

Town of
Williamsburg
Massachusetts



2015
Annual Report

Nicholas Dines



The Williamsburg Board of Selectmen dedicates the 2015 Annual Town Report to Nicholas Dines. His contributions and commitment to his community are evident every day in every season as we live and engage in our town center.

Nick, a former professor of Landscape Architecture at University of Massachusetts Amherst and author of *Landscape Design and Construction Technology*, served on the Planning Board for five years (from 1996 to 2001) and the Arts Council for six years (from 1981 to 1987). His expertise in landscape design and his artistic talents made his work in these positions invaluable. However, it

is his passion for public landscape design and his commitment to Williamsburg for which he is best known within town government.

In the past, the center of Williamsburg was a place to get in and out of or just to get through; now it is a place to stop, meet friends, bump into neighbors, stroll along the sidewalk amid the flowers, sit and soak up the movement of the town on a bench, and take in a concert or a just a moment for reflection at Angel Park or at the Veterans' Memorial. It is a dynamic change in the way we see and participate in our community, and it is thanks to Nick Dines.

During the Route 9 reconstruction project, Nick worked closely with Mass DOT to redesign the center, creating necessary parking for local businesses and slowing traffic down as it entered the village center. He established and planted approximately 800 feet of flowers, low-growing shrubs and trees along the Route 9 corridor, which bloom from spring through late fall under his diligent care. He designed the grounds of the renovated Meekins Library and created the patio with the spectacular views of the Mill River. He designed, organized, and carried out the repair of the Veterans' Memorial, and designed and created the peaceful reflection space called Angel Park. In addition, Nick is an important member of the Mill River Greenway Committee (2012 to present). This is just a brief summary of what has taken decades of Nick's time and devotion.

Nick is an active and enthusiastic volunteer who will tell you that he didn't accomplish this all on his own. There are many dedicated volunteers who donated and continue to donate their time and energy, businesses that donated material, equipment, and gave funds to achieve all these wonderful creations. However, it is in speaking with those who know and who have worked with Nick that you get a clear understanding of who Nick Dines is to so many. When people speak about him it is with great respect and admiration. He is a visionary leader with unflagging energy and an incredible work ethic. He has the ability to inspire those around him and bring together groups of people to complete complicated projects. The town owes a great debt to Nick: he has changed the way we view and participate in our community.

Thank you, Nick, for your dedication, commitment and inspiration to our community.

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Cows - Agricultural Commission
Angel Park - Nick Dines
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Mill River dam disaster 1874 - Historical Commission
Solar array - West Boylston Municipal Light Plant
Fire Lieutenant Robin Merritt - Fire Department
Highway truck - Chris Tautznik
Mountain St. District schoolhouse 1904 - Historical Commission
Library May Faire - Katie Krol
Mill River Greenway - Dodson & Flinker
Public Safety Complex - Drummey Rosane Anderson Inc.
School plaques - Williamsburg Schools
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Government Officials

Select Board

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Denise Banister
William Sayre

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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 9:00-3:00, Friday by appointment
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, Tuesday 8:30-3:30 Thursday 9:00-2:00 (and evening hours in summer)
ASSESSORS Robin Rosewarne, (413) 268-8403	Tuesday 9:00-11:00, 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 Nylde Weeks, (413) 268-9326	Meals served Monday through Thursday at 11:45
VETERANS' AGENT Tom Geryk, (413) 587-1299	Monday 2:00-4:00
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
TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING CENTER (413) 268-8408	27 Mountain Street, Haydenville Hours: 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 8:30-12:00

Board Meeting Schedules

Agricultural Commission	Four times a year, months vary, 2 nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Assessors	Weekly, Tuesday 9:00 a.m.–11:00, 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, morning meeting, times vary
Energy Committee	Varies
Finance Committee	Various Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.
Board of Health	2 nd and 4 th Mondays, 2:00 p.m. (hours vary)
Hilltown Resource Management	Every other month, 3 rd Monday, 7:00 p.m., location varies
Library Trustees	Monthly, 2 nd Monday, at Meekins Library 7:00 pm
Open Space Committee	Monthly, varies, often 3 rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
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)
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. 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.

2015 Elected Officials

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	
Assessors			
Peter Shumway	3 year	2017	
Denise Banister	3 years	2018	
Glen Everett	3 years	2016	
Board of Health			
Donna Gibson	3 years	2016	
Helen Symons	3 years	2017	
Gordon Luce	2 years	2018	
Board of Library Trustees			
<i>Anne Haxo</i>	3 years	2016	<i>resigned 8/2015</i>
Cynthia Barker	1 year	2016	<i>appointed 9/2015</i>
Eileen Stewart	3 years	2016	
Patricia Billingsley	3 years	2017	
Robert Stinson	3 years	2017	
Joan Coryat	3 years	2018	
Jon Gould	3 years	2018	
Electors – Oliver Smith Will			
Eric Cerreta	1 year	2016	
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. Wetzell	3 years	2017	
<i>Robert Buchele</i>	3 years	2015	<i>term expired 6/2015</i>
<i>Walter (Kim) Boas</i>	3 years	2015	<i>term expired 6/2015</i>
Eric Cerreta	3 years	2018	
Charles Dudek	3 years	2018	<i>elected 7/2015</i>
Steven Romanowski	3 years	2018	<i>elected 7/2015</i>
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	
Paul Rudof	3 years	2017	
Kayla Gilman Solomon	3 years	2018	

Moderator

Joseph Larkin	1 year	2016
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Recreation

Alan Golash	3 years	2016	
Jessica Lockwood	3 years	2016	<i>resigned 4/2015</i>
John O'Sullivan	3 years	2017	
Pam Plumer	3 years	2017	
Gary Benoit	3 years	2015	<i>term expired 6/2015</i>
Collin Black	3 years	2018	

Regional School Committee

David P. Nardi	3 years	2017
Diane Bishop	3 years	2018
Carl Schlerman	2 years	2016

Board of Selectmen

David Mathers	3 years	2016	
Denise Banister	3 years	2017	
William Sayre	3 years	2018	<i>elected 2/2015</i>

Town Clerk

Brenda Lessard	3 years	2016
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Treasurer

Nathan Rosewarne	3 years	2016
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Trust Fund/Cemetery Commission

Eric Weber	3 years	2018
Dick Kisloski	3 years	2016
Collin Black	3 years	2017

Water/Sewer Commission

James Hyslip	3 years	2016	
Eric Cerreta	3 years	2016	
Don Hultman	2 years	2017	<i>appointed 4/2015</i>
Jerry Roberge	3 years	2017	
Kenneth Taylor	3 years	2017	<i>resigned 2/2015</i>
William Turner	3 years	2018	

2015 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	2016	
Agricultural Commission (5)			
Alan Everett	3 years	2017	
Meg Taylor	3 years	2017	
Amanda Emerson	3 years	2018	
Keith Dufresne	3 years	2016	
Paul Zononi	3 years	2016	
Tom Coughlin, Alternate	1 year	2016	
Andrew Erwin, Alternate	1 year	2016	
David Nehring, Alternate	1 year	2016	
Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator			
Charlene Nardi	1 year	2016	
Animal Control Officer			
Shayla Howe	1 year	2016	
<i>Warren Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>term expired 6/2015</i>
Danielle Grenier	1 year	2016	appointed 2/2015
Animal Inspector			
Donald Lawton	1 year	2016	
Assessors' Clerk			
<i>Dolores Thornhill</i>			Appointed by Assessors <i>resigned 4/2015</i>
Robin Rosewarne			appointed 7/2015
Assistant Town Treasurer			
Karen Karowski	1 year	2016	Appointed by Treasurer
Brassworks Reuse Committee (3)			
Richard Kisloski	1 year	2016	Appointed by Finance
Peter Mahieu	1 year	2016	Appointed by Planning Board
Jeffrey Ciuffreda	1 year	2016	
Building Inspector			
Louis Hasbrouck	1 year	2016	Contract City of Northampton

Building Repurposing Committee (9)

Gordon Allen	1 year	2016
Barbara Ferrante Bricker	1 year	2016
Jeff Ciuffreda	1 year	2016
Paul Dunphy	1 year	2016
Michael Lamothe	1 year	2016
John Pohanka	1 year	2016
Eileen Stewart	1 year	2016
Fran Tilley	1 year	2016
Vacancy	1 year	

Building Supervisor

James Locke	1 year	2016
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Capital Planning Committee (5 plus Advisory)

<i>Robert Buchele</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>term expired 6/2015</i>
Christopher Morris	1 year	2016	Appointed by Finance
Richard Kisloski	1 year	2016	Appointed by Finance
Jeffrey Ciuffreda	3 years	2017	
Mitch Cichy	3 years	2018	
<i>Charles Dudek</i>	<i>3 years</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>resigned 9/2015</i>
Melissa Zawadzki	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	2018	
<i>Gerald Mann</i>	<i>3 years</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>resigned 4/2015</i>
<i>Robert Stinson</i>	<i>3 years</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>resigned 4/2015</i>
Mary Dudek	3 years	2018	appointed 4/2015
Andrew MacLachlan	1 year	2016	appointed 4/2015
Joseph Rogers	3 years	2016	

Constables (4)

Jason Connell	3 years	2017	
<i>Gordon (Rusty) Luce</i>	<i>3 years</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>resigned 6/2015</i>
Greg Smith	2 years	2017	appointed 6/2015

Wilbur Loomis	3 years	2018	
Paul Sanderson	3 years	2018	
Council on Aging (9)			
James Cahillane	3 years	2017	
Eleanor "Jane" Elovirta	3 years	2017	
Lawrence West	3 years	2017	
Susan Farrell	3 years	2018	
Margaret Ricci	3 years	2018	appointed 6/2015
Vacancy	3 years	2018	
Daria D'Arienzo	3 years	2016	
Fred Goodhue	3 years	2016	
Fran Tilley	3 years	2016	
Mary Lee Satterfield, Emerita	Lifetime		appointed Emerita 4/2015
Glen Goebel, Associate	1 year	2016	
Council on Aging Senior Center Staff			
Marie Westburg, Director	1 year	2016	
Frances M. Goebel, Outreach Coord.	1 year	2016	
Nylda Weeks, Mealsite Coordinator	1 year	2016	
Sharon Loomis, Admin. Asst.	1 year	2016	
Cultural Council (5)			
Michele Morales-Wolk	3 years	2017	
Mary Dudek	3 years	2017	
Charles Dudek	3 years	2018	
<i>Catherine Carija</i>	<i>3 years</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>term expired 6/2015</i>
Henrietta Wallace	3 years	2018	appointed 6/2015
Sean Mallari	3 years	2016	
Emergency Management Director			
Denise Banister	1 year	2016	
Jason Connell, Assistant	1 year	2016	
Energy Committee (5)			
Kim Boas	1 year	2016	
Charles Dudek	1 year	2016	
Mary Dudek	1 year	2016	
Gerald Mann	1 year	2016	
Rob Stinson	1 year	2016	
Field Driver			
Shayla Howe	1 year	2016	

Fire Chief/Forest Fire Warden

Jason Connell	1 year	2016
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Firefighters

Donald Turner – Assistant Chief	1 year	2016
<i>Eric Cerreta – Deputy Chief</i>		<i>resigned 8/2015</i>
Daryl Springman – Deputy Chief		promoted 8/2015
James Ferron – Captain		
Robert Lapointe – Captain		
Cory McGill – Captain		promoted 8/2015
Paul Sanderson – Lieutenant		
Robin Merritt – Lieutenant		promoted 2/2015
Worth Noyes – Chaplain (Police & Fire)		

Call Firefighters

Melissa Borchardt	Bartholomew Casey	Eric Cerreta	Michael Cerreta
Daniel Daley	Nicholas Denno	Greg Dibrindisi	Alan Everett
Glen Everett	Amanda Flechsig	Terrence Foley	Bryan Joyce
Richard Karowski	Riley Liptak	Jake Lulek	Douglass McGill
Zachary Moran	Drew Morse	Chris Packard	John Pope
Shawna Rogers			

Retired Firefighters

Peter Banister	Roger Bisbee	Jeremiah Pelkey	Donald Lawton
Kenneth Taylor			

Consultants to Fire Department

Daniel Banister	Tim McQueston
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Junior Firefighters

Nicholas Curtin	Joshua Lapointe	Connor Payson
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Firefighters are appointed by the Fire Chief

Flag Committee

Jim Cahillane	1 year	2016
Jeffrey Ciuffreda	1 year	2016
Jen Reagan	1 year	2016
Lisa Tucker	1 year	2016
<i>Joy Kinigstein</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>2016 resigned 8/2015</i>

Gas Inspector

Donald Lawton	1 year	2016
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Highland Ambulance Board of Directors

<i>Christopher Smith</i>	Appointed by Highland Amb <i>deceased 8/2015</i>
Leslie Smith	appointed 9/2015

Highway Superintendent

William Turner	1 year	2016
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Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative

Gordon Luce	1 year	2016
Paul Wetzel	1 year	2016

Historical Commission (5)

Mary Bisbee	3 years	2016
Sandra Ginsburg	3 years	2017
Steve Herzberg	3 years	2017
Ralmon Black	3 years	2018
Eric Weber	3 years	2018

Materials Recycling Facility Advisory Board

Kathleen Casey		
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Appointed by MRF

Measurer Gravel/Soil and Manure

Wilbur Loomis	1 year	2016
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Mill River Greenway Committee (11)

Eric Bloomquist	1 year	2016	
Nick Dines	1 year	2016	
<i>Carol Duke</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>appt 4/2016, res 9/2015</i>
Mary Dudek	1 year	2016	
John Hoogstraten	1 year	2016	
Jim Hyslip	1 year	2016	
Gaby Immerman	1 year	2016	
Mimi Kaplan	1 year	2016	appointed 12/2015
Joseph Rogers	1 year	2016	
<i>Rob Stinson</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>term expired 6/2015</i>
J.M. Sorrell	1 year	2016	appointed 6/2015
Lisa Tucker	1 year	2016	appointed 7/2015
Lawrence West	1 year	2016	
Emmet Anderson, Ad Hoc Associate	1 year	2016	

Open Space and Recreation Committee (7)

Eric Bloomquist	1 year	2016
Kenley Clark	1 year	2016
Roz Driscoll	1 year	2016
Sally Loomis	1 year	2016
Vacancy	1 year	
Vacancy	1 year	
Vacancy	1 year	

Parking Clerk			
Charlene Nardi	1 year	2016	
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission			
Robert Barker (commissioner)	1 year	2016	Appointed by Planning Bd
Stephen Snow (alternate)	1 year	2016	
Pioneer Valley Joint Transportation Committee			
William Turner	1 year	2016	
Vacancy – alternate	1 year		
Planning Board (7)			
Robert Barker	5 years	2019	
Steven Romanowski	5 years	2020	appointed 9/2015
Stephen Smith	5 years	2016	
Stephen Snow	5 years	2016	
Kathleen McKeown	5 years	2017	appointed 11/2015
Jim Locke	5 years	2018	
Charles Dudek	5 years	2018	
Plumbing Inspector			
Donald Lawton	1 year	2016	
Police and Fire Chaplain			
Worth Noyes	1 year	2016	
Police Chief			
Denise Wickland	Contract		
Police Officers			
Jason Soukup, Sergeant	1 year	2016	promoted 6/2015
Michael Wayne, Corporal	1 year	2016	promoted 8/2015
Jason Graham	1 year	2016	
Bryan Luszczki	1 year	2016	
Aubrey Malo	1 year	2016	appointed 9/2015
Greg Smith	1 year	2016	appointed 9/2015
<i>Kevin Cardonne, Sergeant</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>resigned 6/2015</i>
<i>Andrew Monts</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>resigned 6/2015</i>
<i>Sabrina Willard, Special/Reserve Officer</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>resigned 6/2015</i>
Procurement Officer			
Charlene Nardi	1 year	2016	
Public Safety Complex Committee (11)			
Dan Banister	1 year	2016	
Denise Banister	1 year	2016	

Jason Connell	1 year	2016	
Louis Hasbrouck	1 year	2016	
Dick Kisloski	1 year	2016	
Don Lawton	1 year	2016	
Peter Mahieu	1 year	2016	
Daryl Springman	1 year	2016	
Bill Sayre	1 year	2016	
Michael Wayne	1 year	2016	
Denise Wickland	1 year	2016	
PVTA Representative			
Jeffrey Ciuffreda	1 year	2016	
Registrar of Voters			
Brenda Lessard	3 years	2016	
Jean York	3 years	2016	
Marjorie Dunphy	3 years	2017	
Diane O'Sullivan	3 years	2018	
School Building Committee			
Jeff Gelbard			
Stacey Jenkins			
Craig Jurgensen			
Jim Locke			
David Mathers			
Nancy Millette			
Jim Moran			
Charlene Nardi			
John Pohanka			
Bill Sayre			
Paul Wetzel			
<i>Shade Tree Committee (3)</i>			
<i>Anne Bussler</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>resigned 5/2015</i>
<i>Osa Flory</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>resigned 5/2015</i>
<i>John Kuzeja, Jr.</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>resigned 2/2015</i>
Surveyor Wood/Lumber			
Alden Bacon	1 year	2016	
Technology Committee (3)			
Tom Adams	1 year	2016	
David Chase	1 year	2016	
David Nardi	1 year	2016	

Town Administrator			
Charlene Nardi	Contract		
Tree Warden/Gypsy Moth Superintendent			
<i>Shade Tree Committee</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>resigned 5/2015</i>
William Turner	1 year	2016	
Trench Permit Granting Authority			
William Turner	1 year	2016	
Veterans' Agent			
City of Northampton	Contract		
Steve Connor			
Tom Geryk			
Veterans' Memorial Committee (3)			
Gordon Cranston	1 year	2016	
James LeBeau	1 year	2016	
Joseph Russo	1 year	2016	
<i>Edward Roberts</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>term expired 6/2015</i>
Tom Geryk, ex officio	1 year	2016	
Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee (9)			
Dwight Baghdoyan	1 yr	2016	
Gwen Blodgett	1 year	2016	
Andrew Gould	1 year	2016	
John Hoogstraten	1 year	2016	
Paul Jahnige	1 year	2016	
Eileen Keegan	1 year	2016	
Sarah LaPointe	1 year	2016	appointed 4/2015
Diane Merritt	1 year	2016	
Vacancy			
Wiring Inspector			
Roger Malo	1 year	2016	Contract City of Northampton
Zoning Board of Appeals (3)			
Gerald Mann	3 years	2017	
Charles Dudek	3 years	2018	
Osa Flory	3 years	2016	
<i>Donald Turner</i>	<i>3 years</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>term expired 6/2015</i>
Marcianna Caplis (alternate)	1 year	2016	

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 past year has been slightly quieter with some requests and busier with others.

The VIP vital records online portal has been expanded to include all the births going back to 1987 and will be expanded further in 2016 to include all the births from 1953 forward. The death portal has sped up the time that the town receives a death certificate and the state receives the information from the towns regarding deaths and births.

Vital Statistics

This year was a year that saw 26 people of a wide range of ages who passed away. Our condolences go out to the families that have lost a loved one. May their memories stay in their families' hearts forever.

Deaths:

The following deaths were recorded in Williamsburg in 2015:

Lawrence, James Christal, son of Mary Love & Ashton Lawrence. Born in New London, CT, on December 23, 1948. Date of death was January 16, 2015, in Boston, MA. Lived at 85 Mountain Street, Haydenville.

Bennett, Charles E., son of Rita Alice Doherty & Charles S. Bennett. Born in Holyoke, MA, on April 16, 1930. Date of death was February 20, 2015, in East Longmeadow, MA. Lived at 33 South Street, Williamsburg.

Burns, James Pierce, son of Mabel Blackmoore & Zeivas Taylor Burns. Born in New York, NY, on October 5, 1927. Date of death was March 4, 2015, in Northampton, MA. Lived at 7 Nash Hill Place, Unit 108, Williamsburg.

Beliveau, Ernest Eldric, son of Olive Tessier & William Beliveau. Born in Northampton, MA, on October 2, 1913. Date of death was March 8, 2015, in Northampton, MA. Lived at 7 Nash Hill Place, Williamsburg.

Ingellis, Jeanette F., daughter of Gladys Ducharme & Charles Baldwin. Born in Williamsburg, MA, on July 10, 1931. Date of death was March 18, 2015, in Northampton, MA. Lived at 2 North Farms Road, Haydenville.

Sojka, Sandra C., daughter of Clemence Desrosiers & Joseph Traceski. Born in Springfield, MA, on September 28, 1940. Date of death was March 23, 2015, in Northampton, MA. Lived at 7 Nash Hill Place, Williamsburg.

Simmons, Rose, daughter of Azniv Vahanian & Paul Melikian. Born in Providence, RI, on April 4, 1927. Date of death was May 8, 2015, in Williamsburg, MA. Lived at 53 Village Hill Road, Williamsburg.



Lulek, Charles J., son of Agnes Trombley & Chester Lulek. Born in Rutland, VT, on December 9, 1959. Date of death was May 22, 2015 in Northampton, MA. Lived at 92 Main Street, Haydenville.

Cote, Walter E., son of Mary McSweeney & Walter Cote. Born in Williamsburg, MA, on July 26, 1934. Date of death was May 30, 2015, in Hadley, MA. Lived at 7 Nash Hill Place, Williamsburg.

LaCasse, Leo Albert, son of Stella Kulas & Albert A. LaCasse. Born in Williamsburg, MA, on March 11, 1930. Date of death was June 28, 2015, in Northampton, MA. Lived at 69 Petticoat Hill Road, Williamsburg.

Childs, Kenneth William, son of Bernice Ann Golash & George Malcolm Childs. Born in Northampton, MA, on May 3, 1952. Date of death was July 11, 2015, in Boston, MA. Lived at 14 Kingsley Avenue, Haydenville.

Collins, Gary Daniel, son of Mabel Elizabeth Herman & Elmer Daniel Collins. Born in Northampton, MA, on December 4, 1952. Date of death was July 12, 2015, in Williamsburg, MA. Lived at 491 Bridge Road, Northampton, MA.

Gulow, James Edward, son of Irene Menton & Henry Gulow. Born in Northampton, MA, on February 15, 1933. Date of death was July 17, 2015, in Williamsburg, MA. Lived at 44 Nash Hill Road, Williamsburg.

Ingellis, Matthew, son of Angella Pouglese & Vitangelo Ingellis. Born in Williamsburg, MA, on December 11, 1927. Date of death was August 5, 2015, in Northampton, MA. Lived at 2 North Farms Road, Haydenville.

Bixby, William J., son of Dorothy Desonie & Frederick Bixby Jr. Born in Northampton, MA, on March 14, 1961. Date of death was August 12, 2015, in Northampton, MA. Lived at 67 Village Hill Road, Williamsburg.

Smith, Christopher G., son of Bessie Wood & Albert Smith. Born in Worcester, MA, on October 4, 1931. Date of death was August 15, 2015, in Northampton, MA. Lived at 103 Petticoat Hill Road, Williamsburg.

Gabrielson, Mary, daughter of Janet Putnam & Lunsford Oliver. Born in Juneau, AK, on October 5, 1924. Date of death was August 16, 2015, in Williamsburg, MA. Lived at 85 Old Goshen Road, Williamsburg.

Lockwood, Arolyn Winona, daughter of Arolyn Prouty & Robert Mathers. Born in Williamsburg, MA, on January 30, 1927. Date of death was August 24, 2015, in Northampton, MA. Lived at 53 Hyde Hill Road, Williamsburg.

Rose, Donald D., son of Audrey Williams & Joseph Rose. Born in New York, NY, on November 25, 1924. Date of death was September 1, 2015, in Williamsburg, MA. Lived at 54B Mountain Street, Haydenville.

Edwards, Elsie L., daughter of Myrtel Copping & James Foster. Born in Braintree, VT, on November 16, 1926. Date of death was September 7, 2015, in Williamsburg, MA. Lived at 1 Kellogg Road, Haydenville.

Bowen, Kenneth, son of Edith Bingenheimer & W. Mason Bowen. Born in Niagra Falls, NY, on July 19, 1919. Date of death was September 22, 2015, in Williamsburg, MA. Lived at 34 Village Hill Road, Williamsburg.

Liebowitz, Robert, son of Freda & Louis Liebowitz. Born in Springfield, MA, on January 8, 1937. Date of death was October 7, 2015, in Amherst, MA. Lived at 80 Petticoat Hill Road, Williamsburg.

Maclachlan Jr., Robert Francis, son of Marjorie Snyder & Robert Maclachlan. Born in Mansfield, MA, on July 13, 1930. Date of death was October 17, 2015, in Northampton, MA. Lived at 21 Unquomonk Road, Williamsburg.

Vaughan, Mary Leitch, daughter of Elizabeth Segar Hinkle & Woodrow Wilson Vaughan. Born in Bochum, Germany, on May 1, 1953. Date of death was November 20, 2015, in Amherst, MA. Lived at 182 Main Street, Haydenville.

O'Brien, Marjorie S., daughter of Elenor McDonald & Bartholomew Sullivan. Born in Holyoke, MA, on October 30, 1950. Date of death was December 12, 2015, in Williamsburg, MA. Lived at 7 North Street, Williamsburg.

Tripp, James A., son of Thelma S. McHugh & James E. Tripp. Born in Takoma Park, MD, on February 12, 1948. Date of death was December 20, 2015, in Northampton, MA. Lived at 10 Dewey Circle, Haydenville.

Marriages:

Eleven couples took out marriage intentions. May they be blessed with a lifetime of love & marital bliss!

The following Marriages were recorded in Williamsburg in 2015:

Rose Baghdady Ganim, from Williamsburg, and Sarah Diane Haessler, from Williamsburg, were married on February 15, 2015, in Williamsburg.

Gina Frances Vernava, from Williamsburg, and Joann Streaman, from Williamsburg, were married on May 11, 2015, in Williamsburg.

Michael Joseph LaFrance, from Williamsburg, and Victoria Jean Schantz, from Williamsburg, were married on May 23, 2015, in Great Barrington.

Roberta Elizabeth Knox, from Williamsburg, and Michael Lynn Knox, from Tioga, TX, were married on June 20, 2015, in Williamsburg.

Eric Michael Mosher, from Watertown, NY, and Hannah Danielle Dodge, from Millers Falls, MA were married on July 16, 2015 in Greenfield.

Kenneth Paul Duda, from Williamsburg, and Katelyn Reginna Kajka, from Williamsburg, were married on August 21, 2015, in Williamsburg.

Zachary Joseph Westgate, from Chesterfield, and Tara Suzanne Hoffman, from Chesterfield, were married on August 29, 2015, in Chesterfield.



Marissa Sajan Punwani, from Williamsburg, and Daniel Philip Nye, from Williamsburg, were married on September 26, 2015, in Holyoke.

Scott Anthony Simonelli, from Williamsburg, and Nicole Marie Papagno, from Williamsburg, were married on October 2, 2015, in Whately.

Sarah Kathryn Belote, from Williamsburg, and Peita Rackael King, from Williamsburg, were married on December 18, 2015, in Williamsburg.

Joy Ann Battey, from Northampton, and Donald Warren Turner, from Williamsburg, were married on December 24, 2015, in Worthington.

Births:

There were 13 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 2015).

2015 Events		Births	Deaths	Marriages
	Male	7	18	
	Female	6	8	
	Total	13	26	11

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	431
Total Kennel Licenses Issued	6



Annual Permits, Licenses & Filings 2015

Marriage Intentions	11
Vital Records – Birth, Death, Marriage	162
Business Certificates	11
Pole Hearings	1
Underground Storage Tanks	6
Raffle Permits	0
Tag Sales/Craft Fairs	5
Auctioneer License	0
Burial Permits	7

2015 Town Meetings and Elections

It was a somewhat quieter year for town meetings and elections. All elections were held at the Town Offices at 141 Main Street in Haydenville, while the Annual Town Meeting was held at the Anne T. Dunphy School in the gymnasium. I am enjoying having the elections at Town Offices. It is nice to see residents come in and it makes the work of an election easier to have my records available. 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 am expecting an extremely busy year in 2016 for elections. I also wish to thank my constables for their help in making sure the elections run smoothly. A big thank you goes to my Voter Registrars: Jean York, Diane O’Sullivan and Margie Dunphy. 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. I am expecting an extremely busy year in 2016 for elections.

TOTAL OF REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF 12/31/2015								
Party or Designation	Democrat	Republican	Green Rainbow	United Independent	Unenrolled	Libertarian	Socialist	Grand Total
	765	116	8	7	1040	2	1	1939

ELECTION TYPE	DATE
Special Town Election	February 2, 2015
Annual Town Caucus	March 9, 2015
Annual Town Election	May 4, 2015
Annual Town Meeting	June 1, 2015
Special Town Meeting	December 7, 2015

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 & Haydenville for the upcoming year and hopefully many more into the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Lessard

Williamsburg Town Clerk

Minutes of the Special Election February 2, 2015

The polls were open at 10:00 a.m. and closed at 7:00 p.m. at 141 Main Street, Haydenville, MA. The following were the results of the election.

Wardens: Kathy Luce
 Registered Voters: 1915
 Absentee Ballots: 5 Mailed, 4 returned, 4 cast
 Votes Tallied by Accu-vote: 357
 Total Ballots Cast: 357 (18.6%)

Board of Selectmen

Blanks: 0
 Richard Kisloski: 33
 William Sayre: 273 E
 Robert Parker: 51
 Write-In: 0

Filed: February 3, 2015

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

Brenda Lessard, Williamsburg Town Clerk

Certificate of Nomination – Town Caucus 2015

We certify that a caucus of qualified voters (quorum 40) of the Town of Williamsburg was called and held in accordance with the provisions of law relating thereto, at the Williamsburg Town Offices, 141 Main Street on the Ninth day of March 2015, and the following nominations of Candidates for Town Offices were made:

The Town Clerk, Brenda Lessard, called the meeting to order at 7:02 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	Denise Banister	54 Old Goshen Road	Signed by same
BOARD OF HEALTH	3	Gordon Luce	26 North Farms Road	Signed by same
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES	3	Joan Coryat	109 Nash Hill Road	Signed by same
	3	Jon Gould	14 Nash Hill Road	Signed by same

ELECTOR-OLIVER SMITH WILL	1	Eric Cerreta	157 Main Street	Signed by same
FINANCE COMMITTEE	3	Eric Cerreta	157 Main Street	Signed by same
	3	Charles Dudek	12 Old Goshen Road	Signed by same
	3	Steven Romanowski	22 Fairfield Avenue	Signed by same
LOCAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3	Kayla Gilman Solomon	57 South Street	Signed by same
MODERATOR	1	Joseph Larkin	3 Judd Lane	Signed by same
RECREATION COMMISSION	3	Vacant		
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3	Diane Bishop	179 Main Street	Signed by same
SELECTMAN	3	William Sayre	51 Conway Road	Signed by same
TRUST FUND/CEMETERY COMMISSION	3	Eric Weber	107 Petticoat Hill Rd	Signed by same
WATER/SEWER COMMISSION	3	William Turner	21 Lawton Hill Road	Signed by same
WATER/SEWER COMMISSION	1	Eric Cerreta	157 Main Street	Signed by same
WATER/SEWER COMMISSION	2	Donald Hultman	26 Petticoat Hill 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 7:10 p.m.

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

Filed March 12, 2015

A TRUE COPY ATTEST BRENDA LESSARD, TOWN CLERK

Minutes of Annual Town Election May 4, 2015

Polling Place: Williamsburg Town Office 141 Main Street Haydenville, MA Polling Hours: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm.	Warrant Signed – 4/2/2015	Warden – Kathleen Luce
	Warrant Posted – 4/7/2015	Constables:
	Registered Voters – 1881	Paul Sanderson &
	Last Day to Register – 4/14/2015	Gordon Luce
	Absentee Ballots Sent – 0	# Ballots used for testing
	Absentee Ballots Cast – 0	AccuVote: 23
	Total Ballots Cast – 117	Clerk: Joan Donovan
	Ballots Delivered to Polls – 400	

The polls opened at 10:00 a.m. in the Auditorium of Williamsburg Town Offices and balloting began. The polls closed at 7:00 p.m., 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, 2015, per the bylaw change voted November 14, 2005.

Assessor – 3 years – vote for 1

Blanks – 8
 Denise Banister – 109 E
 Write-Ins – 0

Board of Health – 3 years – vote for 1

Blanks – 4
 Gordon Luce – 113 E
 Write-Ins – 0

Board of Library Trustees – 3 years – vote for 2

Blanks – 36
 Joan Coryat – 98 E
 Jon Gould – 100 E
 Write-Ins – 0

Oliver Smith Will – 1 year – vote for 1

Blanks – 14
 Eric Cerreta – 103 E
 Write-Ins – 0

Finance Committee – 3 years – vote for 3

Blanks – 80
 Eric Cerreta – 96 E
 Charles Dudek – 92 E
 Steven Romanowski – 83 E
 Write-Ins – 0

Local School Committee – 3 years – vote for 2

Blanks – 13
 Kayla Solomon – 104 E
 Write-Ins – 0

Moderator – 1 year – vote for 1

Blanks – 5
 Joseph Larkin – 108 E
 Write-Ins – 0

Recreation Commission – 3 years – vote for 1

Blanks – 10
 Collin Black – 107 E
 Write-Ins – 0

Selectmen – 3 years – vote for 1

Blanks – 7
 William Sayre – 110 E
 Write-Ins – 0

Regional School Comm.– 3 years – vote for 1

Blanks – 12
 Diane Bishop – 105 E
 Write-Ins – 0

Trust Fund/Cemetery – 3 years – vote for 1
Blanks – 7
Eric Weber – 110 E
Write-Ins – 0

Water/Sewer Comm. – 3 years – vote for 1
Blanks – 11
William Turner – 106 E
Write-Ins – 0

Water/Sewer Commission – 1 year – vote for 1
Blanks – 16
Eric Cerreta – 101 E
Write-Ins – 0

Water/Sewer Commission – To fill vacancy – vote for 1
Blanks – 14
Donald Hultman – 103 E
Write-Ins – 0

Filed: May 7, 2015

Brenda Lessard, Williamsburg Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting June 1, 2015

The warrant was signed on May 14, 2015, and posted on May 19, 2015.

Moderator: Joseph Larkin

Town Clerk: Brenda Lessard

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

Constables: Wilbur Loomis and Paul Sanderson

There were 124 voters present of 1887 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.

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

Dave Mathers, Chair of the Board of Selectmen made an announcement that the 2014 Annual Town Report was dedicated to Jeffrey Ciuffreda who has volunteered 32 years of service to the town.

Denise Banister, Board of Selectmen, announced that the Boston Post Cane was awarded recently to Edwin C. Warner who is currently the oldest citizen of the Town of Williamsburg.

John Pohanka spoke about the Boston Post Cane. He spoke of the history of the cane and how he, William Sayre and several others had spearheaded the repair to the cane. The gold top had been properly repaired and a new shaft was done in ebony. At some time it was repaired with mahogany wood but the original cane had been done in ebony wood. He noted a box had been made and the Boston Post Cane would be displayed in the Board of Selectmen's office. It would only be used for ceremonial purposes.

Ralmon Black spoke next regarding the rededication of the Anne T. Dunphy School. A plaque had been done and was on display for the voters. It will be installed soon. He spoke of the history of Anne Theresa Dunphy and her important contributions to the town and her students.

Michael (Jim) J. Moran took the floor and showed the voters the plaque that was made for the rededication of the Earl F. Tonet Gymnasium. The plaque will be installed soon. He noted that it had been shown to Mr. Tonet. He spoke of Mr. Tonet's long career teaching at Williamsburg High School and Hampshire Regional High School. All of Mr. Tonet's positions were noted including teaching driver's education and his long coaching career. It was noted that approximately 40 of his former co-workers and students were in attendance for the rededication, which spoke highly of his reputation.

The moderator called the meeting to order.

Article 1

Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer the sum of \$426 from Free Cash to pay Walter K. Boas his Finance Committee stipend earned in Fiscal Year 2014 (FY14).

Passed Unanimously

Article 2

Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer the sum of \$24,446.85 from Free Cash to the School Lunch account to cover the School Lunch Program Deficit in Fiscal Year 2013 (FY13) and 2014 (FY14).

Passed Unanimously

Article 3

Moved and seconded that the town vote pursuant to M.G.L. c.268A, §21A 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

Article 6

Moved and seconded that the town vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B section 20, which authorizes the Town to establish an Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund to reduce the unfunded liability of health care and other post-employment benefits for which the Town of Williamsburg is obligated.

Passed Unanimously

Article 7

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, 2016, as provided in Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws as amended, and that the town vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses of the period, with each line being its own appropriation and in the total sum of \$6,628,239, as recommend by the Finance Committee, such sum to be raised by transferring \$60,000 from free cash and raising \$6,568,239 from taxation.

Moved and seconded to amend the labor line for Transfer Station labor to \$23,072 and to raise that amount from taxation.

Passed Majority

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, 2016, as provided in Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws as amended, and that the town vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses of the period, with each line being its own appropriation and in the total sum of \$6,630,539, as recommend by the Finance Committee, such sum to be raised by transferring \$60,000 from free cash and raising \$6,570,539 from taxation.

Passed Unanimously

***Complete budget sheet as voted attached at end of minutes.**

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 \$60,000 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 under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 §53E1/2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 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
Animal Control Officer Revolving Fund	Town Clerk	Fees specific to dogs	Expenses associated with licensing and controlling dogs and to pay the Animal Control 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 \$175,400 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 2016, and that such sum be raised from Water Enterprise Revenue.

Salaries	\$ 2,800
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 172,600</u>
Total	\$ 175,400

Passed Unanimously

Article 12

Moved and seconded that the town vote to appropriate \$159,000 as set forth in Article 12 of the Warrant, for the purpose of operating, maintaining and constructing the town sewer system for fiscal year 2016, and that such sum be raised from Sewer Enterprise Revenue.

Salaries	\$ 2,800
<u>Operation & Maintenance</u>	<u>\$ 156,200</u>
Total	\$ 159,000

Passed Unanimously

Article 13

No article – in error this number was skipped in the warrant

Article 14

Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer the sum of \$5,050 from Free Cash for the purchase and setup of attendance and benefit tracking software.

Passed Unanimously

Article 15

Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer the sum of \$42,400 from Free Cash for the purchase of a new Ford Interceptor Utility Police Cruiser for the police department.

Passed Majority

Article 16

Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer \$5,005 from the Police/Fire Roof Account, which are the funds remaining from the amounts appropriated by the vote on Article 16 of the May 5, 2003 Annual Town Meeting and Article 31 of the May 2, 2005 Annual Town Meeting for the Haydenville Fire and Police Station Roof project, for the purchase of replacement hoses for the Jaws of Life equipment for the fire department.

Passed Unanimously

Article 17

Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer the sum of \$550 from Free Cash for the purchase of replacement hoses for the Jaws of Life equipment for the fire department.

Passed Unanimously

Article 18

Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer the sum of \$8,519.75, from the Capping of Wood Waste Area Account, which are the funds remaining from the amount appropriated by the vote on Article 9 of the June 28, 1999 Special Town Meeting for the closure of the wood waste area – Capping Wood Waste Area Project, for the purchase of a fuel tracking system.

Passed Majority

Article 19

Moved and seconded that the town vote to transfer a sum of \$1,480.25 from Free Cash for the purchase of fuel tracking system.

Passed Majority

Article 20

Moved and seconded that the town to transfer the sum of \$20,000 from Free Cash for the purchase of a roadside boom mower.

Passed Unanimously

Article 21

Moved that the Town vote to accept the layout as a public way of Solar Circle, the entry drive and cul-de-sac serving residents of the Laurel Road Condominium/Laurel Road Affordable Housing LLC, as recorded in the plan entitled Laurel Road Condominium, Laurel Road Affordable Housing LLC, dated 12/3/2007, recorded in Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 00217, Page 25, and assume responsibility for the ongoing maintenance and repair of said road, with due consideration to the sustainable road design features that reflect the unique nature of the residential community, including a one-way circular roadway and speed bumps to ensure safe driving and protect the high number of child residents, graded for suitable drainage and minimal impact on the surrounding landscape.

Moderator ruled the motion out of order. Moderator noted no action could be taken as there was no layout of the road presented.

Moved and seconded to take no action to accept the layout as a public way of Solar Circle, the entry drive and cul-de-sac serving residents of the Laurel Road Condominium/Laurel Road Affordable Housing LLC, as recorded in the plan entitled Laurel Road Condominium, Laurel Road Affordable Housing LLC, dated 12/3/2007, recorded in Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 00217, Page 25, and assume responsibility for the ongoing maintenance and repair of said road, with due consideration to the sustainable road design features that reflect the unique nature of the residential community, including a one-way circular roadway and speed bumps to ensure safe driving and protect the high number of child residents, graded for suitable drainage and minimal impact on the surrounding landscape.

Passed Majority

Motion made and seconded to adjourn Town Meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

Filed: June 2, 2015

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, Police Department, Highway Department, Fire Department, Town Administrator, Water & Sewer Commission

	FY14 Actual Expenditure	FY15 Finance Committee Recommends	FY16 Department Requests	Department Change Requested	FY16 Salary or Fincom Change	FY16 Finance Committee Recommends	Change	Town Meeting Changes
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
Moderator	0	311	311	0	8	319	8	
Selectboard Salaries	8,494	8,706	8,706	0	218	8,924	218	
Selectboard Expenses	3,709	3,750	3,750	0		3,750	0	
Town Administrator	48,794	50,014	50,014	0	1,250	51,264	1,250	
Administrative Assistant	13,513	13,851	13,851	0	346	14,197	346	
Town Administrator Expenses	500	500	750	250		750	250	
Oliver Smith Trustee	32	33	33	0	1	34	1	
Town Counsel	13,753	15,000	15,000	0		15,000	0	
Advertising Expenses	742	1,200	1,200	0		1,200	0	
Constable Salary	406	416	416	0	10	426	10	
Constable Elections	0	100	100	0		100	0	
Finance Committee Salaries	3,412	3,935	3,935	0	98	4,033	98	
Finance Committee Chair	0	177	177	0	4	181	4	
Finance Committee Secretary	0	685	685	0	17	702	17	
Finance Committee Expenses	224	500	500	0		500	0	
Reserve Fund from Free Cash	23,030	60,000	60,000	0		60,000	0	
Reserve Fund from Taxation		0	0	0		0	0	
Capital Planning Labor	0	326	326	0	8	334	8	
Capital Planning Expenses	75	75	75	0		75	0	
Accountant Labor	22,045	27,055	27,710	655		27,710	655	
Accountant Expenses	172	300	300	0		300	0	
Accounting Software	1,000	750	750	0		750	0	
Audit Services	14,000	14,000	14,000	0		14,000	0	
Assessor's Salaries	8,494	8,706	8,706	0	218	8,924	218	
Assessor's Labor	10,557	11,091	12,500	1,409	313	12,813	1,722	
Assessor's Expenses	5,274	8,136	8,200	64		8,200	64	
Assessor's Revaluation	4,735	5,270	7,500	2,230		7,500	2,230	
Treasurer's Salary	19,113	19,591	20,156	565	504	20,660	1,069	
Treasurer's Add'l Salary		0	0	0		0	0	
Treasurer's Assistant	5,467	5,604	5,604	0	140	5,744	140	
Treasurer's Expenses	4,417	5,600	7,100	1,500		7,100	1,500	
Treasurer's Software	2,410	2,600	2,800	200		2,800	200	
OPEB Reval		0		0		0	0	
OBEB Trust			5,500	5,500		5,500	5,500	
Town Heating Oil Expense			66,492	66,492		66,492	66,492	
Town Electric Expense			31,157	31,157		31,157	31,157	
Town Telephone			8,608	8,608		8,608	8,608	
Collector's Salary	27,846	28,542	28,542	0	714	29,256	714	
Collector's Add'l Salary	1,000	1,000	1,000	0		1,000	0	
Collector's Expenses	11,679	8,630	9,130	500		9,130	500	
Deputy Collector Expenses	1,481	2,000	2,000	0		2,000	0	
Clerk's Salary	17,404	17,839	17,839	0	446	18,285	446	
Clerk's Assistant	2,189	2,244	2,244	0	56	2,300	56	
Clerk's Expenses	1,369	1,600	1,600	0		1,600	0	
Clerk's Software	500	500	500	0		500	0	

	FY14 Actual Expenditure	FY15 Finance Committee Recommends	FY16 Department Requests	Department Change Requested	FY16 Salary or Fincom Change	FY16 Finance Committee Recommends	Change	Town Meeting Changes
Registrar/Election Expenses	3,241	8,000	8,000	0		8,000	0	
Street Listing	1,151	1,300	1,300	0		1,300	0	
Conservation Comm Labor	1,115	1,707	1,707	0	43	1,750	43	
Conservation Comm Expenses	1,351	1,940	2,200	260		2,200	260	
Energy Committee	24	250	250	0		250	0	
Planning Board	239	750	750	0		750	0	
Zoning Bd of Appeals Expenses	282	600	600	0		600	0	
Custodian Labor	10,199	10,858	10,858	0	271	11,129	271	
Town Buildings & Grounds	39,715	51,100	31,500	-19,600		31,500	-19,600	
Town Office Expense	3,399	3,400	3,400	0		3,400	0	
Town Office Telephone	5,235	6,800	0	-6,800		0	-6,800	
Town Office Internet Services	2,236	2,250	2,250	0		2,250	0	
Copier Maintenance	409	3,335	3,335	0		3,335	0	
Technology Upgrades	5,810	6,000	3,000	-3,000		3,000	-3,000	
Computer Services			8,808	8,808		8,808	8,808	
Town Building Repairs	22,861	20,000	20,000	0		20,000	0	
Town Reports	1,476	1,900	1,900	0		1,900	0	
Building Supervisor	6,598	6,763	6,763	0	169	6,932	169	
Subtotal General Government	383,177	457,590	556,388	98,798	4,834	561,222	103,632	
PROTECTION PERSONS and PROPERTY	FY14 Actual Expenditure	FY15 Finance Committee Recommends	FY16 Department Requests	Change	FY16 Salary or Fincom Change	FY16 Finance Committee Recommends	Change	
Police Chief Salary	58,250	59,706	59,706	0	1,493	61,199	1,493	
Police Dept Labor	120,512	125,459	128,273	2,814	3,207	131,480	6,021	
Police Dept Expenses	31,156	33,500	25,946	-7,554		25,946	-7,554	
Police Records Software	3,830	5,500	5,500	0		5,500	0	
Fire Dept Salaries	20,833	26,479	26,479	0	662	27,141	662	
Fire Dept Labor	30,952	27,769	27,769	0	694	28,463	694	
Fire Dept Expenses	20,830	27,320	27,320	0		27,320	0	
Ambulance Service	46,112	51,439	58,775	7,336		58,775	7,336	
Emer Management Dir Salary	1,093	1,120	1,120	0	28	1,148	28	
Emer Management Deputy	508	521	521	0	13	534	13	
Emer Management Expense	2,655	3,750	3,750	0		3,750	0	
Hamp County Emergency Comm System			485			485	485	
Shade Tree Committee Expenses	4,570	5,000	5,000	0		5,000	0	
Tree Removal/Planting	3,787	2,000	2,000	0		2,000	0	
Subtotal Protection Persons and Property	345,088	369,563	372,644	2,596	6,097	378,741	9,178	
EDUCATION	FY14 Actual Expenditure	FY15 Finance Committee Recommends	FY16 Department Requests	Change	FY16 Salary or Fincom Change	FY16 Finance Committee Recommends	Change	
School Committee Salaries	1,523	1,546	1,561	15	39	1,600	54	
Local School Expenses	1,614,859	1,875,788	1,952,095	76,307		1,952,095	76,307	
School Design	528	0	0	0		0	0	
Vocational School Assessment	211,987	199,460	185,637	-13,823		185,637	-13,823	

	FY14 Actual Expenditure	FY15 Finance Committee Recommends	FY16 Department Requests	Department Change Requested	FY16 Salary or Fincom Change	FY16 Finance Committee Recommends	Change	Town Meeting Changes
Vocational School Transportation		37,264	38,767	1,503		38,767	1,503	
Hampshire Reg School Assessmen	1,195,818	1,202,295	1,216,034	13,739		1,216,034	13,739	
Subtotal Education	3,024,714	3,316,353	3,394,094	77,741	39	3,394,133	77,780	
PUBLIC WORKS and FACILITIES	FY14 Actual Expenditure	FY15 Finance Committee Recommends	FY16 Department Requests	Change	FY16 Salary or Fincom Change	FY16 Finance Committee Recommends	Change	
Highway Superintendent	57,370	58,804	58,804	0	1,470	60,274	1,470	
Highway Labor	137,137	145,209	145,209	0	3,630	148,839	3,630	
Highway Road Maintenance	60,395	65,463	65,463	0		65,463	0	
Highway Garage/Equipment Maintenan	40,689	40,721	31,641	-9,080		31,641	-9,080	
Highway Surplus and Safety Equipment	2,000	3,000	3,000	0		3,000	0	
Vehicle Fuel	42,879	42,000	42,000	0		42,000	0	
Invasive Species Eradication	1,000	1,000	1,000	0		1,000	0	
Cement Sidewalk Construction	1,748	5,000	5,000	0		5,000	0	
Winter Overtime	12,667	14,006	14,006	0	350	14,356	350	
Winter Expenses	78,906	72,500	72,500	0		72,500	0	
Bridges & Street Lighting	10,376	11,000	11,000	0		11,000	0	
Transfer Station Labor (Board of Health)	19,771	20,265	20,265	0	507	20,772	507	2,300
Transfer Station Expenses (Board of Health)	62,783	73,780	73,780	0		73,780	0	
Cemetery Commission	325	1,000	1,000	0		1,000	0	
Subtotal Public Works and Facilities	528,046	553,748	544,668	-9,080	5,957	550,625	857	
HUMAN SERVICES	FY14 Actual Expenditure	FY15 Finance Committee Recommends	FY16 Department Requests	Change	FY16 Salary or Fincom Change	FY16 Finance Committee Recommends	Change	
Board of Health Salaries	3,747	3,841	3,841	0	96	3,937	96	
Board of Health Expenses	434	300	300	0		300	0	
Public Health Nurse	0	2,625	2,625	0	66	2,691	66	
Animal Inspector	1,925	1,561	1,561	0	39	1,600	39	
COA Director	18,560	19,024	19,024	0	476	19,500	476	
COA Outreach Coordinator	16,484	16,896	16,896	0	422	17,318	422	
COA Admin Assistant	10,140	10,394	10,394	0	260	10,654	260	
COA Meal Site Staffing	4,094	6,339	6,339	0	158	6,497	158	
COA Expenses	3,035	3,218	3,218	0		3,218	0	
COA HEN Program	3,500	3,500	3,500	0		3,500	0	
Veterans Agent	8,275	9,182	9,448	266		9,448	266	
Veterans Benefits	77,693	78,000	85,000	7,000		85,000	7,000	
Amer With Disabilities Exp	0	400	400	0		400	0	
Subtotal Human Services	147,886	155,280	162,546	7,266	1,517	164,063	7,684	
CULTURE and RECREATION	FY14 Actual Expenditure	FY15 Finance Committee Recommends	FY16 Department Requests	Change	FY16 Salary or Fincom Change	FY16 Finance Committee Recommends	Change	
Library Director	43,223	45,000	45,000	0	1,125	46,125	1,125	

	FY14 Actual Expenditure	FY15 Finance Committee Recommends	FY16 Department Requests	Department Change Requested	FY16 Salary or Fincom Change	FY16 Finance Committee Recommends	Change	Town Meeting Changes
Library Labor	54,260	60,248	69,612	9,364	1,740	71,352	11,104	
Library Expenses		0	0	0		0	0	
Library Exp-Utilities	14,728	13,620	0	-13,620		0	-13,620	
Library Exp-Maintenance	17,807	13,590	13,590	0		13,590	0	
Library Exp-Books & Supplies	5,014	0	6,000	6,000	-6,000	0	0	
Recreation Labor	2,764	3,924	3,924	0	98	4,022	98	
Athletic Fields	4,880	5,000	5,000	0		5,000	0	
Woodland Trails Committee	0	500	500	0		500	0	
Open Space Committee		0	0	0		0	0	
Historical Commission Exp	0	500	500	0		500	0	
Veterans Recognition	367	500	500	0		500	0	
Subtotal Culture and Recreation	143,043	142,882	144,626	1,744	-3,037	141,589	98	
DEBT SERVICE	FY14 Actual Expenditure	FY15 Finance Committee Recommends	FY16 Department Requests	Change	FY16 Salary or Fincom Change	FY16 Finance Committee Recommends	Change	
Hampshire Regional Debt Service	84,046	80,076	75,923	-4,153		75,923	-4,153	
Highland Ambulance Debt Service	4,576	4,517	4,446	-71		4,446	-71	
Highland Ambulance Building Debt Servi		4,442	9,208	4,766		9,208	4,766	
School Feasibility Interest	3,503	2,802	2,102	-700		2,102	-700	
School Feasibility Principal	23,350	23,350	23,350	0		23,350	0	
School Building Interest	152,798	147,798	142,649	-5,149		142,649	-5,149	
School Building Principal	166,650	171,650	231,650	60,000		231,650	60,000	
Fire Truck Principal		0	0	0		0	0	
Fire Truck Debt Interest		0	0	0		0	0	
Fire Truck #2 Principal		0	0	0		0	0	
Fire Truck #2 Debt Interest		0	0	0		0	0	
Highway Garage Principal	15,000	15,000	15,000	0		15,000	0	
Highway Garage Interest	5,050	4,600	4,150	-450		4,150	-450	
Highway Truck Principal		0	0	0		0	0	
Highway Truck Debt Interest		0	0	0		0	0	
Highway Truck 2009-Principal	26,000	0	0	0		0	0	
Highway Truck 2009-Interest	130	0	0	0		0	0	
Highway Loader Principal		0	0	0		0	0	
Highway Loader Debt Interest		0	0	0		0	0	
Highway Truck 2015 Principal			27,000	27,000		27,000	27,000	
Highway Truck 2015 Interest			743	743		743	743	
Library Principal	45,000	50,000	0	-50,000		0	-50,000	
Library Debt Interest	3,800	2,000	0	-2,000		0	-2,000	
Subtotal Debt Service	529,902	506,235	536,221	29,986	0	536,221	29,986	
INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENSES	FY14 Actual Expenditure	FY15 Finance Committee Recommends	FY16 Department Requests	Change	FY 16 Salary or Fincom Change	FY16 Finance Committee Recommends	Change	
Hampshire Council of Governments Assessment	2,503	1,252	1,252	0		1,252	0	

	FY14 Actual Expenditure	FY15 Finance Committee Recommends	FY16 Department Requests	Department Change Requested	FY16 Salary or Fincom Change	FY16 Finance Committee Recommends	Change	Town Meeting Changes
Hampshire County Regional Lockup	2,239	2,358	2,358	0		2,358	0	
Hilltown Resource Managemnt (Board of Health)	7,423	7,423	7,423	0		7,423	0	
Foothills Health District (Board of Health)	23,033	24,723	22,858	-1,865		22,858	-1,865	
Building Inspection Program	31,000	21,000	36,000	15,000		36,000	15,000	
Plumbing / Gas Inspector Training	160	300	300	0		300	0	
PVPC Assessment	372	373	373	0		373	0	
Subtotal Intergovernmental Expenses	66,731	57,429	70,563	13,134	0	70,563	13,134	
FIXED MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	FY14 Actual Expenditure	FY15 Finance Committee Recommends	FY16 Department Requests	Change	FY16 Salary or Fincom Change	FY16 Finance Committee Recommends	Change	
Hampshire County Retirement	195,941	226,971	218,612	-8,359		218,612	-8,359	
Worker's Compensation	18,494	19,454	20,427	973		20,427	973	
Unemployment Insurance	2,733	8,500	8,500	0		8,500	0	
Group Insurance	380,934	446,250	470,794	24,544		470,794	24,544	
Medicare & Social Security	32,280	35,875	36,951	1,076	924	37,875	2,000	
Police & Fire Disability Insurance	12,843	13,357	13,442	85		13,442	85	
Comprehensive Insurance	52,851	60,228	61,433	1,205		61,433	1,205	
Subtotal Fixed Misc Expenses	696,076	810,635	830,159	19,524	924	831,083	20,448	
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	5,864,663	6,369,715	6,611,908	242,193	16,331	6,628,239	258,524	6,630,539
FROM FREE CASH/STABILIZATION		60,000				60,000		
FROM TAXATION		6,309,715	6,611,908	302,193		6,568,239	258,524	6,570,539
Change %		4.06%				4.06%		
		2.5%			2.5%	Proposed salary increase		
		21,533			22,331	Resulting salary change		

Special Town Meeting December 7, 2015

The warrant was signed on November 12, 2015, and posted on November 17, 2015.

Moderator: Joseph Larkin Town Clerk: Brenda Lessard

Selectmen Present: David Mathers, Denise Banister and William Sayre

Constables: Paul Sanderson and Wilbur Loomis

Counters: Mary Dudek and Wendy Peppercorn

Meeting was held at the Anne T. Dunphy School, 1 Petticoat Hill Road, Williamsburg, MA in the gymnasium.

A quorum (60 registered voters) being present (there were 67 registered voters there); the meeting was called to order at 7:00 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

Article 1

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the amounts set forth in Article One of the warrant for purchases in Fiscal Year 2015 (FY15).

Aero All Gas Co. \$31.09

Mirabito \$3,968.66

Passed Unanimously

Article 2

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement for payments-in-lieu-of-taxes for a solar photovoltaic facility located at 127 Goshen Road, Williamsburg, as set forth in Article Two of the warrant.

(Warrant Article 2 for reference)

Article 2 ***To see if the town** will vote to authorize the Board of Selection (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 for personal property attributable to a solar photovoltaic facility located (or to be located) on privately owned land located at 127 Goshen Road, Williamsburg, shown as Assessor's Map 3.C, Parcel 114.0, for a term of 20 years, and on such other terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate; and (ii) to execute documents and take all other actions necessary or convenient to implement and administer such agreement, or take any other action relative thereto.*

It was noted this payment would be \$19,300 based on a 14,000 megawatt array.

Passed Unanimously

Article 3

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift all of the real property of the Haydenville Cemetery Association, located at High Street, as set forth in Article Three of the Warrant.

(Warrant Article 3 for reference)

Article 3 *To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase and/or eminent domain all of the real property of the Haydenville Cemetery Association, located at High Street, and shown as Assessor's Map 11, Parcels 86, 286-1 and 87, and as funding therefor, to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for such acquisition and all incidental and related costs, and to accept from the Association all of the personal property, funds and accounts owned, maintained and used in connection with the ownership and operation of the Association; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any and all actions and execute all documents necessary and appropriate for such acquisition and acceptance, or take any other action relative thereto.*

Passed Unanimously

Article 4

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the total sum of \$465,000 to purchase and equip a pumper fire truck, to transfer the sum of \$200,000 from Free Cash, and to borrow the sum of \$265,000 provided, however, that the vote at Town Meeting shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters of the Town of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion question, as set forth in Article Four of the Warrant.

(Warrant Article 4 for reference)

Article 4 *To see if the town will vote to appropriate the total sum of \$465,000.00 to purchase and equip a pumper fire truck, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto; and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by taxation, transferred from available funds, borrowing or some combination thereof; provided that the vote taken hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters of the town of a so-called Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion question; and provided further, that the amount to be borrowed hereunder shall be reduced by the amount of any grant or gift to the Town for such purposes that is received prior to such borrowing, or take any other action relative thereto*

Passed 2/3 Majority Aye – 61 No – 6

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Filed: December 8, 2015

A true copy attest: Brenda Lessard, Town Clerk

Cc: Accountant, Department of Revenue, Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Assessors, Kopelman & Paige, Trust Fund/Cemetery Commissioners, Fire Department, Highway Superintendent, Town Administrator

**Town Accountant
Budget vs Revenue Report
June 30, 2015**

	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>2015 YTD Revenues</u>	<u>Over/(Under)</u>
<u>Taxes</u>				
001-001-4110-000-000-0	Personal Property Taxes	107,417.73	106,693.99	723.74
001-001-4120-000-000-0	Real Estate Taxes	5,274,025.27	5,272,240.16	1,785.11
001-001-4142-000-000-0	Tax Liens Redeemed	0.00	2,166.70	-2,166.70
001-001-4146-000-000-0	Rollback Taxes	0.00	1,758.63	-1,758.63
001-001-4150-000-000-0	Motor Vehicle Excise	253,500.00	278,393.63	-24,893.63
001-001-4170-000-000-0	Pen & Int on Taxes	15,000.00	19,724.02	-4,724.02
001-001-4173-000-000-0	Pen & Int on Tax Titles	0.00	94.38	-94.38
001-001-4180-000-000-0	Pmts In Lieu of Taxes	20,000.00	41,819.53	-21,819.53
001-001-4195-000-000-0	Abated MV Taxes Recovered	0.00	174.48	-174.48
	Total Taxes	<u>5,669,943.00</u>	<u>5,723,065.52</u>	<u>-53,122.52</u>
<u>Fees</u>				
001-141-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Assessors	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00
001-149-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Registry Markings	1,000.00	1,760.00	-760.00
001-161-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Town Clerk	0.00	70.00	-70.00
001-210-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Police	3,500.00	9,043.00	-5,543.00
001-431-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Transfer Station Stickers	35,000.00	45,006.00	-10,006.00
001-512-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Bd of Health	<u>5,500.00</u>	<u>8,543.00</u>	<u>-3,043.00</u>
	Total Fees	45,000.00	69,422.00	-24,422.00
<u>Licenses & Permits</u>				
001-122-4410-000-000-0	Licenses-Liquor	9,500.00	8,760.00	740.00
001-122-4420-000-000-0	Licenses-Other	1,000.00	675.00	325.00
001-210-4450-000-000-0	Permits-Police Dept	0.00	425.00	-425.00
001-241-4450-000-000-0	Permits-Building Insp	19,500.00	61,848.54	-42,348.54
001-245-4450-000-000-0	Permits-Building Insp	<u>0.00</u>	<u>11,160.00</u>	<u>-11,160.00</u>
	Total Licenses & Permits	30,000.00	82,868.54	-52,868.54
<u>State Revenue</u>				
001-001-4610-000-000-0	Reimb for Loss of Taxes	7,563.00	7,563.00	0.00
001-001-4613-000-000-0	Veterans Abatements	20,661.00	9,723.00	10,938.00
001-001-4620-000-000-0	School Aid Chapter 70	514,620.00	514,620.00	0.00
001-001-4640-000-000-0	Charter School Reimb	81,327.00	65,435.00	15,892.00
001-001-4661-000-000-0	Lottery Aid	269,400.00	269,400.00	0.00
001-001-4665-000-000-0	Veterans Benefits	<u>53,525.00</u>	<u>66,839.00</u>	<u>-13,314.00</u>
	Total State Revenue	947,096.00	933,580.00	13,516.00
<u>Fines</u>				
001-001-4685-000-000-0	Fines - RMV	8,000.00	7,127.50	872.50
001-001-4770-000-000-0	Fines - Parking	0.00	50.00	-50.00
001-001-4771-000-000-0	Fines - District Court	2,000.00	3,782.50	-1,782.50
001-001-4775-000-000-0	Marijuana Fines	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	Total Fines	10,000.00	10,960.00	-960.00
<u>Other Revenue</u>				
001-001-4815-000-000-0	Sale of Fixed Assets	0.00	5,951.00	-5,951.00
001-001-4820-000-000-0	Earnings on Investments	7,500.00	2,296.95	5,203.05
001-001-4839-000-000-0	Indirect Costs Reimbursed	13,000.00	15,058.83	-2,058.83
001-001-4840-000-000-0	Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	40,164.42	-40,164.42
001-001-4973-000-000-0	Transfer from Capital Projects	<u>13,524.75</u>	<u>13,524.75</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	Total Other Revenue	34,024.75	76,995.95	-42,971.20
	<u>Total Revenue</u>	<u>6,736,063.75</u>	<u>6,896,892.01</u>	<u>-160,828.26</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	311.00	0.00	311.00	0.00	311.00	0.00%
001-122-5100-000-000-0	8,706.00	-242.09	8,463.91	8,125.60	338.31	96.00%
001-122-5400-000-000-0	3,750.00	0.00	3,750.00	3,628.54	121.46	96.76%
001-122-5800-000-000-0	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00%
001-123-5100-000-000-0	50,014.00	0.00	50,014.00	50,014.00	0.00	100.00%
001-123-5110-000-000-0	13,851.00	0.00	13,851.00	13,851.00	0.00	100.00%
001-123-5400-000-000-0	500.00	0.00	500.00	484.00	16.00	96.80%
001-130-5110-000-000-0	326.00	0.00	326.00	0.00	326.00	0.00%
001-130-5400-000-000-0	75.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	75.00	0.00%
001-131-5100-000-000-0	3,935.00	426.00	4,361.00	4,360.98	0.02	100.00%
001-131-5110-000-000-0	177.00	0.00	177.00	0.00	177.00	0.00%
001-131-5120-000-000-0	685.00	0.00	685.00	0.00	685.00	0.00%
001-131-5400-000-000-0	500.00	0.00	500.00	395.00	105.00	79.00%
001-132-5400-000-000-0	60,000.00	-60,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
001-135-5110-000-000-0	27,055.00	0.00	27,055.00	27,055.00	0.00	100.00%
001-135-5400-000-000-0	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00%
001-135-5420-000-000-0	750.00	0.00	750.00	750.00	0.00	100.00%
001-135-5800-000-000-0	14,000.00	6,500.00	20,500.00	14,000.00	6,500.00	68.29%
001-141-5100-000-000-0	8,706.00	0.00	8,706.00	8,705.94	0.06	100.00%
001-141-5110-000-000-0	11,091.00	0.00	11,091.00	8,861.50	2,229.50	79.90%
001-141-5400-000-000-0	8,136.00	0.00	8,136.00	4,383.07	3,752.93	53.87%
001-142-5400-000-000-0	5,270.00	4,285.00	9,555.00	5,185.00	4,370.00	54.26%
001-145-5100-000-000-0	19,591.00	0.00	19,591.00	19,591.00	0.00	100.00%
001-145-5120-000-000-0	5,604.00	0.00	5,604.00	5,604.00	0.00	100.00%
001-145-5400-000-000-0	5,600.00	0.00	5,600.00	4,924.45	675.55	87.94%
001-145-5420-000-000-0	2,600.00	0.00	2,600.00	2,583.63	16.37	99.37%
001-145-5800-000-000-0	0.00	5,050.00	5,050.00	0.00	5,050.00	0.00%
001-146-5100-000-000-0	28,542.00	0.00	28,542.00	27,525.41	1,016.59	96.44%
001-146-5110-000-000-0	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.00%
001-146-5400-000-000-0	8,630.00	0.00	8,630.00	6,812.24	1,817.76	78.94%

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001-146-5410-000-000-0	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	1,687.17	312.83	84.36%
001-146-5420-000-000-0	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	1,394.10	2,105.90	39.83%
001-149-5100-000-000-0	33.00	0.00	33.00	33.00	0.00	100.00%
001-151-5400-000-000-0	15,000.00	-3,487.87	11,512.13	10,829.31	682.82	94.07%
001-159-5400-000-000-0	1,200.00	242.09	1,442.09	1,442.09	0.00	100.00%
001-159-5410-000-000-0	250.00	0.00	250.00	207.97	42.03	83.19%
001-160-5100-000-000-0	416.00	0.00	416.00	416.00	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	17,839.00	0.00	17,839.00	17,839.00	0.00	100.00%
001-161-5120-000-000-0	2,244.00	0.00	2,244.00	2,244.00	0.00	100.00%
001-161-5400-000-000-0	1,600.00	0.00	1,600.00	1,082.50	517.50	67.66%
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	7,814.13	185.87	97.68%
001-164-5400-000-000-0	1,300.00	0.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.00	100.00%
001-171-5110-000-000-0	1,707.00	0.00	1,707.00	1,216.74	490.26	71.28%
001-171-5400-000-000-0	1,940.00	0.00	1,940.00	1,716.53	223.47	88.48%
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	228.34	521.66	30.45%
001-176-5400-000-000-0	600.00	0.00	600.00	521.00	79.00	86.83%
001-192-5120-000-000-0	10,858.00	0.00	10,858.00	10,711.98	146.02	98.66%
001-192-5130-000-000-0	6,763.00	0.00	6,763.00	6,763.00	0.00	100.00%
001-192-5400-000-000-0	51,100.00	10,690.95	61,790.95	61,790.95	0.00	100.00%
001-192-5410-000-000-0	3,400.00	0.00	3,400.00	3,367.80	32.20	99.05%
001-192-5420-000-000-0	6,800.00	0.00	6,800.00	5,421.02	1,378.98	79.72%
001-192-5430-000-000-0	2,250.00	114.81	2,364.81	2,364.81	0.00	100.00%
001-192-5440-000-000-0	3,335.00	87.85	3,422.85	2,386.50	1,036.35	69.72%
001-192-5800-000-000-0	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	3,430.95	2,569.05	57.18%
001-192-5825-000-000-0	0.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	18,250.00	21,750.00	45.63%
001-192-5830-000-000-0	0.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00	6,500.00	0.00%
001-192-5835-000-000-0	0.00	23,900.00	23,900.00	23,900.00	0.00	100.00%
001-192-5840-000-000-0	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00%
001-192-5850-000-000-0	20,000.00	2,811.08	22,811.08	11,322.09	11,488.99	49.63%
001-192-5860-000-000-0	0.00	14,677.38	14,677.38	5,297.17	9,380.21	36.09%
001-192-5870-000-000-0	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	5,170.00	9,830.00	34.47%

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001-192-5890-000-000-0	0.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	27,385.00	7,615.00	78.24%
001-193-5400-000-000-0	60,228.00	0.00	60,228.00	52,272.36	7,955.64	86.79%
001-195-5400-000-000-0	1,900.00	0.00	1,900.00	1,460.25	439.75	76.86%
001-210-5110-000-000-0	59,706.00	0.00	59,706.00	59,706.00	0.00	100.00%
001-210-5120-000-000-0	125,459.00	0.00	125,459.00	118,853.08	6,605.92	94.73%
001-210-5400-* *-0	33,500.00	4,176.00	37,676.00	37,442.84	233.16	99.38%
001-210-5410-000-000-0	5,500.00	0.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00	100.00%
001-210-5830-000-000-0	0.00	14,085.94	14,085.94	14,085.94	0.00	100.00%
001-210-5840-000-000-0	0.00	42,400.00	42,400.00	0.00	42,400.00	0.00%
001-220-5110-000-000-0	26,479.00	0.00	26,479.00	26,470.96	8.04	99.97%
001-220-5120-000-000-0	27,769.00	5,500.00	33,269.00	32,290.34	978.66	97.06%
001-220-5400-000-000-0	27,320.00	0.00	27,320.00	27,267.27	52.73	99.81%
001-220-5830-000-000-0	0.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	0.00	100.00%
001-220-5840-000-000-0	0.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00	100.00%
001-220-5850-000-000-0	0.00	5,555.00	5,555.00	0.00	5,555.00	0.00%
001-231-5400-000-000-0	51,439.00	0.00	51,439.00	51,439.00	0.00	100.00%
001-232-5110-000-000-0	1,120.00	0.00	1,120.00	1,120.00	0.00	100.00%
001-232-5120-000-000-0	521.00	0.00	521.00	521.00	0.00	100.00%
001-232-5400-000-000-0	3,750.00	0.00	3,750.00	2,001.13	1,748.87	53.36%
001-294-5400-000-000-0	5,000.00	1,630.52	6,630.52	6,630.52	0.00	100.00%
001-294-5410-000-000-0	2,000.00	213.00	2,213.00	2,212.92	0.08	100.00%
001-300-5100-000-000-0	1,546.00	15.00	1,561.00	1,561.00	0.00	100.00%
001-300-5400-000-000-0	1,875,788.00	50,627.47	1,926,415.47	1,847,542.21	78,873.26	95.91%
001-300-5820-000-000-0	0.00	32,804.29	32,804.29	32,804.29	0.00	100.00%
001-310-5400-000-000-0	1,202,295.00	0.00	1,202,295.00	1,202,295.00	0.00	100.00%
001-320-5400-000-000-0	199,460.00	11,117.00	210,577.00	209,879.00	698.00	99.67%
001-320-5410-000-000-0	37,264.00	0.00	37,264.00	37,264.00	0.00	100.00%
001-422-5100-000-000-0	58,804.00	0.00	58,804.00	58,804.00	0.00	100.00%
001-422-5110-000-000-0	145,209.00	-3,048.21	142,160.79	142,160.79	0.00	100.00%
001-422-5400-214-000-0	0.00	30.63	30.63	30.63	0.00	100.00%
001-422-5400-000-000-0	65,463.00	15,890.05	81,353.05	65,173.47	16,179.58	80.11%
001-422-5410-000-000-0	40,721.00	476.58	41,197.58	41,090.03	107.55	99.74%
001-422-5800-000-000-0	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	830.45	2,169.55	0.00%
001-422-5420-000-000-0	42,000.00	1,380.29	43,380.29	43,380.29	0.00	0.00%

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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	2,087.81	2,912.19	0.00%
001-422-5840-000-000-0	0.00	7,479.86	7,479.86	0.00	7,479.86	0.00%
001-422-5850-000-000-0	0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00%
001-422-5860-000-000-0	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00%
001-423-5110-000-000-0	14,006.00	939.52	14,945.52	14,945.52	0.00	100.00%
001-423-5400-000-000-0	72,500.00	19,646.68	92,146.68	92,146.68	0.00	100.00%
001-424-5400-000-000-0	11,000.00	1,330.11	12,330.11	12,330.11	0.00	100.00%
001-433-5110-000-000-0	20,265.00	0.00	20,265.00	20,265.00	0.00	100.00%
001-433-5400-000-000-0	73,780.00	6,258.00	80,038.00	75,361.02	4,676.98	94.16%
001-491-5400-000-000-0	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.00%
001-510-5400-000-000-0	1,561.00	0.00	1,561.00	900.00	661.00	57.66%
001-512-5100-000-000-0	3,841.00	0.00	3,841.00	3,840.48	0.52	99.99%
001-512-5400-000-000-0	300.00	0.00	300.00	102.29	197.71	34.10%
001-512-5410-000-000-0	2,625.00	0.00	2,625.00	0.00	2,625.00	0.00%
001-541-5110-000-000-0	19,024.00	0.00	19,024.00	19,024.00	0.00	100.00%
001-541-5120-000-000-0	16,896.00	74.80	16,970.80	16,970.80	0.00	100.00%
001-541-5130-000-000-0	6,339.00	0.00	6,339.00	5,932.85	406.15	93.59%
001-541-5140-000-000-0	10,394.00	0.00	10,394.00	10,393.04	0.96	99.99%
001-541-5400-000-000-0	3,218.00	0.00	3,218.00	3,218.00	0.00	100.00%
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	9,182.00	0.00	9,182.00	9,182.00	0.00	100.00%
001-543-5410-000-000-0	78,000.00	0.00	78,000.00	73,132.84	4,867.16	93.76%
001-549-5400-000-000-0	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00%
001-610-5100-000-000-0	45,000.00	0.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00	100.00%
001-610-5110-000-000-0	63,918.00	0.00	63,918.00	63,916.18	1.82	100.00%
001-610-5400-000-210-0	13,620.00	5,241.48	18,861.48	18,861.48	0.00	100.00%
001-610-5400-000-240-0	13,590.00	1,186.20	14,776.20	14,750.11	26.09	99.82%
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	3,924.00	0.00	3,924.00	3,522.60	401.40	89.77%
001-630-5400-000-000-0	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	4,960.00	40.00	99.20%
001-630-5410-000-000-0	500.00	0.00	500.00	499.64	0.36	99.93%
001-630-5800-000-000-0	0.00	7,166.00	7,166.00	7,166.00	0.00	100.00%

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001-691-5400-000-000-0	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00%
001-699-5400-000-000-0	500.00	83.61	583.61	583.61	0.00	0.00%
001-710-5910-000-000-0	80,076.00	0.00	80,076.00	80,076.00	0.00	100.00%
001-710-5915-000-000-0	4,517.00	0.00	4,517.00	4,517.00	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%
001-710-5917-000-000-0	4,442.00	0.00	4,442.00	0.00	4,442.00	0.00%
001-710-5925-000-000-0	171,650.00	0.00	171,650.00	171,650.00	0.00	100.00%
001-710-5950-000-000-0	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	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%
001-751-5915-000-000-0	2,802.00	0.00	2,802.00	2,802.00	0.00	100.00%
001-751-5925-000-000-0	147,798.00	0.00	147,798.00	147,798.00	0.00	100.00%
001-751-5950-000-000-0	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	100.00%
001-751-5975-000-000-0	4,600.00	0.00	4,600.00	4,600.00	0.00	100.00%
001-820-5640-000-000-0	735.00	0.00	735.00	735.00	0.00	100.00%
001-820-5646-000-000-0	1,360.00	0.00	1,360.00	1,360.00	0.00	100.00%
001-820-5663-000-000-0	21,838.00	0.00	21,838.00	21,838.00	0.00	100.00%
001-820-5690-000-000-0	247,074.00	0.00	247,074.00	230,741.00	16,333.00	93.39%
001-820-5691-000-000-0	138,274.00	0.00	138,274.00	123,318.00	14,956.00	89.18%
001-830-5622-000-000-0	1,252.00	0.00	1,252.00	1,251.56	0.44	99.96%
001-830-5640-000-000-0	2,358.00	0.00	2,358.00	2,358.00	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	21,096.00	0.00	21,096.00	21,094.91	1.09	99.99%
001-840-5420-000-000-0	21,000.00	0.00	21,000.00	21,000.00	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	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	100.00%
001-911-5400-000-000-0	226,971.00	0.00	226,971.00	226,971.00	0.00	100.00%
001-912-5400-000-000-0	19,454.00	0.00	19,454.00	15,329.24	4,124.76	78.80%
001-913-5400-000-000-0	8,500.00	0.00	8,500.00	6,324.00	2,176.00	74.40%
001-913-5410-000-000-0	13,357.00	79.00	13,436.00	13,436.00	0.00	100.00%
001-914-5400-000-000-0	446,250.00	0.00	446,250.00	409,504.79	36,745.21	91.77%
001-916-5400-000-000-0	35,875.00	0.00	35,875.00	33,784.26	2,090.74	94.17%
001-970-5910-000-000-0	0.00	24,446.85	24,446.85	24,446.85	0.00	100.00%
001-970-5962-000-000-0	0.00	391,834.00	391,834.00	331,834.00	60,000.00	84.69%
<u>Totals</u>	<u>6,782,539.00</u>	<u>917,174.87</u>	<u>7,699,713.87</u>	<u>7,158,769.19</u>	<u>540,944.68</u>	<u>92.97%</u>

**Town Accountant
Special Revenue Funds Report
June 30, 2015**

	<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>YTD Revenue</u>	<u>YTD Expense</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<u>Highway Funds</u>				
217 Chapter 90 Funds	-158,949.50	187,471.40	-62,929.98	-34,408.08
<u>Revolving Funds</u>				
231 Wetlands Protection Fund	4,416.25	0.00	0.00	4,416.25
232 Dog Revolving Fund	3,432.58	3,336.50	-4,136.23	2,632.85
233 Transfer Station Open Box	24,037.45	7,215.87	-13,488.00	17,765.32
234 Planning Board	10,117.59	625.00	-172.92	10,569.67
235 Recreation Revolving Fund	35,399.52	695.00	-2,000.00	34,094.52
236 COA Newsletter	224.22	0.00	-131.62	92.60
237 Fire Inspections	2,055.00	2,302.00	-2,180.00	2,177.00
238 Plumbing Inspections	-8.00	2,772.00	-2,764.00	0.00
239 Electrical Inspections	9,421.00	9,565.00	-18,986.00	0.00
241 Board of Appeals Revolving	1,122.57	1,346.50	-1,716.86	136.60
243 Conservation Revolving	1,743.59	0.00	0.00	1,743.59
244 Tax Lien Custodian	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
<u>Receipts Reserved for Appropriation</u>				
252 MIIA Grant 214	2.35	0.00	0.00	2.35
256 Insurance Claims	3,233.27	16,044.50	-13,772.18	5,505.59
258 Road Machiner Fund	8,870.60	0.00	0.00	8,870.60
<u>Other Special Revenue Funds</u>				
265 Ag Donations	0.00	225.00	-225.00	0.00
266 Solarize Mass	842.64	0.00	-783.75	58.89
268 EMPG Grant	0.00	10.43	-4,398.77	-4,388.34
269 Special Donation Acct (Burgy Bullets)	230.05	63.00	0.00	293.05
270 COA Donations	2,781.35	2,827.75	-3,429.05	2,180.05
271 Flag Donations	20.00	90.00	0.00	110.00
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	5,222.12	0.00	-1,861.62	3,360.50
275 Library Local	20,529.58	40,722.81	-42,850.28	18,402.11
276 Library School	47.69	0.00	0.00	47.69
278 Town Line Signs	1,161.83	0.00	0.00	1,161.83
279 Angel Garden Fund	1,854.59	360.00	-54.75	2,159.84
280 Woodland Trails Project	-341.74	341.74	0.00	0.00
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	-1.07	864.00	-1,494.81	-631.88
285 Consortium Support	2,540.25	563.00	0.00	3,103.25
287 PVTA	-2,099.69	9,646.52	-11,338.50	-3,791.67
288 EOEA Service Incentive Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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	3,433.77	6,142.86	-8,391.01	1,185.62
294 EPA Small Scale Grant	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00

	<u>Opening</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>YTD Expense</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balance</u>
296 Appraisal Grant	4,100.00	0.00	0.00	4,100.00
297 MTC Clean Energy Grant	21,036.58	0.00	-4,700.00	16,336.58

State & Federal Grants

402 Mass Personal Safety Grant	0.00	429.00	0.00	429.00
405 Bulletproof Vest Grant	2,075.31	0.00	-2,075.31	0.00
407 Gov Highway Safety Grant	1,154.34	0.00	-1,154.34	0.00
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	0.00	4,848.00	-4,848.00	0.00
414 Library State Aid	30.65	8,023.75	-8,027.80	26.60
415 Cultural Council	2,757.78	4,305.56	-3,238.45	3,824.89
420 Fire Dept SAFE Grant	6,315.89	6,018.00	-6,096.56	6,237.33
422 Fire Dept Equip Grant	445.98	0.00	0.00	445.98
426 Regional HV Grant	0.00	0.00	-1,175.83	-1,175.83
427 Service Incentive Grant	0.00	0.00	-15,802.94	-15,802.94
428 Woodland Trails Grant	0.00	1,300.00	-1,300.00	0.00
429 Regional Trails Grant	0.00	0.00	-12,700.00	-12,700.00

Education Funds

501 Title I Grant	-203.94	0.00	-14,484.13	-14,688.07
502 School Choice	28,153.88	69,315.00	-3,128.42	94,340.46
503 REAPS Grant	-1,275.53	23,531.00	-17,454.52	4,800.95
504 Early Literacy Grant	495.25	0.00	-121.42	373.83
505 Kindergarten Enhancement Grant	3,926.54	0.00	-588.56	3,337.98
506 Quality K-12	-1,137.79	21,000.00	-9,407.92	10,454.29
508 94-142 Grant	-183.07	5,820.00	-8,102.17	-2,465.24
516 Medicaid Reimbursement	0.00	10,705.97	-1,942.88	8,763.09
552 Preschool Program	79,472.56	31,407.50	-62,462.90	48,417.16
553 Afterschool Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
554 School Building Use	6,343.65	900.00	0.00	7,243.65
559 School Lunch Fund	-24,446.85	72,519.36	-48,072.51	0.00
560 Elaine Lawton Fund	21,167.93	4,756.05	-590.00	25,333.98
562 Big Yellow Bus	240.16	0.00	0.00	240.16
563 Korpita's Kids Award	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
564 Wellness Grant	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00

Enterprise Funds

610 Water Enterprise Fund	170,874.47	260,549.67	-130,162.55	301,261.59
620 Sewer Enterprise Fund	482,728.74	161,587.45	-173,118.74	471,197.45

Capital Projects

712 Capping Wood Waste Area	8,519.75	0.00	-8,519.75	0.00
718 Police/Fire Station Roof	5,005.00	0.00	-5,005.00	0.00
723 Highway Dump Truck	0.00	135,000.00	0.00	135,000.00
725 School Construction	568,642.92	1,627,959.93	-2,309,301.20	-112,698.35

School Trust Funds

801 Daniel Collins Fund	560,848.34	-7,715.38	-21,540.33	531,592.63
802 O C Spellman Fund	110,405.31	-1,406.50	-4,443.89	104,554.92
803 Ethel Curry Fund	236.35	1.87	-1.26	236.96
804 Albert D Sanders Fund	21,259.03	-270.63	-1,368.79	19,619.61

	<u>Opening</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>YTD Expense</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balance</u>
805 Dunphy-Dunphy School Fund	25,101.57	-319.92	-1,396.12	23,385.53
806 Dunphy-James School Fund	35,761.67	-455.27	-1,915.78	33,390.62
807 Ellsworth Hyde Fund	1,753.01	-22.49	-12.47	1,718.05
808 Byron Loomis Fund	23,974.68	-305.46	-1,388.15	22,281.07
810 Helen E James Fund	25,528.88	-325.45	-181.66	25,021.77

Town Trust Funds

821 WCTU Clock Fund	11,413.41	-152.61	-1,844.26	9,416.54
822 Cemetery Perpetual Care	-81.42	279.02	-179.45	18.15
823 Whiting Street Fund	5,715.58	-73.32	-40.66	5,601.60
824 Arthur King Fund	85,246.20	-1,093.40	-606.61	83,546.19
825 Albert Hills Fund	13,134.88	-170.22	-2,671.22	10,293.44
826 Christian Hills Fund	28,940.32	-377.35	-1,204.46	27,358.51
827 Henry Hills Fund	85,576.09	-1,101.35	-2,206.94	82,267.80
828 Mary Main Fund	6,570.00	-82.37	-1,041.17	5,446.46
829 Lyman Wait Fund	631.45	24.37	0.00	655.82
830 Electra Wait Fund	6,564.11	-84.21	-46.71	6,433.19
831 Henry Warner Fund	41,899.04	-541.64	-1,295.42	40,061.98
832 Women's Club Fund	2,236.78	-28.69	-15.91	2,192.18
833 James Taylor Fund	2,323.58	-29.80	-166.53	2,127.25
834 Sanderson/Heath Fund	4,144.01	-53.15	-179.48	3,911.38
835 Library Humanities Fund	6,553.64	-84.05	-46.63	6,422.96
836 William J Sheehan Fund	134.46	5.20	0.00	139.66
838 KMIT Library Fund	489,926.71	-6,288.08	-9,695.34	473,943.29

Brassworks Funds

842 Brassworks-Rec Long-Range	4,527.98	155.14	0.00	4,683.12
843 Brassworks-Economic Dev	54,913.59	3,464.94	-164.62	58,213.91
844 Brassworks-Loan Fund	213,678.18	270.62	0.00	213,948.80

Other Funds

851 Unemployment Compensation	30,551.59	38.12	0.00	30,589.71
852 Elder Trust Fund	10,699.53	21.37	0.00	10,720.90
853 Stabilization Fund	764,047.60	333,343.83	0.00	1,097,391.43
854 Meekins Library Trust	21,301.46	-303.72	-1,095.50	19,902.24
855 Seewald Technology Grant	4,998.87	0.00	-2,347.76	2,651.11

Agency Funds

891 Off Duty Police Detail	-937.25	32,326.34	-28,987.09	2,402.00
892 Firearm ID Cards	-1,914.50	1,225.00	-75.00	-764.50
893 Clerk Fees	298.28	431.00	-641.00	88.28
894 Fire Agency	-575.00	575.00	0.00	0.00
896 Bid Deposits	0.00	6,000.00	-5,500.00	500.00
897 Collector Fees	150.00	12,579.90	-12,729.90	0.00
898 Deputy Collector Fees	204.00	6,420.00	-6,077.00	547.00

Agricultural Commission

The purpose of the Agricultural Commission is to support agricultural practices and other farming activities in the Town of Williamsburg. We serve as a local voice advocating for farmers, farm businesses, and farm interests, provide visibility for farming, give farmers a place to go for help, work with town boards on issues facing farming in town, help resolve farm related problems or conflicts, and work to protect farmland and other natural resources. Current members are Tom Coughlin (Alternate), Keith Dufresne, Amanda Emerson, Andrew Erwin (Alternate), Alan Everett, David Nehring (Alternate), Meg Taylor (Clerk), and Paul Zononi (Chair). We meet quarterly on the second Thursday in February, May, August, and November and on an as-needed basis. Meetings are held at the Town Offices in Haydenville at 7 p.m. and are open to the public. Meeting dates are posted on our website calendar and on the town website: www.burgy.org.

During 2015, we held a well-attended *Winter Farm Film Series* in January, February, and March at the Meekins Library. Featured films were *Root Hog or Die*, *A Long Row in Fertile Ground*, *Last Stand Farmer*, and *A Sweet Tradition*. We also hosted a public reading of essays by Frances Henry from her book *Tales of a Wayside Community* at the Meekins Library in September. Over 25 people attended this event.

We actively recruited members for open slots on the agricultural commission as a way to have a wide variety of farm interests represented. Currently, our eight members are made up of farmers who produce the following: maple products, honey, dairy, vegetables, fruit, herbs, flowers, fiber products, eggs, hay, manure/compost, and holiday trees/wreaths. We continued outreach to farmers in town who wish to be included in a brochure of Williamsburg farms (with map) that will be created and distributed to farmers, residents, and visitors. If you are a farmer in town and would like to be included in this brochure and on the list of farms on our website, please contact us.



We continue to maintain our website (burgyag.weebly.com) as a way to share the work we do, inform and involve others, promote the work and products of local farmers, and connect all of us in town who are interested in supporting farms and preserving agricultural land in Williamsburg.

To make a donation to help cover costs of the Williamsburg farm brochure (layout and printing, etc.), checks can be mailed to town offices at: 141 Main St., P.O. Box 447, Haydenville, MA 01039. Please make checks out to: Town of Williamsburg and clearly write "For Ag Com brochure" on the notes line. Or contact Paul Zononi at pzmaple@aol.com or 268-3544 to discuss making a donation.

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. It continues to be used by school children and teachers on special occasions and is available to the public spending quiet moments during the day during all seasons.

Park Improvements and Ongoing Care Projects for the 2015 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. Park edges were restored after the Dunphy School construction fences were removed and broken tree branches, damaged by winter storms, were removed. Small shrubs were moved and perennials thinned to accommodate the maturing fir trees and holly screening plants. (Some of the thinnings were planted at the Town Offices bed and more will be added for the spring.)



Plans for 2016:

1. Two new teak benches will be installed to replace two original ones that were donated after the Park was built.
2. Bricks in the existing walkway will be re-set due to settling in areas, underlain with conduits to ensure smooth continuous surfaces.
3. More existing perennials will be divided and new varieties will be introduced to account for new shaded areas.

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. (Please let us know if you would like to help at the Bottles and Cans Shed or with the Garden Crew.)

Submitted by N. Dines, FASLA

Animal Control Officer

In July of 2015 I left my (other) animal control officer position at Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control & Adoption Center in Springfield and accepted the Animal Control Officer position for the City of Northampton. I currently work out of the Northampton Police Department; this allows me to continue to gain additional experience and knowledge, which benefits my position in Williamsburg. In October I graduated the Animal Control Officers Association of Massachusetts Academy along with Williamsburg's Animal Control Officer Assistant Danielle Grenier. We have also attended many educational seminars and training classes throughout the year.

This year has not been as busy as the last. I really feel that the community has done a wonderful job working together to help get stray or lost pets back home in a prompt and safe fashion. I believe this has a lot to do with the Facebook page and other social media sites, with close to 450 members in Williamsburg and surrounding towns. More individuals are seeing posts regarding missing pets and are working together, thus making it easier to communicate and get the word out. In the next year I would like to create a responsible pet ownership program for the town that would have a proactive, positive reinforcement plan to help citizens in the community get rewards for responsible dog ownership. It's a great way to engage the community in a positive way and promote responsible pet ownership.

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.

We are still seeing 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. We are currently searching for grants that may provide free microchipping to local pet owners.

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 again this year 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 animal control the last two years in my duties as an Animal Control Officer.

I encourage anyone to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding the animals in our community. The Animal Control Officer Assistant and I are always more than willing to help.

Thank you,

Shayla Howe, Williamsburg Animal Control Officer

Danielle Grenier, Williamsburg Animal Control Officer Assistant

Assessors

The Board of Assessors submits the following annual report for the year ending December 31, 2015:

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, 2016, there were 1290 real property accounts and 86 personal property accounts for a total Town value of \$303,338,082. To meet the Town budget, \$5,687,589 was raised by taxation with the final tax rate set at \$18.75 per thousand of valuation.

Fiscal year 2016 is a reval tax year for the Town of Williamsburg, meaning the Division of Local Services requires town-wide adjustment of property values to better match current sales statistics. The mass appraisal values set by the Town must be within 10% of a fair market sales value for any given property. The Division of Local Services has tasked the Board with a list of directives; but due to an early retirement for state employees, the DLS found itself shorthanded. The result was a straightforward review of town data with recertification occurring much sooner than expected.

This year Dolores Thornhill resigned from the position of Assessors Clerk in March. The position was advertised and filled by Robin Everett Rosewarne in June. The Board wishes to acknowledge all of the effort put in by both clerks to serve the residents of the Town. The position is on-the-job training with an ever-ongoing learning process. Workloads continued to increase this year, and the Assessors shifted some of the Board duties to the Town's hired consultant, Bishop Associates.

Again, much time was spent this year on solar projects. Experience gained from previous years greatly benefitted the Board. With the help of the Town's hired consultant, long-term tax stability for potential solar development was proposed. One site for such 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 Division of Local Services requirements will be ongoing.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Banister
Chairperson



Brassworks ReUse Committee

The Williamsburg Brassworks ReUse Committee continues to oversee two funds established from the repayment of the original grant obtained by the town and lent to the developers of the Brassworks Building in Haydenville. Those funds are a small business loan fund and a fund used for economic development and housing.

The Committee normally meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Office Building in Haydenville. In 2015 the committee met several times. Once again there were no requests for funds from the small business loan fund and only one request for information.

The housing and economic development fund did make one expenditure, a grant of \$ 9,800 to the Mill River Greenway Committee, which enabled them to look at various options for the Greenway connecting Haydenville and Williamsburg in the vicinity of the Brassworks building.

In addition, the outstanding loan that was granted to the Hilltown Community Development Corporation was kept current by their making monthly payments on time. That loan was made eighteen years ago in order to assist them in developing housing units in Haydenville, which they continue to operate. The loan will be fully repaid in two years.

A major topic of conversation at many meetings, due to the lack of interest in these funds over the last several years, was that the purpose of these funds may indeed have been met and given other conditions such as bank lending practices and relatively low interest rates, these funds may no longer be needed.

Members

Peter Mahieu, Chairman and appointee of the Planning Board

Jeffrey Ciuffreda, Clerk and appointee of the Board of Selectmen

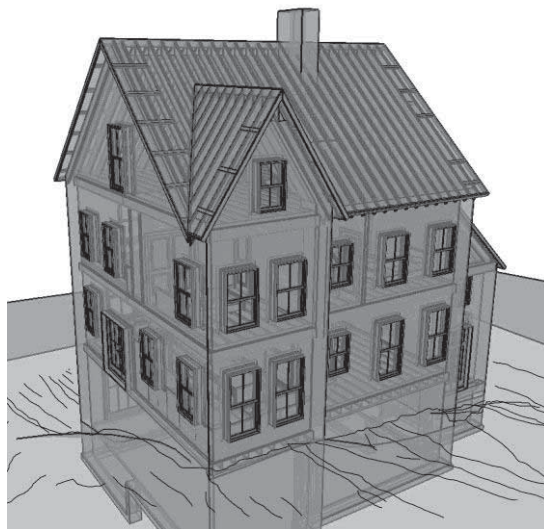
Dick Kisloski, Member and appointee of the Finance Committee

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.

Building activity decreased in 2015 compared to the record numbers in 2014. The Solarize Williamsburg program ended, resulting in 50 fewer permits. New Single Family house permits were up; 5 permits in 2015 compared to 1 in 2014. I expect building activity in 2016 to continue at a slightly higher rate than 2015.



2015 was a busy year for 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. 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 Inspector
Town of Williamsburg

Town of Williamsburg Building Department Activity 2015

Building Permits

Work Category	Number of Permits	Permit Fees	Estimated Cost of Construction
Additions	5	\$2873	\$528,805
Swimming Pools	1	\$100	\$5,000
Decks	3	\$120	\$15,818
Cell Tower Antennas	0	\$0	\$0
Garages	1	\$112	\$50,000
Barns	1	\$87	\$14,000
Sheds	2	\$75	\$9,536
New Single Family Houses	5	\$10,083	\$1,555,114
New Two Family Home	0	\$0	\$0
Repairs and Renovations	32	\$3,296	\$569,997
Insulation	19	\$732	\$67,332
Windows and Doors	6	\$200	\$45,984
Roofing and Siding	28	\$974	\$190,025
Wood Stoves	12	\$360	\$8,550
Signs	1	\$50	\$3,600
Solar Panels	20	\$3746	\$591,712
Building Permit Totals	136	\$22,808	\$3,655,473

Electrical Permits

	Number of Permits	Permit Fees
Electrical Permit Totals	89	\$8,875

Building Supervisor

My job is to see to the maintenance of town-owned buildings, make minor upgrades and help arrange major ones. My position was started in 2012. During 2015, I helped with:

- improving the heating system and controls at Meekins Library
- consulted on improving the insulation in the old Meekins building
- inspected and reported on roofing and skylight at the old Meekins building
- kept tabs on the James School building
- patched up the old Town Hall here and there
- mostly finished the old pump building at the Roger Bisbee Road well house
- worked with the Energy Committee on improving town building efficiency
- did a temperature-controls study of the Dunphy building
- patched damaged weatherstripping at the Haydenville Fire Station
- prepared for capital projects at both library buildings
- upgrades for the Council on Aging spaces, including starting a conference room
- upgraded roof ice-melt cabling at Meekins
- assisted with HVAC warranty work at the Dunphy school, added a gate
- arranged to hire a helper for some of the larger tasks

The town faces a question of what to do with the James building, and has started to rent out some office space in it. I'll be involved with that question, as well as what to do with other town property. It's a challenge to keep up with our aging infrastructure.

Jim Locke



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 Mitch Cichy, Jeffrey Ciuffreda, Melissa Zawadzki, Christopher Morris, 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 FY16 and Capital Improvement Program FY17 – FY20 for the Town of Williamsburg to the Finance Committee in May 2015 (see spreadsheet on the next page.)

Jeffrey Ciuffreda
Chairman

Capital Improvement Budget FY16
Capital Improvement Program FY17-FY20

Requests Prioritized	Total Debt Years	Years Remaining	Estimated Interest %	Project Description	Quote Received	Funding	Current Year	Condition	Town's Share of Project (Current Dollars, Interest Not Incl.)	Remaining Principal	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
APPROVED REQUESTS															
3				Bonded											
4	5	0.55		Hwy - Truck 4 & Sander Int'l	DE	2013	Excellent		\$ 135,000.00	135,000.00	27,743.00	27,594.00	27,446.00	27,297.00	27,149.00
6	5	3.0		ATD School Building Feasibility	DE	2013	Excellent		\$ 116,750.00	70,050.00	25,451.50	24,751.00	24,050.50	23,350.00	22,650.00
7	20	18	3.0	ATD School Building Construction	DE	2013	Excellent		\$ 5,183,250.00	4,844,950.00	374,299.00	367,349.00	360,399.50	353,450.00	346,500.00
8	10	8	3.5	Hwy. Dept. - Addition & Improvements	DE	2010	Good		\$ 175,000.00		19,150.00	18,700.00	18,250.00	17,800.00	17,350.00
9				Short Term Borrowing											
10															
11				Third Party Assessments											
12	25	6		Hampshire Regional - Renovation	DE	1999	Good		\$ 4,768,088.00	336,272.00	75,923.00	76,227.00	74,477.00	72,013.00	69,571.00
13															
14				Other											
15															
16															
17				Approved Requests Subtotals					\$ 10,378,088.00	5,386,272.00	522,566.50	514,621.00	504,623.00	513,910.00	502,620.00
REQUESTS PROPOSED and APPROVED FOR FY15															
18				Highway - Roadside Boom Mower	FC	19			\$ 20,000.00						
19				Fuel Tracking System	FC		Poor		\$ 10,000.00						
20				Current Requests Subtotals					\$ 30,000.00						
FUTURE REQUESTS²															
22	20	4.0		Fire - Public Safety Complex *	DE	1887	Poor		\$ 3,500,000.00			315,000.00	308,000.00	301,000.00	294,000.00
23				Hist. Comm - Old Town Hall Renov.		1841	Poor		\$ 280,000.00						
24				Disposition of Town Offices or Helen E. James					\$ -						
25	1			Police - Car C.Vic #23	FC	2008	Good		\$ 42,361.00			42,361.00			
26	1			Police - Car 22 Ford Explorer	FC	2012	Excellent		\$ 34,428.00				41,109.00		
27	1			Police - Ford Explorer	FC	2014	Excellent		\$ 40,000.00						47,762.00
28	5	5	4.0	Fire- Engine 1	TAX	1987	Fair		\$ 465,000.00	465,000.00	95,558.00	95,046.00	94,535.00	94,023.00	93,512.00
29	10	4.0		Fire - Engine II		2006	Excellent		\$ 250,000.00						
30	10	4.0		Fire - Engine III		1993	Good		\$ 240,000.00					41,328.34	40,045.73
31	10	4.0		Fire - Engine IV		2001	Excellent		\$ 268,000.00						
32	5	4.0		Fire - Chief's Vehicle		2013	Excellent		\$ 35,515.00						
33	5	4.0		Hwy- Ford F350 Pickup		2014	Excellent		\$ 40,000.00						
34	5	4.0		Hwy. - Backhoe John Deere 410E		2000	Fair		\$ 150,000.00				35,702.21	34,770.85	33,839.49
35	5	4.0		Hwy. - Grader John Deere		1987	Good		\$ 200,000.00						
36	10	4.0		Hwy. - Loader Cat 446		2006	Good		\$ 160,000.00						
37	10	4.0		Hwy. - Truck 6 Int'l.		2009	Good		\$ 135,000.00						
38	5	4.0		Hwy - Truck 5 F550		2011	Excellent		\$ 75,000.00						
39	1			Hwy - Truck 3 F350	FC	1999	Fair		\$ 45,000.00			52,167.00			
40	5			Hwy. - Truck 4 & Sander Int'l	DE	2015	Excellent		\$ 135,000.00						
41				School - Tractor	BU	1999	Fair		\$ 20,000.00				23,185.00		
42				Future Year Requests Subtotals					\$ 6,115,304.00	465,000.00	95,558.00	504,574.00	502,531.21	471,122.18	509,159.22
43				Payments from Free Cash/Stabilization/Other											
44				TOTALS					\$ 16,523,392.00	5,851,272.00	618,124.50	1,019,195.00	1,007,154.21	985,032.18	1,011,779.22

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: Average Capital Expenditure + Requests for Last 5 Years = \$340,754
Note 5: Road projects not included, costs offset by Chap. 90.
Note 6: Preliminary Estimate.

Tax Collector - FY2015

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 06/30/13	Balance o/s 06/30/14	Balance o/s 06/30/15
2015									
2014									
2013									
2012									
2011									
2010									
2009	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 66,617.00	\$ 109,575.52	\$ 78,394.50	\$ -	\$ 62,536.23	\$ 84,189.35	\$ -
2008	\$ -	\$ 97,198.75	\$ 1,999.00	\$ 472.52	\$ -	\$ (4,280.89)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2007	\$ 176,212.34	\$ 43,254.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,880.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2006	\$ 57,270.97	\$ 31,377.43	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Prior 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	\$ 76,720.40

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

2015									
2014									
2013									
2012									
2011									
2010									
2009	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 124.00	\$ -	\$ 2,843.05	\$ 20.72	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2008	\$ -	\$ 1,443.07	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,697.18	\$ 41.82	\$ -
2007	\$ 1,325.08	\$ 293.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80.45	\$ 80.45	\$ 80.45
2006	\$ 1,082.18	\$ 303.04	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20.72	\$ 20.72	\$ -
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	\$ 2,739.63

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

2015																					\$ 7,331.93
2014																					\$ 2,691.35
2013																					\$ 1,015.94
2012																					\$ 1,457.40
2011																					\$ -
2010																					\$ -
2009																					\$ -
2008	\$ -	\$ 22,422.38	\$ 8,426.00	\$ 23,103.23	\$ 9,486.05	\$ 6,424.59	\$ 10,180.63	\$ 21,302.78	\$ 7,331.93												
2007	\$ 51,205.30	\$ 6,260.57	\$ 3,408.00	\$ 2,176.06	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2006	\$ 7,099.24	\$ 5,094.74	\$ 3,287.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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	\$ 12,496.62												
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	\$ 56,926.02												
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	\$ 30,921.28												
Liens	\$ -	\$ 13,432.24	\$ 344.00	\$ 175.93	\$ 2,731.28	\$ 1,041.58	\$ 2,347.87	\$ 1,636.00	\$ 1,077.82												
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	\$ 88,925.12												
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	\$ 180,881.77												

The following list represents other money and fees collected.

	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015
Water Connection Fees	\$ 2,040.00	\$ 437.00	\$ 1,647.00	\$ 1,257.60	\$ 1,010.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Sewer Connection Fees	\$ 35,590.00	\$ 21,330.00	\$ 5,490.00	\$ 25,080.00	\$ 14,030.00	\$ 15,570.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,000.00
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	\$ 1,550.00
Final Water Reads for MLCs		\$ 100.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 375.00
Brassworks Loan Payments	\$ 3,332.89	\$ 3,029.90	\$ 4,544.89	\$ 3,635.88	\$ 3,635.88	\$ 3,635.88	\$ 3,635.88	\$ 3,635.88
PILOT		\$ 20,590.02	\$ 22,535.33	\$ 39,253.71	\$ 36,904.34	\$ 39,447.02	\$ 40,660.82	\$ 43,353.16
Total Other	\$ 43,162.89	\$ 55,911.92	\$ 39,384.22	\$ 71,209.28	\$ 57,955.22	\$ 60,665.40	\$ 54,391.15	\$ 53,414.04

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Roberge, Certified Massachusetts Municipal Collector

Conservation Commission

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

In **2015**, the Conservation Commission approved the following MA Department of Environmental Protection forms submitted on behalf of town residents and property owners residing in Williamsburg:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 19 Requests for Determination | 1 Order of Conditions |
| 1 Certificate of Compliance | 1 Order of Conditions – extension |
| 4 Notices of Intent | 1 Emergency Certificates |
| 1 Order of Resource Area Delineation | |

The Commission experienced a 150% increase in permit requests and consultations in 2015. At least 28 site visits were made throughout the year, including those in conjunction with other town entities. Collaboration continued with the Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee for enhancing recreational use of town-owned properties as well as addressing trail maintenance projects on conservation lands. The Commission participated in the removal of a degraded pump house at the Hall Conservation Area trail head and assisted the Mill River Greenway Committee with permitting for the maintenance of the former rail bed near the South Main Street/Northampton town line. The commissioners attended workshops hosted by the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissioners and the Bay State Roads program in order to become better informed and share gathered information with our community. The Commission is in the process of reviewing communication protocols with other boards and the Building Inspector to better facilitate landowner permit needs. The Commission also anticipates reviewing the possible needs and community desire for a town-sponsored wetlands bylaw in the coming year.

The Commission frequently has open seats and always welcomes members of the community to attend meetings and participate on the Commission.

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. 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. We are happy to assist a landowner who is not sure if they are within wetland buffer or riverfront zones to determine if any action is required on their part. Please contact a commissioner with any questions or visit our town website at http://burgy.org/Pages/williamsburgma_Conservation.

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. 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
Marcianna Caplis, Chair, C. Todd Lynch, Joseph Rogers, Mary Dudek, Andrew MacLachlan

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 2015-16, the Williamsburg Cultural Council was allocated a total of \$4,400 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, programs for students, and those that bring residents together in community activities. Some of the recipients of grants for the 2015-16 season are:

Williamsburg High School Drama Club's 50th Anniversary Show; "Wild Edible Plants in Your Yard" at Meekins Library; Hilltown Choral Society; two concerts at the Council on Aging; "The Magical Potter's Wheel" performance at Meekins' May Day celebration; Hampshire Regional High School spring musical; Berkshire Hills Music Academy performance at the Dunphy



School; The Art Salon at Snow Farm; "Watershed Activities: A STEAM Project" at Dunphy School; and Hilltown Families for their "Families' Suggested Events" online site.

Members of the Williamsburg Cultural Council are: Chairperson, Mary Dudek; Secretary, Michele Morales Wolk; Treasurer, Charles Dudek; Sean Mallari; and Henrietta Wallace. Anyone wishing to join our council should send an e-mail to the address below.

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

Emergency Management

The year 2015 was another quiet year in terms of incidents requiring response from the Emergency Management Team. The team has focused on preparedness, as is recommended by FEMA and MEMA. As director, I attend quarterly meetings held at the Region III/IV MEMA headquarters in Agawam, as well as participating in various trainings and classes. Jason Connell, deputy emergency manager, and I also are members of the Williamsburg Public Safety Complex Committee.

Again this year we received an Emergency Management Performance Grant, which was used to fund items for a warming shelter, materials for identification cards, as well as various materials and equipment for use by the Police and Fire Departments to enhance response in the case of an emergency. Town Administrator Charlene Nardi works to track and procure goods and services that are purchased with grant funds.

Staff from MEMA worked with me to complete the annual update of our Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

The Emergency Manager's budget is used to fund the Reverse 911 service, which is used to provide town-wide phone calls to alert citizens to upcoming events, and also to warn citizens of potential or real emergencies. This year we also sponsored a Shredding Day to offer an opportunity to shred sensitive documents to protect against identity theft. The shredding day was well received, and we plan to offer the opportunity again.

I would like to recognize members of the Police and Fire Departments, Town Administrator Charlene Nardi, as well as the staff from Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, who all work together to plan and prepare for any emergency that might befall the Town of Williamsburg.



Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Banister
Emergency Management Director

Employee Earnings

<u>last name</u>	<u>first name</u>	<u>total pay</u>	<u>job title</u>
AHEARN	WILLIAM	\$2,468.94	TRANSFER STATION
BABCOCK	LINDA	\$2,295.81	CON. COMM. SEC
BAKER	BETTINA	\$40,676.34	Clerical
BANISTER	DENISE	\$7,586.64	Assessor
BANISTER	DANIEL	\$559.56	Firefighter
BANISTER	PETER	\$44,409.52	Highway
BARRACK	LORRAINE	\$0.00	SWOP
BERUBE	PAMELA	\$63,032.37	TEACHER
BLACK	JENNIFER	\$65,015.64	Teacher
BLACK	HANNAH	\$1,080.00	SCHOOL-SUBSTITUTES
BOAS	WALTER	\$863.22	FINANCE COMMITTEE
BORCHARDT	MELISSA	\$376.84	FIRE FIGHTER
BRAMAN	DIANA L.	\$68,822.35	Teacher
BUCHELE	ROBERT K.	\$437.22	Finance Committee
BUSSLER	ANNE	\$385.00	SCHOOL-SUBSTITUTES
CAMARCO	CHRISTOPHER	\$60.00	SCHOOL SUBSTITUTE
CARDONNE	KEVIN	\$24,185.04	POLICE OFFICER
CASEY	BARTHOLOMEW	\$1,940.68	FIREFIGHTER
CASTERLINE	PATRICIA A.	\$122.50	Pollworker
CASTERLINE	WAYNE	\$97.50	POLL WORKER
CERRETA	ERIC	\$1,720.22	FINANCE COMMITTEE
CERRETA	ERIC	\$676.76	FIRE FIGHTER
CERRETA	MICHAEL	\$43.08	FIRE FIGHTER
CHASE	DAVID	\$312.20	SCHOOL COMMITTEE
CHILDS	LARAINÉ	\$980.00	Teacher
CHRISTIANSÉN	SARAH	\$312.20	SCHOOL COMMITTEE
CLARK	LINWOOD	\$2,957.43	TRANSFER STATION
CONNELL	JASON	\$527.50	CONSTABLE
CONNELL	JASON A.	\$23,585.69	Fire Chief
CORNELL	SUSAN	\$10,850.90	LIBRARIAN, CHILDRENS
DALEY	DANIEL	\$473.88	CUSTODIAN
DALTON	NOEL	\$1,740.90	HIGHWAY
DENNO	NICHOLAS	\$183.68	FIREFIGHTER
DIAS	NATALEE	\$22,520.24	SCHOOL TEACHER
DIBRINDISI	GREG	\$949.80	FIREFIGHTER
DONOVAN	JOAN	\$155.00	POLL WORKER
DOYLE	ELLEN	\$2,005.31	LIBRARY
DUFRESNE	JACQUELINE	\$437.22	FINANCE COMMITTEE
DUFRESNE	SHELIA	\$47.50	POLL WORKER
DUNPHY	MARJORIE	\$80.00	REGISTRAR
ELOVIRTA	ELEANOR	\$47.50	POLL WORKER

<u>last name</u>	<u>first name</u>	<u>total pay</u>	<u>job title</u>
ESTES	ALAN	\$0.00	SWOP
ESTES	BARBARA	\$0.00	SWOP
EVERETT	GLEN	\$2,938.31	BOARD OF ASSESSORS
EVERETT	ALAN	\$371.08	FIREFIGHTER
EVERETT	GLEN	\$241.48	FIREFIGHTER
FARRELL	SUSAN	\$115.20	FINANCE COMMITTEE SEC.
FERRON	JAMES	\$1,313.39	FIREFIGHTER
FLECHSIG	AMANDA	\$1,256.40	VOLENTEER FIRE
FOLEY	TERRANCE	\$54.44	FIREFIGHTER
FORSTER	NANCY	\$23,845.20	TEACHERS AIDE
GAGNE	GAIL	\$122.50	POLL WORKER
GARBETT	RUTH	\$14,787.96	Psychologist
GELBARD	ANNE C.	\$12,738.08	SCHOOL AIDE
GELBARD	JEFFREY D.	\$312.20	SCHOOL COMMITTEE
GERTZ	LUCY	\$41,790.50	TEACHER
GIBSON	DONNA	\$1,310.92	BOARD OF HEALTH
GILLIS	ANA	\$60.00	SCHOOL-SUBSTITUTE
GOEBEL	FRANCES M.	\$19,717.80	COA-ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR
GOEBEL	GLEN	\$0.00	SWOP
GOLASH	ALAN	\$11,685.30	CUSTODIAN
GOUGEON	SONJA	\$696.96	POLICE-CUSTODIAN
GRAHAM	JASON	\$8,271.06	POLICE OFFICER
GURDAK-FOLEY	ROBIN GRACE	\$69,715.57	TEACHER
HARVEY	RENEE	\$28,046.77	CAFETERIA
HEATH	CHARLES	\$437.22	FINANCE COMMITTEE
HEFFERNAN	JOHN S.	\$67,635.65	Teacher
HENDRY	KAREN	\$39,746.18	SCHOOL NURSE
HODGKINS	THOMAS	\$97.50	POLL WORKER
HOWE	SHAYLA	\$1,844.36	ANIMAL CONTROL
HULTMAN	DONALD	\$825.00	WATER/SEWER
HUNTINGTON	SARAH	\$40,796.82	SCHOOL - TEACHERS
HUYSER	DIANE	\$292.50	SCHOOL SUBSTITUTE
HYDE	ELAINE	\$0.00	SWOP
HYSLIP	JAMES	\$1,850.00	WATER DEPARTMENT
JENKINS	STACEY	\$89,925.89	SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
JOYCE	BRYAN	\$893.80	FIREFIGHTER
JOYCE	KATHRYN	\$49,940.80	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
KAROWSKI	KAREN	\$5,653.24	ASSISTANT TREASURER
KAROWSKI	RICHARD P.	\$605.16	Firefighter
KELLOGG	NORMA	\$0.00	SWOP
KISLOSKI	RICHARD	\$437.22	FINANCE COMMITTEE
KISLOSKI	LINDA	\$1,087.50	SCHOOL SUBSTITUTE
KORPITA	JOHANNA M.	\$58,788.44	Teacher

<u>last name</u>	<u>first name</u>	<u>total pay</u>	<u>job title</u>
KROL	KATHLEEN	\$45,443.75	LIBRARY DIRECTOR
LABONTE	MEGHAN	\$937.50	SCHOOL SUBSTITUTE
LANCE	JAMES	\$510.00	SUBSTITUTE
LAPOINTE	ROBERT	\$3,819.98	FIREFIGHTER
LAPOINTE	ROBERT	\$869.40	HIGHWAY
LASHWAY	DEENA	\$4,086.46	TEACHER
LAWTON	DAVID	\$542.34	HIGHWAY
LAWTON	DONALD	\$132.48	HIGHWAY
LESSARD	BRENDA	\$28,702.38	TOWN CLERK
LIPTAK	RILEY	\$270.92	FIREFIGHTER
LOCKE	JAMES	\$6,828.91	BUILDING SUPERVISOR
LONG	MARY JANE	\$65,032.37	Teacher
LOOMIS	WILBUR W.	\$2,466.80	Transfer Station
LOOMIS	SHARON	\$12,818.05	COA ASSISTANT
LOOMIS	RICHARD	\$0.00	SWOP
LOUD	VICTORIA	\$300.00	SCHOOL-SUBSTITUTE
LUCE	GORDON	\$13,668.56	CONSTABLE
LUCE	KATHLEEN	\$210.00	Poll Worker
LUCE	RITA MACINNIS	\$58,288.44	Teacher
LUCE	CONNOR	\$1,310.10	SCHOOL CUSTODIAN
LULEK	JAKE	\$2,595.52	FIREFIGHTER
LULEK	CHESTER J.	\$7,601.13	Custodian
LUSZCZKI	BRYAN	\$22,585.96	POLICE
MALO	AUBREY	\$2,132.99	POLICE OFFICER
MALONI	ROBERT	\$2,950.00	WATER QUALITY TESTER
MARTI	SHERYL A.	\$69,179.96	Teacher
MATHERS	DAVID E.	\$2,938.34	Select Board
MCAVOY	LORI	\$787.50	SCHOOL SUBSTITUTE
MCGILL	CORY J.	\$2,020.63	Firefighter
MCGILL	DOUGLAS	\$82.44	FIREFIGHTER
MCQUESTON	TIMOTHY E.	\$96.80	Firefighter
MERRITT	ROBIN	\$2,374.14	FIREFIGHTER
MIELE	ELIZABETH	\$20,118.91	SCHOOL-NURSE
MILLER	MELISSA	\$3,742.55	CAFETERIA
MILLETTE	NANCY	\$59,627.35	Teacher
MILSOM	SUSAN D.	\$20,254.41	Teachers Aide
MONTS	ANDREW	\$3,567.25	POLICE OFFICER
MOORE HAWTHORNE	CAROLYN	\$930.00	SCHOOL SUBSTITUTE
MORAN	ZACHARY	\$907.08	FIRE FIGHTER
MORRIS	CHRISTOPHER	\$437.22	Finance Committee
MORSE	DREW	\$824.16	FIREFIGHTER
NARDI	CHARLENE L.	\$50,503.76	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
NETTO	FRANK	\$1,900.09	TRANSFER STATION

<u>last name</u>	<u>first name</u>	<u>total pay</u>	<u>job title</u>
NOYES	WORTH	\$563.88	FIRE FIGHTER
O'BRIEN	MICHAEL	\$44,149.77	Custodian
O'CONNELL	MICHAEL P.	\$25,212.95	TEACHER
O'SULLIVAN	DIANE M.	\$80.00	Poll Worker
PACKARD	CHRISTIAN	\$1,023.80	FIREFIGHTER
PALMER	JOHN	\$3,490.95	LIBRARY
PARADIS	REENA	\$50.00	SCHOOL SUBSTITUTE
PARENT	JESSICA	\$6,104.77	AIDE
PELOQUIN	LISA A.	\$64,782.37	Teacher
PIGHETTI	GARY	\$120.00	SCHOOL-SUBSTITUTE
POLLEN	STEVEN	\$215.46	TRANSFER STATION
POPE	JOHN P.	\$398.36	Firefighter
PUNSKA	DIANE	\$125.00	POLL WORKER
PUNSKA	HEATHER	\$63,032.37	TEACHER
RENAUD	BRIAN	\$114.88	FIREFIGHTER
RICE	NOLAN	\$25,376.18	HIGHWAY
RIDENOUR	JEFFERY	\$7,937.60	CUSTODIAN
ROBERGE	BONNIE	\$42,431.16	Collector
ROBERGE	JEREMIAH	\$7,925.00	WATER
ROGERS	SHAWNA	\$876.92	FIRE FIGHTER
ROMA	GARY	\$1,878.00	CROSSING GUARD
ROMANOWSKI	STEVEN	\$1,351.66	SCHOOL AIDE
ROSEWARNE	ROBIN	\$3,927.70	ASSESORS CLERK
ROSEWARNE	NATHAN	\$20,072.74	TREASURER
ROWLEY	LINDA	\$437.22	Finance Committee
RUDOF	PAUL	\$312.20	SCHOOL COMMITTEE
RYAN	ANNE	\$23,382.70	TEACHERS AIDE
SANDERSON	PAUL	\$1,958.82	Firefighter
SAYRE	WILLIAM	\$2,696.50	SELECTMEN
SCANLON	LAURIE	\$4,804.09	LIBRARY
SCHWEITZER	KAREN	\$61,542.51	Teacher
SHAW	PHOEBE	\$30.00	SCHOOL-SUBSTITUTES
SHIPPEE	JULIA	\$26,387.37	TEACHER
SHUMWAY	PETER B., JR	\$2,951.76	Board of Assessors
SMITH	GREGORY	\$7,794.70	POLICE OFFICER
SOLOMON	KAYLA	\$312.20	SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SOUKUP	JASON T	\$19,106.20	POLICE
SPERRY	CYNDY	\$65.00	ART SUBSTITUTE
SPRINGMAN	DARYL R.	\$1,977.86	Firefighter
STIEPOCK	DANA	\$1,380.00	SCHOOL SUBSTITUTE
STONE-ADAIR	DARLENE	\$337.50	SCHOOL SUB
SYLVESTER	RACHEL	\$3,953.25	CUSTODIAL
SYLVESTER	GAIL	\$0.00	SWOP

<u>last name</u>	<u>first name</u>	<u>total pay</u>	<u>job title</u>
SYMONS	HELEN	\$1,280.16	BOARD OF HEALTH
TAUTZNIK	CHRISTOPHER	\$12,200.06	HIGHWAY
TAYLOR JR	KENNETH H	\$1,681.74	Highway
THORNHILL	DOLORES	\$4,543.31	ASSESSOR LABOR
TILLEY	FRANCES	\$97.50	POLL WORKER
TURNER	DONALD W.	\$5,062.74	FIRE FIGHTER
TURNER	DONALD W.	\$45,274.72	Highway
TURNER	WILLIAM	\$79,754.06	Highway Supt
WALLACE	AIMEE M.	\$70.62	Police Officer
WARD	MARVIN	\$47.50	POOL WORKER
WARNOCK	ELEANOR	\$13,556.04	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
WAYNE	MICHAEL H.	\$48,920.88	Police Officer
WEEKS	NYLDA	\$8,646.78	COA-MEALSITE
WEEKS	NYLDA	\$0.00	SWOP
WENTWORTH	PAULA A.	\$0.00	SWOP
WEST	LAWRENCE	\$210.00	SUBSTITUTE
WESTBURG	ANNE MARIE	\$21,988.91	COA DIRECTOR
WESTLAKE	JENNIFER	\$39,910.67	HIGHWAY
WETZEL	PAUL	\$437.22	FINANCE COMMITTEE
WICKLAND	DENISE	\$60,291.27	Police Officer
WILCOX	WENDY	\$6,217.69	SCHOOL-CAFETERIA
WILDFONG	ROCHELLE L.	\$31,385.31	Librarian
WILLARD	SABRINA	\$520.56	POLICE OFFICER
WILSON	JAMES	\$1,157.52	TRANSFER STATION
WOLK	MICHELE	\$9,830.98	LIBRARY
WOODS	MARY ELLEN	\$63,571.58	TEACHER
WRIGHT	AMELIA	\$66,177.37	Teacher
YORK	JEAN T.	\$80.00	POLL WORKER
YOUNG	CHRISSE	\$17,492.53	SCHOOL AID
YOUNG	BARBARA	\$27,372.26	Library
ZIMMER	NANCY	\$47.50	POLL WORKER
ZIMMER	RICHARD	\$47.50	POLL WORKER

Energy Committee

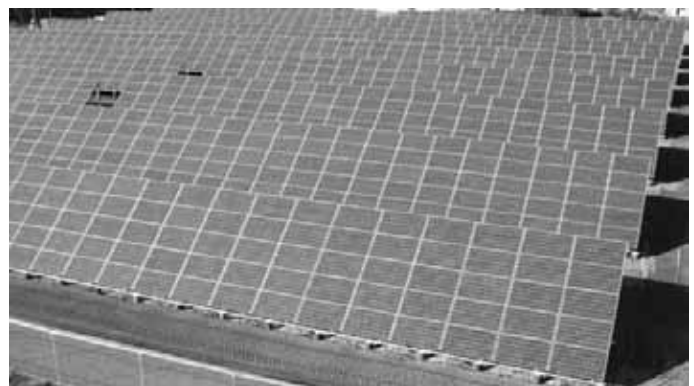
High energy costs which carried over from 2014 were a primary concern to the energy committee in 2015. The new Dunphy School effectively doubled the town's total electric usage and the means to achieve a meaningful reduction was elusive, although there was some success with reducing the electrical peak demand portion of the school's electric bill. A positive effect of the new school was that the new heating system did achieve energy savings from the previous boiler, while heating more square footage. However, the Town is much further away from meeting its Green Community energy reduction goal due to the new school building.

In order to address the cost of electricity to Town buildings and operations, the committee requested and evaluated pricing proposals from third-party electric suppliers. The committee recommended participating with Constellation Energy through the MunPower program offered through the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA). While the price negotiated was considerably lower than 2014 prices, slightly more than nine cents per kilowatt-hour, the decline in the overall energy market reduced any significant cost savings town. Electricity pricing should stay lower than in previous years but the committee will continue to evaluate third-party suppliers on an annual basis to lock in potential cost reductions.

The year 2015 saw the committee working to achieve the Town's Green Community energy reduction objective by considering ways to implement the recommendations from the energy audit of the Meekins Library, and evaluating other potential energy projects in the Town buildings, but with the uncertainty of building usage, little progress could be made.

The Meekins audit recommendations included additional insulation to the attic of the original library building, reducing air infiltration between the unconditioned attic and the occupied area of the library, and improved controls. Upgrades to the heating system shown in the audit were not considered due to the decades-long payback. The insulation project moved forward but upon a site visit by contractors as part of the bid process, the project was deemed unfeasible due to the need for additional ventilation in the attic and no easy, inexpensive way to achieve it. Work is planned on a portion of the project which will better seal the unconditioned attic by installing an insulated hatch over the stairwell. It is expected that energy saving improvements to the Town Office building and the Meekins Library will be paid from the previously awarded Green Communities grant.

The committee received an inquiry from NexAmp regarding participation in a net-metered solar project and began a review process to evaluate the benefit of net metering for the town building. This process will continue into 2016. The Town's participation will result in at least a 20% reduction in the cost of electricity due to the net-metering credits we will receive on our electric bills.



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 Eric Cerreta, Charles Dudek, Jacqueline Dufresne, Charlie Heath, Richard Kisloski, Christopher Morris, Steven Romanowski, Linda Rowley, and Paul Wetzel.

The total proposed FY 2015 Town operating budget was \$6,628,239. 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	3,394,133	51.2
Fixed Miscellaneous Expenses —Insurance, employee retirement, Medicare	831,083	12.5
Public Works & Facilities	550,625	8.3
Debt Service	536,221	8.1
General Government	561,222	8.5
Protection of Persons & Property —Police, fire, ambulance	378,741	5.7
Human Services —Council on Aging, Veterans	164,063	2.5
Culture & Recreation —Library, Recreation, Athletic Fields	141,589	2.1
Intergovernmental Expenses —Solid waste, county jail, building inspection	70,563	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 2015 are listed below:

Opening Balance: \$ 60,000.00

Date	Amount (\$)	Reason
July 14	79.00	Police & Fire Insurance for new fire dept. personnel
July 14	402.00	Animal inspector expenses
July 14	879.00	Fuel for Town vehicles
April 1	15.00	School Committee stipend increase
April 1	2,000.00	Library utilities
April 15	181.39	Library utilities
April 15	2,306.00	Smith Vocational School student tuition
April 15	1,216.38	Utility expenses Helen James School
April 29	8,811.00	Smith Vocational School student tuition
April 29	4,023.74	Utility expenses Helen James School
April 29	1,794.98	Library utilities
12 May	1329.75	Utility expenses Helen James School
June 24	62.01	Library utilities
June 24	1404.21	Custodial and grounds work for Town buildings
June 24	49.99	Highway Department utilities
June 24	8660.05	Mountain Street road repair
Total	33,214.50	
Balance	26,785.50	

Fire Department

In 2015 the Williamsburg Fire Department responded to 307 incidents, or 21 more incidents than 2014. There were 15 fires; these included building, chimney and vehicle fires. Approximate total losses from these fires were around \$110,400 with a pre-incident value around \$3,428,300. There were 190 Rescue and Emergency medical incidents; these included motor vehicle accidents, search and rescue calls and sick person calls. We responded out-of-town mutual aid 8 times and called in mutual aid 3 times.

Major Incident Breakdown

Fires	15	4.89%
Medical Emergencies	160	52.12%
Motor Vehicle Accidents/Other Rescues	30	9.77%
Hazardous Conditions (No Fires)	18	5.86%
Service Call	19	6.19%
Good Intent Call	9	2.93%
False Alarm & False Call	48	15.64%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	6	1.95%
Special Incident Type	2	0.65%
	307	100.00%

During 2015 the department was able to update 16 sets of turnout gear using town and grant funds. Prior to this upgrade, the department only had one set of compliant gear. The department also received the S.A.F.E. & Senior S.A.F.E grants from the Department of Fire Service. These grants help support our life safety/fire prevention programs in the schools and for the senior citizens of Williamsburg.

Also during 2015, changes to the departments for officers were made. In April, Robin Merritt was sworn in as Lieutenant and has officially become the first female fire officer to serve on the Williamsburg Fire Department. Also promoted in 2015 were Cory McGill to the rank of Captain and Daryl Springman to the rank of Deputy Chief. Both Cory and Daryl are longtime members of the department and each brings a unique skill level to his position.

The Williamsburg Association purchased a new thermal imager for the department in 2015 using donations received throughout the year. The new thermal imager is an upgrade from the department's older camera obtained almost 20 years ago on a grant. Our new camera is lighter and features the latest technology. Also purchased from donations were new firefighting gloves, a small utility trailer and other much needed equipment.



With donations the fire department is able to purchase items which are not typically covered by the annual operating budget, and donations directly support the 30 men and women of the department.

Board of Health

The Board of Health is composed of three members, Donna Gibson, Chair, Rusty Luce, and Helen Symons. The Board meets twice a month. Along with the towns of Westhampton, Whately, and Goshen, we make up membership in the Foothills Health District and share the services of our health agent Valerie Bird.

Health Agent Valerie Bird presents her concerns to us at our twice monthly meetings. (All meeting notes are available at the Town Offices.) This year the board has had to focus on a number of housing issues (substandard housing). We are also working with the services of the Massachusetts Attorney General Offices to rehabilitate three abandoned properties and return them to the tax rolls. We are very fortunate to have the services of our health agent, Valerie Bird, who acts promptly to resolve complaints and concerns which she receives from the public and other Town departments.

We also 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. Currently we participate 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.

We are in the planning phase of a study to see if residents would be interested in a composting collection at the Transfer Station. This is being done successfully in Whately with the participation of a local farm. There is an online survey available through the Town's website www.burgy.org under the Board of Health.

The Transfer Station is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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.

The efforts of residents' participation in recycling pay off by the funds being returned to the Town and also reducing the waste stream. We are grateful for all the volunteers who help Nick Dines with the recycling of bottles that go to benefit the Town's gardens. Unfortunately the returns on paper and plastics are diminishing but it is still more cost effective to recycle them than to have to haul them to the landfills. We have learned that hard plastics like toys, etc., have a good value and we hope to have an area recycling day for these materials (similar to what is done for Hazardous Waste). We have found a company that recycles mattresses, and this not only brings in money but of course also keeps these materials from the landfills.

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 this should occur.

We participated in the working group to update the Town of Williamsburg Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Symons for the Williamsburg Board of Health

Health Agent

During 2015, the department witnessed 3 perc tests and 13 Title 5 inspections. Septic system permits were issued for 7 new systems or system components. Twenty-two inspections or reinspections of food establishments were completed. A total of \$9965 was collected in fees, an increase of \$4645 from last year, partly due to an increase in number of real estate sales 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 is part of public health; however, they do not generate a fee for the town.

The board currently has two houses under “Receivership” status through the Attorney General’s office. This program will correct the code violations, get the properties back on the tax rolls, and restore the neighborhood without a cost to 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 Inc. FY 2015

Operations. Highland Ambulance is the primary ambulance service provider for the towns of Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Plainfield and Williamsburg. Highland also provides primary back-up in the town of Worthington in support of Hilltown Ambulance of Huntington. Paramedics are on duty at Highland's station in Goshen from 6 a.m. until midnight seven days a week. During the midnight to 6 a.m. time period, Highland EMT's are assisted by Paramedics from other ambulance companies when the service of a Paramedic is required. Highland's active roster as of June 30, 2015, consisted of 37 members including 19 Paramedics and 18 EMT's.

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

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

Emergency Responses. During FY 2015 Highland responded to 537 emergency calls of which 101 were no service. These are broken down by Town as follows:

Ashfield	81 (13 No Service)	Chesterfield	58 (12 No Service)
Cummington	63 (12 No Service)	Goshen	70 (21 No Service)
Plainfield	42 (7 No Service)	Williamsburg	188 (21 No Service)
Worthington	14 (4 No Service)	Other	15 (5 No service)

Out of these responses, 351 required advanced life support (ALS) services.

Training. The following special training events were held:

- CPR training for Emergency Service Personnel.
- Quick clot training for EMT personnel and first responders.
- Ebola response review plan with Cooley Dickinson Hospital.
- New National (NCCR) EMT recertification classes for area EMTs.
- Medical Management Classes.

- ALS/BLS interface class for area EMTs.
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support training.
- Paramedic transition class to conform to National Core Curriculum.
- Dog and cat resuscitation class for all first responders.
- Application to become a certified AHA training site.

Community Involvement. Highland provided support to our communities including:

- Ambulance Coverage for Community events including the Chesterfield 4th of July Parade, the Cummington Fair, and the Ashfield Fall Festival.
- Safety Committee meeting at Sanderson Academy.
- Flu shot clinic for area first responders and EMT’s.
- Ebola Response plan for the Ashfield Fire Department.
- Lock down drill and tour of the newly refurbished Anne T. Dunphy School in Williamsburg.

Operating Expenses in FY 2015 \$468,288.16

Cash On Hand June 30, 2015

Operating Funds	\$ 8,478.19
Building Fund	40,069.72
Ambulance Fund	150,029.59
Memorial Fund	3,086.30
Dresser Fund	<u>3,697.37</u>
Total Cash On Hand	\$205,361.17

Grants. \$25,400 from the Assistance to Fire Fighters Grants for the purchase of two automated CPR devices called LUCAS IIs. They can help improve the chance of survival for cardiac arrest patients.

Building Project. During this fiscal year, Highland Ambulance committed to building a permanent facility for its operations. From its very beginning, it was clear that Highland Ambulance was “borrowing” the Goshen Fire House and would need eventually to establish itself elsewhere. Highland Ambulance chose a lot at 12 Williams Drive in Goshen for its facility. Site development has commenced. Anticipated costs of the entire project will be in the range of \$750,000.

In Memoriam. We are saddened by the deaths of Francis Dresser of Goshen, at-large member of the Board and one of our founding members, and Kit (Christopher) Smith, our valued Williamsburg representative, also a founding member and our Board President for over a decade. Both are greatly missed by all of us.

Respectfully submitted,

Highland Ambulance Board of Directors

Ashfield – Patricia Thayer	Goshen – Donald Boisvert	At-Large – Cassandra Morrey
Chesterfield – Spencer Timm	Plainfield – Michael Packard	At-Large – Bernard Forgea
Cummington – vacant	Williamsburg – Leslie 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, once again 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. This seems to be holding up well so far.



The new ten-wheeler truck arrived in the summer. This truck is working out better than anticipated with the wing on it for plowing snow. This has turned a two-truck plow route into a one truck route, thus freeing up one truck to work in other parts of town.

Ashfield Road's brush and trees that were overhanging the road were cut and removed and we continue to work on cleaning up this area.

Hemenway Road, Judd Lane and Conway Road were top-coated with asphalt.

Village Hill Road, Route 143 and Ashfield Road were crack-sealed.

The Highway Department assisted with meter upgrades for the town water system.

I would like to thank the entire Highway Crew: Don Turner, Jen Westlake, Pete Banister and Chris Tautznik 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 subcontractors, 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.

With deep regret I report that employee Nolan Rice decided to move to New York with his wife and children. He will be missed by the entire highway department. Chris Tautznik has replaced Nolan and is working out well for the Department.

Thank you
Highway Superintendent
Bill Turner

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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 2015, 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 Framing 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. Community Development Block Grant funding was awarded allowing Hilltown CDC to provide CDBG-funded HEN services. This grant allowed these services to be delivered through calendar year 2015.

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

- **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.
- **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 2015 Hilltown Business Directory, distributed to 13,000 hilltown households in 22 towns, with contact information and descriptions of 337 hilltown businesses in 94 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 owns and operates Westhampton Woods Senior Housing, which provides 15 apartments for low-to-moderate income seniors over 60 years old.
- **Rental Housing:** Hilltown CDC began renovating 24 units of scattered affordable rental housing in Williamsburg, Westhampton and Chesterfield in December of 2014 and made 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. All of the properties will be completed and fully occupied by April 2016.
- **New Project Development:** Hilltown CDC is working with the Town of Goshen and its Senior Housing Committee to develop 10 rental units of affordable senior housing. Hilltown CDC is pursuing a permit and securing the financing to develop this project. Hilltown CDC has secured a piece of land in Goshen to develop these units. We hope to build this project in 2017.

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 2015 HCDC:

- Hilltown CDC rehabilitated 22 homes in the Towns of Williamsburg, Cummington, Chesterfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg, Peru and Plainfield.

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 2015 HCDC:

- Completed phase I of our Keep Farming in the Hilltowns initiative where we worked with a number of local farmers, buyers and local residents to develop a community action plan based on agricultural needs. Our action plan will be released in February 2016 once our final public comment period is over.
- We also secured funding to engage the local community and conduct a study on rural transportation needs. We are working across 15 hilltowns inclusive of the Northern and Southern Hilltowns. Phase I includes administering a community survey to be followed by focus groups and interviews. Our goal at the end of year one (July 2016) is to develop a rural transportation business plan with a pilot period where we will experiment with a few different transportation models.

Please visit www.hilltowncdc.org for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Christopolis

Dave Christopolis
Executive Director
Hilltown Community Development Corporation

HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE FY 2015

To the Residents of the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative:

The Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (HRMC) was created in 1989 by a group of dedicated volunteers who had the vision to seek a regional solution to help small towns 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 FY15 included: Joe Kearns, Chair (Middlefield); Adam Leach, Vice Chair (Worthington); and Tom Martin, Treasurer (Westhampton). In October, Kathleen Casey assumed the contracted half-time position of HRMC Administrator filling the position that had been vacated in July.



The HRMC has been helping hilltown member communities manage all aspects of their solid waste including: municipal waste hauling and disposal, recycling, hazardous waste, DEP compliance assistance, and sustainability services. In FY15 those services included:

- Bid Administration, Contract Administration, and contractor transition to both a 3-year Municipal Recycling Facility (MRF) hauling contract and a 3-year Municipal Solid Waste Hauling and Disposal Contract for each of the member towns.
- Administration and Execution of a new 5-year MRF contract with DEP and Waste Management.
- Execution of an annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event
- Program management of Transfer Station Recyclables including collection, hauling and recycling of tires, electronic waste, universal waste, and Freon removal from appliances. Implementing a new Call2Recycle battery collection service. Additionally, the Town of Williamsburg became a regional mattress-recycling center for HRMC community residents.
- Transfer Station operations and compliance monitoring including the implementation of DEP transfer station regulations that were announced in February 2014.
- Preparation and submittal of DEP annual surveys and reports.
- DEP Grant Administration including reporting and grant writing.

In addition to managing the day to day business and program operations of the HRMC, the HRMC Administrator also serves as a representative on behalf of its member Towns to the MRF Municipal Advisory Board, the State Solid Waste Advisory Committee and the Western Mass Regional Recycling Coordinators; advocates with local, regional, and State officials; and is available to provide technical assistance on DEP and compliance related issues.

In FY15, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced their Small-Scale Initiative Grants under the annual Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP). Nine of HRMC towns received a grant award of \$500. Collectively, the grant awards totaled \$4,500, which the towns used to acquire transfer station signs to meet new regulatory requirements, and to do public outreach. In addition, two HRMC Towns were the recipients of additional grants under the Recycling Dividends Program (Goshen and Williamsburg). In total, the HRMC Towns received \$7,300 in grant funding – an increase of \$2,300 over the previous year. Grant applications for FY16 were submitted in June for a total of more than \$18,000 in funding requests.

The HRMC has an annual assessment that is approved by each Town at their annual Town meeting. The annual Assessment Budget is based on tonnage and population. In FY15 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 5 years. The Assessments are intended to offset base operating expenses. Recycling program/collection costs (other than MRF) are pass-thru expenses from the HRMC to the Towns to best maximize the economy of scale and to enable the HRMC Administrator to have review and oversight of vendor contracts/relations, and program operations.

A review of recycling tonnage for FY 2015 shows an increase of nearly 43 tons compared to FY14. In FY15, the HRMC member Towns collectively diverted 1,085.57 tons of recyclable materials (paper, and bottles/cans) to the MRF and earned \$19,018.14 in recycling revenue despite low market prices throughout the year.

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



WHC hopes the town will adopt the Community Preservation Act (CPA), which offers perhaps the only opportunity to obtain major state funding assistance for projects like the Old Town Hall renovation, cemetery improvements and repairs, conserving and digitizing old town records, and other historic preservation projects that don't readily fit into the town's annual budget. CPA funds can also be earmarked and accumulated from year to year for projects too big to fund in a single year. A campaign

to adopt the CPA will require persistent and determined leadership. WHC eagerly awaits the emergence of such an initiative and will do all it can to help.

During 2015, plans to build a Dunkin Donuts on the bank property at 142 Main Street, Haydenville, were submitted for review by the developer. WHC expressed confidence in the Planning Board and the Board of Appeals to act in the town's best interests. WHC members also explained to residents that the Commission had no regulatory authority in this case, and the site's being within a National Register Historic District did not confer any protection upon the bank building or impose any design-related requirements on new privately-funded construction.

WHC members led occasional walks to the failed reservoir dam ruins off Judd Lane on request. Visits to the site must be scheduled ahead of time and led by a WHC member, per agreements with the owners of intervening private land and with the City of Northampton, which owns the dam site. To arrange for a tour, call Eric Weber or Ralmon Black.

The Commission is also interested in the continuing 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

Libraries

Governance, Staff, Programs, Fundraising:

Trustees and Staff:

Trustees: Anne Haxo, stepped down as Chair after 20 years; Patricia Billingsley took on the role of Chair; Eileen Stewart, Treasurer; Joan Coryat; Jon Gould, Rob Stinson and newly elected Cynthia Barker.

Library Staff: Katie Krol, Library Director; Rochelle Wildfong, Children's Librarian; Bobbin Young, Technical Services Librarian; Michele Morales, Circulation Assistant; Susan Cornell, Kmit Children's Programming Librarian; Daria D'Arienzo, Archivist; Ellen Doyle, Circulation Assistant; John Palmer, Bookkeeper; Laurie Scanlon, Library Cleaner.

Volunteers: Over 35 volunteers gave of their time to the Meekins, providing public, program, 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.)

New Logo: Local Graphic artist Rick Murnane created this striking new logo for the libraries.



The two maple trees represent Williamsburg and Haydenville joined by the river. The hilltowns are depicted in the background in the shape of an open book.

FY16 Library Annual Appeal: \$14,287.

Facilities and Grounds: The “new” library addition and renovation is twelve 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.**

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 study and school projects, participate in book discussions, listen to stories, and select books and other materials. Fall of 2015 marked the 31st year that Meekins has served as the school library. Meekins is one of two public libraries in Massachusetts that also serve as the school library.

Summer Reading Program: 158 children participated in 2015 as well as 27 teens and tweens. The program opened with a puppet show performance. 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 Acme Surplus of Northampton and participating families.

Library Statistics and Services FY 2015:

- ☐ **Circulation:** From 7/1/14 – 6/30/15 total circulation was 84,759. The Williamsburg Libraries lent 10,464 items to other libraries and borrowed 10,690 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 1,125 hours.
- ☐ **Patrons and Attendance:** As of December 31, 2015, 2,337 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 2015 more than 43,011 patron visits were recorded at the library.

Meekins Library was chosen as one of the top libraries in the country by Library Journal for 2015! We are very proud of this accomplishment! What a team!

Community Groups who used the Hawks~Hayden Room or Haydenville Library in 2015:

Hilltown Land Trust, two Foster Parent Support Groups, Western Massachusetts Master Gardeners Group, Brownie Troup, Williamsburg Cultural Council, Williamsburg Agricultural Commission, Hilltown Families, COA Quiet Meditation, Hampshire Bird Club Committee, Hilltown CDC, Conway School of Landscape Design, Williamsburg PTO, Quilting Group, Watchmen of Massachusetts, Community Book Project, Massachusetts Library System, and C/WMARS.



Exhibitions: The following shows appeared in the Neil Hammer Gallery in the Hawks~Hayden Community Room and on the Meekins Library grounds during 2015.

- February – Hilltown Families Valentine Swap Exhibit
- April – Ed O'Brien – Paintings
- May – Susan Cornell – Book Art
- June & July – Susan Cornell
- September – Photos by Nikki Gardner
- October – Flotsam Weirs II by Todd Lynch and Nikki Gardner
- November – Nancy Dickinson – Acorn People

In 2015 a new, professional hanging system was purchased and installed by some very generous donors!

Additional Programs, Activities and Events: We have also hosted three movies with the Williamsburg Agricultural Society, an introduction to Feldenkrais, a gardening Power Point by Hilltown Tree & Garden, book discussions by Christian McEwen, June Millington, Susan Snively and others. And we held our first annual May Faire! We made fairy houses, forsythia crowns, fairy poofs and were entertained by Ed the Wizard and the Mill River Madrigal Singers. We had hundreds of people, ghosts, and goblins attend our annual Halloween Party. And we ended the year with a Friends sponsored showing of the movie, “Matilda.”



Kmit Programming Librarian: Susan Cornell was hired at the beginning of 2015 as our Kmit Children’s Programming Librarian. Susan has her Master’s degree in Education, has experience as a school librarian and is very enthusiastic about kids and her new position here at Meekins! This position is funded by a bequest from Evelyn Kmit to assure that children learned about and used the library. She has started a SteamCraft program one Saturday a month for kids of all ages that combines an art or craft project with science. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. She has also formed a Teen/Tween Book Club. She often provides an after-school drop-in craft and has even had a stuffed animal sleep over! Her best attended program so far is Lego Club – held twice a month due to its popularity! Check out the Children’s Activities page on our web site to learn about other exciting programs here at Meekins.

Story Hour: 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.

Friends of the Libraries – Report from the President: Anne Bussler, President/Treasurer, passed her baton as president to Becky Houlihan. The Friends of the Williamsburg Libraries supports the mission of the Williamsburg Libraries through fundraising and volunteer work. A few of our many activities have included supporting the summer reading program, funding the museum pass program, participating in the Florence Savings Bank “Customers’ Choice Community Grants” program, running the annual Columbus Day book sale, organizing summer garden walks, hosting author readings and our May Faire celebrations. The Friends have also helped improve library infrastructure by purchasing an accessible front door, funding a renovation of the staff room to create a pleasant space for our amazing librarians, and buying new books and shelving to improve the library experience for the entire community. These are but a few of the activities we have focused on throughout the years.

A current focus of our work is on strengthening the relationship between Dunphy School families and the Meekins Library. The Dunphy School community is so blessed to enjoy the use of the Meekins as a school library and there is nothing more exciting than seeing a love of books and knowledge develop from an early age. To that end, the Friends have recently planned a number of events designed to appeal to young people and their families. Through this work we hope to highlight the Williamsburg Libraries as a welcoming, interesting, vital destination in the heart of the Hilltowns for community members of all ages.

Williamsburg Libraries – Volunteers – January 2015 to December 2015

Lorraine Barrack	Elaine Hyde	Amber Smith-Harder
Amy Bedell	Myra Ilson	Brian Snape
Steve Berlin	Eileen Keegan	John G. Stevens
Ken Borden	Beth Kilduff	Eileen Stewart
Anne Bussler	Gary Krol	Rob Stinson
Dee Cinner	John Lancaster	Francie Taylor
Linda Culver	Jennifer Lewis	Janet Tudryn
Daria D’Arienzo	Jim Locke	Margo Valone
Nick Dines	Jennifer Miller-Antill	Marvin Ward
Karissa Fabin	Michele Morales	David Weber
Friends of Library	Monica Nicoletti	Eric Weber
Jon Gould	Patricia O’Brien	Rochelle Wildfong
Susan Goulet	Jack Petrides	Bobbin Young
John Hoogstraten	Dominique Rampton	
Becky Houlihan	Sara Smith	

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Krol and
The Board of Trustees of the Williamsburg Libraries

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 2015, the Committee:

- Continued discussions with the MassDOT on the Route 9 portion of the multi-use trail
- Received and discussed recommendations from Fuss & O’Neil regarding improvements to South Main Street
- Worked with HyGround Engineering to get preliminary estimates regarding the “dismount” transition from the railbed to South Main Street
- Engaged Smith College engineering students to work on a possible design for the “dismount”
- Coordinated with the City of Northampton on basic improvement of the existing railbed near the town border
- Continued discussions with the owners of property behind the Brassworks, including a decision by Eversource Energy that their parcel is available for use by the Greenway
- Received study from Dodson & Flinker Associates regarding Greenway options in the area behind the Brassworks, and organized a presentation of same to town officials and the involved property owners.

In 2016, the Mill River Greenway Committee plans to:

- Host a community meeting at the Town Offices in April, to update town residents on our progress and solicit their feedback
- Based on that meeting, narrow down the options for the route of the multi-use trail, and arrange for more detailed studies as needed
- Submit a Project Initiation Form to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation
- Work with the Williamsburg Highway Department to begin needed improvements on South Main Street
- Continue progress with owners of property behind the Brassworks
- Review Smith College engineering students’ design of a potential “dismount” transition from the railbed to South Main Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Mill River Greenway Committee

Eric Bloomquist, Chair
Emmet Anderson (Associate),
Nick Dines, Mary Dudek, John
Hoogstraten, Jim Hyslip, Gaby
Immerman, Mimi Kaplan, Joe
Rogers, J.M. Sorrell, Lisa
Tucker, Lawrence West

Alternatives for the Brassworks Area



Planning Board

The year started off with the Board considering the application of CRD Metalworks for a Site Plan Review to go along with their Special Permit application to the ZBA. We concluded the initial application was incomplete and requested more documentation. A February 27 hearing on the matter was continued to late April for that reason. Meantime we discussed SPR application procedures and coordinating with the ZBA, a possible noise bylaw, and Open Meeting Law matters.

The April 28 continuation of the public hearing on the CRD application made it clear their application was still missing some parts. Since the Board and the ZBA wished to decide the case on its merits and not dismiss the application as incomplete, a second continuation hearing to May 26 was agreed upon. The hearings featured spirited discussion by attendees. This hearing closed the application comment period.

The presentation of the Board's Site Plan Review finding to the ZBA was at a public meeting on June 30. Our Board listed 45 ways in which the application did not "represent a suitable development," to use the language of our Zoning Bylaw. The ZBA then had 65 days to issue or deny its Special Permit application; they subsequently denied the application.

In early June, we received another SPR application, this for a solar array to be installed at 127 Goshen Road. This was a complete application with good information for us to go on, and we issued our SPR finding to the ZBA.

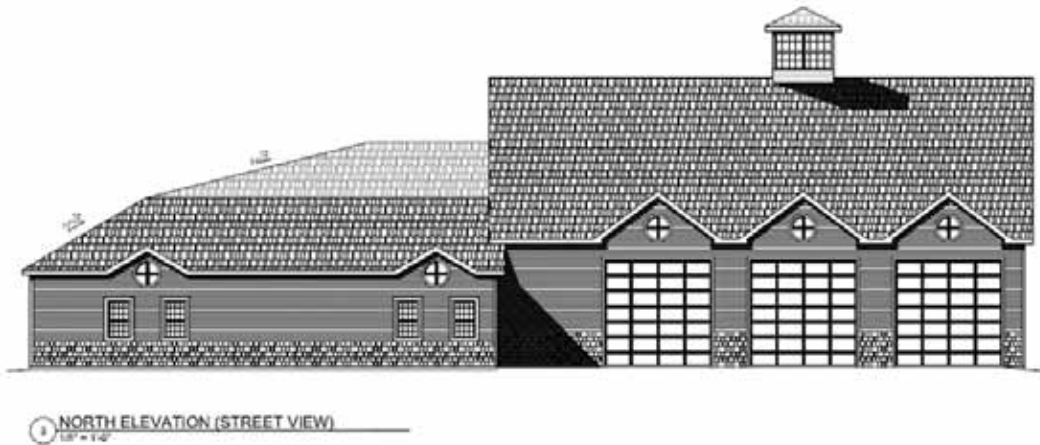
Next came time for an application for a Dunkin Donuts drive-through restaurant to replace the closed Berkshire Bank building at 142 Main St. in Haydenville. This was another application that aroused much public concern. After studying expected traffic flows, environmental concerns, neighbors' noise and light questions, and consulting other town boards, we had a joint hearing with ZBA on September 21. After deliberation, on October 28 at a joint hearing with ZBA, we forwarded a favorable finding with eight Conditions.

In October, Steve Romanowski of Haydenville joined the board, and in November Kathy McKeown joined. We now have seven members and a well-matched group, with plenty of Steves. We ended the year gathering topics to take up in 2016. Thanks to all for their collaborative efforts of civic engagement.

Jim Locke, chair

Steve Snow, Steve Smith, Bob Barker, Charles Dudek, Steve Romanowski, Kathy McKeown

Public Safety Complex Committee



Since our last annual report, the Williamsburg Public Safety Complex Committee has continued to meet monthly, working on finding the best solutions for siting, designing and funding the public safety infrastructure needs for the Town of Williamsburg.

During 2015, the committee has worked on the following:

- Worked with the architecture firm Drummey Rosane Anderson to complete a feasibility study of the various options and locations for a safety complex.
 - Studied all of the available lots in town for suitability, feasibility and availability, including the James School, National Grid, Highway Department, Haydenville Town Office and Lashway lots, as well as the current Williamsburg and Haydenville Police and Fire buildings.
 - Worked through three major design motifs with our architect, Anwar Hossain, determining the best configuration that meets the needs of the three departments and keeps costs to manageable levels.
 - Determined estimated costs for the various design options to be used for cost comparisons.
 - Conducted a redesign of the first option to reduce costs by half.
 - Tested the suitability of using the James School lot and the James School building for siting and cost issues.
- Reviewed and analyzed the engineering report from Collier Engineering Co. that presented costs for rehabilitating the Town Office and James School buildings.
- Completed work on a pro-bono video by videographer David Thorpe, to demonstrate the need for new safety facilities.
- Hosted a meeting of Williamsburg's financial team to help determine the suitability of the ongoing design process and to collect input for future revisions.
- Presented our final feasibility report to the Board of Selectmen.

It has been a busy year, but we are not at the finish line yet. Our goals for 2016 are to continue to look at and examine the few options Williamsburg has for siting a safety complex facility, to continue to explore the best methods for designing and building a structure that will last for a minimum of 50 years and that keeps costs in the affordable range, and to explore financing

options that will help keep the tax impact at manageable levels. Towards these goals, we will be hosting a series of small meetings with all of the various organizations and departments in town as well as a larger general public meeting, looking for input and feedback to help us design the best plan possible for Williamsburg. Please come to one of these meetings and let us know what you think.

William Sayre, Chair	Jason Connell	Don Lawton	Michael Wayne
Denise Banister	Louis Hasbrouck	Peter Mahieu	Denise Wickland
Dan Banister	Dick Kisloski	Daryl Springman	

Police Department

In 2015 the Police Department was composed of the following members:

- Chief Denise Wickland
- Sergeant Jason Soukup
- Corporal Michael Wayne
- Officer Bryan Luszczki
- Officer Jason Graham
- Officer Gregory Smith
- Officer Aubrey Malo

The collective duties of the Police Department included responding to emergency and non-emergency calls, handling department administrative functions, routine patrols, criminal investigations, responding to medical emergencies, investigating traffic crashes, attending court, enforcing state and local laws, working with the Elementary School on safety plans, attending specialized trainings, and hosting safety-related special events in Town. The Police Department responded to 1,481 calls for service that came through the emergency communications dispatch center and an additional 814 walk-in reports / calls for service. We investigated 53 motor vehicle crashes within our jurisdiction. Police made approximately 616 traffic stops in 2015. There were 95 arrests made in 2015 for various crimes. The Williamsburg Police has seen an increase in narcotics violations within our Community and work hard to combat this growing problem. There have been several incidents in which suspects have used physical force in an attempt to avoid arrest or capture and each time the Police were able to make the arrest with no injuries to the suspects or Officers. The quality of training that the Police receive shows each shift as members report to work and risk their lives to protect the citizens of Williamsburg and their guests. I would like to say thank you to each and every member of the Police Department. We are extremely lucky to have such a dedicated group of officers who do the job each and every day, many times without thanks or recognition. I also want to thank the residents, boards, committees, and departments in Town for their continued support of the Police Department.

Respectfully,
Chief Denise Wickland

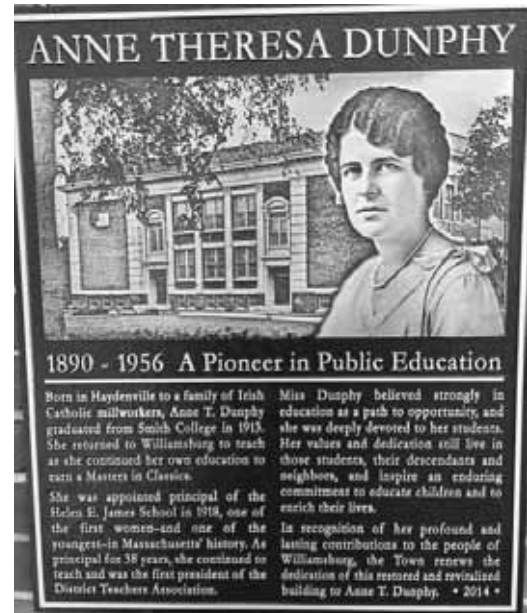
Anne T. Dunphy School Williamsburg School District Annual Principal's Report

I am pleased to submit this annual report of the Anne T. Dunphy School. I am fortunate that the support and dedication of the staff, School Committee, School Council, the Williamsburg PTO, and the community of Williamsburg make being the leader of this school community such a pleasure. The wonderful group of students in this school community reflects the nurturing adults who have surrounded them in their early years. I want to acknowledge the leadership, dedication, and support of the Williamsburg School Committee, **Sarah Christiansen, Jeff Gelbard, David Chase, Kayla Gilman-Solomon, and Paul Rudof.**

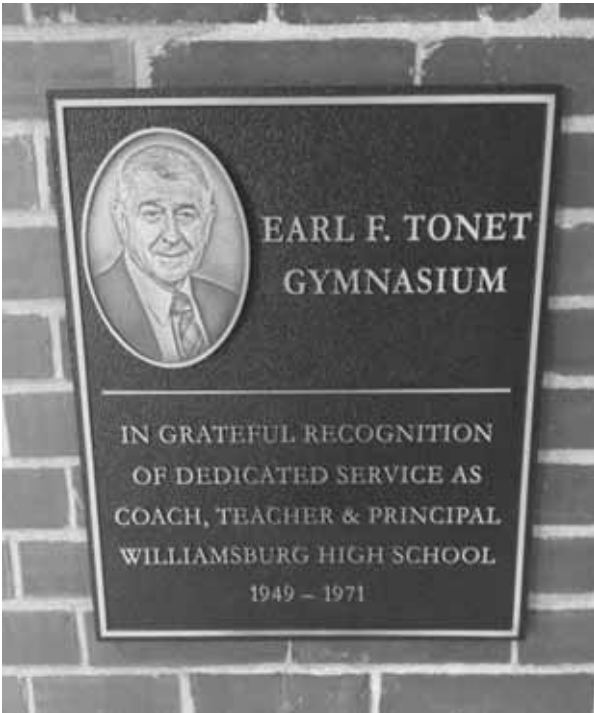
In addition, our School Council members support the school community in creating a vision for school improvement each year. Serving this past year were **David Chase, Keira Durett, and Lisa Zacks** as parent representatives, **Sara Wein** as our community representative, and **Mary Ellen Woods and Amelia Wright** as our staff members on the council. At the close of the 2014-2015 school year, Sara Wein completed her years of service on our School Council. Sara served on the council for nine years, first as a parent representative, then as a community representative for five years after her children were no longer part of the Anne T. Dunphy School community. We thank Sara for her years of service.

Although we had just enjoyed our first fall in the newly renovated school building, the year 2015 started off with an unexpected and unfortunate incident. In mid-January, during a very cold period, a faulty attic sprinkler malfunctioned, allowing gallons of water to discharge above a classroom. The quick response of the Williamsburg Fire Department kept the damage to a minimum, and our school community was grateful for their expertise and willingness to help us begin the restoration process. The support of Williamsburg's Building Supervisor, **Jim Locke**, was also invaluable. Although this incident created some unexpected shifts in spaces and required flexibility on the part of students and staff, repairs to the building and replacement of materials all occurred relatively quickly, and within a month our beautiful new school was once again whole!

A highlight of our winter, and yet another way to highlight and appreciate our new facility, was the production of our first school musical, *Seussical, Jr.* A dedicated cast of students under the direction of **Nancy Millette, Johanna Korpita, MJ Long, and Amelia Wright**, rehearsed through the winter weeks. Our anticipated single show turned into *two* sold out 300-seat performances!! We were thrilled by the support of the community and are looking forward to presenting our second musical in 2016.



This spring, Superintendent Jurgensen and I were proud to attend a ceremony at the State House in Boston during which **John Heffernan** and **Karen Schweitzer** were honored as finalists for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching. The Commissioner of Education spoke about the contributions of Mr. Heffernan and Ms. Schweitzer to both our school community and the larger field of education. It was an honor to have Western Massachusetts and our *very own school* represented by two of the six finalists across the state.



We were so pleased that, once again, the Anne T. Dunphy School was able to be the venue for Williamsburg's Annual Town Meeting. The June 1st meeting was a special event, as it incorporated the dedication of an impressive plaque honoring the school's namesake, **Anne Theresa Dunphy**. The plaque now graces the main entrance of the school, and was made possible through donations, time, and vision provided by members of the Williamsburg School Committee, the Williamsburg Historical Society, and members of the larger community. In addition, the evening included a special re-dedication of the **Earl Tonet Gymnasium** with the hanging of a new plaque honoring Mr. Tonet. Many former students, athletes, and friends attended the dedication of this special space in his honor. Mr. Tonet's passing this past October allowed us again to reflect on the impact he had on this school and this town.

We appreciate the efforts of **Jim Moran** who spearheaded the initiative for the plaque and dedication ceremony.

On June 22nd, we hosted the first sixth grade graduation in our newly renovated Earl Tonet Gymnasium. It was an evening on which we could not help but reminisce about the many graduations that had taken place in that space ~ both high school and elementary school graduations. We honored thirty wonderful students ~ one of the largest sixth grade classes in recent years. Graduates honored in the Class of 2015 were **Emma Becker, Sara Becker, Alivia Brisson, Acadia Burns, Andrey Cao, Rebecca Connell, Andrew Delisle, Jaqueline (Lainie) Dufresne, Justina Forish, Julian Greve, Sarah Guiel, Reese Hillenbrand, Lane Jablonski, Kayla Jones, Katherine Joyner, Miles Lance, Eden Lulek, Alexander Moran, Sarah O'Brien, Avery O'Connell-Karl, Zachary O'Connell, Dylan Ostrowski, Christopher Paiva, Gregory Poitras, Christina Sample, Grace Stanek, Katherine Towler, Chevrin Wall, Larry Weeks, and Katarzyna Wisnauckas.**

At the start of the 2015-2016 school year, we were excited to welcome **Deena Lashway** as our Spanish Language Teacher. The incorporation of a world language into our curriculum has been a long-term goal of the Williamsburg School Committee, and we were pleased to see it come to fruition this fall. Students in grades K-6 participate in weekly Spanish lessons with Señora

Lashway. The students look forward to each week’s lesson and are taking on some basic concepts of Spanish language and culture. This fall we were also pleased to welcome **Rachel Sylvester** as a part time evening custodian, and **Jessica Parent** and **Steven Romanowski** as paraprofessionals.

During 2015, one of our initiatives was to invite families to be part of our school community in many various ways. We continued our monthly Drop In Days and Family Feast Luncheons in order to give families a peek at their child’s life during the school day. In addition, we invited families to join us for vocal and instrumental music programs, classroom performances and curriculum sharing (Living Museums, Biography Bash, Authors’ Teas, Readers’ Theatre, Artist-in-Residence Culmination programs, etc.), and volunteer opportunities. We also partnered with our dedicated PTO to participate in some visioning sessions for our playground, developing a short-term and long-term plan to enhance the ways in which our students interact with our outdoor spaces. In an effort to support and welcome new families, we further developed our kindergarten and school choice/new student introduction to our school community with additional points of contact and opportunities to visit the school throughout the spring and summer months. As students finish their time with us, we have also worked to strengthen the transition from Anne T. Dunphy School to Hampshire Regional Middle/High School, partnering with HRHS to provide numerous opportunities in the spring and summer for students and families to interact with their new school environment.

While our classrooms focus on providing hands-on, well-rounded learning experiences for

Student Enrollment Fall 2015	
Preschool	14
Kindergarten	21
1 st grade	20
2 nd grade	21
3 rd grade	19
4 th grade	27
5 th grade	26
6 th grade	21
Choice in students: 19	
Choice out students: 13	
Charter out students: 16	

students, we continue to use local and statewide assessments (MCAS) to ensure student achievement continues to grow. This spring, our fourth grade students were also selected to be part of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), also known as the Nation’s Report Card. The NAEP is given to a random selection of fourth, eighth, and tenth grade students across the country. The results are not reported directly to schools, but are used to measure student achievement and progress across the United States. The 2015 NAEP results show that Massachusetts fourth graders ranked top in the nation on the reading portions, and tied for the top rank in the mathematics assessment.

Grant opportunities continue to be an important way to augment our students’ experiences. Through a STARS grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, we were able to offer an artist-in-residence program with visual and performance

artists Micha Archer and Motoko ~ providing the students with an opportunity to develop a literary piece as well as incredible art to accompany it. We were pleased to be awarded both Massachusetts Cultural Council grants and Williamsburg Cultural Council grants again this fall, and are looking forward to the programming they will provide in 2016. We would also like to acknowledge the financial support provided to the school by the Williamsburg Trust Fund. These funds not only provide important curriculum materials for the students, but fund enrichment opportunities to all students, such as technology and field trips

Our students are exposed to a variety of rich experiences throughout each week, taking part in general music, vocal music, instrumental music, art, physical education, library, technology/robotics, gardening, health/wellness programs, and Spanish. Classroom teachers and support staff continue to focus on enhancing curriculum experiences, shifting the curriculum to meet the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework, as well as the needs of each child, integrating technology where appropriate, and providing hands-on learning experiences throughout each week. Outside of the school day, our After School Enrichment program has experienced sustained growth in 2015 ~ serving 219 students in 18 various enrichment classes ~ an average of 54 students during each six-week enrichment session!

The staff and administration maintain a focus on school safety, partnering with town and State agencies to ensure a safe school community for our students. This fall school, town, and state emergency officials were part of a table-top exercise to rehearse responses to potential emergency situations. Through this exercise, we were able to affirm many of our current practices and preparations, and to continue to refine our plans to ensure the safety of all of our students. We appreciate the support of the Williamsburg Fire Department and the Williamsburg Police Department in our planning, as well as in our fire and lockdown drills.

We continue to be grateful for the wonderful facility provided by the citizens of Williamsburg. We are pleased the building is a resource to the town and is utilized almost nightly for much of the year for adult and youth programs through the Williamsburg Recreation Committee. We were glad to be able to provide a venue for the expansion of the Recreation Committee's youth basketball program this winter, and are looking forward to having the Earl Tonet Gymnasium once again host youth basketball games for the children of Williamsburg and surrounding towns. At other points in the year, the building is used for community choral groups, the TRIAD fair, Veterans' Day, and Memorial Day programs.

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 our appreciation for the many town employees and departments who support our school community and partner with us to provide a rich educational experience for the students of Williamsburg.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light gray rectangular background. The signature reads "Stacey L. Jenkins" in a cursive script.

Stacey Jenkins, Principal

Superintendent of Schools

Writing the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools provides a meaningful opportunity to look back comprehensively and ask, “What did we accomplish?”, “What accomplishment are we continuing to pursue?” and “How will we adjust our strategies and actions to reach the more challenging goals that we have set for ourselves?”

Looking back at 2015, 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. We are often reminded that we are preparing students for jobs and careers that don’t exist yet, in some cases jobs that haven’t even been imagined. We know, however, that critical thinking, cooperation, communication, and creativity are essential for our students to succeed. To ensure our instructional practice includes these foundational skills, teachers at all levels and throughout all of our schools continually review and revise their curriculum and teaching practices. At the same time, we remain focused on the importance and vibrancy of our local communities, knowing it is critical for our towns and schools to work together as “Six Towns, One K-12 Community” to achieve our goal of providing all students with the safety and support they need to grow and succeed.

School safety and emergency preparedness planning continue to be significant activities. All of our schools are fortunate to be located in communities with responsive local police, fire, ambulance, and other emergency management personnel. Working together with the Massachusetts State Police, our individual schools continue to tighten daily procedures (including those that are in place to protect students on their way to and from school) and improve coordinated District actions to respond to emergencies. We continue to refine our procedures and make changes where necessary, including updates to our Medical Emergency Plans and Emergency Operations Procedures. It is regrettable these actions are necessary and place additional demands on an already tight academic calendar but it is a reality we live with and a responsibility we accept knowing that we must work conscientiously to protect our children.

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 2015, Patricia Parent (HRHS special education teacher), Sunday Burke (Southampton 5th grade teacher), and Sarah Huntington (Williamsburg school adjustment counselor) received this prestigious award. Mr. John Heffernan (Williamsburg technology teacher) was presented with a Local Hero award from the Ronald McDonald Charities for his work supporting children. Additionally, we hired a new Vice Principal at William E. Norris School in Southampton and a new Middle School Vice Principal at Hampshire Regional High School. Welcome, Mr. Kevin Cousineau and Mr. Matt Collins.

Hampshire Regional Middle/High School completed focused professional development on the NEASC accreditation process. Middle and high school staff participated in a workshop focused on meeting the needs of English language learners in the regular classroom. Staff at the high

school participated in a series of workshops including: Differentiated Instruction/Assessments; Reading Across the Content Areas; Writing Across the Content Areas; Executive Functioning; Technology Tools; and Suicide Prevention.

Professional development for the elementary schools targeted each school's training goals while simultaneously recognizing where individual school needs overlap. Workshops addressed: Autism and Everyday Strategies for Managing It; Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum; Responsive Classroom; Fractions in the Elementary School; Reading and Writing Workshop for Grades K-2 Teachers; Developing Whole School or Cross Grade Thematic Curriculum; and Reading and Writing Workshop for grades 3 and 4 Teachers. For paraprofessionals, a multi-session workshop, Differentiated Instructional Strategies, was provided.

Hampshire Regional Middle/High, Norris Elementary School and Anne T. Dunphy Elementary School completed a DESE English Language Education Program Coordinated Review. Although the schools have a low incidence of English language learners, students with many different language backgrounds, including, Russian, Turkish, Nepali, Portuguese, Spanish, Polish, Filipino and Mandarin, are served through the district's ELL programs.

It takes many people to hold our schools on the path of enlightenment (effective schools). Each school has many parents and community members supporting its mission including a PTO, School Council, and School Committee. The School Committee is responsible for budget and policy, as well as evaluation of the superintendent. The PTO works to provide support for many school and community enrichment activities with its fund raising and organizing efforts. Each school is required to have a School Council made up of teachers, parents, and community members. The council makes recommendations to the school principal for the development, implementation and assessment of school improvement plan and also assists in the review of the school budget. Local participation is critical and I encourage you to become involved and follow and support the efforts of these groups (information is shared in school newsletters and on school websites, all of which are linked through www.hr-k12.org).

At the end of 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 entered into an agreement to provide administrative support and services to the new district and our high school entered into a tuition agreement with Worthington which allows Worthington high school students to attend Hampshire Regional. For the 2015-2016 school year there are 15 Worthington students attending Hampshire. This tuition revenue helps support the high school's operational budget and money paid for administrative services defrays the cost of central office services to the other five district towns.

School budgets provide the backdrop for telling the story of each school and the District. 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. Because of the District's structure, annual budget preparation is a complicated process. The budgeting requirements and expectations of individual towns, as well as the budgeting requirements set by state law for regional school districts, guide our budget development calendar and activities. 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, 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.

Winter weather is always 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.

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. As you know, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is currently revising the Commonwealth's MCAS testing program. 2016 will be a transition year for the program, and the MCAS our students complete will be augmented with a small number of PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) items. Implementation of the Commonwealth's next generation MCAS 2.0 will occur in the spring of 2017. Initially these tests will be administered in paper/pencil format, with DESE planning to move to computer-based testing by 2019. Assessment data specific to the performance of students in our schools is available on the DESE website: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/> using the "profiles" and assessment options.

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 engaging 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, as well as a detailed explanation of school budget development. 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 or the principal of your local school.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Jurgensen
Superintendent of Schools

Special Education

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 412 students with disabilities on Individualized Education Programs (IEP). Students in each of the six 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.

During the 2014-2015 school year the district completed a Coordinated Program Review for each school 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 worked together to implement corrective action plans, which included professional

development and ongoing monitoring to reach one hundred percent compliance. Program Quality Assurance, a branch of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, continues to monitor compliance. Special Education Professional Development grant funds have been dedicated to supporting students with social, emotional and behavioral challenges. There has been a sharp increase of students with significant needs. Administration, staff and families work together with outside agencies to meet the varied needs of our students to support school success for all students.

School	Total Enrollment	Special Education Students
Hampshire	751	150
Chesterfield-Goshen	154	27
Westhampton	142	35
Williamsburg	169	26
Southampton	533	111
Worthington	50	8
Smith Vocational	93	43
Out of District	12	12
Total	1908	412

The Hampshire Regional Special Education Parent Advisory Council (HRSEPAC) meets regularly 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, and development and evaluation of special education programs. The HRSEPAC continues to recruit representatives from Chesterfield-Goshen and Westhampton districts.

Teachers in Southampton, Westhampton, Williamsburg, Chesterfield-Goshen and Hampshire Regional completed intensive training in the Orton Gillingham approach to reading. The Pupil Services Director and Principals are working together to implement the use of Orton Gillingham approach to teaching reading in each school. Southampton teachers have enrolled in a two-year Level Two training. 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 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. Southampton also has a specialized preschool program designed to meet the needs of students with moderate to severe special needs. This program is in its second year and continues to be at capacity.

At Hampshire Regional High School, the Life Skills program has undergone evaluation and change. The middle school program is designed to teach and assess whether students will take an academic or life skills/vocational course of study in high school. The Transition to Adulthood program for students who are 18 to 21 years old includes an option to participate in Holyoke Community College's Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment Program. For students seeking a work experience, working with a job coach to secure competitive employment is an important part of school programming. 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 expanded into an eighth grade this year. There are two sophomores and four seniors. 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 a high school language-based learning disabilities teacher to meet the needs of students transitioning to high school from the middle school. Middle School and High School teachers who work with Clarke Mainstream program students and language based learning disabled students have had focused professional development during the 2015-2016 school year.

There have been increased numbers of students who require social, emotional and behavioral supports in schools. Students diagnosed with Autism have also increased. The district has completed focused professional development to support staff in meeting students' diverse and intensive needs. Trainings on the following topics have been offered in 2015: Responsive Classroom, Tiered Behavioral Supports, De-escalation and Restraint Techniques, Functional Behavior Assessment/Behavior Intervention Plans and Mindfulness.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene H. Ryan, MSW, CAGS
Director of Pupil Services

Hampshire Regional High School

In 2015 Hampshire Regional students and faculty engaged in a dynamic year of teaching and learning.

For the third year in a row, Hampshire Regional earned a spot on the College Board's Advanced Placement Honor Roll. This prestigious award is given to 425 schools across the United States and Canada for increasing AP access to courses while also maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning a 3 (out of 5 possible points) or higher on AP Exams. Seventy-seven Hampshire Regional students took a total of 115 Advanced Placement exams in 14 subjects including United States History, Calculus, Biology, English Literature, Macroeconomics, Studio Art, and Spanish. Sixty-seven percent of students earned a 3 or higher on their exams.

In March and May, students in seventh, eighth, and tenth grades took the English Language Arts and mathematics sections of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS). Eighth, ninth, and tenth graders took the science section of MCAS in May and June. All students in a public school setting are required to pass the English Language Arts, mathematics, and science MCAS exams in high school to earn their diplomas by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Hampshire Regional students outperformed the state in every subject at every grade level. Forty-two seniors received the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship based on their MCAS scores, and an additional 38 students qualified for the Koplik Award. These awards qualify students for free tuition to a state university in Massachusetts. Although students' performance and progress is commendable, Hampshire was assigned the status of a Level Two school. The state education department expects schools to halve the distance between the level of performance from 2011 to 2017. Since Hampshire's performance is consistently strong, it is challenging to meet the requirements of that narrow performance gap.

Academic programming continued to be the focus for the Hampshire learning community. Teachers provided students with authentic learning opportunities and pushed students to use different instructional methods and assessments. Notably, French teacher Greg Reynolds developed an exchange program with a school from Southern France, and Hampshire hosted ten foreign students for a ten-day period. The History Department ran a field trip to Washington DC for sophomores, connecting their learning in the classroom to on-site locations of historical significance. Middle school scientists built streams in their classrooms and learned about organisms, habitats, and environments with this hands-on learning opportunity. The high school statistics class held a casino-day based on the projects they completed in class on simulating probability scenarios. A number of upperclassmen students took advantage of the work study program and internship program. These accomplishments are just a small sampling of the great work that Hampshire students did in 2015.

The Hampshire community initiated a number of strategies to support students' mental and emotional health and wellness. The Hampshire Regional School Committee committed to offering a high school health class to inform students about healthy decision-making, especially related to substance abuse and positive relationships. The club Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) led by English teacher Courtney Sullivan and paraprofessional Sarah Jablonski enacted a mock accident before prom to remind students to be safe. After seniors graduated, underclassmen had the opportunity to hear Chris Herren, former Celtics basketball star, share his story about his drug addiction, his path to sobriety, and his techniques for making smart choices in life. Mr. Herren covered topics including gateway drugs, peer pressure, cutting, bullying, and drunk driving. His message made an impact on the student body, and many students and staff have requested for him to visit Hampshire on a regular basis. Faculty and staff continue to engage in professional development and discussion regarding prevention, intervention, and postvention planning for different crisis situations.

Students enjoyed a plethora of extracurricular opportunities as well. Students performed *Little Shop of Horrors* for the spring musical, starring Cody Labrecque as Seymour and Julie Lussier as Audrey. A number of young musicians were selected to be in the Western District Music Festival. *The Raider Report*, Hampshire's student-led newspaper, published six editions of local and world news and special interest articles. Other popular clubs include the SciFanime club, the

Robotics club, Student Council, Future Business Leaders of America, and As School Match Wits.

In April, Pat Parent, our eighth-grade special education teacher, received the honor of being named as the Grinspoon Teacher of the Year from Hampshire Regional. Ms. Parent was nominated for this award because of her investment in the learning community, her willingness and consistent effort to support students, and her exceptional collaboration with teachers and families.

In June of 2015, Hampshire graduated 119 students. Valedictorian Sasha Clapp of Westhampton, Salutatorian Daniel Baldwin of Southampton, and class president Savannah Waters of Southampton were among the student speakers on Friday, June 5, at John M. Greene Hall in Northampton. Fifty-three percent of graduates from the class of 2015 planned on attending a four or five year college, thirty-three percent of graduates intended to enroll at a two-year college, while the remaining fourteen percent decided between the military, employment and travel.

The 2015-2016 school year welcomed 747 students to Hampshire Regional.

Grade	Number of Students
7	139
8	142
9	102
10	112
11	118
12+	138
Total	751

At the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year, the Hampshire Regional faculty and staff welcomed some new faces. Matthew Collins accepted the position of Middle School Assistant Principal replacing Interim Assistant Principal Chris Murphy. Mr. Collins, who was formerly the Middle School Assistant Principal at JFK Middle School in Northampton, started on July 1. Special Education Teacher Nancy

Parlakulas took a position as Special Education Director in the Gill-Montague Regional School District and Edwin Scagel was hired in her place. In the special education department, Christy Parent replaced Liz Dwyer as a middle school special education teacher, and Karen Milch moved from the reading specialist position into the Evaluation Team Leader position. Michele Tola, formerly at Valley West, replaced Karen Milch as the high school reading specialist. Daniel Korpita, a HRHS graduate, was hired as a physical education and health teacher in the wellness department. Kirsti Wiemokly accepted the History/English teaching position. Both Mr. Korpita and Ms. Wiemokly also agreed to be faculty advisors for the class of 2019. Barbara Cheney, Hampshire's part-time English Language Learners teacher accepted a job at Holyoke Community College, and she was replaced by Maura Kornbluth. Finally, Cyla O'Connor replaced Jenny Livingstone in the math department. Ms. O'Connor was teaching at Agawam High School before coming to Hampshire Regional.

The faculty and staff worked on a number of professional development initiatives during 2015. Most notably, the professional staff completed the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) Self Study process to prepare our school for the decennial evaluation visit in May of 2016. Through this process, the faculty identified strengths and needs in seven standards including Core Values and Learning Expectations, Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment, Leadership and Culture, School Resources, and Community Resources. In addition to these NEASC initiatives, all faculty participated in professional development on *Supporting All Students*. Workshops for this professional development included topics on differentiated instruction, writing across the content, reading across the content, technology skills, suicide

prevention, and executive functioning. Staff had access to optional professional development opportunities in supporting English language learners, language based learning, and other content specific topics.

For this school year, HRHS School Council has determined six additional goals to accomplish in its school improvement plan. These goals include preparing Hampshire Regional for the NEASC Site Visit in 2016, 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.

In addition to the teaching and learning taking place, a number of building and grounds updates were completed this year, including the installation of a new track, upkeep and renovation to the gym floor, boiler maintenance, installation of door hardware with internal locks, and installation of new wireless access points throughout the building. Since the building renovation took place over ten years ago, these maintenance upgrades are necessary to ensure a safe environment for learning to take place. The school committee also explored a number of solar and alternative power source options for the school. This work will continue into 2016.

As the challenges and strengths of the 21st century learner shift, we recognize the need to adapt our curriculum and instruction without compromising rigor. Educators at Hampshire Regional are committed to providing an exceptional education that will prepare students to become contributing members of our local communities after they graduate. Despite the continuously growing demands of the profession, the faculty and staff work tirelessly to put our students' needs at the center of our collective efforts. I am honored to be a part of the collegial and collaborative community at Hampshire Regional.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristen Smidy, Principal

Hampshire Regional Athletic Department

Another successful year for Hampshire athletics, here are some highlights:

During the Winter of 2015, both the boys' and girls' basketball teams qualified for post-season tournaments, with the boys' team reaching the Western Mass semi-finals.

Boys' coach, Claudinor Salomao, was chosen by the Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Association as the Western Mass Division 3 Boys' Coach of the Year.

Eight indoor track athletes qualified for the State Championships because of their outstanding performances in Western Mass.

In wrestling, two athletes, Brandon Weyant and Nick Hoskin, reached the 100 career win milestone. Brandon, along with teammate Brendan Weir, went on to win Western Mass championships in their weight class and each placed second in the State. They both went on to compete at New England's and Brandon also participated at Nationals winning 5 matches, narrowly missing All American status.

Wrestling coach Todd Bryant was chosen Coach of the Year by his colleagues.

The spring was an exciting time on the track and fields at Hampshire. Individual track athletes again competed well enough to qualify not only for the Western Mass Championships but a few saw action on the State level as well.

The baseball team, under the direction of Coach Bob Dombkowski, made it all the way to the Western Mass Championship game, eventually coming out as the second best D3 team in the region.

The softball team had their best season ever under the direction of Coach Brian McGan. They won their league championship, then went on to win the Western Mass Championship and finally brought home the first ever State Championship in softball in Hampshire's history! As if that wasn't enough, the team was chosen as the MIAA D2 Sportsmanship Award winner. Lastly, Coach McGan was honored as the MIAA State Softball Coach of the Year.

As the calendar year wrapped up we found ourselves with two more league champions. Both Boys' Soccer and Girls' Cross Country had great success this past fall. The girls did exceptionally well in the post season placing second in both the PVIAC Championship as well as being named the Western Mass runner-up. Senior Taylor Blow was the individual winner in both of these events featuring hundreds of runners. Head coach Sue Tracy was chosen by the Western Mass Track Coaches Association as the Western Mass Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year.

The Gymnastics team had some fine individual performances at the Western Mass Championships, highlighted by eighth grader Maura Joseph coming in sixth in the All-Around category. Senior Nick Hoskin was named the Individual Champion on the Uneven Bars.

Also worth mentioning, numerous Hampshire Athletes were recognized as All League and Western Mass selections.

We have much to be proud of at Hampshire with our athletes representing their school and communities admirably!

Respectfully submitted,

Ann B. Trytko, CAA
Director of Athletics

Board of Selectmen

Much has been accomplished by the departments and committees to better the Town of Williamsburg during 2015. We would like to thank all of our department heads, other employees, committee members, and the townspeople for their efforts on the town's behalf. The Board of Selectmen would especially like to thank Town Administrator Charlene Nardi, who goes above and beyond to keep things running smoothly, and Administrative Assistant Eleanor Warnock, who works diligently behind the scenes to support our efforts. It takes all of us working together to move forward towards our goal of making our town a better place to live. Notable projects taking place in 2015 included:

- The Mill River Greenway Committee received funding from the Brassworks Reuse committee for funding the initial phase of a feasibility study to move the Greenway forward.
- The Energy Committee took the lead on scheduling energy audits on town buildings; looked at various ways to use Green Communities funds to implement energy saving measures for town buildings; did research to find the most favorable electric rates for town-owned buildings; and worked on negotiating a favorable net-metering project to further save money on electric rates.
- The High Street Cemetery Association approached the Town regarding turning the Cemetery over to the Town. After the Association completed all the preliminary work, at a Special Town Meeting the townspeople voted to accept the High Street Cemetery as a town-owned property.
- The Boston Post Cane, which is awarded to the oldest current resident of Williamsburg, was restored to its original grandeur, and a display case was crafted by John Pohanka. The cane now resides in the Selectmen's office in its protective case. Edwin Warner is the current honoree.
- Upon the resignation of the Shade Tree Committee members, Highway Superintendent Bill Turner was named to perform the duties of the Tree Warden.
- The Towns of Williamsburg and Whately, the City of Northampton, and Mass DOT continue to collaborate on the Mountain Street project.
- As the solar project off Kellogg Road nears completion, another solar project is being built on Goshen Road. A PILOT (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) for that project has been negotiated.
- Much time and energy was expended by the Building Enforcement Officer Louis Hasbrouck dealing with complaints about Hyde Hill Road and Village Hill Road properties. Mr. Hasbrouck has also been doing research on the Farmer Winery pouring permit laws and procedures.
- At the Annual Town Meeting funding for a new fuel tracking system for town vehicles was approved. The system has been installed, and important information is being gleaned from it to use for better budgeting on our town fuel line.
- At the Annual Town Meeting a delegation of former Williamsburg High School students gathered for the rededication of the Anne T. Dunphy School and the Earl F. Tonet gymnasium. Handsome plaques are mounted on the walls to commemorate the contributions of these two former educators.



display historical photos at the Town Office.

- At the recommendation of the Tech Committee, Paragus IT was hired, and all town office computers are now connected to a remote backup system.
- The Board authorized the use of funds for engineering work on the Bridge Street bridge.
- A very successful community shredding day was held. Much outdated paperwork from various departments was disposed of safely, as well as papers from many residents of the community.
- The Building Repurposing Committee worked diligently, and reported their final recommendations for the use of several town buildings. During the interim, the board had looked at various options for use of the Helen E. James Building until a final decision on the reuse of that building is made. For insurance purposes, it is cost-effective to have at least part of the building occupied. A Co-Working Group is currently housed on the third floor, with State Representative Steve Kulik making use of one of the rooms overlooking Route 9. A group of energetic citizens made an ice skating rink on the grounds of James Building during the winter.
- The Public Safety Complex Committee met several times to determine the needs of the Police, the Fire, and the Emergency Management Departments. A feasibility study was done, and the Committee delivered its report to the Board of Selectmen. The committee is currently working on moving the project forward.
- Members of the Fire Department put together specifications for a new fire truck; much work was done applying for a grant to cover some or all of the cost, and residents approved the purchase of the truck at a special town meeting followed by an override vote.
- Senior Center Director Marie Westburg is strategizing with the members of the COA board and with the Board of Selectmen to determine ways to increase services to the growing population of aging citizens.
- Private landowners interested in allowing access to the site of the Historic Dam over their land have been meeting with the Woodland Trails Committee. That committee has also been working with the City of Northampton to bring this project to fruition.
- Town Administrator Charlene Nardi, the Board of Selectmen, and Highway Superintendent Bill Turner have initiated work on the Community Compact Program.

- When Berkshire Bank closed its local branch and vacated the former Haydenville Bank building, some of its furniture was donated to use in the Town Offices; a painting which hung in the bank, of the Nash Farm on Adams Road done by Haydenville resident Annabelle Lee, was also donated and it currently hangs in the Selectmen's office.

- The Historical Society used funding from the Cultural Council to

Many, many people have worked very diligently to keep the town running smoothly. We are grateful for the contributions of each and every one of you.

Denise L. Banister, Clerk

Senior Center

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 2015 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 are 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 Valley Transit Authority, Williamsburg Elder Trust Fund. Donations from the public help to fund our programs and services and help to provide some financial aid for low-income seniors. Highland Valley Elder Services, Title III Funding, was awarded to the Northern Hilltown Consortium to continue our town’s Companion Program as well as expand these services to the six other towns on the consortium.

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 collaboratively rather than independently. The Northern Hilltowns’ Consortium has secured funds and successfully established outreach services and support in assessing infrastructure needs of our rural, underfunded COA’s. This initiative is run through a contract with the Hilltown Community Health Center, which is also running a similar initiative for the Southern Hilltowns. Peg Whalen is the Regional Outreach Coordinator for the Northern Region and is working hard as a representative for our group with organizations and initiatives, with similar goals, to serve elders, identify unmet needs and increase resources in the Hilltowns. The Northern Hilltown Consortium of COA’s includes the towns of Worthington, Cummington, Chesterfield, Goshen, Plainfield, Westhampton and Williamsburg. Until this funding was secured Williamsburg was the only town with staff hours to address this need as an agency. The new regional funding arrangement has also involved the hiring of a Regional Newsletter Designer to manage the distribution of information in all seven towns. As a result more information is being distributed, there is more collaboration among COA’s and elders are attending events in other towns. In the Fall of 2015 Highland Valley Elder Services also awarded the Consortium \$5,000 for further outreach to Hilltown elders through the Community Connections Program, which is based on Williamsburg Outreach Team and Companion Program models. This regional program will expand upon this grassroots model to provide even more support around social networking and community driven outreach to rural elders.

CULTURAL INITIATIVES

“Cross Generational Conversations” Film Project: In March, the third event of a three part series was held at the newly renovated Anne T. Dunphy School with children, families and elders participating in answering questions and conversing as a way to document and preserve the stories of the lives of people in Williamsburg. This is a collaborative project between Meekins Library, the WCOA, 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 Folktography.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!

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 us on their own. Often the success of this goal is dependent 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 ongoing 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 plus 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@burgv.org), sign up online for announcements through our blog at www.williamsburgcoa.blogspot.com, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/Williamsburg-Council-on-Aging/

Exercise

Monthly and weekly classes provide for physical and mental wellness. We currently offer classes of Healthy Bones and Balance (formerly called Osteoporosis), Gentle Chair Yoga, and Tai Chi. We hope in 2016 to expand offerings to include more varieties of yoga, Zumba and a walking club. 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, onsite 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 to share your interest with others?

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, housing, insurance and entitlements.

Health & Other Services

- Podiatry and Foot Care Clinic,
- Veterans Services/Veterans Agent,
- SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders)
- Assistive Equipment Loans

Companionship

Our Companion Program 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 they allow 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.) and occasional field trips to local destinations.

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 plus. 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.

Monday Meals Program (formerly called the Bread & Soup Program): Starting in the fall we decided to expand our monthly offering to every Monday! We serve a \$3 luncheon at 11:45 of a soup or casserole (available for take-out or local delivery), with bread (donated by *Bread Euphoria Bakery*) and a dessert.

Cooking Club: Volunteers gather weekly to cook for the Monday Meals Program. Volunteers eat free! Call us if you are interested in joining!

Bread & Salad Program: During the summer 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.

Food Pantry: Free non-perishable items are available Monday through 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. Calvin Coolidge, now called CareOne of Northampton, Nursing and Rehabilitation Center has donated plants for our summer season two years in a row. 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 & 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 the countless volunteers, donations and feedback from you. Thank You!!!

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Westburg
Director, Williamsburg Senior Center

Shade Tree Committee / Tree Warden

The Shade Tree Committee in coordination with National Grid and the Williamsburg Highway Department, and the hiring of local contractors, identified and removed many dangerous public trees throughout the town. The needs were particularly widespread in 2015 following the long and heavy snow winter of 2014–2015. Town tree work is a delicate balance because it must be done on a very small budget, so we heavily rely on and are deeply appreciative of the collaborative work between National Grid and the Williamsburg Highway Department. It is through their work and cooperation in protecting the wires and roads that we are able to take care of dangerous trees so quickly and with minimum cost to the town. For those that don't fit into that category, the town solicits bids for tree work and awards it to the lowest responsible responsive bidder.

The Shade Tree Committee's mission is to maintain, grow, and support our town trees as well as keep the residents safe from potential damage from weakened trees. In this process the Shade Tree Committee also acts as Tree Warden. Anne Bussler, Osa Flory and John Kuzeja, long-term members, resigned from the Shade Tree Committee this year. The town recognizes their many contributions and thanks them for serving with passion, commitment and dedication.

As the Town looks for new members of the Committee, the Highway Superintendent will act as Tree Warden.



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, 2015 – January 31, 2016, the following Applicants from Williamsburg were paid as beneficiaries under the Oliver Smith Will:

<u>Beneficiary Type & Total</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Widow – 1	Received a gift totaling \$300.00 Total

Eric Cerreta, Trustee
Under the Oliver Smith Will

BENEFICIARY TOTALS

During the past year, two (2) tradespersons were enrolled. Loans of \$600 each were made to four (4) apprentices; the notes of three (3) tradespersons have been surrendered and the benefit of \$600 granted to each. One (1) new student nurse enrolled under the Nurses' Program, and two (2) nurses who earned their degrees both received a gift of \$600 each. Twenty-nine (29) widows have been paid a total of \$10,433 and five (5) brides have received the marriage gift of \$100 each. The total sum disbursed as gifts to beneficiaries was \$21,457, which includes \$7524 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. This year we were able to place \$6223 in reserve for beneficiaries.

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

Tradespersons*	\$2,918,700
Nurses**	811,733
Widows	1,787,513
Brides***	1,496,000
Smith's Agricultural School	1,526,751
Annuities	35,374
Taxes	<u>613,717</u>
Total Payments	<u>\$9,189,788</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 Cerreta
Timothy J. Strahan

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

During 2015, 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 decreased 5.2% in 2015, with expenditures of \$57,807.80 to various community causes and portfolio management fees. We have continued our efforts to reach out to the citizens of Williamsburg to find creative ways to help students with school related educational projects.

As trustees, we encourage all Williamsburg residents to consider the Town when planning their estates, so their generosity and forethought can benefit our community for generations. In recent years the Town has received bequests from the estates of Gertrude Ronk, Lois Scott, and from the Kmit family. The Kmit gift of \$354,000 is earmarked for the libraries, specifically to strengthen the programs and expand educational opportunities for children under the age of nineteen. 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, strengthen our public schools and support the Meekins Library. 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 from Williamsburg for academic-related travel, computers and extracurricular activities sponsored by Hampshire Regional. The commission continually 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.

Whether helping students, providing for the needy families, sending flowers to the elderly who are 90 years old or older 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 \$503,240.

Trust Fund meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Town offices.

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

Veterans' Services

The Veterans' Services Director's work with the Massachusetts Interagency Council on Housing and Homelessness, to develop an Integrated Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness Among Veterans, was completed and the plan was introduced in April 2013. The Director continues to serve on the veteran committee, which was established in spring of 2014, within the Three County Continuum of Care, and currently meets monthly at the Hilltown CDC to address the unique needs of homeless veterans, or those at risk of homelessness, in our district. We continue to work collaboratively with housing providers, shelters – i.e., the VA Homeless program, Soldier On – and several agencies that work to assist people facing homelessness or those who are on the verge, by connecting them with the benefits and services to keep them and their families in their homes. Our office is working diligently on achieving the goal of ending veterans' homelessness, under the guidelines of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness. As part of our collaborative work, we now can identify those veterans in our community who are experiencing homelessness, and housing plans are being developed to house these veterans in the appropriate permanent housing models, i.e., HUD/VASH, MRVP, traditional or supportive housing. In our development of the system to address future veterans who have fallen into homelessness or are at risk of homelessness, we now have staff presence at Hampshire County Housing Court in Hadley, as well as a presence with the Hampshire County House of Correction, to identify and plan for veterans being released from that facility and assisting with re-housing these veterans.

Our district office has continued its involvement with the Veterans Justice Partnership, <http://www.veteransjusticepartnership.org/>, a collaborative effort with the Northwest District Attorney's office to meet the needs of returning veterans struggling to reintegrate into the community and finding themselves in legal trouble due to the difficulties of moving from combat to community life. Due in large part of the efforts of this partnership we can announce the establishment of a Veterans Treatment Court housed in Holyoke, MA. At the current time it handles cases from Northampton and Holyoke District Court but will be looking to expand in the coming months and years. The hidden wounds of war, i.e., PTSD and TBI, continue to affect our returning veterans, and the consequences of the symptoms can often lead to these veterans making poor decisions out of desperation or extreme frustration with civilian systems, which in turn can get them into legal trouble. These veterans, both men and women, deserve a second chance and treatment, not incarceration, and this will give them that. Our newest part-time staff, a veteran of both Afghanistan and the Balkans, is working with the veterans justice officer at the VA Medical Center in Leeds and the District Attorney's Office in collaboration with this Treatment Court. Read more about the Valor Act at <https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2012/Chapter108>.

Central Hampshire Veterans Services District grew to 11 towns in 2015. In August 2015 the town of Chester agreed to join and we now provide the same services to that community as we do all others in the district. We look forward to a long-term working relationship with Chester.

During the autumn of 2015 the Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services implemented the law described in Valor Act II in Massachusetts General Laws, ensuring that all Veteran Service Officers (VSOs) working for municipalities across the Commonwealth receive the training in the

subject areas of both Massachusetts benefits and services under M.G.L. ch. 115, and the wide array of VA benefits, including health, education, and disability benefits and services. This new law requires that VSOs be tested on their comprehension of this training and be state certified upon the passage of this exam. The director, as well as the other staff, attended the training and the director (as mandated) and the remaining staff (unmandated) participated in the examination and have been informed they have successfully passed.

Our office hours in the Town Offices have changed this year, still every Monday but now from 2 to 4 p.m. Our service levels were up again this year. We are currently assisting between 11 and 13 veterans and/or their dependants on a monthly basis. I'm pleased to report that all of our benefits paid out to date have been authorized by the state and all of our state reimbursement has been approved. We continue with our outreach through speaking engagements with local Council on Aging and special events (i.e., health fairs).

The two biggest days of recognition of our veterans are Memorial Day and Veterans' Day. The 2015 Memorial Day Parade was a real success. Many citizens showed up for the event, which included the ceremonial salute to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and to those veterans from our town who have passed on. We honor their service. Great thanks go out to Caitlyn Cone, Kiernan Rushford, and Megan Cone for their rendition of our national anthem and God Bless America. We also like to thank the members of the Williamsburg Church Choir and Friends for their lovely performance. This year's guest speaker, Tom Pease, spoke ardently and earnestly about the meaning of Memorial Day.

The Veterans' Day ceremony, as well, was a well-spirited and well-attended event. Although a relatively cold day, it was heartwarming to see so many members of the community come out to honor our veterans from yesterday and today. This year's guest speaker was James Cahillane, Staff Sgt., U.S. Air Force, 1951 to 1955 serving in the Korean War, who spoke eloquently about what it means to be a veteran.

Great thanks go out to the American Legion, Girl and Boy Scouts, Father Goni and Rev. Worth Noyes, and all the others who greatly enhanced our proceedings over this past year. In 2016 the planned improvements to the War Memorial are scheduled to take place. We greatly appreciate the assistance we get from James LeBeau and all he has done at the monument.

I look forward to another year of serving the veterans and their families and welcome any input the residents of Williamsburg have to offer to me or my staff.

Steven James Connor
Director of Veterans' Services
Central Hampshire Veterans' Services District

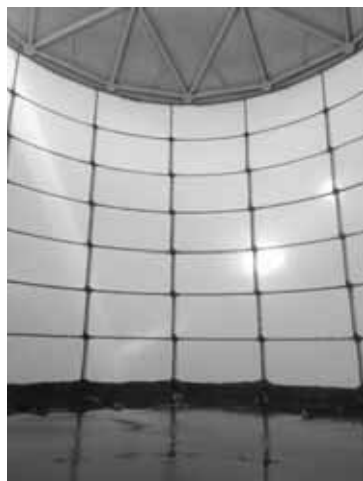


Water and Sewer Commission

The Williamsburg Water and Sewer Commission meets every other Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Offices. These meetings are subject to change especially during winter. Summer meetings are held only once per month for the months of June, July and August. The public is welcome to come in with any questions they may have or any comments they may have for the Commission. The Commission consists of five members. Members are elected. We have four certified water operators on the Commission.

We had some total coliform bacteria level issues with our water in 2015. 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. We are chlorinating the water and chlorination will continue until further notice. We have had a lot of calls regarding fluoride. We do not add fluoride to our water.

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 based on an estimate of usage. We are in the process of replacing all the water meters with new radio-read meters. This will make it much easier to do water meter readings. We are almost finished with the installation of over 600 meters and only a few dozen remain to be changed. 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 both of our water storage tanks cleaned that are located off South Street. This was a big project that ensures clean drinking water for the Town.

The Commission has also rewritten the Rules and Regulations governing the water system, including the standards for fixtures, meter requirements, and charges and billing. A copy will be available at the Town Clerk's office as soon as they are approved.

There have still 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 protected 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, no vehicles are allowed on Roger Bisbee Way, off of South Street, and if your vehicle is found along that road, the vehicle 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, dripping faucets, 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 put to use or lost through leaks. 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 Selectboard 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.

Members of the committee were responsible for the initiation and project proposal for the development of the Historic Dam Flood and Forest Trail. This new trail is a collaboration among WWTC, the landowners and the city of Northampton to design and construct a trail to provide public access to the Williamsburg reservoir dam and flood site. Trail construction will begin in 2016.

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 assess trail improvement needs of the HLT Bradley property and organize a workday to carry out trail reconstruction and drainage projects. In November we welcomed a new HLT partner who has assisted in the proposal for the development of the Historic Dam Flood and Forest Trail and will continue to be involved in the design and construction of the trail.

WWTC has our own newly updated website devoted to our projects, events and interactive town trail maps. We have established a donation account for our committee to assist in trail maintenance expenses and the development of the Historic Dam Flood and Forest Trail. Look for the link on our website.

Our town budget was used for the purchase of materials used for trail construction and maintenance and promotion of our trails through our website, Facebook and printed materials.

2015 Hikes

- First Day Hike, at Petticoat Hill Reservation and Locke's Loop
- Full Moon Hike, January 31, at Mass Audubon Graves Farm Sanctuary
- Winter Snowshoe Hike, February 22, at Merritt Tree Farm
- Unquomonk Hike, November 1, Big View Trail, 3-Town boundary marker, and beaver pond

Trail Maintenance

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

- Individuals from the committee worked throughout the year to clean up debris, refresh blazes, post signage and perform chainsaw and drainage work on our trails.
- On National Trails Day, June 6, committee members and volunteers installed additional bog bridges and constructed trail box steps at the Hall Conservation Area.
- On July 12, a workday organized by our HLT partner was held at the HLT Bradley property where members of WWTC, HLT and volunteers reconstructed a portion of trail.



Using Williamsburg's Trails

Information about 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 properties. 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 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, Sarah LaPointe, Karin McGowan

Zoning Board of Appeals

The current members of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA or Board) are Osa Flory, Gerald Mann, Charles Dudek, and alternate member Marcianna Caplis. In addition to their service on the ZBA, our members are all active in the Williamsburg community and serve on other boards and committees. This diversity of experiences informs and benefits our consideration of the variety of matters that come before the Board.

In 2015, the Board dealt with matters involving a ground-mounted solar array; construction of a three-family house; a change of use and deck construction on a non-conforming lot; enlargement of a deck and construction of a garage on a non-conforming lot; construction of a restaurant with a drive-through feature; the Building Inspector's action on a request to enforce a 2011 Board decision; application for a special permit for a manufacturing facility; and a request to enclose a deck and additional construction on a non-conforming lot. A description of the significant decisions of the Board follows.

17 Hyde Hill Road

This involved an application for a special permit to operate an industrial/manufacturing facility to fabricate firewood processing equipment.

The ZBA and the Planning Board conducted joint hearings on the application, and received comments in favor of the application and opposed to the application.

The Planning Board conducted a site plan review of the property. The Planning Board submitted a report of its findings to the ZBA and concluded that the proposed plan for the use did not meet the Zoning Bylaw requirements. In its report, the Planning Board specified 45 instances where the applicant failed to comply with the mandates of the review and also noted specific violations of the Zoning Bylaw. Additionally, the Planning Board noted that the total square footage of the building on the site exceeded the allowed maximum of 10,000 square feet.

Ultimately, the ZBA decided that there was no valid special permit in effect and the previously granted permits had lapsed; the operation exceeded the 10,000 square foot limitation; the site plan did not provide for adequate methods of disposal of sewage or other waste; the paved area of the site exceeded the 25% limit imposed by the Zoning Bylaw; the structure and use were not compatible with the character and scale of other permitted uses in the rural district; and the application conflicted with the general purpose of the Zoning Bylaw to preserve the rural character and safeguard the sensitive environmental areas for future generations. The ZBA denied the application for this special permit.

The applicant has appealed this decision to the Massachusetts Superior Court.

142 Main Street, Haydenville

In this matter, the applicant proposed to demolish an existing building and construct a restaurant with a drive-through feature at 142 Main Street Haydenville, the site of a former bank which also

had a drive-through. The applicant is currently a franchise holder of a restaurant in the same zone and planned to move its business to the 142 Main Street location.

The Williamsburg Zoning Bylaw provides that the Zoning Board of Appeals may grant a Special Permit if it finds that a proposed structure and use will be reasonably compatible with the character and scale of other uses permitted as of right in the same district. The proposed restaurant site is in the Village Mixed Zone (VMZ) use district. According to the Zoning Bylaw, the “intention of the VMZ is to follow the traditional mixed pattern of business and residential uses along Route 9 and in the village centers.” The VMZ runs along Route 9 from the Northampton town line to Hyde Hill Road. We must treat the entire district as a single entity. The Zoning Bylaw does not recognize Haydenville as a separate district.

Although a restaurant is a permitted use in the VMZ, the Zoning Bylaw mandates that a business with a drive-through feature requires an application to the Planning Board for site plan review. The applicant submitted the required application to the Planning Board.

At a Joint Public Hearing before both the ZBA and the Planning Board, the majority of those residents present were opposed to the development. The opposition to the project listed a variety of adverse impacts on abutting properties including: noise, glare, pollution, increased traffic, and difficulty in traversing the intersection at the site by vehicles and pedestrians. They also included a possible adverse impact on the character of the community, opposition to a national chain restaurant, and a preference for the development of a local business. Four written submissions were submitted in favor of granting the special permit.

In an October 2015 decision, the Planning Board found that, subject to certain conditions, the proposed project constituted a suitable development. In December 2015, the ZBA determined that the project was compatible with the character and scale of other uses allowed as of right in the same Village-Mixed District. These other approved uses are automobile service and repair, bank, agriculture, professional office, restaurant, retail business, utility facility, service business, veterinary hospital.

The Board approved the application for a special permit because the project will not constitute a nuisance by unacceptable levels of air or water pollution or excessive noise. The plan improves the areas near wetlands. The project plans provide for adequate measures to handle storm water and minimizing runoff. The applicant has provided for adequate methods of disposal of sewage, refuse and other waste generated by the use. The plans and conditions will minimize any visually degrading elements through the use of vegetative screening and fencing, the use of lighting fixtures to prevent glare, and the control of noise from the drive-through intercom. In addition, the data presented showed that the impact of the project on roadway use will not be significant.

74 Village Hill Road

The Building Inspector serves as the Zoning Enforcement Officer and has the obligation of investigating complaints concerning alleged violations of the Zoning Bylaw. Appeals from the actions of the Building Inspector are made to the ZBA. The owner and others use the unimproved property at 74 Village Hill Road for target shooting. In a July 2015 decision, the Zoning Enforcement Officer determined that the use of the property was in compliance with a

2011 decision of the Board and the Zoning Bylaw. An abutter to the property appealed this decision.

The appeal argued that the shooting activity on the parcel was unsafe and in violation of the Zoning Bylaw and that the Building Inspector was in error in concluding that the activity did not violate the Bylaw. This appeal is similar to one filed in 2011, which was granted after a hearing and a finding that one of the owners, who lives in another state, was in the armaments business and was using the property for commercial purposes related to his business. The ZBA's 2011 decision restricted the use of the property for any commercial purpose and also attempted to return the use to the level of use prior to the passage of the 2003 Zoning Bylaw.

Members of the Board conducted a site visit and after a well-attended public hearing concluded that there existed a danger to the public who were allowed access to the property because the property was specified to be under Massachusetts property tax Chapter 61B, which permits public access for recreational purposes in exchange for a tax abatement. None of the safety protections commonly found on shooting ranges were present at the site. The decision of the Board set forth additional restrictions on use including warning signs and a requirement that the owners exercise control over the use of the property for shooting. The ZBA continued the 2011 restrictions.

The property owners have appealed this decision to the Massachusetts Superior Court.

The Board greatly appreciates the work of Brenda Lessard, Town Clerk, who serves as our Secretary. Brenda's diligence and attention to detail are invaluable assets in our deliberations.

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 |

