

Town of
Williamsburg
Massachusetts



2014
Annual Report



Jeffrey Ciuffreda

The Williamsburg Board of Selectmen is pleased to dedicate the 2014 Annual Report to Jeffrey S. Ciuffreda to recognize and honor his 32 years of volunteer service to the town.

Jeff began his career of service in the Peace Corps, rising up through the ranks from Volunteer to Associate Director of Programs and Training, serving in Liberia in West Africa and Lesotho in Southern Africa from 1972 to 1978. He later served as an aide to Congressman Silvio O. Conte as Vice President of Legislative Affairs for the Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield and for the Western Massachusetts Economic Development Council. Currently he is the President of the Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield, working to enhance the economic development and collective strength of the region.

Having moved to Williamsburg in 1979, it was natural that Jeff would get involved in his community, dedicating his time, expertise and skills. In 1982 he was appointed to the Finance Committee and in 1983 to the newly formed Brassworks Loan Reuse Committee, a committee he still serves on today. Five short years after he got involved with town politics, he was asked by Jeanne E. Hemenway to run for a position on the Board of Selectmen. Honored at being asked by Jeanne, who had such a long connection

to his new town, in 1987 he began his career on the Board. He served in this position for 18 years over two separate time periods, tying for second place for longest serving Selectman.

Jeff truly loved being a Selectman. He was very sincere in his commitment to do what was right for the Town of Williamsburg and he was proud to represent the town in events such as the annual ceremonies on Memorial and Veterans' Day. Jeff saw the town through some difficult financial times imposed by the constraints of proposition 2½ that began in 1980. Today the town enjoys a strong balance sheet.

He also worked to professionalize all town operations and improve its infrastructure, by helping establish the position of town administrator, increasing full-time presence in the police department, appointing a dedicated person to oversee the upkeep of town buildings, and upgrading technology under the oversight of a Technology Committee. He understood that taxpayers have many expenses to consider and that the town's needs and desires had to be balanced under tight budgets.

With his contacts, communication skills and his ability to put people together at the right moment, he was able to get the Anne T. Dunphy school building project off the ground with funding support from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, an opportunity the town thought had been closed to us.

Over the years, Jeff has served in many capacities that have provided oversight on expenditures and managed important initiatives for the town. As a member of the Trust Fund Commission (15 years), Pioneer Valley Region Joint Transportation Commission (16 years), Procurement Officer (5 years), Administrative Feasibility Committee (4 years), Cable Advisory Committee (1 year) and Capital Planning Committee (2 years), Jeff has been an integral part of town government. Still today, he continues to serve on the Brassworks, Capital Planning, Town Flag, Comcast Advisory and the Building Repurposing Committees.

Jeff has great energy and an ability to balance family, work, volunteering and travel. He and Mary Ann, his wife of 36 years, raised two children in our town, Connie and Dominick, both educated through our public school system. He always made time to attend dance recitals, soccer games, and hockey games, including trips to Canada for tournaments, visiting family and seeing the sights. There were many happy and proud moments, but especially the days they witnessed the marriages of both of their children.

As a Board we believe it is important to mark Jeff's many achievements and his example as an excellent role model for what it means to be an involved citizen in our community. His dedication and commitment have made and continue to make a difference. Thank you, Jeff, for your service!

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Information about Jeff Ciuffreda thanks to him and his family

Government Officials

Select Board

David Mathers, Chair
Denise Banister
Paul Dunphy (resigned 11/2014)

Representative in the General Court

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Town Office Hours

<i>Subject to change, see www.burgy.org</i>	Town Offices, 141 Main Street
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR Charlene Nardi, (413) 268-8418	Monday through Thursday 8:00-4:00
ADMIN. ASST. TO SELECT BOARD Eleanor Warnock, (413) 268-8400	Monday through Thursday 10:00-2:00
TOWN COLLECTOR Bonnie Roberge, (413) 268-8401	Monday through Thursday 8:30-3:00
TOWN CLERK Brenda Lessard, (413)268-8402	Monday 8:30-3:30, eve 5:30-7:00, Tuesday 8:30-3:30 Thursday 9:00-2:00
ASSESSORS Dolores Thornhill, (413) 268-8403	Tuesday 9:00-12:00, eve 7:00-8:00
TOWN ACCOUNTANT Joyce Muka, (413) 268-8412	Thursday 9:00-3:00
TOWN TREASURER Nathan Rosewarne, (413) 268-8415	By appointment
FOOTHILLS HEALTH AGENT Valerie Bird, (413) 268-8404	By appointment
SENIOR CENTER Director Marie Westburg, (413) 268-8407 Outreach Coordinator Fran Goebel Administrative Assistant Sherry Loomis	Monday through Thursday 8:30-1:30
REGIONAL MEAL SITE Director Nylida Weeks, (413) 268-9326	Meals served Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 11:45
VETERANS' AGENT Tom Geryk, (413) 587-1299	Monday 11:30-1:30, 3 rd Tuesday eve 6:00-8:00
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT Bill Turner, (413) 268-8405	24 Main St., Williamsburg Monday through Friday 7:00-3:30
POLICE CHIEF Denise Wickland, (413) 268-7237	16 South Main Street, Haydenville
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER Shayla Howe, (413) 522-2636	howe0005@yahoo.com Facebook: Williamsburg Animal Control & Friends
TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING CENTER (413) 268-8408	27 Mountain Street, Haydenville Wednesday and Saturday 9:00-4:00
BUILDING INSPECTOR Louis Hasbrouck, (413) 587-1240 Assistant: Chuck Miller	212 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30-4:30 Wednesday 8:30-12:30

Board Meeting Schedules

Agricultural Commission	Four times a year, February, April, August, November 2 nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Assessors	Weekly, Tuesday 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Brassworks Reuse Committee	Monthly, 2 nd Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.
Conservation Commission	Twice a month, 2 nd and 4 th Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. Site visits as needed
Council on Aging	Monthly, 3 rd Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.
Energy Committee	Varies
Finance Committee	Various Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.
Board of Health	Twice a month, 2 nd and 4 th Mondays, 7:00 p.m. (subject to change)
Hilltown Resource Management	Monthly, 1 st Thursday, 7:00 p.m., location varies
Library Trustees	Monthly, 3 rd Wednesday, at Meekins Library
Planning Board	Twice a month, 1 st and 3 rd Mondays, 7:00 p.m.
Recreation Commission	Monthly, 1 st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Williamsburg School Committee	Monthly, 3 rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Anne T. Dunphy School
Hampshire Regional School Committee	Monthly, 1 st Monday, 7:00 p.m. Hampshire Regional School
Select Board	Every other Thursday, 7:00 p.m. (warrant weeks)
Shade Tree Committee	Monthly, 3 rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Technology Committee	Varies
Trust Fund Commission	Monthly, 1 st Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Water/Sewer Commission	Every other Tuesday 7:00 p.m. (warrant weeks)
Woodland Trails	Monthly, 2 nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals	Per application

Please note that some changes are made in scheduling to accommodate summer/winter scheduling. Many boards hold additional meetings as necessary. There are also other committees that are temporary or meet only occasionally or at certain times of the year. 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.

2014 Elected Officials

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	
Assessors			
Peter Shumway	3 year	2017	
Denise Banister	3 years	2015	
Glen Everett	3 years	2016	
Board of Health			
Donna Gibson	3 years	2016	
Helen Symons	3 years	2017	
Gordon Luce	2 years	2015	
Board of Library Trustees			
Anne Haxo	3 years	2016	
Eileen Stewart	3 years	2016	
Patricia Billingsley	3 years	2017	
Robert Stinson	3 years	2017	
James Ayres	3 years	2015	resigned 11/2014
Joan Coryat	3 years	2015	
Jon Gould		2015	appointed 12/2014
Electors – Oliver Smith Will			
Eric Cerreta	1 year	2015	
Finance Committee			
Charles Heath	3 years	2016	
Richard Kisloski	3 years	2016	
Linda Rowley	3 years	2016	
Jacqueline Dufresne	3 years	2017	
Christopher Morris	3 years	2017	
Paul R. Wetzel	3 years	2017	
Robert Buchele	3 years	2015	
Walter (Kim) Boas	3 years	2015	
Eric Cerreta	3 year	2015	
Hampshire Council of Government Councilors			
Eileen Stewart	3 years	2016	
Local School Committee			
David Chase	3 years	2016	
Jeff Gelbard	3 years	2016	
Sarah Christiansen	3 years	2017	
Duncan Laird	3 years	2017	
Kayla Solomon	3 years	2015	

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	
Moderator			
Joseph Larkin	1 year	2015	
Recreation			
Alan Golash	3 years	2016	
Jessica Lockwood	3 years	2016	
John O'Sullivan	3 years	2017	
Pam Plumer	3 years	2017	
Gary Benoit	3 years	2015	
Regional School Committee			
David P. Nardi	3 years	2017	
Diane Bishop	3 years	2015	
Carl Schlerman	2 years	2016	
Board of Selectmen			
David Mathers	3 years	2016	
Denise Banister	3 years	2017	
Paul Dunphy	3 years	2015	resigned 11/2015
Town Clerk			
Brenda Lessard	3 years	2016	
Treasurer			
Nathan Rosewarne	3 years	2016	
Trust Fund/Cemetery Commission			
Dick Kisloski	3 years	2016	
Eric Weber	3 years	2015	
Collin Black	3 years	2017	
Water/Sewer Commission			
James Hyslip	3 years	2016	
Eric Cerreta	3 years	2015	full term is to 2016
Kenneth Taylor	3 years	2017	
Jerry Roberge	3 years	2017	
William Turner	3 years	2015	

2014 Appointed Officials

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	
Accountant			
Franklin Council of Governments Joyce Muka	Contract		
Administrative Assistant			
Eleanor Warnock	1 year	2015	
Agricultural Commission (5)			
Alan Everett	3 years	2017	
Meg Taylor	3 years	2017	
Amanda Emerson	3 years	2015	
Keith Dufresne	3 years	2016	
Paul Zononi	3 years	2016	
Brian Kline, alternate	1 year	2015	resigned 12/2014
Angela Roell, alternate	1 year	2015	resigned 12/2014
Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator			
Vacancy	1 year		
Animal Control Officer			
Shayla Howe	1 year	2015	
Warren Kirkpatrick, Certified ACO	1 year	2015	
Animal Inspector			
Donald Lawton	1 year	2015	
Assessors' Clerk			
Dolores Thornhill	1 year	2015	
Assistant Town Treasurer			
Karen Karowski	1 year	2015	Appointed by Treasurer
Brassworks Reuse Committee (3)			
Richard Kisloski	1 year	2015	Appointed by Finance
Peter Mahieu	1 year	2015	Appointed by Planning Board
Jeffrey Ciuffreda	1 year	2015	
Building Inspector			
Louis Hasbrouck	1 year	2015	Contract City of Northampton

Building Repurposing Committee (9)

Gordon Allen	1 year	2015
Barbara Ferrante Bricker	1 year	2015
Jeff Ciuffreda	1 year	2015
Paul Dunphy	1 year	2015
Michael Lamothe	1 year	2015
John Pohanka	1 year	2015
Eileen Stewart	1 year	2015
Fran Tilley	1 year	2015
Vacancy	1 year	

Building Supervisor

James Locke	1 year	2015
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Capital Planning Committee (5 plus Advisory)

Robert Buchele	1 year	2015	Appointed by Finance
Richard Kisloski	1 year	2015	Appointed by Finance
Jeffrey Ciuffreda	3 years	2017	
Mitch Cichy	3 years	2015	
Charles Dudek	3 years	2016	
Nathan Rosewarne – Advisory		2016	Ex officio

* 3 year appointments by Select Board * 1 year appointments by Finance Committee

Collector

Bonnie Roberge	3 years	2016
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Comcast Committee

Jeff Ciuffreda	until completed	
David Nardi		
Leslie Smith		

Conservation Commission (5)

Marcianna Caplis	3 years	2017
C. Todd Lynch	3 years	2015
Gerald Mann	3 years	2015
Robert Stinson	3 years	2016
Joseph Rogers	3 years	2016

Constables

Jason Connell	3 years	2017
Gordon Luce	3 years	2017
Wilbur Loomis	3 years	2015
Paul Sanderson	3 years	2015

Council on Aging (9)

James Cahillane	3 years	2017	
Lawrence West	3 years	2017	
Eleanor "Jane" Elovirta	3 years	2017	
Susan Farrell	3 years	2015	appointed 12/2014
Daria D'Arienzo	3 years	2016	
Fred Goodhue	3 years	2016	
Fran Tilley	3 years	2016	
Vacancy	3 years	2015	
Vacancy	3 years	2015	
Glen Goebel, Associate	1 year	2015	
Mary Lee Satterfield, Associate	1 year	2015	

Council on Aging Senior Center Staff

Marie Westburg, Director	1 year	2015	
Frances M. Goebel, Outreach Coord.	1 year	2015	
Nylida Weeks, Mealsite Coordinator	1 year	2015	
Sharon Loomis, Admin. Asst.	1 year	2015	

Cultural Council (5)

Michele Morales-Wolk	3 years	2017	
Mary Dudek	3 years	2017	
Catherine Carija	3 years	2015	
Charles Dudek	3 years	2015	
Sean Mallari	3 years	2016	

Emergency Management Director

Denise Banister	1 year	2015	
Jason Connell, Assistant	1 year	2015	

Energy Committee (5)

Kim Boas	1 year	2015	
Charles Dudek	1 year	2015	
Mary Dudek	1 year	2015	
Gerald Mann	1 year	2015	
Rob Stinson	1 year	2015	

Field Driver

Shayla Howe	1 year	2015	
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Fire Chief/Forest Fire Warden

Jason Connell	1 year	2015	
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Firefighters	1 year	2015
Donald Turner – Assistant Chief		
Eric Cerreta – Deputy Chief		
James Ferron – Captain		
Robert Lapointe – Captain		
Paul Sanderson – Lieutenant		
Cory McGill – Lieutenant		
Worth Noyes – Chaplain (Police & Fire)		

Call Firefighters

Bartholomew Casey	Andy Castillo	Michael Cerreta	Dan Daley
Nicholas Denno	Greg Dibrindisi	Alan Everett	Glen Everett
Amanda Flechsig	Terrence Foley	Bryan Joyce	Richard Karowski
Lawrence Lashway	Riley Liptak	Jake Lulek	Douglass McGill
Robin Merritt	Zachary Moran	Drew Morse	John Pope
Brian Renaud	Shawna Rogers		

* Firefighters are appointed by the Fire Chief

Retired Firefighters

Peter Banister	Roger Bisbee	Jeremiah Pelkey	Donald Lawton
Kenneth Taylor			

Consultants to Fire Department

Daniel Banister	Tim McQuestion	Daryl Springman
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Junior Firefighters

Nicholas Curtin	Joshua Lapointe	Connor Payson
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Flag Committee

Jim Cahillane	1 year	2015
Jeffrey Ciuffreda	1 year	2015
Joy Kinigstein	1 year	2015
Jen Reagan	1 year	2015
Lisa Tucker	1 year	2015

Gas Inspector

Donald Lawton	1 year	2015
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Highland Ambulance Board of Directors

Christopher Smith	3 years	2015	Appointed by Highland Amb
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Highway Superintendent

William Turner	1 year	2015
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Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative

Gordon Luce	1 year	2015
Paul Wetzel	1 year	2015

Historical Commission (5)

Mary Bisbee	3 years	2016
Sandra Ginsburg	3 years	2017
Steve Herzberg	3 years	2017
Ralmon Black	3 years	2015
Eric Weber	3 years	2015

Materials Recycling Facility Advisory Board

Eric Weiss	1 year	2015	Officially appointed by MRF resigned 7/2014
Kathleen Casey	1 year	2015	appointed by MRF 11/2014

Measurer Gravel/Soil and Manure

Wilbur Loomis	1 year	2015
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Mill River Greenway Committee (11)

Eric Bloomquist	1 year	2015
Nick Dines	1 year	2015
Mary Dudek	1 year	2015
John Hoogstraten	1 year	2015
Jim Hyslip	1 year	2015
Gaby Immerman	1 year	2015
Joseph Rogers	1 year	2015
Rob Stinson	1 year	2015
Lawrence West	1 year	2015
Vacancy	1 year	
Vacancy	1 year	
Emmet Anderson, Ad Hoc Associate	1 year	2015

Old Town Hall Project Advisory Committee (5)

Louis Hasbrouck	1 year	2015	
James Locke	1 year	2015	
Charlene Nardi	1 year	2015	
Andy Soles	1 year	2015	resigned 11/2014
Vacancy	1 year		

Open Space and Recreation Committee (7)

Eric Bloomquist	1 year	2015
Kenley Clark	1 year	2015
Roz Driscoll	1 year	2015
Sally Loomis	1 year	2015
Vacancy	1 year	
Vacancy	1 year	
Vacancy	1 year	

Parking Clerk

Charlene Nardi	1 year	2015
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Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

Robert Barker (commissioner)	1 year	2015	Appointed by Planning Bd
Stephen Snow (alternate)	1 year	2015	

Pioneer Valley Joint Transportation Committee

William Turner	1 year	2015
Vacancy – alternate	1 year	

Planning Board (7)

Robert Barker	5 years	2019
Stephen Smith	5 years	2016
Stephen Snow	5 years	2016
Jim Locke	5 years	2018
Charles Dudek	5 years	2018
Vacancy	5 years	2015
Vacancy	5 years	2017

Plumbing Inspector

Donald Lawton	1 year	2015
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Police and Fire Chaplain

Worth Noyes	1 year	2015
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Police Chief

Denise Wickland	Contract	
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Police Officers

Kevin Cardonne, Sergeant	1 year	2015	appointed 10/2014
Aimee Wallace, Temp. Part-time Sgt.	1 year	2015	resigned 10/2014
Jason Graham	1 year	2015	appointed 12/2014
Bryan Luszccki	1 year	2015	
Andrew Monts	1 year	2015	appointed 12/2014
Greg Smith	1 year	2015	resigned 11/2014
Jason Soukup	1 year	2015	
Michael Wayne	1 year	2015	
Sabrina Willard	1 year	2015	resigned 11/2014
Sabrina Willard, Special/Reserve Officer	1 year	2015	

Procurement Officer

Charlene Nardi	1 year	2015
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Public Safety Complex Committee (11)

Denise Banister	1 year	2015	
Dan Banister	1 year	2015	
Jeff Ciuffreda	1 year	2015	resigned 12/2014
Jason Connell	1 year	2015	

Public Safety Complex Committee, continued

Louis Hasbrouck	1 year	2015	
Dick Kisloski	1 year	2015	
Don Lawton	1 year	2015	
Peter Mahieu	1 year	2015	
Daryl Springman	1 year	2015	
Bill Sayre	1 year	2015	
Michael Wayne	1 year	2015	appointed 12/2014
Denise Wickland	1 year	2015	

PVTA Representative

Jeffrey Ciuffreda	1 year	2015	
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Registrar of Voters

Brenda Lessard	3 years	2016	
Jean York	3 years	2016	
Marjorie Dunphy	3 years	2017	
Diane O'Sullivan	3 years	2015	

School Building Committee

Jeff Gelbard			
Stacey Jenkins			
Craig Jurgensen			
Jim Locke			
David Mathers			
Nancy Millette			
Jim Moran			
Charlene Nardi			
John Pohanka			
Bill Sayre			
Andy Soles	resigned 11/2014		
Paul Wetzel			

Shade Tree Committee (3)

Anne Bussler	1 year	2015	
Osa Flory	1 year	2015	
John Kuzeja, Jr.	1 year	2015	
Vacancy	1 year		
Vacancy	1 year		

Surveyor Wood/Lumber

Alden Bacon	1 year	2015	
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Technology Committee (5)

Tom Adams	1 year	2015
David Chase	1 year	2015
David Nardi	1 year	2015
Vacancy	1 year	
Vacancy	1 year	

Town Administrator

Charlene Nardi	Contract	
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Tree Warden/Gypsy Moth Superintendent

Shade Tree Committee	1 year	2015
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Trench Permit Granting Authority

William Turner	1 year	2015
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Veterans' Agent

City of Northampton	Contract	
Steve Connor		
Tom Geryk		

Veterans' Memorial Committee (3)

James LeBeau	1 year	2015
Edward Roberts	1 year	2015
Joseph Russo	1 year	2015
Tom Geryk, ex officio	1 year	2015

Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee (9)

Dwight Baghdoyan	1 yr	2015
Gwen Blodgett	1 year	2015
Andrew Gould	1 year	2015
John Hoogstraten	1 year	2015
Paul Jahnige	1 year	2015
Eileen Keegan	1 year	2015
Diane Merritt	1 year	2015
Vacancy	1 year	
Vacancy	1 year	

Wiring Inspector

Roger Malo	1 year	2015	Contract City of Northampton
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Zoning Board of Appeals (3)

Gerald Mann	3 years	2017
Donald Turner	3 year	2015
Osa Flory	3 years	2016
Charles Dudek (alternate)	1 year	2015
Marcianna Caplis (alternate)	1 year	2015

Town Employees/Election Workers

Williamsburg Libraries

Katie Krol – Director
 Rochelle Wildfong – Children’s Librarian
 Bobbin Young – Technical Services Librarian
 Michele Morales-Wolk – Circulation & ILL Assistant
 Ellen Doyle – Circulation Clerk
 John Palmer – Bookkeeper
 Susan Cornell – Kmit Children’s Programming Librarian
 Daria D’Arienzo – Archivist
 Laurie Scanlon – Library Cleaner

Health Agent

Valerie Bird	Contract
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Highway Department

Kenneth Taylor	Donald Turner	Peter Banister
Nolan Rice	Jennifer Westlake	

Pollworkers

Robert D. Acheson	Linda Babcock	Pat Casterline
Wayne Casterline	Joan Donovan	Sheila Dufresne
Eleanor Elovirta	Gail Gagne	Thomas Hodgkins
Diane Punska	Linda Rowley	Candy Smith
Fran Tilley	Marvin Ward	Nylda Weeks
Nancy Zimmer	Richard Zimmer	

Election Wardens

Kathleen Luce	Vacancy
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Town Office Custodian

Al Golash

Transfer Station Manager

Gordon Luce

Transfer Station Staff

Wilbur Loomis, James Wilson, William Ahearn, Steve Pollen, Frank Netto, Linwood Clark

Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's office is often the place where residents and non-residents come to seek information about the Town of Williamsburg. This year my office was busy with requests for vital records, genealogy research, elections, dog licenses, business certificates, voter registrations, and many other requests this office takes care of.

The VIP Death Module rolled out in 2014 and we are now processing the Death Certificates online. It is proving to be a challenge but it will make things much more streamlined in getting the information much more quickly.

Vital Statistics

This year was a year that saw 18 people of a wide range of age who passed away. Our condolences go out to the families that lost a loved one. May their memories stay in their families' hearts.

Deaths:

The following deaths were recorded in Williamsburg in 2014:

Chapman-Snyder, Charlotte Emily – daughter of Scott Snyder & Katherine Chapman. Born in Northampton, MA, on January 8, 2014. Date of death was January 8, 2014, in Northampton, MA.

McFadden, Dominic – son of John McFadden & Allison McGinley. Born in Glasgow, Scotland, on July 22, 1965. Date of death was January 23, 2014, in Worcester. Lived at 6 Valley View Road, Williamsburg.

Foster, William B. – son of Lula Foster. Born in Camden-on-Gauley, WV, on July 24, 1932. Date of death was February 28, 2014, in Holyoke, MA. Lived at 90 South Street, Williamsburg.

Cross, Norman H. – son of Harry Cross & Mildred Cross Gale. Born in Northampton, MA, on August 9, 1937. Date of death was April 9, 2014, in Williamsburg, MA. Lived at 77 Hemenway Road, Williamsburg.

Zononi, Victor Valentine – son of Victor & Hattie Zononi. Born in Whately, MA, on February 14, 1929. Date of death was April 15, 2014, in Williamsburg, MA. Lived at 28 Goshen Road, Williamsburg.

Duval, Gloria R. – daughter of Aldofo Cestari & Lillian Patrie. Born in Springfield, MA, on April 8, 1926. Date of death was April 28, 2014, in Williamsburg, MA. Lived at 36 South Street, Williamsburg.

Dextraze, Leonel Patrick – son of Wilfred Dextraze & Armenie Richie. Born in Sheldon Springs, VT, on July 10, 1927. Date of death was April 10, 2014, in Northampton, MA. Lived at 138B Main Street, Williamsburg.

Zononi, Lois – daughter of Morris Benjamin Dwight & Evelyn Dickinson. Born in Whately, MA, on August 1, 1935. Date of death was May 1, 2014, in Amherst, MA. Lived at 28 Goshen Road, Williamsburg.

Duval, Lawrence – son of Hector E. Duval & Mary A. Lambert. Born in Southbridge, MA, on November 3, 1926. Date of death was June 12, 2014, in Northampton, MA. Lived at 36 South Street, Williamsburg.

Smart, Elizabeth – daughter of William Powell & Mary Katherine Beard. Born in Huntington, WV, on May 1, 1928. Date of death was August 7, 2014, in Springfield, MA. Lived at 123 Nash Hill Road, Williamsburg.

Blanchet, Arthur J. – son of Wilfred Blanchet & Regina Chouinard. Born in Northampton, MA, on April 19, 1923. Date of death was September 16, 2014, in Northampton, MA. Lived at 1 North Kellogg Road, Williamsburg.

Leuschner, Arthur F. – son of Arthur H. Leuschner & Frieda Blasche. Born in Rochester, PA, on May 18, 1945. Date of death was September 16, 2014, in Northampton, MA. Lived at 12 Petticoat Hill Road, Williamsburg.

Bacon, Shirley – daughter of William Whitehouse & Avis Corse. Born in Greenfield, MA, on January 27, 1956. Date of death was September 21, 2014, in Northampton, MA. Lived at 29 Goshen Road, Williamsburg.

Chandless, Edward Kavanaugh – son of Edward Chandless & Elmyra Delawney. Born in Rutherford, NJ, on February 15, 1915. Date of death was October 3, 2014, in Williamsburg, MA. Resided at 15 Cole Road, Williamsburg.

Bucala, George – son of Martin Bucala & Ursula Lendhardt. Born in Hatfield, MA, on May 31, 1921. Date of death was December 6, 2014, in Amherst, MA. Resided at 27 Fairfield Avenue, Williamsburg.

Abend, Jodell – daughter of Bernard Roxy Underwood & Geraldine Parman. Born in Arkansas City, KS, on March 26, 1935. Date of death was December 10, 2014, in Northampton, MA. Lived at 25 South Main Street, Williamsburg.

Culver, Harriet – daughter of Harry Tower & Carrol Clark. Born in Northampton, MA, on August 20, 1928. Date of death was December 15, 2014, in Northampton, MA. Resided at 21 Old Goshen Road, Williamsburg.

Woznik, Theodore L. – son of Theodore Woznik & Helen King. Born in New York, NY, on February 5, 1957. Date of death was December 25, 2014, in Williamsburg, MA. Resided at 4 South Main Street, Williamsburg.

Marriages:

Eleven couples took out marriage intentions. May they be blessed with a lifetime of happiness.

The following Marriages were recorded in Williamsburg in 2014:

William Robert Lockwood from Williamsburg and Danna Jean Niedzwiecki from Williamsburg were married on January 18, 2014, in Williamsburg, MA.

David Robert Gazzillo from Williamsburg and Jennifer Rossi



Kennedy from Williamsburg were married on January 18, 2014, in Northampton, MA.

Kenneth Albert Whitten from Chesterfield, MA, and Patricia Marie Goss from Chesterfield, MA, were married on March 12, 2014, in Chesterfield, MA.

Hugo Miguel Viera from Northampton, MA, and Anna Rose Lawrence from Northampton, MA, were married on April 22, 2014, in Williamsburg, MA.

Hanuman Elijah Goleman from Williamsburg and Kyle Roberta Fischer from Williamsburg were married on May 9, 2014, in Williamsburg, MA.

Franklin Delano Anglin III from Williamsburg and Casey Lee Martin from Williamsburg were married on May 10, 2014, in Holyoke, MA.

Mark Adam Randall from Williamsburg and Jonna Lynn Behrens from Williamsburg were married on May 23, 2014, in Williamsburg, MA.

Richard Alan Barnard from Williamsburg and Laura Stasiuk Rose from Williamsburg were married on June 28, 2014, in Williamsburg, MA.

Edward John Lynch from Williamsburg and Linda T. Bush from Williamsburg were married on July 7, 2014, in West Tisbury, MA.

Robert Francis Adamites from Goshen, MA, and Jean Evelyn Woods from Goshen, MA, were married on July 26, 2014, in Deerfield, MA.

Gerald Edward Cranston from Williamsburg and Cheryl Ann Hewes from Williamsburg were married on July 26, 2014, in Northampton, MA.

Daryl R. Springman from Williamsburg and Allison M. Guerin from Williamsburg were married on August 15, 2014, in Holyoke, MA.

Births:

There were 14 births in town, and applications for the Henry Hills Trust Fund were sent to all. Congratulations to the families on welcoming their little ones. (Due to identity theft, I choose not to publish the names of the children whose births were recorded in 2014).

2014 Events		Births	Deaths	Marriages
	Male	9	11	
	Female	5	7	
	Total	14	18	12

Dog Licenses

Dog Licenses are renewed annually by March 31st. The fees for a dog license are \$5.00 for spayed or neutered dogs, and \$10.00 for intact dogs. Kennel fees vary in price depending on the size of the kennel. A penalty of \$25.00 is assessed after May 1st for late registration with an additional \$25.00 penalty after June 1st.

Total Dog Licenses Issued	399
Total Kennel Licenses Issued	6



Annual Permits, Licenses & Filings 2014

Marriage Intentions	11
Vital Records-Birth, Death, Marriage	85
Business Certificates	15
Pole Hearings	0
Underground Storage Tanks	6
Raffle Permits	2
Tag Sales/Craft Fairs	6
Auctioneer License	0
Burial Permit	3

2014 Town Meetings and Elections

It was a somewhat busy year for town meetings and elections. All town meetings and elections were held at the Town Offices at 141 Main Street in Haydenville while the Anne T. Dunphy School was undergoing renovations. We have since decided to keep elections at the Town Offices in Haydenville. Annual Town Meeting will be at the Anne T. Dunphy and Special Town Meetings may be held at either location. I am enjoying having the elections at Town Offices. It is nice to see residents come in. I want to thank my warden, Kathy Luce, and all my poll workers for their dedication and hard work this past year. I have a vacancy for another warden, if anyone is interested, and always can use extra names on my poll worker list. I also wish to thank my constables for their help in making sure the elections run smoothly. The town office custodian, Al Golash, gets special thanks also for his help with making sure everything is set up and ready to go for the town meetings and elections.

Total of Registered Voters as of 12/31/2014						
Party	Democrat	Republican	Green Rainbow	Libertarian	Unenrolled	Grand Total
	716	120	13	4	1009	1862

Election Type	Date
Annual Town Caucus	March 10, 2014
Annual Town Election	May 5, 2014
Annual Town Meeting	June 2, 2014
State Primary	September 9, 2014
State Election	November 4, 2014
Special Town Meeting	November 17, 2014
Special Town Caucus	December 8, 2014

The full text of all town meeting votes and all election results are published in the Annual Town Report, on the town website at www.burgy.org or 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.

Respectfully submitted,
 Brenda Lessard
 Williamsburg Town Clerk

Certificate of Nomination – Town Caucus 2014

We certify that a caucus of qualified voters (quorum 40) of the Town of Williamsburg was called and held in accordance with the provisions of law relating thereto, at the Williamsburg Town Offices, 141 Main Street, on the tenth day of March 2014, and the following nominations of Candidates for Town Offices were made:

The Town Clerk, Brenda Lessard, called the meeting to order at 7:24 P.M. once a quorum was met. The Voters of Caucus elected a Chair and Secretary.

Chair: Joseph Larkin Secretary: Charlene Nardi

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>SIGNATURE</u>
ASSESSOR	3	Peter Shumway	185 Ashfield Road	Signed by same
BOARD OF HEALTH	3	Helen Symons	9 High Street	Signed by same
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES	3	Patricia Billingsley	82 South Street	Signed by same
	3	Robert Stinson	High Street	Signed by same
ELECTOR-OLIVER SMITH WILL	1	Eric Cerreta	157 Main St.	Signed by same
FINANCE COMMITTEE	3	Paul Wetzel	108 Petticoat Hill Road	Signed by same
	3	Christopher Morris	28 Village Hill Road	
	3	Jacqueline Dufresne	113 Goshen Road	Signed by same
LOCAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3	Sarah Christiansen	109 Petticoat Hill Road	Signed by same
	3	Paul Rudof	106 Nash Hill Road	Signed by same
MODERATOR	1	Joseph Larkin	3 Judd Lane	Signed by same
RECREATION COMMISSION	3	Pam Plumer	7 Deer Haven Drive	Signed by same
	3	John O’Sullivan	12 Fairfield Avenue	Signed by same
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3	David Nardi	67 Nash Hill Road	Signed by same

SELECTMAN 3 Denise Banister 54 Old Goshen Road Signed by same

TRUST FUND/CEMETERY

COMMISSION 3 Collin Black 119 Nash Hill Road Signed by same

2 Richard Kisloski 12 Cole Road Signed by same

1 Eric Weber 107 Petticoat Hill Rd Signed by same

WATER/SEWER

COMMISSION 3 Jeremiah Roberge 10 Laurel Road Signed by same

3 Kenneth Taylor 13 Williams Street Signed by same

We hereby certify that at least forty qualified voters of the Town of Williamsburg participated and voted therein. Due to the fact that all of the nominees would be placed on the ballot, it was voted that the Secretary cast one ballot to certify the nominees are certified. We also certify that the caucus voted that in the case of death, withdrawal or 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 7:32 p.m.

S/ Joseph Larkin, Presiding Officer S/ Charlene Nardi, Secretary to Caucus

Filed March 13, 2014

A TRUE COPY ATTEST BRENDA LESSARD, TOWN CLERK

Minutes of Annual Town Election May 5, 2014

Polling Place: Williamsburg Town Office 141 Main Street Haydenville, MA Polling Hours: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm	Warrant Signed – 4/3/2014	Warden-Kathleen Luce
	Warrant Posted – 4/10/2014	Constables: Paul Sanderson, Wilbur Loomis, Gordon Luce
	Registered Voters – 1866	
	Last Day to Register – 4/15/2014	# Ballots used for testing AccuVote: 22
	Absentee Ballots Sent – 3	
	Absentee Ballots Cast – 2	Clerk: Joan Donovan
	Total Ballots Cast – 113	
	Ballots Delivered to Polls – 1078	

The polls opened at 10:00 am in the Auditorium of Williamsburg Town Offices and balloting began. The polls closed at 7:00 pm, and the AccuVote 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, 2014, per the bylaw change voted November 14, 2005.

Assessor – 3 years – vote for 1
 Blanks – 2
 Peter Shumway – 111 E
 Write-Ins – 0

Oliver Smith Will – 1 year – vote for 1
 Blanks – 5
 Eric Cerreta – 108 E
 Write-Ins – 0

Board of Library Trustees – 3 years – vote for 2
 Blanks – 35
 Patricia Billingsley – 92 E
 Robert Stinson – 98 E
 Write-Ins – 1
 Christopher Morris

Local School Committee – 3 years – vote for 2
 Blanks – 27
 Sarah Christiansen – 103 E
 Paul Rudof – 96 E
 Write-Ins – 0

Finance Committee – 3 years – vote for 3
 Blanks – 127
 Jacqueline Dufresne – 99 E
 Paul Wetzel – 98 E
 Write-Ins – 15
 Christopher Morris – 9 E
 Coni Gilman – 2
 John Hoogstraten – 1
 Stephen Romanowski – 1
 Robin Rosewarne – 1
 Eric Weber – 1

Moderator – 1 year – vote for 1
 Blanks – 5
 Joseph Larkin – 108 E
 Write-Ins – 0

Recreation Commission – 3 years – vote for 2
 Blanks – 20
 John O'Sullivan – 106 E
 Pamela Plumer – 100 E
 Write-Ins – 0

Board of Health – 3 years – vote for 1
 Blanks – 8
 Helen Symons – 105 E
 Write-Ins – 0

Regional School Comm. – 3 years – vote for 1
 Blanks – 8
 David Nardi – 105 E
 Write-Ins – 0

Selectman – 3 years – vote for 1

Blanks – 7
Denise Banister – 106
Write-Ins – 0

Trust Fund/Cemetery – 3 years – vote for 1

Blanks – 6
Collin Black – 104 E
Write-Ins – 0

Trust Fund/Cemetery – 2 years – vote for 1

Blanks – 6
Richard Kisloski – 107 E
Write-Ins – 0

Trust Fund/Cemetery – 1 year – vote for 1

Blanks – 11
Eric Weber – 102 E
Write-Ins – 0

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

Blanks – 21
Jeremiah Roberge – 102 E
Kenneth Taylor – 103 E
Write-Ins – 0

Filed: May 6, 2014

Brenda Lessard, Williamsburg Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting June 2, 2014

The warrant was signed on May 14, 2014 and posted on May 19, 2014.

Moderator: Joseph Larkin

Town Clerk: Brenda Lessard

Selectmen Present: Denise Banister-Chair, Paul Dunphy-Clerk, and David Mathers.

Constables: Wilbur Loomis and Paul Sanderson

There were 124 voters present of 1872 registered voters.

A quorum of sixty (60) registered voters being present, the meeting was called to order by the Moderator. The Moderator noted the return of the warrant and that it had been properly posted.

Denise Banister, chairwoman of the Board of Selectmen, took a few minutes to have the town meeting take notice of the dedications in the Annual Town Report of three men who gave many years of service to the town in various departments. Walter (“Sam”) Kellogg III who retired after many years of service to the town in the Water & Sewer Department and other seats; Gordon Allen, for his years of service and expertise on the Finance Committee; and Christopher Smith for his years spent on the Finance Committee.

Denise also wanted the floor to note that Lisa Wenner, Library Director, was retiring after 29 years of service to the town, and there would be a celebration on June 14, 2014, for the townspeople to honor her. She also noted that Bob Stanek had graciously set up the audio system for town meeting. The town meeting gave a round of applause.

The moderator called the meeting to order.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt a rule that the Moderator be authorized to declare 2/3 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.

Passed Unanimously

Article 1

Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer the sum of \$145.09 from Free Cash to pay JMS Auto Parts for purchases made to repair Highway Trucks in Fiscal Year 2013 (FY13).

Passed Unanimously

Article 2

Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer the sum of \$35.99 from Free Cash to pay The Aero All-Gas Co for purchases in Fiscal Year 2013 (FY13).

Passed Unanimously

Article 3

Moved and seconded that the town vote to empower 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 town departments at such salaries or wage rates as shall be established by the Board of Selectmen.

Passed Unanimously

Article 4

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

Passed Unanimously

Article 5

Moved and seconded that the town vote to adopt a Capital Improvement Plan, as prepared by the Capital Planning Committee and whose budget has been accepted by the Finance Committee, including recommended capital improvements for the following five fiscal years.

Passed Unanimously

The following Motions all pertain to the budget and all are made under Article 6:

Article 6

Moved and seconded that the town vote to fix a salary and compensation of all elected and appointed officers of the town for the twelve month period ending June 30, 2015, as provided in Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws as amended, and to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses of the period to be considered section by section.

Article 6

Moved and seconded that the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$457,590, as recommended by the Finance Committee, for the purpose of General Government for fiscal year 2015, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation, and that \$397,590 be raised from taxation and \$60,000 be transferred from Free Cash.

Budget Item	FY13 Actual Expenditure	FY14 Finance Committee Recommends	FY15 Department Requests	Salary or Fincom Change	FY15 Finance Committee Recommends	Change
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Moderator	0	303	303	8	311	8
Selectboard Salaries	8368	8494	8494	212	8706	212
Selectboard Expenses	3750	3750	3750	0	3750	0
Town Administrator	48073	48794	48794	1220	50014	1220
Administrative Assistant	13310	13513	13513	338	13851	338
Town Administrator Expenses	500	500	500	0	500	0
Oliver Smith Trustee	31	32	32	1	33	1
Town Counsel	14593	15000	15000	0	15000	0
Advertising Expense	1161	1200	1200	0	1200	0
Constable Salary	400	406	406	10	416	10

Constable Elections	0	100	100	0	100	0
Finance Committee Salaries	2942	3839	3839	96	3935	96
Finance Committee Chair	170	173	173	4	177	4
Finance Committee Secretary	240	668	668	17	685	17
Finance Committee Expenses	500	500	500	0	500	0
Reserve Fund from Free Cash	44480	60000	60000	0	60000	0
Reserve Fund from Taxation		0	0	0	0	0
Capital Planning Labor	0	318	318	8	326	8
Capital Planning Expenses	0	75	75	0	75	0
Accountant Labor	22078	23045	27055	0	27055	0
Accountant Expenses	29	300	300	0	300	0
Accounting Software Purchase	1000	1000	750	0	750	-250
Audit Services	13500	14000	14000	0	14000	0
Assessor's Salaries	7671	8494	8494	212	8706	212
Assessor's Labor	10093	10820	10820	271	11091	271
Assessor's Expenses	2502	8136	8136	0	8136	0
Assessor's Revaluation	9500	5270	5270	0	5270	0
Treasurer Salary	18831	19113	19113	478	19591	478
Treasurer Add'l Salary	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assistant Treasurer	5386	5467	5467	137	5604	137
Treasurer's Expenses	2981	5600	5600	0	5600	0
Treasurer's Software	2248	2410	2600	0	2600	190
OPEB Reval			0		0	0
Collector Salary	27434	27846	27846	696	28542	696
Collector Add'l Salary	1000	1000	1000	0	1000	0
Collector's Expenses	4987	8630	8630	0	8630	0
Deputy Collector's Expenses	1377	2000	2000	0	2000	0
Clerk's Salary	17147	17404	17404	435	17839	435
Clerk's Assistant	2153	2189	2189	55	2244	55
Clerk's Expenses	1278	1500	1600	0	1600	100
Clerk's Software	500	500	500	0	500	0
Elections, Registration, Listing	10498	8000	8000	0	8000	0
Street Listing	1092	1200	1300	0	1300	100
Conservation Commission Labor	1074	1665	1665	42	1707	42
Conservation Comm Expenses	599	1940	1940	0	1940	0
Energy Committee	0	250	250	0	250	0
Planning Board	744	750	750	0	750	0
Zoning Board of Appeals	243	600	600	0	600	0
Custodian Labor	10436	10593	10593	265	10858	265
Town Building and Grounds	41935	38300	51100	0	51100	12800
Town Office Expense	2199	3400	3400	0	3400	0
Town Office Telephone	6266	6800	6800	0	6800	0
Town Office Internet	2202	2250	2250	0	2250	0
Copier Maintenance	714	3335	3335	0	3335	0
Technology Upgrade & Maint.	5320	6000	6000	0	6000	0
Town Building Repairs	21217	20000	20000	0	20000	0
Town Reports	1499	1900	1900	0	1900	0
Building Supervisor	6150	6598	6598	165	6763	165
Subtotal General Government	402399	435970	452920	4670	457590	21620

Passed Unanimously

Article 6

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$369,563, as recommended by the Finance Committee, for the purpose of Protection of Persons and Property for fiscal year 2015, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation.

PROTECTION PERSONS AND PROPERTY						
Police Chief Salary	56264	58250	58250	1456	59706	1456
Police Department Labor	111029	122399	122399	3060	125459	3060
Police Department Expenses	32830	33500	33500		33500	0
Regional Records Computers/Software	5500	5500	5500		5500	0
Fire Department Salary	18725	20833	25833	646	26479	5646
Fire Department Labor	28482	32092	270932	677	27769	-4323
Fire Department Expenses	21836	20320	27320		27320	7000
Ambulance Service	40235	46112	51439		51439	5327
Emergency Management Director	1077	1093	1093	27	1120	27
Emergency Management Deputy	500	508	508	13	521	13
Emergency Management Expenses	3249	3750	3750		3750	0
Shade Tree Committee Expenses	3799	5000	5000		5000	0
Tree Removal/Planting	0	2000	2000		2000	0
Subtotal Protection Persons and Property	323526	351357	363684	5879	369563	18206

Passed Unanimously

Article 6

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,546, as recommended by the Finance Committee, for the purpose of School Committee Salaries for fiscal year 2015.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE SALARIES						
School Committee Salaries	1500	1523	1523	23	1546	23

Passed Unanimously

Article 6

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,875,788, as recommended by the Finance Committee, for the purpose of Local School Expenses for fiscal year 2015.

LOCAL SCHOOL EXPENSES						
Local School Expenses	1601332	1665486	1875788	0	1875788	210302

Passed Unanimously

Article 6

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$199,460, as recommended by the Finance Committee, for the purpose of Vocational School Assessment for fiscal year 2015.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENT						
Vocational School Assessment	295225	279567	199460	0	199460	-80,107

Passed Unanimously

Article 6

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,264, recommended by the Finance Committee, for the purpose of Vocational School Transportation for fiscal year 2015.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION						
Vocational School Transportation			37264		37264	37264

Passed Unanimously

Article 6

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,202,295, as recommended by the Finance Committee, for the purpose of Hampshire Regional Assessment for fiscal year 2015.

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL ASSESSMENT						
Hampshire Regional Assessment	1190629	1195818	1202295		1202295	6477

Passed Unanimously

Subtotal Education	3089997	3142394	3316330	23	3316353	173959
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Article 6

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$553,748, as recommended by the Finance Committee, for the purpose of Public Works and Facilities for fiscal year 2015, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation.

PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES						
Highway Superintendent	56522	57370	57370	1434	58804	1434
Highway Labor	124080	139545	141557	3542	145209	5664
Highway Road Maintenance	65412	65463	65463		65463	0
Highway Garage/Equipment Maintenance	43413	40721	40721		40721	0
Highway Surplus and Safety Equipment	826	2000	3000		3000	1000
Vehicle Fuel	42413	42000	42000		42000	0
Invasive Species Eradication	900	1000	1000		1000	0
Cement Sidewalk Construction	9537	5000	5000		5000	0
Winter Overtime	13971	13664	13664	342	14006	342
Winter Expenses	57016	72500	72500		72500	0
Bridges & Street Lighting	8978	11000	11000		11000	0
Transfer Station Labor (Board of Health)	18807	19771	19771	494	20265	494
Transfer Station Expenses (Board of Health)	67152	73780	73780		73780	0
Cemetery Commission	950	1000	1000		1000	0
Subtotal Public Works & Facilities	509796	544814	547936	5812	553748	8934

Passed Unanimously

Article 6

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$155,280, as recommended by the Finance Committee for the purpose of Human Services for fiscal year 2015, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation.

HUMAN SERVICES						
Board of Health Salaries	3646	3747	3747	94	3841	94
Board of Health Expenses	152	300	300		300	0
Public Health Nurse	681	2561	2561	64	2625	64
Animal Inspector	1275	1523	1523	38	1561	38
COA Director	18286	18560	18560	464	19024	464
COA Outreach Coordinator	16227	16484	16484	412	16896	412
COA Admin. Assistant		10140	10140	254	10394	254
COA Meal Site Staffing	4017	4143	6184	155	6339	2196
COA Expenses	3555	3218	3218		3218	0
COA HEN Program	3500	3500	3500		3500	0
Veterans Agent	8349	8275	9182		9182	907
Veterans Benefits	72295	71500	78000		78000	6500
Amer. With Disabilities Exp	0	400	400		400	0
Subtotal Human Services	131983	144351	153799	1481	155280	10929

Passed Unanimously**Article 6**

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$142,882, as recommended by the Finance Committee, for the purpose of Culture and Recreation for fiscal year 2015, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation.

Motion made and seconded that the Town vote to amend the Culture and Recreation section of the budget by adding \$3,670 to the Library Labor line for a total of \$63,918 for the Library Labor and a Subtotal for Culture and Recreation of \$146,552. and to take such sum from taxation.

Some discussion. Reasons given for increase were an increase in Tech services at the library and a 5% increase in pay for the library employees. Questions were asked about a wage study being done. Finance Committee spoke on their decision and equality of pay raises for all town employees.

Motion made and seconded to call the question.

Passed 2/3 Majority as declared by the Moderator

CULTURE AND RECREATION (AS AMENDED)						
Library Director	38761	39342	45000	0	45000	5658
Library Labor (amended)	57875	54848	62390	1528	63918*	9072
Library Expenses		0	0	0	0	0
Library Exp.-Utilities	13620	13620	13620		13620	0
Library Exp.-Maintenance	13590	13590	13590		13590	0
Library Exp.-Books & Supplies	5014	5014	0		0	-5014
Recreation Labor	3538	3828	3828	96	3924	96
Athletic Fields	4683	5000	5000		5000	0
Woodland Trails Committee	40	500	500		500	0
Open Space Committee		0	0		0	0
Historical Commission Exp.	0	500	500		500	0
Veterans Recognition	156	500	500		500	0
Subtotal Culture & Recreation	137276	136740	144928	1624	146552*	9812

**Not as recommended by Finance Committee but as amended on town meeting floor*

Amended Motion Passed Majority

Article 6

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$506,235, as recommended by the Finance Committee, for the purpose of Debt Service for fiscal year 2015, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation.

DEBT SERVICE						
Hampshire Regional Debt Service	85982	84046	80076		80076	-3970
Highland Ambulance Debt Service	4519	4576	4517		4517	-59
Highland Ambulance Building Debt Service			4442		4442	4442
School Feasibility Interest	3211	3503	2802		2802	-701
School Feasibility Principal		23350	23350		23350	0
School Building Interest	141084	152798	147798		147798	-5000
School Building Principal		166650	171650		171650	5000
Fire Truck Principal	117500	0	0		0	0
Fire Truck Interest		0	0		0	0
Fire Truck #2 Principal		0	0		0	0
Fire Truck #2 Interest		0	0		0	0
Highway Garage Principal	25000	15000	15000		15000	0
Highway Garage Interest	6618	5050	4600		4600	-450
Highway Truck Principal		0	0		0	0
Highway Truck Interest		0	0		0	0
Highway Truck 2009-Principal	26000	26000	0		0	-26000
Highway Truck 2009-Interest	517	130	0		0	-130
Highway Loader Principal		0	0		0	0
Highway Loader Debt Interest		0	0		0	0
Library Principal	46000	45000	50000		50000	5000
Library Debt Interest	5640	3800	2000		2000	-1800
Subtotal Debt Service	462071	529903	506235	0	506235	-23668

Passed Unanimously

Article 6

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,802, as recommended by the Finance Committee, for the purpose of Intergovernmental Expenses for fiscal year 2015, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENSES						
Hampshire Council of Governments Assessment	2503	2504	1252		1252	-1252
Hampshire County Regional Lockup	2239	2239	2358		2358	119
Hilltown Resource Management (Board of Health)	7423	7423	7423		7423	0
Foothills Health District	23912	23033	21096**		21096**	-1937**
Building Inspection Program	31000	31000	21000		21000	-10000
Plumbing/Gas Inspector Training		160	300		300	140
PVPC Assessment	372	373	373		373	0
Subtotal Intergovernmental Expenses	67449	66732*	53802	0	53802	-12930

Passed Unanimously

* Total was added incorrectly on warrant, individual amounts were correct

** These totals are lower than presented in the warrant. Foothills asked for a lower budget as Westhampton has joined the Foothills Health District which lowered the assessment. Assessment in the Warrant was 24723.

Article 6

Moved and seconded that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$810,635, as recommended by the Finance Committee, for the purpose of Fixed Miscellaneous Expense for fiscal year 2015, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation.

FIXED MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES						
Hampshire County Retirement	176794	195941	226971		226971	31030
Worker's Compensation	14241	18706	19454		19454	748
Unemployment Insurance	7500	8500	8500		8500	0
Group Insurance	387985	446250	446250		446250	0
Medicare & Social Security	30155	32734	35000	875	35875	3141
Police & Fire Disability Insurance	12704	12843	13357		13357	514
Comprehensive Insurance	58427	54000	60228		60228	6228
Subtotal Fixed Misc. Expenses	687806	768974	809760	875	810635	41661

Passed Unanimously

Article 6

Moved and seconded that the town vote to approve the entire budget for fiscal year 2015, moved section by section, in the total sum of \$6,369,758, as recommended by the Finance Committee by transferring \$60,000 from Free Cash and raising \$6,309,758, from taxation.

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	5812305	6121235	6349394	20364	6369758	248523
FROM FREE CASH/STABILIZATION		60000			60000	
FROM TAXATION		6061235*			6309758	

Passed Unanimously

* Total # was added incorrectly on warrant, individual amounts were correct

Article 7

Moved and seconded that the town vote to allow Hampshire Regional School District Administration to enter into a five year contract consisting of a three year base contract with the option to renew two additional years to provide bus transportation to Hampshire Regional High School, Chesterfield Goshen Regional School, Southampton Public Schools, Westhampton Public Schools, Williamsburg Public Schools, and vocational transportation.

Passed Unanimously

Article 8

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

Passed Unanimously

Article 9

Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer the sum of \$331,834 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund.

Passed Unanimously

Article 10

Moved and seconded that the town vote to authorize revolving funds for certain town departments for fiscal year 2015 under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 §53E½, as set forth in the table in Article 10 of the Warrant.

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend Fund	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY15 Spending Limit
Gas Inspector Revolving Fund	Gas Inspector	Fees charged for inspections required under the permit process	Salary of the Inspector and expenses related to the issuance of permits.	\$ 1,500
Electrical Inspector Revolving Fund	Electrical Inspector	Fees charged for inspections required under the permit process	Salary of the Inspector and expenses related to the issuance of permits.	\$ 7,500
Plumbing Inspector Revolving Fund	Plumbing Inspector	Fees charged for inspections required under the permit process	Salary of the Inspector and expenses related to the issuance of permits.	\$ 3,500
Transfer Station Open Box Revolving Fund	Board of Health	Fees and charges for services related to the Transfer Station and disposal areas.	Disposal costs of the open box and management of the Transfer Station and disposal areas.	\$18,000
Planning Board Revolving Fund	Planning Board	Fees charged specific to proposed sub-divisions within Williamsburg and new construction	Expenses associated with proposed sub-divisions within Williamsburg and other related expenses associated with new buildings	\$30,000

Dog Control Revolving Fund	Town Clerk	Fees specific to dogs	Expenses associated with licensing and controlling dogs and to pay the Dog Officer salary.	\$ 5,000
Recreation Commission Revolving Fund	Recreation Commission	Fees specific to recreation programs	Pay cost of operating recreation programs.	\$30,000
Council on Aging Revolving Fund	Council on Aging Executive Director	Fees specific to advertising in the newsletter	Pay for printing and distribution of the Council on Aging newsletter	\$ 2,000
Conservation Commission Revolving Fund	Conservation Commission	Fees specific to NOI/WPA Filing fees.	Pay expenses associated with WPA filing fees for administration and Enforcement of Wetlands Protection Act.	\$ 5,000
Board of Appeals Revolving Fund	Board of Appeals	Fees specific to applications	Pay expenses associated with processing of applications, purchase of laptop computer and software for record keeping	\$ 6,000
Fire Dept Revolving Fund	Fire Chief	Fees specific to inspections (smoke, CO, etc.)	Salary of the Inspector and expenses related to the issuance of permits.	\$ 3,000
Total Spending	Limit			\$111,500

Passed Unanimously

Article 11

Moved and seconded that the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$224,805, as set forth in Article 11 of the Warrant, for the purpose of operating and maintaining the town’s water system, including the laying of mains for fiscal year 2015, and that such sum be raised from Water Enterprise Revenue.

Salaries	\$ 2,800
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 222,005</u>
Total	\$ 224,805

Passed Unanimously

Article 12

Moved and seconded that the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$229,705 as set forth in Article 12 of the Warrant, for the purpose of operating, maintaining and constructing the town’s sewer system for fiscal year 2015, and that such sum be raised from Sewer Enterprise Revenue.

Salaries	\$ 2,800
Operation & Maintenance	\$ 199,905
<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>\$ 27,000</u>
Total	\$ 229,705

Passed Unanimously

Article 13

Moved and seconded that the town vote the sum of \$185,000 for the purchase of a dump truck with wing plow and sander equipped for the highway department, and to pay for such purchase by transferring \$50,000 from Free Cash and borrowing \$135,000.

Passed 2/3 Majority as declared by Moderator (2 No's)

Article 14

Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer the sum of \$16,000 from Free Cash for the purchase of eight (8) sets of turnout gear for the fire department.

Passed Unanimously

Article 15

Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer the sum of \$45,000 from Free Cash for the purchase of fire apparatus such as Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), fire hose or ladders.

Passed Unanimously

Article 16

Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer the sum of \$7,166 from Free Cash to resurface the tennis courts at Ellen Ames Field.

Passed Majority

Article 17

Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer the sum of \$40,000 from Free Cash for architectural, assessment, cost estimating services and other planning and design services related to a feasibility study for a new Public Safety Complex.

Some discussion regarding combining Article 17 and 18. One committee is further along than the other and is ready for a feasibility study.

Passed Unanimously

Article 18

Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from Free Cash for the Building Repurposing Committee to carry out the charge of assessing municipal buildings and to report a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.

Passed Unanimously

Article 19

Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer the sum of \$1,000 from Free Cash for the development of a forest management and stewardship plan for the Town’s Briar Hill Road conservation land.

Passed Unanimously

Article 20

Moved and seconded that the town vote to accept M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5N, Reduction of property tax obligation of veteran in exchange for volunteer services, to allow the Board of Selectmen to establish a program effective July 1, 2014 to allow veterans, as defined in clause Forty-third of section 7 of chapter 4, to volunteer to provide services to the Town of Williamsburg in exchange for a reduction in the real property tax obligations of that veteran for an amount not to exceed \$1,000 in a given tax year. The Board of Selectmen may adjust the exemption to allow an approved representative for a person physically unable to provide such services and allow the maximum reduction of the real property tax bill to be based on 125 volunteer service hours in a given tax year, rather than \$1,000.

Passed Unanimously

Article 21

Moved and seconded that the town vote to amend the Town’s Zoning Bylaw by adding a new Section 9.25, Registered Marijuana Dispensaries, and further to amend the Table of Contents to add to Section 9, “Registered Marijuana Dispensaries”, and to amend Section 3.2 and to amend Section 18, Definitions, all as set forth in Article 21 of the Warrant.

SECTION 9.25 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 31st 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.
- f) Plans to demonstrate that the design of the RMD will minimize any adverse visual or economic impacts on abutters and other parties in interest.
- g) 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.

And to add a line to the Table in Section 3.2, Business Uses, for Registered Marijuana Dispensary (RMD), between Recreational Business and Restaurant, to indicate that the RMD is allowed only in the VM or Village Mixed District, subject to a Special Permit and Site Plan Review, and that RMDs are not allowed in either the Village Residential District or the Rural District.

And to add the following definition of a RMD to Section 18, Definitions:

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.

Passed 2/3 Majority as declared by Moderator (3 No's)

Article 22

Moved and seconded that the town vote to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaw by deleting Section 4.6, TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTERS, and further to amend the Table of Contents to remove from Section 4, "Temporary Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers".

Passed Unanimously

Article 23

Moved and seconded that the town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen (i) to enter into an agreement for payments-in-lieu-of-taxes pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 38H(b), and Chapter 164, Section 1, or any other enabling authority, in the amount of \$12,000.00 per megawatt with a minimum annual payment of \$24,000, which amount shall escalate at a rate of 1.5 percent each year, for personal property attributable to a solar photovoltaic facility located (or to be located) on privately owned land on Kellogg Road, Williamsburg (shown on Assessor's Map 7G, Parcels 44 and 47), and (ii) to take all other actions necessary or convenient to implement and administer such agreement.

Passed Unanimously

Article 24

Moved and seconded that the town vote to amend the vote under Article #6 of the Annual Town Meeting June 1, 2009 such that the purpose for which the funds are raised and appropriated shall include the Anne T. Dunphy School Project and not be limited to the hiring of a licensed design consultant to design a renovation for the Anne T. Dunphy School.

Passed Unanimously

Motion made and seconded to adjourn Town Meeting. Adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Filed: June 5, 2014

A True Copy Attest: Brenda Lessard, Town Clerk

Brenda Lessard
Williamsburg Town Clerk

cc: Accountant, Department of Revenue, Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Assessors, Kopelman & Paige, Fire Department, Highway Department, Planning Board, Town Administrator, Water & Sewer Commission

Minutes of the State Primary September 9, 2014

Voting was held at Williamsburg Town Offices, 141 Main Street, Haydenville, MA. The polls were open at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m. 700 Democratic & 200 Republican ballots delivered to the polls. The following were the results of the election.

Wardens: Kathy Luce

Constables: Wilbur Loomis, Gordon Luce & Paul Sanderson

Registered Voters: 1888

Absentee Ballots: 6 mailed, 1 emailed, 3 returned and accepted, 1 received too late.

Total Ballots Cast: 428 (22.5% voter turnout)

Democrat Ballots: 393

Republican Ballots: 35

Democrat Ballot:

Senator in Congress:

Blanks	52
Edward Markey	341
Write-Ins	0

Governor:

Blanks	6
Donald Berwick	220
Martha Coakley	103
Steven Grossman	64
Write-Ins:	0

Lieutenant Governor:

Blanks	101
Leland Cheung	128
Stephen J. Kerrigan	126
Michael E. Lake	38
Write-Ins:	0

Attorney General:

Blanks	11
Maura Healey	311
Warren E. Tolman	71
Write-Ins:	0

Secretary of State:

Blanks	90
William F. Galvin	303
Write-Ins:	0

Treasurer:

Blanks	88
Thomas P. Conroy	92
Barry R. Finegold	66
Deborah B. Goldberg	147
Write-Ins:	0

Auditor:

Blanks	101
Suzanne M. Bump	292
Write-Ins:	0

Representative in Congress:

Blank	82
Richard E. Neal	311
Write-Ins:	0

Councillor:

Blanks	133
Michael J. Albano	260
Write-Ins:	0

Senator in General Court:

Blanks	99
Benjamin Downing	294
Write-Ins:	0

Representative in General Court:

Blanks	65
Stephen Kulik	328
Write-Ins:	0

District Attorney:
 Blanks: 76
 David E. Sullivan 316
 Write-Ins: 1

Treasurer:
 Blanks 6
 Michael J. Heffernan 29
 Write-Ins: 0

Register of Probate:
 Blanks 100
 Michael J. Carey 293
 Write-Ins: 0

Auditor:
 Blanks 6
 Patricia Saint Aubin 29
 Write-Ins: 0

Republican Ballot:

Senator in Congress:
 Blanks 5
 Brian J. Herr 30
 Write-Ins: 0

Representative in Congress:
 Blanks 35
 Write-Ins: 0

Governor:
 Blanks 0
 Charles D. Baker 26
 Mark R. Fisher 9
 Write-Ins: 0

Councillor:
 Blanks 35
 Write-Ins: 0

Senator in General Court:
 Blanks 35
 Write-Ins: 0

Lieutenant Governor:
 Blanks 4
 Karyn E. Polito 31
 Write-Ins: 0

Representative in General Court:
 Blanks 5
 Dylan E. Korpita 30
 Write-Ins: 0

Attorney General:
 Blanks 4
 John B. Miller 31
 Write-Ins: 0

District Attorney:
 Blanks 35
 Write-Ins: 0

Secretary of State:
 Blanks 4
 David D'Arcangelo 31
 Write-Ins: 0

Register of Probate:
 Blanks 35
 Write-Ins: 0

Filed: September 15, 2014
 A TRUE COPY ATTEST

BRENDA LESSARD, TOWN CLERK
 TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG

State Election November 4, 2014

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: 1911 – Total Ballots cast: 1257 (65.7%)

Absentee Ballots: 48 sent; 43 returned

Warrant Signed: October 16, 2014

Warrant Posted: October 20, 2014

Constables: Gordon Luce, Paul Sanderson, Jason Connell & Wilbur Loomis

Wardens: Kathleen Luce Assistant Warden: Joan Donovan Clerk: Joan Donovan

Pollworkers: Linda Babcock, Pat Casterline, Wayne Casterline, Sheila Dufresne, Eleanor

Elovirta, Diane Punska, Marvin Ward, Nancy Zimmer, and Richard Zimmer

Senator In Congress

Edward J. Markey	943
Brian J. Herr	273
Blank	40
Write Ins	0

Auditor

Suzanne M. Bump	829
Patricia S. Saint Aubin	243
MK Merelice	111
Blank –	74
Write Ins	0

Governor and Lieutenant Governor

Baker and Polito	345
Coakley and Kerrigan	810
Falchuk and Jennings	68
Lively and Saunders	11
McCormick and Post	6
Blank	14
Write-Ins	3

Representative in Congress –First District

Richard E. Neal	1035
Blank	221
Write Ins	1

Councillor – Eighth District

Michael J. Albano	955
Blank	300
Write Ins	2

Attorney General

Maura Healey	943
John B. Miller	275
Blanks	39
Write Ins	0

Senator In General Court

Benjamin Downing	987
Blank	269
Write Ins	1

Secretary of State

William Francis Galvin	901
David D'Arcangelo	218
Daniel L. Factor	95
Blank	42
Write Ins	1

Representative In General Court-First Franklin

Stephen Kulik	943
Dylan Korpita	283
Blanks	31
Write Ins	0

Treasurer

Deborah B. Goldberg	828
Michael James Heffernan	266
Ian T. Jackson	105
Blank	58
Write Ins	0

District Attorney – Northwestern District

David E. Sullivan	1022
Blanks	234
Write Ins	1

Register of Probate – Hampshire County

Michael J. Carey	999
Blanks	257
Write Ins	1

QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION – REPEAL 2013 GAS TAX INDEXING

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 6, 2014?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would eliminate the requirement that the state’s gasoline tax, which was 24 cents per gallon as of September 2013, (1) be adjusted every year by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index over the preceding year, but (2) not be adjusted below 21.5 cents per gallon.

A YES VOTE would eliminate the requirement that the state’s gas tax be adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws regarding the gas tax.

YES – 454 NO – 768 BLANK – 35

QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION – UPDATING BOTTLE BILL

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 6, 2014?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would expand the state’s beverage container deposit law, also known as the Bottle Bill, to require deposits on containers for all non-alcoholic non-carbonated drinks in liquid form intended for human consumption, except beverages primarily derived from dairy products, infant formula, and FDA approved medicines. The proposed law would not cover containers made of paper-based biodegradable material and aseptic multi-material packages such as juice boxes or pouches.

The proposed law would require the state Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) to adjust the container deposit amount every five years to reflect (to the nearest whole cent) changes in the consumer price index, but the value could not be set below five cents.

The proposed law would increase the minimum handling fee that beverage distributors must pay dealers for each properly returned empty beverage container, which was 2¼ cents as of September 2013, to 3½ cents. It would also increase the minimum handling fee that bottlers must pay distributors and dealers for each properly returned empty reusable beverage container, which

was 1 cent as of September 2013, to 3½ cents. The Secretary of EEA would review the fee amounts every five years and make appropriate adjustments to reflect changes in the consumer price index as well as changes in the costs incurred by redemption centers. The proposed law defines a redemption center as any business whose primary purpose is the redemption of beverage containers and that is not ancillary to any other business.

The proposed law would direct the Secretary of EEA to issue regulations allowing small dealers to seek exemptions from accepting empty deposit containers. The proposed law would define small dealer as any person or business, including the operator of a vending machine, who sells beverages in beverage containers to consumers, with a contiguous retail space of 3,000 square feet or less, excluding office and stock room space; and fewer than four locations under the same ownership in the Commonwealth. The proposed law would require that the regulations consider at least the health, safety, and convenience of the public, including the distribution of dealers and redemption centers by population or by distance or both.

The proposed law would set up a state Clean Environment Fund to receive certain unclaimed container deposits. The Fund would be used, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature, to support programs such as the proper management of solid waste, water resource protection, parkland, urban forestry, air quality and climate protection.

The proposed law would allow a dealer, distributor, redemption center or bottler to refuse to accept any beverage container that is not marked as being refundable in Massachusetts.

The proposed law would take effect on April 22, 2015.

A YES VOTE would expand the state’s beverage container deposit law to require deposits on containers for all non-alcoholic, non-carbonated drinks with certain exceptions, increase the associated handling fees, and make other changes to the law.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws regarding beverage container deposits.

YES – 695 NO – 542 BLANK – 20

QUESTION 3: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION – PROHIBIT CASINO GAMBLING

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 6, 2014?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would (1) prohibit the Massachusetts Gaming Commission from issuing any license for a casino or other gaming establishment with table games and slot machines, or any license for a gaming establishment with slot machines; (2) prohibit any such casino or slots gaming under any such licenses that the Commission might have issued before the proposed law took effect; and (3) prohibit wagering on the simulcasting of live greyhound races.

The proposed law would change the definition of “illegal gaming” under Massachusetts law to include wagering on the simulcasting of live greyhound races, as well as table games and slot machines at Commission-licensed casinos, and slot machines at other Commission-licensed gaming establishments. This would make those types of gaming subject to existing state laws providing criminal penalties for, or otherwise regulating or prohibiting, activities involving illegal gaming.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would prohibit casinos, any gaming establishment with slot machines, and wagering on simulcast greyhound races.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the current laws regarding gaming.

YES – 760 NO – 479 BLANK – 18

QUESTION 4: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION – EARNED SICK TIME

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 6, 2014?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would entitle employees in Massachusetts to earn and use sick time according to certain conditions.

Employees who work for employers having eleven or more employees could earn and use up to 40 hours of paid sick time per calendar year, while employees working for smaller employers could earn and use up to 40 hours of unpaid sick time per calendar year.

An employee could use earned sick time if required to miss work in order (1) to care for a physical or mental illness, injury or medical condition affecting the employee or the employee’s child, spouse, parent, or parent of a spouse; (2) to attend routine medical appointments of the employee or the employee’s child, spouse, parent, or parent of a spouse; or (3) to address the effects of domestic violence on the employee or the employee’s dependent child. Employees would earn one hour of sick time for every 30 hours worked, and would begin accruing those hours on the date of hire or on July 1, 2015, whichever is later. Employees could begin to use earned sick time on the 90th day after hire.

The proposed law would cover both private and public employers, except that employees of a particular city or town would be covered only if, as required by the state constitution, the proposed law were made applicable by local or state legislative vote or by appropriation of sufficient funds to pay for the benefit. Earned paid sick time would be compensated at the same hourly rate paid to the employee when the sick time is used.

Employees could carry over up to 40 hours of unused sick time to the next calendar year, but

could not use more than 40 hours in a calendar year. Employers would not have to pay employees for unused sick time at the end of their employment. If an employee missed work for a reason eligible for earned sick time, but agreed with the employer to work the same number of hours or shifts in the same or next pay period, the employee would not have to use earned sick time for the missed time, and the employer would not have to pay for that missed time. Employers would be prohibited from requiring such an employee to work additional hours to make up for missed time, or to find a replacement employee.

Employers could require certification of the need for sick time if an employee used sick time for more than 24 consecutively scheduled work hours. Employers could not delay the taking of or payment for earned sick time because they have not received the certification. Employees would have to make a good faith effort to notify the employer in advance if the need for earned sick time is foreseeable.

Employers would be prohibited from interfering with or retaliating based on an employee’s exercise of earned sick time rights, and from retaliating based on an employee’s support of another employee’s exercise of such rights.

The proposed law would not override employers’ obligations under any contract or benefit plan with more generous provisions than those in the proposed law. Employers that have their own policies providing as much paid time off, usable for the same purposes and under the same conditions, as the proposed law would not be required to provide additional paid sick time.

The Attorney General would enforce the proposed law, using the same enforcement procedures applicable to other state wage laws, and employees could file suits in court to enforce their earned sick time rights. The Attorney General would have to prepare a multilingual notice regarding the right to earned sick time, and employers would be required to post the notice in a conspicuous location and to provide a copy to employees. The state Executive Office of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Attorney General, would develop a multilingual outreach program to inform the public of the availability of earned sick time.

The proposed law would take effect on July 1, 2015, and states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would entitle employees in Massachusetts to earn and use sick time according to certain conditions.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws regarding earned sick time.

YES – 897 NO – 335 BLANK – 25

Filed: November 6, 2014

Brenda Lessard
Williamsburg Town Clerk

**Special Town Meeting
November 17, 2014**

The warrant was signed on October 28, 2014 and posted on October 30, 2014.

Moderator: Joseph Larkin Town Clerk: Brenda Lessard

Selectmen Present: David Mathers and Denise Banister

Constables: Paul Sanderson and Gordon Luce

Meeting was held at the Williamsburg Town Offices, 141 Main Street, Haydenville, MA in the auditorium.

A quorum (60 registered voters) being present (there were 73 registered voters there); the meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. The moderator noted the return of the warrant and that it had been posted.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt a rule that the Moderator be authorized to declare 2/3 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.

Passed Unanimously

The moderator noted that Paul Dunphy had resigned as Board of Selectman member and thanked him for his years of service to the town. The voters gave a round of applause in recognition.

Article 1

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$30.63 to pay Aero All-Gas Co. for purchases in Fiscal Year 2014 (FY14).

Passed Unanimously

Article 2

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to change the appropriation voted at the June 2, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, to appropriate the sum of \$169,705 composed of the amounts listed below, for the purpose of operating, maintaining and constructing the town's sewer system for fiscal year 2015, and take said sum from Sewer Enterprise Revenue.

Salaries	\$ 2,800.
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 139,905.
<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>\$ 27,000.</u>
Total	\$ 169,705.

Passed Unanimously

Article 3

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$60,000 from Sewer Retained Earnings to Sewer Expenses for upgrades to the town's water meters.

Passed Unanimously

Article 4

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$14,085.94 to Police Expenses for the purpose of getting the police department servers back up and running.

Passed Unanimously

Article 5

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$23,900 for the purchase and installation of computer equipment and services to ensure the stability, security and functionality of the town's information technology infrastructure.

Passed Unanimously

Article 6

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to petition the Massachusetts General Court to enact legislation to allow Paul Sanderson, a member of the Williamsburg Fire Department, to continue in his position until he reaches 70 years of age, or the date of his retirement or until his non-reappointment, whichever occurs first and to direct that no further deduction shall be made from the regular compensation of Paul Sanderson in connection with his service to the town for retirement or pension purposes under Chapter 32 of the General Laws for any service subsequent to his reaching the age of 65.

Passed Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

Filed: November 18, 2014

A true copy attest: Brenda Lessard, Town Clerk

cc: Accountant, Department of Revenue, Finance Committee, Selectboard, Treasurer, Assessors, Kopelman & Paige, Police Department, Water & Sewer Commission, Fire Department, Highway Superintendent, Town Administrator

Certificate of Nomination – Town Caucus 2014

We certify that a caucus of qualified voters (quorum 40) of the Town of Williamsburg was called and held in accordance with the provisions of law relating thereto, at the Williamsburg Town Offices, 141 Main Street on the eighth day of December 2014, and the following nominations of Candidates for Town Offices were made:

The Town Clerk, Brenda Lessard, called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. once a quorum was met. The Voters of Caucus elected a Chair and Secretary.

Chair: Charlene Nardi Secretary: Frederick Goodhue

There were three nominations, William Sayre of 51 Conway Road; Richard Kisloski of 12 Cole Road; and Robert Parker of 11 Lawton Hill Road for two seats for caucus nomination (MGL 53: 121) for the one seat on the Board of Selectmen. A vote of caucus members was taken and the candidates vote totals were William Sayre-44, Richard Kisloski-31, and Robert Parker-13. The two nominees with the most votes became the caucus nominees.

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>SIGNATURE</u>
SELECTMAN	To fill Vacancy	William Sayre	51 Conway Road	Signed by same
SELECTMAN	To fill Vacancy	Richard Kisloski	12 Cole Road	Signed by same

We hereby certify that at least forty qualified voters of the Town of Williamsburg participated and voted therein. Due to the fact that all of the nominees would be placed on the ballot, it was voted that the Secretary cast one ballot to certify the nominees are certified. We also certify that the caucus voted that in the case of death, withdrawal or 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 7:32 p.m.
 S/ Charlene Nardi, Presiding Officer S/Frederick Goodhue, Secretary to Caucus

Filed December 9, 2014

A TRUE COPY ATTEST BRENDA LESSARD, TOWN CLERK

Town Accountant
Budget vs Revenue Report
June 30, 2014

	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>2014 Budget</u>	<u>2014 YTD Revenues</u>	<u>Over/(Under)</u>
<u>Taxes</u>				
001-001-4110-000-000-0	Personal Property Taxes	102,488.21	101,751.00	737.21
001-001-4120-000-000-0	Real Estate Taxes	5,063,202.97	5,051,645.42	11,557.55
001-001-4142-000-000-0	Tax Liens Redeemed	0.00	24,497.75	-24,497.75
001-001-4146-000-000-0	Rollback Taxes	0.00	1,440.08	-1,440.08
001-001-4150-000-000-0	Motor Vehicle Excise	245,000.00	287,677.66	-42,677.66
001-001-4170-000-000-0	Pen & Int on Taxes	12,000.00	16,814.55	-4,814.55
001-001-4173-000-000-0	Pen & Int on Tax Titles	0.00	6,537.01	-6,537.01
001-001-4180-000-000-0	Pmts In Lieu of Taxes	20,000.00	40,760.82	-20,760.82
001-001-4195-000-000-0	Abated MV Taxes Recovered	0.00	319.16	-319.16
	<u>Total Taxes</u>	<u>5,442,691.18</u>	<u>5,531,443.45</u>	<u>-88,752.27</u>
<u>Fees</u>				
001-141-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Assessors	0.00	5,051.00	-5,051.00
001-149-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Registry Markings	1,000.00	1,460.00	-460.00
001-161-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Town Clerk	1,500.00	136.75	1,363.25
001-210-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Police	3,500.00	2,402.98	1,097.02
001-431-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Transfer Station Stickers	35,000.00	57,968.00	-22,968.00
001-512-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Bd of Health	4,000.00	6,850.00	-2,850.00
	<u>Total Fees</u>	<u>45,000.00</u>	<u>73,868.73</u>	<u>-28,868.73</u>
<u>Licenses & Permits</u>				
001-122-4410-000-000-0	Licenses-Liquor	10,000.00	9,760.00	240.00
001-122-4420-000-000-0	Licenses-Other	500.00	1,341.50	-841.50
001-210-4450-000-000-0	Permits-Police Dept	0.00	1,900.00	-1,900.00
001-241-4450-000-000-0	Permits-Building Insp	15,000.00	13,167.96	1,832.04
001-245-4450-000-000-0	Permits-Building Insp	0.00	165.00	-165.00
	<u>Total Licenses & Permits</u>	<u>25,500.00</u>	<u>26,334.46</u>	<u>-834.46</u>
<u>State Revenue</u>				
001-001-4610-000-000-0	Reimb for Loss of Taxes	3,558.00	3,558.00	0.00
001-001-4613-000-000-0	Veterans Abatements	17,271.00	20,661.00	-3,390.00
001-001-4620-000-000-0	School Aid Chapter 70	509,920.00	509,920.00	0.00
001-001-4640-000-000-0	Charter School Reimb	19,919.00	38,454.00	-18,535.00
001-001-4661-000-000-0	Lottery Aid	262,131.00	262,131.00	0.00
001-001-4665-000-000-0	Veterans Benefits	53,681.00	56,283.00	-2,602.00
001-001-4680-000-000-0	Other State Revenue	0.00	1,981.00	-1,981.00
	<u>Total State Revenue</u>	<u>866,480.00</u>	<u>892,988.00</u>	<u>-26,508.00</u>
<u>Fines</u>				
001-001-4685-000-000-0	Fines - RMV	8,000.00	10,185.00	-2,185.00
001-001-4770-000-000-0	Fines - Parking	0.00	345.00	-345.00
001-001-4771-000-000-0	Fines - District Court	2,000.00	6,928.50	-4,928.50
001-001-4775-000-000-0	Marijuana Fines	0.00	300.00	-300.00
	<u>Total Fines</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>17,758.50</u>	<u>-7,758.50</u>
<u>Other Revenue</u>				
001-001-4815-000-000-0	Sale of Fixed Assets	0.00	10,615.00	-10,615.00
001-001-4820-000-000-0	Earnings on Investments	10,000.00	8,658.68	1,341.32
001-001-4839-000-000-0	Indirect Costs Reimbursed	10,000.00	13,406.94	-3,406.94
001-001-4840-000-000-0	Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	89,207.90	-89,207.90
	<u>Total Other Revenue</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>121,888.52</u>	<u>-101,888.52</u>
	<u>Total Revenue</u>	<u>6,409,671.18</u>	<u>6,664,281.66</u>	<u>-254,610.48</u>

**Town Accountant
Budget Expense Report
June 30, 2014**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Budget Revisions</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Expenses</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>% Used</u>
001-114-5100-000-000-0 Moderator	303.00	0.00	303.00	0.00	303.00	0.00%
001-122-5100-000-000-0 Selectboard Salaries	8,494.00	0.00	8,494.00	8,494.00	0.00	100.00%
001-122-5400-000-000-0 Selectboard Expenses	3,750.00	0.00	3,750.00	3,708.94	41.06	98.91%
001-123-5100-000-000-0 Town Administrator	48,794.00	0.00	48,794.00	48,794.00	0.00	100.00%
001-123-5110-000-000-0 Administrative Assistant	13,513.00	0.00	13,513.00	13,512.72	0.28	100.00%
001-123-5400-000-000-0 Town Administrator Expenses	500.00	0.00	500.00	499.73	0.27	99.95%
001-130-5110-000-000-0 Capital Planning Labor	318.00	0.00	318.00	0.00	318.00	0.00%
001-130-5400-000-000-0 Capital Planning Expenses	75.00	0.00	75.00	75.00	0.00	100.00%
001-131-5100-000-000-0 Finance Committee Salaries	3,839.00	0.00	3,839.00	3,412.40	426.60	88.89%
001-131-5110-000-000-0 Finance Committee Chair	173.00	0.00	173.00	0.00	173.00	0.00%
001-131-5120-000-000-0 Finance Committee Secretary	668.00	0.00	668.00	0.00	668.00	0.00%
001-131-5400-000-000-0 Finance Committee Expenses	500.00	0.00	500.00	224.10	275.90	44.82%
001-132-5400-000-000-0 Reserve Fund	60,000.00	-23,030.30	36,969.70	0.00	36,969.70	0.00%
001-135-5110-000-000-0 Accountant Labor	23,045.00	0.00	23,045.00	22,045.28	999.72	95.66%
001-135-5400-000-000-0 Accountant Expenses	300.00	0.00	300.00	171.98	128.02	57.33%
001-135-5420-000-000-0 Accounting Software	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.00%
001-135-5800-000-000-0 Audit Services	14,000.00	6,500.00	20,500.00	14,000.00	6,500.00	68.29%
001-141-5100-000-000-0 Assessor's Salaries	8,494.00	0.00	8,494.00	8,493.84	0.16	100.00%
001-141-5110-000-000-0 Assessor's Labor	10,820.00	0.00	10,820.00	10,557.42	262.58	97.57%
001-141-5400-* -000-0 Assessor's Expenses	8,136.00	0.00	8,136.00	5,273.60	2,862.40	64.82%
001-142-5400-000-000-0 Assessor's Revaluation	5,270.00	3,750.00	9,020.00	4,735.00	4,285.00	52.49%
001-145-5100-000-000-0 Treasurer's Salary	19,113.00	0.00	19,113.00	19,113.00	0.00	100.00%
001-145-5120-000-000-0 Treasurer's Assistant	5,467.00	0.00	5,467.00	5,467.00	0.00	100.00%
001-145-5400-000-000-0 Treasurer's Expenses	5,600.00	0.00	5,600.00	4,416.62	1,183.38	78.87%
001-145-5420-000-000-0 Treasurer's Software	2,410.00	0.00	2,410.00	2,409.71	0.29	99.99%
001-146-5100-000-000-0 Collector's Salary	27,846.00	0.00	27,846.00	27,846.00	0.00	100.00%
001-146-5110-000-000-0 Collector's Add'l Salary	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.00%
001-146-5400-000-000-0 Collector's Expenses	8,630.00	3,066.00	11,696.00	11,679.00	17.00	99.85%

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Budget Revisions</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Expenses</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>% Used</u>
001-146-5410-000-000-0	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	1,480.52	519.48	74.03%
001-149-5100-000-000-0	32.00	0.00	32.00	32.00	0.00	100.00%
001-151-5400-000-000-0	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	13,753.25	1,246.75	91.69%
001-159-5400-000-000-0	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	741.85	458.15	61.82%
001-159-5410-000-000-0	250.00	0.00	250.00	24.00	226.00	9.60%
001-160-5100-000-000-0	406.00	0.00	406.00	406.00	0.00	100.00%
001-160-5400-000-000-0	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00%
001-161-5100-000-000-0	17,404.00	0.00	17,404.00	17,404.00	0.00	100.00%
001-161-5120-000-000-0	2,189.00	0.00	2,189.00	2,189.00	0.00	100.00%
001-161-5400-000-000-0	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,369.39	130.61	91.29%
001-161-5420-000-000-0	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.00%
001-162-5400-000-000-0	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	3,240.53	4,759.47	40.51%
001-164-5400-000-000-0	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,150.54	49.46	95.88%
001-171-5110-000-000-0	1,665.00	0.00	1,665.00	1,115.06	549.94	66.97%
001-171-5400-000-000-0	1,940.00	0.00	1,940.00	1,351.17	588.83	69.65%
001-171-5800-000-000-0	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00%
001-175-5400-000-000-0	750.00	0.00	750.00	239.21	510.79	31.89%
001-176-5400-000-000-0	600.00	0.00	600.00	282.00	318.00	47.00%
001-192-5120-000-000-0	10,593.00	0.00	10,593.00	10,198.71	394.29	96.28%
001-192-5130-000-000-0	6,598.00	0.00	6,598.00	6,598.00	0.00	100.00%
001-192-5400-000-000-0	38,300.00	1,414.83	39,714.83	39,714.83	0.00	100.00%
001-192-5410-000-000-0	3,400.00	0.00	3,400.00	3,399.38	0.62	99.98%
001-192-5420-000-000-0	6,800.00	-414.83	6,385.17	5,235.38	1,149.79	81.99%
001-192-5430-000-000-0	2,250.00	0.00	2,250.00	2,236.48	13.52	99.40%
001-192-5440-000-000-0	3,335.00	0.00	3,335.00	409.30	2,925.70	12.27%
001-192-5800-000-000-0	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	5,810.28	189.72	96.84%
001-192-5825-000-000-0	0.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00	40,000.00	0.00%
001-192-5840-000-000-0	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00%
001-192-5830-000-000-0	0.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00	6,500.00	0.00%
001-192-5850-000-000-0	20,000.00	5,672.00	25,672.00	22,860.92	2,811.08	89.05%
001-192-5860-000-000-0	0.00	14,677.38	14,677.38	0.00	14,677.38	0.00%
001-192-5870-000-000-0	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00%
001-192-5890-000-000-0	0.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00	35,000.00	0.00%

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Budget Revisions</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Expenses</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>% Used</u>
001-193-5400-000-000-0	54,000.00	0.00	54,000.00	52,850.67	1,149.33	97.87%
001-195-5400-000-000-0	1,900.00	0.00	1,900.00	1,476.18	423.82	77.69%
001-210-5110-000-000-0	58,250.00	0.00	58,250.00	58,250.00	0.00	100.00%
001-210-5120-000-000-0	122,399.00	0.00	122,399.00	120,511.96	1,887.04	98.46%
001-210-5400-*-*0	33,500.00	2,912.03	36,412.03	31,155.50	5,256.53	85.56%
001-210-5410-000-000-0	5,500.00	0.00	5,500.00	3,830.00	1,670.00	69.64%
001-210-5820-000-000-0	0.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00	100.00%
001-220-5110-000-000-0	20,833.00	0.00	20,833.00	20,833.00	0.00	100.00%
001-220-5120-000-000-0	32,092.00	0.00	32,092.00	30,952.19	1,139.81	96.45%
001-220-5400-000-000-0	20,320.00	600.00	20,920.00	20,830.09	89.91	99.57%
001-220-5830-000-000-0	0.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	0.00	16,000.00	0.00%
001-220-5840-000-000-0	0.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00	45,000.00	0.00%
001-231-5400-000-000-0	46,112.00	0.00	46,112.00	46,112.00	0.00	100.00%
001-232-5110-000-000-0	1,093.00	0.00	1,093.00	1,093.00	0.00	100.00%
001-232-5120-000-000-0	508.00	0.00	508.00	508.00	0.00	100.00%
001-232-5400-000-000-0	3,750.00	0.00	3,750.00	2,654.50	1,095.50	70.79%
001-294-5400-000-000-0	5,000.00	1,201.00	6,201.00	4,570.48	1,630.52	73.71%
001-294-5410-000-000-0	2,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00	3,787.00	213.00	94.68%
001-300-5100-000-000-0	1,523.00	0.00	1,523.00	1,523.00	0.00	100.00%
001-300-5400-000-000-0	1,665,486.00	0.00	1,665,486.00	1,614,858.53	50,627.47	96.96%
001-300-5820-000-000-0	0.00	33,331.93	33,331.93	527.64	32,804.29	1.58%
001-310-5400-000-000-0	1,195,818.00	0.00	1,195,818.00	1,195,818.00	0.00	100.00%
001-320-5400-000-000-0	279,567.00	0.00	279,567.00	211,986.50	67,580.50	75.83%
001-422-5100-000-000-0	57,370.00	0.00	57,370.00	57,370.00	0.00	100.00%
001-422-5110-000-000-0	139,545.00	-2,408.49	137,136.51	137,136.51	0.00	100.00%
001-422-5400-213-000-0	0.00	181.08	181.08	181.08	0.00	100.00%
001-422-5400-000-000-0	65,463.00	0.00	65,463.00	60,394.90	5,068.10	92.26%
001-422-5410-000-000-0	40,721.00	0.00	40,721.00	40,688.85	32.15	99.92%
001-422-5800-000-000-0	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00%
001-422-5420-000-000-0	42,000.00	897.00	42,897.00	42,879.00	18.00	0.00%
001-422-5440-000-000-0	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00%
001-422-5810-000-000-0	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	1,748.28	3,251.72	0.00%
001-422-5840-000-000-0	0.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	32,520.14	7,479.86	0.00%

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Budget Revisions</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Expenses</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>% Used</u>
001-422-5850-000-000-0	0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00%
001-423-5110-000-000-0	13,664.00	-982.51	12,681.49	12,667.11	14.38	99.89%
001-423-5400-000-000-0	72,500.00	6,406.34	78,906.34	78,906.34	0.00	100.00%
001-424-5400-000-000-0	11,000.00	0.00	11,000.00	10,376.09	623.91	94.33%
001-433-5110-000-000-0	19,771.00	0.00	19,771.00	19,771.00	0.00	100.00%
001-433-5400-000-000-0	73,780.00	4,756.95	78,536.95	62,783.25	15,753.70	79.94%
001-491-5400-000-000-0	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	325.00	675.00	32.50%
001-510-5400-000-000-0	1,523.00	402.00	1,925.00	1,925.00	0.00	100.00%
001-512-5100-000-000-0	3,747.00	0.00	3,747.00	3,747.00	0.00	100.00%
001-512-5400-000-000-0	300.00	134.00	434.00	434.00	0.00	100.00%
001-512-5410-000-000-0	2,561.00	0.00	2,561.00	0.00	2,561.00	0.00%
001-541-5110-000-000-0	18,560.00	0.00	18,560.00	18,560.00	0.00	100.00%
001-541-5120-000-000-0	16,484.00	0.00	16,484.00	16,484.00	0.00	100.00%
001-541-5130-000-000-0	4,143.00	0.00	4,143.00	4,094.04	48.96	98.82%
001-541-5140-000-000-0	10,140.00	0.00	10,140.00	10,140.00	0.00	100.00%
001-541-5400-000-000-0	3,218.00	0.00	3,218.00	3,034.50	183.50	94.30%
001-541-5410-000-*0	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	100.00%
001-543-5400-000-000-0	8,275.00	0.00	8,275.00	8,274.62	0.38	100.00%
001-543-5410-000-000-0	71,500.00	7,552.70	79,052.70	77,693.02	1,359.68	98.28%
001-549-5400-000-000-0	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00%
001-610-5100-000-000-0	39,342.00	3,884.17	43,226.17	43,223.15	3.02	99.99%
001-610-5110-000-000-0	54,846.00	0.00	54,846.00	54,259.89	586.11	98.93%
001-610-5400-000-210-0	13,620.00	1,297.38	14,917.38	14,727.80	189.58	98.73%
001-610-5400-000-240-0	13,590.00	4,217.46	17,807.46	17,807.46	0.00	100.00%
001-610-5400-000-850-0	5,014.00	0.00	5,014.00	5,014.00	0.00	100.00%
001-610-5820-000-000-0	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00%
001-630-5110-000-000-0	3,828.00	0.00	3,828.00	2,763.90	1,064.10	72.20%
001-630-5400-000-000-0	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	4,880.00	120.00	97.60%
001-630-5410-000-000-0	500.00	7,166.00	7,666.00	0.00	7,666.00	0.00%
001-630-5800-000-000-0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
001-691-5400-000-000-0	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00%

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Budget Revisions</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Expenses</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>% Used</u>
001-699-5400-000-000-0	500.00	0.00	500.00	367.00	133.00	0.00%
001-710-5910-000-000-0	84,046.00	0.00	84,046.00	84,046.00	0.00	100.00%
001-710-5915-000-000-0	4,576.00	0.00	4,576.00	4,576.00	0.00	100.00%
001-710-5916-000-000-0	23,350.00	0.00	23,350.00	23,350.00	0.00	100.00%
001-710-5925-000-000-0	166,650.00	0.00	166,650.00	166,650.00	0.00	100.00%
001-710-5950-000-000-0	45,000.00	0.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00	100.00%
001-710-5975-000-000-0	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	100.00%
001-710-5980-000-000-0	26,000.00	0.00	26,000.00	26,000.00	0.00	100.00%
001-751-5915-000-000-0	3,503.00	0.00	3,503.00	3,502.50	0.50	99.99%
001-751-5925-000-000-0	152,798.00	0.00	152,798.00	152,797.50	0.50	100.00%
001-751-5950-000-000-0	3,800.00	0.00	3,800.00	3,800.00	0.00	100.00%
001-751-5975-000-000-0	5,050.00	0.00	5,050.00	5,050.00	0.00	100.00%
001-751-5980-000-000-0	130.00	0.00	130.00	129.64	0.36	99.72%
001-820-5640-000-000-0	742.00	0.00	742.00	742.00	0.00	100.00%
001-820-5646-000-000-0	1,620.00	0.00	1,620.00	1,620.00	0.00	100.00%
001-820-5663-000-000-0	20,659.00	0.00	20,659.00	20,660.00	-1.00	100.00%
001-820-5690-000-000-0	164,397.00	0.00	164,397.00	81,705.00	82,692.00	49.70%
001-820-5691-000-000-0	154,616.00	0.00	154,616.00	238,260.00	-83,644.00	154.10%
001-830-5622-000-000-0	2,504.00	0.00	2,504.00	2,503.12	0.88	99.96%
001-830-5640-000-000-0	2,239.00	0.00	2,239.00	2,239.00	0.00	100.00%
001-840-5400-000-000-0	7,423.00	0.00	7,423.00	7,422.94	0.06	100.00%
001-840-5410-000-000-0	23,003.00	30.25	23,033.25	23,033.25	0.00	100.00%
001-840-5420-000-000-0	31,000.00	0.00	31,000.00	31,000.00	0.00	100.00%
001-840-5430-000-000-0	373.00	0.00	373.00	372.30	0.70	99.81%
001-840-5440-000-000-0	160.00	0.00	160.00	160.00	0.00	100.00%
001-911-5400-000-000-0	195,941.00	0.00	195,941.00	195,941.00	0.00	100.00%
001-912-5400-000-000-0	18,706.00	0.00	18,706.00	18,494.48	211.52	98.87%
001-913-5400-000-000-0	8,500.00	0.00	8,500.00	2,732.94	5,767.06	32.15%
001-913-5410-000-000-0	12,843.00	0.00	12,843.00	12,843.00	0.00	100.00%
001-914-5400-000-000-0	446,250.00	0.00	446,250.00	380,933.89	65,316.11	85.36%
001-916-5400-000-000-0	32,734.00	0.00	32,734.00	32,280.09	453.91	98.61%
001-970-5962-000-000-0	0.00	331,834.00	331,834.00	0.00	331,834.00	0.00%
Tfr to Stabilization						
Totals	<u>6,463,239.00</u>	<u>730,548.37</u>	<u>7,193,787.37</u>	<u>6,257,320.96</u>	<u>936,466.41</u>	<u>86.98%</u>

**Town Accountant
Special Revenue Funds Report
June 30, 2014**

	<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>YTD Revenue</u>	<u>YTD Expense</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<u>Highway Funds</u>				
217 Chapter 90 Funds	0.00	0.00	-158,949.50	-158,949.50
<u>Revolving Funds</u>				
231 Wetlands Protection Fund	4,416.25	0.00	0.00	4,416.25
232 Dog Revolving Fund	3,595.03	2,475.75	-2,638.20	3,432.58
233 Transfer Station Open Box	23,068.38	6,581.96	-5,612.89	24,037.45
234 Planning Board	9,532.59	885.00	-300.00	10,117.59
235 Recreation Revolving Fund	34,054.52	1,345.00	0.00	35,399.52
236 COA Newsletter	459.04	0.00	-234.82	224.22
237 Fire Inspections	1,125.00	1,930.00	-1,000.00	2,055.00
238 Plumbing Inspections	-8.00	2,242.00	-2,242.00	-8.00
239 Electrical Inspections	3,141.00	6,280.00	0.00	9,421.00
241 Board of Appeals Revolving	751.08	550.50	-794.62	506.96
243 Conservation Revolving	1,743.59	0.00	0.00	1,743.59
<u>Receipts Reserved for Appropriation</u>				
252 MIIA Grant 214	0.00	1,900.15	-1,897.80	2.35
256 Insurance Claims	3,233.27	0.00	0.00	3,233.27
258 Road Machiner Fund	8,870.60	0.00	0.00	8,870.60
<u>Other Special Revenue Funds</u>				
266 Solarize Mass	0.00	2,500.00	-1,657.36	842.64
269 Special Donation Acct (Burgy Bullets)	230.05	0.00	0.00	230.05
270 COA Donations	1,708.87	2,563.92	-1,491.44	2,781.35
271 Flag Donations	20.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
272 War Memorial Fund	583.80	0.00	0.00	583.80
273 Police Donations Fund	600.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
274 Library Donations	1,867.53	8,170.53	-4,815.94	5,222.12
275 Library Local	18,490.52	31,670.98	-29,631.92	20,529.58
276 Library School	2,709.77	14,145.00	-16,807.08	47.69
278 Town Line Signs	1,161.83	0.00	0.00	1,161.83
279 Angel Garden Fund	1,503.59	540.00	-189.00	1,854.59
280 Woodland Trails Project	53.97	0.00	-395.71	-341.74
281 Law Enforcement Fund	376.12	0.00	0.00	376.12
283 Septic Grants	15,934.23	0.00	0.00	15,934.23
284 Highland Valley Elder Serv	-2,248.82	7,006.00	-4,758.25	-1.07
285 Consortium Support	1,911.00	629.25	0.00	2,540.25
287 PVTA	232.81	7,517.04	-9,849.54	-2,099.69
290 Bond Premium-Issuance Costs	8,523.88	0.00	0.00	8,523.88
291 Land Acquisition Fund	5,611.50	0.00	0.00	5,611.50
293 Comcast Technology Fund	2,377.37	5,581.40	-4,525.00	3,433.77
296 Appraisal Grant	4,100.00	0.00	0.00	4,100.00
297 MTC Clean Energy Grant	1,036.58	20,000.00	0.00	21,036.58

	<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>YTD Revenue</u>	<u>YTD Expense</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	
<u>State & Federal Grants</u>					
405	Bulletproof Vest Grant	2,075.31	0.00	0.00	2,075.31
407	Gov Highway Safety Grant	1,583.34	0.00	-429.00	1,154.34
408	Local Preparedness	669.10	0.00	0.00	669.10
410	FEMA Snow Account	12,862.51	0.00	0.00	12,862.51
412	Council on Aging Grant	405.97	4,442.03	-4,848.00	0.00
414	Library State Aid	3.11	8,173.54	-8,146.00	30.65
415	Cultural Council	2,443.08	4,356.91	-4,042.21	2,757.78
420	Fire Dept SAFE Grant	3,863.69	6,502.23	-4,050.03	6,315.89
422	Fire Dept Equip Grant	445.98	0.00	0.00	445.98
<u>Education Funds</u>					
501	Title I Grant	4,625.58	13,000.00	-17,829.52	-203.94
502	School Choice	87,098.88	11,239.00	-70,184.00	28,153.88
503	REAPS Grant	-4,899.38	23,402.00	-19,778.15	-1,275.53
504	Early Literacy Grant	2,816.03	0.00	-2,320.78	495.25
505	Kindergarten Enhancement Grant	11,162.95	7,200.00	-15,574.20	2,788.75
508	Special Education Grant	7,245.89	171.00	-7,599.96	-183.07
515	DOE Improve Service	10,185.04	0.00	-10,185.04	0.00
552	Preschool Program	106,664.05	70,618.75	-97,810.24	79,472.56
554	School Building Use	5,343.65	1,000.00	0.00	6,343.65
559	School Lunch Fund	-11,839.32	31,546.08	-44,153.61	-24,446.85
560	Elaine Lawton Fund	20,723.93	1,044.00	-600.00	21,167.93
562	Big Yellow Bus	240.16	0.00	0.00	240.16
<u>Enterprise Funds</u>					
610	Water Enterprise Fund	162,862.06	264,075.73	-256,063.32	170,874.47
620	Sewer Enterprise Fund	453,235.97	172,063.58	-142,570.81	482,728.74
<u>Capital Projects</u>					
712	Capping Wood Waste Area	8,519.75	0.00	0.00	8,519.75
718	Police/Fire Station Roof	5,005.00	0.00	0.00	5,005.00
725	School Construction	4,062,043.48	4,419,293.00	-7,912,693.56	568,642.92
<u>School Trust Funds</u>					
801	Daniel Collins Fund	509,399.44	82,840.76	-30,336.86	561,903.34
802	O C Spellman Fund	99,743.20	16,620.29	-5,732.18	110,631.31
803	Ethel Curry Fund	-3,759.48	34.40	-1.57	-3,726.65
804	Albert D Sanders Fund	19,538.66	3,294.44	-1,216.07	21,617.03
805	Dunphy-Dunphy School Fund	22,853.28	3,852.85	-1,241.56	25,464.57
806	Dunphy-James School Fund	32,708.75	5,474.98	-2,026.06	36,157.67
807	Ellsworth Hyde Fund	1,749.87	319.30	-16.16	2,053.01
808	Byron Loomis Fund	21,878.61	3,689.15	-1,234.08	24,333.68
810	Helen E James Fund	21,989.07	3,709.38	-169.57	25,528.88

	<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>YTD Revenue</u>	<u>YTD Expense</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	
<u>Town Trust Funds</u>					
821	WCTU Clock Fund	9,688.86	1,852.42	-1,261.87	10,279.41
822	Cemetery Perpetual Care	685.20	1,318.38	-735.00	1,268.58
823	Whiting Street Fund	4,955.05	830.50	-37.97	5,747.58
824	Arthur King Fund	73,740.99	12,386.41	-566.20	85,561.20
825	Albert Hills Fund	12,313.28	2,151.06	-1,689.46	12,774.88
826	Christian Hills Fund	25,289.43	4,349.93	-699.04	28,940.32
827	Henry Hills Fund	77,200.75	12,994.46	-4,994.12	85,201.09
828	Mary Main Fund	5,728.44	986.87	-545.31	6,170.00
829	Lyman Wait Fund	540.08	91.37	0.00	631.45
830	Electra Wait Fund	5,653.94	953.77	-43.60	6,564.11
831	Henry Warner Fund	36,303.32	6,178.34	-782.62	41,699.04
832	Women's Club Fund	1,926.64	324.99	-14.85	2,236.78
833	James Taylor Fund	2,119.37	371.16	-166.95	2,323.58
834	Sanderson/Heath Fund	3,687.39	635.66	-179.04	4,144.01
835	Library Humanities Fund	9,034.84	962.80	-44.00	9,953.64
836	William J Sheehan Fund	115.01	19.45	0.00	134.46
838	KMIT Library Fund	410,205.44	71,186.95	-3,254.10	478,138.29
<u>Brassworks Funds</u>					
842	Brassworks-Rec Long-Range	13,281.40	1,313.00	0.00	14,594.40
843	Brassworks-Economic Dev	47,908.37	7,158.89	-153.67	54,913.59
844	Brassworks-Loan Fund	213,318.78	359.40	0.00	213,678.18
<u>Other Funds</u>					
851	Unemployment Compensation	30,500.89	50.70	0.00	30,551.59
852	Elder Trust Fund	10,669.35	30.18	0.00	10,699.53
853	Stabilization Fund	762,510.38	1,537.22	0.00	764,047.60
854	Meekins Library Trust	22,095.17	3,873.73	-4,667.44	21,301.46
855	Seewald Technology Grant	4,692.06	307.37	-0.56	4,998.87
<u>Agency Funds</u>					
891	Off Duty Police Detail	-1,657.47	27,176.38	-26,456.16	-937.25
892	Firearm ID Cards	-2,364.50	5,600.00	-5,150.00	-1,914.50
893	Clerk Fees	297.28	1,461.00	-1,460.00	298.28
897	Collector Fees	130.00	10,047.21	-10,027.21	150.00
898	Deputy Collector Fees	204.00	6,174.00	-6,174.00	204.00

Agricultural Commission

Agricultural Commission Projects for 2014:

- 1) We successfully raised funds to produce two signs that tell visitors and residents alike that Williamsburg is a Right-to-Farm community. These signs are now posted on Route 9 when entering Williamsburg. The signs were generously funded through donations from the Williamsburg Farmers' Market Committee, the Williamsburg Grange, and a few individuals. We thank these organizations and individuals for providing the funds to create the Williamsburg Right-to-Farm signs!
- 2) We hosted a Farmer Coffee gathering on Saturday, February 8, at the Town Offices in Haydenville. At this meeting over 25 farmers and foresters learned about the purpose and role of the Agricultural Commission and discussed current issues, ideas, grant opportunities, and concerns faced by town farmers, as well as possible solutions. Thank you to all who came out and to Bread Euphoria and Elbow Room Coffee (visit both on Route 9) for donations of coffee and pastries.
- 3) We donated a basket of Williamsburg farm products for the raffle at the Grange Fair in September. Funds raised by the raffle were donated to the Williamsburg Grange.



Angel Park Quiet Reflections Garden

The Angel Park Quiet Reflections Garden hosted another successful Summer Music Series, effectively organized by Tom Adams and funded by an Arts Council grant. The park access was limited by the Dunphy School construction fence, which remained in place until the fall season.



Park Improvements and Ongoing Care Projects for the 2014 Garden Year:

1. New memorial bricks were added to the walkway adjacent to the Angel statue.
2. The park lawns and planting beds continued to receive organic care to prevent infestations of an array of garden pests.
3. The beds were fed with organic fertilizer and weeded and pruned by N. Dines and the Williamsburg Dead Head Society, led by Joan Coryat and Heidi Johnson. Zononi Lawn Maintenance provided regular mowing, trimming and raking services throughout the season.
4. The brick entrance walk was taken up and reinstalled to accommodate the altered grade at the new concrete school walkway and curb. It was installed to match the previous herringbone pattern.

Plans for 2015:

1. The perimeter lawns and flower beds will need to be restored to repair the areas affected by the school construction safety fence, and winter tree damage will require pruning.
2. As the White Fir trees mature, the perennial underplanting will require thinning and replacement with appropriate ground covers.
3. The perimeter plants have now reached mature height and will require some pruning and ground cover understory planting to replace older perennials to reflect changing light conditions.
4. The statue lights will be replaced with LED fixtures for better efficiency and additional fixtures may be added to beds close to benches where possible.

Funding

The park is funded in part by donations from memorial brick purchases, contributions from the Summer Music Series (thanks to Tom Adams), and the ongoing care funds provided by the Williamsburg Beautification Fund, which also supports all of the Public Gardens, including Meekins Library and the Mill River Park, the Market Square Gardens, and the flower beds along Route 9. The fund is administered by Mr. Doug Baker at the Florence Savings Bank and 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: the Florence Savings Bank, Williamsburg Market, Cichy's Garage, Dove Business Associates, 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, Rick Murnane, Sarah Palmer, Ellen Wittlinger, David Prichard, Roger Bisbee, Rob and Judy Stinson, Fred Goodhue, and Eileen Stewart.) Many thanks to Pat's for their generous cooperation in processing the collected bottles and cans.

Submitted by N. Dines, FASLA

Animal Control Officer

I was appointed Animal Control Officer in July of 2014. This year has been extremely busy. I have received many calls, which vary from residents seeking information, to calls about loose dogs, to many calls regarding feral cats and wildlife issues.

As an ACO, my first challenge this year was helping with the feral cat colony on Lawton Hill. I also started Williamsburg Animal Control Facebook page for the community, which has grown to over 331 members. This page is meant to help reunite pets with their owners by spreading the word of missing pets. It informs residents of upcoming events and gives helpful tips regarding pet care and animal welfare. I use this page to post information about animals up for adoption as well. I encourage anyone to please join the group to stay up-to-date about animals in the community. The link is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/669491733147137/>

In addition to my position in Williamsburg I am also currently working at Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control & Adoption Center as an animal control officer for Springfield, Holyoke, and Chicopee. This allows me to gain additional experience and knowledge about the animal control field, which will also be beneficial for my position in Williamsburg. I am attending ACOAM training, which is for animal control officers in Massachusetts, along with other seminars for furthering education in the field as they become available.

As a reminder: All dogs six months and older must be licensed by the Town Clerk by April 1 of each year. In order to obtain a dog license, an up-to-date rabies certificate must be presented to the Town Clerk. Please remember it is also important to keep your outdoor and indoor cats up-to-date on their rabies vaccine.



There were many dogs and cats lost this past year that were not wearing identification or microchipped. I strongly encourage all pet owners to make sure their dogs and cats are identifiable in some way. Identification tags are the quickest way to get owner information. Microchips will not fall off of your pet, so they are the most concrete form of identification.

Anyone wishing to donate new or gently used towels or blankets, new toys, food, collars and leashes, cat litter, kitten formula, bottles for kitten feeding, or microwaveable pet warmers can contact me or drop them off at the Town Offices. Money donations can be sent to the Town Clerk and will be used for vet care.

Assistance is available for anyone interested in getting their dog or cat spayed or neutered at low cost. Please contact me for more information.

I would like to thank all the people and organizations that have supported/assisted me this year in my duties as an Animal Control Officer. The money for vet care and items donated were much appreciated and put to good use for our animals in the town.

I encourage everyone to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding the animals in our community. I am here and more than willing to help.

Shayla Howe, Williamsburg Animal Control Officer

Assessors

The Board of Assessors submits the following annual report for the year ending December 31, 2014.

The Board of Assessors met on a weekly basis to assess the real and personal property in the Town of Williamsburg. As of January 1, 2014, there were 1,288 real property accounts and 90 personal property accounts for a total Town value of \$303,272,437. To meet the Town budget, \$5,455,871.14 was raised by taxation with the final tax rate set at \$17.99 per thousand of valuation.

Fiscal year 2015 is an interim tax year for the Town of Williamsburg. The Department of Revenue has tasked the Board with a list of directives for the next reevaluation year, which is scheduled for the following fiscal year. As the Department of Revenue certifies the procedures followed by the Board, practices are trending towards better and faster data management. The Board seeks to balance meeting future requirements while being fiscally responsible.

Much time was spent this year on solar projects in Williamsburg. Projects were proposed in Town with varied tax implications. Before decisions could be made, the Board had to acquire a working knowledge of the subject to determine how to proceed with valuation for taxation. Bishop Associates, the Town's hired consultant for all Department of Revenue services, had experience with solar developments in area communities and was contracted to represent the Board. Developers seeking long-term tax stability to encourage investment in a project negotiate with cities and towns to reach a tax agreement. The agreement includes both legislated components and current statewide practices. One proposal for development went before the Town and was approved at Town Meeting.

The Board continued to serve the requests for information from private citizens and public officials. Efforts continue to visit additional properties around Town to maintain current property information. Preparation for future Department of Revenue requirements will be ongoing.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise L. Banister
Chairperson



Brassworks ReUse Committee

The Brassworks Committee was re-established by Town Meeting vote in 1998 and setup its three membership body as one appointee by the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and Planning Board. It was established to oversee the use of funds the town obtained through the repayment of a loan to the developers of the Brassworks building in Haydenville.

The committee has regularly scheduled meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Offices. During 2014 the committee met on a semi-regular basis to discuss possible future uses for the funds as we continue to have a lack of activity. The Brassworks ReUse Committee will continue to work with the Board of Selectmen to determine the future of the funds.

The lack of activity is mostly in the major fund, the Small Business Loan Fund. While this fund was well used over the early years of the fund, it has had no activity over the last several years. The funds continue to be invested in an interest-bearing account at a local bank.

There continues to be one outstanding loan from the Housing and Economic Development Fund, to the Hilltown Community Development Corporation, which remains current.

At the end of the year the members of the Committee were:
Chairman Peter Mahieu, appointed by the Planning Board
Clerk Jeffrey Ciuffreda, appointed by the Board of Selectmen
Richard Kisloski, appointed by the Finance Committee

Building Supervisor

The Building Supervisor's job for most of 2014 was to follow the Anne T. Dunphy School rebuild project. We reached substantial completion at the beginning of August, though quite a few punchlist items remained. The rebuild was well received and everyone was pleased we could keep the school in the middle of town.

We also oversaw the refurbishing of the crawl space work in the Old Town Hall, which was completed in December, with funds voted in 2013. Whatever the Town decides to do with that building, we're in good shape underneath.

We tried to attract bidders to repair the Transfer Station roof without success, and will try again in 2015.

Jim Locke



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 Louis Hasbrouck and the Inspector of Wires is Roger Malo.

The Building Department office in Northampton is open from 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday except for Wednesdays after 12:00. The telephone number is (413) 587-1240 and my email address is lhasbrouck@northamptonma.gov. The office has three building inspectors, two electrical inspectors and a full time clerk. This staffing allows us to schedule timely inspections and provide timely support for permit applications.

The Dunphy School project is substantially complete and the school is open.

Building permit activity has picked up considerably. Much of the increased activity comes from solar projects; the large solar array on Kellogg Road is underway, and Solarize Williamsburg was a big success. Permits for other kinds of work also increased. There were 185 Building permits issued in 2014, up from 152 in 2013. Permit fees increased from \$11,544 in 2013 to \$62,226 in 2014. The total estimated cost of construction increased from \$2,078,603 in 2013 to \$10,645,565 in 2014. Solar projects accounted for some 53% of the costs of construction and permit fees. Even without permits for solar projects, building permit activity was more than twice the 2013 levels and comparable to the busiest of the past ten years.



We continue to investigate zoning complaints. Some have been satisfactorily resolved and others are still under investigation. All establishments holding liquor licenses have been inspected, as were schools and places of assembly.

We look forward to providing prompt and courteous building, zoning and electrical inspection services to Williamsburg and Haydenville residents in the coming year. While we expect the number of solar projects to decrease, I expect that other kinds of building activity will continue at this year's rate. As always, feel free to contact me with any problems or concerns you may have regarding building or zoning issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Louis Hasbrouck
Building Commissioner

Town of Williamsburg Building Department Activity 2014

Building Permits

Work Category	Number of Permits	Permit Fees	Estimated Cost of Construction
Additions	9	\$3,077	\$552,700
Swimming Pools	2	\$130	\$18,000
Decks	5	\$273	\$52,200
Cell Tower Antennas	2	\$66	\$8,000
Garages	3	\$683	\$217,200
Barns	1	\$100	\$30,000
Sheds	6	\$339	\$21,500
New Single Family Houses	1	\$5,352	\$1,301,000
New Two Family Home	1	\$2,189	\$191,000
Repairs and Renovations	49	\$14,253	\$2,424,232
Insulation	19	\$732	\$67,332
Windows and Doors	8	\$255	\$74,706
Roofing and Siding	15	\$568	\$106,098
Wood Stoves	13	\$380	\$9,734
Signs	1	\$25	\$200
 Total Permits not Solar	 130	 \$28,422	 \$5,067,202
 Solar Panels	 50	 \$33,804	 \$5,578,363
 Building Permit Totals	 185	 \$62,226	 \$10,645,565

Electrical Permit Totals

Number of Permits	Permit Fees
137	\$12,185

Capital Planning Committee

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

The members as of the end of the year were Robert Buchele, Mitch Cichy, Jeffrey Ciuffreda, Charles Dudek, Richard Kisloski, and Treasurer Nathan Rosewarne, ex officio.



Each year the committee solicits capital expenditure requests for the next fiscal year and anticipated requests for the next five years from all town departments. (Capital expenditures include all equipment or projects that cost at least \$10,000 and have a useful life of at least five years.) It then compiles and prioritizes these requests and forwards them to the Finance Committee along with its funding recommendations. The town votes to accept or modify the plan each year at the annual town meeting.

The Committee forwarded the following Capital Improvement Budget FY15 and Capital Improvement Program FY16 – FY19 for the Town of Williamsburg to the Finance Committee in May 2014 (see spreadsheet on the next page.)

Jeffrey Ciuffreda
Chairman

**Capital Improvement Budget FY15
Capital Improvement Program FY16-FY19**

Requests Prioritized	Total Debt Years	Years Remaining	Estimated Interest %	Project Description	Quote Received	Funding ³	Current Year	Condition	Town's Share of Project (Current Dollars, Interest Not Incl.)	Remaining Principal	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
APPROVED REQUESTS															
1				Bonded											
2															
3															
4	11	2	3.3	Library - Meekins (2003)	DE 2003		Good	\$ 500,000	95,000.00	52,000.00					
5	5	5	3.0	ATD School Building Feasibility	DE 2014		Poor	\$ 116,750	116,750.00	26,152.00	25,451.50	24,751.00	24,050.50		
6	20	20	3.0	ATD School Building Construction	DE 1986		Good	\$ 5,183,250	5,183,250.00	319,448.00	374,299.00	367,349.00	360,400.00	391,800.00	
7	10	9	3.5	Hwy. Dept. - Addition & Improvements	DE 2010		Good	\$ 175,000	175,000.00	19,600.00	19,150.00	18,700.00	18,250.00	22,800.00	
8				Short Term Borrowing											
9				Third Party Assessments											
10	25	6		Hampshire Regional - Renovation	DE 1999		Good	\$ 4,768,088	417,751.00	80,076.00	77,977.00	76,227.00	74,477.00	72,013.00	
11				Other											
12				Approved Requests Subtotals											
REQUESTS PROPOSED and APPROVED FOR FY15															
13	10		4.0	Hwy. - Truck 4 & Sander Int'l	TAX 2000		Fair	\$ 185,000		25,900.00	25,160.00	24,420.00	24,420.00	23,680.00	22,940.00
14				Fire - Turnout Gear - 8 sets	FC			\$ 16,000							
15				Fire - apparatus	FC			\$ 45,000							
16				Current Requests Subtotals				\$ 246,000	-	25,900.00	25,160.00	24,420.00	24,420.00	23,680.00	22,940.00
17				FUTURE REQUESTS ²											
18	20		4.0	Fire - Public Safety Complex ⁵	DE 1887		Poor	\$ 3,000,000				270,000.00	264,000.00	258,000.00	
19				Hist. Comm - Old Town Hall Renov.	1841		Poor	\$ 280,000							
20				Disposition of Town Offices or Helen E. James				\$ -							
21	1			Police - Car 23 C. Vic.	FC 2008		Good	\$ 34,202				37,373.00			
22	1			Police - Car 22 Ford Explorer	FC 2012		Excellent	\$ 34,428						41,109.00	
23	1			Police - Ford Explorer	FC 2014		Excellent	\$ 40,000							
24	10		4.0	Fire - Engine I	1987		Fair	\$ 435,000				60,900.00	59,160.00	57,420.00	55,680.00
25	10		4.0	Fire - Engine II	2006		Excellent	\$ 250,000							
26	10		4.0	Fire - Engine III	1993		Good	\$ 240,000							41,328.34
27	10		4.0	Fire - Engine IV	2001		Excellent	\$ 268,000							
28	5		4.0	Fire - Chief's Vehicle	2013		Excellent	\$ 35,515							
29	5		4.0	Hwy- Ford F350 Pickup	2014		Excellent	\$ 40,000							
30	5		4.0	Hwy. - Backhoe John Deere 410E	2000		Fair	\$ 150,000						35,702.21	34,770.85
31	5		4.0	Hwy. - Grader John Deere	1987		Good	\$ 200,000							
32	10		4.0	Hwy. - Loader Cat 446	2006		Good	\$ 160,000							
33	10		4.0	Hwy. - Truck 6 Int'l.	2009		Good	\$ 135,000							
34	5		4.0	Hwy - Truck 5 F550	2011		Excellent	\$ 75,000							
35	1			Hwy - Truck 3 F350	FC 1999		Fair	\$ 45,000				52,167.00			
36				School - Tractor	BU 1999		Fair	\$ 20,000						23,185.00	
37				Future Year Requests Subtotals				\$ 5,442,145.00	-	-	150,440.00	329,160.00	329,160.00	421,416.21	389,779.18
38				Payments from Free Cash/Stabilization/Other											
39				TOTALS				\$ 16,431,233.00	\$ 5,987,751.00	\$ 523,176.00	\$ 672,477.50	\$ 840,607.00	\$ 840,607.00	\$ 922,273.71	\$ 899,332.18
Note 1: Current requests are prioritized as follows: 1. State mandated/health and safety; 2. Imminent large dollar loss; 3. Potential dollar loss/quality of life/replacement; 4. Lowest priority															
Note 2: Current Dollars: Amounts Under FY are Adjusted for Inflation of 3%/yr															
Note 3: DE = Debt Exclusion FC = Free Cash Tax = Taxation RF = Revolving Fund BU = Budget															
Note 4: Road projects not included, costs offset by Chap. 90.															
Note 5: Preliminary Estimate.															

Town Collector - FY2014

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

REAL ESTATE TAXES

Year	Balance o/s 06/30/2007	Balance o/s 06/30/2008	Balance o/s 06/30/2009	Balance o/s 06/30/2010	Balance o/s 06/30/2011	Balance o/s 06/30/2012	Balance o/s 06/30/2013	Balance o/s 06/30/2014 (\$10,689.91)
2015								\$ 84,189.35
2014								\$ -
2013								\$ -
2012								\$ -
2011					78,394.50			\$ -
2010				109,575.52				\$ -
2009	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 66,617.00	\$ 472.52				\$ -
2008	\$ -	\$ 97,198.75	\$ 1,999.00					\$ -
2007	\$ 176,212.34	\$ 43,254.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2006	\$ 57,270.97	\$ 31,377.43	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Prev Yrs	\$ 57,707.38	\$ 24,768.86	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 291,190.69	\$ 196,599.34	\$ 68,616.00	\$ 110,048.04	\$ 78,394.50	\$ 28,599.33	\$ 62,536.23	\$ 73,499.44

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

2014								\$ 1,881.33
2013								\$ 41.82
2012								\$ 80.45
2011								\$ 20.72
2010								\$ -
2009	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 124.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2008	\$ -	\$ 1,443.07	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2007	\$ 1,325.08	\$ 293.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2006	\$ 1,082.18	\$ 303.04	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Prior Yrs	\$ 7,312.59	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 9,719.85	\$ 3,688.54	\$ 124.00	\$ 1,676.43	\$ 4,498.86	\$ 2,601.39	\$ 1,798.35	\$ 2,024.32

Town Collector - FY2014

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

2014																				\$ 21,302.78	
2013																				\$ 10,180.63	\$ 3,055.53
2012																				\$ 3,491.56	\$ 2,472.30
2011																				\$ 1,441.46	\$ -
2010																				\$ 1,107.92	\$ -
2009																				\$ 2,106.36	\$ -
2008	\$ -	\$ 22,422.38																		\$ -	\$ -
2007	\$ 51,205.30	\$ 6,260.57																		\$ -	\$ -
2006	\$ 7,099.24	\$ 5,094.74																		\$ -	\$ -
Prior Yrs	\$ 26,034.92	\$ 2,067.54																		\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 84,339.46	\$ 35,845.23	\$ 18,352.00	\$ 33,081.35	\$ 17,816.17	\$ 12,748.17	\$ 16,221.57	\$ 26,830.61													

WATER AND SEWER USAGE

Water	\$ 64,577.12	\$ 22,570.36	\$ 43,168.00	\$ 34,996.14	\$ 31,017.46	\$ 25,932.34	\$ 33,353.19	\$ 55,891.33
Sewer	\$ 36,588.30	\$ 13,217.50	\$ 17,608.00	\$ 20,646.98	\$ 19,535.71	\$ 15,274.69	\$ 23,039.28	\$ 35,323.05
Liens	\$ -	\$ 13,432.24	\$ 344.00	\$ 175.93	\$ 2,731.28	\$ 1,041.58	\$ 2,347.87	\$ 1,636.00
TOTALS	\$ 101,165.42	\$ 49,220.10	\$ 61,120.00	\$ 55,819.05	\$ 53,284.45	\$ 42,248.61	\$ 58,740.34	\$ 92,850.38
TOTAL	\$ 486,415.42	\$ 285,353.21	\$ 148,212.00	\$ 200,624.87	\$ 153,993.98	\$ 86,197.50	\$ 139,296.49	\$ 195,204.75

The following list represents other money and fees collected.

	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014
Water Connection Fees	\$ 2,040.00	\$ 437.00	\$ 1,647.00	\$ 1,257.60	\$ 1,010.00	\$ -	\$ -
Sewer Connection Fees	\$ 35,590.00	\$ 21,330.00	\$ 5,490.00	\$ 25,080.00	\$ 14,030.00	\$ 15,570.00	\$ 3,500.00
Cross Conn Insp Fees/Misc	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 10,425.00	\$ 4,717.00	\$ 1,757.09	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,712.50	\$ 6,419.45
Final Water Reads for MLCs		\$ 100.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 175.00
Brassworks Loan Payments	\$ 3,332.89	\$ 3,029.90	\$ 4,544.89	\$ 3,635.88	\$ 3,635.88	\$ 3,635.88	\$ 3,635.88
PILOT		\$ 20,590.02	\$ 22,535.33	\$ 39,253.71	\$ 36,904.34	\$ 39,447.02	\$ 40,660.82
Total Other	\$ 43,162.89	\$ 55,911.92	\$ 39,384.22	\$ 71,209.28	\$ 57,955.22	\$ 60,665.40	\$ 54,391.15

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Roberge, Certified Massachusetts Municipal Collector

Conservation Commission

Members of the Williamsburg Conservation Commission include Robert Stinson, Chairman, C. Todd Lynch, Joseph Rogers, Gerald Mann and Marcianna Caplis.

In 2014, the Conservation Commission approved the following MA Department of Environmental Protection forms submitted on behalf of town residents and property owners residing in Williamsburg:

13	Requests for Determination	1	Order of Conditions – extension
0	Certificate of Compliance	1	Emergency Certificate
0	Notice of Intent		

The Commission participated in 18 site visits throughout the year, including those in conjunction with the Highway Department, Building Inspector, and director of MA DEP Western Division. Collaboration continued with Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee for enhancing recreational use as well as addressing trail maintenance projects. For the Briar Hill property and as part of a long-term plan to formulate management goals, the Commission hired Lincoln Fish of Baystate Forestry Service to prepare a Forest Stewardship Plan. Reimbursement came through MA Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR); the report dated June 10, 2014, addresses issues of invasive plant species in the 68 acres of this conservation area. A public workshop on invasive plants held at the Graves Audubon Sanctuary on May 18th was sponsored by the Conservation Commission, Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee, Trustees of Reservations, and the MA Audubon Society. Periodically, Forest Cutting Plans were reviewed. Through the Solarize Mass program, various solar panel installation requests have been addressed.

The Commission will have, as of June 30, 2015, one vacancy that it seeks to fill.

The Conservation Commission wishes to remind landowners to contact the Commission prior to breaking ground or commencing any project within 200 feet of a stream or river and within 100 feet of a wetland. The role of the Conservation Commission is to ensure protection of resource areas, which can include wet meadows, marshes, swamps, or bogs bordering on any creek, river, stream, pond or lake. The Conservation Commission helps to make sure that these systems function through the review of development proposals and site plans as provided in Requests for Determination and Notices of Intent. Please see the Conservation Commission page on the town website.

The Conservation Commission generally meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at 7 p.m. on the second floor of the Town Offices in Haydenville. Committee members and Linda Babcock, Commission secretary, can answer questions or provide relevant information about resource areas on your land. Office hours are on a weekly as-needed basis at the Town Offices. The telephone contact number is (413) 268-8416. For more general information about wetlands, stream and river protection, please visit the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection website.

Respectfully submitted,

The Williamsburg Conservation Commission

Rob Stinson, Chair, C. Todd Lynch, Joseph Rogers, Gerald Mann and Marcianna Caplis

Cultural Council

The Williamsburg Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

For 2014-15, the Williamsburg Cultural Council was allocated a total of \$4,300 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council for grants to individuals or organizations for cultural projects that benefit the community. Projects eligible for grants may be in the arts, humanities, or interpretive sciences. Applications for grants are on the Massachusetts Cultural Council website.

In making grant decisions, our local council gave priority to applicants from Williamsburg and projects that related to the town's character or history, and those that bring residents together in community activities. The recipients of grants for the 2014-15 season are:

Williamsburg Historical Society for framing historical photos; Davis Bates, storyteller, for a presentation of "Celebrating New England"; Susan Farrell for "Singing with Susan" at Linda Manor; Ed the Wizard for a performance at Meekins May Day celebration; Hampshire Regional High School Medieval Culture field trip; Aimee Gelinis for a program on beech trees; Hampshire Regional High School's spring musical; Williamsburg resident Todd Lynch for a



continuation of his Flotsam Weirs at Meekins; Jonathan Keezing, puppeteer, for Meekins Summer Reading kick-off; Chesterfield 4th of July Parade; Hampshire Regional High School performance by Otha Day, African drumming; Ashfield Community Theater summer arts program; Plainfield Congregational Church's "Concerts at 7"; and Hilltown Families for their "Families' Suggested Events" online.

Members of the Williamsburg Cultural Council are: Chairperson, Mary Dudek; Secretary, Michele Morales Wolk; Treasurer, Charles Dudek; Catherine Carija; and Sean Mallari. Anyone wishing to join our council should send an e-mail to the address below. We will need one new member in August 2015.

For more information about the Williamsburg Cultural Council, visit the council's website at <https://www.mass-culture.org/Williamsburg> or write to BurgyCC@yahoo.com.

Emergency Management

There were no incidents in 2014 that required an active response by the Emergency Management Team, even though there were some storms forecast that, had they been as severe as predicted,



would have prompted the team to action. We were prepared to open the Town Office building as a warming shelter, and would have directed residents needing overnight shelter to the regional shelter at Smith School, which also provides shelter for animals belonging to the residents.

I would like to thank all the members of the team who stand ready to respond when needed, as well as staff from MEMA in Agawam who are in constant contact during an emergency. And a special recognition is due to the fire department members who “camped out” in the two stations during the night of a storm which forecasters predicted might result in power outages, so they could respond quickly.

Williamsburg received an Emergency Management Performance Grant from FEMA, which we use to provide trainings and to purchase goods and services to strengthen our emergency response capabilities. Our Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan was updated with the help of MEMA staff. Several team members attended training on radio communications. I spent a delightful afternoon with the local Girl Scout troop discussing my responsibilities as emergency manager.

I welcome suggestions of programs and materials that you would find helpful for preparing for emergencies.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Banister
Emergency Management Director

Employee Earnings

<u>last name</u>	<u>first name</u>	<u>total pay</u>	<u>department</u>
AHEARN	WILLIAM	2,214	TRANSFER STATION
BABCOCK	LINDA	1,351	SCHOOL COMMITTEE SEC
BABCOCK	LINDA	333	CON. COMM. SEC
BABCOCK	LINDA	160	POLL WORKER
BAKER	BETTINA	41,360	SCHOOL-CLERICAL
BANISTER	DANIEL	628	FIRE DEPT
BANISTER	DENISE	7,492	ASSESSORS
BANISTER	PETER	49,636	HIGHWAY
BARRACK	LORRAINE	912	SWOP
BERG	AMANDA	13,209	SCHOOL-AIDES
BLACK	HANNAH	1,695	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
BLACK	JENNIFER	66,328	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
BOISJOLIE	NANCY	17,771	SCHOOL-AIDES
BORYCZKA	PATRICIA	260	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
BRAMAN	DIANA L.	70,788	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
BUCHELE	ROBERT K.	427	FINANCE COMMITTEE
BUSSLER	ANNE	393	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
CAHILLANE	JAMES	64	SWOP
CARDONNE	KEVIN	8,154	POLICE
CASEY	BARTHOLOMEW	3,034	FIRE DEPT
CASTERLINE	PATRICIA A.	225	POLL WORKER
CASTERLINE	WAYNE	190	POLL WORKER
CASTILLO	ANDREW	109	FIRE DEPT
CERRETA	ERIC	1,192	FINANCE COMMITTEE
CERRETA	ERIC	951	FIRE DEPT
CERRETA	MICHAEL	192	FIRE DEPT
CHASE	DAVID	305	SCHOOL COMMITTEE
CHILDS	LARAINÉ	1,520	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
CHRISTIANSEN	SARAH	305	SCHOOL COMMITTEE
CLARK	ELAINE	4,121	SCHOOL-CUSTODIAL
CLARK	LINWOOD	364	TRANSFER STATION
CONNELL	JASON	870	CONSTABLE
CONNELL	JASON A.	25,055	FIRE DEPT
DALEY	DANIEL	585	SCHOOL-CUSTODIAL
DENNO	NICHOLAS	797	FIRE DEPT
DIAS	NATALEE	3,157	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
DIBRINDISI	GREG	719	FIRE DEPT
DONOVAN	JOAN	360	POLL WORKER
DOYLE	ELLEN	2,218	LIBRARY
DUFRESNE	JACQUELINE	427	FINANCE COMMITTEE

<u>last name</u>	<u>first name</u>	<u>total pay</u>	<u>department</u>
DUFRESNE	SHELIA	225	POLL WORKER
DUNPHY	MARJORIE	80	REGISTRAR
DUNPHY	PAUL	2,528	SELECT BOARD
EDWARDS	CHARLES H.	1,550	WATER
ELOVIRTA	ELEANOR	190	POLL WORKER
EVERETT	ALAN	444	FIRE DEPT
EVERETT	GLEN	2,867	ASSESSORS
EVERETT	GLEN	458	FIRE DEPT
FARRELL	SUSAN	360	FINANCE COMM LABOR
FERRON	JAMES	1,725	FIRE DEPT
FLECHSIG	AMANDA	1,400	FIRE DEPT
FOLEY	TERRANCE	165	FIRE DEPT
FORSTER	NANCY	24,202	SCHOOL-AIDES
GAGNE	GAIL	120	POLL WORKER
GARBETT	RUTH	14,895	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
GELBARD	ANNE C.	10,142	SCHOOL-AIDES
GELBARD	JEFFREY D.	305	SCHOOL COMMITTEE
GERTZ	LUCY	42,708	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
GIBSON	DONNA	1,249	BOARD OF HEALTH
GILLIS	ANA	3,030	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
GOEBEL	FRANCES M.	18,949	COA-DIRECTOR
GOEBEL	GLEN	356	SWOP
GOLASH	ALAN	11,679	CUSTODIAN
GOUGEON	SONJA	1,301	POLICE
GRANITSAS	PETER	13,460	POLICE
GURDAK-FOLEY	ROBIN GRACE	71,703	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
HARVEY	RENEE	30,262	SCHOOL-CAFETERIA
HEATH	CHARLES	427	FINANCE COMMITTEE
HEFFERNAN	JOHN S.	68,711	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
HENDRY	KAREN	40,600	SCHOOL-NURSE
HODGKINS	THOMAS	120	POLL WORKER
HOWE	SHAYLA	833	ANIMAL INSPECTOR
HUNTINGTON	SARAH	32,625	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
HUYSER	DIANE	180	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
HYSLIP	JAMES	1,100	WATER
JANIK	MICHAEL	1,664	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
JENKINS	STACEY	92,627	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
JOYCE	BRYAN	283	FIRE DEPT
JOYCE	KATHRYN	48,386	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
KAROWSKI	KAREN	5,737	TREAS. LABOR
KAROWSKI	RICHARD P.	1,050	FIRE DEPT
KELLOGG III	WALTER E.	3,102	WATER

<u>last name</u>	<u>first name</u>	<u>total pay</u>	<u>department</u>
KISLOSKI	LINDA	3,538	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
KISLOSKI	RICHARD	427	FINANCE COMMITTEE
KONCAL	HILLARY	210	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
KORPITA	JOHANNA M.	60,508	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
KROL	KATHLEEN	23,548	LIBRARY
LAFLAM	CANDY	1,020	ANIMAL INSPECTOR
LAIRD	DUNCAN	305	SCHOOL COMMITTEE
LANCE	JAMES	300	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
LAPOINTE	ROBERT	4,436	FIRE DEPT
LASHWAY	LAWRENCE J. III	81	FIRE DEPT
LAWTON	DAVID	1,097	HIGHWAY
LESSARD	BRENDA	28,565	TOWN CLERK
LEVITT	KIRSTEN	39,451	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
LIPTAK	RILEY	702	FIRE DEPT
LOCKE	JAMES	6,916	BUILDING SUPERVISOR
LONG	JENNIFER	120	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
LONG	MARY JANE	66,905	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
LOOMIS	RICHARD	550	SWOP
LOOMIS	SHARON	12,482	COA-ASST.
LOOMIS	WILBUR W.	3,628	TRANSFER STATION
LOUD	VICTORIA	330	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
LUCE	GORDON	13,332	CONSTABLE
LUCE	GORDON	100	POLL WORKER
LUCE	KATHLEEN	295	POLL WORKER
LUCE	RITA MACINNIS	60,189	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
LULEK	AGNES T.	18,973	SCHOOL-CLERICAL
LULEK	CHESTER J.	7,892	SCHOOL-CUSTODIAL
LULEK	JAKE	614	FIRE DEPT
LUSZCZKI	BRYAN	15,609	POLICE
MAHONEY	NANCY K.	25,640	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
MALONI	ROBERT	1,200	WATER
MARTI	SHERYL A.	68,101	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
MATHERS	DAVID E.	2,867	SELECT BOARD
MCGILL	CORY J.	2,156	FIRE DEPT
MCGILL	DOUGLAS	923	FIRE DEPT
MCQUESTON	TIMOTHY E.	275	FIRE DEPT
MERRITT	ROBIN	2,142	FIRE DEPT
MIELE	ELIZABETH	19,813	SCHOOL-NURSE
MILLER	MELISSA	1,509	SCHOOL-CAFETERIA
MILLETTE	NANCY	61,387	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
MILSOM	SUSAN D.	28,378	SCHOOL-AIDES
MORAN	ZACHARY	1,239	FIRE DEPT

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MORRIS	CHRISTOPHER	427	FINANCE COMMITTEE
MORSE	DREW	666	FIRE DEPT
NARDI	CHARLENE L.	51,147	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
NETTO	FRANK	400	TRANSFER STATION
NOYES	WORTH	908	FIRE DEPT
O'BRIEN	MICHAEL P.	46,469	SCHOOL-CUSTODIAL
O'CONNELL	MICHAEL P.	26,081	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
O'SULLIVAN	DIANE M.	80	POLL WORKER
PALMER	JOHN	3,945	LIBRARY
PASIUT	MAGDALENA	130	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
PELOQUIN	LISA A.	66,472	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
PIGHETTI	GARY	660	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
POLLEN	STEVEN	3,565	TRANSFER STATION
POPE	JOHN P.	434	FIRE DEPT
PUNSKA	DIANE	260	POLL WORKER
PUNSKA	HEATHER	21,669	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
PUNSKA	MICHAEL	604	LIBRARY
RENAUD	BRIAN	1,707	FIRE DEPT
RICE	NOLAN	48,443	HIGHWAY
RIDENOUR	JEFFERY	2,384	SCHOOL-CUSTODIAL
RIDENOUR	PAMELA	64,168	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
ROBERGE	BONNIE	41,476	COLLECTOR
ROBERGE	JEREMIAH	9,150	WATER
ROGERS	SHAWNA	1,536	FIRE DEPT
ROMA	GARY	700	SCHOOL-CLERICAL
ROSEWARNE	NATHAN	20,036	TREASURER
ROWLEY	LINDA	427	FINANCE COMMITTEE
RYAN	ANNE	23,856	SCHOOL-AIDES
SANDERSON	PAUL	102	CONSTABLE
SANDERSON	PAUL	2,167	FIRE DEPT
SCANLON	LAURIE	5,115	LIBRARY
SCHWEITZER	KAREN	61,193	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
SHAW	PHOEBE	780	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
SHIPPEE	JULIA	23,692	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
SHUMWAY	PETER B., JR	2,867	ASSESSORS
SMITH	GREGORY	7,735	POLICE
SOLOMON	KAYLA	305	SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SOUKUP	JASON T	15,417	POLICE
SPERRY	CYNDY	943	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
SPIZZ	RENEE	560	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
SPRINGMAN	DARYL R.	1,157	FIRE DEPT
STIEPOCK	DANA	1,080	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES

<u>last name</u>	<u>first name</u>	<u>total pay</u>	<u>department</u>
STONE-ADAIR	DARLENE	588	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
STRAKOSE-HAGEN	JAMIE	400	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
SULZYCKI	ELLEN	1,110	LIBRARY
SYLVESTER	GAIL	1,000	SWOP
SYMONS	HELEN	1,249	BOARD OF HEALTH
TAYLOR JR	KENNETH H	20,391	HIGHWAY
THORNHILL	DOLORES	10,772	ASSESSORS LABOR
TILLEY	FRANCES	260	POLL WORKER
TURNER	DONALD W.	5,209	FIRE DEPT
TURNER	DONALD W.	49,729	HIGHWAY
TURNER	WILLIAM	76,703	HIGHWAY
WALLACE	AIMEE M.	27,623	POLICE
WARD	MARVIN	240	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
WARD	MARVIN	190	POLL WORKER
WARNOCK	ELEANOR	14,131	ADMIN. ASST.
WAYNE	MICHAEL H.	38,287	POLICE
WEEKS	NYLDA	1,000	SWOP
WEEKS	NYLDA	7,497	COA-MEALSITE
WENNER	LISA W.	23,928	LIBRARY
WENTWORTH	PAULA A.	312	SWOP
WESTBURG	ANNE MARIE	19,672	COA-DIRECTOR
WESTLAKE	JENNIFER	23,235	HIGHWAY
WETZEL	PAUL	427	FINANCE COMMITTEE
WICKLAND	DENISE	61,370	POLICE
WILCOX	WENDY	7,348	SCHOOL-CAFETERIA
WILDFONG	ROCHELLE L.	31,402	LIBRARY
WILLARD	SABRINA	22,434	POLICE
WILSON	JAMES	934	TRANSFER STATION
WOLK	MICHELE	7,470	LIBRARY
WOODS	MARY ELLEN	66,218	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
WRIGHT	AMBER	1,130	SCHOOL-CLERICAL
WRIGHT	AMELIA	67,312	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
YORK	JEAN T.	80	POLL WORKER
YOUNG	BARBARA	25,808	LIBRARY
YOUNG	CHRISSE	1,912	SCHOOL-AIDES
ZIMMER	NANCY	70	POLL WORKER
ZIMMER	RICHARD	70	POLL WORKER

Energy Committee

The Energy Committee’s activities focused on developing projects to finance using Green Community funds awarded through the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) Green Communities Program and successfully implementing the Solarize Williamsburg effort as part of the Solarize Mass Program.

As a Green Community, the DOER awarded the Town a grant of \$142,975. The committee considered several uses of these funds and after receiving approval from the Select Board and the DOER on the appropriate use of the funds, the first project to be funded was a Level Two Building Energy Audit for the Meekins Library. The committee and the Library Trustees met with Bart Bales and Michael Simonelli of Bales Energy Associates to review the “Energy Study for the Meekins Library.” Bales and Simonelli described to the group the findings of the study and explained the rationale for the three recommendations for improving the energy efficiency of the building. Bales recommended three actions: making improvements to the building enclosure, HVAC control system improvements, and heating system improvements. After discussion, the Library Trustees and the Energy Committee recommended that the Town pursue using the Green Communities grant funds to implement the building enclosure improvements and HVAC control improvements as the initial course of action, and continue to discuss changes to the existing heating system. The Town will be able to make additional funding requests in the future for the use of the balance of the grant allocation.



The Solarize Williamsburg program successfully concluded with a better than expected rate of participation by Town residents. This chart summarizes the data for Williamsburg and our two partners, Whately and Chesterfield.

	population	households	systems	kW	average size	% of households
Williamsburg	2,482	1,027	46	289	6.3	4.5%
Whately	1,496	629	27	198	7.3	4.3%
Chesterfield	1,222	447	12	92	7.7	2.7%
WWC Total	5,200	2,103	85	598	7.0	4.0%
		Owner-occupied households				
Williamsburg	2,482	852	46	289	6.3	5.4%

The Energy Committee continued in its role of providing advice to the Select Board and other Departments on energy-related matters. The Assessors requested that the Energy Committee assist in evaluating a proposed tax agreement related to a planned solar photovoltaic installation at the end of Kellogg Road on Lashway land. As a result, the Town has entered into a tax agreement for this planned solar photovoltaic system. The next step related to this project will be

to determine the amount and cost of electricity generated by the installation that the Town may potentially purchase.

Committee member Gerry Mann and Town Administrator Charlene Nardi represent the Town on the Health Impact Assessment for Climate Planning program. The two goals of this effort are to assist vulnerable populations and provide cooling shelters to improve health outcomes and to aid the implementation of energy efficiency projects. Williamsburg and Springfield are the two Western Massachusetts entities participating in the project.

Led by committee member Mary Dudek, the committee is studying the feasibility of replacing Town-owned street lights with energy efficient LED fixtures. The committee is examining the effect on the applicable current rate structure and maintenance responsibilities for the street lights.

The committee concluded that it is important that it have a role in advising the Public Safety Complex and Building Repurposing committees to ensure that energy efficiency, life cycle analyses, and installation of realistic alternative energy systems are prime factors in the decision regarding these projects. The members intend to take an active role in assisting these committees.

The members of the Williamsburg Energy Committee are Kim Boas, Chairperson; Gerald Mann, Robert Stinson, Mary Dudek; Charles Dudek, Secretary.

Finance Committee

The Town of Williamsburg Finance Committee provides oversight of the Town’s budget and approves budget transfers. The Committee works closely with the Town departments to create a budget that is presented to the Town at its annual meeting for discussion and approval. Current members of the Committee include Walter ‘Kim’ Boas, Robert Buchele, Eric Cerreta, Jacqueline Dufresne, Charlie Heath, Richard Kisloski, Christopher Morris, Linda Rowley, and Paul Wetzel.

The total proposed FY 2014 Town operating budget was \$6,121,205. The table below describes the amount of money appropriated to the main budget categories along with the percent of the budget each category represents.

Budget Category	Budgeted Amount (\$)	Percent of Total Budget
Education —all levels	3,142,394	51.3
Fixed Miscellaneous Expenses —Insurance, employee retirement, Medicare	768,974	12.6
Public Works & Facilities	544,814	8.9
Debt Service	529,903	8.7
General Government	435,970	7.1
Protection of Persons & Property —Police, fire, ambulance	351,357	5.7
Human Services —Council on Aging, Veterans	144,351	2.4
Culture & Recreation —Library, Recreation, Athletic Fields	136,740	2.2
Intergovernmental Expenses —Solid waste, county jail, building inspection	66,702	1.1

The Town continues to be in a strong financial position with solid funding of both the Free Cash and Stabilization accounts. The Finance Committee continues to save money in the Stabilization account in anticipation of possible capital improvement requests.

Finance Committee Reserve Fund transfers for Fiscal Year 2014 are listed below:

Opening Balance: \$60,000.00

Date	Amount (\$)	Reason
January 15	30.25	Board of Health—Foothills Health District assessment
January 29	134.00	Board of Health
May 6	4,217.46	Library Maintenance—HVAC cleaning & service; utility inspections
May 6	7,552.70	Veterans’ Benefits
June 2	1,297.38	Library Utilities
June 23	3,015.34	Winter Expenses
June 23	1,000.00	Town Buildings & Grounds
June 23	600.00	Fire Expense
June 23	3,018.17	Library Labor
June 23	866.00	Library Labor
June 23	897.00	Vehicle Fuel
June 30	402.00	Animal Inspector
Total	44,479.88	
Balance	15,520.12	

Fire Department

In 2014 the Williamsburg Fire Department responded to 286 incidents. There were 9 fires; this includes building, chimney and vehicle fires. Approximate total losses from these fires were around \$2.2 million. There were 168 Rescue & Emergency Medical incidents; these include motor vehicle accidents, search and rescue calls and sick person calls. We responded out of town mutual aid 18 times and received mutual aid 6 times. The major call break down is listed below.

Major Incident Breakdown

Fires	9	3.15%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat (no fire)	2	0.70%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	168	58.74%
Hazardous condition (no fire)	22	7.69%
Service Call	34	11.89%
Good Intent Call	11	3.85%
False Alarm & False Call	37	12.94%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1	0.35%
Special Incident Type	2	0.70%
Total	286	100%

During 2014 the Williamsburg Fire Department, with support from the town, upgraded our supply hose on our two front line engines and purchased six Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA's). These upgrades will allow the department to work more efficiently and more safely during an emergency. The department will also be purchasing 10 new sets of fire gear in early 2015. This gear will help get the department back on track to



meeting national requirement, allow firefighters to attend statewide training and have better protection during incidents. On top of purchasing 10 sets the Williamsburg Fire Department was awarded a grant from Massachusetts Call Volunteer Firefighter Association for an additional 6 sets of gear. And again we were awarded the Department of Fire Service SAFE grant, which help funds our safety/prevention programs in the school and for the senior citizens of Williamsburg.

A special thanks goes out to the men and women of the Fire Department for their continued commitment to the department and the citizens of the Town of Williamsburg.

Board of Health

The Board of Health is currently composed of three members, Donna Gibson, Chair, Rusty Luce, and Helen Symons. The Board meets twice monthly. We represent the Town as members of the Foothills Health District and are well served by our current health agent, Valerie Bird. The Town of Westhampton joined the Foothills Health District last year, which enabled us to share the costs with the Towns of Goshen, Whately and Westhampton.

We represent the Town as members of the Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition and the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (HRMC). Through these agencies we have been able to receive grants, which have helped us to provide new services to our residents. We are currently participating in a regional sharps disposal program. Containers for sharps are available through the Town Clerk's office and at the Transfer Station at no cost to residents.

With the assistance of the parents and children of Mrs. Korpita's fourth grade class we were able to initiate the collections of plastic bags. The bags are brought to a recycling facility in South Deerfield.

The Transfer Station is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are planning to investigate the possibility of food composting. We are grateful for all the volunteers who help Nick Dines with the recycling of bottles that in turn go to benefit the Town's gardens as well as keep those materials out of the waste stream. Several local non-profits have been able to use the facilities of the Transfer station to advertise their programs, such as the Lions' Club and the Girl Scouts.



We have a very dedicated group of employees, supervised by Rusty Luce, at the Transfer Station, who work in all kinds of weather to see that people can dispose of their household trash safely. We thank them for their service. Some of you may know Wilbur Loomis, who will turn 80 this year!!!

We had a small distribution of rain barrels in the spring through the Great American Rain Barrel Company at a reduced cost for residents.

The State Department of Public Health has changed their flu vaccination program and a limited number of doses were available but came very late into the flu season. We expect that they will limit the supply further for 2015-16 and so will discontinue administering flu vaccine unless a public health emergency is declared.

We have been fortunate that there have been no public health emergencies this year, but through the efforts of Donna Gibson, who keeps the Emergency Plan updated, we would be prepared if such an event should occur.

Health Agent

During 2014, the department witnessed six perc tests and seven Title 5 inspections. Septic system permits were issued for six new systems or system components. Twenty-three inspections or reinspections of food establishments were completed. A total of \$5320 was collected in fees, a decrease of \$442 from last year, partly due to a decrease of new construction within the town. Housing complaints and issues are on the rise. Complaints include hoarding, excessive animals, abandoned houses and air pollution, among other issues. Investigating these issues are part of the public health; however, they do not generate a fee for the town.



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

- Witnessing percolation tests and Title 5 inspections 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
- Restaurant inspections

I may be reached at 268-8404. In-person help must be scheduled in advance. Written messages or mail should be directed to me at P.O. Box 447, Haydenville, MA 01039, or via email at VBird113@gmail.com. I look forward to another productive year in Williamsburg.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Bird
Health Agent
Foothills Health District

Highland Ambulance EMS

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 service in the town of Worthington in support of Hilltown Ambulance of Huntington. Paramedics are on duty at Highland’s station in Goshen from 6 a.m. until midnight seven days a week. During the midnight to 6 a.m. time period, Highland EMT’s are assisted by Paramedics from other ambulance companies when the service of a Paramedic is required. Highland’s active roster consists of 37 members, including 15 Paramedics and 22 EMT’s.

Emergency Responses. During 2014 Highland responded to 519 emergency calls. These are broken down by Town as follows:

Ashfield	105	Chesterfield	59	Cummington	55	Worthington	18
Goshen	72	Plainfield	37	Williamsburg	158	Other	15

Out of these responses, 320 required advanced life support services of a paramedic.

Training. The following special training events were held:

- First Responder classes were held for Ashfield, Plainfield and Williamsburg Police and Fire personnel.
- Attended an Ebola response review at Cooley Dickinson Hospital.
- Provided the new National Certification class for all area EMT’s.
- Four EMT’s have completed their Paramedic training.

Community Involvement. Highland provided support to our communities including:

- Providing Ambulance coverage for Community events including the Chesterfield 4th of July Parade, the Cummington Fair and the Ashfield Fall Festival.
- Attending Safety Committee Meetings at Sanderson Academy in Ashfield.
- A Flu shot clinic for area first responders and EMT’s.
- Participating in a lock down drill at Dunphy School in Williamsburg.
- Providing a CPR and First Aid class for Williamsburg residents.

Cash On Hand June 30, 2014

Operating Funds	\$ (11,349.01)
Building Fund	53,828.89
Memorial Fund	20,750.09
Dresser Fund	1,843.16
Highland Funds	<u>6,998.94</u>
Total Cash on Hand	\$ 72,072.07

We were saddened by the death of Francis Dresser. Francis established Goshen Ambulance which formed the base upon which Highland Ambulance was formed. He will be greatly missed by all of us.

Respectfully submitted, Highland Ambulance Board of Directors

Ashfield – Patricia Thayer	Goshen – Donald Boisvert	At-Large – vacant
Chesterfield – Spencer Timm	Plainfield – Michael Packard	At-Large – Bernard Forgea
Cummington – James Drawe	Williamsburg – Christopher Smith	At-Large – Douglas Mollison

Highway Department

Along with all of the normal yearly maintenance of the Highway Department and the Water and Sewer Department, including the expected snow removal, we did an extensive amount of pothole



repair and pothole preventative maintenance. We milled out potholes in the bad sections of roadways with a cold planer and then patched them with blacktop.

Drainage improvements were made to Old Goshen Road and Walpole Road.

The s-turn on Adams Road was dug back and improved to make the corner safer for drivers on that road.

The new ten-wheeler truck that will replace truck 4 was ordered in the fall and is expected to be in by early summer 2015.

On Ashfield Road a lot of the brush and trees that were overhanging the road were cut, after permission was received from the Tree Committee, due to the severity of the snow and ice damage caused in late fall/early winter, and improvement will continue in early 2015.

I would like to thank the entire Highway Crew: Don Turner, Jen Westlake, Pete Banister and Nolan Rice, for their dedicated service to the Town of Williamsburg Highway Department, and Dave Lawton and Bob LaPointe, who are both part-time employees for snow removal. I would also like to thank our sub-contractors, Don Lawton and John Bisbee, for their continued snowplowing for the Town. This crew continues to keep up with the snow removal, even though we are becoming more short-handed every winter. The crew continues to put in longer hours and works harder to keep the roads safe.

Thank you
Highway Superintendent
Bill Turner

24 Main Street, P.O. Box 447
Haydenville, MA 01039
Telephone (413) 268-8405, fax (413) 268-9977

Hilltown Community Development Corporation

The Hilltown Community Development Corporation (Hilltown CDC) was created in 1981 with a mission to “*improve the quality of life for hilltown residents by addressing economic, housing, educational, social and community needs while preserving the rural character of the area.*” Its core service area includes the ten towns of Chester, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington. In recent years its small business assistance program has expanded to serve 20 Hilltowns. Hilltown CDC’s four major program areas are affordable housing, small business assistance, social services and community development/planning. Hilltown CDC also administers a regional grant program that secures federal grant funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to ensure housing and services are provided to the homeless through a Continuum of Care (CoC) model which serves Hampshire, Franklin and Berkshire Counties.

Hilltown CDC works with the community to identify and secure financial resources to serve the community development needs of the region. In Fiscal Year 2014, Hilltown CDC helped the hilltown region care for the elderly, provided safe affordable housing to seniors and low income families, improved many hilltown homes and began initiatives that support local agriculture such as the Keep Farming initiative and the formation of a Transportation committee looking at the transportation needs of the hilltown region.

Social Services: Hilltown CDC’s **Hilltown Elder Network (HEN)** Program delivered in-home caregiving assistance (primarily chore and transportation assistance) to low-income Hilltown elders at no cost to the participants. HEN staff provided transportation for medical visits and other purposes, including snow removal. CDBG funding had been awarded in 2013 allowing Hilltown CDC to provide CDBG funded HEN services. This grant allowed these services to be delivered through calendar year 2014.

The following social service programs provided assistance to residents in the hilltowns:

- **The Health Outreach Program for Elders (HOPE)**, administered by Hilltown Community Health Centers (HCHC), provided free in-home nursing care and podiatric services to homebound elders.
- **The Hilltown Food Pantry** distributed food to hilltown individuals. The Pantry is administered by the Northampton Survival Center at the Goshen Town Hall.
- **Families Together**, another HCHC program, offered training and peer support activities focused on family issues such as parenting, family dynamics, and family health education to hilltown households.
- **Child Care Subsidies**, hilltown families were provided subsidies through this program to assist them with child care expenses.

Economic Development/Small Business Assistance:

- Provided individualized business consulting and/or training to hilltown businesses, ranging from one hour to 30 hours per business.

- Published the 2014 Hilltown Business Directory, distributed to 13,000 hilltown households in 22 towns, with contact information and descriptions of 308 hilltown businesses in 84 categories. The Directory is also on-line at www.hilltowncdc.org.

Affordable Housing: We actively pursue opportunities to preserve and create affordable housing to meet the needs of low and moderate income Hilltown residents.

- **Westhampton Woods Senior Housing:** Hilltown CDC completed Phase II of Westhampton Woods Senior Housing expanding the development from 7 apartments to 15 apartments. Construction had been completed in December 2013 and tenants moved in for the new year.
- **Rental Housing:** Hilltown CDC began renovating 24 units of scattered affordable rental housing in Williamsburg, Westhampton and Chesterfield in December of 2014 and will be making significant improvements to all existing properties in 2015. This includes the acquisition of a new property in Haydenville. Hilltown CDC has hired a local contractor to complete this project in 2015.
- **New Project Development:** Hilltown CDC is working with the Town of Goshen and its Senior Housing Committee to purchase a piece of land in Goshen to build senior housing. Hilltown CDC applied for and was awarded \$80,000 in CPA funds in Goshen to acquire this land, obtain permitting and apply for permanent financing of the development.

Housing Rehabilitation Program: This program provides zero percent interest, deferred-payment loans to income-eligible homeowners for use in making a wide variety of repairs to their homes, including roofs, septic systems, electrical, plumbing, and heating. In addition, the program provides a source of steady year-round employment for area contractors. In FY 2014 HCDC:

- Hilltown CDC rehabilitated 20 homes in the Towns of Williamsburg, Cummington, Chesterfield, Westhampton and Plainfield.
- Hilltown CDC received additional CDBG reserve funds to do rehabilitation to homes in Worthington, Peru and Goshen.

Community Planning: We also work closely with municipalities and community groups in our service area to plan for, raise funds for and/or manage a range of projects. During 2014 HCDC:

- Hilltown CDC assisted the Town of Goshen in obtaining Green Communities designation resulting in a grant of \$141,400.
- Hilltown CDC received a USDA grant to start a Keep Farming program in the Hilltowns working with local farmers and buyers.

Please visit www.hilltowncdc.org for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Christopolis

Dave Christopolis
Executive Director
Hilltown Community Development Corporation

Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative Fiscal Year 2014

The Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (HRMC) was created 26 years ago by a group of dedicated volunteers who had the vision to seek a regional solution to help small towns with volunteer local boards attain sustainability and environmental objectives.

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 FY14 included: Joe Kearns, Chair (from Middlefield); Adam Leach, Vice Chair (from Worthington); and Tom Martin, Treasurer (from Westhampton). Eric Weiss, HRMC Administrator has been managing and operating the HRMC as a half-time contractor since its inception. In June, Eric announced that he would be leaving the helm of the HRMC to serve as the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Higher Education Consortium.

The HRMC has been providing guidance to its member towns on recycling, municipal waste disposal hauling and disposal, and compliance assistance and sustainability services. In fiscal year 2014 those services included:

- Monitoring of Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) program hauling
- Monitoring of Municipal Solid Waste Hauling and Disposal
- Negotiating a new MRF contract with DEP and Waste Management
- Sponsoring an annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event
- Program management of Transfer Station Recyclables including collection, hauling and recycling of tires, electronic waste, universal waste (i.e., fluorescent lights, compact fluorescent lights, ballasts, and non-alkaline batteries), and Freon removal from white goods (appliances)
- Transfer Station operations monitoring
- Preparing bids and contracts for transfer station equipment
- Preparing bids for environmental monitoring activities

For the past 2½ years, the HRMC has managed a regional recycling and hauling contract for its ten member communities.

In addition to managing the day to day operations of the HRMC, the HRMC Administrator also serves as a representative on behalf of its member Towns to the MRF Municipal Advisory Board, provides technical assistance on DEP and compliance related issues, advocates with local, regional, and State officials, and researches and drafts grant submittals.

In FY14, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced their Small-Scale Initiative Grants under the annual Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP). Every HRMC town received a grant award of \$500. Collectively, the grant awards totaled \$5,000, which was pooled to acquire a new roll-off container for regional rotation. In addition, in the Municipal Advisory Board provided free blue recycling bins that were distributed to the member Towns.

The HRMC has an annual assessment which is approved by each Town at their annual Town meeting. The annual Assessment Budget is based on tonnage and population. In FY14 the combined assessment for all ten towns was \$39,487.56. After two years of budget reductions, the Assessment Budget has remained level funded for the past four years. The HRMC also receives grant and recycling revenues to supplement its budget and the program efforts on behalf of its member communities. Many of the program costs are passed through the HRMC to have oversight of contracts and enable the HRMC administrator to have review and oversight on program operations.

In fiscal year 2014, the HRMC member Towns collectively diverted 1,042.61 tons of recyclable materials (paper, and bottles/cans) to the MRF and earned \$20,363.35 in recycling revenue.

Why recycle?

- Recycling saves energy, which helps slow climate change
- Recycling saves natural resources and wildlife habitat
- Recycling provides nearly 19,000 jobs in Massachusetts
- Recycling Saves Money by avoiding disposal and tipping fees

The HRMC looks forward to continuing to assist the member Towns during the upcoming year. If you have questions about HRMC programs, call us at 413-685-5498 or by email at hrmc@hrmc-ma.org.

Kathleen A. Casey
HRMC Administrator

Historical Commission

The Historical Commission is charged by law with preserving, protecting, developing and advocating for historic and archaeological resources of Williamsburg, of all kinds, whether publicly or privately held. But none of those resources are owned or controlled by the Commission, so its work consists entirely of cooperating with the people and entities who do control them to promote their conservation. Commission members have taken an active interest in the future of the 1841 Old Town Hall and in the efforts of the Trust Fund and Cemetery Commission to preserve and protect the Old Village Hill Cemetery and Mountain Street Cemetery. The Old Town Hall has served since 1971 as the main museum of the Historical Society, the principal repository of local historical artifacts of all kinds that are not publicly owned. The Commission will continue to follow the limited renovation project that is in progress there, and will be on the lookout for ways to help.

The Commission continues to hope the town will adopt the Community Preservation Act (CPA) as soon as possible. The CPA offers one of the few opportunities, if not the only one, to obtain state funding assistance for projects like the Old Town Hall renovation, cemetery improvements and repairs, conserving and digitizing old town records, and other historic preservation projects that don't fit into the town's annual budget. CPA funds can also be earmarked and accumulated from year to year for projects too big to fund in a single year, like the Old Town Hall. A campaign to adopt the CPA will require persistent and determined leadership: a local individual or group devoted to doing all that is necessary to make it happen. The Commission eagerly awaits the emergence of such a leader or leaders and will do all it can to help.

Commission members co-lead a public tour of the 1874 reservoir dam site off Judd Lane with Michael Mauri, forester for the Northampton Water Department, sharing Northampton's plans to harvest timber from the surrounding city-owned property. The planned harvest, underway at this writing, will not impact the dam ruins, but the site is closed for safety's sake while the logging takes place. Visits to the failed dam site must be led by a member of the Commission, and will resume after the timber harvest is over.

Commission members also assisted and guided a group of Massachusetts and Connecticut engineers from the Association of State Dam Safety Officials (ASDSO), who subsequently wrote and delivered a paper about the Williamsburg Reservoir dam disaster at the annual national convention of their organization in September. A copy of their very readable paper is available at the Meekins Library.

The Commission is also interested in the work of the Mill River Greenway Committee, and watches for opportunities to celebrate the river's historic role in the development of our villages.

Eric Weber, Chairman; Ralmon Black, Secretary; Mary Bisbee, Sandra Ginsburg, Steven Herzberg



Williamsburg Libraries ~ Meekins & Haydenville ~

2014 News and Highlights:

Saying Goodbye to Lisa Wenner

After 30 years at the helm of Meekins Library, Lisa Wenner stepped down June 30, 2014. According to many who have worked with Wenner over the years, she has a great deal to be proud of. In 1984, new Director Lisa Wenner galvanized Trustees, staff, lawyers and action committees, changing governance, making public support possible, and then planning for, renovating and expanding the building (2003) and services. By 1997, Meekins' centennial year, the library was town-owned and had an elected board. Overcoming economic and practical setbacks and challenges, Meekins received an MBLC state construction grant, an NEH Challenge Grant, a Mass. Historical Commission Grant, town bond funds, financial and other support from hundreds of private individuals, foundations, local businesses and organizations, and extraordinary support from the Friends of the Library. With the "new" addition, Meekins has 6,500 gross square feet and is the community center of downtown Williamsburg. Anne Haxo, chairwoman of the library's board of trustees, said, "We are forever in her debt for a cultural center that brings us all together." Thank you, Lisa, for all you have done for the Williamsburg Libraries and for the town of Williamsburg.

Saying Hello to Katie Krol

On July 1, 2014, Katie Krol came on board as Director of the Williamsburg Libraries. A native of Western Massachusetts, she most recently was the Director of the Monson (MA) Free Library. Katie did her undergraduate degree at UMass and received her MLIS from Simmons College in 2008.

New Web Site

Meekins has a newly designed online presence! Please check out our website at <http://www.meekins-library.org>. We think you will love the new look and how easy it is to navigate!



Long Range Plan

Meekins Library has completed a new Long Range Plan (2015-2020) for the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Massachusetts libraries must have an approved Long Range Plan on file with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners in order to apply for both Library Services and Technology Act funds and the

Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program. Libraries that have done planning have repeatedly confirmed how important the process has been in their local efforts to gain recognition, funding, and staffing for accomplishing the goals and objectives set out in their plans. The Williamsburg Libraries 2015-2020 Long Range Plan is intended to guide and describe the libraries' priorities for the next five years and point toward fulfillment of the

libraries' mission. The goals and objectives in this plan do not address every need identified by the planning committee, and they do not include all of the work activities that the libraries will undertake in the course of the next five years. Staff will work on providing excellent library services to all of our patrons, while focusing on the major goals identified here. The library administration in its leadership role will be responsive to emerging patron needs regardless of whether a particular need is identified or not identified in this plan.

The Library Board began discussing the next Long Range Plan in the winter of 2012. The appointed committee members consisted of Jason Heffner, Jon Gould, Connie Fitzgerald and Rob Stinson. The committee began holding regular meetings in the fall of 2013, during which the questions for the survey were written. The survey was published with "surveygizmo." Between December of 2013 and April of 2014, the survey was taken by Williamsburg residents and nonresidents. The total number of respondents was 321.

We Have Two Book Clubs!

Burgy Bookshare meets on TBA Sundays at 7 p.m. Date and book decided by member email. Please sign up and join the fun!

Another Time is an historical novel book group that meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Books for both book groups are available at the front desk weeks in advance of the meetings.

Yarn Spinners Knitting Group

All levels of fiber and knitting skills are welcome to join this enthusiastic group which meets the first Sundays of the month from 3 to 5.

Governance, Staff, Programs, Fundraising

Trustees and Staff:

Trustees: Anne Haxo, Chair; Patricia Billingsley; Joan Coryat; Eileen Stewart, Treasurer; and Jon Gould, who replaced Jim Ayres.

Library Staff: Lisa Wenner, Library Director, retired June of 2014. Katie Krol, began as director in July of 2014; Rochelle Wildfong, Children's Librarian; Bobbin Young, Technical Services; Michele Morales, Circulation Assistant; Daria D'Arienzo, Meekins Archivist; Ellen Doyle, Circulation Assistant; John Palmer, Bookkeeper; Laurie Scanlon, Library Cleaner; and Ellen Sulzycki who was Teen/Tween Coordinator through May of 2014.

Volunteers: Over 45 volunteers gave of their time to the Meekins, providing public, technical and support services. We are indebted to our volunteers and would not be able to do it without them. (See complete volunteer list at end of report.)

FY15 Library Annual Appeal: \$21,096.00

FY15 Hilltown Community Challenge: \$3,830.00

Facilities and Grounds: The "new" library addition and renovation is eleven years old. Expenditures for



maintenance on the building, systems, as well as replacement of parts and upkeep increased again last year. The gardens and grounds continue to be maintained during the summer by volunteers **Nick Dines, Eric Weber, Kathleen Casey and John Stevens** and in winter by Ken Woofenden of Ken's Lawn Care.

Serving as the Elementary School Library: Classes from the Anne T. Dunphy School make visits twice a week to the Meekins Library; every Tuesday and Thursday we have classes visit us before we are open to the public. The students learn library research skills, choose materials for class and individual school projects, participate in discussions about books, listen to stories told by librarians, and select books and other library materials. Fall 2014 marked the 30th year that Meekins has served as the school library. **Meekins is one of two libraries in Massachusetts that serve as the school library.**

Summer Reading Program: 199 children participated in the 2014 as well as 42 teens and tweens. The program opened with a performance by Motoko and Eshu Bumpus. Meekins had 31 adults participate in a reading program. "We all had a great time!"

The Summer Reading Programs are made possible in part by support from the Friends of the Williamsburg Libraries, the Williamsburg Cultural Council, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Massachusetts Library System (which provides, at no cost to the library, program promotional materials that included posters, bookmarks, certificates, and reading records), and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Donations of prizes and other support materials were made by the Village Green of Williamsburg, Acme Surplus of Northampton, and participating families.

Library Statistics and Services FY 2014:

- **Circulation:** From 7/1/13 – 6/30/14 total circulation was 90,442. The Williamsburg Libraries lent 10,996 items to other libraries and borrowed 10,516 items for our patrons from other libraries through the statewide inter-library loan system.
- **Hours:** Meekins Library was open to the public a total of 1,269 hours.
- **Patrons and Attendance:** As of December 31, 2014, 2,416 patrons listed Williamsburg as their home library, while many others held CW/MARS cards from other area libraries. These cards are used interchangeably at all CW/MARS libraries. During 2014 more than 45,000 patron visits were recorded at the library.



Community Groups who used the Hawks~ Hayden Room or Haydenville Library in 2014

Hilltown Land Trust, Foster Parent Support Group, Western Massachusetts Master Gardeners Group, Brownie Troop, Cultural Council, Williamsburg Agricultural Commission, Hilltown Families, Hampshire County Riding Club, Wildwood School's Writer Group, COA Quiet Meditation, Hampshire Bird Club Committee, Hilltown CDC, Center for New Americans.

Exhibitions: The following shows appeared in the Neil Hammer Gallery in the Hawks~Hayden Community Room and in the Helen Bacon Rotunda and on the Meekins Library grounds during 2014

- February – Frank Ward Photographs
- March – Marilyn Cavallari – Mother Daughter Photographs
- April – Nancy Mahoney – root sculptures
- May – Friends Book Sale
- June – Rey Milici – oil and water color painting
- July – Easthampton Art Guild
- August – Carolyn Webb - prints
- September – Susan Goulet – caricatures
- October – Jenn Burdick - photos

We have also hosted French Language Movie Night with Cynthia Poirier, Todd Lynch's River Weirs show, an orchid talk with Stephen LaValle, Margaret Ryding "Food is Medicine", Kate Stevenson – Feldenkrais, Williamsburg Agricultural Commission movies, Jeff Hinich's Thoreau talk, Greg Maichack's pastel class, a free Yoga talk, and more.

Additional Programs, Activities and Events:

Reading Programs: Children's Librarian, Rochelle Wildfong, continued her popular weekly pre-school story hour on Wednesdays at 10:30. The program offered at the Library for decades has given many of Williamsburg's children their first experience in a library. In late 2011 a new parent child center/ playgroup opened every other Monday morning at Meekins. The group is led by Victoria Loud and made possible through funds from the Hampshire Regional Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant. The parent/child center playgroup is sponsored by HRSD and the Williamsburg Libraries. Please call the library for more information.



Friends of the Libraries: Anne Bussler, President/Treasurer. The Friends of the Williamsburg Libraries continue to support our libraries with financial donations, gifts and volunteer efforts. From 2008 through 2014, the Friends of the Williamsburg Libraries, Inc., were the recipients of a Florence Savings Bank Customers' Choice Community Grant, with voting orchestrated by the Friends. In October 2014, the annual Fall Foliage Book Sale over Columbus Day weekend brought book enthusiasts to the front lawn of the Meekins

Importance of Public Libraries

The Heart of the Community and the Downtown

“Yet libraries may well be the single most important civic institution in America today.” As scholar Vartan Gregorian has noted, “Across America we are coming to realize the library's unsurpassed importance as a civic institution ... In our democratic society, the library stands for

hope, for learning, for progress, for literacy, for self-improvement and for civic engagement. The library is a symbol of opportunity, citizenship, equality, freedom of speech and freedom of thought, and hence, is a symbol for democracy itself. It is a critical component in the free exchange of information, which is at the heart of our democracy.”

Vartan Gregorian, “Libraries as Acts of Civic Renewal” (speech given in Kansas City, Missouri, July 4, 2002; available online at: www.carnegie.org/sub/pubs/gregorianspeech.html).

Williamsburg Libraries –Volunteers – January 2014 to December 2014

Lorraine Barrack	Suzu Hoyt	Ellen Sulzycki
Amy Bedell	Elaine Hyde	Francie Taylor
Steve Berlin	Myra Ilson	Sandra Thomson
Ken Borden	Eileen Keegan	Janet Tudryn
Anne Bussler	Beth Kilduff	Elaine Ulman
Dee Cinner	Joy Kinigstein	Margo Valone
Lynda Christie	John Lancaster	Susan Waltner
Linda Culver	Sedona LeBlanc	Virginia Warner
Daria D’Arienzo	Jennifer Lewis	Marvin Ward
Nick Dines	Jim Locke	David Weber
Ellen Doyle	Allison Messier	Eric Weber
Karissa Fabin	Jennifer Miller-Antill	Lisa Wenner
Friends of Library	Michele Morales	Rochelle Wildfong
Kathryn Gabriel	Patricia O’Brien	Nellie Wilson
Susan Goulet	Wendy Peppercorn	Ken Woofenden
Jason Heffner	John G. Stevens	Bobbin Young
John Hoogstraten	Eileen Stewart	

(If we have accidentally overlooked anyone’s name, we sincerely apologize!)

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Krol, Library Director

Anne Haxo, Chair; Eileen Stewart, Treasurer; Pat Billingsley, Joan Coryat; Rob Stinson, Jon Gould, Board of Library Trustees

Mill River Greenway Committee

The Mill River Greenway Committee continues to progress in our efforts to create a Greenway along the Mill River, connecting the villages of Haydenville and Williamsburg.



In 2014, the committee:

- hosted a South Main Street Neighborhood Forum in June, at which we solicited comments from residents in that area about current safety concerns and possible solutions.
- applied for and received a \$48,000 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation's Recreational Trails Program, which will be used to address existing concerns about traffic speed, lack of visibility and signage, and surface water problems at the foot of South Main Street. Some funds will be directed toward preliminary engineering of grading improvements at the junction of the rail bed and the new easement, and rail bed improvements along the 0.3 miles from the easement eastward to the town line with Northampton.
- applied for a District Local Tech Assistance grant from PVPC to be used for traffic-counting equipment at the intersection of South Main Street and Fort Hill Road.
- submitted a Project Need Form (via the Williamsburg Select Board) to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, which formally launches our collaboration with them on the planned rebuild of Route 9, which will include a multi-use trail running along the river side of Route 9 between Haydenville and Williamsburg Center.
- engaged in productive preliminary discussions with owners of property behind the Brassworks, regarding Greenway route options.

In 2015, the Mill River Greenway Committee looks forward to:

- submitting a proposal for another round of funding through the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation's Recreational Trails Program
- submitting a Project Initiation Form to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, as the next step of collaboration with them on future Route 9 work
- continuing to work with the Williamsburg Highway Department and the residents of South Main Street on possible safety improvements
- continuing study and planning for the possible connection between the end of the Northampton multi-use trail and South Main Street, in coordination with the Northampton Department of Transportation
- continuing discussions with owners of property behind the Brassworks.

Respectfully submitted,

Mill River Greenway Committee

Eric Bloomquist, Chair; Emmet Anderson (Associate), Nick Dines, Mary Dudek, John Hoogstraten, Jim Hyslip, Gaby Immerman, Joe Rogers, Rob Stinson, Lawrence West

Planning Board

The Board started the year with members weighing in on their priorities for the year. We ended up spending most of the year on regulations to make them easier to use or clearer, concentrating on how the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board requirements mesh. Both boards are called to weigh in when a larger project goes for a Special Permit. We also tried to standardize our relationship with the Tree Committee/Tree Warden.

At the end of 2013 we finished up work on a Marijuana Dispensary section for the Zoning Bylaw. A public hearing on April 22 on Dispensaries was held in the Board office, though no members of the public appeared. At Town Meeting in June, we proposed an amendment to the Zoning Bylaw to regulate Dispensaries, which was approved by the voters.

The Board found for the owners for two ANR applications, where an owner dividing a piece of property submits evidence that the changes are not a subdivision, yet yield legal building lots. ANR stands for Approval Not Required, part of state zoning regulations. Two other applicants were advised to resubmit plans that were not complete.

As the year closed, CRD Metalworks submitted an application for Site Plan Review for their metal fabrication business, which will very likely give us a busy late winter and spring 2015.

As ever, we welcome anyone's interest in joining the Board, for a unique overview of the Town's built environment.

Jim Locke, Chair

Police Department

2014 was a year of changes for the Williamsburg Police Department. During this year two officers moved on. Sergeant Aimee Wallace and Officer Gregory Smith resigned from the Department. We all thank them for their years of service to the Town. We also welcomed a new member to our department. Sergeant Kevin Cardonne was appointed to the open full time Sergeant position. The current members of the department as of December 31, 2014, are: Chief Denise Wickland, Sergeant Kevin Cardonne, Officer Michael Wayne, Officer Sabrina Willard, Officer Bryan Luszczki , and Officer Jason Soukup.

The collective duties of the department members are handling emergency and non-emergency calls, handling department administrative functions, routine patrols, investigating various crimes, responding to medical emergencies, investigating traffic accidents, attending court, enforcing traffic laws, attending mandated trainings as well as specialized trainings, and attending special events. I would like to thank the residents of the Town of Williamsburg for supporting our



Police Department. I also want to thank the dedicated members of the Police Department who perform their duties day in and day out, many times without thanks, and often after their scheduled hours when they respond to emergencies from home. Their dedication does not go unnoticed and we are extremely lucky to have such a professional group of officers.

Year end statistics:

Number of calls handled (emergency, non-emergency, and walk-ins): 2,647

Arrests: 132

Motor Vehicle Accident responses: 49

Motor vehicle citations issued: 328

Administrative notes:

The Police Department has open walk in hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings from 5 pm to 9 pm. We provide as much patrol coverage as we can on our limited budget. Most days we have an officer on duty from 8 am to 12 midnight. Firearms license applications are accepted during our open office hours or by appointment.

Police Department Services

GENERAL ACTIVITY

- ◆ Alarm monitoring, response and billing
- ◆ Animal Control
- ◆ Court: traffic, misdemeanor and felony court calls
- ◆ Domestic calls/Juvenile problems

- ◆ First Responder
- ◆ Fingerprinting business, residents and child fingerprinting for identification
- ◆ Home, business, and school security surveys
- ◆ House watch checks (vacant houses/vacations)
- ◆ Lost and found (persons and property)
- ◆ Neighborhood Watch Programs/Senior Citizens Assistance
- ◆ Preventive/Deterrent Patrol
- ◆ Report safety problems, e.g., road hazards, water-main breaks, and icy streets

TRAFFIC ACTIVITY

- ◆ Accident reporting and investigation
- ◆ Enforcement of moving violations
- ◆ O.U.I. and Zero Tolerance enforcement
- ◆ Parking enforcement
- ◆ Preventive/Deterrent Patrol

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

- ◆ Burglar/holdup alarm response
- ◆ Business premise examinations after hours
- ◆ Crime scene processing
- ◆ Drug enforcement
- ◆ Follow up/suspicious circumstance investigations
- ◆ Identification Theft Investigation
- ◆ Juvenile investigations
- ◆ Liquor license premise examinations
- ◆ Multi-jurisdictional cooperation, e.g., burglary/robbery surveillances, and drug investigations
- ◆ Preventive Patrol

Respectfully,

Chief Denise L. Wickland

Public Safety Complex Committee

The Williamsburg Public Safety Complex Committee was created by the Board of Selectmen in October of 2013 to help the town identify the future facility needs of the Fire, Police and Emergency Management Departments with a focus on what is practical, affordable and necessary; to identify possible locations of a safety complex; to determine a preliminary design of such a building; and to help identify possible funding sources.

On April 3, 2014, the Committee met with the Board and delivered their report and recommendation to proceed to the hiring of a professional design company to study the feasibility and options of a safety complex building. Subsequently the Town raised \$40,000 for that study at the Annual Town Meeting. The study is intended to determine the suitability of various site options, determine the scope of the project, and estimate all costs for completion. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was published and the Board subsequently hired Drummey Rosane Anderson, Inc. to conduct the study.

In the following months the Committee will continue to meet and work towards a recommendation for siting and initial design for a safety complex. We also are planning an open forum event in the near future to solicit comments and input from residents in order to incorporate their concerns and suggestions into the final design.

The Committee would like to extend to all interested citizens the opportunity to view the present facilities, meet with individual Committee members, attend our scheduled meetings and ask questions of us on our progress. We always welcome any comments and assistance that might aid us in our project.

William Sayre, Chair
Denise Banister
Dan Banister
Jason Connell

Louis Hasbrouck
Dick Kisloski
Don Lawton
Peter Mahieu

Daryl Springman
Michael Wayne
Denise Wickland

**Williamsburg School District – Anne T. Dunphy School
Principal's Report
January – December 2014**



It is my pleasure to submit this annual report from the newly renovated Anne T. Dunphy School. The support, dedication, and energy provided by the students, the staff, School Council, the PTO, and the community of Williamsburg continue to be a very special characteristic of this community. The Williamsburg School Committee continues to provide strong and supportive leadership to our school community as well. At the

close of the 2013-2014 school year, **Duncan Laird** completed his service to the Williamsburg School Committee after nine years. We thank him for his years of service, insight, thoughtfulness, diplomacy, and humor he brought to our school community. We were pleased to welcome **Paul Rudof** to that seat. He joins **Sarah Christiansen, Jeff Gelbard, David Chase, and Kayla Gilman-Solomon** as part of our dedicated committee.

During the last half of the 2013-2014 school year, our school community continued to rely on many community organizations to make the remainder of our consolidation phase successful. Without the flexibility and support of the Williamsburg Grange, Williamsburg Highway Department, Meekins Library, and the First Congregational Church of Williamsburg, we may have been unable to continue to provide important and quality experiences for our students. We are so grateful for their support and are pleased that we can now provide a venue for community activities.

On June 23rd, we celebrated nineteen sixth graders as they prepared to begin middle school. Graduates honored in the Class of 2014 were **Neil Adams, Augusto Brasil, Fiona Bulman, Shane Callinan, Solomon Chase, Megan Cone, Mcallan Craig, Mary Elias-Gillette, Jessica Fish, Hayden Freedland, Isabella Huff, Corinne Laird, Hannah Marney, Emily Overstreet, Tyler Ovitt, Samantha Payson, Rubyanne Phelps, Connor Twarog, and Alexander Zimmerman**. To mark the occasion of the 100th year of the Helen E. James building, an extra special graduation celebration was held outside of the school, under a sparkling-lit tent. Town officials were invited to speak for the occasion, and former Helen E. James School graduates were recognized with a flower. Community members for this historical event also provided historic photos and documents from past Helen E. James School graduations.

The close of the 2013-2014 year marked the end of an era for the Williamsburg Schools as we wished **Agnes Lulek** a fond farewell in her retirement. Mrs. Lulek worked with the children and families in Williamsburg for thirty-one years, and was the welcoming face of the Helen E. James School for many of those years. The whole community had the opportunity to wish her well during a celebration on June 20th. In addition, **Kirsten Levitt**, reading specialist, and **Amanda Berg** and **Nancy Boisjolie**, paraprofessionals, resigned to pursue other professional opportunities.

As excited as we were to see the construction fences go up spring the previous year, we were just as excited to watch them come down this summer! The summer months were filled with moving and settling in activity. Staff volunteered numerous hours to pack and unpack supplies and furniture to ensure our new space was ready for the start of the school year. We were so pleased to be able to open the Anne T. Dunphy School for the entire community on September 6th for a Community Open House. Many children gathered to sing a joyful song to start the event, and local and state officials joined in our celebration.

Student Enrollment Fall 2014	
Preschool	13
Kindergarten	15
1 st grade	15
2 nd grade	17
3 rd grade	25
4 th grade	26
5 th grade	17
6 th grade	30
Choice in students: 12	
Choice out students: 15	
Charter out students: 17	

We were pleased to welcome several new staff members to begin the 2014-2015 school year ~ **Heather Punska** as a reading specialist, **Chrissa Young** as a paraprofessional, **Natalee Dias** as our art educator, and **Jeffrey Ridenour** as a part-time evening custodian. This fall, **Nancy Mahoney** ended her time in our school community after many years of providing artistic inspiration to hundreds of students.

On August 29th, our staff was pleased to have the opportunity to host elementary professional development for the entire district in our new building. Then, on September 2nd, 158 eager students filled our new school building. They were clearly in awe of their new school environment and showed great pride in the building right away.

Our staff continues to focus on curricular initiatives in an effort to continue to strengthen our academic program. Along with colleagues throughout the district, this year we have focused on the adoption of a new math curriculum that is more closely linked with the new Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. Strengthening our data collection and intervention systems continues to be an emphasis, with particular attention to communication with and engagement of families in this process. With the additional technology resources available to our staff and students in our new building, the integration of technology into our instruction has also been a focus of our professional work together. We are also pleased to increase the enrichment experiences for our students through a new instrumental music program offered during the school day, and additional enrichment sessions offered in our out of school enrichment program. It was an honor to have two members of our staff recognized this fall. **Karen Schweitzer**, classroom teacher, received the Ronald McDonald House Local Hero Award for her contributions to education in our area. She and **John Heffernan**, technology educator, have also been named as finalists for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching. With only six finalists across the state, it is exciting to have two in our very own school!

The staff and students at the Anne T. Dunphy School wish to thank the citizens of Williamsburg for your continued support. We also want to acknowledge and thank you for the commitment you have made to the children of Williamsburg through your support of the school building construction project and our initiatives. We are so thrilled to continue to provide well-rounded educational experiences to the children of Williamsburg in this wonderful facility.

Respectfully submitted,
 Stacey Jenkins
 Principal

Superintendent of Schools 2014

Looking back at 2014, I am reminded that our schools must always be looking forward as we prepare our students to be “21st century learners” with the promise of making them “future ready” lifelong learners. Our teachers and school administrators are told that we’re preparing students for jobs and careers that don’t exist yet, in some case haven’t even been imagined. While it is our responsibility to meet this challenge and work through the ambiguities it presents, we continue to stay grounded in our understanding that our towns and schools work together as “Five Towns, One K-12 Community” to achieve our goal of providing all of our students with the safety and support they need to grow and succeed. We are indeed, thinking globally and acting locally in every one of our classrooms.

In 2014 our actions included:

- The complete renovation and reconstruction of the Anne T. Dunphy School in Williamsburg.
- A new roof on the William E. Norris School in Southampton
- A new roof and entry at the Westhampton Elementary School
- Hiring a new School Principal at William E. Norris. Welcome Principal Pluta.
- Hiring a new Principal at Hampshire Regional High School. Welcome Principal Smidy.
- Implementation of a new elementary math curriculum for grades K-6 in all schools
- Numerous improvements to special education services and programs
- Implementation of ImPACT testing for student athletes to establish baseline neurocognitive data that can be used assess the effects of concussions.
- Provision of on-site flu shots and nutritional programming for school staff

To be effective, we rely on highly skilled, qualified, and compassionate teachers and support staff. As a group, they ensure that our schools support our students and community. As individuals, they come to the District with varied backgrounds and training and everyone makes a unique contribution. Each year the Grinspoon Foundation recognizes the contributions of individual teachers with the Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Awards. For 2014, Mark Cavallon (HRHS business teacher), Karie Neal (New Hingham art teacher), and Michael O’Connell (New Hingham, Williamsburg and Westhampton gym/PE teacher). Ms. Karen Schweitzer was presented with a Local Hero award from the Ronald McDonald Charities for her work supporting children.

The Hampshire Regional School District is made up of five districts: Hampshire and Chesterfield-Goshen Regional School Districts and the municipal schools of Williamsburg, Westhampton, and Southampton. Annual budget preparation is a complicated process due to the structure of the District and the budgeting requirements and expectations of individual towns, as well as the budgeting requirements set by state law for regional school districts. School budgets provide the backdrop for telling the story of a school. How a school appropriates and uses its available funding translates to and defines what is important to the administration, teachers, support staff and the community because it represents what these groups want and need to provide to their students. Percentage increases and decreases vary from one school to another but broadly speaking, most funding fits into five main categories: salaries, administrative

support, materials, contracted services, and transportation. From one budget year to another, school administrators work with local officials and community members to ensure that each school budget is adequate, equitable, and predictable and developed with input from all stakeholders in a clear and transparent process. The support of our member communities is appreciated as much as it is essential to the future of our students and communities.

School safety and emergency preparedness planning require coordinated activity and connections with local police, fire, ambulance, and emergency managers. A team of educators attended a “Safe School Summit” and a two day workshop on “Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools”. In October, Dr. Ruth Potee, a Greenfield family practice physician and member of DA Sullivan's Opioid Task Force, provided a program for the district and community titled "Protecting the Developing Brain: The Impact of Drugs". Additionally the Massachusetts State Police provided safety training for all district administrative assistants. Revisions to our Medical Emergency Plans and Emergency Operations Procedures are ongoing. At individual schools and as a District, we continue to tighten daily procedures (including those that are in place to protect students on their way to and from school). We continue to refine our procedures and make changes were necessary. All school staff are very appreciative of the support and training we receive from State and local police, fire, and other emergency management personnel. Training, drills, and ongoing reassessment of our needs keeps this topic fresh in our minds and continually improves our responsiveness.

Our winter weather has been hard to predict and difficult to plan for. Each year the challenge of interpreting weather forecasts and deciding when to delay or cancel school impacts everyone in our school community. District administrators and school committees have engaged in substantive discussions related to the management of the school year calendar and how to meet the states 180 day minimum requirement. All districts have worked with teachers’ associations to facilitate flexibility in starting school prior to Labor Day each year and to promote coordinated calendar scheduling. That said, we still are faced with challenging decisions about school cancellations and delays. These decision are not always understood by parents and community members and certainly do not please everyone. The decision to close or delay, however, is always based on careful consideration of the impact the weather will have on safe travel to and from school for our students and staff. Highway superintendents, bus company supervisors, other district administrators (our own, as well as those in neighboring districts) are all consulted. Some decisions are more easily made than others, some admittedly simply turn out to be wrong but every decision is informed by all available information and the need to ensure that our students and staff can safely travel to school and back home.

After its local elementary school was closed in 2010, a group of Worthington parents formed a committee for the purpose of reopening their school. Late in 2014, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education approved Worthington’s plan to create a new public school district and reopen the R.H. Conwell School. Hampshire Regional’s agreement to provide administrative supports and services was an integral part of the plan. Going forward, Worthington will re-open and operate R.H. Conwell as a preschool to sixth grade public school. Worthington’s high school students can choose to tuition into HRHS but Worthington will not become a member of the Hampshire Regional School District or of School

Union 66 which is comprised of Southampton, Williamsburg, and Westhampton. The R.H. Conwell School is scheduled to open in September 2015.

I am very proud of the work our teachers, support staff, and administrators have done to enhance learning opportunities and achievement outcomes for all students. Our work together in the schools and communities is complex, sometimes overwhelming, and yet unquestionably essential and rewarding. Together we make a positive difference in the lives of our students, their families, and the communities in which we work. We are increasingly coming together as a learning community and engage in expanding our shared commitment for improving the education we provide to our children. I encourage you to visit the individual schools' or Superintendent's website (www.hr-k12.org) for current news and information about our students and District activities. This website will also provide you with links to individual school websites and to useful information from numerous resources. Whenever you have a question or wish to become involved in your community schools, please call me.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Jurgensen
Superintendent of Schools

2014 Special Education Annual Report

Federal and state law requires that students from 3 to 22 years of age who are identified as having a disability are provided with individually designed instruction to meet their unique learning needs. The Hampshire Regional School District provides services to 384 students with disabilities on Individualized Education Programs (IEP). Students in each of the five schools receive special education services both in and out of the general education classroom. These services are provided by special education certified teachers and related service providers. Current related services include: occupational therapy, speech therapy, physical therapy, nursing/medical services, counseling, autism consultation clinical consultation, vision therapy, and teacher of the deaf services.

School	Total Enrollment	Special Education students
Hampshire	747	134
New Hingham	155	25
Westhampton	149	37
Williamsburg	157	30
Norris	550	104
Smith Vocational	37	37
Out of District	17	17
Total	1812	384

During the 2013-2014 school year the district completed a Coordinated Program Review for each district in the areas of: Special Education, Civil Rights and English Language Learner programs. The program review resulted in few findings requiring corrective action. School Principals and the Director of Pupil Services are working together to implement all required program improvements.

The Hampshire Regional Special Education Parent Advisory Council (HRSEPAC) meets monthly as a group and annually with principals. The activities of HRSEPAC include advising the school committee on matters that pertain to the education and safety of students with disabilities; development and evaluation of special education programs, and collaboration designed to improve the quality of special education services to students. The HRSEPAC continues to recruit representatives from Chesterfield-Goshen and Westhampton districts.

Teachers in each building have started intensive training in the Orton Gillingham approach to reading. The teachers will complete their training in May 2015 and will be able to implement their training in the fall of 2015. The long-term goal is to have a teacher in the district trained to be an Orton-Gillingham trainer. Having a specialized reading program in each school will improve services to students with language-based learning disabilities.

On the elementary level, a program was created at the W.E. Norris School in Southampton to support children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other social, emotional and behavioral needs. Also in Southampton, a specialized preschool program is designed to meet the needs of students with moderate to severe special needs.

At HRHS, the Life Skills program has undergone review and change. The middle school program is designed to teach and assess whether students will take an academic or life/skills/vocational track in high school. The Transition to Adulthood program for students who are 18 to 22 years old includes an option to participate in the Holyoke Community College's Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment Program. For students seeking a work experience, they are working with a job coach to secure competitive employment. A Peer Mentoring program was added to support students with disabilities as they develop relationships with typical students with whom they can interact throughout their school day.

The Clarke Mainstream program at HRHS added two freshmen to the cohort of four juniors. HRHS has implemented numerous changes and improvements to provide for greater access of auditory information, including video display monitors for announcements and information-sharing throughout the school. HRHS also added hired a high school language-based learning disabilities teacher to meet the needs of students transitioning to high school from the middle school.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Ryan
Director of Pupil Services

Hampshire Regional High School

Because of the commitment, hard work, and collective vision of the Hampshire Regional High School community, students at Hampshire Regional are thriving in a safe and positive environment. We have continued to develop and add to the rigorous course and program offerings at Hampshire to ensure that our students are ready to meet the varied demands of college and career by the time they graduate from HRHS.

On June 6, the class of 2014 graduated 126 students. Valedictorian and class President Riley Glosick of Southampton, Salutatorian Jessica Kowal of Southampton, Jackson Seifert of Goshen, and Kevin Brasil of Williamsburg were among the student speakers at the graduation ceremony at John M. Greene Hall on June 6, 2014 in Northampton. The class of 2014 was an exceptionally collegial and dynamic group, which made graduation, and life at Hampshire Regional in general, a fun and positive environment. The graduation rate was at an all-time high at 96.1%.

Even with the harmonious atmosphere, students took learning quite seriously in 2014. During the months of March, May, and June, seventh, eighth, and tenth grade students took MCAS exams; and seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth graders sat for pilot PARCC tests. The Massachusetts Department of Education ranks schools from level one (highest performing) to level five (lowest performing). Hampshire Regional High School was ranked as a level two school for high performance overall, but we did not narrow the achievement gaps between our regular education population and our high risk population of students to meet the demands of level one. Due to high MCAS scores, 87 students, or about 70% of the Class of 2015, were awarded the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship, or the Koplík award, for their performance on the exam. Students who earn this award have the opportunity for free tuition at a state university if they meet the MCAS test score requirement and additional criteria.

In May, eleventh and twelfth grade students took a total of 122 Advanced Placement exams in twelve different subjects including Calculus, Physics, Biology, English, Economics, and U.S. History. Seventy percent of our students received a score of three or higher on their AP Exams, which affords them the opportunity to earn college credit at many higher education institutions. Their collective scores also earned Hampshire Regional High School the distinction of being named to the AP Honor Roll School by the National College Board for the second year in a row. The College Board bestows this award to districts for increasing AP access to courses while also maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning a three or higher on AP Exams. Only 33 schools in Massachusetts and 477 schools in the U.S. and Canada met the requirements for this prestigious award.

Aside from standardized test success, students were recognized for other academic accomplishments in the classroom. Greg Reynolds' French 4 College Placement and French 4 Honors classes were awarded third place for the New England "L'Acadie en Chansons" song contest organized by the Culture of Services of the Consulate General of France. The Hampshire Regional Clarke Program has grown to include more students with hearing loss, and it has received recognition from the Clarke Alumni Council for being an inclusive academic program. At the Underclassmen Awards Ceremony in June, students earned accolades for participation, improvement, and mastery of disparate course material. Outside the classroom, students were praised for their compassion and dedication to a number of causes. Clara Thatcher was honored for her work to raise awareness for Diabetes, collecting over 5000 dollars by hosting an awareness walk and involving Dunphy Elementary School in a poster contest. Bella Sacharczyk received national praise for her advocacy for the Juvenile Hydrocephalus Foundation.

The 2014 school year also provided many rich opportunities for students to gain a wider perspective beyond our classroom walls. Thirty-three students from Japan visited Hampshire

Regional and shadowed our students on their trip abroad to the United States. Students in the upper-level Spanish classes had the opportunity to travel to Spain during April vacation to see various places and to speak both colloquial and formal Spanish. Many students also participated in extracurricular activities such as the Robotics Club, All School Match Wits, Model U.N., and Student Council. These activities allowed them the chance to travel into various parts of the state and beyond. *The Sound of Music*, Hampshire's 2014 spring musical, was a smashing success, starring senior Emma Cook from Williamsburg and junior Dan Sullivan from Southampton. News Channel ABC40 featured Hampshire Regional High School twice (February 7 and October 31) for its unique academic programs and extracurricular activities for students. GoLocalWorcester named HRHS in the top 20% of high schools in MA because of our MCAS and SAT scores and additional school data, including graduation and drop out rates and student to staff ratios.

Hampshire Regional itself also recognized outstanding staff members in 2014. Mark Cavallon received the Grinspoon Teacher of the Year Award for Hampshire Regional. He was nominated for this award because of his leadership in the Business Department, his commitment to the school community, and his Work Study Program, as well as his natural ability to collaborate with all stakeholders to ensure student engagement in and out of school. Veteran French and Spanish Teacher Michelle Higgins, Special Education Teacher Ted Hale, and Kathie Downie, a long-time paraprofessional and job coach, all retired from Hampshire after many years of service.

At the start of the 2014-2015 school year, new faculty and staff members joined our Hampshire Regional learning community. Mike Furey joined the high school Guidance Department, and he also took on an assistant coaching position for the co-op football team. Alexandra Furman and Taidgh Buckley were hired in the Science Department. Sarah Buckley and Mariano de meers Alonso were welcomed in the Foreign Language Department. Elizabeth Dwyer and Tara Winters joined the Special Education teaching staff, and Jessica Callahan and Anthony Domingo were hired as paraprofessionals. Other hires included Jami Ricard as a middle school math teacher, Leslie Robillard as a long-term sub for Amy Scully (on maternity leave), Jen Reagan as the school counseling administrative assistant and Mohamed Nagooradumai as a night custodian. In October, Jesse Porter-Henry, the Interim Assistant Principal, was offered an Assistant Principal position at Mohawk Trail Regional School District. His position was filled by Christine Murphy, a former special education teacher, Pupil Services Director, and Principal in Wethersfield, Connecticut.

The 2014-2015 school year welcomed 747 students to Hampshire Regional.

This school year, Hampshire Regional focused a great deal of Professional Development time with staff as well as advisory time with students to prepare for our accreditation visit scheduled for the spring of 2016 with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Accreditation of Hampshire Regional by NEASC means that our students and staff are meeting the rigorous criteria set forth in seven standards of teaching and judged by an outside team of evaluators. Having an accredited high school is similar to gaining membership in a

Grade	Number of Students
7	140
8	119
9	115
10	117
11	132
12	124
Total	747

professional organization such as the American Bar Association for lawyers or the American Medical Association for doctors. NEASC accreditation requires a comprehensive analysis of all aspects of the school, including core values and learning expectations, curriculum, instruction, assessment, school culture, and leadership, school resources, and community resources. The process includes a year-long study where the learning community analyzes its own programs.

Through the NEASC Self-Study process, the school community determined the following four core values and five school-wide learning expectations:

Core Values:

- Intellectual Curiosity and Academic Achievement
- Responsibility and Perseverance
- Collaboration and Engagement
- Respect and Compassion

21st Century School-Wide Learning Expectations:

- Constructively utilize and provide feedback to promote social and academic growth.
- Solve increasingly complex problems both collaboratively and individually.
- Demonstrate self-reliance, integrity, and tenacity in setting and completing goals.
- Ask relevant questions and contribute respectfully to classroom discussion.
- Apply subject knowledge and skills to produce consistently high-quality work.

In addition to the NEASC work, the HRHS School Council has determined five additional goals for the school to accomplish in its school improvement plan. These goals include preparing students to be college and career ready, sharing information about academic and extracurricular accomplishments with the five member towns, aligning curriculum, instruction, and assessment to the Common Core, using data to monitor, inform, plan, and adjust programs, and ensuring protocols and practice for student safety.

Even with these goals in mind, I am confident that our school community already fosters a stimulating learning environment for our students. Despite the increased demands to the teaching profession from local and federal policy, and from unfunded mandates, I am proud that Hampshire Regional teachers, counselors, nurses, paraprofessionals, administrators, service providers, staff, Central Office workers, and School Committee members consistently put our students' needs at the center of our collective efforts. The collegial and collaborative atmosphere is truly a benchmark of this school and the district.

Respectfully submitted,
 Kristen Smidy
 Principal

Board of Selectmen

During 2014 the Board of Selectmen, through our oversight and guidance of departments, employees, and various committees, completed and moved forward the following projects and initiatives:

- Working with our Energy Committee, the Town was designated a Green Community and awarded \$142,975. Some of the funds were used for a Level II energy audit at Meekins Library, which identified the need for insulation and an upgrade of the heating system. The Town is also looking at upgrading our town-owned streetlights to LED lights.
- Working with the Mill River Greenway Committee, the Board applied for and received a \$48,000 grant to complete the trail from Leeds to South Main Street, including addressing road challenges from increased bike and pedestrian traffic.
- Working with the Public Safety Complex Committee, the Board hired Drummey Rosane Anderson, Architects, to do a feasibility study of a Public Safety Complex on some identified sites, to include possible designs and potential costs.
- Utilizing a District Local Technical Assistance Grant from Pioneer Valley Planning Corporation, we explored the possibility of a regional police department or shared police services with the Town of Chesterfield. Preliminary results showed more benefits to Chesterfield as a smaller community; concerns were raised over unexpected costs to Williamsburg, community support and the effect a regional police department would have on the possible new Public Safety Complex. The Board decided, with the present personnel in the Police Department and the ongoing Safety Complex study, not to proceed.
- The Board established a Veterans' Volunteer Tax Relief Program (tax work-off program) to support eligible veterans within our community.
- Working with our Building Supervisor, the Board hired a contractor to complete structural repairs to the Old Town hall, including stabilizing the foundation.
- Working with the Assessors and their consultant, the Board signed a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement (PILOT) for a private solar project on the Lashway property off of Kellogg Road.
- Working with our School Building Committee, the Board oversaw the completion of our school building project, and the School opened in the fall on time and within budget.
- Working with our financial team, Finance Committee, Treasurer, Accountant, Collector, and Assessors, audits for FY13 and FY14 were completed and the results show Williamsburg in a strong financial position with a healthy stabilization fund with an unassigned balance and Free Cash used in a prudent manner.

Regular business items:

- Oversight over Police, Fire and Highway departments, as well as Town Collector, Accountant and various committees.

- Made annual appointments including new Animal Control Officer, who is doing a really good job
- Upgraded town equipment and disposed of surplus town equipment
- Appointed Flag Committee to work on the design of a Town Flag to be flown in the State House
- Worked with Building Supervisor to facilitate needed repairs to town buildings
- Completed the issuance of all annual licenses
- Along with Police Chief we hired new full-time sergeant and two new part-time officers
- With guidance from our Tech Committee we hired Paragus IT to stabilize and enhance municipal systems and IT services
- Worked with Highway Superintendent to purchase the new truck approved at Town Meeting
- Hired a new Highway employee to bring the department back up to four full-time employees
- Worked with Finance Committee on FY15 budgets to keep the Town moving ahead in a prudent way.

It was with deep regret that the Board accepted the resignation of our friend and colleague Paul Dunphy, who resigned for medical reasons.



We would not have accomplished all these things and much more without the dedication and hard work of all the town employees, boards and committees, and especially our Town Administrative Assistant, Eleanor Warnock, and our Town Administrator, Charlene Nardi.

David E. Mathers, Clerk

Senior Center 2014

MISSION STATEMENT

The Williamsburg Senior Center is dedicated to enhancing the quality of lives of people over 60. We provide programs and services for elders, their families and caregivers in order to support elders in achieving the highest possible level of independence and activity in their lives. We strive to provide information to the public on issues of aging and act as an advocate and liaison to elders in accessing local, state and federal resources.

COUNCIL ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD

The Council on Aging Advisory Board advises and supports the work of the Williamsburg Senior Center in its mission to serve the community. People of all ages are welcome to get involved in the work of the Council. The board meets once monthly (3rd Wednesdays at 10:45 a.m.) with the staff of the Williamsburg Senior Center and is open to the public. If you wish to join the advisory board please come to at least one meeting. A commitment of at least one year is desired and members are appointed by the Select Board. To be appointed please submit a letter of interest to the Select Board stating your interest and skills offered. To serve on a subcommittee, or as a volunteer, no Select Board appointment is necessary, just a willingness to assist in projects the Council chooses to focus on. Also please call to inquire about getting involved as a volunteer for as little as one hour a month, share a skill, teach a class, help in the garden, etc.

Join us in visioning for the future!

The Williamsburg Senior Center serves people from 60 to 100 plus, (a 40 year span!), and we also serve the family and caregivers of seniors. The numbers of people over 60 is growing rapidly and we need to prepare for this! We know that the interests of people reaching 60 now are very different from people who are now 80 and we need to begin to vision around how this agency might need to change in order to be useful to this new group of seniors. The Senior Center currently is squeezed in its home in the Town Offices and more space will be needed going forward. There are many questions to be answered before plans for a new home for the Senior Center can be decided. Also as a town there will be decisions made over the next few years about town buildings, community needs, etc., that will have an impact on aging services. We need the current and future “aging” residents to be a part of these conversations. Please join us in visioning, planning and creating the Senior Center you would like to use yourself! Stay tuned for more information about opportunities to get involved or call to get on our “to be updated list” and you will be informed of scheduled visioning sessions and surveys being conducted!

SENIOR CENTER 2014 OVERVIEW

STATISTICS

According to the most recent census (2010) there are 606 seniors in Williamsburg and Haydenville. This is roughly 20% of the population of the town, and 6% of these seniors are living below the poverty income guidelines set by the state. These numbers may actually be significantly higher (street listing shows 772 residents age 60 and over) but formal confirmation

will not be possible until the next census data is released. We anticipate growth and increased need for services, as the Executive Office of Elder Affairs reports that a significant increase in the senior population is occurring due to “baby boomers coming into their 60’s”. They have determined that the national senior population will increase by 25% by 2030!

FUNDING

The Senior Center received funding this year from the Town of Williamsburg, the Williamsburg Cultural Council, the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, Pioneer Transit Authority, Williamsburg Elder Trust Fund, and Highland Valley Elder Services. In October 2014 (FY15) we were awarded funding from Highland Valley Elder Services, Title III Funding, to continue services through our Companionship Program. The Director and COA Advisory Board created a FY15 Budget Request which included funding for 3 additional staff hours for the Meal Site Coordinator as the needs have increased with food programming and increases in participation.

REGIONAL INITIATIVES

Due to the increasing funding cuts to aging services on a Federal and State level, agencies like ours are being asked to apply for funding together rather than independently. Over a two year period, in preparation for this change, Williamsburg Director Marie Westburg has worked hard to support the Northern Hilltowns’ Consortium in preparing proposals for funding to expand Outreach Services to the region. Currently Williamsburg is the largest and only town with staff hours to address this need. (The Northern Hilltown Consortium of COA’s includes the towns of Worthington, Cummington, Chesterfield, Goshen, Plainfield, Westhampton and Williamsburg.) The Executive Office of Elder Affairs has awarded a three year grant of \$160,000 for a Regional Outreach Coordinator to provide support to our rural COA’s and also a Regional Newsletter Designer to manage the distribution of information in all 7 towns. This fall Highland Valley Elder Services also awarded \$6,000 for a Community Outreach Worker to provide 6 hours of visits to elders in the Consortium’s towns, for help with connecting to services, case management, etc. Outreach efforts in both of these initiatives will be managed through a contract with the Hilltown Community Health Center.

CULTURAL INITIATIVES

“Cross Generational Conversations” Film Project : In September, the second event of a three part series was held at the library to document and preserve the stories of the lives of people in Williamsburg. This is a collaborative project between Meekins Library, the WCOA, Fertile Ground Inc., Williamsburg Schools and the Williamsburg Historical Society. Funding was provided by all of the above as well as the Williamsburg Cultural Council. The films have been shown publicly and are available at Meekins Library. Thank you to all who made contributions of time, space, food and transportation. A big thank you to Tom Adams of Folktoography.com for his great work and the countless under/un-paid hours of editing he and Daria D’Arienzo (Archivist at Meekins) provided to make this film so enjoyable to watch. These great films will be enjoyed by many for years to come! Let us hear from you, your children and grandchildren for Part Three, which will be held at the newly renovated Anne T. Dunphy School in March of 2015.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The Outreach Coordinator, Fran Goebel, focuses much of her efforts on connecting with elders who are isolated, homebound, at risk and who cannot always access services on their own. We have learned that success in connecting to folks is interdependent upon developing relationships

and actively maintaining connections with possible referral sources throughout the community. To sustain community partnerships and educate the public about resources, monthly meetings of an Outreach team (made up of COA Advisory Board members and volunteers) are held to discuss and create action plans to address outreach needs for the agency. As a result of this team approach more information is making its way out into the community and thus more folks are accessing services. This community-driven approach is guided by the knowledge that many folks are unaware of available resources and also often hesitant to ask for help. Anyone who would like to distribute information (i.e., at church, to neighbors, etc.) is welcome to join us in getting the word out in the community! This year we will expand and improve on our outreach efforts with the support of the new Regional Outreach Coordinator, who will be looking specifically at the needs of aging people in our rural Hilltowns. Local elders who wish to access services can also call Hilltown Community Health Center and Highland Valley Elder Services.

OUTREACH SERVICES/CASE MANAGEMENT

The Outreach Coordinator is available for walk-in questions and by appointment. She is able to provide information and referrals, assist with advocacy, and register clients for direct service programs that our agency provides. A 60 to 90 minute Intake Session is available by appointment and we encourage this, as it allows for a better assessment of needs and for more thorough on-going case management and advocacy on behalf of a client. During these appointments a senior is oriented to programs and services available and offered assistance in applying for all applicable entitlements. Often people are unaware that they qualify for financial assistance, discounts and services. The guidelines and requirements change often and are not always out of reach because of what is perceived as an “adequate income”. Many folks are surprised to find they still qualify due to changes to income guidelines, figuring in their medical deductions, due to disabilities, etc. These appointments can happen on-site or as a home visit. Caregivers and supportive friends are welcome to be part of these appointments and encouraged to partner with us in building a support network which helps a senior stay in their home. We also strive to support clients and their families during crises, hospital stays and through transitions to new living arrangements.

Be a Connector: Do you know someone 60+ in the community who is in need? We invite you to be their advocate! You can easily help someone in need by showing concern and encouraging them, or helping them to address their need. The first step is a call to our Outreach Coordinator to ask about resources. We want to stress that it is important not to wait until a crisis, as this is what ultimately may lead to their inability to age in place. All matters are treated with the utmost confidentiality.

PHYSICAL & MENTAL WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Did you know that most of our activities are intergenerational and open to people of all ages? Stay up to date on our latest offerings: Sign up for our monthly newsletter mailing list (call 268-8407 or email Sherry at sloomis@burgy.org), sign up online for announcements through our blog at www.williamsburgcoa.blogspot.com follow us on FB at www.facebook.com/pages/Williamsburg-Council-on-Aging/

Exercise

Monthly and weekly classes provide for physical and mental wellness. We currently offer an Osteoporosis Class, Yoga Class, and Tai Chi. Some classes are free, or have reasonable fees. We do offer some financial aid for lower income seniors who wish to attend these classes.

Recreation

We offer many opportunities to socialize and stay active mentally, on-site and in the community. Garden Club, Cooking Club, Craft Groups, Musical and Theater Events and Trips, Games and Puzzles and more... We are always looking for people to lead new groups. Have a hobby? Why not volunteer two hours a week and be active with others who are interested also.

Education

At least a few times a year we have Guest Speakers conduct presentations which provide information about issues of health, finances, estate planning/legal matters, insurance and entitlements.

Health & Other Services

- Blood Pressure Clinic
- Podiatry Clinic
- AARP Tax Preparation (moved to Northampton and Easthampton as of Feb. 2015)
- Veterans Services/Veterans Agent
- SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders)
- Assistive Equipment Loans

Companionship

Our Companion Program, funded through Highland Valley Elder Services, continues to provide homebound seniors and people with disabilities more opportunities to socialize, get out into the community, attend to errands, etc. This program also is a benefit for the Companion Workers who receive a small stipend and enjoy routine and satisfaction in helping others. This program has allowed us to connect with and help more isolated and underserved seniors in the community to have more active lives. Donations for this program are greatly appreciated as this allows us to supplement the small amount of grant funds we receive to run this program, providing more people with these very needed services.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS (both free and discounted fares available)

This year Transportation services continued to be one of the most needed services.

Medical Rides: *Free* rides to medical appointments for seniors by private drivers.

Non-Medical Rides: Companion Program recipients receive rides for errands, etc.

PVTA Dial a Ride: Door to door transportation; we can help you apply and we sell tickets.

COA Van: This PVTA sponsored program provides weekly trips for grocery shopping (Tues.).

FOOD ACCESS/NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Congregate Meals: Continue to be served on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays through the meal program provided by Highland Valley Elder Services. These meals are free for anyone 60+. Donations are accepted and help fund more meals for the program.

Take-Home Dinner Program: “Meat and Potato” style meals, provided by Smith Vocational High School Culinary Program, are available for purchase for \$6 each, lower fees available for qualifying seniors. Delivery available.

Cooking Club: Volunteers meet once monthly to cook a soup and dessert for our Bread & Soup Program and weekly in the summer for the Bread & Salad Program (volunteers eat free!). Call us if you are interested in joining!

Bread & Soup Program: Every second Monday of the month we serve a \$2 luncheon and \$2 Take-out or local delivery, with bread (donated by *Bread Euphoria Bakery*) and a dessert.

Bread & Salad Program: Every Monday, June to August, salads with bread (donated by *Bread Euphoria Bakery*) and a dessert were offered at our on-site luncheon, for pick-up and local delivery. Stay tuned for next summer's schedule.

Breakfast Program: Free Breakfast of steel cut oats, fruit smoothies and muffins were provided on-site with coffee or delivered with other meal deliveries/available to take home any time. These meals were provided by the Executive Office of Affairs and Highland Valley Elder Services. Unfortunately this program has been discontinued due to decreased funding.

Food Pantry: Free non-perishable items are available Monday to Thursday, 8:30-1:30. Donations welcome!

Brown Bag Program: Second Thursdays bagged groceries, of perishable and non-perishable items, are provided at the Senior Center. This food is provided by the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts and on-site distribution and deliveries are provided by volunteers.

Intergenerational Garden Program:

provides fresh produce to seniors to take home and to be used in our Cooking Club. The garden and cooking class started through a collaborative effort with Fertile Ground, Inc., which received grant funding from the Tufts Foundation to support gardening and food initiatives between seniors and children.

Raised garden beds are provided at the Senior Center and we are seeking volunteers to help plant each spring. Over the last several years seniors and children from the Senior Center, the schools, Haydenville Congregational Church, Williamsburg Grange, the Burgy Farmers Market and more recently Calvin Coolidge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center donated plants for our summer season. We hope to continue with collaborative projects around food preservation, agriculture, cooking and more next season. Want to get involved? There are many opportunities to help out, share the crops and help educate future generations. Call for more information!



THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS!

We would like to say thank you to all the volunteers, businesses, town departments and families of elders who contributed time, money, supplies, physical labor, and space in support of the mission of this agency. The effectiveness of our work to support the quality of life and ongoing independence of elders in Williamsburg depends so much on the involvement of the community. We could not do what we do without you. Thank You!!!

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Westburg
Director, Williamsburg Senior Center

Shade Tree Committee

The Williamsburg Shade Tree Committee consists of three members – please take a moment and think about your time availability to join us in the important mission to maintain, grow, and support our town trees as well as keep us safe from potential damage from weakened trees. We welcome you to sit in on our meetings if that helps in making an informed decision about joining us.

Our committee meets monthly to discuss trees which have been identified as potentially dangerous trees. Annually, we try to drive down every Williamsburg street and examine town trees along the road way. We take notes on the trees and then at our meeting we discuss weakened trees, decide if we put a tree on a watch list or on a bid list to be trimmed or removed in the near future, or on an emergency list for immediate removal.

This year we had a special meeting with the Planning Board. The Planning Board and the Tree Committee hold joint hearings regarding decisions to remove live trees or live branches. At the meeting, the planning board and the tree wardens agreed to make a greater effort to organize tree plantings. This is where you, Williamsburg residents, become very important. Please contact our committee if you wish to have a tree planted in front of your property or if you notice an appropriate space along a Williamsburg road to plant trees.

To be better informed about trees, Anne Bussler and Osa Flory attended a day long tree workshop in Williamstown. The insurance company through which Williamsburg gets coverage paid for the workshop. Insurance companies find it saves them money when tree wardens and other town employees learn to identify weakened limbs and tree trunks even though the trees are alive.

In December we had a big snow storm and so many trees leaned across Ashfield Road that visibility for driving was greatly impaired. The Williamsburg Highway Department and the tree committee made a joint decision that these trees are dangerous in snow storms. The highway department will trim/remove these trees.

Lastly, the members of the tree committee wish to recognize the co-operation of National Grid, which saves Williamsburg lots of money by trimming and cutting dangerous town trees which, were the trees to fall, would also take out wires.

Your tree committee members:
Anne Bussler, John Kuzeja and Osa Flory



Oliver Smith Will Charities

To the Residents of the Town of Williamsburg

RE: SMITH CHARITIES' FISCAL YEAR DISTRIBUTIONS

During Smith Charities' fiscal year, February 1, 2014 – January 31, 2015, the following Applicants from Williamsburg were paid as beneficiaries under the Oliver Smith Will:

<u>Beneficiary Type & Total</u>		<u>Amount</u>
Tradespersons – 3	Received a \$600 gift totaling	\$1800.00
Widow – 1	Received a gift totaling	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
		\$2100.00 Total

Eric Cerreta, Trustee
Under the Oliver Smith Will

BENEFICIARY TOTALS

During the past year five (5) tradespersons were enrolled. Loans of \$600 each were made to five (5) apprentices; the notes of fourteen (14) tradespersons have been surrendered and the benefit of \$600 granted to each. One (1) student nurse enrolled under the Nurses' Program, and one (1) nurse who earned his degree received a gift of \$600. Twenty-eight (28) widows have been paid a total of \$10,650 and four (4) brides have received the marriage gift of \$100 each. The total sum disbursed as gifts to beneficiaries was \$20,050, which includes \$7349 that was paid to the City of Northampton for the account of Smith's Agricultural School, being the net income from the permanent fund established for the school. Again this year, because of the on-going low mortgage interest rate environment, there was no money to place in the Reserve for Beneficiaries account.

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

Tradespersons*	\$2,916,900
Nurses**	810,533
Widows	1,777,080
Brides***	1,495,500
Smith's Agricultural School	1,519,227
Annuities	35,374
Taxes	<u>613,717</u>
Total Payments	<u>\$9,168,331</u>

*Originally designated in the Will as Indigent Boys

**Originally designated in the Will as Indigent Female Children

***Originally designated in the Will as Indigent Young Women

Mortgage payments have been made promptly and outstanding loans are up to date.

Trustees
Lydia Szych
Eric Ceretta
Timothy J. Strahan

Technology Committee

The Technology Committee investigated the pros and cons of increasing the level of Information Technology support for the Town, from an individual contractor to a full-service IT solutions company. After much consideration, the committee recommended contracting with the Hampshire IT Alliance, a partnership between the Hampshire Council of Governments (HCOG) and Paragus Strategic IT.

The Alliance gives the Town access to high-quality, round-the-clock maintenance and support from Paragus, with discounted rates through HCOG. In addition to ongoing support, Paragus will provide an initial upgrade to the Town's IT infrastructure (also discounted), to bring it fully up to today's standards.

All Town employees and Departments are included in this initiative: the entire Town Office building, Police Department, Fire Department, Highway Department and the Meekins Library.

Trust Fund and Cemetery Commission & Trustees of the Meekins Library Corporation

During 2014, the three member Trust Fund and Cemetery Commission continued to oversee the more than 30 bequests left to the town by generous benefactors over the years, making distributions according to the terms of the various trusts, to our local schools, the library, newborns, senior citizens and the financially disadvantaged. The values of the trusts have grown (6.84% in 2014 with expenditures of \$69,830,79 to various community causes) and we have renewed efforts to reach out to more citizens of Williamsburg. We continually try to find creative ways to help students with school-related educational projects.

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

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

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

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

The Trust Fund Commission is also responsible for the two town clocks that are in the Haydenville and Williamsburg Church towers. The Williamsburg clock, a Seth Thomas Clock Co. # 16, was a gift of the William A. Nash family in 1897. The Haydenville clock, a beautiful E. Howard & Co. "Special Striking" clock, was donated to the people of Haydenville in 1901 by H. Hayden Sands in memory of his mother, Alice, and is housed in the steeple of the Haydenville Congregational Church. The latter is still fully gravity driven and requires a winder to climb the tower once a week to wind both the clock and chiming mechanisms. This duty was held by Paul Dunphy for the past 18 years.

Whether helping students, providing for the needy families, sending flowers to the elderly on their birthdays, welcoming newborns, or aiding in beautification projects, your gifts, too, could be a source of continuing giving. The generosity and forethought of a 19th century town doctor, Daniel Collins, is a case in point. In 1856, Dr. Collins left the town 51 shares of bank stock and \$7,000. Since then the bequest has generated tens of thousands of dollars to help our public school students grow and learn. Yet today the Collins Fund is worth more than \$546,067.

Trust Fund meetings are held each month at the Town offices, as posted.

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

Veterans' Services

The mission of the Central Hampshire Veterans' Services District is to aid, support, and advocate for the veterans and their families within our communities. A secondary mission is to collaborate with the Veterans Council in support of veteran holiday event planning. Currently our district serves the communities of Northampton, Amherst, Pelham, Hadley, Williamsburg, Chesterfield, Goshen, Cummington, Worthington, and Middlefield.

Central Hampshire Veterans' Services has three full-time staff members who work together to ensure that all veterans within our district receive the best services available. Steve Connor has been the Director for the past ten years. Rebecca Twining is another Veterans' Service Officer based out of our main office in Northampton who has been working with Steve for the past eight years. Their combined experience and support has been vital in speeding up my learning curve as your Veterans' Agent over the past year.

I view my position as much more than simply reviewing who is eligible or not eligible for veterans' benefits, programs, and services. Beyond veteran specific benefits there are a lot of other federal, state, and non-profit resources that I have used in support of helping veterans overcome their hardships. My goal is to use appropriate resources to help others manage a sustainable living situation. Sometimes it's as easy as contacting a friendly neighbor or volunteer who is willing to help an elder with basic household chores. In other cases it makes more sense to file a VA claim for Aid and Attendance. No matter what the issue is, there is no problem that is too big or too small to bring to my attention.

In Williamsburg over the past year I have been able to help several veterans in various ways. For example, I have helped seek aid via the VA and the Holyoke Soldiers home for six local veterans. Also I have been able to retrieve service records for twelve local veterans. Also I have had two speaking engagements. In many cases I have been successful in referring local veterans to other agencies to address their needs.

My objective over the next year for our "Hampshire Hilltowns" is to identify more community residents who are willing to volunteer to help their neighbors if or when there is a need. I would also like to have more veterans appointed to the Hampshire Hilltown Veterans' Council. Once we have more members on our council we will be able to utilize their talents to become more active in our veteran communities. We would also like to support our local veterans' clubs in their efforts in making a positive impact in our towns.

In closing, community outreach is paramount to accomplishing our mission at Central Hampshire Veterans' Services. If you would like me to attend a community event, please send an invitation email to: vetadmin@northamptonma.gov. I will do my best to attend all events for which I receive an invitation as my schedule permits. You may also mail an invitation to:

Central Hampshire Veterans' Services
Memorial Hall
240 Main Street, Room 4
Northampton, MA 01060

For any questions or to schedule an appointment with me, please call 413-587-1299. As always feel free to stop by and see me during my regularly scheduled hilltown hours.

Best regards,
Tom Geryk, Veterans' Agent

Water and Sewer Commission

The Williamsburg Water and Sewer Commission usually meet every other Tuesday at 7:00 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.

We have three certified water operators and are expecting another member to get their certification. If anyone has an interest to serve on the board, please send a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen, the Water Sewer Commission or the Town Clerk.

The Board saw a long term member resign in 2014. Walter "Sam" Kellogg resigned due to some health issues. The board lost a vast amount of knowledge and expertise with his resignation. He will be missed. We wish him a happy retirement. We gained new member Eric Cerreta to fill the vacancy.

We had some total coliform bacteria issues with our water in 2014. Total coliform bacteria is a naturally occurring bacteria that is always present but when there is an increase in this type of bacteria it could indicate a more severe issue. There were no other issues but due to this presence, we are being mandated to chlorinate our town water. We are trying to remedy this but there are no guarantees. Chlorination will continue until further notice.

Meters are read every spring and fall. Bills are sent twice a year. If we are unable to get a reading, your bill will be estimated for your usage. We are in the process of replacing all the water meters with new radio read meters and new software. This will make it much easier to do water meter readings. This started in 2014 and will continue in 2015. The town owns the meters and does have the right to access them and change them as needed. If you have not been called to set up a time to change your meter, you will be. Please work with us as we make this transition.

We had several water main leaks that were detected and repaired this past year. If you see large amounts of leaking water from the street, please notify us. We also replaced several water valves along Route 9.

There have been some issues with dogs up at the water protection area off of Roger Bisbee Way where the tanks are located. PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOGS. This is a water protection area. If we find that people are not picking up after their pets, we will have to close this area off for anyone to walk. Also, there is NO PARKING up at the tanks anywhere along this access road. If your vehicle is found parked there, it is subject to being towed. This is a water protection area and we want to maintain the integrity of the quality of our water. Thank you for your cooperation.

Again, we would like to remind you to check for leaky faucets including outdoor faucets, toilets, sill cocks, showers, washing machine hoses, etc., around your home. 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.

Respectfully submitted,
William Turner, Acting Chairman

Woodland Trails Committee

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

Goals of the committee

- To identify existing trails in town
- Work with public and private landowners to improve trails for appropriate community use
- Develop a coalition of all trail users (including hikers, skiers, snowmobilers, ATVers, bikers and equestrians) interested in maintaining and improving Williamsburg's trails
- Organize and lead hikes on local trails
- Strengthen the bonds of our community through this effort



The committee met with the Conservation Commission and Lincoln Fish of Bay State Forestry Service to discuss their plan of completing an invasive plant survey and eradication program on town conservation properties. They proceeded with a Forest Stewardship Management plan for the Briar Hill Conservation Area. WWTC offered to assist in the volunteer aspect of the invasive species control

The committee has benefited from Hilltown Land Trust, Mass LIFT (Land Initiative for Tomorrow)–AmeriCorps partner volunteers. The primary project of our spring-fall partner was to assist in the planning and construction of trailhead kiosks for the HLT Bradley and Breckenridge properties and to outfit them with interpretive and informational materials. Our HLT partner also organized a workday at the Breckenridge property and arranged a presentation on local moose population studies by Dave Wattles of UMass, held on May 28, at the Meekins Library. In November we welcomed a new HLT partner who presented project ideas for her winter-summer session with us.

We met with Jonah Keane, new director of Mass Audubon's Connecticut River Valley Sanctuaries, to discuss possible ideas utilizing our involvement with Mass Audubon properties in Williamsburg.

The group initiated and participated in a town sponsored CPR-first aid course.

Members collaborated with a HRHS student intern who has graduated and has continued to instruct members on the development of interactive trail maps for our website.

Our budget was used to purchase sign making templates, trailhead signs, tools used specifically for trail construction and maintenance, and for promotion of our trails through our website, Facebook and printed materials.

2014 Hikes

- First Day Hike, at Petticoat Hill Reservation and Locke's Loop
- Full Moon Hike, February 14, at Mass Audubon Graves Farm Sanctuary, cancelled due to snow
- High Ridge Hike, October 26, three to four hour hike from Henhawk Trail parking to High Ridge and surrounding area

Trail Maintenance

In the spring each member surveyed a town trail for clean-up and maintenance needs. Then the following projects were accomplished.

- Individuals from the committee worked to clean up winter debris, refresh blazes, post signage and perform chainsaw and drainage work on trails.
- A trail guidelines sign was produced for the Big View Trail, which the landowner will install.
- On June 21, a workday organized by our HLT partner was held at the HLT Breckenridge property. Members of WWTC, HLT and volunteers completed bridge and bog bridge construction and installation.

Using Williamsburg's trails

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee

Committee members: Paul Jahnige, chair, Gwen Blodgett, Dwight Baghdoyan. Andrew Gould, John Hoogstraten, Eileen Keegan, Diane Merritt

Zoning Board of Appeals

The current members of the ZBA are Osa Flory, Gerald Mann, Donald Turner, and alternate members Charles Dudek and Marcianna Caplis. All of our members are active in the Williamsburg community and serve on other boards and committees in addition to their ZBA service. We have found this interaction to be valuable, as applications for Special Permits and Variances invariably have related issues with other boards and committees. Several of our members currently serve on the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, and Shade Tree Committee. An example of this interaction is a recent application for a Special Permit to operate a manufacturing facility. Due to the size of the proposed facility a site plan review by the Planning Board and a public hearing conducted by both Boards are required. The property upon which this facility is located also presented an issue which required a site visit by the Conservation Commission. The necessary exchange of information among committees and boards was greatly facilitated.

The ZBA can only issue a binding finding or decision after a public hearing, which must be preceded by mailings to abutters and advertising in a newspaper. We recognize that this process can be costly to the applicant and have held informal meetings with potential applicants to review the relevant sections of the Zoning Bylaw and its applicability to the proposed project. Any potential applicant is encouraged to meet with us for an informal discussion of their proposed project. Louis Hasbrouck, our Zoning Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector, attended several meetings and was extremely helpful. Subjects discussed included the possible conversion of a commercial space into residential apartments, operating a retail farm stand, and operation of a wedding and banquet venue.

In the past year we have issued a permit authorizing a common driveway and permitted the expansion of two single family homes to include an accessory apartment

We would like to thank Brenda Lessard, who serves as our Secretary, assures that we stay within all time constraints and fulfills the required postings and notifications.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION FORM

Residents interested in serving on any of these boards or committees can apply by filling out this form and forwarding it to the Selectmen:

Town Government Talent Bank
c/o Board of Selectmen
PO Box 447, Haydenville, MA 01039-0447

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Occupation _____

Telephone # _____ Email _____

Background _____

Brief description of boards or committees you have served on, if any, or any talents you may have

Number in the order of your preference

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ADA Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Control/Dog Officer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Inspector | <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Constable | <input type="checkbox"/> Council on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Manager | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Field Driver |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Firefighter | <input type="checkbox"/> Flag Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Day Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Mill River Greenway |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space & Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Poll Worker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registrar of Voters | <input type="checkbox"/> Shade Tree Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town Birthday Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer Station Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans' Day Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans' Memorial | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Driver for the Elderly | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland Trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board of Appeals | <input type="checkbox"/> Town Parks Beautification Volunteers (Deadheads) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Dispensing Site Volunteer
(No Medical Background Needed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

THE FOLLOWING ARE ELECTED POSITIONS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Assessor | <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Library Trustees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elector, Oliver Smith Will | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Hampshire COG Councillor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HRHS School Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Local School Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Moderator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Selectmen | <input type="checkbox"/> Town Clerk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> Trust Fund/Cemetery Comm. | <input type="checkbox"/> Water & Sewer Commission |

