Hill Road	Signed by same
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES	3	Charlotte Meryman	46 Village Hill Road	Signed by same
	3	Frederick Goodhue	47 Conway Road	Signed by same
ELECTOR-OLIVER SMITH WILL	1	Richard Kisloski	12 Cole Road	Signed by same
FINANCE COMMITTEE	3	Charles Heath	83 Mountain Street	Not signed
	3	Richard Kisloski	12 Cole Road	Signed by same
	3	Gordon Allen	48 Nash Hill Road	Signed by same
	3	Melissa Lawrence Zawadzki	77 Ashfield Road	Signed by same
LOCAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3	Vacancy		
	3	Vacancy		
MODERATOR	1	Kayla Solomon	57 South Street	Signed by same
	1	Karin McGowan	32 Kingsley Avenue	Signed by same
RECREATION COMMISSION	3	Alan Golash	28 Kingsley Avenue	Signed by same
	3	Benjamin Thompson	46 Village Hill Road	Signed by same
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3	Allison Arbib	5 Maple St	Not signed
SELECTMAN	3	David Mathers	7 Eastern Avenue	Signed by same

TOWN CLERK    3       Brenda Lessard                      42 Nash Hill Road                      Signed by same

TRUST FUND/CEMETERY

COMMISSION    3       Richard Kisloski                      12 Cole Rd                      Signed by same

WATER/SEWER

COMMISSION    3       Eric Cerreta                      157 Main Street                      Signed by same

                    3       Paul Sanderson                      63 Petticoat Hill Road                      Signed by same

We hereby certify that at least forty qualified voters of the Town of Williamsburg participated, there were 50, and voted therein.

Due to the fact that all of the nominees would be placed on the ballot, Motion made and seconded and so voted that the Secretary cast one ballot to certify the nominees are certified. We also certify that a motion was made and seconded and so voted that in the case of death, withdrawal or in-eligibility 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 11:30 a.m.

S/ Denise Banister, Presiding Officer    S/ Kathleen Luce, Secretary to Caucus

Filed March 6, 2022

A TRUE COPY ATTEST       BRENDA LESSARD, TOWN CLERK

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## **Minutes of the Annual Election, Monday, May 2, 2022**

Warrant signed on: April 7, 2022

Warrant Posted on: April 14, 2022

Last day to register to vote: April 12, 2022

Wardens: Kathleen Luce and Glenda Cresto

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

Delivered five hundred ballots to the polls.

The polls opened at 10 a.m. in the Williamsburg Town Offices, 141 Main Street, Haydenville, and balloting begun.

The polls closed at 7 p.m., the 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, 2022 per the bylaw change voted November 14, 2005.

Votes Cast – 313

Number of Eligible Voters – 2052

**Assessor – 3 years – vote for 1**

Blanks: 31  
Glen Everett: 282 E  
Write-ins: 0

**Board of Health – 3 years – vote for 1**

Blanks: 33  
Donna Gibson: 277 E  
Write-ins: 3  
Don Lawton–2  
Marjorie Dunphy–1

**Board of Library Trustees –3 yrs–vote for 2**

Blanks: 104  
Charlotte Meryman: 264 E  
Frederick Goodhue: 256 E  
Write-ins: 2  
Chris Morris–1  
Eric Weber–1

**Elector Oliver Smith Will – 1 yr – vote for 1**

Blanks: 63  
Richard Kisloski: 250 E  
Write-ins: 0

**Finance Committee – 3 years – vote for 3**

Blanks: 202  
Richard Kisloski: 239 E  
Gordon Allen: 251 E  
Melissa Lawrence Zawadzki: 246 E  
Write-ins: 1  
David Weber–1

**Local School Committee – 3 yrs – vote for 2**

Blanks: 538  
Write-ins: 86  
Glenda Cresto–28 E  
Kathaleen Emerson–41 E  
Karin McGowan–9  
Patricia James–2  
All others–6

**Moderator – 1 year – vote for 1**

Blanks: 56  
Karin McGowan: 127  
Kayla Solomon: 130 E  
Write-ins: 0

**Recreation Commission – 3 yrs – vote for 2**

Blanks: 300  
Alan Golash: 266 E  
Benjamin Thompson: 258 E  
Write-ins: 0

**Regional School Cmte – 3 yrs – vote for 1**

Blanks: 302  
Write-ins: 11  
Patricia James–3  
Jennifer Black–1  
Karin McGowan–2  
Kathaleen Emerson–4  
Paula Pavelcsyk–1

**Regional School Cmte – 1 year – vote for 1**

Blanks: 306  
Write-ins: 7  
Karin McGowan–2  
Glenda Cresto–2  
Edward Kroll–1

**Board of Selectmen – 3 years – vote for 1**

Blanks: 8  
David Mathers: 198 E  
Patrick Sumner: 106  
Write-ins: 1  
David Weber–1

**Town Clerk – 3 years – vote for 1**

Blanks: 17  
Brenda Lessard: 296 E  
Write-ins: 0

**Trust Fund/Cemetery Comm–3 yrs–vote for 1**

Blanks: 64  
Richard Kisloski: 249 E  
Write-ins: 2  
Fred Goodhue–1  
Eric Weber–1

**Water & Sewer Comm – 3 yrs – vote for 2**

Blanks: 86  
Eric Cerreta: 272 E  
Paul Sanderson: 268 E  
Write-ins: 0

Filed: May 3, 2022

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

Brenda Lessard, Williamsburg Town Clerk

## **Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting**

06 June 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

The Annual Town Meeting was held at the Anne T. Dunphy Gymnasium, 1 Petticoat Hill Rd., Williamsburg, MA.

The warrant was signed on May 19, 2022, and posted on May 19, 2022

Moderator: Paul Rudof                      Town Clerk: Brenda Lessard  
Selectmen Present: David Mathers, Chair, Denise Banister, Clerk and William Sayre

There were 138 voters present of 2060 registered voters.

Last day to register to vote was May 17, 2022.

The Moderator called for a Moment of Silence for Roger A. Bisbee who had passed on 3/9/2022. Mr. Bisbee was a former Highway Superintendent, Fire Chief, and was a current Water & Sewer Commissioner. He did so many things for the Town of Williamsburg for many years.

The Board of Selectmen made the dedication of the 2021 Annual Town Report to Helen E. James and the Helen E. James School which is slated to be demolished this year to make way for a new public safety building on the site.

A quorum of sixty (60) registered voters being present, there were 138 voters, the town meeting was called to order at 6:00 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**    Moved and seconded that the town vote pursuant to M.G.L. c.268A,  
**01**            §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.

### **Motion Passed Unanimously**

**ARTICLE 02** Moved and seconded that the town vote to authorize the Moderator to choose a committee to expend the income from the Whiting Street Fund.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

**ARTICLE 03** 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.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

**ARTICLE 04** Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$212,765. as set forth in Article 04 of the Warrant, for the purpose of operating, maintaining, and constructing the Town water system, including the laying of mains, for Fiscal Year 2023, and to take said sum from Water Enterprise Revenue.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

**ARTICLE 05** Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$242,000. as set forth in Article 05 of the Warrant, for the purpose of operating, maintaining, and constructing the Town sewer system for Fiscal Year 2023, and to take said sum from Sewer Enterprise Revenue.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

**ARTICLE 06** Moved and seconded that the town vote pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §54E½, as most recently amended, to set Fiscal Year 2023 spending limits for the Revolving Funds as outlined in Article 6 of the warrant.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

REVOLVING FUND	\$ LIMIT	REVOLVING FUND	\$ LIMIT
Board of Assessors.....	15,000	Planning Board.....	30,000
Gas Inspector.....	1,500	Animal Control Officer.....	5,000
Electrical Inspector.....	10,000	Recreation Commission....	30,000
Plumbing Inspector.....	4,000	Council on Aging.....	2,000
Transfer Station Open Box.	30,000	Conservation Commission..	5,000
Board of Appeals.....	6,000	Fire Department.....	7,000
<b>Total Spending.....</b>	<b>145,500</b>		

**ARTICLE 07** 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.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

**ARTICLE 08** Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$240,000. for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a light rescue truck for the Williamsburg Fire Department, and any other incidental or related expenses, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of M.G.L. c44, §7, or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue bonds or notes for this purpose, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Motion Passed 2/3 Majority (1 No)**

**ARTICLE 09** 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, 2023, as provided in M.G.L. c.41, §108, as amended, and that the town 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 **\$8,599,521**, as recommended by the Finance Committee, such sum to be appropriated by transferring **\$60,000** from Free Cash and raising **\$8,539,521** from taxation.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

TYPE	FY22 \$	FY23 \$	DIFF. \$	DIFF. %
Culture / Recreation....	177,700	210,208	32,508	18.29
Debt Service.....	477,144	500,948	23,804	4.99
Education.....	4,682,810	4,681,289	(1,521)	-0.03
Fixed Costs.....	1,074,349	1,107,987	33,638	3.13
Gen Gov't.....	652,456	689,775	37,319	5.72
Health / Human.....	147,169	139,924	(7,245)	-4.92
Intergovernmental....	102,952	96,901	(6,051)	-5.88
Public Safety.....	478,173	541,186	63,013	13.18
Public Works.....	628,569	631,303	2,734	0.43
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>8,421,322</b>	<b>8,599,521</b>	<b>178,199</b>	<b>2.12</b>

LINE #	CATEGORY	DEPARTMENT	NAME	FY2022 BUDGET	FY2023 REQUEST	DOLLAR DIFF	PERCENT DIFF
1	Culture/Recreation	Library	Salaries & Wages, Elected Officials / Director	51,000	53,550	2,550	5.00%
2	Culture/Recreation	Library	Salaries & Wages	99,282	111,949	12,667	12.76%
3	Culture/Recreation	Library	General Expenses	17,000	14,000	(3,000)	-17.65%
4	Culture/Recreation	Library	Materials / Books	-	3,000	3,000	*new*
5	Culture/Recreation	Library	School library program	-	17,095	17,095	*new*
6	Culture/Recreation	Recreation Activities	Salaries & Wages	3,918	4,114	196	5.00%
7	Culture/Recreation	Recreation Activities	General Expenses	5,000	5,000	-	0.00%
8	Culture/Recreation	Recreation Activities	Woodland Trails Comm	500	500	-	0.00%
9	Culture/Recreation	Commission	General Expenses	500	500	-	0.00%
10	Culture/Recreation	Recognition	General Expenses	500	500	-	0.00%
11	Debt Service	Retirement of Debt	Highland Amb Vehicle	6,441	6,444	3	0.05%
12	Debt Service	Retirement of Debt	School Debt	270,000	290,782	20,782	7.70%
13	Debt Service	Retirement of Debt	Highland Amb Building	14,871	14,878	7	0.05%
14	Debt Service	Retirement of Debt	Fire Truck	53,000	-	(53,000)	-100.00%
15	Debt Service	Retirement of Debt	Highway Garage	20,000	18,934	(1,066)	-5.33%
16	Debt Service	Retirement of Debt	Highway Truck BAN	10,293	10,200	(93)	-0.90%
17	Debt Service	Interest on Long-term Debt	School Building	100,200	78,806	(21,394)	-21.35%
18	Debt Service	Interest on Long-term Debt	Fire Truck	580	-	(580)	-100.00%
19	Debt Service	Interest on Long-term Debt	Highway Garage	1,200	745	(455)	-37.92%
20	Debt Service	Interest on Long-term Debt	Highway Truck BAN	559	159	(400)	-71.56%
21	Debt Service	Interest on Long-term Debt	Public Safety Complex	-	80,000	80,000	*new*
22	Education	Elementrary School	Salaries & Wages Elected Officials	1,590	1,590	-	0.00%
23	Education	Elementrary School	General Expenses	2,330,298	2,349,081	18,783	0.81%
24	Education	Regional School	General Expenses	1,614,791	1,690,092	75,301	4.66%
25	Education	Voctional/Technical School	General Expenses	695,605	600,000	(95,605)	-13.74%
26	Education	Voctional/Technical School	Voc Transportation	40,526	40,526	-	0.00%
27	Fixed Costs	Property Insurace	General Expenses	76,471	80,000	3,529	4.61%
28	Fixed Costs	Retirement	General Expenses	295,613	344,622	49,009	16.58%
29	Fixed Costs	Contribution	General Expenses	36,778	36,778	-	0.00%
30	Fixed Costs	Worker's Comp	General Expenses	5,000	5,000	-	0.00%
31	Fixed Costs	Comp	General Expenses	14,587	4,587	(10,000)	-68.55%
32	Fixed Costs	Police & Fire insurance	General Expenses	600,000	590,000	(10,000)	-1.67%
33	Fixed Costs	Health Insurance	General Expenses	45,900	47,000	1,100	2.40%
34	Fixed Costs	Medicare	General Expenses	317	333	16	5.05%
35	Gen Gov't	Moderator	Salary	317	333	16	5.05%
36	Gen Gov't	Selectmen	Salaries & Wages, Elected Offi	8,868	9,312	444	5.01%
37	Gen Gov't	Selectmen	General Expenses	3,750	3,750	-	0.00%
38	Gen Gov't	Town Administrator	Salaries & Wages, Elected Offi	66,300	66,675	375	0.57%



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38	Gen Gov't	Town Administrator	Admin Asst	17,080	17,934	854	5.00%
39	Gen Gov't	Town Administrator	General Expenses	750	750	-	0.00%
40	Gen Gov't	Town Administrator	Public Procurement Official	-	1,885	1,885	*new*
41	Gen Gov't	Capital Planning Committee	General Expenses	75	75	-	0.00%
42	Gen Gov't	Finance Committee	Salaries & Wages, Elected Offi	4,008	4,209	201	5.01%
43	Gen Gov't	Finance Committee	General Expenses	500	500	-	0.00%
44	Gen Gov't	Reserve Fund	General Expenses	50,000	60,000	10,000	20.00%
45	Gen Gov't	Accountant	Salaries & Wages	35,992	38,802	2,810	7.81%
46	Gen Gov't	Accountant	General Expenses	150	150	-	0.00%
47	Gen Gov't	Accountant	Accounting Software	750	750	-	0.00%
48	Gen Gov't	Accountant	Audit Services	21,500	24,000	2,500	11.63%
49	Gen Gov't	Asssesors	Salaries & Wages, Elected Offi	9,852	10,345	493	5.00%
50	Gen Gov't	Asssesors	Salaries & Wages	21,879	22,973	1,094	5.00%
51	Gen Gov't	Asssesors	General Expenses	19,700	19,700	-	0.00%
52	Gen Gov't	Asssesors / Revaluation	General Expenses	7,500	5,000	(2,500)	-33.33%
53	Gen Gov't	Treasurer	Salaries & Wages, Elected Offi	23,881	25,076	1,195	5.00%
54	Gen Gov't	Treasurer	Salaries & Wages	1,000	1,050	50	5.00%
55	Gen Gov't	Treasurer	Treasurers Asst	6,342	6,342	-	0.00%
56	Gen Gov't	Treasurer	General Expenses	5,500	6,500	1,000	18.18%
57	Gen Gov't	Treasurer	Treasurer's Software	5,000	5,100	100	2.00%
58	Gen Gov't	Treasurer	OPEB Reeval	3,000	6,500	3,500	116.67%
59	Gen Gov't	Collector	Salaries & Wages, Elected Offi	45,800	48,090	2,290	5.00%
60	Gen Gov't	Collector	Salaries & Wages	1,000	1,050	50	5.00%
61	Gen Gov't	Collector	General Expenses	7,992	7,992	-	0.00%
62	Gen Gov't	Collector	Deputy Coll Expenses	1,900	1,900	-	0.00%
63	Gen Gov't	Collector	Tax Title Exp	1,500	1,500	-	0.00%
64	Gen Gov't	Oliver Smith Trust	General Expenses	35	35	-	0.00%
65	Gen Gov't	Legal	General Expenses	10,000	10,000	-	0.00%
66	Gen Gov't	Advertising /Other Operations Support	General Expenses	1,200	1,200	-	0.00%
67	Gen Gov't	Other Operations Support	Energy Comm Expenses	250	250	-	0.00%
68	Gen Gov't	Constable	Salaries & Wages, Elected Offi	471	495	24	5.10%
69	Gen Gov't	Clerk	Salaries & Wages, Elected Offi	22,248	25,461	3,213	14.44%
70	Gen Gov't	Clerk	Clerk's Assistant	2,540	2,540	-	0.00%
71	Gen Gov't	Clerk	General Expenses	1,700	1,700	-	0.00%
72	Gen Gov't	Clerk	Clerk's Software	500	500	-	0.00%
73	Gen Gov't	Clerk	Records Storage	-	2,500	2,500	*new*

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74	Gen Gov't	Elections	General Expenses	9,500	10,500	1,000	10.53%
75	Gen Gov't	Street Listing	General Expenses	1,450	1,450	-	0.00%
76	Gen Gov't	Conservation Commission	Salaries & Wages	1,900	1,995	95	5.00%
77	Gen Gov't	Conservation Commission	General Expenses	2,700	2,700	-	0.00%
78	Gen Gov't	Planning Board	General Expenses	750	750	-	0.00%
79	Gen Gov't	Zoning Board/ Appeals	General Expenses	600	600	-	0.00%
80	Gen Gov't	Town Office	Custodian Labor	12,604	13,235	631	5.01%
81	Gen Gov't	Town Office	Building Supervisor	9,734	10,221	487	5.00%
82	Gen Gov't	Town Office	General Expenses	35,275	30,000	(5,275)	-14.95%
83	Gen Gov't	Town Office	Town Office Exp	2,500	2,500	-	0.00%
84	Gen Gov't	Town Office	Internet	9,045	10,000	955	10.56%
85	Gen Gov't	Town Office	Town Telephone	10,620	11,000	380	3.58%
86	Gen Gov't	Town Office	Copier Maint	2,400	2,400	-	0.00%
87	Gen Gov't	Town Office	Document Storage	2,100	2,100	-	0.00%
88	Gen Gov't	Town Office	Heating	44,492	45,000	508	1.14%
89	Gen Gov't	Town Office	Electricity	25,500	25,500	-	0.00%
90	Gen Gov't	Town Office	Computer Services	40,556	45,000	4,444	10.96%
91	Gen Gov't	Town Office	Technology Upgrades	5,000	5,000	-	0.00%
92	Gen Gov't	Town Office	Town Building Repairs	18,000	20,000	2,000	11.11%
93	Gen Gov't	Town Reports	General Expenses	1,900	1,900	-	0.00%
94	Gen Gov't	Transfer To	OPEB	5,000	5,000	-	0.00%
95	Health / Human	Animal Inspection	General Expenses	1,020	1,020	-	0.00%
96	Health / Human	Board of Health	Salaries & Wages, Elected Offi	3,913	4,109	196	5.01%
97	Health / Human	Board of Health	General Expenses	1,050	1,050	-	0.00%
98	Health / Human	Board of Health	Public Health Emgy/Training	1,550	1,550	-	0.00%
99	Health / Human	Council on Aging	Salaries & Wages	30,299	31,814	1,515	5.00%
100	Health / Human	Council on Aging	COA Labor	15,014	15,765	751	5.00%
101	Health / Human	Council on Aging	COA Meal Site Staff	11,832	12,424	592	5.00%
102	Health / Human	Council on Aging	COA Admin Asst	9,974	10,473	499	5.00%
103	Health / Human	Council on Aging	General Expenses	3,718	5,000	1,282	34.48%
104	Health / Human	Council on Aging	COA HEN Program	4,000	4,000	-	0.00%
105	Health / Human	Veteran's Services	General Expenses	12,399	12,319	(80)	-0.65%
106	Health / Human	Veteran's Services	Veterans Benefits	52,000	40,000	(12,000)	-23.08%
107	Health / Human	ADA	General Expenses	400	400	-	0.00%
108	Inter-governmental	County Assessment & Charges	FRCOG Assessment	2,750	2,750	-	0.00%
109	Inter-governmental	County Assessment & Charges	HC Reg Lock Up	2,358	1	(2,357)	-99.96%
110	Inter-governmental	Inspection Services	General Expenses / Hilltown Resource Mgmt	13,369	13,369	-	0.00%
111	Inter-governmental	Inspection Services	Foothills Health District	41,264	37,535	(3,729)	-9.04%

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112	Inter-governmental	Inspection Services	Building Inspection Prog	42,500	42,500	-	0.00%
113	Inter-governmental	Inspection Services	PVPC Assessment	411	446	35	8.52%
114	Inter-governmental	Inspection Services	Plumbing/Gas Inspect Prog	300	300	-	0.00%
115	Public Safety	Police	Salaries & Wages	73,569	79,348	5,779	7.86%
116	Public Safety	Police	Police Dept labor	138,508	145,434	6,926	5.00%
117	Public Safety	Police	General Expenses	25,626	25,626	-	0.00%
118	Public Safety	Police	Police Records Software	8,035	8,035	-	0.00%
119	Public Safety	Police	Police Bridge Academy Training & Gear	-	17,000	17,000	*new*
120	Public Safety	Fire	Salaries & Wages	25,667	37,451	11,784	45.91%
121	Public Safety	Fire	Fire Dept labor	26,260	32,661	6,401	24.38%
122	Public Safety	Fire	FD Admin Asst	8,461	13,325	4,864	57.49%
123	Public Safety	Fire	FD Training	15,641	15,641	-	0.00%
124	Public Safety	Fire	General Expenses	33,147	38,050	4,903	14.79%
125	Public Safety	Ambulance	General Expenses	117,166	122,428	5,262	4.49%
126	Public Safety	Emergency Medical Service	Salaries & Wages	1,267	1,331	64	5.05%
127	Public Safety	Emergency Medical Service	Emer Mgmnt Deputy	590	620	30	5.08%
128	Public Safety	Emergency Medical Service	General Expenses	3,750	3,750	-	0.00%
129	Public Safety	Emergency Medical Service	Emergency Communications	486	486	-	0.00%
130	Public Works	Tree Service	Tree Removal/Planting	7,000	7,000	-	0.00%
131	Public Works	Highway	Salaries & Wages, Elected Offi	66,547	69,875	3,328	5.00%
132	Public Works	Highway	Salaries & Wages	155,660	147,693	(7,967)	-5.12%
133	Public Works	Highway	General Expenses	85,000	85,000	-	0.00%
134	Public Works	Highway	Highway Garage/Equip Maint	41,641	41,641	-	0.00%
135	Public Works	Highway	Vehicle Fuel	29,000	35,000	6,000	20.69%
136	Public Works	Highway	Invasive Species	1,500	1,500	-	0.00%
137	Public Works	Highway	Sidewalk Construction	5,000	5,000	-	0.00%
138	Public Works	Highway	Highway Surplus equip	3,000	3,000	-	0.00%
139	Public Works	Snow & Ice Removal	Salaries & Wages	15,235	15,997	762	5.00%
140	Public Works	Snow & Ice Removal	General Expenses	72,500	72,500	-	0.00%
141	Public Works	Street Lighting	General Expenses	12,000	8,000	(4,000)	-33.33%
142	Public Works	Transfer Station	Salaries & Wages	32,207	33,818	1,611	5.00%
143	Public Works	Transfer Station	General Expenses	99,825	102,825	3,000	3.01%
144	Public Works	Cemetery	General Expenses	1,100	1,100	-	0.00%
145	Public Works	Cemetery	Haydenville Town Clock	1,354	1,354	-	0.00%
146	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>8,421,322</b>	<b>8,599,521</b>	<b>178,199</b>	<b>2.12%</b>

- ARTICLE 10** Moved and seconded that the town transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$200., to pay the Massachusetts Municipal Association for advertising costs incurred during Fiscal Year 2021.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

- ARTICLE 11** Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$140,000. for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a front-end loader for the Williamsburg Highway Department and any other incidental and related expenses.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

- ARTICLE 12** Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$60,000. for the purpose of making improvements to the Town Offices building including window replacement, landscaping, and conducting a building assessment and any other incidental and related expenses.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

- ARTICLE 13** Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$4,000. for the purpose of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and any other incidental and related expenses.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

- ARTICLE 14** Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$5,000., an amount equal to one-half of the amount received by the Town as Medicaid reimbursements in FY2022, to the Williamsburg School Department.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

- ARTICLE 15** Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer \$191,929 from Free Cash into Stabilization.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

**ARTICLE 16** Moved and seconded that the town vote to amend Section 2 of the By-Laws of the Town of Williamsburg, General Government, as outlined in Article 16 of the warrant, with the language shown in strikethrough text to be deleted and the language shown in bold underlined language to be inserted.

SECTION 2: The annual Town Meeting shall be held on the first ~~Monday~~ **Saturday** in June of each year at such time and place as shall be stated in the warrant.

**Motion Failed Majority**

**ARTICLE 17** Moved and seconded that the town vote to amend the By-Laws of the Town of Williamsburg, "Council on Aging" in "Town Officers and Committees," as outlined in Article 17 of the warrant with additions shown in bold underlined language to be inserted.

***COUNCIL ON AGING***

Pursuant to the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8B, there is hereby established a Council on Aging, whose members shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, said Council to consist of five persons, who shall be voters and residents of the Town.

1. Members shall be appointed as follows: two members for three years, two members to be appointed for two years, and one member to be appointed for one year, and annually thereafter members should be appointed for terms of three years. The Council shall annually elect its chairman and other officers, as it deems appropriate.

2. The duties of the Council shall be to **represent and advocate for the senior population of the Town, and to act as an advisory board in support of the work of the Senior Center Director and staff to:**

Identify the total needs of the community's elderly population; educate the community and enlist support and participation of all citizens concerning these needs; design, promote, or implement services to fill these needs, or coordinate present existing services in the community; promote, support any other programs designed to assist elderly programs in the community.

3. Said Council shall cooperate with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Elder Affairs and shall be cognizant of all State and Federal legislation concerning funding, information exchange, and program planning which exists for better community programming for the elderly.

4. Such Council on Aging shall give an annual report to the Board of Selectmen with a copy of that report directed to the Commonwealth Department of Elder Affairs.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

**Article 18** Moved and seconded that the town vote to amend articles one, two, four, seven, and eight of the By- Laws of the Town of Williamsburg, entitled “Board of Library Trustees,” as outlined in Article 18 of the warrant, with the language shown in strikethrough text to be deleted and the language shown in bold underlined language to be inserted.

#### **BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

1. CREATION AND PURPOSE. There is hereby created the Board of Library Trustees (hereinafter, “the Board”). It shall have and exercise responsibility for the care, custody, management, control, operation and maintenance, including the establishment of policy, of the Haydenville Library and the Meekins Library as free public libraries within and for the Town of Williamsburg (hereinafter, “the Town”) and of all real and tangible property owned by the Town relating thereto, subject to and in accordance with Chapter 78 of the General Laws and other applicable laws and regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Both said libraries shall be maintained ~~in perpetuity~~ as free public libraries for the permanent benefit of the inhabitants of the Town. ~~The Board of Library Trustees shall keep the Meekins Library open a minimum of ten (10) hours per week and the Haydenville Library open a minimum of five (5) hours per week. Neither library shall be open fewer than those hours per week without the approval of town meeting barring environmental emergencies, repairs or renovations effective July 1, 2004, FY05.~~
2. MEMBERSHIP; TERMS; ELECTIONS: There shall be six (6) members of the Board, which shall designate one of its members as chair, one as secretary, **provided that the responsibility for preparing minutes may be delegated,** and one other as treasurer. The Treasurer shall give a bond similar to that given by the Town Treasurer, in an amount and with sureties to the satisfaction of the Selectmen. Other officers may be designated, as the Board shall deem expedient. The term of membership on the Board shall be three (3) years from election and qualification thereto, **with two members to be elected annually for a three-year term.** ~~Upon the approval of this by-law, one seat shall be filled by the current trustee of the Haydenville Library Board of Trustees who has two years remaining in her term, and one seat shall be filled by the current trustee of the Haydenville Library Board of Trustees who has one year remaining in her term. The remaining four seats shall be filled at the May 1997, town elections, two for three-year terms, one for a two-year term, and one for a one-year term. At subsequent town elections, two trustees shall be elected annually. Upon the convening of the Board, the Haydenville Library Board of Trustees shall cease to exist.~~ Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit an incumbent trustee from seeking re-election.
3. MEEKINS LIBRARY CHARTER AGREEMENT: The Board may enter into a Charter Agreement with the Meekins Library Corporation, whereby sole authority for the care, custody, management, control and operation of the Meekins Library and title to the contents thereof are transferred by the Meekins Library Corporation to the Board and accepted and held by the Board.
4. STAFF: The Board shall hire ~~qualified staff for the two libraries, who shall thereby become~~ **a qualified library director, and the library director will be responsible for hiring qualified library staff, subject to the execution of a contract by the Board,**

except for those employees subject to the provisions of G.L. c. 150E. The library director and staff shall be town employees, subject to the personnel by-law and other applicable conditions of municipal employment by the Town, including Williamsburg Government Bylaw 10.

5. REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE: The Board shall have the responsibility for the care and custody of the Haydenville Library building and the Meekins Library building, and lands appurtenant thereto, and shall make such repairs and maintenance thereto as it shall deem prudent.
6. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS: Subject to the approval of the Selectmen and such other approval as may be required by law, the Board may undertake such major capital improvement projects to either or both library buildings, as it shall deem proper and in the best interests of the Town.
7. RECEIPT OF FUNDS: The Board is authorized to receive funds from the Meekins Library Corporation and any other source, including appropriation, grant, devise, bequest, gift or subscription, and to hold and expend same for the operation of the Town's free public libraries without reference to source, with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities imposed by law. The Board may refuse any gift it deems inappropriate.
8. BUDGETING: Upon request of the Town Finance Committee, the Board shall submit in timely fashion a detailed budget for the next fiscal year. The Board shall include in its budget four separate line items to support operations of the Meekins and Haydenville Libraries for (1) salary and labor; (2) maintenance; (3) books and supplies; and (4) ~~utilities~~ the school library program.
9. ANNUAL REPORT: The Board of Library Trustees shall make an explicit report at each annual town meeting of its receipts and expenditures, including a statement of any unexpended balance of money it may have, and of any bequests or donations it may have received and is holding on behalf of the Town, with such recommendations in reference to the same as it may deem necessary for the Town to consider.
10. AMENDMENTS: This by-law may be amended only by a majority vote at any special or regular town meeting.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

**ARTICLE 19** Moved and seconded that the town vote to amend Town of Williamsburg Zoning Bylaws by: a) amending Section 3.2 of the Schedule of Use Regulations by deleting the strikethrough text and adding the underlined text, b) deleting Section 9.25, entitled "Registered Marijuana Dispensaries," in its entirety, c) by amending Section 9.26, entitled "Marijuana for Adult Use" by deleting the strikethrough text and adding the underlined text, d) amending Section 18 entitled, entitled "Definitions," by deleting the strikethrough text and adding the underlined text, and e) amending the Table of Contents by deleting the strikethrough text and adding the underlined text to reflect such changes as set forth below, and to authorize the Town Clerk to make non-substantive, ministerial revisions to ensure consistency as to formatting the text of the Zoning Bylaws as outlined in Article 19 of the warrant.

*There was much discussion regarding setbacks.*

Moved and seconded to call the question.

**Motion Passed Majority (1 no)**

**Original Motion Passed 2/3 Majority (2 No)**

***(Full context of bylaw changes at end of minutes)***

**ARTICLE 20** Moved and seconded that the town vote in favor of a resolution to support the changing of the State Flag and State Seal of Massachusetts.

*This was a citizen's petition, attached to minutes*

**Motion Passed Majority (5 No's)**

Motion made and seconded to adjourn Town Meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

Filed: June 14, 2022 A True Copy Attest: Brenda Lessard, Town Clerk

Brenda Lessard  
Williamsburg Town Clerk



**Details of Changes Proposed for Zoning Bylaw regarding Marijuana.  
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Section	Use	VR	VM	RU	Notes
	Industrial/manufacturing/sawmills	N	SP/SPR	SP/SPR	
	Kennel	N	SP	SP	See Definitions, Section 19
	Light industry	N	SP	SP	
	Lodging facility	SP	SP	SP	
	<u>Marijuana Establishments</u> : Independent Testing Laboratory Facility, Standards Laboratory, Craft Marijuana Cooperative, Marijuana Research Facility, Microbusiness, Cultivator, Product Manufacturer, and Marijuana Courier, Transporter and Marijuana Delivery Operator	N	SP/SPR	SP/SPR	
	Marijuana Retailer and Medical Marijuana Treatment Center	N	SP/SPR	N	
	<u>Marijuana Social Consumption Establishment</u>	N	N	N	
	Professional office	SP	P	SP	
	Recreational business	SP	SP	SP	
	Restaurant	N	P	SP	
	<u>Registered Marijuana Dispensary</u>	N	SP	N	
	Retail business	SP	P	SP	
	Riding academy	N	N	P	
	Service business	SP	P	SP	
	Short-Term Rental in a Single-Family Dwelling	SP	SP	SP	
	Short-Term Rental in a Two-Family Dwelling	SP	SP	SP	
	Soil mining	N	SP/SPR	SP/SPR	See Section 9.6
	Trucking/heavy equipment storage	N	SP	SP	
	Utility facility	SP	SP	SP	
	Veterinary hospital	N	P	SP	
	Warehouse	N	SP	SP	
	Wireless communications facility	SP	SP	SP	See section 11
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Community Uses</b>				
	Cemetery	SP	SP	SP	
	Day care center (includes 'Day Care-Home')	P	P	P	
	Health care facility	N	SP	SP	
	Membership club	SP	SP	SP	
	Municipal uses	SP/SPR	SP/SPR	SP/SPR	Municipal uses of the Town of Williamsburg shall be exempted from the requirements for frontage, <b>front setbacks</b> , lot coverage, and parking
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Exempted Uses</b>	<b>VR</b>	<b>VM</b>	<b>RU</b>	<b>Notes</b>
	Agriculture, horticulture, floriculture on parcels of more than 5 acres in size	P	P	P	
	Church, or other religious use	P	P	P	
	School, or other educational use	P	P	P	
	Temporary mobile home	P	P	P	As allowed by MGL Chap. 40A
<b>3.5</b>	<b>Accessory Uses</b>				
	Accessory structures	P	P	P	See Section 9
	Common driveway	SP	SP	SP	See Section 10.7
	Parking of one (1) trailer, mobile home, or recreational vehicle on any tract, parcel or lot	P	P	P	On parcel serving as legal parking area for multi-family dwelling, the limit shall be one (1) trailer, mobile home, or recreational vehicle per dwelling unit

(1A). Must conform to the requirements of sec. 9. (1B). A Maximum of three residences.

## **SECTION 9.25 DELETED REGISTERED MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES**

### **9.25-1 Purpose**

~~The purpose of this section is to provide for the orderly placement of Registered Marijuana Dispensaries (RMDs), including all locations for cultivation, processing and dispensing of marijuana and marijuana products, as defined in and in accordance with 105 CMR 725.000 of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, as it may be revised, replaced or amended from time to time, in areas where such a facility is not inconsistent with the neighborhood character.~~

### **9.25-2 General**

~~RMDs may be allowed by Special Permit and Site Plan Review within the Village Mixed District. RMDs will not be allowed in the Village Residential or Rural Districts. A RMD must be located a minimum of 300 feet (to be measured in a straight line from the nearest points of each property line) from a public or private school, child care facility, or any other location or facility where children commonly congregate.~~

~~The special permit will be limited to the RMD entity approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health who shall also be the applicant for the special permit. The special permit will lapse if the permit holder ceases to operate the RMD, or upon expiration or termination of the applicant's registration with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.~~

### **9.25-3 Reporting Requirements**

~~Permitted RMDs shall file an annual report with the Planning Board and the Select Board no later than January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, providing a copy of all current applicable state licenses for the facility and/or its owners. The RMD must certify that it is in complete compliance with all state and local regulations and bylaws currently in force. The RMD must identify any violations of state and local regulations and bylaws in the past year, and all measures it has taken to correct those violations and prevent recurrence.~~

### **9.25-4 Application Requirements**

~~In addition to all of the application requirements for Special Permits and Site Plan Reviews provided for in Sections 5 and 6 of the Town's Zoning Bylaw, applications for a RMD facility shall include the following:~~

- ~~a) — The name and address of each owner of the RMD.~~
- ~~b) — Documents showing that the RMD has or is qualified to receive a Certificate of Registration and complies with all applicable state regulations currently in force for RMDs.~~
- ~~c) — Evidence of site control and right to use the site for a RMD.~~
- ~~d) — Documents that demonstrate that the Site Plan and all planned activities on the site are in compliance with all state and local laws, regulations and bylaws.~~
- ~~e) — Evidence that sufficient controls are in place such that a person with an unimpaired sense of smell at the exterior of the RMD will be unable to detect any odor from processing or other activities on the site of the RMD. Plans to demonstrate that the design of the RMD will minimize any adverse visual or economic impacts on abutters and other parties in interest.~~
- ~~f) — Documentation that the RMD plan has adequately addressed issues of traffic.~~

~~demand, circulation flow, and parking, particularly at peak periods of activity at the RMD, and its impact on neighboring uses.~~

## **SECTION 9.26 Marijuana for Adult Use Establishments and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers**

### **A. Purpose**

The purpose of this bylaw is to:

- a. Allow state-licensed ~~M~~marijuana ~~E~~establishments and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (MTC) to exist in the Town of Williamsburg in accordance with applicable state laws and regulations issued by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission (“Commission”) including but not limited to M.G.L. Chapter 94G, ~~and in accordance with 105 CMR 725.000 of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, 935 CMR 500.000 and 935 CMR 501.000.~~
- b. Provide safe and effective access to ~~recreational~~adult-use and medical cannabis in the Town of Williamsburg.
- c. Impose reasonable safeguards to govern the time, place, and manner of marijuana establishment and MTC operations to ensure public health, safety, and well-being, and to avoid impacts on the natural environment as it relates to cultivation, processing and manufacturing, subject to the provisions of this Zoning Bylaw, M.G.L. Chapter 40A (State Zoning Act), and M.G.L. Chapter 94G.

### **B. Definitions**

Any term not specifically defined in these Zoning Bylaws shall have the meaning as defined in M.G.L. c. 94G, ~~Section 1~~ and the Cannabis Control Commission regulations, ~~935 CMR 500.000 and 935 CMR 501.000 governing Adult Use Marijuana~~, as such statutes and regulations may from time to time be amended.

### **C. Applicability**

- a. Independent ~~T~~esting ~~L~~aboratory, Standards Laboratory, Mmarijuana ~~C~~eultivator, Microbusiness, Craft Marijuana Cooperative, Marijuana Courier, -Transporter, Delivery Operator, Marijuana Research Facility, and ~~M~~marijuana ~~P~~product ~~M~~anufacturer ~~may shall~~ be allowed by Special Permit and Site Plan Review in the Village Mixed and Rural Use Districts.
- b. Marijuana ~~R~~etailer and Medical Marijuana Treatment Center ~~may shall~~ be allowed by Special Permit and Site Plan Review in the Village Mixed Use District.
- c. On-site consumption of marijuana products at any Marijuana Establishment, either as a primary or accessory use, shall be prohibited, ~~unless permitted by local ballot initiative, as allowed by M.G.L. c. 94G. Section 3(b).~~

D. Application Requirements

~~a. Security Plan~~

~~The applicant shall submit a security plan to the Town of Williamsburg Police and Fire Departments to demonstrate that there is limited undue burden on the Town public safety officials as a result of the operation of the proposed marijuana establishment.~~

~~i. The Williamsburg Police and Fire Departments shall provide comments to the Planning Board regarding the sufficiency of such plan or plans.~~

~~ii. The security plan shall include all security measures for the site and transportation of marijuana and marijuana products to and from off-site premises to ensure the safety of employees and the public and to protect the property from theft or other criminal activity.~~

~~b. Energy and Water Use Plans~~

~~a. All marijuana cultivators shall submit energy use and water use plans to the Planning Board to demonstrate best practices for energy and water conservation and ensure there are no undue impacts on the natural environment. The plans shall include an electrical system overview, proposed energy demand and proposed electrical demand off-sets, ventilation system and air quality, and proposed water system use and conservation.~~

E.D. General requirements and conditions for all marijuana establishments.

- (1) All marijuana establishments, ~~except for a Marijuana Cultivator,~~ shall be located within a permanent building or structure and may not be located in a trailer, cargo container, motor vehicle or other similar non-permanent enclosure. Marijuana Establishments shall not have drive-through service. Marijuana cultivation shall take place in buildings or enclosed greenhouses. Each licensee engaged in cultivation shall be limited to 2,000 square feet of canopy. If authorized under M.G.L Chap. 94G, a Marijuana Cultivator may conduct its cultivation of marijuana outside of a building or structure.
- (2) The hours of operation of Marijuana Establishments shall be set by the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- (3) No Marijuana Establishment shall be located within 3500 feet of ~~the property boundary line of any lot in use as~~ a public or private school, grades kindergarten through 12. Distance shall be measured in accordance with 935 CMR 5004.110(3). ~~in a straight line from property boundary line to property boundary line.~~
- (4) ~~No smoking, burning or consumption of any product containing marijuana or marijuana-related products shall be permitted on the premises of a marijuana establishment, except as authorized by G.L. c. 94G or regulations issued by the Cannabis Control Commission, or as authorized under this Bylaw.~~

~~(5) No Marijuana Establishment shall be located inside a building containing residential units, including transient housing such as motels and dormitories, or inside a movable or mobile structure such as a van or a truck.~~

~~(6)~~(4) No outside storage of marijuana, related supplies or promotional materials is permitted.

~~(7)~~(5) All marijuana establishments shall be ventilated in such a manner that:

- (a) pesticides, insecticides, or other chemicals or products used in cultivation or processing are not dispersed into the outside atmosphere.
- (b) odor from marijuana cannot be detected by a person with a normal sense of smell ~~at the exterior of the marijuana establishment or~~ at any adjoining property.

~~F. All marijuana establishments must negotiate a Host Community Agreement with the Williamsburg Board of Selectmen, or its designated representative.~~

~~(6)~~

G.E. Special Permit requirements.

- 1) A marijuana establishment shall only be allowed by Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals and Site Plan Review by the Planning Board in accordance with MGL 40A, § 9 and Sections 5 and 6 of the Town of Williamsburg Zoning Bylaw subject to the following statements, regulations, requirements, conditions and limitations.
- 2) ~~T~~In addition to the standards set forth herein, the required site plan must meet all dimensional, parking, landscaping, and signage requirements of the Zoning Bylaw. Marijuana cultivation uses shall have a side yard and rear setback of 40 feet.
- 3) A special permit ~~for a marijuana establishment~~ shall be limited to one or more of the following uses approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals:
  - (a) Marijuana Cultivator,
  - (b) Marijuana Product Manufacturer,
  - (c) Independent Testing Laboratory (Marijuana), ~~and~~
  - (d) Marijuana Transporter and Delivery Licensees
  - (e) Marijuana Retailer
  - (f) Medical Marijuana Treatment Center
  - (g) Craft Marijuana Cooperative,
  - (h) Marijuana Research Facility
  - (i) Standards Laboratory

(j) Marijuana Microbusiness

- (4) ~~A~~In addition to the application requirements set forth above, a Special Permit application for a marijuana establishment shall include the following:

- a) The name and address of owner(s) of the establishment;
- b) Copies of all required licenses and permits issued to the applicant by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission and any other related Massachusetts agencies, or if a license(s) has not yet been issued, the applicant shall provide a copy of its application to the Cannabis Control Commission, excluding those portions related to the applicant's finances. If any portion of the materials submitted to the Zoning Board of Appeals and/or Planning Board contain records that are not public records as defined under G.L. c. 4, §7, cl. 26, or any other statutory provision, the non-public information shall be redacted and shall be submitted to the Boards in a separately labeled packet clearly indicating that the contents are not public records.
- c) Evidence of the applicant's right to use the proposed site ~~of the establishment~~ for the marijuana establishment, such as a purchase and sale agreement, deed, owner's authorization, or lease;
- d) Proposed security measures for the Marijuana Establishment, including lighting, fencing, gates and alarms, etc., to ensure the safety of persons and to protect the premises from theft. A letter from the Town of Williamsburg Police Chief, or designee, acknowledging review and approval of the marijuana establishment security plan is required. To the extent allowed by law, all such documents shall be confidential.
- e) All marijuana cultivators shall submit energy use and water use plans to the Planning Board to demonstrate best practices for energy and water conservation and ensure there are no undue impacts on the natural environment. The plans shall include an electrical system overview, proposed energy demand and proposed electrical demand off-sets, ventilation system and air quality, and proposed water system use and conservation.

~~d~~f) All application requirements for Site Plan Review as specified in Section 6 of the Zoning Bylaw unless waived by the Planning Board

- (5) Mandatory findings:

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall not issue a Special Permit for a marijuana establishment unless it finds that:

- a) The establishment is designed to minimize any adverse impacts on abutters and other parties in interest, as defined in MGL c. 40A, § 11.

- b) The establishment demonstrates that it will meet all the permitting requirements of all applicable agencies within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and will comply with all applicable state laws and regulations; and
- c) The applicant has satisfied all of the conditions and requirements set forth herein.
- d) A special permit and/or site plan approval authorizing the location of a Marijuana Establishment under this bylaw shall be valid only for the licensed entity to which the special permit and/or site plan approval was issued, and only for the site at which the Marijuana Establishment has been authorized by special permit and/or site plan approval.
- e) No more than two (2) ~~retail m~~Marijuana ~~R~~etailers shall be allowed within the Town of Williamsburg.

#### H.F. Reporting Requirements

Permitted Marijuana Establishments and MTCs shall file an annual report with the Planning Board and the Board of Selectman no later than January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, providing a copy of all current applicable state licenses for the facility and/or its owners. The Marijuana Establishment or MTC must certify that it is in compliance with all state and local regulations and bylaws currently in force. The Marijuana Establishment or MTC must identify any violations of state and local regulations and bylaws in the past year, and all measures it has taken to correct those violations and prevent recurrence.

~~The owner of a marijuana establishment shall submit an Annual Report to the Williamsburg Board of Selectmen no later than January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, which certifies compliance with the requirements of this bylaw and M.G.L. Chapter 94G.~~

#### I.G. Abandonment or discontinuance of use.

A ~~marijuana~~ Marijuana establishment ~~Establishment or MTC~~ shall be required to remove all material, plants equipment and other paraphernalia within six months of ceasing operations. ~~The project proponent of a Marijuana Establishment shall provide to the Town of Williamsburg a surety bond to cover the cost of such removal in the event the Town of Williamsburg becomes responsible for such removal. The amount of surety required shall be determined by the permitting authority.~~

All other applicable provisions of the Town of Williamsburg Zoning Bylaw shall also apply. If any section or portion of this Bylaw is ruled invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling will not affect the validity of the remainder of this Bylaw.



## SECTION 18 – DEFINITIONS

~~**Independent Testing Laboratory:** a laboratory that is licensed by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission ("Commission") and is (i) accredited to the most current International Organization for Standardization 17025, by a third party accrediting body that is signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Accrediting Cooperation mutual recognition arrangement, or that is otherwise approved by the Commission; (ii) independent financially from any medical marijuana treatment center or any licensee or marijuana establishment for which it conducts a test; and (iii) qualified to test cannabis or marijuana in compliance with regulations promulgated by the Commission.~~

~~**Marijuana Cultivator:** an entity licensed by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission to cultivate, process, and package marijuana, and to transfer marijuana to other marijuana establishments but not to consumers.~~

~~**Marijuana Establishment:** As defined by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission: a Marijuana Cultivator, Craft Marijuana Cooperative, Independent Testing Laboratory, Marijuana Research Facility, Standards Laboratory, Microbusiness, Transporter, Marijuana Delivery Operator Marijuana Product Manufacturer, Marijuana Retailer, or any other type of licensed marijuana-related businesses, except including a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center, which is also referred to as a Registered Marijuana Dispensary under these Zoning Bylaws. For purposes of this Bylaw a Marijuana Establishment shall not include a Marijuana Social Consumption Establishment.~~

~~**Marijuana Product Manufacturer:** an entity licensed by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission to obtain, manufacture, process, and package cannabis or marijuana products, and to transfer these products to other marijuana establishments, but not to consumers.~~

~~**Marijuana Products:** products that have been manufactured and that contain marijuana or an extract of marijuana, including concentrated forms of marijuana and products composed of marijuana and other ingredients that are intended for use or consumption, including edible products, beverages, topical products, ointments, oils, and tinctures.~~

~~**Marijuana Retailer:** an entity licensed by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission to purchase and deliver marijuana and marijuana products from marijuana establishments and to deliver, sell, or otherwise transfer marijuana and marijuana products to marijuana establishments and to consumers.~~

~~**Marijuana Transporter:** an entity not otherwise licensed by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission, that is licensed to purchase, obtain, and possess cannabis or marijuana products solely for the purpose of transporting, temporary storage, sale and distribution to Marijuana Establishments, but not to consumers.~~

~~**Medical Marijuana Treatment Center**~~**Registered Marijuana Dispensary:** The site or sites where a not-for-profit entity, as defined under Marijuana Treatment Center in 105 CMR 725.000 of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, as it may be revised, replaced or amended from time to time, cultivates, prepares or possesses medical marijuana and marijuana products, and where it dispenses medical marijuana and marijuana products to registered qualifying patients or their personal caregivers.

## Minutes of the 2022 State Primary

### September 6, 2022

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 and Glenda Cresto

Constables: Paul Sanderson, Bob Lapointe, Josh Lapointe, and John Svoboda

Registered Voters: 2088

Absentee and Vote by Mail Ballots: 422 ballots sent to voters, 311 returned, accepted and cast

Total Ballots cast: 687 (32.9% voter turnout)

Democrat Ballots: 622

Republican Ballots: 65

<b><u>Democratic Ballot: 622</u></b>	
Governor: (D)	
Blanks	10
Sonia Chang-Diaz	89
Maura Healey	523
Write-in	0
Lieutenant Governor: (D)	
Blank	27
Kimberley Driscoll	121
Tami Gouveia	106
Eric Lesser	368
Write-in	0
Attorney General: (D)	
Blank	35
Andrea Joy Campbell	289
Shannon Erika Liss-Riordan	228
Quentin Palfrey	70
Write-in	0
Secretary of State: (D)	
Blank	23
William Francis Galvin	332
Tanisha M. Sullivan	267
Write-in	0
Treasurer: (D)	
Blank	98
Deborah Goldberg	524
Write-in	0

Auditor: (D)	
Blank	78
Christopher Dempsey	198
Diana DiZoglio	346
Write-in	0
Representative in Congress: (D)	
Blank	62
James McGovern	560
Write-in	0
Councillor: (D)	
Blank	100
Shawn Allen	87
Michael Anthony Fenton	109
Tara Jacobs	219
Jeffrey Morneau	107
Write-in	0
Senator in General Court: (D)	
Blank	65
Paul Mark	494
Huff Tyler Templeton III	62
Write-in	1
Representative in General Court: (D)	
Blank	74
Lindsay Sabadosa	548
Write-in	0

District Attorney: (D)	
Blank	92
David Sullivan	529
Write-in	1

Sheriff: (D)	
Blank	17
Patrick Cahillane	207
Yvonne Gittelson	265
Caitlin Sepeda	133
Write-in	0

<b><u>Republican Ballot: 65</u></b>	
Governor: (R)	
Blanks	0
Geoff Diehl	29
Chris Doughty	35
Write-in	1
Lieutenant Governor: (R)	
Blank	7
Leah Allen	32
Kate Campanale	26
Write-in	0
Attorney General: (R)	
Blank	8
James McMahon III	56
Write-in	1
Secretary of State: (R)	
Blank	10
Rayla Campbell	53
Write-in	2
Treasurer: (R)	
Blank	65
Write-in	0
Auditor: (R)	
Blank	14
Anthony Amore	50
Write-in	1

Representative in Congress: (R)	
Blank	16
Jeffrey Sossa-Paquette	49
Write-in	0
Councillor: (R)	
Blank	14
John Comerford	51
Write-in	0
Senator in General Court: (R)	
Blank	65
Write-in	0
Representative in General Court: (R)	
Blank	65
Write-in	0
District Attorney: (R)	
Blank	65
Write-in	0
Sheriff: (R)	
Blank	58
Write-in	7

**FILED: SEPTEMBER 11, 2022**  
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BRENDA LESSARD, TOWN CLERK

## State Election November 8, 2022

Election held at Williamsburg Town Offices, 141 Main Street, Haydenville, MA

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

Total Registered Voters: 2,117- Total Ballots cast: 1453 (68.6%)

Warrant Signed: October 20, 2022

Warrant Posted: October 24, 2022

Constables: Robert Lapointe, Paul Sanderson & Joshua Lapointe

Wardens: Kathleen Luce and Glenda Cresto

Clerk: Fran Tilly

<b>Governor &amp; Lieutenant Governor</b>		<b>Rep. in Congress—Second District</b>	
Diehl & Allen	<b>255</b>	James P. McGovern	<b>1177</b>
Healey & Driscoll	<b>1162</b>	Jeffrey Sossa-Paquette	<b>230</b>
Reed & Everett	<b>29</b>	Blank	<b>46</b>
Blank	<b>6</b>	Write-in	<b>0</b>
Write-in	<b>1</b>		
		<b>Councillor</b>	
<b>Attorney General</b>		John Comerford	<b>278</b>
Andrea Joy Campbell	<b>1168</b>	Tara Jacobs	<b>1116</b>
James R. McMahon III	<b>264</b>	Blank	<b>59</b>
Blank	<b>21</b>	Write-in	<b>0</b>
Write-in	<b>0</b>		
		<b>District Attorney</b>	
<b>Secretary of State</b>		David Sullivan	<b>1211</b>
William Francis Galvin	<b>1115</b>	Blank	<b>239</b>
Rayla Campbell	<b>202</b>	Write-in	<b>3</b>
Juan Sanchez	<b>119</b>		
*Tanisha Sullivan	<b>1</b>	<b>Sheriff</b>	
Blank	<b>16</b>	Patrick Cahillane	<b>926</b>
*Write-in	<b>0</b>	*Yvonne Gittelsohn	<b>313</b>
		Blank	<b>206</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>		*Write-in	<b>8</b>
Deborah B. Goldberg	<b>1180</b>		
Cristina Crawford	<b>181</b>	<b>Sen. In General Court</b>	
Blank	<b>92</b>	<b>Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin, Hampshire</b>	
Write-in	<b>0</b>	Paul Mark	<b>1164</b>
		Brendan Phair	<b>166</b>
<b>Auditor</b>		Blank	<b>123</b>
Anthony Amore	<b>235</b>	Write-in	<b>0</b>
Diana Dizoglio	<b>953</b>		
Gloria A. Caballero-Roca	<b>130</b>		
Dominic Giannone III	<b>41</b>		
Daniel Werner Riek	<b>29</b>		
Blank	<b>65</b>		
Write-in	<b>0</b>	<b>*These candidates got write-in votes</b>	

## **QUESTION 1: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION**

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below, which was approved by the General Court in joint sessions of the two houses on June 12, 2019 (yeas 147 – nays 48); and again on June 9, 2021 (yeas 159 – nays 41)?

### **SUMMARY**

This proposed constitutional amendment would establish an additional 4% state income tax on that portion of annual taxable income in excess of \$1 million. This income level would be adjusted annually, by the same method used for federal income-tax brackets, to reflect increases in the cost of living. Revenues from this tax would be used, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature, for public education, public colleges and universities; and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges, and public transportation. The proposed amendment would apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

**YES-1090      NO-336      Blank-27**

## **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 3, 2022?

### **SUMMARY**

This proposed law would direct the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Division of Insurance to approve or disapprove the rates of dental benefit plans and would require that a dental insurance carrier meet an annual aggregate medical loss ratio for its covered dental benefit plans of 83 percent. The medical loss ratio would measure the amount of premium dollars a dental insurance carrier spends on its members' dental expenses and quality improvements, as opposed to administrative expenses. If a carrier's annual aggregate medical loss ratio is less than 83 percent, the carrier would be required to refund the excess premiums to its covered individuals and groups. The proposed law would allow the Commissioner to waive or adjust the refunds only if it is determined that issuing refunds would result in financial impairment for the carrier.

The proposed law would apply to dental benefit plans regardless of whether they are issued directly by a carrier, through the connector, or through an intermediary. The proposed law would not apply to dental benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed to a self-insured group or where the carrier is acting as a third-party administrator.

The proposed law would require the carriers offering dental benefit plans to submit information about their current and projected medical loss ratio, administrative expenses, and other financial information to the Commissioner. Each carrier would be required to submit an annual comprehensive financial statement to the Division of Insurance, itemized by market group size

and line of business. A carrier that also provides administrative services to one or more self-insured groups would also be required to file an appendix to their annual financial statement with information about its self-insured business. The proposed law would impose a late penalty on a carrier that does not file its annual report on or before April 1.

The Division would be required to make the submitted data public, to issue an annual summary to certain legislative committees, and to exchange the data with the Health Policy Commission. The Commissioner would be required to adopt standards requiring the registration of persons or entities not otherwise licensed or registered by the Commissioner and criteria for the standardized reporting and uniform allocation methodologies among carriers.

The proposed law would allow the Commissioner to approve dental benefit policies for the purpose of being offered to individuals or groups. The Commissioner would be required to adopt regulations to determine eligibility criteria.

The proposed law would require carriers to file group product base rates and any changes to group rating factors that are to be effective on January 1 of each year on or before July 1 of the preceding year. The Commissioner would be required to disapprove any proposed changes to base rates that are excessive, inadequate, or unreasonable in relation to the benefits charged. The Commissioner would also be required to disapprove any change to group rating factors that is discriminatory or not actuarially sound.

The proposed law sets forth criteria that, if met, would require the Commissioner to presumptively disapprove a carrier's rate, including if the aggregate medical loss ratio for all dental benefit plans offered by a carrier is less than 83 percent.

The proposed law would establish procedures to be followed if a proposed rate is presumptively disapproved or if the Commissioner disapproves a rate.

The proposed law would require the Division to hold a hearing if a carrier reports a risk-based capital ratio on a combined entity basis that exceeds 700 percent in its annual report.

The proposed law would require the Commissioner to promulgate regulations consistent with its provisions by October 1, 2023. The proposed law would apply to all dental benefit plans issued, made effective, delivered, or renewed on or after January 1, 2024.

**YES-1160      NO-239      Blank-54**

### **QUESTION 3: 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 3, 2022?

## **SUMMARY**

This proposed law would increase the statewide limits on the combined number of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption (including licenses for “all alcoholic beverages” and for “wines and malt beverages”) that any one retailer could own or control: from 9 to 12 licenses in 2023; to 15 licenses in 2027; and to 18 licenses in 2031.

Beginning in 2023, the proposed law would set a maximum number of “all alcoholic beverages” licenses that any one retailer could own or control at 7 licenses unless a retailer currently holds more than 7 such licenses.

The proposed law would require retailers to conduct the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption through face-to-face transactions and would prohibit automated or self-checkout sales of alcoholic beverages by such retailers.

The proposed law would alter the calculation of the fine that the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission may accept in lieu of suspending any license issued under the State Liquor Control Act. The proposed law would modify the formula for calculating such fee from being based on the gross profits on the sale of alcoholic beverages to being based on the gross profits on all retail sales.

The proposed law would also add out-of-state motor vehicle licenses to the list of the forms of identification that any holder of a license issued under the State Liquor Control Act, or their agent or employee, may choose to reasonably rely on for proof of a person's identity and age.

**YES-642      NO-711      Blank-100**

## **QUESTION 4: REFERENDUM ON AN EXISTING LAW**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate on May 26, 2022?

## **SUMMARY**

This law allows Massachusetts residents who cannot provide proof of lawful presence in the United States to obtain a standard driver's license or learner's permit if they meet all the other qualifications for a standard license or learner's permit, including a road test and insurance, and provide proof of their identity, date of birth, and residency. The law provides that, when processing an application for such a license or learner's permit or motor vehicle registration, the registrar of motor vehicles may not ask about or create a record of the citizenship or immigration status of the applicant, except as otherwise required by law. This law does not allow people who cannot provide proof of lawful presence in the United States to obtain a REAL ID.

To prove identity and date of birth, the law requires an applicant to present at least two documents, one from each of the following categories: (1) a valid unexpired foreign passport or a valid unexpired Consular Identification document; and (2) a valid unexpired driver's license from any United States state or territory, an original or certified copy of a birth certificate, a valid unexpired foreign national identification card, a valid unexpired foreign driver's license, or a marriage certificate or divorce decree issued by any state or territory of the United States. One of the documents presented by an applicant must include a photograph and one must include a date of birth. Any documents not in English must be accompanied by a certified translation. The registrar may review any documents issued by another country to determine whether they may be used as proof of identity or date of birth.

The law requires that applicants for a driver's license or learner's permit shall attest, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that their license has not been suspended or revoked in any other state, country, or jurisdiction.

The law specifies that information provided by or relating to any applicant or license-holder will not be a public record and shall not be disclosed, except as required by federal law or as authorized by Attorney General regulations, and except for purposes of motor vehicle insurance.

The law directs the registrar of motor vehicles to make regulations regarding the documents required of United States citizens and others who provide proof of lawful presence with their license application.

The law also requires the registrar and the Secretary of the Commonwealth to establish procedures and regulations to ensure that an applicant for a standard driver's license or learner's permit who does not provide proof of lawful presence will not be automatically registered to vote.

The law takes effect on July 1, 2023.

**YES-1045      NO-380      Blank-28**

**QUESTION 5: PUBLIC POLICY QUESTION – THIS IS A NON-BINDING QUESTION**

Shall the representative from this district be instructed to introduce and vote for legislation that puts a fee on the carbon content of fossil fuels to compensate for their environmental damage and returns most of the proceeds in equitable ways to individuals as a cash-back dividend?

**YES-882      NO-402      Blank-169**

Filed: November 22, 2022

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Brenda Lessard, Williamsburg Town Clerk



## Special Town Meeting

19 November 2022    1:00 p.m.

The meeting was held at the Williamsburg Town Offices, 141 Main Street. It was noted that pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, the Board of Selectmen met on 11/3/2022 and in consensus with the Town Moderator voted to reduce the present required quorum of 60 voters to 25 voters. The Town Clerk certified the vote and notified the Attorney General's Office as required. There were 36 voters present.

Motion made and seconded that that the Town 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 requested by seven (7) or more members of Town Meeting, the Moderator shall verify the vote by taking a count.

### Passed Unanimously

<b>ARTICLE 01</b>	<p>Motion moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from Stabilization the sum of <b>\$2,382.27</b>, to pay for costs incurred by the Town in Fiscal Year 2022.</p> <p><i>(To pay: WB Mason (\$23.07), Arthur P. Jones &amp; Associates (\$645), Diane Merritt (\$200), Darley &amp; CO (\$1,411), and Collective Copies (103.20) for costs incurred during Fiscal Year 2022)</i></p> <p><b>Article 1 Passed Unanimously</b></p>																																						
<b>ARTICLE 02</b>	<p>Motion moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from Stabilization the sum of <b>\$3,921.58</b>, to pay for a 5% grant match in non-federal funds awarded to the Williamsburg Fire Department in the amount of \$78,431.21 for the 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG).</p> <p><b>Article 2 Passed Unanimously</b></p>																																						
<b>ARTICLE 03</b>	<p>Motion moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the vote taken on Article 09, Total Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2023, of the Annual Town Meeting on June 06, 2022, by revising the original amounts appropriated for Debt Service, General Government and the total budget as follows:</p> <p><b>FROM</b> - "to fix the salary and compensation of all elected and appointed officers of the Town for the twelve-month period ending June 30, 2023, as provided in M.G.L. c 41, §108, as amended, and to see if the Town will vote 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 <b>\$8,599,521</b> as recommended by the Finance Committees, such sum to be appropriated by transferring <b>\$60,000</b> from Free Cash and raising <b>\$8,539,521</b> from taxation.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>TYPE</th><th>FY22 \$</th><th>FY23 \$</th><th>DIFF \$</th><th>DIFF %</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Culture / Recreation.....</td><td>177,700</td><td>210,208</td><td>32,508</td><td>18.29</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Debt Service.....</b></td><td><b>477,144</b></td><td><b>500,948</b></td><td><b>23,804</b></td><td><b>4.99</b></td></tr> <tr> <td>Education.....</td><td>4,682,810</td><td>4,681,289</td><td>(1,521)</td><td>-0.03</td></tr> <tr> <td>Fixed Costs.....</td><td>1,074,349</td><td>1,107,987</td><td>33,638</td><td>3.13</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Gen Gov't.....</b></td><td><b>652,456</b></td><td><b>689,775</b></td><td><b>37,319</b></td><td><b>5.72</b></td></tr> <tr> <td>Health / Human.....</td><td>147,169</td><td>139,924</td><td>(7,245)</td><td>-4.92</td></tr> </tbody> </table>				TYPE	FY22 \$	FY23 \$	DIFF \$	DIFF %	Culture / Recreation.....	177,700	210,208	32,508	18.29	<b>Debt Service.....</b>	<b>477,144</b>	<b>500,948</b>	<b>23,804</b>	<b>4.99</b>	Education.....	4,682,810	4,681,289	(1,521)	-0.03	Fixed Costs.....	1,074,349	1,107,987	33,638	3.13	<b>Gen Gov't.....</b>	<b>652,456</b>	<b>689,775</b>	<b>37,319</b>	<b>5.72</b>	Health / Human.....	147,169	139,924	(7,245)	-4.92
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Public Safety.....	478,173	541,186	63,013	13.18
Public Works.....	628,569	631,303	2,734	0.43
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>8,421,322</b>	<b>8,599,521</b>	<b>178,199</b>	<b>2.12</b>
<p><b>TO</b> - “to fix the salary and compensation of all elected and appointed officers of the Town for the twelve-month period ending June 30, 2023, as provided in M.G.L. c 41, §108, as amended, and to see if the Town will vote 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 <b>\$8,573,419</b> as recommended by the Finance Committees, such sum to be appropriated by transferring <b>\$60,000</b> from Free Cash and raising <b>\$8,513,419</b> from taxation.</p>				
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Culture / Recreation.....	177,700	210,208	32,508	18.29
<b>Debt Service.....</b>	<b>477,144</b>	<b>474,629</b>	<b>(2,515)</b>	<b>-0.53</b>
Education.....	4,682,810	4,681,289	(1,521)	-0.03
Fixed Costs.....	1,074,349	1,107,987	33,638	3.13
<b>Gen Gov't.....</b>	<b>652,456</b>	<b>689,992</b>	<b>37,536</b>	<b>5.75</b>
Health / Human.....	147,169	139,924	(7,245)	-4.92
Intergovernmental.....	102,952	96,901	(6,051)	-5.88
Public Safety.....	478,173	541,186	63,013	13.18
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<b>Total.....</b>	<b>8,421,322</b>	<b>8,573,419</b>	<b>152,077</b>	<b>1.81</b>

Line #	Type	Department	Name	FY23 - old	FY23 - new	Difference
15	Debt Service	Retirement of debt	Highway Garage	\$18,934	\$18,994	\$60
21	Debt Service	Retirement of debt	Public Safety Complex	\$80,000	\$53,621	(\$26,379)
54	Gen Gov't	Treasurer	Salaries + Wages	\$1,050	\$1,000	(\$50)
55	Gen Gov't	Treasurer	Treasurers ASST	\$6,342	\$6,659	\$317
60	Gen Gov't	Collector	Salaries + Wages	\$1,050	\$1,000	(\$50)
<b>TOTAL</b>					.....	(\$26,102)

### Article 3 Passed Unanimously

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:16 P.M.

Filed November 21, 2022

A TRUE COPY ATTEST: Brenda Lessard, Town Clerk

## Town Accountant Revenue Report FY2022

Account Code	Account Title	Orig. Budget	Revised Budget	YTD Budget - Final	YTD Actual	Balance
001	General Fund					
001	Balance Sheet					
4110	Personal Property Taxes	0.00	234,592.34	234,592.34	237,749.82	(3,157.48)
4120	Real Estate Taxes	0.00	6,622,211.49	6,622,211.49	6,608,865.15	13,346.34
4142	Tax Liens Redeemed	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,503.23	(10,503.23)
4146	Rollback Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,664.53	(7,664.53)
4147	Conveyance Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	(7,000.00)
4150	Motor Vehicle Excise	0.00	290,000.00	290,000.00	360,637.48	(70,637.48)
4170	Pen & Int on Prop Taxes	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	30,499.95	(10,499.95)
4171	Pen & Int on Excise Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,470.00	(2,470.00)
4173	Penalty and Interest on Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,430.72	(10,430.72)
4180	Pmts In Lieu of Taxes	0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	54,184.75	(4,184.75)
4195	Abated MV Taxes Recovered	0.00	0.00	0.00	47.50	(47.50)
4196	Meals Tax	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	50,126.48	(30,126.48)
4320	Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	(150.00)
4410	Alcoholic Beverage Licenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,610.00	(1,610.00)
4510	Medicaid Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,278.62	(14,278.62)
4610	Reimb for Loss of Taxes	0.00	8,106.00	8,106.00	8,106.00	0.00
4613	Veterans Abatements	0.00	26,224.00	26,224.00	1,800.00	24,424.00
4614	Surv Spouse Abatements	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,600.00	(6,600.00)
4616	Elderly Abatements	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,693.00	(4,693.00)
4620	School Aid Chapter 70	0.00	785,367.00	785,367.00	785,367.00	0.00
4640	School Choice	0.00	22,828.00	22,828.00	30,648.00	(7,820.00)
4661	Lottery Aid	0.00	332,742.00	332,742.00	332,742.00	0.00
4665	Veterans Benefits	0.00	11,868.00	11,868.00	23,856.00	(11,988.00)
4685	Fines - MV	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	4,138.33	(1,138.33)
4771	Fines - District Court	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
4820	Earnings on Investments	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	7,680.21	(6,180.21)
4840	Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	32,274.80	(12,274.80)
4971	Tr Fr Special Revenue	0.00	299,164.00	299,164.00	299,164.00	0.00
Total 001	Balance Sheet	0.00	8,748,602.83	8,748,602.83	8,933,287.57	(184,684.74)
122	Selectmen					
4410	Alcoholic Beverage Licenses	0.00	8,500.00	8,500.00	5,700.00	2,800.00
4420	Other Licenses	0.00	500.00	500.00	744.77	(244.77)
Total 122	Selectmen	0.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	6,444.77	2,555.23
146	Collector					
4320	Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,323.00	(23,323.00)
Total 146	Collector	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,323.00	(23,323.00)

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161	Clerk					
4320	Fees	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>35.00</u>	<u>(35.00)</u>
Total 161	Clerk	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>35.00</u>	<u>(35.00)</u>
210	Police					
4320	Fees	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>3,427.15</u>	<u>1,572.85</u>
4450	Permits	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>475.00</u>	<u>(475.00)</u>
Total 210	Police	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>3,902.15</u>	<u>1,097.85</u>
241	Building Inspections					
4450	Permits	<u>0.00</u>	<u>16,000.00</u>	<u>16,000.00</u>	<u>26,203.01</u>	<u>(10,203.01)</u>
Total 241	Building Inspections	<u>0.00</u>	<u>16,000.00</u>	<u>16,000.00</u>	<u>26,203.01</u>	<u>(10,203.01)</u>
300	Elementary School					
4540	Revenue	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,416.50</u>	<u>(8,416.50)</u>
Total 300	Elementary School	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,416.50</u>	<u>(8,416.50)</u>
431	Trash Stickers					
4320	Fees	<u>0.00</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>70,282.00</u>	<u>(20,282.00)</u>
Total 431	Trash Stickers	<u>0.00</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>70,282.00</u>	<u>(20,282.00)</u>
433	Transfer Station					
4320	Fees	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>730.00</u>	<u>(730.00)</u>
Total 433	Transfer Station	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>730.00</u>	<u>(730.00)</u>
512	Board of Health					
4320	Fees	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
4450	Permits	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>13,600.00</u>	<u>(13,600.00)</u>
Total 512	Board of Health	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>14,450.00</u>	<u>(9,450.00)</u>
Report Difference		<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,833,602.83</u>	<u>8,833,602.83</u>	<u>9,087,074.00</u>	<u>(253,471.17)</u>

## Town Accountant Expense Report FY2022

Account Code	Account Title	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Total Budget	YTD Actual	Balance	% Exp
114	Moderator						
5100	Salaries & Wages, Elected (	<u>317.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>317.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>317.00</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Total 114	Moderator	317.00	0.00	317.00	0.00	317.00	0.00%
122	Selectmen						
5100	Salaries & Wages, Elected (	8,868.00	0.00	8,868.00	8,868.00	0.00	100.00%
5400	General Expenses	3,750.00	937.54	4,687.54	4,687.54	0.00	100.00%
5405	FY19 Art#19 250th Celebrat	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	58.47	5,941.53	0.97%
5802	STM Prior FY Bill	90.00	0.00	90.00	90.00	0.00	100.00%
5823	Art #2 STM 2-24-20 PSC	0.00	34,525.42	34,525.42	34,525.42	0.00	100.00%
5876	Art# 4 STM 8/31/21 HVAC	<u>0.00</u>	<u>81,292.00</u>	<u>81,292.00</u>	<u>56,495.00</u>	<u>24,797.00</u>	<u>69.50%</u>
Total 122	Selectmen	12,708.00	122,754.96	135,462.96	104,724.43	30,738.53	77.31%
123	Town Administrator						
5100	Salaries & Wages, Elected (	66,300.00	0.00	66,300.00	64,891.39	1,408.61	97.88%
5101	Admin Asst	17,080.00	0.00	17,080.00	17,080.00	0.00	100.00%
5400	General Expenses	<u>750.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>750.00</u>	<u>705.65</u>	<u>44.35</u>	<u>94.09%</u>
Total 123	Town Administrator	84,130.00	0.00	84,130.00	82,677.04	1,452.96	98.27%
130	Capital Planning Committee						
5400	General Expenses	<u>75.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>75.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>75.00</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Total 130	Capital Planning Committee	75.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	75.00	0.00%
131	Finance Committee						
5100	Salaries & Wages, Elected (	4,008.00	0.00	4,008.00	3,117.31	890.69	77.78%
5400	General Expenses	<u>500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>478.75</u>	<u>21.25</u>	<u>95.75%</u>
Total 131	Finance Committee	4,508.00	0.00	4,508.00	3,596.06	911.94	79.77%
132	Reserve Fund						
5400	General Expenses	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>(48,281.48)</u>	<u>1,718.52</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,718.52</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Total 132	Reserve Fund	50,000.00	(48,281.48)	1,718.52	0.00	1,718.52	0.00%
135	Accountant						
5110	Salaries & Wages	35,992.00	1,507.00	37,499.00	37,499.00	0.00	100.00%
5400	General Expenses	150.00	0.00	150.00	102.54	47.46	68.36%
5420	Accounting Software	750.00	0.00	750.00	750.00	0.00	100.00%
5710	Audit Services	<u>21,500.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>24,000.00</u>	<u>19,500.00</u>	<u>4,500.00</u>	<u>81.25%</u>
Total 135	Accountant	58,392.00	4,007.00	62,399.00	57,851.54	4,547.46	92.71%
141	Assessors						
5100	Salaries & Wages, Elected (	9,852.00	0.00	9,852.00	9,851.76	0.24	100.00%
5110	Salaries & Wages	21,879.00	0.00	21,879.00	21,787.37	91.63	99.58%
5400	General Expenses	<u>19,700.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>19,700.00</u>	<u>12,654.06</u>	<u>7,045.94</u>	<u>64.23%</u>
Total 141	Assessors	51,431.00	0.00	51,431.00	44,293.19	7,137.81	86.12%
142	Revaluation						

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5400	General Expenses	<u>7,500.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>13,500.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>12,000.00</u>	<u>11.11%</u>
Total 142	Revaluation	7,500.00	6,000.00	13,500.00	1,500.00	12,000.00	11.11%
145	Treasurer						
5100	Salaries & Wages, Elected (	23,881.00	0.00	23,881.00	23,881.00	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	6,342.00	0.00	6,342.00	6,342.00	0.00	100.00%
5400	General Expenses	5,500.00	980.97	6,480.97	6,480.67	0.30	100.00%
5421	Treasurer's Software	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	4,789.49	210.51	95.79%
5810	OPEB Reeval	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>75.00</u>	<u>3,075.00</u>	<u>3,070.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>	<u>99.84%</u>
Total 145	Treasurer	44,723.00	1,055.97	45,778.97	45,563.16	215.81	99.53%
146	Collector						
5100	Salaries & Wages, Elected (	45,800.00	6,323.23	52,123.23	52,123.23	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	6,048.35	1,943.65	75.68%
5410	Deputy Coll Expenses	1,900.00	0.00	1,900.00	1,690.56	209.44	88.98%
5460	Tax Title Exp	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>579.37</u>	<u>2,420.63</u>	<u>19.31%</u>
Total 146	Collector	58,192.00	7,823.23	66,015.23	61,441.51	4,573.72	93.07%
149	Oliver Smith Trust						
5100	Salaries & Wages, Elected (	<u>35.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>35.00</u>	<u>35.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Total 149	Oliver Smith Trust	35.00	0.00	35.00	35.00	0.00	100.00%
151	Legal						
5400	General Expenses	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>2,616.67</u>	<u>12,616.67</u>	<u>12,616.67</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Total 151	Legal	10,000.00	2,616.67	12,616.67	12,616.67	0.00	100.00%
159	Other Operations Support						
5400	General Expenses	1,200.00	278.94	1,478.94	1,478.94	0.00	100.00%
5401	Energy Comm Expenses	<u>250.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Total 159	Other Operations Support	1,450.00	278.94	1,728.94	1,478.94	250.00	85.54%
160	Constable						
5100	Salaries & Wages, Elected (	<u>471.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>471.00</u>	<u>471.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Total 160	Constable	471.00	0.00	471.00	471.00	0.00	100.00%
161	Clerk						
5100	Salaries & Wages, Elected (	22,248.00	0.00	22,248.00	22,248.00	0.00	100.00%
5124	Clerk's Assistant	2,540.00	0.00	2,540.00	2,070.00	470.00	81.50%
5400	General Expenses	1,700.00	0.00	1,700.00	1,154.23	545.77	67.90%
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>2,150.00</u>	<u>2,150.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,150.00</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
	Tabulator						
Total 161	Clerk	26,988.00	2,150.00	29,138.00	25,972.23	3,165.77	89.14%
162	Elections						
5400	General Expenses	<u>9,500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>9,500.00</u>	<u>5,071.60</u>	<u>4,428.40</u>	<u>53.39%</u>
Total 162	Elections	9,500.00	0.00	9,500.00	5,071.60	4,428.40	53.39%

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164	Street Listing						
5400	General Expenses	<u>1,450.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,450.00</u>	<u>1,408.25</u>	<u>41.75</u>	<u>97.12%</u>
Total 164	Street Listing	1,450.00	0.00	1,450.00	1,408.25	41.75	97.12%
171	Conservation Commission						
5110	Salaries & Wages	1,900.00	0.00	1,900.00	1,267.70	632.30	66.72%
5400	General Expenses	<u>2,700.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,700.00</u>	<u>1,897.18</u>	<u>802.82</u>	<u>70.27%</u>
Total 171	Conservation Commission	4,600.00	0.00	4,600.00	3,164.88	1,435.12	68.80%
173	Mill River Greenway						
5400	General Expenses	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>30.00%</u>
Total 173	Mill River Greenway	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	1,500.00	3,500.00	30.00%
175	Planning Board						
5400	General Expenses	<u>750.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>750.00</u>	<u>665.95</u>	<u>84.05</u>	<u>88.79%</u>
Total 175	Planning Board	750.00	0.00	750.00	665.95	84.05	88.79%
176	Zoning/Appeals Board						
5400	General Expenses	<u>600.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>	<u>580.00</u>	<u>3.33%</u>
Total 176	Zoning/Appeals Board	600.00	0.00	600.00	20.00	580.00	3.33%
192	Town Office						
5125	Custodian Labor	12,604.00	0.00	12,604.00	12,604.00	0.00	100.00%
5130	Building Supervisor	9,734.00	0.00	9,734.00	2,560.12	7,173.88	26.30%
5400	General Expenses	35,275.00	0.00	35,275.00	34,780.06	494.94	98.60%
5412	Town Office Exp	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	702.97	1,797.03	28.12%
5430	Internet	9,045.00	0.00	9,045.00	9,045.00	0.00	100.00%
5431	Town Telephone	10,620.00	0.00	10,620.00	10,620.00	0.00	100.00%
5432	Copier Maint	2,400.00	0.00	2,400.00	1,149.21	1,250.79	47.88%
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	30,898.17	13,593.83	69.45%
5455	Electricity	25,500.00	0.00	25,500.00	25,500.00	0.00	100.00%
5470	Computer Services	40,556.00	0.00	40,556.00	40,260.98	295.02	99.27%
5480	Technology Upgrades	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	4,673.79	326.21	93.48%
5806	Town Server Repl	19,734.00	2,956.50	22,690.50	22,690.50	0.00	100.00%
5807	Multi-Factor Authen	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	2,000.00	1,500.00	57.14%
5850	Town Building Repairs	<u>18,000.00</u>	<u>3,355.76</u>	<u>21,355.76</u>	<u>13,439.62</u>	<u>7,916.14</u>	<u>62.93%</u>
Total 192	Town Office	241,060.00	6,312.26	247,372.26	213,024.42	34,347.84	86.11%
193	Property Insurance						
5400	General Expenses	<u>76,471.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>76,471.00</u>	<u>76,471.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Total 193	Property Insurance	76,471.00	0.00	76,471.00	76,471.00	0.00	100.00%
195	Town Reports						
5400	General Expenses	<u>1,900.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,900.00</u>	<u>1,488.38</u>	<u>411.62</u>	<u>78.34%</u>
Total 195	Town Reports	1,900.00	0.00	1,900.00	1,488.38	411.62	78.34%
210	Police						
5110	Salaries & Wages	73,569.00	0.00	73,569.00	73,569.00	0.00	100.00%
5121	Police Dept labor	138,508.00	0.00	138,508.00	113,898.65	24,609.35	82.23%

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5400	General Expenses	25,626.00	0.00	25,626.00	25,626.00	0.00	100.00%
5423	Police Records Software	8,035.00	0.00	8,035.00	8,035.00	0.00	100.00%
5821	Police Cruiser	55,100.00	0.00	55,100.00	55,100.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 210	Police	300,838.00	0.00	300,838.00	276,228.65	24,609.35	91.82%
220	Fire						
5110	Salaries & Wages	25,667.00	0.00	25,667.00	25,667.00	0.00	100.00%
5122	Fire Dept labor	26,260.00	16,207.49	42,467.49	42,467.49	0.00	100.00%
5131	FD Admin Asst	8,461.00	129.00	8,590.00	8,590.08	(0.08)	100.00%
5132	FD Training	15,641.00	0.00	15,641.00	15,637.82	3.18	99.98%
5400	General Expenses	33,147.00	2,936.13	36,083.13	36,083.13	0.00	100.00%
5814	Pumper Truck	20,500.00	0.00	20,500.00	0.00	20,500.00	0.00%
5815	ART #23 Fill Station	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00%
Total 220	Fire	132,176.00	19,272.62	151,448.62	128,445.52	23,003.10	84.81%
231	Ambulance						
5400	General Expenses	117,166.00	0.00	117,166.00	117,165.45	0.55	100.00%
Total 231	Ambulance	117,166.00	0.00	117,166.00	117,165.45	0.55	100.00%
232	Emergency Medical Service						
5110	Salaries & Wages	1,267.00	0.00	1,267.00	1,267.00	0.00	100.00%
5127	Emer Mgmnt Deputy	590.00	0.00	590.00	590.00	0.00	100.00%
5400	General Expenses	3,750.00	0.00	3,750.00	3,195.00	555.00	85.20%
5433	Emergency Communication	486.00	972.00	1,458.00	0.00	1,458.00	0.00%
Total 232	Emergency Medical Service	6,093.00	972.00	7,065.00	5,052.00	2,013.00	71.51%
294	Tree Service						
5414	Tree Removal/Planting	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	4,630.28	2,369.72	66.15%
Total 294	Tree Service	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	4,630.28	2,369.72	66.15%
300	Elementary School						
5100	Salaries & Wages, Elected (	1,590.00	0.00	1,590.00	1,590.00	0.00	100.00%
5400	General Expenses	2,330,298.00	0.00	2,330,298.00	2,318,347.67	11,950.33	99.49%
5499	Encumbrance	0.00	128,849.34	128,849.34	128,848.74	0.60	100.00%
Total 300	Elementary School	2,331,888.00	128,849.34	2,460,737.34	2,448,786.41	11,950.93	99.51%
310	Regional School						
5400	General Expenses	1,613,930.00	0.00	1,613,930.00	1,611,881.50	2,048.50	99.87%
Total 310	Regional School	1,613,930.00	0.00	1,613,930.00	1,611,881.50	2,048.50	99.87%
320	Vocational/Technical Schools						
5400	General Expenses	695,605.00	0.00	695,605.00	515,747.66	179,857.34	74.14%
5415	Voc Transportation	40,526.00	0.00	40,526.00	40,526.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 320	Vocational/Technical Schools	736,131.00	0.00	736,131.00	556,273.66	179,857.34	75.57%
422	Highway						
5100	Salaries & Wages, Elected (	66,547.00	0.00	66,547.00	66,547.00	0.00	100.00%
5110	Salaries & Wages	155,660.00	0.00	155,660.00	131,669.08	23,990.92	84.59%
5400	General Expenses	85,000.00	0.00	85,000.00	82,639.93	2,360.07	97.22%



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5416	Highway Garage/Equip Maint	41,641.00	0.00	41,641.00	41,452.83	188.17	99.55%
5417	Vehicle Fuel	29,000.00	2,433.07	31,433.07	31,433.07	0.00	100.00%
5440	Invasive Species	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	100.00%
5443	Sidewalk Construction	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00%
5837	Art #3 STM 8/31/21 culver	0.00	217,872.00	217,872.00	189,354.48	28,517.52	86.91%
5840	Highway Surplus equip	3,000.00	1,248.98	4,248.98	3,514.31	734.67	82.71%
5841	Cement Sidewalk Const	0.00	7,673.68	7,673.68	0.00	7,673.68	0.00%
5843	Highway Gar Doors	<u>20,792.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>20,792.00</u>	<u>20,729.00</u>	<u>63.00</u>	<u>99.70%</u>
Total 422	Highway	408,140.00	229,227.73	637,367.73	568,839.70	68,528.03	89.25%
423	Snow & Ice Removal						
5110	Salaries & Wages	15,235.00	2,970.35	18,205.35	18,205.35	0.00	100.00%
5400	General Expenses	<u>72,500.00</u>	<u>7,565.69</u>	<u>80,065.69</u>	<u>80,065.66</u>	<u>0.03</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Total 423	Snow & Ice Removal	87,735.00	10,536.04	98,271.04	98,271.01	0.03	100.00%
424	Street Lighting						
5400	General Expenses	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00	5,293.97	6,706.03	44.12%
5499	Encumbrance	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,921.16</u>	<u>5,921.16</u>	<u>4,619.84</u>	<u>1,301.32</u>	<u>78.02%</u>
Total 424	Street Lighting	12,000.00	5,921.16	17,921.16	9,913.81	8,007.35	55.32%
433	Transfer Station						
5110	Salaries & Wages	32,207.00	0.00	32,207.00	30,529.05	1,677.95	94.79%
5400	General Expenses	99,825.00	0.00	99,825.00	83,749.11	16,075.89	83.90%
5499	Encumbrance	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,110.00</u>	<u>1,110.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,110.00</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Total 433	Transfer Station	132,032.00	1,110.00	133,142.00	114,278.16	18,863.84	85.83%
491	Cemetery						
5400	General Expenses	1,100.00	100.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	100.00%
5458	Haydenville Town Clock	<u>1,354.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,354.00</u>	<u>872.70</u>	<u>481.30</u>	<u>64.45%</u>
Total 491	Cemetery	2,454.00	100.00	2,554.00	2,072.70	481.30	81.16%
510	Animal Inspection						
5400	General Expenses	<u>1,020.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,020.00</u>	<u>986.25</u>	<u>33.75</u>	<u>96.69%</u>
Total 510	Animal Inspection	1,020.00	0.00	1,020.00	986.25	33.75	96.69%
512	Board of Health						
5100	Salaries & Wages, Elected (	3,913.00	0.00	3,913.00	3,912.99	0.01	100.00%
5400	General Expenses	1,050.00	0.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	0.00	100.00%
5418	Public Health Emgy/Trainin	<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	6,513.00	0.00	6,513.00	4,962.99	1,550.01	76.20%
541	Council on Aging						
5110	Salaries & Wages	30,299.00	0.00	30,299.00	30,299.00	0.00	100.00%
5128	COA Labor	15,014.00	0.00	15,014.00	13,364.78	1,649.22	89.02%
5129	COA Meal Site Staff	11,832.00	0.00	11,832.00	11,497.13	334.87	97.17%
5140	COA Admin Asst	9,974.00	0.00	9,974.00	9,974.00	0.00	100.00%
5400	General Expenses	3,718.00	0.00	3,718.00	3,718.00	0.00	100.00%
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	74,837.00	0.00	74,837.00	72,852.91	1,984.09	97.35%

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543	Veteran's Services						
5400	General Expenses	12,399.00	0.00	12,399.00	12,399.00	0.00	100.00%
5454	Veterans Benefits	52,000.00	0.00	52,000.00	17,307.27	34,692.73	33.28%
Total 543	Veteran's Services	64,399.00	0.00	64,399.00	29,706.27	34,692.73	46.13%
549	ADA						
5400	General Expenses	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00%
Total 549	ADA	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00%
610	Library						
5100	Salaries & Wages, Elected (	51,000.00	0.00	51,000.00	51,000.00	0.00	100.00%
5110	Salaries & Wages	99,282.00	0.00	99,282.00	92,026.70	7,255.30	92.69%
5400	General Expenses	17,000.00	0.00	17,000.00	17,000.00	0.00	100.00%
5864	Meekins Entrance Walkway	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	3,332.93	167.07	95.23%
Total 610	Library	170,782.00	0.00	170,782.00	163,359.63	7,422.37	95.65%
630	Recreation Activities						
5110	Salaries & Wages	3,918.00	0.00	3,918.00	312.00	3,606.00	7.96%
5400	General Expenses	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	4,885.92	114.08	97.72%
5425	Woodland Trails Comm	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 630	Recreation Activities	9,418.00	0.00	9,418.00	5,697.92	3,720.08	60.50%
691	Historical Commission						
5400	General Expenses	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00%
Total 691	Historical Commission	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00%
699	Veterans Recognitions						
5400	General Expenses	500.00	0.00	500.00	330.00	170.00	66.00%
Total 699	Veterans Recognitions	500.00	0.00	500.00	330.00	170.00	66.00%
710	Retirement of Debt						
5481	Highland Amb Vehicle	6,441.00	0.00	6,441.00	6,440.42	0.58	99.99%
5917	Highland Amb Building	14,871.00	0.00	14,871.00	14,870.26	0.74	100.00%
5925	School Building	270,000.00	0.00	270,000.00	246,724.14	23,275.86	91.38%
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	18,275.86	1,724.14	91.38%
5980	Highway	10,293.00	0.00	10,293.00	10,293.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 710	Retirement of Debt	374,605.00	0.00	374,605.00	349,603.68	25,001.32	93.33%
751	Interest on Long-term Debt						
5925	School Building	100,200.00	0.00	100,200.00	88,950.00	11,250.00	88.77%
5970	Fire Truck	580.00	0.00	580.00	579.76	0.24	99.96%
5975	Highway Garage	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	100.00%
5980	Highway	559.00	0.00	559.00	558.90	0.10	99.98%
Total 751	Interest on Long-term Debt	102,539.00	0.00	102,539.00	91,288.66	11,250.34	89.03%
820	State Assessments & Charges						
5640	Air Pollution District	0.00	731.00	731.00	731.00	0.00	100.00%
5646	RMV Marking Surchg	0.00	1,640.00	1,640.00	2,200.00	(560.00)	134.15%

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5663	Reg Transit Authority	0.00	42,225.00	42,225.00	42,225.00	0.00	100.00%
5690	Charter School Assessment	0.00	163,947.00	163,947.00	184,413.00	(20,466.00)	112.48%
5691	School Choice Assessment	0.00	89,893.00	89,893.00	67,606.00	22,287.00	75.21%
Total 820	State Assessments & Charges	0.00	298,436.00	298,436.00	297,175.00	1,261.00	99.58%
830	County Assessments & Charges						
5494	FRCOG Assessment	2,750.00	0.00	2,750.00	0.00	2,750.00	0.00%
5628	HC Reg Lock Up	2,358.00	0.00	2,358.00	0.00	2,358.00	0.00%
Total 830	County Assessments & Charg	5,108.00	0.00	5,108.00	0.00	5,108.00	0.00%
840	Inspection Programs						
5400	General Expenses	13,369.00	0.00	13,369.00	13,369.00	0.00	100.00%
5490	Foothills Health District	41,264.00	0.00	41,264.00	37,119.24	4,144.76	89.96%
5491	Building Inspection Prog	42,500.00	0.00	42,500.00	42,500.00	0.00	100.00%
5492	PVPC Assessment	411.00	20.30	431.30	431.30	0.00	100.00%
5493	Plumbing/Gas Inspect Prog	300.00	300.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 840	Inspection Programs	97,844.00	320.30	98,164.30	94,019.54	4,144.76	95.78%
911	Retirement Contribution						
5400	General Expenses	295,613.00	0.00	295,613.00	295,613.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 911	Retirement Contribution	295,613.00	0.00	295,613.00	295,613.00	0.00	100.00%
912	Worker's Compensation						
5400	General Expenses	36,778.00	0.00	36,778.00	20,698.00	16,080.00	56.28%
Total 912	Worker's Compensation	36,778.00	0.00	36,778.00	20,698.00	16,080.00	56.28%
913	Unemployment Compensation						
5400	General Expenses	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.00%
5411	Police & Fire insurance	14,587.00	0.00	14,587.00	14,587.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 913	Unemployment Compensation	19,587.00	0.00	19,587.00	19,587.00	0.00	100.00%
914	Health Insurance						
5400	General Expenses	600,000.00	0.00	600,000.00	530,130.99	69,869.01	88.36%
Total 914	Health Insurance	600,000.00	0.00	600,000.00	530,130.99	69,869.01	88.36%
916	Medicare						
5400	General Expenses	45,900.00	0.00	45,900.00	40,166.06	5,733.94	87.51%
Total 916	Medicare	45,900.00	0.00	45,900.00	40,166.06	5,733.94	87.51%
970	Transfer To						
5900	OPEB	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.00%
5962	Transfer to Stabilization	150,000.00	0.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	0.00	100.00%
5966	Transfer to Spec Purpose F	1,224.00	0.00	1,224.00	1,224.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 970	Transfer To	156,224.00	0.00	156,224.00	156,224.00	0.00	100.00%
Report Difference		8,697,401.00	804,462.74	9,501,863.74	8,859,276.00	642,587.74	93.24%

# **Town Accountant** **Special Revenue Funds FY2022**

		<u>Beginning Bal.</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>
1HW	Highway Funds				
217	Highway C291 FY07	0.00	285,882.29	(285,882.26)	0.03
	Total Highway Funds	0.00	285,882.29	(285,882.26)	0.03
2Rev	Revolving Funds				
231	Wetlands Protection Fund	4,416.25	0.00	0.00	4,416.25
232	Dog Revolving Fund	5,104.55	5,089.00	(2,532.51)	7,661.04
233	Transfer Station Open Box	30,286.99	30,411.30	(6,350.00)	54,348.29
234	Planning Board	14,471.91	150.00	0.00	14,621.91
235	Recreation Revolving	669.24	600.00	(940.00)	329.24
237	Fire Inspections	1,112.00	4,530.00	(5,545.00)	97.00
238	Plumbing Inspections	(697.00)	2,763.00	(2,763.00)	(697.00)
239	Electrical Inspections	5,940.50	9,486.31	(9,500.00)	5,926.81
	Total Revolving Funds	61,304.44	53,029.61	(27,630.51)	86,703.54
3OSR	Other Special Revenue				
241	Board of Appeals	2,825.60	1,837.00	(1,098.40)	3,564.20
243	Conservation Revolving	12,226.09	539.00	0.00	12,765.09
246	Early Voting Funds	987.27	0.00	0.00	987.27
256	Insurance Claims	13,002.00	0.00	(13,002.00)	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	11,097.68	160.00	(2,700.00)	8,557.68
260	Recreation Donation	31,684.48	0.00	0.00	31,684.48
262	Horse Mountain	3,472.37	0.00	0.00	3,472.37
264	Woodland Trails Donation	7,154.11	1,885.00	(364.95)	8,674.16
267	COVID 19	88,233.39	0.00	(88,233.39)	0.00
270	COA Donations	14,557.97	9,392.00	(4,278.11)	19,671.86
271	Flag Donations	333.05	50.00	0.00	383.05
272	Ice Rink Donations	509.62	0.00	0.00	509.62
273	DTA-SNAP	894.21	117.03	0.00	1,011.24
274	Library Donations Greta	8,905.16	3,700.00	(1,892.88)	10,712.28
275	Library Local	43,650.34	46,239.38	(42,118.55)	47,771.17
277	Town Flag Gift Donations	125.00	0.00	0.00	125.00
279	Angel Garden Fund	3,092.00	511.45	(180.00)	3,423.45
280	TNC Ride Share	86.00	5.00	0.00	91.00
284	Highland Valley Elder Serv	(1,495.92)	6,843.92	(4,995.00)	353.00
286	HV-Carpooling Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
287	PVTA	174.72	6,913.04	(10,234.20)	(3,146.44)
292	CTLC Covid Response	629.46	0.00	(629.46)	0.00
299	250th Committee	23,383.40	16,020.00	(8,087.46)	31,315.94
	Total Other Special Revenue	265,917.64	94,212.82	(177,814.40)	182,316.06
4S&F	State & Federal Grants				
252	MIIA Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
263	Green communities Grant	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
268	EMP Grant	310.00	0.00	0.00	310.00
283	Septic Grants	15,934.23	0.00	0.00	15,934.23
293	Comcast Technology Fund	7,771.28	6,273.52	0.00	14,044.80
298	SAMSHA Policing Grant	863.63	0.00	(495.35)	368.28
402	Mass Personal Safety	0.00	795.45	0.00	795.45

Accountant - Special Revenue Funds

		<u>Beginning Bal.</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>
403	AED Equipment Grant	0.00	2,468.00	(2,320.00)	148.00
404	EMPG Grant	0.00	0.00	(2,257.90)	(2,257.90)
405	Bulletproof Vest Grant	10,339.79	0.00	(2,350.00)	7,989.79
407	Gov Highway Safety Grant	(795.45)	0.00	(76.44)	(871.89)
412	COA Formula Grant	4,076.26	7,272.00	(6,355.15)	4,993.11
414	Library State Aid	4,076.98	8,185.89	(9,813.46)	2,449.41
415	Cultural Council	6,115.20	5,000.00	(5,488.00)	5,627.20
417	MassWorks Grant	(34.12)	328,600.00	(328,600.00)	(34.12)
418	250th Celebration MA	0.00	0.00	(9,972.98)	(9,972.98)
419	Volunteer Fire Assistance	0.00	1,457.30	(1,457.30)	0.00
420	Fire Dept SAFE Grant	2,908.53	12,204.00	(13,013.94)	2,098.59
421	Fire Safety Equip Grant	(8,500.00)	8,500.00	(12,500.00)	(12,500.00)
422	Fire Dept Equip Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
425	Recycling Div Grant	9,047.20	4,200.00	(7,977.27)	5,269.93
428	Veterans Benefits COLA	0.00	3,318.00	(1,896.00)	1,422.00
430	ARPA FUNDS	0.00	368,552.12	(112,350.00)	256,202.12
433	Regional IT Grant	3,000.00	0.00	(913.00)	2,087.00
438	Document IT Mgmnt	292.03	0.00	(292.00)	0.03
440	Mass Trails Grant	0.00	0.00	(80,000.00)	(80,000.00)
441	CC Wage Classification	0.00	20,000.00	(20,000.00)	0.00
442	CC Econ Dev Assess Grant	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
443	Comm Comp Grant	0.00	22,000.00	0.00	22,000.00
501	Title I Grant	14,206.00	0.00	(13,328.08)	877.92
502	School Choice	230,280.44	63,956.00	(94,897.04)	199,339.40
503	REAPS Grant	4,670.03	5,512.00	(15,886.62)	(5,704.59)
508	94-142 Grant	(2,411.62)	19,514.68	(7,755.82)	9,347.24
510	Star Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
511	RURAL AIDE	0.00	37,231.59	(31,826.11)	5,405.48
516	Medicaid Reimbursement	(1,898.99)	0.00	(981.01)	(2,880.00)
517	Circuit Breaker	30,555.00	66,105.00	(39,163.00)	57,497.00
518	Voc Transportation	1,628.00	9,926.00	0.00	11,554.00
520	Coronavirus Prev Grant	6,684.93	0.00	(6,186.40)	498.53
521	ESSER II	(5,432.68)	38,592.00	(60,244.94)	(27,085.62)
522	ASOST GRANT	0.00	22,928.00	(24,008.55)	(1,080.55)
523	ESSER III	0.00	17,044.00	(1,520.00)	15,524.00
530	Covid Payroll	0.00	5,016.94	0.00	5,016.94
540	TITLE I GRANT	0.00	15,190.00	(1,119.00)	14,071.00
541	TITLE II GRANT Ed	0.00	499.00	(345.00)	154.00
542	TITLE IV GRANT	0.00	1,000.00	(579.00)	421.00
552	Preschool Program	91,909.77	34,324.50	(26,231.93)	100,002.34
554	School Building Use	12,628.65	0.00	0.00	12,628.65
559	School Lunch Fund	0.02	76,174.32	(62,103.10)	14,071.24
560	Elaine Lawton Fund	29,187.86	0.00	(915.13)	28,272.73
562	Big Yellow School Bus	1,490.16	0.00	0.00	1,490.16
563	Korpias Kids Awards	900.00	0.00	0.00	900.00
564	Wellness Grant	149.92	900.00	(1,049.92)	0.00
	Total State & Federal Grants	469,954.05	1,232,740.31	(1,006,269.44)	696,424.92
5Ent	Enterprise Funds				
610	Water Enterprise Fund	941,251.23	216,113.90	(177,010.36)	980,354.77
620	Sewer Enterprise Fund	323,871.37	245,031.83	(260,342.61)	308,560.59
	Total Enterprise Funds	1,265,122.60	461,145.73	(437,352.97)	1,288,915.36

		<u>Beginning Bal.</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>
6CP	Capital Projects				
725	School Construction	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.14
726	Fire Truck	1,001.57	0.00	0.00	1,001.57
727	Highway Truck	45,551.75	40,800.00	(40,799.38)	45,552.37
728	PSC Building	<u>1,000,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(501,322.16)</u>	<u>498,677.84</u>
	Total Capital Projects	1,046,553.46	40,800.00	(542,121.54)	545,231.92
7Tru	Trust Funds				
801	Daniel Collins Fund	569,660.14	116,542.62	(23,711.86)	662,490.90
802	O C Spellman Fund	113,821.25	23,269.45	(4,547.24)	132,543.46
803	Ethel Curry Fund	315.08	62.42	0.00	377.50
804	Albert D Sanders Fund	20,826.71	4,274.77	(933.77)	24,167.71
805	Dunphy-Dunphy School	24,211.31	4,950.62	(972.47)	28,189.46
806	Dunphy-James School	35,655.74	7,312.89	(1,567.05)	41,401.58
807	Ellsworth Hyde Fund	1,922.93	383.89	(21.94)	2,284.88
808	Byron Loomis Fund	24,226.61	4,952.58	(972.51)	28,206.68
810	Helen E James Fund	32,327.49	6,453.15	(368.82)	38,411.82
821	WCTU Clock Fund	4,571.67	915.94	(52.34)	5,435.27
822	Cemetery Perpetual Care	19,477.74	3,565.82	(274.79)	22,768.77
823	Whiting Street Fund	5,671.84	1,010.98	(64.71)	6,618.11
824	Arthur King Fund	107,974.63	21,550.04	(1,231.83)	128,292.84
825	Albert Hills Fund	5,614.27	1,120.74	(64.05)	6,670.96
826	Christian Hills Fund	28,092.49	5,607.85	(320.51)	33,379.83
827	Henry Hills Fund	93,699.62	19,054.22	(2,667.64)	110,086.20
828	Mary Main Fund	4,020.21	802.51	(45.86)	4,776.86
829	Lyman Wait Fund	922.95	184.11	(10.53)	1,096.53
830	Electra Wait Fund	8,312.23	1,659.28	(94.83)	9,876.68
831	Henry Warner Fund	41,914.65	8,367.02	(478.20)	49,803.47
832	Women's Club Fund	2,832.44	565.41	(32.32)	3,365.53
833	James Taylor Fund	2,382.09	475.52	(27.17)	2,830.44
834	Sanderson/Heath Fund	4,281.80	894.27	(199.45)	4,976.62
835	Library Humanities Fund	8,299.00	1,656.62	(94.68)	9,860.94
836	William J Sheehan Fund	220.56	43.68	0.00	264.24
838	KMIT Library Fund	507,285.09	104,962.52	(27,306.42)	584,941.19
842	Brassworks-Rec Long-	12,196.08	2,432.89	(139.11)	14,489.86
850	VNA TRUST	30,422.58	(1,988.56)	(41.18)	28,392.84
851	Unemployment	14,176.76	3,503.10	(511.50)	17,168.36
852	Elder Trust Fund	11,125.15	2,382.17	(418.01)	13,089.31
853	Stabilization Fund	606,672.26	150,211.01	(299,164.00)	457,719.27
854	Meekins Library Trust	22,879.33	4,862.31	(1,247.95)	26,493.69
855	Seewald Technology	471.57	0.00	0.00	471.57
856	OPEB	<u>17,701.58</u>	<u>5,002.81</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>22,704.39</u>
	Total Trust Funds	2,384,185.85	507,044.65	(367,582.74)	2,523,647.76
8Age	Agency Funds				
891	Off Duty Police Detail	(3,201.20)	19,147.45	(16,128.95)	(182.70)
892	Firearm ID Cards	(727.00)	1,775.00	(2,425.00)	(1,377.00)
893	Clerk Fees	20.78	2,329.00	(2,393.50)	(43.72)
897	Collector Fees	3,853.74	0.00	0.00	3,853.74
898	Deputy Collector Fees	128.05	7,005.00	(6,320.00)	813.05
	Total Agency Funds	<u>74.37</u>	<u>30,256.45</u>	<u>(27,267.45)</u>	<u>3,063.37</u>
	Total Williamsburg	<u>5,493,112.41</u>	<u>2,705,111.86</u>	<u>(2,871,921.31)</u>	<u>5,326,302.96</u>

# BURGY 250TH BY THE NUMBERS

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## 3 Days

OF EVENTS



## 250+

COMMUNITY  
VOLUNTEERS

"On behalf of the 250th Committee, I want to express my deepest thanks to every person and every entity in town who so generously, creatively, and selflessly worked to celebrate our shared history.

Burgy 250th Chairwoman, Lisa Bertoldi

## \$58,000

FUNDS RAISED FROM LOCAL  
BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS  
\*THE EVENT ACTUALLY RETURNED A  
SURPLUS TO THE TOWN!

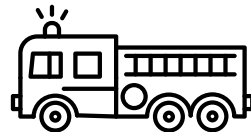


## 2,986 Feet

LENGTH OF PARADE  
END TO END

## 13

SURROUNDING TOWNS  
REPRESENTED IN THE  
PARADE



Thank you to volunteers and  
supporters, this couldn't have  
happened without you!



## 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary





## Angel Park Quiet Reflections Garden

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. Visitors came to the park for refuge and reflection and volunteer staff continued to provide ongoing care. The Park was used as a venue during the Town “Birthday Celebration.” Angel Park Music Series hosted an array of musical artists and the performances were well received by appreciative audiences.

### Park Improvements and Ongoing Care Projects for the 2022 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.
5. Additional perennials were planted to replace older plants and shrubs and trees were pruned to allow more access and light into the Park and the planting beds.



### 2023 Plans:

The Angel Park Summer Music series will schedule performances for July and August. 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, 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, John Lancaster, Daria D’Arienzo, David Prichard, Fred Goodhue, 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 Howes, Elaine Hyde, Charles and Mary Dudek,

Rebecca Basch, 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@umass.edu](mailto:ndines@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.

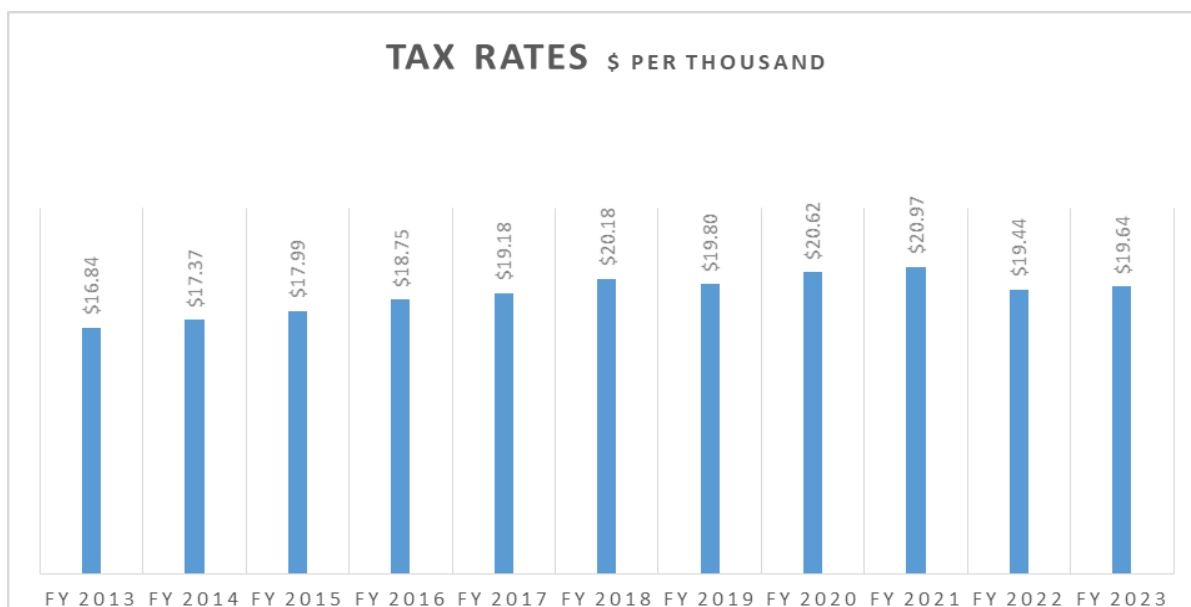
Thanks to all who help with ongoing care, provide support, and who enjoy the beauty of Angel Park and surrounding Public Gardens of Williamsburg.

N. Dines, FASLA

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## Assessors

As of January 1, 2022, the Town had 1291 real property accounts and 75 personal property accounts, including 3 Solar Pilot Agreements. There are two new solar accounts scheduled to be added to the tax rolls in FY 2024. The voters passed a town budget of \$9,802,454.47 at Town Meeting. To meet the budget, \$7,052,597.62 was raised by taxation. The FY 2023 tax rate is \$19.64 per thousand of valuation. What follows is a historic chart of tax rates in Williamsburg for the past 10 years.



The Assessors are hiring a firm to conduct a full field audit of the real estate in town this coming year. The assessors will notify residents when this firm will be collecting their data. This means a team of professionals will be knocking on your door asking to view your home, taking pictures, and measuring buildings. We ask for your cooperation in making their job easier. This will ensure a fair and equitable valuation of all real estate.

The Board of Assessors meets weekly at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays. The meetings are open to the public, and we welcome any questions or concerns. The Assessors may be reached at 413-268-8403 or [Assessors@Burg.org](mailto:Assessors@Burg.org).

## **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 finally open to the public again, from 7:00 to 3:30 Monday through Friday. The department has three building inspectors, three electrical inspectors and two full time clerks. This staffing allows us to schedule timely inspections and provide expedient support for permit applications and customer service. Permit processing and inspections are back to a normal schedule.

Permit wise, 2022 was a good year for building activity in Williamsburg. The number of building permits (168) was higher than 2021 (143). Permit fees and the estimated costs of construction were much lower than 2021 primarily because, with the exception of the public safety building, the projects permitted in 2022 were smaller.

The estimated cost of construction in 2022 was \$10,411,139, and the total building permit fees were \$21,011. There wasn't a fee for the public safety building permit. It was the largest project in 2022, and the largest town project since the Anne T. Dunphy School in 2013.

2022's building permit total (168), is above the average of the past 13 years (142 per year). The total permit fees in 2022 (\$21,011) was less than the 12-year average (\$28,111). The estimated cost of construction in 2022 (\$10,411,139) was higher than the 12-year average (\$4,790,867).

Yet again, Williamsburg continues to add solar electric systems. There were 22 residential solar electric system permits issued in 2022 compared to 19 in 2021. Beginning with the Solarize Williamsburg program in 2014, there have been 183 residential solar installations through the end of 2022, with an estimated capacity of 1.375 megawatts. Williamsburg's four large scale ground mounted solar arrays have a total capacity of approximately 18.65 megawatts. The town's total solar capacity, nearly 20 megawatts, is 0.5% of Massachusetts' total solar capacity of 3,987 megawatts. Williamsburg's solar capacity is an exceptional number, considering the population of Williamsburg is less than .04% of the population of the state. From another perspective, 20 megawatts is enough electricity to power more than 3,000 homes, nearly three times the number of houses in Williamsburg.

The new Public Safety complex, likely to be completed this summer, will certainly be the most exciting building project in 2023. I expect new permit activity to maintain the same pace as 2022.

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](mailto:jflagg@northamptonma.gov).

Jonathan Flagg, Building Inspector

<u>Total Building Permits, 2022</u>	<u>168</u>
<u>Total Building Permit Fees, 2022</u>	<u>\$21,011</u>
<u>Total Estimated Cost of Construction, 2022</u>	<u>\$10,411,139</u>
<u>Total Building Permits (12 year avg.)</u>	<u>142</u>
<u>Total Building Fees (12 year avg.)</u>	<u>\$28,111</u>
<u>Total Estimated Cost of Construction (12 year avg.)</u>	<u>\$4,790,867</u>

## Town Collector

The Town Collector is responsible for the collection of real estate, personal property and excise taxes. They are also responsible for the collection of Water and Sewer charges for the town.

Real estate and personal property bills are due on a quarterly basis based on the town's fiscal year of July 1 – June 30. To keep postage at a minimum, only two mailings are sent with two quarters in each mailing. 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter are mailed in late June and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter mailed in late December. The due dates are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter .....August 1
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter.....November 1
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter .....February 1
- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter .....May 1

Excise taxes are billed on a calendar year and are issued throughout the year through the Registry of Motor Vehicles, so the due date varies.

Water and Sewer Charges are billed twice a year during the fiscal year. Bills are due November 1, mailed late September, and May 1, mailed late April.

The following table is a recap of the Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022) collections.

Here is an explanation of the table:

1. Fiscal Year – Year for which the taxes are due
2. Revenue Type – Tax type collected.
3. Beginning Balance – Rollover balance from FY2021
4. Taxes Committed – Amount of taxes issued
5. Payments – Amount of money received in fiscal year
6. Tax Title or \$ to Lien –
  - Tax Title – Real Estate balances due at the end of the fiscal year are turned into Tax Title by placing a lien on property.
  - \$ to Lien – Water and Sewer charges unpaid at the end of the fiscal year are liened onto the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of the next years Real Estate bills.
7. Abatements – Reduction in the tax assessed on the property for the fiscal year
8. Refunds – Overpayments returned to customer

Sharon Strzegowski, Town Collector

## Town Collector FY22 Recap (7/1/21 - 6/30/22)

Fiscal Year	Revenue Type	Beginning Balance	Taxes Committed	Payments	Tax Title or \$ To Lien	Abatements	Refunds	Ending Balance
2017	Excise	1,014.17	-	62.50	-	-	-	951.67
2018	Excise	859.80	-	141.25	-	-	-	718.55
2019	Excise	1,233.71	-	112.70	-	-	-	1,121.01
2020	Excise	3,933.49	404.14	1,865.69	-	-	-	2,471.94
2021	Excise	6,472.64	75,981.61	78,094.20	-	2,435.62	(1,897.74)	3,822.17
2022	Excise	-	312,160.31	281,501.81	-	2,479.30	(3,206.20)	31,385.40
2019	Personal Property Taxes	3,260.78	-	-	-	3,260.78	-	-
2020	Personal Property Taxes	7,007.96	-	-	-	7,007.96	-	-
2021	Personal Property Taxes	24,943.91	-	23,523.01	-	1,420.90	-	-
2022	Personal Property Taxes	(150.00)	240,725.18	212,769.27	-	2,796.77	(38.28)	25,047.42
2023	Personal Property Taxes	-	-	993.43	-	-	-	(993.43)
2021	Lien Meter	32.50	-	27.50	5.00	-	-	-
2022	Lien Meter	-	240.00	137.50	30.00	-	-	72.50
2021	Lien Sewer Use	1,796.43	-	1,796.43	-	-	-	-
2022	Lien Sewer Use	-	10,694.18	3,929.10	1,210.03	-	-	5,555.05
2021	Lien Water Use	1,985.77	-	1,961.96	23.81	-	-	-
2022	Lien Water Use	-	10,686.51	3,797.97	1,027.08	-	-	5,861.46
2020	Real Estate	3,416.06	-	-	3,416.06	-	-	-
2021	Real Estate	141,490.92	-	127,738.89	12,831.55	920.48	-	-
2022	Real Estate	(26,312.93)	6,640,862.12	6,478,884.87	44,179.34	22,066.63	(30,174.53)	99,592.88
2023	Real Estate	-	-	13,320.19	-	-	-	(13,320.19)
2021	Sewer Use	26,269.47	-	15,575.29	10,694.18	-	-	-
2022	Sewer Use	-	261,854.85	213,834.26	-	23,932.72	(31.64)	24,119.51
2021	Water Meter	465.00	-	220.00	240.00	-	-	5.00
2022	Water Meter	-	6,525.00	6,065.00	-	-	-	460.00
2021	Water Use	41,381.54	-	17,497.43	10,686.51	-	-	13,197.60
2022	Water Use	-	241,688.13	173,259.04	-	21,974.90	-	46,454.19
2021	Water Cross Connections	1,545.00	-	1,395.00	-	-	-	150.00
2022	Water Cross Connections	-	2,450.00	952.59	-	-	-	1,497.41
2022	PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes)	-	54184.75	54184.75	-	-	-	-
2022	Roll Back Taxes	-	7664.53	7664.53	-	-	-	-

## Capital Plan Borrowing FY23

	Total Debt Years	Years Remaining	Estimated Interest %	Project Description	Quote Received	Funding	Current Year	Condition	Replacement Freq. (yrs)	Replace with	Town's Share of Project (Current Dollars, Interest Not Incl.)	Remaining Principal	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028
1				<b>APPROVED REQUESTS</b>														
2				<u>Bonded</u>														
3	20	12	2.85	ATD School Building Construction		DE	2013	Excellent			5,183,250	3,118,103	335,398	330,184	328,750	318,350	312,950	302,350
4	10	1	2.85	Hwy. Dept. - Addition & Improvements		DE	2010	Good			175,000	36,897	19,752	19,366				
5	20	20		Public Safety Complex		DE	2023	Excellent			3,510,000	3,510,000	-	53,621	260,600	265,100	264,225	263,100
6	5	0		<u>Short Term Borrowing</u>														
7	5	1	1.10	Hwy. - Truck 4 & Sander			2016	Excellent			135,000	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	5	0	1.10	2017 Fire Truck - Eng I		DE	2017	Excellent			265,000	53,000	53,580	-	-	-	-	-
9				2020 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD		B	2020	Excellent			51,092	51,092	\$10,852					
10				<u>Third Party Assessments</u>														
11				<b>Approved Requests Subtotals</b>														
											<b>9,319,342</b>	<b>6,769,092</b>	<b>419,581</b>	<b>403,171</b>	<b>589,350</b>	<b>583,450</b>	<b>577,175</b>	<b>565,450</b>

## Cultural Council

The Williamsburg Cultural Council (WCC) is part of a network of local councils throughout Massachusetts that administers funds from the state cultural council (MCC). Local councils make decisions on grant proposals “to support public programs that promote excellence, education, diversity and inclusion in the arts, humanities and science to foster a rich cultural life.” Each year we review grant proposals submitted in the fall for the upcoming year’s cycle.

Our 5-person team reviewed 31 applications for 2023, with priority to programs that are:

- well-designed, demonstrate past success in completion of projects, provide a realistic budget and have a clear alternative plan for Covid-safety;
- provide a clear benefit to Williamsburg residents, are in close proximity to Williamsburg and accessible to all, and are inclusive and reflective of cultural diversity;
- reflect a wide range of projects that reach residents of various ages and demographics, including intergenerational, interdisciplinary, or integrated projects (arts, science, humanities) and that can build community participation.

We have selected 17 programs to be funded for 2023 and have sent out declination letters to the rest. Our 2023 budget is \$5,500, so many of the chosen programs do not receive full requested funding. In fairness and to accommodate more programs, we try to keep each award at \$500 or less. New this year from state rules, those who are approved may receive their funding prior to doing their program, and then send us verification that the program was completed. This is helpful to the recipients for setting up their programs.



For 2022, we continue to award funding for those chosen plus some programs that had extensions from 2021 due to Covid restrictions. Our YTD total paid is \$6,800. We still have some in process.

For more information, go to the town website. For more information about MCC, go to [massculturalcouncil.org](http://massculturalcouncil.org). Applications for grants for 2024 will be open from September to mid-October 2023.

Our current members are Zevey Steinitz, Patricia LaFreniere, Ann Biddle, Lauri Munroe-Hultman, and Louise Mosrie-Coombs. We are actively seeking and will welcome any who are interested in joining this committee, as two of us are rotating off.



## Conservation Commission

Members of the Williamsburg Conservation Commission include Marcianna Caplis (Chairperson), Mary Dudek, Andrew MacLachlan, Melinda McCall, 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 2022, the Conservation Commission drafted and approved the following Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection forms submitted on behalf of town residents and property owners: 7 Requests for Determination, 4 Notices of Intent, 2 Enforcement Orders, 1 Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation, 1 Emergency Certification, and 2 Certificates of Compliance. The Commission provided guidance to the public on 6 occasions and performed 25 site visits.

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

The Commission also collaborates with local land trusts to protect land vulnerable to flooding and to connect parcels to maximize their effectiveness as habitat protection and recreational value. The Commission supported the Conservation Restriction for a 20 acre parcel of land that has been deeded to the Hilltown Land Trust as part of the settlement between the state and Dynamic Energy for the environmental damage from erosion and siltation at the solar site. As requested by HLT, the Commission submitted a Municipal Certification document outlining the benefits of conserving the land in question with a primary focus on preserving wildlife habitat.

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 Gere 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. In 2022, the Commission hired Woodsmith Forestry to mark the boundaries at Gere Hill and Briar Hill.

Other work done by the Commission include the following:

- Continued monitoring of large projects including the construction of the large Main Street/ Hatfield Street solar array, the Depot Road culvert replacement, and Beaver Brook Golf Course work.
- Administered and paid for the first stage of invasive plant clearing at a town-owned parcel at 50 Chesterfield Road.
- Submitted a public comment in support of a state bill to allow municipalities to reasonably regulate solar siting to protect forests.

The Commission meets monthly on the second Thursday (and fourth Thursday as needed) at 7:00 pm via Zoom, or on the second floor of the Town Offices in Haydenville when possible. The Commission would welcome new people to get involved as Alternate Commissioners. To contact the Commission, please email [conservation@burgy.org](mailto:conservation@burgy.org) or call (413) 268-8416.

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## Emergency Management

Although there have been no major disasters or storms, the town's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration required the coordination of response by key stakeholders. Members of the Police, Fire, and Highway Departments and the Emergency Manager met many times with the principals of the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration to ensure that all foreseeable scenarios were noted and actions identified to keep everyone safe and to make the weekend celebration enjoyable. A huge "thank-you" goes out to Fire Chief Jason Connell, Police Chief Denise Wickland, Highway Department Superintendent Dan Banister, and all the members of their departments for their expertise and the many hours of planning and working for this town.



Wind storms and the resulting damage from trees on wires and in roadways required responses. The Highway, Fire, and Police Departments worked together patrolling roadways and reporting areas that needed attention to an Incident Command site located at the Williamsburg Fire Station. From there teams were sent out to remove debris, and if wires were involved, the electric company was contacted. Roads were closed and traffic directed when appropriate. The cooperation of all departments involved made operations go smoothly.

I want to recognize and thank all who have stepped up and kept our citizens safe.

Denise 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	247.50
ACHESON	PAMELA	Poll Worker	99.75
AHEARN	WILLIAM	Transfer Station	2,853.36
ASSELIN	AMANDA	School-Teachers	55,226.71
BAKER	BETTINA	School-Clerical	55,831.11
BANAS	KENNETH	Firefighter	171.99
BANISTER	DENISE	Assessors, Em Coordinator, Etc.	5,651.74
BANISTER	DANIEL	Firefighter	4,080.18
BANISTER	DANIEL	Highway Dept Head	74,491.59
BANISTER	DENISE	Selectboard	3,030.00
BARNES	ANDRE	Firefighter	3,503.75
BART	RICHARD	Building Supervisor	4,872.49
BASTIAANS	SALLY	Collector	2,133.16
BENOIT	GARY	Finance Committee	1,100.00
BERTRAND	MEREDITH	School-Teachers	21,093.52
BERUBE	PAMELA	School-Teachers	70,704.16
BHOWMIK	MONICA	School-Substitutes	2,050.00
BISBEE	ROGER	W/S Committee	550.00
BLACK	COLLIN	School Committee	618.00
BLACK	HANNAH	School-Aides	26,873.08
BLACK	ALYSON	School-Substitutes	2,100.00
BOURGET	JACLYN	School-Teachers	9,360.64
BROOKS	DAVID	Transfer Station	4,518.07
BULLOCK	BEVERLY	Library Dept Head	52,224.04
BUSSLER	ANNE	School-Substitutes	1,300.00
CACCAMO	NICHOLAS	Town Admin	65,683.38
CASEY	BARTHOLOMEW	Firefighter	190.60
CASTERLINE	PATRICIA A.	Poll Worker	457.50
CERRETA	ERIC	W/S Committee	7,529.87
CLARK	LINWOOD	Transfer Station	4,757.62
CONNELL	JASON	Constable	1,640.23
CONNELL	JASON A.	Fire Chief	37,654.46
CONNELL	JOSHUA	Firefighter	4,800.14
CONNELL	REBECCA	Firefighter	486.31
CORNELL	SUSAN	Library	1,744.89
CRESTO	GLENDA	Poll Worker	606.00
DANEK	MEG	School-Teachers	16,628.64
DERBY	NICOLE	School-Teachers	70,859.16
DIAS	NATALEE	School-Teachers	35,352.12
DIBRINDISI	GREG	Firefighter	788.12

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Department-name</u>	<u>Total Pay</u>
DONOVAN	JOAN	Poll Worker	441.75
DUDEK	CHARLES	Finance Committee	545.08
DUNLAP	CAREY	School-Teachers	70,704.16
DUNPHY	MARJORIE	Registrar	80.00
EVERETT	GLEN	Assessors	3,444.01
EVERETT	ROBIN	Assessors Labor	25,840.43
EVERETT	ALAN	Firefighter	470.05
EVERETT	GLEN	Firefighter	448.94
FERRON	JAMES	Firefighter	2,558.84
FINE	ANNE	School-Substitutes	997.50
FISHER	PETER	Police	52,271.87
FLOREK	MEGAN	School-Aides	28,652.90
FOSTER	CINDY	Poll Worker	99.75
FRYE	KARLYN	School-Substitutes	80.00
GAGNE	GAIL	Poll Worker	493.50
GARCIA	JAZZIMEN	School-Clerical	427.68
GARDNER	KAREN	Poll Worker	99.75
GELBARD	ANNE	School-Aides	25,304.93
GERTZ	LUCY	School-Teachers	39,061.00
GIBSON	DONNA	Board of Health	1,337.00
GILMAN	BRIAN	School-Teachers	56,696.33
GIRARD	MARK	Firefighter	1,603.70
GOEBEL	GLEN	COA	171.94
GOLASH	ALAN	Custodian	13,882.96
HARVEY	RENEE	School-Cafeteria	36,848.46
HASKINS-ROGERS	MELINDA	School-Teachers	2,534.96
HENDRICKS	CAROL	COA	3,225.28
HENDRY	KAREN	School-Teachers	47,509.11
HIGGINS	PATRICK	Firefighter	863.12
HILL-DEIHL	NANCY	School-Custodial	665.28
HILLENBRAND	REESE	Firefighter	855.82
HODGKINS	THOMAS	Poll Worker	165.75
HOPE	TRYNA	COA Asst	8,441.63
HOWE	SHAYLA	Animal Control	1,190.00
HUNTINGTON	SARAH	School-Teachers	70,809.16
HYSLIP	JAMES	Water / Sewer	550.00
IMBIMBO	SALLY	School-Teachers	10,349.10
JENKINS	STACEY	Principal	112,669.13
JENKINS	MADELINE	School-Substitutes	150.00
JOHNSON	TAMMY	Custodian	100.08
JOYCE	KATHRYN	School-Teachers	50,212.00
JURGENSEN	EVA	School-Teachers	61,480.36

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Department-name</u>	<u>Total Pay</u>
KALUCKI	JOANNA	School-Substitutes	100.00
KAROWSKI	RICHARD P.	Firefighter	1,238.93
KAROWSKI	KAREN	Treasurer Labor	6,341.75
KASELL	ALEX	Firefighter	4,302.14
KENNEDY	PAUL	Water / Sewer	1,100.00
KILDUFF	ELIZABETH	Library	5,888.32
KISLOSKI	RICHARD	Finance Committee	745.33
KLINE	TODD	School-Custodial	47,261.20
KOROTEV	PETER	Firefighter	1,366.60
LAPOINT	JOSHUA	Firefighter	3,170.21
LAPOINTE	ROBERT	Firefighter	5,074.43
LAPOINTE	ROBERT	Highway	8,698.55
LASTOWSKI	ANTHONY	Water / Sewer	12,740.00
LEMOINE	MICHAEL	Police	4,454.50
LESSARD	BRENDA	Town Clerk	37,556.64
LITTLE	TARA	School-Custodial	10,325.87
LOOMIS	SHARON	COA Asst	13,419.75
LOUD	GILBERT	Finance Committee	445.33
LOVEN	MARK	Highway	57,197.10
LUCE	KATHLEEN	Poll Worker	1,032.75
LUCE	RITA MACINNIS	School-Teachers	49,297.92
LUCE	GORDON	Transfer Station	8,289.17
LULEK	JAKE	Firefighter	4,432.45
LULEK	EDEN	School-Aides	21,351.29
LUSZCZKI	BRYAN	Police	9,830.29
MALONI	ROBERT	Water / Sewer	3,000.00
MATHERS	DAVID E.	Select Board	3,030.00
MCALLISTER	SUSAN	Poll Worker	241.50
MCAVOY	LORI	School-Teachers	23,763.48
MCCAFFREY	MICHELLE	School-Teachers	73,222.51
McCALL	MELINDA	COA	1,828.09
MCDONOUGH	LAURA	School-Substitutes	500.00
MCGILL	CORY J.	Firefighter	3,326.38
MCGILL	JOHN	Highway	13,299.63
MCQUESTON	MARYELLEN B.	Firefighter	133.17
MCQUESTON	REILLY	Firefighter	38.22
MERRITT	DIANE U.	Poll Worker	54.00
MOORE	JOY	COA Asst	1,843.91
NYE	MARISSA	School Committee	318.00
O'BRIEN	MICHAEL	School-Custodial	62,446.24
O'CONNELL	DOROTHEA	Poll Worker	99.75
O'CONNELL	MICHAEL	School-Teachers	28,942.58

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Department-name</u>	<u>Total Pay</u>
OSETEK	BRYAN	Highway	72,808.41
O'SULLIVAN	DIANE M.	Poll Worker	80.00
PACKARD	JAMES	Transfer Station	4,929.89
PALMER	JOHN	Library	4,109.52
PALMER	KOLBY	School-Teachers	40,624.71
PEDRUCZNY	KAREN	Library Custodial	1,282.51
PETERS	JULIA	Finance Committee	445.33
PICKARD	KATHERINE	School-Teachers	23,261.84
PINKHAM	SHANE	Police	5,807.78
PISANO	KRISTIN	School-Teachers	67,804.84
PORTER	ANNE	School-Teachers	70,739.16
PUNSKA	DIANE	Poll Worker	228.00
PUNSKA	HEATHER	School-Teachers	45,066.54
REINKE	ROBERT	Police	3,440.00
ROBBINS	REBECCA	Poll Worker	42.00
ROBERGE	BONNIE	Collector	26,650.91
ROBINSON JR.	JAMES	Firefighter	92.45
ROGERS	SHAWNA	Firefighter	670.16
ROMA	GARY	School-Clerical	1,717.80
ROMANOWSKI	STEVEN	School-Aides	30,297.38
ROSEWARNE	NATHAN	Treasurer	25,453.87
ROVATTI	VERONICA	School-Teachers	30,716.20
ROWLEY	LINDA	Finance Committee	445.33
SANDERSON	PAUL	Constable	2,370.96
SANDERSON	PAUL	Firefighter	4,056.45
SAYRE	WILLIAM	Select Board	3,030.00
SCANLON	LAURIE	Library	6,125.71
SCHIFF	RYAN	School Committee	318.00
SCHMIDT	NAOMI	Library	18,449.52
SCHWEITZER	KAREN	School-Teachers	477.22
SMITH	TAMAR	COA	11,848.61
SMITH	SYLVIA	School-Cafeteria	10,855.42
SMITH	GEORGE	Transfer Station	2,959.82
SMITH-HARDER	AMBER	Library	7,401.40
SNYDER	EVELYN	School-Teachers	15,233.66
SOUKUP	JASON T	Police	8,631.78
SPRINGMAN	DARYL R.	Firefighter	4,182.86
SPRINGMAN	ALLISON	School-Aides	30,516.45
STRZEGOWSKI	SHARON	Collector	15,830.10
STUART	DANIEL	Firefighter	2,261.99
STUCKLEN	MARY	School-Teachers	39,741.55
SVOBODA	JOHN	Constable	57.00

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Department-name</u>	<u>Total Pay</u>
SYMONS	HELEN	Board of Health	1,337.00
TAYLOR	CHRISSA	School-Aides	33,991.02
TAYLOR JR	KENNETH H	Fire Admin	12,264.66
THOMAS	ANTHONY	Highway	3,923.43
TILLEY	FRANCES	Poll Worker	723.00
TOURNAS	IRENE	Library	6,494.26
TURNER	DONALD W.	Highway	38,174.75
WALLACE	AIMEE M.	Police	422.69
WARNER	MARY	Poll Worker	199.50
WARNOCK	ELEANOR	Admin Assistant	16,800.07
WEBER	ERIC	Trust Fund Committee	300.00
WETZEL	PAUL	Finance Committee	445.33
WICKLAND	DENISE	Police Chief	78,966.50
WICKLINE	JOHN	School-Aides	25,551.65
WILDFONG	ROCHELLE	Library	37,074.53
WILDMAN	ERIKA	School-Teachers	16,329.52
WILHELM	MATTHEW	School Committee	318.00
WILSON	MELISSA	COA Director	31,025.25
WILSON	JAMES	Transfer Station	1,864.72
WOODS	MARY ELLEN	School-Teachers	72,526.85
WRIGHT	DANIELLE	Police	7,296.61
WRIGHT	LISA	School-Teachers	22,733.52
YOUNG	BARBARA	Library	32,283.72

## **Energy Committee**

The Williamsburg Energy Committee (WEC) meets monthly to discuss and advise the Town, its residents and businesses on all matters related to energy usage in Williamsburg. All members of the community are encouraged to attend and contribute to these important conversations surrounding energy, climate change, and sustainability. More information on our activities and past/upcoming meetings can be found online at <https://www.burgy.org/energy-committee>.

### **Public Safety Complex & MVP Grant (Solar/Battery Project)**

The primary focus of the WEC in 2022, and into 2023, has been the new Public Safety Complex building, and efforts related to assuring the building is designed and constructed with energy efficiency and sustainability in mind. In addition to engaging and advising on matters of efficiency, the group has also been an integral voice in efforts to design and install a robust Solar system that may be fully funded by an MVP grant, which was awarded to Williamsburg in 2022. The results of such a project will help reduce energy costs and the resulting burden on local taxpayers, as well as minimize long-term impacts of volatile energy markets and provide stability to the Town. These conversations are ongoing and once again we invite the public to attend WEC and Public Safety Complex Building Committee meetings to have your voices heard on the matter.

Members of the WEC also contributed to the process of preparing and applying for the MVP grant. These contributions included consulting with local solar and battery storage firms to gather initial cost estimates and design concepts that were used as a basis for the funding request for these measures, as well as issuing a formal letter of support for the grant and its components.

### **Town Building Energy Efficiency**

Helping to assure that all Town buildings operate as efficiently as possible is another area of focus for the WEC, which helps to reduce the tax burden on residents as well as local impacts related to climate change. There are several efforts in progress in this area. First, an application was recently submitted for a DOER “Municipal Energy Technical Assistance” (META) grant to help analyze energy usage and mechanical systems at the Anne T. Dunphy School and make detailed recommendations for improving the building’s efficiency and reducing operating costs to the Town. Results of the grant application are still pending at the time this annual report is being prepared. Second, efforts are also underway to coordinate a robust energy engineering study of the Meekins Library and Highway Dept Garage, with similar goals to that of the ATD school. In addition to these two significant pending opportunities, the WEC is regularly in contact with National Grid energy efficiency program and DOER Green Communities program personnel to consider similar efforts at other Town facilities.

### **Energy Prices and Community Aggregation**

We have all felt the impacts of sharp increases to energy costs this past year, especially over this winter. The WEC is involved in conversations surrounding our [Community Choice Power Supply Program](#), which was able to negotiate and lock in electricity rates for Williamsburg that are less than half the costs of the [standard National Grid electricity rates](#) at the time this annual report is being prepared. All businesses and residents have the option to opt in or opt out of this

program at their leisure by visiting the following web page:  
<https://colonialpowergroup.com/williamsburg/>

### **DOER Green Communities**

The WEC is responsible for contributing to maintaining our status as a ‘Green Community’ as it relates to the MA Department of Energy Resources (DOER) Green Communities program. These efforts include monitoring and reporting on energy usage in all Town buildings as well as working to leverage grant and funding opportunities to help make Williamsburg a more efficient town.

### **Join the Conversation**

WEC encourages residents of Williamsburg who have an interest in seeing our Town support a more sustainable future to participate in upcoming Energy Committee and Public Safety Complex Building Committee meetings to both observe as well as have your voices heard.

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## **Finance Committee**

The Town of Williamsburg Finance Committee provides oversight of the Town’s budget. The Committee works closely with the Select Board, Town departments, and the Town Administrator to create a budget that is presented to the Town at its annual meeting for discussion and approval.

Although much attention is given to the Town’s operating budget at Town meeting, the complete budget for the Town has other components besides the operating budget. Additional expenses consist of state and county assessments, purchases approved on Town meeting floor, and funding of the water and sewer enterprise funds. Additional revenues include state aid, local tax receipts, and any free cash used to balance the budget. The table below provides a summary of the complete Town budget for Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23).

<b>FINANCIAL SUMMARY</b>	<b>FISCAL YEAR 23</b>
<i>Budget &amp; Assessments</i>	
<b>TOWN OPERATING BUDGET</b> (General Gov’t, Public Safety, Debt & Retirement & Insurance, Public Works, Health & Culture)	3,795,229
<b>WARRANT ARTICLES</b> (Water & Sewer Costs, Town Meeting warrant purchases, money transferred to Stabilization)	855,894
<b>MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS</b> (State & County Assessments)	239,241
<b>SCHOOL ASSESSMENT</b> (Local, regional, Smith Vocational, Choice)	4,681,289
<b>TOTAL GROSS BUDGET</b>	<b>9,571,653</b>



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*Revenues*

<b>STATE RECEIPTS</b> (State Aid)	1,288,830
<b>LOCAL RECEIPTS</b> (Vehicle tax, meal tax, PILOT, licenses, permits, fees, miscellaneous)	525,384
<b>ENTERPRISE FUND REVENUE</b> (Water & sewer fees)	454,765
<b>FREE CASH APPROPRIATED</b> (annual budget, reserve fund, Town Meeting warrant purchases)	462,129
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS</b>	<b>2,731,108</b>

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<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>9,571,653</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>2,731,108</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAX LEVY</b>	<b>6,840,545</b>
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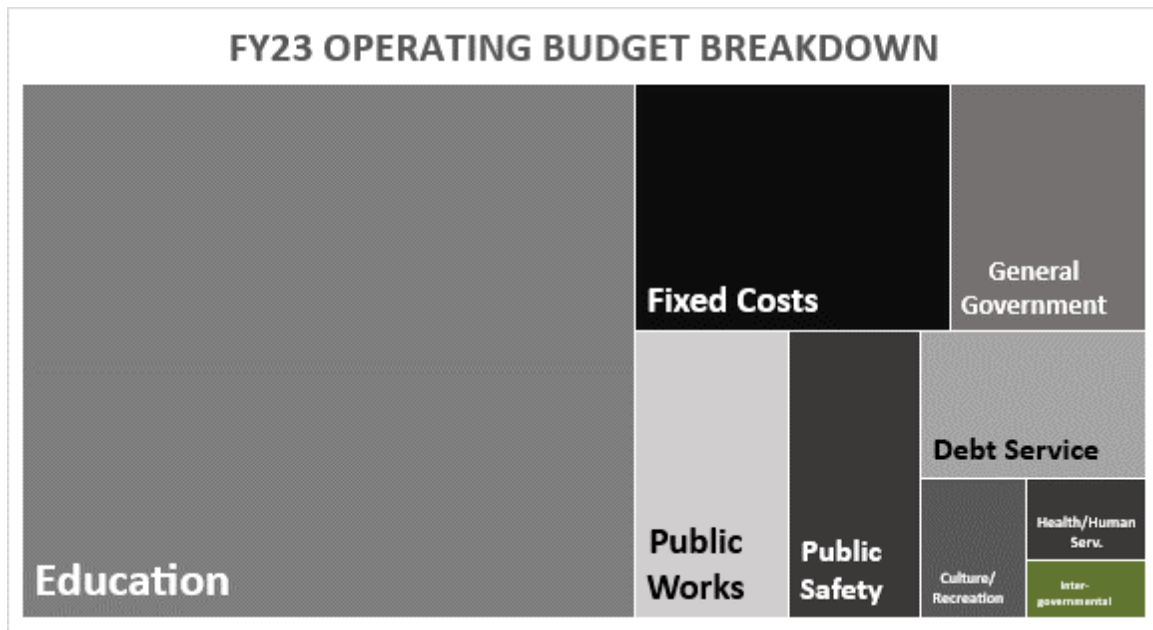
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The FY23 operating budget for the Town is presented in greater detail in the table and graphic below. The Town spends the greatest proportion of its resources on education, followed by insurance and employee benefits. About 26% of the operating budget goes to Town services—the library, elder activities and support, public works, Town administration, and emergency services. Debt service, primarily on the elementary school and now the construction of the public safety complex, represents 6% of the budget.

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<b>BUDGET CATEGORY (FY23)</b>	<b>AMOUNT (\$)</b>	<b>PERCENT (%)</b>
<b>EDUCATION</b> (local and regional school, smith vocational)	4,681,289	55
<b>FIXED COSTS</b> (health insurance, retirement, Medicare, workers comp)	1,107,987	13
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b> (town administration, utilities)	689,992	8
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b> (road & water drainage infrastructure, snow plowing, tree work)	631,303	7
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b> (police, fire, ambulance)	541,186	6
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b> (ATD renovation, Public Safety Complex)	474,629	6
<b>CULTURE/RECREATION</b> (library, recreation, athletic field)	210,208	2
<b>HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES</b> (council on aging, veterans)	139,924	2
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL</b> (solid waste, foothills health district, building inspection)	96,901	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,573,419</b>	<b>100</b>

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Construction of a new public safety complex began this year at the site of the Helen E. James School. The budget for this project is \$5.1 million. The Town spent \$1 million from Town savings towards the project, which funded architectural fees and demolition of the James school and allowed the Town to delay borrowing money for the project for nearly a year.

In addition, a group of citizens wrote a State Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) action grant to pay for construction features that will make the safety complex more sustainable. These features ranged from increased insulation and insulated truck bay doors to solar generation and a battery storage system for the building. The MVP action grant allowed the Town to borrow \$500,000 less than expected (\$3.6 million was bonded for the project) and will enable the Town to generate electricity for the life of the building.

We are fortunate to have strong Free Cash and Stabilization Fund balances. Williamsburg's Free Cash position currently stands at \$462,290. The Stabilization Fund balance is \$643,287. A general rule of thumb is that the amount of money in both the Free Cash and Stabilization funds should equal 10% of the Town's operating budget – about \$860,000 in our case.

The Town made its first interest payment for the safety complex of \$53,621, an amount that was approved at a Special Town Meeting held on 19 November 2022. The project was financed with 20-year bonds with an interest rate of 3.376%.

Current members of the Committee include Paul Wetzel chair, Gordon Allen (service started in July), Eric Cerreta, Charles Dudek, Charlie Heath (service ended in June), Richard Kisloski, Gil Loud, Julia Peters, Linda Rowley (service ended in June), Lisa Sheehy, and Melissia Zawadzki (service started in July).

We are looking for new members of the Finance Committee! Please contact Paul Wetzel if you have questions about the duties and time commitment of being on the Committee.

## Fire Department

The Williamsburg Fire Department is a Call/Volunteer fire department that responds to numerous and varied emergency calls throughout the year in the Town of Williamsburg, as well as mutual aid to neighboring towns. 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 but not limited to: smoke and carbon monoxide alarms for home sales and building permit occupancies, oil and propane tanks, and oil burner equipment. Our department also takes pride in participating in community events such as the Memorial and Veterans Day parades and ceremonies, annual Field Day and other events at the school and many other community activities.

The department operates out of two stations, Station 1 on North Main Street in Williamsburg, and Station 2 on South Main Street in Haydenville. The department's fleet is made up of a Chief/Command vehicle, two attack pumpers, and one pumper/tanker. In addition, we also operate a utility pick-up truck, which responds to brush fire and medical calls and can tow the department's two trailers, one of which carries a Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV). With thanks to the residents of Williamsburg, the department currently has on order a new light rescue truck. In addition to the two stations, the department operates a small training facility next to the transfer station that also has a space for extra storage. Finally, the department shares space at the highway department with the police department that houses the trailers and the UTV.

The communication system we utilize is a county-wide radio system shared amongst many other departments in the county. We are centrally dispatched by Northampton Control Dispatch, based out of the Massachusetts State Police barracks in Northampton. In 2022, with support of the Select Board, money was appropriated to purchase new all-band radios for all the apparatus, along with fire portable radios, to assist the department with communicating with all our mutual aid partners that operate on various radio bands.



As a department we feel it is invaluable to have a positive and collaborative working relationship with our neighboring hill town departments. Every second Tuesday of the month we train with the Chesterfield and Goshen fire departments and at times other departments in the hill towns. This unified training allows the departments to work more cohesively with each other as one large department on large incidents involving mutual aid.

In 2022, the department once again had another record-breaking year, responding to 423 calls for service. The calls included fire suppression, emergency medical services, 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 surrounding towns 62 times in 2022 and received mutual aid 9 times. In addition, the department handled 123 inspections.

**A breakdown of the calls for 2022 are listed below:**

<b>MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE</b>	<b># INCIDENTS</b>	<b>% of TOTAL</b>
Fires	24	5.67%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overhear – no fire	1	0.24%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	263	62.17%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	24	5.67%
Service Call	35	8.27%
Good Intent Call	11	2.6%
False Alarm & False Call	55	13%
Special Incident Type	10	2.36%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

The fire department works very diligently trying to find alternative funding through grants. In 2022 the department was very successful in obtaining over \$100,000 in grants. Grants included \$83,000 for a new SCBA Fill Station, \$12,500 for new rescue equipment and PPE, \$6,000 for SAFE and Senior SAFE Program and \$3,000 towards new forestry equipment. Grants like these help the department replace old or broken equipment or provide new equipment that allows members to be better prepared and safe. Each grant takes a lot of man-hours to complete, and we appreciate everyone who contributed to the process.



We have once again paired up with TRIAD/Williamsburg Police and the Williamsburg Senior Center to provide senior lock boxes and buckets of sand to seniors in town. These programs along with other programs are paid for by grants and much of the work to make them a success is done by volunteers from the police and fire departments.

Once again, the Williamsburg Firefighters Association was able to hold their annual Voluntary Tollbooth (Roadblock) fundraiser. Fundraisers and donations help support the men and women of the department by purchasing equipment and other items that may not be feasible under the normal operating budget of the department. In addition, they help support community projects around town. A few of the items purchased and programs that had been supported over the last couple of years include:

- Flashlights for All Firefighters • Ground Monitor for New Engine • 3 Thermal Imagers • 2 Multi-gas Meters • Slope Rescue equipment, including Stokes baskets, ropes, and pulleys • Annual Halloween Events • Children's Christmas Funds • Sidewalk Lights along Main Street • Holiday Decorations for Sidewalk Lights • Annual Field Day at the Anne T. Dunphy School.

Donations also support our auxiliary program, which provides food and drinks during emergency incidents and all-day trainings.

In 2022 the town broke ground on a new Public Safety Complex. The complex, which sits on the site of the former Helen E. James Building/Williamsburg High School, will be the new home for the Williamsburg Police and Fire Departments. Projected to be open in late 2023, it will replace the current stations and bring all the department's apparatus under one roof. The department cannot say enough about the support it received from the community towards the new complex.

On March 9, 2022, on his 77<sup>th</sup> birthday, the fire department and the town unexpectedly lost Roger Bisbee. Roger served as Fire Chief from 1978 to 1999. Even after his retirement as Fire Chief, Roger stayed active with the department responding to calls as a firefighter until he was no longer able to. Although not able to respond to incidents, Roger remained involved in the fire department, serving as secretary of the Williamsburg Firefighters Association and an active participant in department fundraisers and functions to the time of his death. Roger was mentor to many of the current members and had a wealth of knowledge. Most importantly, Roger was the department's resident cook, often serving the members dishes he perfected over the years. Roger and his family will forever be in our thoughts and in our hearts.

We would like to thank the following who helped or were a part of the Fire Department in 2022

**FIRE CHIEF**

Jason Connell (EMT)

**DEPUTY CHIEF**

Daryl Springman (EMT)

**CAPTAIN**

Cory McGill - Alex Kassell - Daniel Banister

**LIEUTENANT**

Joshua Lapointe (EMT) - Jake Lulek

**CHAPLAIN/EMD/ADMIN**

Worth Noyes (Chaplain) - Denise Banister (EMD) - Kenneth Taylor (Admin)

**FIREFIGHTERS/1<sup>st</sup> RESPONDERS/AUXILIARY**

Paul Sanderson - James Ferron - Richard Karowski - Robert Lapointe - Glen Everett - Alan Everett - Bartholomew Casey (EMT) - Andre Barnes - Greg Dibrindisi - Shawna Rogers (EMT) - Hugh Parker (EMT-P) - Joshua Connell - Zac Andross - Reilly McQueston (EMT) - Rebecca Connell - Daniel Stuart - Patrick Higgins - Peter Korotev - James Robinson (EMT-P) - Sabrina McGill - Eden Lulek - Reese Hillenbrand - Maryellen McQueston (EMT) - Mark Girard - Luke Enright (EMT)

**JR FIREFIGHTERS**

Joseph Farrell - Maxwell Sharleville - Cheyenne Huff - Christopher Connell - Mikayla Joyner



## Board of Health

The members of the Board of Health are Donna Gibson, chair, Gordon Rusty Luce and Helen Symons.

As a small town, we have been fortunate to be a member of the Foothills Health District since 2000 and we share services with the towns of Goshen, Whately and Westhampton. FHD was a forerunner in shared public health services in Western Mass. Last year the FHD was awarded a Public Health Excellence grant from the State Department of Public Health with the goal of improving local public health services across the state.

As part of the grant, we have had the services of a Public Health Nurse, Mike Archbald. He has been able to meet with residents in all four towns through the offices of the Senior Centers and has been instrumental in helping people get access to care. He has also been monitoring the incidents of Covid-19 and has been a resource for people who have questions about COVID-19, testing and isolation. He has been a liaison to the various school health nurses in the four towns.

The grant has allowed the FHD to have a full-time director/health agent, Mark Bushee, a part-time inspector and an office manager/treasurer.

As part of the grant, the FHD has worked to streamline an online application process for septic installations as well as other permit applications. The digitization of septic records has also been completed.



Managing the Transfer Station is also the Board's responsibility. Rusty Luce is the manager and oversees six dedicated employees. The Board of Health has been able to keep the yearly charge for permits unchanged and is always looking for ways to improve the services at the Transfer Station. This year we were able to purchase a portable toilet to eliminate the continually rising cost of renting one. The purchase of a paper/cardboard compactor a few years ago was a wise move, as the amount of cardboard being recycled has increased during the pandemic.

Unfortunately, it became too costly to continue to recycle Styrofoam and that practice had to be disbanded. We also received a grant to continue recycling mattresses and were able to purchase a container specifically for mattresses through the grant. We are now a regional site for the recycling of mattresses with the other towns in the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative. Our representatives to the HRMC are Rusty Luce and Melinda McCall.

One of the more popular features at the transfer station is the "free table." Fortunately, we have been able to reopen his area since the worst of the pandemic is over.

The Deadhead Society continues to collect returnable bottles and cans at the transfer station. Thank you to all who donate these items. The proceeds go toward improving the public gardens in Haydenville and Williamsburg by Nick Dines and his crew of volunteer gardeners. Nick is always looking for new volunteers. We were able to improve the lighting in their sorting area in the large shed this year.

The old wood waste area was closed and capped years ago. The Department of Environmental Protection requires testing of six ground water wells every two years for any leachate. So far, all tests have been well within acceptable guidelines.

The costs of disposing of trash continue to rise. Our current recycling rate is only 40% and we urge residents to try to sort out their recyclable items to at least keep those items out of our trash. It helps bring down the rising cost of sending our trash to landfills in other states. On our [www.Burgy.org](http://www.Burgy.org) website people can find numerous places to recycle many items we don't take at our transfer station. Look under "Transfer Station" there. We are always open to suggestions on ways to improve this rate.

Health Boards need to be involved in planning for public health emergencies. Donna Gibson has been a representative to the Mohawk Area Public Health Emergency Coalition since 2006. Unfortunately during the COVID-19 pandemic the state did not make use of our smaller towns' Emergency Dispensing Sites, though we have used these in the past and need to continue to practice such setups for future emergencies.

Did you know that Paul Revere was the first public health officer in the country?

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## **Foothills Health Agent**

During 2022, the Department issued 1 Body Art Permit, 7 Septic System Permits, 6 Septic Installers, 27 Food Permits, 1 Camps for Children, 3 Refuse Haulers, 3 Tobacco Permits, 8 Septic Pumpers and 3 Wells. We also witnessed 11 Perc Tests and 5 Septic System Inspections. A total of \$16,450 was collected in fees.

Our department expanded from one to four staff members. Janet Scully is our Office Manager, Niki Vaughan is the Health Inspector, Michael Archbald is the Public Health Nurse and Mark R. Bushee is the Health Director.

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

- 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

We can be reached at 413-268-8404. Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Written messages or mail should be directed to me at P.O. Box 447 Haydenville, MA 01039, or via email at [Foothills@Burgy.org](mailto:Foothills@Burgy.org). I look forward to another productive year.

Mark R. Bushee, Health Director, Foothills Health District

## **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 2022 included: John Chandler, Chair (Chesterfield); Gordon Luce, Vice Chair (Williamsburg); and, Thomas Poissant, Treasurer (Ashfield). In 2022, HRMC services included:

- Conducting annual DEP transfer station inspections and work as a liaison between towns and MA DEP on transfer station compliance matters.
- Hired New Administrator, Linda Cernik
- Established Regional Mattress Recycling “HUB”
- Introduced New Recycling opportunities within the Textile Services.
- Introduced “Green Team” Mass DEP Program
- 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, grant applications, and reports.
- Financial administration of HRMC programs and services.

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 (MFR) Municipal Advisory Board, the State Solid Waste Advisory Committee, the Western Mass Regional Recycling Coordinator group, and interfaces with local, regional, and State officials, and is a Mass Recycle Board Member. HRMC Board meetings are held on alternate months.

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 FY22, the combined assessment for all ten towns was \$ 67,540. The Assessments offset base operating expenses. HRMC recycling program collection costs are pass-thru 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 2022, 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 \$ 52,500 in grant funds, to be used to further enhance recycling programs. Williamsburg was awarded \$4,200. The Town of Williamsburg has in place Mattress Recycling “HUB ” effective November 1, 2022, to meet the needs of Waste Ban of Mattress set by Mass DEP. The “HUB” is for all 10 member towns.

During the past year, the HRMC member-Towns collectively diverted 846 tons of recyclable



materials to the MRF; the Town of Williamsburg recycled 188 tons in 2022. 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 2022, the Town of Williamsburg had a recycling rate of 44% compared with 29.5% in 2021.

Linda Cernik, HRMC Administrator

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## Highland Ambulance EMS

Our call volume at Highland Ambulance has continued to increase at a fairly consistent rate. This is due in large part to our aging population as well as Covid, which continues to play a role in our numbers. Our new ambulance is performing well and we are in the process of ordering our next vehicle. By ordering now, we will save both money and time as ambulances are back ordered and harder to come by. With the support of our towns' capital assessment fund and the donations from our citizens, we have a lot of the money we will need to move forward with this purchase. As with most things, prices continue to go up but with the community support, we are able to continue to provide the highest level of care that our communities need and deserve. When you call 911 we will be there to answer your call.

**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 hours of midnight to 6 a.m., Highland is staffed with Basic EMT's, and Paramedics are dispatched if required. Highland's active roster as of June 30, 2022, consisted of 21 members including 10 Paramedics and 11 EMT's. Our Service Director and Assistant Service Director are full-time paramedics and we are looking to hire one full time Paramedic to solidify our staffing pattern.

Highland's affiliate medical direction is provided by Cooley Dickinson Hospital. Dr. Peter Morse is our current Medical Director.

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

- Providing training and certification for first responders.

- Developing and practicing emergency response plans with the schools and camps in member towns.

Conducting health and safety classes for the schools.  
 Working with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and Homeland Security to develop emergency response plans for member towns.  
 Providing mutual aid and paramedic intercept services to the neighboring communities.  
 Providing standby service for major emergencies such as structure 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 21/22, Highland responded to 1001 emergency calls. These calls are broken down by town:

Ashfield:	248	Goshen:	112
Chesterfield:	95	Plainfield:	81
Cummington:	104	Williamsburg:	287
Other: Mutual Aid Requests:	74		

**Training:** The following is a partial list of special training events held:  
 Paramedic and Basic EMT recertification classes, CPR, First Responder classes, Surgical Airway class, Domestic Violence training, Scene Roles and Responsibilities, 12 lead ECG training, Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Ambulance equip. training.

**Community Involvement:** Here are some of the ways Highland participated in our communities in support of them:

Ashfield Fall Festival, Chesterfield 4th of July Parade, School safety programs, Junior Olympics and Chesterfield Gorge Road Race.

**Operating Expenses in FY 21/22:** \$828,734.75

**Cash on hand June 30 2022:**

<b>Operating Fund:</b>	\$148,781.67
<b>Ambulance Fund:</b>	\$21,279.55
<b>Memorial Fund:</b>	\$45,620.57
<b>Dresser Fund:</b>	\$4,104.49
<b>Donations:</b>	\$272,288.36

Our six towns contributed \$430,021.88 of our total operations budget, based upon town assessments. The balance came from billings to insurance companies, Medicare, Medicaid, and generous contributions.

Highland Ambulance Board of Directors:

<b>Ashfield:</b> Patricia Thayer	<b>At Large</b> – Douglas Mollison – Ashfield
<b>Chesterfield:</b> Spencer Timm	<b>At Large</b> – Bernard Forgea – Cummington
<b>Cummington:</b> Amanda Savoie	<b>At Large</b> – Nathan Rosewarne – Goshen
<b>Goshen:</b> Cassandra Morrey	
<b>Plainfield:</b> Edward Morann	
<b>Williamsburg:</b> Denise Bannister	

## Highway Department

The Department continued to try to make the streets safe for all residents and visitors in the past year. We continued with routine maintenance of all roads, including mowing the sides of roads, patching potholes, cleaning ditches, and paving large parts of Mountain Street, North Farms Road, and Depot Road. In the fall, a contractor came in and reclaimed and paved approximately a mile-long stretch of Adams Road. This is about one half of the road length, and we hope to do the other half this year if funding allows.



Falling trees continue to be an issue all around town. Some of these are town right-of-way trees, while others are privately owned trees that fall into the road. We work with the Tree Warden to identify possible hazard trees and a subcontractor comes in to deal with these. National Grid also helps with any trees they deem a hazard to their infrastructure.



This spring, our longtime employee and Foreman, Donald Turner, retired after serving the Highway Department for over 20 years. His knowledge and experience will be greatly missed, but he's promised he's only a phone call away. We thank him for that.

Also early this year, the Depot Road culvert was completed. This replacement was long overdue and much needed. Years of planning went into this project and thanks to resident Jim Hyslip and former Superintendent Bill Turner, along with former Town Administrator Charlene Nardi and a MassWorks Grant, this project was able to be completed.

The crew assisted with the demolition of the former James School to make way for the Public Safety Complex. Bricks

and parts of the façade were moved to the Highway Garage for storage and possible use in future projects. We continue to work with the General Contractor to make the project flow smoothly.

During the celebration of the town's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary, highway employees assisted with setting up for the fireworks display and setting up detours for the parade, as well as trash removal during the event.

In closing, I would like to recognize the Highway Department employees: Don Turner (retired foreman), Bryan Osetek (current foreman), Mark Loven, and Jack McGill. I would also like to recognize and thank our part-time employees and subcontractors: Robert Lapointe, Don Lawton, and Steve Rida.





## Libraries

Meekins wound up our year of celebration for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its dedication on February 1, 1897. In November, we held our own Meekins 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, with a community open house, special moments recognizing our emeriti librarians, a short ceremony featuring speakers sharing their stories of the Library, including life-long Meekins fan, author Ann Turner. Both a House of Representatives certificate and a Governor's citation were presented and there was record-breaking consumption of the show-stealing anniversary carrot cake.

Peeking back—2022 was a busy year at Meekins—people feeling safer to be in public spaces after almost two years of Covid closures led to increases in library visits, activities, programs, and celebrations in full swing. Behind the scenes we ordered, cataloged, and processed many new books, magazines, audio books, and DVDs, getting them ready—and then checked out thousands, 50,561 items to be exact. We telephoned and e-chatted and e-mailed—answering reference questions in-person and online near and far. We promoted our online sources and coached and encouraged use of Kanopy, Hoopla and Libby too. All year we had a rotating series of exhibitions of local artists shown throughout the library. Our free-to-card-holder services have continued to grow.

- Kanopy – film and documentary streaming
- Hoopla – eBooks, comics, magazines, movies, TV shows
- Libby – downloadable eBooks, audio books for all ages
- WiFi Hotspots – bring the internet home



Hotspot Lending at Meekins  
Bring the internet home

- Hotspots check out for two weeks
- Must be 17 years or older
- Must have library card in good standing
- Check the T-mobile Coverage map

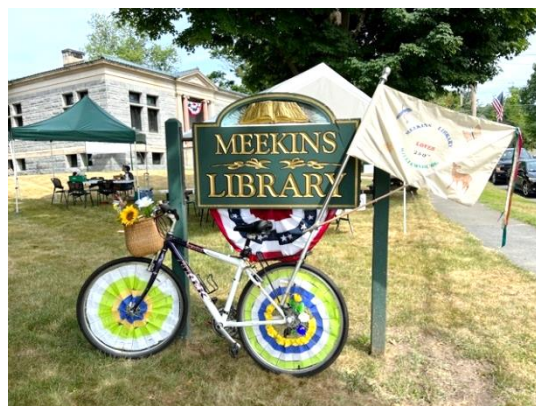
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In February we raffled off pots of spring bulbs.

The June orchid repotting and orchid informational workshop resulted in many happy houseplants. The summer reading program was in full force online, kicked off by Rosalita's Puppets and wrapped up with visits by Joy of Nature sharing their snakes, large and small.

April saw the very first Technology Day—getting seniors into Meekins to meet with volunteer experts to help with their tech questions. “Drop Everything and Read” brought readers and listeners together both at the Anne T. Dunphy School and here at the Meekins—with a wonderful selection of good books and expressive readers.

In July we joined in the Town's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations with a story walk, “Hasty Pudding for Breakfast,” the crowd-sourced “living archives” collage project, “This is Who We Are!”, historic kids crafts, a mini book sale and more on the lawn. In the Hammer Gallery we had a special 250<sup>th</sup> photography exhibition, “Local Eyes: Looking at Our Town.” Librarians, Trustees, and friends of Meekins proudly marched, rode bikes and drove in



the Grand 250<sup>th</sup> parade. The new banner, designed just for the 250<sup>th</sup>, paraded with us and now hangs outside the Library proclaiming: Meekins—Your Community Library.

School classes came every week—spring, fall, and winter. All year, parents and children came weekly for the always popular story hour. Craft, science, and game programs multiplied. Kids tied knots and made towers. Escape Rooms were packed, and expanded Dungeons and Dragons games were full. The Friends held their annual, anxiously anticipated, October book sale. Halloween festivities returned with the library doors open and hundreds visiting that night. We shared Day of the Dead bread with those who visited the memorial altar in front of the fireplace in the Black Room. Every month our Yarn Spinners group knitted and chatted and indulged in treats. Our Open Circle Poetry group shared poems together monthly on the first Thursday night. Meekins Book Club read and discussed a new book each month and the junior book clubs racked up their own book counts. The final story of the annual December Holiday Read (rescheduled for a snow day for the first time in 13 years), was the late Williamsburg author Patricia MacLachlan's story *Snow Horses*.

In the fall, the Scottish touring band, North Sea Gas, played to overflow crowds on a beautiful September evening. Also, in the fall, a lucky group made felted woolen bowls and another group took advantage of an evening pastel workshop. We were so excited to open our doors for all sorts of gathering after the Covid building closures.



The Trustees and Meekins staff engaged in a year-long strategic planning process, seeking thoughts of patrons, community members, school staff and parents. Sending off the finished plan to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners was accompanied with a big sigh and a sense of accomplishment. The completed plan can be viewed online at <https://www.meekins-library.org>.

November also welcomed the Meekins Market and patrons as they discovered “new” old treasures to share. Year two of the puzzle raffle, with a dozen to choose from, was a hit—giving more people a chance to win. We held our decade-plus annual warm clothing drive to add coats to the permanent food collection in the library supporting the Neighbors Helping Neighbors local pantry. Mid-December we set up a special table at the “Christmas in Williamsburg” festivities held at the Grange—with excited children making small books and tags while waiting to visit Santa.

The year ended with kids of all ages undertaking the last of monthly scavenger hunts of the year, looking for snowmen with missing parts in pictures hidden all around the Meekins. Throughout the year, new *Throwback Thursday* moments appeared every week on social media, sharing bits of town history, and quirky Meekins tidbits as the Library celebrated its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary all year long.

Looking forward as we bring our Strategic Plan to life, we eagerly anticipate new outreach projects, town collaborations, technology sharing, growing relationships and forging even more connections to our community.

Beverly Bullock, Library Director

### **By the Numbers:**

Library Visits: 28,066  
 Circulation: 50,551  
 Registered Borrowers: 3124 (total), 1501 (residents)  
 ILL Sent: 6,943  
 Loans from Other Libraries Received: 7,792  
 Digital Checkouts: 15,516  
 Program Attendance: 1,184

### **Library Staff:**

Beverly Bullock, Library Director  
 Rochelle Wildfong, Children's Librarian/Assistant  
 Director  
 Bobbin Young, Technical Services Librarian  
 Naomi Schmidt, KMIT Children's Programming Librarian  
 Daria D'Arienzo, Meekins Archivist  
 Amber Smith-Harder, Beth Kilduff, Susan Cornell,  
 and Irene Tournas, Circulation Assistants  
 John Palmer, Bookkeeper  
 Laurie Scanlon, Library Cleaner



### **Williamsburg Board of Library Trustees:**

Charlotte Meryman, Chair  
 Joan Coryat, Vice Chair  
 Ken Borden, Treasurer  
 Patricia Billingsley, Secretary  
 Fred Goodhue  
 Rob Stinson

### **Our Library Volunteers:**

Tariq Abu-Jaber  
 Amy Bedell  
 Ken Borden  
 Daria D'Arienzo  
 Nick Dines and the Deadhead Garden Volunteers  
 Friends of the Williamsburg Libraries

Elaine Hyde  
 Marty Jones  
 John Lancaster  
 Eric Weber  
 Jim Weigang  
 Program Volunteers

## **Board of Library Trustees**

The Board is grateful to Director Bev Bullock and all the staff and volunteers of Meekins Library for their continued dedication, creativity, and graciousness in the face of ever-evolving pandemic circumstances. We are thrilled to see our beloved building once again full of life, with a steady stream of patrons coming through the door in 2022, increased in-person programming, new gallery exhibits, regular Dunphy School class visits, and a festive gathering in November honoring Meekins' 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

This year we completed several important initiatives.

A subcommittee of trustees worked closely with the director throughout the year to complete the state-mandated Strategic Planning process, which will guide our library services for the next five years. The plan builds on input from a wide range of community members, gathered through focus groups and a detailed survey. Many thanks to everyone who participated, especially those in our Community Advisory Group, which reviewed the findings and gave feedback on the draft. The full plan is available at [meekins-library.org](http://meekins-library.org). Please check it out!

Meanwhile, another group of trustees revised and updated our board bylaws to better reflect current operations. The final changes were approved at Annual Town Meeting in June. Voters also agreed to streamline town funding for library services to the Anne T. Dunphy School by shifting it to the library budget, as proposed by the Finance Committee, School Committee, and Library Board of Trustees.

Trustees continued efforts to address conditions at the Haydenville Library. We have gathered estimates for exterior lead paint abatement, painting and repairs, and the installation of a vapor barrier in the basement, and are working with the director and town administrator to identify funding. Joined by volunteers from the Friends of the Williamsburg Libraries, we assisted the director and staff with the de-accessioning and removal of unused books from the building. This work will continue in 2023, along with other efforts to improve the interior space. We also have been working to remove invasive species from the grounds. The installation of a fence atop the river wall will be postponed until the adjacent state bridge project is completed.

The Board worked closely all year with the library director and bookkeeper to monitor funds, expenses, and future expenditures. The FY 2023 Annual Fund campaign, which concluded June 30, 2022, 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 continued support.

We continue to liaison regularly with the Friends of the Williamsburg Libraries to ensure we are working in concert to support and celebrate our wonderful library.

Finally, in December the board regretfully accepted the resignation of trustee Fred Goodhue, with appreciation for his generous service to the library and town. A new trustee will be appointed by the Select Board and Board of Library Trustees to serve until the next town election.

Charlotte Meryman, Chair, Board of Library Trustees



## Friends of the Williamsburg Libraries, Inc.

During 2022, The Friends of the Williamsburg Libraries, Inc., continued many of our monthly, traditional activities in support of the library's mission while undergoing notable internal changes.

We sponsored our popular Valentine's party. Children, youth, and parents had the opportunity to design cards and decorate cookies. In March we continued the tradition of placing high among participating non-profits in the Florence Bank Customers' Choice Community Grant Program.

This is an exhilarating accomplishment because it strengthens our financial foundation and gives us insight into the depth of the community's support for our work. The D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) Day was held in April. This event is a collaboration between library staff, Friends' members, and the teachers at the Dunphy School. Focused on students from pre-K to 6<sup>th</sup> grade, the program seeks to strengthen the joy and magic of reading with the goal of making the participants life-long readers. Supported by volunteers, it builds bonds between students and members of our community. The Friends also underwrote the expense for the reduced or free passes to regional museums for the library. Susan Farrell guided the Friends to another successful Fall book sale, which remains a steady source of annual income for the organization. In December we assisted the Trustees in preparing books in the Haydenville Library for transfer to the Meekins Library.



In September, Jason Heffner was elected President of the Friends. The Friends deeply appreciate outgoing President Susan Waltner's long commitment to the organization. Other changes to the Board of Directors include the election of Nikki Gardner as Treasurer and Anne Bussler as Corresponding Secretary. With Anne's transition to the position of Corresponding Secretary, she concluded over fifteen years as the Friends' Treasurer. Similarly, the Friends have benefited from Susan Farrell's 30+ years of dedication to the Friends. In October, the Friends Board of Directors welcomed Anne Haxo and Holly Hendricks as new Members-at-Large. Among other community service roles, Anne served for fourteen years on the Libraries' Board of Trustees, and Holly currently serves on the town's Planning Board. Both have extensive experience in non-profit management.

The Friends provided financial support and volunteers for library-sponsored activities. In addition, we have stepped up our direct financial support of the Library Director.

Our primary source of income are the membership dues and donations so graciously given to the Friends by members of the community. We are very grateful for this support.

The Friends hope community members will consider serving on our Board of Directors and as volunteers at our events. Our meetings are held on the second Monday of each month, and our Annual Meeting is held as part of our September monthly meeting.

The purpose of the Friends of the Williamsburg Libraries, Inc., is to help maintain a vibrant cultural center for the town of Williamsburg and the surrounding communities. The Friends sponsor and raise funds for community events and assist in making gifts of time and money to supplement the library's operating budget.

The Officers of the Friends of the Williamsburg Libraries

*Jason Heffner, President; Becky Houlihan, Vice President; Nikki Gardner, Treasurer; Freda Brackley, Secretary; and Anne Bussler, Corresponding Secretary*



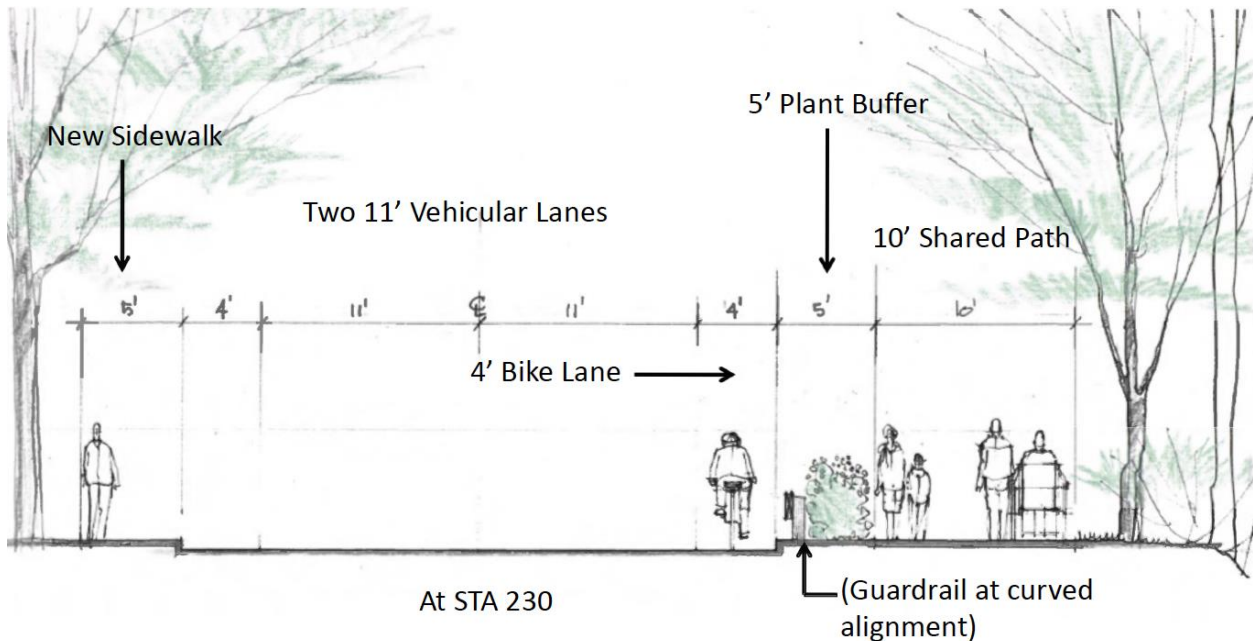
## Mill River Greenway Committee

It's been another year (our twelfth!) of slow steady progress for the Mill River Greenway Committee. This committee's twin superpowers are our ability to hold and coordinate multiple subprojects in service of the overall vision, and bring in significant funding from the state to move those projects forward. We were happy and grateful to welcome two new Committee members in 2022, Rachel Koh and John Connolly.

Although the Williamsburg Mill River Greenway may seem like one project, it is actually four, or even five, smaller projects which must be advanced and funded independently, as well as coordinated with one another to manage strategy, planning, funding, and sequencing.

The main project is, of course, the Route 9 Greenway, which will run for two miles along the west side of Route 9 from the Brassworks to the new Public Safety Complex, separated from traffic by a guardrail and landscaped curb. Preliminary designs were submitted in 2022, and a project manager was assigned by MA DOT, an important milestone. More borings along the corridor will take place in spring 2023, as we anticipate the important 25% design hearing.

The Greenway Committee is coordinating with the Public Safety Complex Building Committee to seek funding for site design and ensure connectivity of these two important town infrastructure projects, since the Greenway will terminate at the intersection of South Street and Route 9 in downtown Williamsburg. Members of the Greenway Committee played a role in securing \$1.8 million from the state's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness program (MVP) to support climate resilience and energy efficiency in the new facility.



Proposed Williamsburg Mill River Greenway on Route 9 Viewing South

In May we wrapped up work on our 2021 grant (\$100,000) from DCR’s MassTrails program, and simultaneously applied for a new 2022 grant (\$246,000) from the same program, which we were awarded in July. Together, these two awards support the final design and engineering of the South Main Street connector and MassCentral Rail Trail dismount components of the Greenway project in Haydenville. We’re grateful to our talented and deeply engaged engineering partners at Vanasse, Hangen, & Brustlin LLC (VHB), and to dedicated MRGC committee members including Nick Dines, Jim Hyslip, and Joe Rogers, who have brought their professional expertise to bear as in-kind match for the state grant funds.

Although our application to MassWorks for construction funds was denied, we were able to secure \$2.39 million in funds released from the 2020 Transportation Bond, which will be applied sometime in the next few years to construct the South Main Street connector portion of the Mill River Greenway project. We are working closely with VHB to coordinate the planning of that project with the MA DOT’s Bridges project in Haydenville, which will replace both bridges connecting South Main Street to Route 9, and incorporate a dedicated shared-use path along South Main Street between the Bridges as part of the South Main Street connector.

The Greenway Committee hosted a community forum in April 2022, and has another planned for April 2023, to keep town residents up to date on all the plans and progress. Your thoughts and feedback are always welcome at [millrivergreenway@burgy.org](mailto:millrivergreenway@burgy.org).

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## Open Space Committee

Williamsburg’s 2021 Open Space and Recreation Plan received formal approval in 2022, making the town eligible to apply for a variety of state conservation grant programs. The final plan is available on the town website, [www.burgy.org](http://www.burgy.org).

The Open Space Committee supported Hilltown Land Trust and Kestrel Land Trust in conserving twenty acres of forested land along the West Branch of the Mill River at the Goshen town line. The newly protected land includes 1,400 feet of river frontage in a scenic section of the Mill River upstream from Devil’s Den.



The project came about after the 2021 settlement of a lawsuit resulting from a violation of federal stormwater requirements by Dynamic Energy Solutions. The company built a large solar array directly uphill from the river and abutting the newly conserved land but failed to adequately protect wetlands. A storm in 2019 caused massive runoff that damaged forests below the project site and polluted the Mill River.

This is important habitat for the Northern Spring Salamander and a dragonfly species called the Ocellated Darner. These 20 acres will be designated “forever wild,” creating a place where forests can mature naturally, with minimal management, and remain largely undisturbed by human activities. There is currently no public access to this land, which has no public road frontage.

## Police Department

In 2022 the Police Department was composed of the following members:



Chief Denise Wickland  
Sgt. Jason Soukup  
Officer Bryan Luszczki  
Officer Robert Reinke  
Officer Peter Fisher  
Officer Aimee Wallace  
Officer Danielle Wright

2022 was another challenging year for the members of the department. The department continues to work short staffed. In 2022 we said farewell to two more members of the department. One officer departed when the responsibilities of his full-time career job

became more demanding. He and his spouse were also excitedly awaiting the arrival of their third child. Another officer left us to pursue a full-time career that was in the field of study he received his degrees in. Both are missed by all the staff here and we wish them the best. Despite being short staffed, the Police Department never lost sight of our mission to put public safety first. The support of our community and the partnerships we continue to build are what keeps Williamsburg the safe community we all know and love. We were excited to participate in the Town's 250<sup>th</sup> celebration. There are far too many people to thank for making the day a success but know that we appreciate everything you all did.

Officers have started to complete the additional training in accordance with the recent police reform legislation. Two officers have successfully completed this Bridge Academy and two more are working towards completion. As mentioned in previous years, this training is in addition to the academies, annual in-service training and specialized trainings that our officers have received. The training is intensive and requires a significant time commitment by each officer. It speaks to the dedication the officers of the department have when they set aside additional time away from their families to complete these trainings. We also welcomed Officer Wallace back to the department.

Some of the collective duties of the Department include: responding to emergency and nonemergency 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 and child abuse. Williamsburg is lucky to have officers who have attended various specialized trainings to aid in these types of investigations. These crimes take place in every community, even Williamsburg.

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. The calls come in from the emergency dispatch center and also through our nonemergency line. Several arrests were made in 2022 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, distributing narcotics, assault and battery, intimidation of a witness, violating protection orders issued by the court, 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 they are transported to court.

The Safe Entry Program continues to be a success in town. In collaboration with the Fire Department 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.

Each year the Department participates in the National Drug Take Back days, which are times when the public can drop off unused and expired medications at a specific location. We want residents to know that they do not have to wait for a National Take Back Day. There is a permanent kiosk at the Police Department. This is a place where unused prescription and over-the-counter medications, expired medications, and pet medications can be disposed of safely. Anyone wishing to dispose of unused medications may do so, no questions asked. Someone needing to utilize the kiosk can call the Police Department and make an appointment to access the lobby. This service is open to all citizens whether they reside in Williamsburg or not. To date the Williamsburg Police Department has collected more than 2,100 pounds of unused medications.

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.

There is a certified car seat installation technician 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 station.

## Public Safety Complex Building Committee

After Town residents approved plans for a new Public Safety Complex last year, detailed planning by the architect and project manager began and continued into 2022. The contract for removing the iconic Helen E. James School, site preparation, and construction was awarded in April to Forish Construction for \$3,764,618. Internal work on dismantling the school began in May and the school came down in July. It was a bittersweet event, as the school had been a visible and central part of our town since 1914 and represented an incredible gift from Helen E. James. It highlighted her wonderful spirit of community, but the need for new police and fire facilities had been too great for too long a time.

From inception, the Public Safety Complex project has had three major goals: 1) to build a resilient safety complex that will provide a central headquarters for two essential Town services for the next 50 years, 2) greatly reduce greenhouse gasses over the operational life of the complex, promoting decarbonization and reducing fossil fuel dependence, and 3) reduce Mill River peak flows and increase flood protection by capturing building runoff in rain gardens and restoring a small riverfront area on the building site. The proposed safety complex is unlike any other current municipal building in Williamsburg and will put an example of a sustainable building in the middle of town, demonstrating one way the Town can meet the climate challenges of the future.



From the start, the Building Committee was committed to constructing as energy efficient a building as was practical, as well as to minimize the carbon footprint of the building, while keeping the community informed about decisions and progress as the year went on. Personnel of the Fire and Police departments worked with the architect to refine the design, maximizing department efficiencies and operations, but budget limitations required some reluctant decisions, such as using propane instead of electric under-slab heating in the bays. The cost of electric heat in that area would have been prohibitively expensive and the architect estimated that the amount of propane for a low-temperature slab would be minimal.

After the site was cleared, the contractor prepared the area for construction. There were concerns about pandemic-induced supply chain issues, but because the contractor had expedited ordering many of the building materials, there were no construction delays during the year. The foundation was laid in October and work proceeded.



To enhance energy-efficient operations within the building, the Committee applied for a state grant under the Municipal Vulnerability Program (MVP). This is a state program that finances projects to help communities adapt to climate change impacts by improving resiliency. MVP Action Grants focus on the protection, restoration, and management of ecological systems to safeguard public health, provide clean air and water, increase natural hazard resilience, protect wetlands and water features, and sequester carbon.

With the help of Paul Wetzel (Chair of the Finance Committee), who wrote the grant with assistance from Nick Caccamo, Town Administrator, the Town was awarded \$1.8 million to accomplish the goals of increasing our Town's resiliency. This money allowed Williamsburg to defray some building costs, reduce the tax burden on residents, and at the same time add in systems to lower energy use and enhance resiliency. Items such as extra insulation, solar power generation,



insulated garage doors, radiant heat in the truck bays, electric water heaters, rainwater management, and riverfront restoration were able to be added to the project with this very generous grant. The Committee will continue to work to achieve all of the MVP program goals by FY2024. The grant allowed the town to reduce borrowing by \$500,000, while also adding capabilities that will decrease ongoing expenses for years to come.



In addition to the above work, three newsletters were written and distributed, and an information booth at Williamsburg's 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration on July 16 distributed materials, answered questions and engaged with the community.

The Williamsburg fire station, over 100 years old, was paid for by Helen James, and the current police station in Haydenville is similarly outdated. Creating a new Safety Complex that is energy-efficient, climate-resilient, and that generates much of its own electricity is a very valuable step into the future. The MVP action grant has created this unexpected and welcome opportunity for our town. We look forward to an opening celebration of the Public Safety Complex in the fall of 2023.

Members: David Mathers (Chair), William Sayre (Vice Chair), Fire Chief Jason Connell, Police Chief Denise Wickland, Dan Bonham, Amy Bisbee, Mary Dudek, Jean O'Neil, Robert Reinke (Police Dept.), Daryl Springman (Fire Dept.), Melinda McCall (Secretary)

Architect: Kevin Chrobak, Juster Pope Frazier  
Project Manager: Rob Todisco, P3  
Contractor: Forish Construction Co.



## **Planning Board**

The Planning Board's major accomplishment in 2022 was the approval at Town Meeting of changes to the Zoning Bylaw regarding Marijuana Establishments. The changes included updating language to match state regulations, updating rules for cultivation of marijuana, changing the buffer distance from schools, and removing the prohibition on establishments in buildings containing residential units.

With a full complement of continuing members, the Board broadened its outreach to other boards and committees in town. In the fall, we began work on the first-ever Comprehensive Plan for the town. We received guidance from the PVPC and investigated methods and sources of funding for such an effort. We look forward to engaging citizens during 2023 to develop a future Visioning document as a foundation for a Comprehensive Plan.

Stephen Smith, Chair

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## **Recreation Commission**

The 2022 calendar year marked a return to more of our typical programming, though our commission continues to welcome new participants as we strive to provide more opportunities specifically for young children in our community.

Adult pick-up basketball returned to the gym this year, and adult ultimate frisbee continued through much of the warmer seasons at Ames Field. Tennis and pickleball continued to be favorite activities on the court at Ames Field. In order to ensure our courts remain in good shape, Advantage Tennis will be performing maintenance in the spring of 2023.

Youth Field Hockey continues to be a popular fall activity that is open to youth living in any town from the Hampshire Regional School District in grades 4-6. The program feeds into the Hampshire Regional High School Field Hockey program. The HRHS program grew from a club, led by Williamsburg residents, and now continues with a JV and Varsity team, often playing on the main Dorunda field at Hampshire under the lights.

Williamsburg continues to partner with other Hampshire Regional towns through "Hampshire Hoops" for recreation basketball as well as suburban teams for our older students up through grade 8. Most recently our students from town have participated in basketball events at Hampshire Regional with their older high-school aged peers. It's always a highlight when our younger community members participate with their older role models on courts and fields at Hampshire Regional.

We continue to be grateful to community members who helped lead our youth sport activities this year, and we're also thankful for Principal Jenkins and the custodial staff at the Anne T. Dunphy School for supporting our use of the gym. After holding some T-Ball events last spring, we hope to once again field a robust T-Ball and Coach Pitch program.

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

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

Along with the entire community of Williamsburg, the Anne T. Dunphy School adapted to enable our school to continue to function effectively during the changing conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic during 2022. I am pleased to present the following report of the positive work that has continued at Anne T. Dunphy despite the challenges throughout the nation.

Throughout the year, much has continued to be asked of our school committee members, who bore the responsibility for many important and potentially controversial decisions again during 2022. The Williamsburg School Committee continues to dedicate hours each month to make their best, informed decisions for the Anne T. Dunphy School. At the close of their terms in June

Student Enrollment Fall 2022	
Preschool	12
Kindergarten	13
1 <sup>st</sup> grade	16
2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	12
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	18
4 <sup>th</sup> grade	23
5 <sup>th</sup> grade	18
6 <sup>th</sup> grade	16
Choice in students: 11	
Choice out students: 12	
Charter out students: 7	

2022, both **Amber Smith-Harder** and **Matt Wilhelm** stepped down from their roles on the Williamsburg School Committee. Amber joined the committee in 2017 and has been a committed and thoughtful member since that time, active on several sub-committees. During Matt Wilhelm's four years on the committee, he served as chair for more than two years during an extremely difficult period. His calm and steady leadership navigated the committee and school community through countless challenging decisions. Thanks to both of these members for the countless hours of time they gave to support our school community. In August we officially welcomed new members **Glenda Cresto** and **Kathaleen Emerson**, and were grateful to **Marissa Nye** who stepped into the role of chairperson, working alongside current members **Ryan Schiff**, and **Collin Black**.

In the midst of student learning throughout the winter and spring of 2022, our school community continued to attend to health and safety concerns due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Our school community conducted optional weekly pool testing in an effort to detect potential positive cases within our school community. We also partnered with local agencies to host community-wide vaccination clinics as vaccines and boosters were introduced across the nation. By April, the conditions in Williamsburg led the school committee to rescind the previous masking policy.



With the improving health and safety conditions of the spring and fall of 2022, our students were once again able to take advantage of field trips to extend their learning using the resources of our area, with financial support from the Williamsburg Trust Funds and Williamsburg PTO when needed. During 2022, our students were able to visit to such locations as the Connecticut Science Center, the Historic Williamsburg Dam Trail, Hitchcock Center for the Environment, Old Sturbridge Village, Boston Science Museum and Duck Boats, Porter Family Farm, Look



Park, the Williamsburg Fire station, the Beneski Museum of Natural History, Williamsburg Woodland Trails, the Eric Carle Museum of Picturebook Art, and the Lowell National Historic Park focusing on the history of the industrial revolution in Massachusetts.

At the close of the school year, we were pleased to be able to have families gather together once again in the Earl F. Tonet gymnasium to honor the elementary school achievements of our sixth grade students. The 2022 graduates of Anne T. Dunphy School were:

**Elliot Chaplin, Ada Corner, Talia Craig, Weston Crawford, Morgan Culver, Griffin Darling, Gabrielle Falkowski, Luca Guerra, Roosi Isupov, Judah Jensen, H. Wes Kellogg, Logan LaPointe, Olivia Lockwood, Penelope Lynn, Micah Marino, Olivia McAvoy, Alina Ostrowski, Hobbes O'Sullivan, Tiago Paiva, Luke Pickard, Torin Rowlett, Colton Shadrack, Hadley Schiff, Alena von Renesse-Marti, Donovan Williams, and Honor Zigmand.**



In June 2022, we acknowledged the retirements of Rita Luce and Lucy Gertz. Rita supported students and families in Williamsburg for 25 years, spending most of them supporting our young first grade students as the quintessential first grade teacher who planted the seeds of a love for reading. Lucy spent nine years in our school community working with our youngest learners and their families as our preschool teacher. We wish both of them the best in their retirements, and miss their presence in our school community.



During the summer of 2022, the Anne T. Dunphy School joined the rest of Williamsburg in a belated celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Town of Williamsburg. Children were delighted to have the opportunity to dunk Mr. O'Connell or Mrs. Jenkins in the fire department's dunk tank during Saturday's events, and the school was proud to have our beautiful building act as the location for several talks throughout the day regarding Williamsburg's past, present, and future. On Sunday, a group of children and staff members rode a brightly decorated float in the highly

anticipated community parade. We were so pleased to be able to participate in the weekend's events to celebrate our special town.

Retirements and internal shifts brought some new faces to our school community in the fall of 2022. **Ryan Pickard** joined us as our fourth grade teacher, as Carey Dunlap transitioned to the math specialist position that had remained vacant after the November 2021 retirement of Karen Schweitzer. We welcomed **Katie Wright** to our fifth grade classroom and **Meredith Bertrand** filled a one-year position for Katie Joyce who was granted a leave of absence during the 2022-

2023 school year. **Erika Wildman** is our current kindergarten teacher, replacing Anne Porter who shifted to fill the first grade position upon the retirement of Rita Luce. **Meg Danek** joined our preschool team due to the retirement of Lucy Gertz. This fall we also welcomed **Melinda Haskins-Rogers** as a part-time teacher of English Language Learning.

The start of the 2022-2023 school year brought back traditions and glimpses of pre-pandemic times, which felt welcome to all of us. This year, we paused our typical fall Family Curriculum Night for a more traditional Fall Open House, to allow all of our students and families to be together in one space for the first time in nearly three years. This was the first opportunity that many of our students had to be in our school *with* their family members – and for some of our families, the first time they'd been able to be in and explore our school building. We have been grateful to continue to welcome families into our school building throughout the fall with events such as our Harvest Feast, Drop in Days, classroom events, and a Holiday Musical Sharing.



As our students have been engaged in new learning, we continue to use local and state data points to consider student academic progress over the past two years of interrupted in-person instruction. The past three pandemic school years have brought additional challenges to all school communities across the nation. At Anne T. Dunphy, we put a great deal of effort into ensuring that our students' health and social emotional well-being were intact. However, we also worried, along with our families, about the reality of lost instructional time. The arrival of the 2022 MCAS data this fall allowed us to look at a long-term view of student progress, and we were so proud of the trends we observed in our students' results. In English Language Arts (ELA), when we compare results from pre- and post-COVID learning loss, students at Anne T. Dunphy did not lose ground. They performed at very similar rates in ELA as they did pre-COVID. In mathematics, our students demonstrated consistent and continued growth *throughout* the pandemic, increasing from rates of 38% meets/exceeds in 2019 to 58% meets/exceeds in 2022. We are proud of the efforts from our students, staff, and families during the past three years and will continue to strive for continued academic growth.

There are many town employees and departments who support our school community throughout the year. Our students 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. These past two years have been full of unexpected challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the ways in which the community came together to support all of the people and organizations within Williamsburg allowed the students in our school community to continue to laugh, learn, and grow despite the traumas occurring around the world.

Submitted with gratitude,  
Stacey Jenkins, Principal

## Hampshire Regional High School

2022 at Hampshire Regional High School brought back a sense of normalcy and community that had not been felt since the winter of 2020. While health and safety are still at the forefront of our work, and always will be, we were able to shift back to a focus on academics, extracurriculars, and athletics this past year. Our mask policy, in accordance with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, was rescinded in late February, giving students and staff the option to continue to mask if they wished. We continued to provide in-school COVID testing on an as-needed basis, and we continue to distribute rapid tests before school vacations and when families request them.

We were so pleased to be able to offer our full range of middle school transition programming this past spring and summer after not being able to do these activities for the past couple of years. In order to help our incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders and their families prepare for the transition to Hampshire Regional High School, we offered numerous events to get families and students into the building and to learn as much about the school as possible. In January, we hosted a 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Information Night. In April, we hosted our annual Middle School Expo for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders and their families, transition meetings for 6<sup>th</sup> graders on IEPs or 504s, and administration and counseling visits to the 6<sup>th</sup> graders at their elementary schools. During the last week of school in June, all of the 6<sup>th</sup> graders came to Hampshire for a half day to eat lunch, meet 7<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, learn their way around the building, and participate in team building activities with their new peers from different elementary schools. Finally, in August, we provided a three-day Raider Camp for free to all incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders, tours and locker practice throughout the month, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade orientation the day before school officially began.

We are so fortunate to have an active and dedicated Student Council (STUC) at Hampshire Regional. In 2022, STUC members demonstrated their leadership skills in many ways. STUC planned our first ever series of “Raider Days,” which included a day of feedback and reflection from the student body, student-led workshops, and a team building day for the whole school. STUC planned and implemented all of these activities with great success with the guidance and support of advisors Kim Bush and Kelly Carpenter. These days had a positive impact on our school culture and we plan to continue a similar initiative moving forward. In addition, STUC planned our first ever Homecoming event to celebrate Hampshire’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this fall. We held this event at HRHS in October and invited students, staff, families, and community members to join in the fun, including food trucks, vendors, activities for kids, live music, a 5K, and soccer and field hockey games. Finally, in December, STUC also brought back our first traditional spirit rally since 2019, with games and competitions for students in grades 7-12. Staff got in on the fun and successfully surprised students with a staff dance in the middle of the spirit rally!



133 seniors in the Class of 2022 graduated at our 50<sup>th</sup> Commencement ceremony in June. Commencement speakers included Class President Suzannah Buehler, Vice President William



Delgado, Secretary Sarah Unger, Treasurer Benjamin MacFadzen, Salutatorian Madeleine Manganelli, Valedictorian Nora Mulvehill, and class advisors Amy Adamski and Trisha Keane. The Class of 1972, the first graduating class from HRHS, was invited to graduation, and we were pleased to have many of them in attendance at the ceremony. Chiqui Netto, President of the Class of 1972, gave a speech about her experience at Hampshire Regional when it first opened. As part of our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, all HRHS alumni in the audience at



Commencement were given a rose when they arrived. It was a beautiful evening and we loved celebrating the Class of 2022 while also honoring the past 49 graduating classes.

There were certainly many academic accomplishments to celebrate in 2022. In May, 106 students took a total of 199 Advanced Placement (AP) exams, many of them earning college credits for their high scores. In October, Senior Samuel Unger from Southampton was named a Commended Student in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. Sam is one of 34,000 students across the country to have received this honor for his outstanding performance on the PSATs. In November, 26 juniors and seniors were inducted into the Academic Society. These students have maintained a minimum of a 3.7 cumulative GPA, have completed their 30 hour community service requirement, and show a strong work ethic and commitment to Hampshire Regional. Two students from Williamsburg, Nicky Elias-Gillette and Nickolas Brisson, were inducted into Academic Society in 2022.

In October, World Language Department Program Leader and French Teacher Greg Reynolds coordinated an exchange program with students from France. 14 French students, along with two chaperones, stayed with numerous Hampshire Regional families and participated in all academic and extracurricular activities with HRHS students. Our students will be going to France during the second part of this exchange program in the spring of 2023!



Extracurricular activities and events were back in full swing in 2022. In January, our As Schools Match Wits team won their competition against Ludlow. The match was aired on NEPM-TV and the performance by our team was incredibly impressive!

In April, 29 students performed in the spring musical, Jane Eyre, while 12 students worked behind the scenes as part of the crew. Grace Plumer of Williamsburg and Grace Martin of Westhampton both starred in the show in various roles, and shared the role of Jane Eyre herself throughout the four performances. In May, we were so pleased to have our first in-person choral and

band concert in a long time. Choral Director Aidan Linden and Band Director Allison Ingraham did a spectacular job helping our students showcase their many talents! Finally, our drama company, led by Mike Braidman, has been hard at work all year! In May, 18 students performed in *Lady Windermere's Fan* while eight students worked on the crew. In the fall, seniors Riley Smith of Southampton and Ozzie Frazier of Easthampton directed a witty and hilarious play called *Noses Off*, which included 35 students total.

In May, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), an organization led by advisors Sarah Jablonski and Bethany Rochon, held a Prom Safety Day for students in grades 10, 11, and 12. The day began with a mock accident in front of the school, in collaboration with our local police departments, fire department, EMS, and Mitchell's Funeral Home. Students then listened to guest speakers talk about substance use and the importance of making good choices; students reported being profoundly affected by the message our guest speakers shared.

2022 also brought about numerous athletic accomplishments. We started Hampshire's first girls lacrosse program and had over 50 girls participate between the JV and varsity levels. Our softball



team won the Western Massachusetts Championship in June, and the boys track team won their league title in the spring. This past fall, our boys soccer team repeated as league champions, along with our boys and girls cross country teams, who went unbeaten in their leagues. The gymnastics team won the Western Massachusetts Sectional Championship in November, and our golf team finished as co-champions in their league. There is a lot to celebrate, and we are extremely proud of our student-athletes. We are especially proud to share that over 50% of our student body participates in athletics at the JV or varsity level, which is a significant number of student-athletes across our school!

This was a busy summer for us at Hampshire with multiple summer programs running. In addition to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Raider Camp that ran in August, we had two special education programs running over the summer. One is a program for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders with IEPs to support them in their transition from elementary school to middle school. The other is our life skills program, where students work in the community, host an art gallery, and continue to practice the skills that they learn throughout the year. We also held our typical credit recovery program for students who did not earn credit for one or two courses during the school year.

It was my absolute pleasure to give the Grinspoon Excellence in Teaching Award to Shelley Seymour, a high school science teacher who teaches Biology, Anatomy & Physiology, and Genetics. One of the teachers who nominated Shelley stated that "Shelley is the most organized and prepared educator I know at Hampshire. Her classes are engaging, differentiated, and personally relevant. I have heard very positive feedback from many students, and graduates regularly check back in with her to report their post-HRHS successes... Shelley really cares about preparing her students for success."

Five long-time staff members retired in June after a combined 90 years of dedication and service to Hampshire Regional. Lynn Hicks retired after 22 years as our school's speech-language pathologist. Bill Randolph retired after 13 years of teaching middle school special education. Gail Mailhott-Foster served as a reading specialist for both middle and high school students for 10 years. Maryellen Blais was a dedicated para educator, primarily in the high school, for 23 years. Tara O'Brien, who was named a 2022 Conservation Teacher of the Year by Mass Audubon, and is also an HRHS graduate, retired after teaching science at Hampshire for 25 years.

To account for our five retirees, staff members who moved out of state, and multiple staff members who returned to graduate school to obtain advanced degrees, we welcomed many new faces to Hampshire Regional in late August. Kara Sheridan is Hampshire's new assistant principal, primarily working with students in our middle school. New teachers to Hampshire include Rebecca Aubrey (environmental science), Emma Berman (special education), Keith Curbow (Spanish), Casey Moriarty (History and English), Kristen Picard (tier two intervention). We welcomed three new counselors to the counseling department this fall: Julia Low-Chappell and Matt Soycher work as the middle school counseling team, with Julia as the middle school counselor (formerly called guidance counselors) and Matt as the middle school adjustment counselor for targeted social-emotional support. Amanda Fortier-Gagnon joins the high school counseling team as an additional school adjustment counselor. Sarah Girouard joined our special education department as our new speech-language pathologist. To provide coverage and support when teachers and para educators are absent, Kim Oravec and Colin Bush were both hired as building substitutes. We also welcomed five new para educators to our special education team: Stephanie Galko, Christine Flores-Echeandía, Amy Hyde, Kaitlyn Hyde, and Neslihan Ibic. New to our food service staff are Tammy Grover, Jen Overton, and Ryan Rentas. Finally, our two new van drivers who drive students primarily to special education placements are George Shafer and Christine Blakesley.

Finally, it is noteworthy that 55 of our staff members currently have children who are students in the district or who have graduated from HRHS. In addition, 27 current staff members are graduates of Hampshire Regional High School. This speaks to the strong sense of community that we have within our school and our five towns. With so many staff shortages across the nation, we are so fortunate not only to be fully staffed, but to have such a deeply invested and passionate staff who truly have our students' best interests at heart.

I am so proud to work in a community that truly values education and supports the work that we are doing to make Hampshire Regional High School the best school it can be. Thank you to the tirelessly dedicated staff, committed and resilient students, supportive and communicative families, and collaborative community members and elected officials in each of our five towns. You all are what makes Hampshire Regional so special.

Lauren Hotz  
Principal

## **Superintendent of Schools**

What a busy 2022! I have been the Superintendent of Schools for a full school year and it truly is a privilege to lead this district. I made it a goal to visit every school every month in order to learn about our programming, staffing, teaching styles, and student needs. I continue to be impressed with the districts' sense of community, level of collaboration, striving for academic excellence, focus on students' mental well-being, and consistent flexibility. Since COVID matters were not the primary topic at every meeting, we were able to focus on teaching and learning and a return to normalcy.

The Hampshire Regional member school districts continue to work towards shared goals: strengthening an inclusive and safe learning environment that respects diversity, builds relationships, and responds effectively to the social-emotional experiences of students; streamlining business practices and district-wide policies; aligning K-8 English Language Arts (ELA) and K-12 math curricula; and strengthening teaching practices that address varied student needs in a consistent manner. Large strides have been made in getting all five districts to work collaboratively in an effort to have consistent policies and procedures, aligned curricula, and common expectations among all schools.

The Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award from the Grinspoon Foundation is a highly coveted award and recognizes the accomplishments and best teaching practices of our outstanding educators. The winners of the award for the 2022-23 school year were Shelley Seymour of Hampshire Regional High School and Brian Gilman of Anne T. Dunphy and Westhampton Elementary School. Congratulations to both of our winners!

While the details of the year are summarized by the school principals in their individual reports, I would like to provide a few highlights from Central Office, which is made up of a number of fairly small support departments that all serve an essential role in making Hampshire schools as exceptional as they are. Following are reports from each of these departments:

### **Business Office**

The business office is responsible for all finance, operations, personnel, and contract functions for the five separate districts of Hampshire Regional Schools – this means five budgets, five different school contracts, and five different towns. The business office manages all five budgets to support nearly 1550 students and over 360 employees throughout the region. While much additional funding was provided in 2022 to help offset costs associated with Covid, most of the additional funding has been spent or encumbered. Since the government has not provided us with additional funds, we are trying to be strategic and focused in our spending and creative in our revenue sourcing.

Additionally, in an effort to improve communication pertaining to the budgeting process, the Central Office budget was presented to all school committees prior to any school budgets in order for school committees to view the Central Office budget before having to approve a budget in its entirety. Transparency and open communication will be an ongoing effort of the school business office. Thank you to the entire Business Office for their hard work and due diligence.

## **Technology**

An outside agency, Suzor IT, has been hired to meet the District's technology needs for the 2022-2023 school year. Suzor IT conducted a technology audit in the fall of 2022 and determined that a network infrastructure update for all schools was necessary since ours was outdated. We have started this process by submitting paperwork that would reduce our costs substantially. Suzor IT will be doing all of the labor (at no cost), further saving us additional monies. We continue to have 1:1 devices at all schools, and Suzor IT has developed a comprehensive technology replacement plan which will help us maintain our devices and replace them as necessary.

## **Health Services**

Although COVID is no longer monopolizing all of our time, there continues to be a need for an ongoing pandemic response from our health services team. This includes providing isolation guidance to staff and families, discussing best practices when school community members are living in a household with a positive individual, and educating the community on the benefits of staying up to date on COVID vaccinations/booster doses.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) worked in partnership with expert consultants to update the mandatory preschool through grade 12 vision screening protocols to reflect current evidence-based practices. Our school nurses have been working diligently to implement the new protocols since the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year. Our nursing team has also been working with Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative (LPVEC) to increase billing for reimbursable services. Historically, we have only had a few special education students with 1:1 nursing services in their IEP that we have billed for; however, the Medicaid expansion that happened years ago allows us to bill for annual health screenings in our general ed population as well. Our nursing team has started the process, and the biggest barrier thus far has been parents/guardians not returning consent to bill for services. We will continue to tweak our process to optimize reimbursements to the member Towns of HRSD.

## **Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction/Grants**

Hampshire Regional is one of four districts across the Commonwealth that was awarded the FY22 SOA Rural Innovation and Efficiencies Grant (FC 123), which supports the alignment of mathematics (PK-12) across all the district's schools. The \$208,000.00 award enabled the purchase of a new 6-8 math curriculum (*Into Math*), and also supported professional development for all math teachers. Throughout the year, two coaches from The Math Learning Center offered eight hours of online coaching as well as three days in the elementary schools supporting the work of the district's elementary math teachers. The high school has assembled a math committee that is meeting regularly to select a new high school math curriculum, which will be purchased with these grant monies. This work this year has been enthusiastically received by grade-level teachers and will be completed in early March.

This year, during the district-wide professional development day on November 8, 2022, many of the district's teachers took part in the Hampshire County professional development day organized by the Collaborative for Educational Services. This professional development work offered a choice of different sessions including those focused on social justice, math pedagogy,



and social-emotional learning. On that same day, middle and high school staff continued their work on the gradual release model begun in 2018.

### **Pupil Services**

Over the summer, in addition to providing Extended School Year programming and services to our eligible special education students across the districts, the director of pupil services worked with Principal Pluta to interview and hire staff for the William E. Norris Neurodiversity Continuum of Services. To launch this new initiative, the district provided professional development to the entire staff with Lisa Dieker, an inclusion specialist, and Jennifer Bogan, an autism specialist and the owner of the Field Center in Northampton. The professional development was very well received.

Over the course of the year, the director, building administration, and staff are meeting regularly to solidify processes and procedures. The intention is to have a written document that outlines the continuum of services entry criteria and the interventions, services, and teaching approaches employed to support and educate our neurodiverse learners.

The Pyramid Model is being implemented, which is a multitiered framework that organizes research-based teaching practices for the promotion of social/emotional health and well-being in young children through nurturing and responsive relationships and high-quality environments. The Southampton Preschool classrooms began to implement the Pyramid Model last year and this year they are focused on the school-wide promotion of kindness and responsibility.

Hampshire Regional School District received \$490,340 (Grant 240) to supplement the costs of special education programming and services for all of our schools. In addition, an Early Childhood entitlement grant (Grant 262) brought in \$15,303 to supplement our early childhood programs.

We are fortunate to have so much support from our communities and families, and we thank the towns for their collaboration throughout this year. Thank you for your support, advocacy, and commitment to the Hampshire Regional public schools.

Diana Bonneville, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

## **Board of Selectmen**

The Board of Selectmen had another busy year in 2022, meeting 36 times to monitor, take action on, and support most of the Town's functions. The Board has been aided by an able, professional, and dedicated team of the Town Administrator, Nick Caccamo, and Administrative Assistant, Eleanor Warnock. Without their invaluable assistance and guidance, much would have been left undone.

The Board's predominate function is to coordinate and oversee the many and varied Boards, Committees and Departments that provide all of the Town services that we enjoy and depend on. Many of these are appointed or hired by the Board, some are elected, but all are coordinated through the Board's oversight of Town operations. See the Elected and Appointed Officials in this Town Report for a complete listing. Of these, the Highway, Fire and Police Departments receive the most attention, but a number of others are kept in close contact, such as the Town Collector, Accountant, Treasurer, and Senior Center. Some, such as the School Department, operate independently and are overseen by the Annual Town Meeting vote when the budget is passed. A few committees or boards received close attention this year due to unusual circumstances, such as the Board of Health regarding the Covid pandemic, the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee, the Planning Board and its proposed by-law changes, and the Mill River Greenway Committee for its ongoing work with the multimodal project.

No Town can survive very long without good financial oversight, policies, and procedures which need to be reviewed on a regular and recurring schedule. The Board met quarterly with most departments and reviewed their accomplishments, proposed projects, and operations to ensure efficient and reliable service. The Board monitored the Town-wide budget through reports every other week from the Town Accountant, and signed warrants authorizing funds to be expended. It helped develop the budget by working closely with the Finance Committee, monitored our Free Cash position, contracted for and reviewed the annual Town Audit, oversaw procurement, and recommended capital purchases to Town Meeting. This year the Town purchased a new Loader for the Highway Dept., a new Rescue Truck for the Fire Dept., and a new cruiser for the Police Dept. that replaced one lost to an accident. For the new Safety Complex, it oversaw the borrowing of \$3.6 million, and received a Municipal Vulnerability grant from the state for \$1.8 million for energy efficiency and sustainability. The Board conducted a wage study through UMass Boston to inform our efforts to ensure our employees are paid a fair wage for their work and conducted an Economic Development study through the Donahue Institute at UMass Amherst to support Williamsburg's continuing growth.

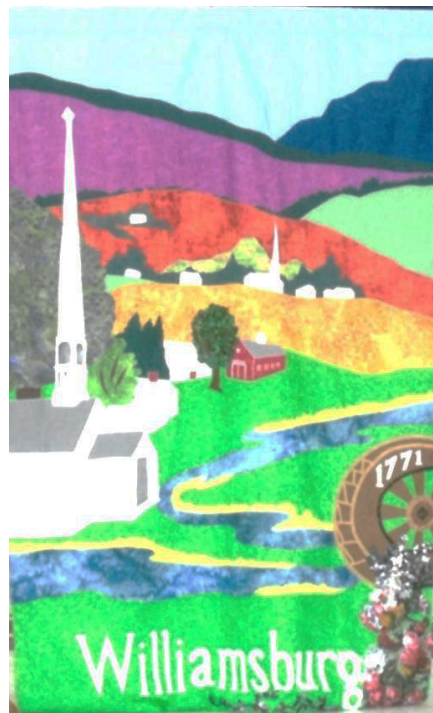
There are always many one-off projects that also demand attention and due diligence during the year. A new internet server was installed, new replacement HVAC units for the ATD school, ongoing work for replacing and improving the gutter system at the Meekins Library, new speed boards for our roads, and a Mass Trails grant for the Goat Path bikeway in Haydenville. A new boundary survey was conducted for the Helen E. James School lot to prepare for the Safety Complex, replacement windows and painting for the Town Office Building were initiated. The culvert on Depot Road was replaced with a grant of \$350,000 from Mass Works. Planning and correspondence for the Mountain Street reconstruction project continued and the project for replacement of the Bridge Street bridge and reconstruction of South Main St. in Haydenville

proceeded with planning. The Board engaged with the City of Northampton over charges for sewer fees, approved a conservation restriction for a parcel on Briar Hill Rd., and initiated a Green Communities project to study energy usage and efficiencies for Town buildings.

Some special events that received attention and support from the Board were the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Covid protocols and procedures in consultation with the Board of Health, and the ongoing litigation for the Opioid Settlement.

Recurring events that are handled annually were heating oil purchasing, the Senior Tax Relief Volunteer Program, the Annual Report and its dedication, the Municipal Energy Aggregation contract in consultation with the Energy Committee, the Town Newsletter, the Annual Town Meeting, the Election Warrant, Winter Recovery Assistance Program (WRAP), the HRMC waste disposal contract, Memorial and Veterans Day observances, the Veterans Services Agreement, and Chapter 90 spending for road maintenance.

We are fortunate to have such a vibrant and welcoming Town that is so well supported by its employees, volunteers, and blessed with a natural and beautiful landscape. The Board of Selectmen encourages all to become involved to make Williamsburg even better.



## Senior Center

The Williamsburg Senior Center is open Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The office can be contacted at 413-268-8407 or [seniorcenterdirector@burgy.org](mailto:seniorcenterdirector@burgy.org) and information is available on the town website, [burgy.org](http://burgy.org), Senior Center page.

The Williamsburg Senior Center receives funding from the Town of Williamsburg, the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA), Highland Valley Elder Services (HVES), Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTa) and generous donations from residents and local agencies. We also partner with the Retired Senior Volunteer program of the Pioneer Valley (RSVP) and the Western Mass Food Bank for various programs.

### **Food programs:**

- Congregate meals returned to the meal site room in March of this year. Lunches were served Monday through Thursday, with the Monday Meal featuring a home cooked meal, and HVES providing meals Tuesday through Friday (Friday lunches were delivered).
- The Brown Bag program provided groceries (Western Mass Food Bank) once a month to 12 to 14 senior households on fixed incomes.
- Staff helped to coordinate the Take and Eat program, a Saturday lunch meal preparation and delivery to 45 to 50 households by two local churches, Williamsburg Congregational and Our Lady of the Hills.
- The Farm Shares Program ran for twenty weeks (June – October), providing a generous portion of local, healthy produce for a nominal cost to about 22 households. The farm shares come from Prospect Meadow, which is run by Service Net.

### **Exercise programs:**

- Healthy Bones and Balance classes began this year, meeting on Thursdays in the Town Office building. Classes were well attended (17 to 20). The instructor, Mary Bisbee, is an RSVP volunteer.
- Tai Chi met Tuesdays (inside or outside, weather permitting). The instructor, Marty Phinney, has been offering her talent and knowledge for over 30 years!
- The Contemporary Dance group met once a week (inside or outside, weather permitting) with Susan Waltner, a dedicated and gifted instructor. She is in her seventh year.
- The Strength and Cardio exercise program continued throughout the year, meeting weekly on zoom. The instructor, Joan Griswold, is in her third year.

### **Transportation:**

- Medical and car pool or companion rides (shopping, errands, etc.) continued during the year. On average, there are over thirty rides arranged monthly. They are funded by PVTa and HVES.
- Transportation is also provided to congregate lunch meals and to monthly foot care appointments.

### Reception and Outreach:

- Staff made weekly and monthly phone contact with 50 to 60 seniors, many of whom were living alone. The center also coordinates a companion/friendly visitor program.
- Reception staff was available Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for phone calls, walk-ins, and emails. Staff assisted callers with SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) appointments, SNAP benefits (food stamps), Fuel Assistance applications, home care referrals, Veterans assistance, and many other requests.
- The Men's Group and the Ladies who Lunch met monthly at the Snack Bar.
- Technology program: the Senior Center manages a volunteer technology program. When folks call us to get technology assistance, we match them with a volunteer. To date we have served more than 35 individuals.
- Living Well, the Senior Center monthly newsletter, has become an instrumental and important way for the center to connect with our constituency.

### Some things to note in the past year:

- The Senior Center continued to collaborate with Meekins Library and held Technology Day in April. The program was a success – approximately twenty folks stopped by and were able to get assistance on using their devices.
- The Senior Center and the staff at the Anne T. Dunphy (ATD) School collaborated on a flu clinic in October. Over 90 folks received flu shots on that day.
- The Pen Pal program (another very popular collaboration with the school) had 17 seniors exchanging letters with the sixth-grade students at ATD.
- A multigenerational event in August was a big hit, featuring Judi Press of Rivervalley Rabbitry and her mini rex rabbits. Youth members of the Grange and 4-H, led by Shannon Wade and Faith Bisbee, respectively, helped set up and serve food for over 40 folks.
- An Ice Cream Social was held on a hot, perfect day in July with over 40 folks in attendance. The ice cream and fixings were generously donated by Mark and Annette Larareo of the Village Green. Music was provided by Dianne Martin on the recorder and Bethany Ouimet on the electric keyboard.
- The Town celebrated our 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary in July. The PVTA provided a trolley bus for seniors to ride in the parade. This, along with marchers and floats, made for a special day for our town.

**Volunteers:** The Senior Center has been fortunate to have the many volunteers who help us in a variety of ways. They are important to the work that we do. The 2022 year was active, meaningful, and fun.

*Our mission continues to be reducing isolation and loneliness among older adults, especially among our most vulnerable, and enhancing the quality of life and independence of seniors residing in our community.*



# Oliver Smith Will Charities

To the Residents of the Town of Williamsburg

## Re: Smith Charities 2022 Calendar Year end Beneficiary Distributions

Below please find a breakdown of the following applicants who were paid monetary gifts as beneficiaries under the Oliver Smith Will between January 1, 2022, through the December 31, 2022, year end:

<u>Gift Distribution(s)</u>	<u>Recipient(s)</u>	<u>Beneficiary(ies)</u>	<u>Total Gift Amount</u>
	1	Brides	\$200.00
	0	Nurses	\$ 0.00
	0	Tradespersons	\$ 0.00
	<u>0</u>	Widows	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
	<b>1</b>		<b>\$200.00</b>

During the past fiscal year, February 1, 2022 to January 31, 2023, the following beneficiary activity has occurred within the nine designated communities of Amherst, Deerfield, Easthampton, Greenfield, Hadley, Hatfield, Northampton, Whately, and Williamsburg;

### Brides – Gifts permanently doubled from \$100 to \$200

Three brides each received a \$200 marriage gift.

### Nurses – Gifts doubled from \$600 to 1200 for this fiscal year period.

One new student nurse was enrolled.

One nurse graduated this year and each received a \$1,200 nurse gift.

### Tradespersons – Gifts doubled from \$600 to \$1,200 for this fiscal year period

No new tradespersons were enrolled.

One tradesperson received a \$1,200 apprentice gift.

### Widows – Gifts permanently doubled from \$300 and \$100 to \$600 and \$200.

No new widows.

Sixteen who renewed were paid the annual gift

**Total paid to beneficiaries was \$14,200.**

The total sum disbursed as gifts to beneficiaries was \$25,119 which includes \$5,919 that will be paid to the City of Northampton after the monthly Trustees meeting on February 15, 2023, for the account of Smith's Agricultural School, being the net income from the permanent fund established for the school. Also included in this figure is the \$5,000 cash donation given directly to the school with payment made out to "Friends of the Farm" as a result of the May 23, 2022 fire.

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

\$1,498,500	Bride's Gift (originally designated in the Will as Indigent Young Women)
\$ 816,533	Nurse's Gift (originally designated in the Will as Indigent Female Children)
\$2,929,500	Tradesperson's Gift (originally designated in the Will as indigent boys)
\$1,845,479	Widow's Gift
\$1,573,340	Smith Agricultural School Yearly Distribution
\$ 5,000	Cash Donation to Smith Agricultural School for 2022 fire damage
\$ 35,374	Annuities
<u>\$ 613,717</u>	<u>Taxes</u>
\$9,317,443	Total amount paid to date

Current Trustees: David A. Murphy, Leslie Dwight and Carol Gray

Richard Kisloski, Current Elector Under the Oliver Smith Will  
Carla M. Kone, Treasurer, The Trustees of The Smith Charities

## 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 2022 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 Administration and Highway Department Superintendent Dan Banister.

There were fifty-five inquiries to the Tree Warden in 2022. Thirty-five of those inquiries required follow-up and/or action:

- 5 matters posed a hazard to electricity supply lines and poles. In cooperation with the Town, these matters were addressed by National Grid.
- 17 matters required the attention of the Highway Department or contractors with specialized equipment.
- 6 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.
- 5 matters are in progress or were determined a medium or high priority and are in progress or pending the next round of work by a contractor with the appropriate equipment (e.g., crane, bucket truck, climbing and/or rigging equipment.)
- There were no situations which required a formal permitting process.



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. Our current focus on reducing hazards reflects both the mature and declining condition of the trees lining our roads, and that large and expensive tree removals will continue to consume (and often exceed) funding. Alternate sources of funding, such as grants and in conjunction with other planned projects, should be considered as a means of building Williamsburg’s urban and rural forest of the future.

Thomas Por  
Tree Warden

## **Trust Fund and Cemetery Commission**

During 2022, 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 schools, the library, newborns, senior citizens and the financially disadvantaged. The values of the trusts have decreased by 8.89 % in 2022 to \$2,092,483.69 with expenditures of \$62,772.66 which includes distributions to town entities (\$47,381.77) and management fees (\$15,390.89). Earnings from dividends, interest and other income totaled \$6,609.26. 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. The Kmit family gift of \$354,000 is earmarked for the libraries specifically to strengthen programs and expand educational opportunities for children under the age of nineteen. This year's fiscal year 2022 contribution was \$21,447.03. As of 9/30/2022 the value of the Kmit fund was \$531,302.32.

Other gifts are used to aid Williamsburg students and strengthen our public schools. Trust fund support in the past has enabled Williamsburg Public School students to take field trips and benefit from many other teacher and student projects. The Trust Fund has also provided support to Williamsburg 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 no more than 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 increase, the amount of gifting can increase.

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 is closed for additional 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. The clock, which is maintained weekly, is housed in the steeple of the Haydenville Congregational Church.

Whether helping students, providing for the needy families in Williamsburg, or welcoming newborns, your gifts, too, could be a source of continuing giving. The generosity and forethought of a nineteenth 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 student grow and learn. This fiscal year 2022, \$31,777.42 was made available to the Anne T. Dunphy School and to Hampshire Regional for Williamsburg students. As of 9/30/2022 the Collins Fund was worth \$601,731.22.

Trust Fund meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Town Offices in Haydenville.

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



## Veteran Services

In 2022 a new Veteran Service Officer, Daniel Nye, joined our team, replacing Robert Vigneault, who has moved on. Daniel is an Army veteran who has previously served on Williamsburg's Veterans Memorial Committee.

Central Hampshire Veteran Services has produced five episodes of our new outreach television show, which is being aired district-wide on both town websites and local access television, and can be found on YouTube under Central Hampshire Veteran Services. We also developed a letter which we would like to distribute to selected residents who self-identified as veterans, informing them of our program. This is part of an overall effort to conduct outreach to veterans and their family members to connect them to the many benefits and services our office provides.



Last autumn, the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH), U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) jointly announced major progress in veteran homelessness reductions. Newly-released data from the 2022 Point-in-Time Count reveals an 11% decrease in veteran homelessness since 2020 and a 55.3% decrease since 2010. These declines demonstrate the success of veteran homelessness programs that are grounded in Housing First principles. The Housing First model is central to veteran homelessness programs, including the Supportive Services for Veteran Families and the HUD-VA Supportive Housing programs. We are pleased to announce that our work locally has also seen a significant decline in veterans' homelessness. The point-in-time count of homeless from 2018 to 2022 saw a 58% decrease within the Hampshire County Continuum of Care (CoC) and our office has assisted many of those veterans to get into permanent housing over the last dozen years or so.

Through our efforts as a leading member of the Western Massachusetts Veterans Outreach Project, our office has spearheaded an initiative with Cooley Dickinson Hospital (CDH) to provide improved intake and referral services for Veterans accessing the CDH system of care. CDH has identified this initiative as a major strategic priority. Known as the "Just Ask Campaign," the initiative includes a question for patients at CDH if they or a family member have a history of military service. This question is now part of the CDH electronic medical records (EMR) system. Our office is now working as part of a collaborative that includes CDH, ServiceNet, Smith College and others to improve referral services for veterans and their family members when accessing health care outside the federal Department of Veterans Affairs. We hope this pioneering work will be replicated elsewhere in our state.

Also, as a member of the Western Mass. Veterans Outreach Project, we are researching, planning and implementing a training conference / event to improve the lives of military and veteran family members in our western Massachusetts region for November 2023. The goal is to reach health care and behavioral health providers, first responders, law enforcement personnel, veteran

organizations, veteran services representatives, school guidance counselors and educators, pastoral care and clergy, and all others who connect with family members or who interact with our broad and diverse military and veteran community in western Massachusetts to improve their lives and well-being.

We have received a grant from the Northampton Arts Council to bring "A Stone's Throw", an art installation / performance project inspired by the ripple effect of military service on veterans, family members, and the broader community. A visual/sonic immersive experience created in collaboration with area veterans and families, "A Stone's Throw" lifts the voices of those in our community who are navigating the ongoing complexities of "home after war" – months, years and even decades after serving. Running for one month in A.P.E.'s Gallery, the installation will be open a minimum of 25 hours a week. At least 8 times a week, the installation will "come alive" through live performance by actors and movement artists, transporting the audience into the lives of veterans and their families, across time and place. Additionally, we will curate a weekend of play / poetry readings and film screenings, amplifying the themes of A Stone's Throw in different mediums. We plan to cooperate with veterans service organizations across our district to bring these stories to the Valley.

In Williamsburg, the two biggest days of recognition for our veterans are Memorial Day and Veterans' Day. The 2022 Memorial Day ceremonies and Parade were a success. 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. This year's Memorial Day service centered on the awarding of the Massachusetts Medal of Liberty, the state's highest military award, given to the families of military service members who lost their lives in service to our nation. Central Hampshire Veterans Services Director Steve Connor presented the awards to the next of kin of four Williamsburg/Haydenville service members who lost their lives in WWII – SGT Felix Lezynski, PFC Frederick King, Private Gordon Loomis and Private Edwin Kolosewicz.



Special thanks go out to Lauren Fleit for her renditions of our national anthem and "We'll Meet Again". Thanks also go to Michael Lockwood, local student and Project 351 Ambassador, who did a wonderful job speaking the Governor's Memorial Day Proclamation. The Veterans' Day ceremony, as well, was a well-attended event and the weather cooperated nicely. This year's guest speaker was Larry Cervelli, Project Coordinator for the Western Massachusetts Veterans Outreach Project who spoke on the important work being done by the organization to improve communication and outcomes between veterans and health care providers. Thanks again go out to Lauren Fleit, who provided the musical portion of the program.

Lastly, this year many veterans and some dependents of Williamsburg and Haydenville received monthly VA compensation and pension benefits amounting to \$116,937.95 in total. Additionally, 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 \$19,203.27 in benefits for FY 2022 and received 75% of that money as a reimbursement from the state.

## Visiting Nurse Association

Officers of the Williamsburg Visiting Nurse Association: President Brenda Lessard, Vice President Gordon Luce, and Secretary/Treasurer Denise Banister, met jointly with members of the Trust Fund Commission on March 15, 2020. Because the VNA organization had been inactive for several years and its duties had been taken over by other organizations who could perform tasks formerly accomplished by the VNA more easily and efficiently, it was voted to dissolve the VNA. Funds held by the VNA were to be transferred to the Williamsburg Trust Fund Commissioners, and a Williamsburg VNA Trust Fund was to be established. Proceeds from the checking and savings account totaled \$21,034.36. And when the Certificate of Deposit held by the VNA matured, that amount was \$9,079.61. A total of \$30,113.97 was turned over to the Trust Fund Commissioners in May 2022, with the directions to hold the sum of \$29,000 in perpetuity, and any expenditures from the proceeds of the investment be limited to medical expenses related to dentures and hearing aids, at the discretion of the Trust Fund Commissioners.

Denise L. Banister

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## Water and Sewer Commission

The Williamsburg Water and Sewer Commission meets every other Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Offices. The public is welcome to come in with any questions they may have or any comments they may have for the Board.

The Commission lost two very important members of the Commission this past year. Roger Bisbee, who was a wealth of knowledge of the town's water and sewer system passed away in March 2022. The Commission will miss his wisdom and knowledge of the water and wastewater system. We also lost James Hyslip, when he decided not to run for his seat on the Commission. Jim served the town for many years. His engineering and mechanical expertise is missed.



2022 has been a busy year for the Water Sewer Commission. We have been plagued by very high fines from the City of Northampton for our total suspended solids (TSS) and biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) for the last 5 years since Northampton instituted 24 hour testing of our wastewater stream.

Due to our contract with them we also have to pay for them to do this constant testing, which comes to over \$20,000 per year. We purchased testing equipment several years ago and have been doing our own testing for one week each month since August 2021 to try to replicate



Northampton's readings. Our samples, which are sent to a certified lab, are lower than Northampton's by a large margin most of the time.

In order to find out why there is such a discrepancy, we have hired the engineering firm of Weston and Sampson to review our testing and Northampton's, as well as assess where the potential high loading is coming from. We should learn more in the coming months.

We have spent an exceptionally large amount of our meetings for several years dealing with the wastewater issues, after gathering our own testing data. We hope to have this resolved this coming year (2023).

Our water system consists of two wells off South Street on Roger Bisbee Way. The primary well is about 30 years old and is in relatively good condition. We have taken steps to assess our older well, that was drilled around 1952. We flushed it and had the water tested and it is excellent, as is the water from our newer well. The well casing is slightly smaller than our newer well, so it doesn't produce quite as much as the other one, mainly due to the size. We have decided to spend some time and money on our older well to get a modern pump and monitoring system for it. Our intention is to start using it on a regular basis along with our primary well. We feel that it is important to have a good working back up in regular use in the event that something happens with the newer well.



Williamsburg is blessed to have such a high quality and abundant water supply on our land on South Street.

The Commission would like to remind you to check for leaky faucets, toilets, sill cocks, showers, etc., around your home. A small drip that goes undetected or is allowed to continue will increase your water usage more than you might think and your water bill will reflect that. It is your responsibility to watch for and repair those leaks. Any water that goes through your meter will be billed, whether it is a leak or not. It "pays" to take that few minutes periodically to check on things.

As always, we thank the Williamsburg Highway Department for their continued work in conjunction with water and sewer lines. It is a pleasure to see the town departments working well together for the benefit of the town.

## 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

### Specific goals for 2022

- Improve trail blazing and signage where needed
- Establish consistent methods and a vendor for kiosk panel creation
- Explore ideas for new trail possibilities to include with surrounding communities

During the past four years, including the pandemic, our efforts have been directed primarily toward the development of the Historic Dam and Horse Mountain trails. Now completed, we look forward to resuming leading public hikes on our town trails.

### 2022 Hikes

- Big View Hike, Sunday, September 18, hikers met at the trailhead for an introduction to land owners, Phil and Diane Merritt, and to celebrate the installation of the Big View kiosk. Hikers, led by the Merritts, then explored the trails to the Big View outlook where they ate their trail lunches, then returned to the trailhead.

### Trail Maintenance

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



- The committee assessed trailhead parking and especially winter parking at open trails. The town has provided a limited roadside parking turnoff for the Hall/O'Neil Trail. The

Historic Dam Trail will be closed during the winter. Other trails remain open with town or private winter parking maintained.

- A committee workday was held at the Historic Dam Trail, Saturday, November 5, where members and invited volunteers spread crushed stone, donated by the town, in wet areas of the trail. They also raked the trail and cleaned the interpretive panels.
- A workday at Briar Hill, scheduled for December 3, to clear brush from the overlook was canceled due to inclement weather. It will be rescheduled.

## **Other Activities**

The construction of a shed to store the WWTC trail building and maintenance tools and equipment was completed this fall. The small building, whose design and construction was overseen by member John Hoogstraten, is located adjacent to the Town Highway Department building. We thank community and trails committee members for donating much of the building materials. The shed was constructed entirely with volunteer labor from the trails committee members.

WWTC caps with our bear paw logo were purchased and are usually available at our hikes and events.

The resignations of longtime members Dwight Baghdoyan and Sarah LaPointe were accepted with regret after many years of dedication to the town's trails and we welcomed new members Dinah Mack and Sarah Welch to the committee.

Our budget was used to purchase shed building materials and trail building tools and supplies and to promote our trails through our website and printed materials.

Announcements of events, workdays, projects and photos will be posted on Facebook, All Things Williamsburg and Kind Things Williamsburg.

## **Using Williamsburg's Trails**

Trail maps and information about Williamsburg's trails and current activities is available on our website, [www.WilliamsburgWoodlandTrails.org](http://www.WilliamsburgWoodlandTrails.org). These trails may be located on or 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 property please follow all trail use signs.
- Please respect all trail uses: hiking, biking, skiing, horseback riding, ATV and snowmobile use are all 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.

## *Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee*

Committee members: Paul Jahnige, chair, Gwen Blodgett, John Hoogstraten, Eileen Keegan, Kevin McAllister, Dinah Mack, Diane Merritt, David Weber, Sarah Welch

## **Zoning Board of Appeals**

The Zoning Board of Appeals usually meets only when an application for a Special Permit or a Variance is submitted. The current members are Paul Kennedy, Gerald Mann, Mickey Gallagher and alternate Amy Bisbee. The board is looking to add at least one other alternate.

The Zoning Board of Appeals conducts public hearings for special permit and variance applications that come before them. They issue these permits and variances within the scope of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Williamsburg.

The Board of Appeals issued the following Special Permits in 2022:

### **36 South Street:**

A Special Permit was granted for a common driveway to serve two building lots.

### **7 Old Goshen Road:**

A Special Permit was granted for constructing an Accessory Apartment in an outbuilding on the property.

A Special Permit was granted for a Major Home Occupation in an existing accessory building to allow a piano business to operate there.

### **24 Hyde Hill Road:**

A Special Permit was granted to allow for short-term rentals.

### **183 Main Street:**

A Special Permit was granted to allow expansion of Rosana's Self Storage to 183 Main Street. This permit would allow up to 24 ten-foot by twenty-foot storage cubicles.

### **36 Unquomonk Road:**

A Special Permit was granted to allow for short-term rentals.

### **16 Main Street:**

A Special Permit was granted to allow the Town to construct a Public Safety Building on the site.

