

Town of
Williamsburg
Massachusetts



2016
Annual Report

To build a strong and lasting structure, you must have a firm foundation. This year's honorees, Norma Kellogg and David West, are an integral part of the bedrock on which this community is built.

Norma Kellogg

Norma P. Kellogg is a long-time town volunteer who has actively participated in and helped create our community. She is known for her reliability, hard work, matter of fact attitude, and commitment to organizations and activities she appreciates.

On August 22, 1943, Norma married Herbert S. Kellogg and moved to the Kellogg Dairy farm located in the Williamsburg village of Skinnerville. She was an essential member of the farm



business, washing and boxing the bottles of milk as she maintained her house and raised her four children. As busy as she was at home, Norma extended her skills and time to her community because she knew that community was what you make of it. In 1958, she and her husband hosted a town-wide square dance in their newly erected barn. She and Herbert attended many square dances, enjoying the connection with others in the community. She became a Grange member in the 1940's and remains one today. She helped at the Grange annual fairs and was a coordinator for the Washington Birthday Ball. She is a member of the Haydenville Church and serve as a member of the Ladies Aid, at one time serving as its president and treasurer.

Norma was a presence at the Haydenville Congregational Church.

She was integral member for organizing, volunteering and providing items such as aprons to be sold at the church fairs. She was also essential to the work in the kitchen at many church suppers. Norma was one of the original volunteers in what is now known as the Williamsburg Senior Center café program. She helped organize and set up the kitchen luncheons, assisted in getting the activities group started, and organized and participated in the card group. For many years at the Senior Center she coordinated potlucks, helped with the summer picnics and every Christmas she would hand out her hand knit scarves to each of the lunch attendees. Norma readily takes on whatever task is asked of her at town offices and throughout the years she has done many things. She has answered phones, folded, stapled and stuffed envelopes for mass mailings, and assisted with preparing the brown bag program. She appreciates her community and gets great satisfaction from being a part of her community; to the dismay of the Senior Center staff, she even insisted in helping with the setup of the volunteer recognition luncheon at which she was being honored along with the other volunteers. Norma is still a prominent presence today at every café lunch, assisting with the setup, working on a puzzle or knitting, serving and eating with other community members, and then helping with the cleanup. In addition to all of this, Norma found time to engage in her passion for bowling. Her team held the league title in 1959 and 1960 and she continued to enjoy bowling up until she turned 90. Not surprising, for many years, Norma kept the records for multiple leagues and did the calculations for the averages. Last winter, a fairly new resident shared the story about the day that she and her daughter were visiting the Williamsburg post office. It was cold and windy, and her daughter was commenting how cold she was. An older woman approached her daughter and noted that



she did not have a scarf to keep her warm and offered her the choice of one of her hand knit scarves. The resident noted that she didn't know who the lovely woman was, but it was encounters like that, that spoke to the wonderful community of Williamsburg. While we acknowledge that recognition is not your goal, we thank you, Norma, for all that you have done and continue to do that creates the lovely fabric of our community.

David West

David West is a constant in this community. His love for the Town of Williamsburg and his lifelong commitment to the community are evident in his participation in so many organizations and activities.



David was raised with his three siblings on Mountain Street in the village of Haydenville. As a young boy, he delivered newspapers throughout the village. He attended Sunday school and sang in the choir at the Haydenville Congregational Church. His education started in one room school houses, first at the Mountain Street School, the Purrington School and then the Maple Street school, all of which are now family homes. He then attended the Haydenville Center School, now Town Offices, and eventually graduated from Williamsburg High School. After graduating he was drafted into WWII. In the late 1940's he returned to Williamsburg where he bought land and built his home on Nash Hill, where he has resided with his wife Nancy and raised three daughters. In 1962 he opened the West Clothing Center in Florence, a business he owned and operated until 1986.

For the past 67 years Dave has been an active member of the First Congregational Church of Williamsburg, where he has served on its Board of Directors, on the diaconate, and on the pulpit search committee. For many years his rich bass voice could be heard soaring in the rafters as he joined with his fellow choir members singing beloved hymns.

Dave is a charter member of the Williamsburg Lions Club, and has served as Vice President and also on the Executive Committee. He has worked on their chicken barbeques and on many other functions of the club; and he has put in a huge effort selling 20 Week Club tickets. He is a long-time member of the Williamsburg Grange, and also of the Williamsburg Historical Society, where he has served as President and co-curator of the Grist Mill Farm Museum.

"Burgy High" holds a special place in Dave's heart, and as a member of the Williamsburg High School Alumni Association, he has helped plan the yearly alumni banquet. David and his wife Nancy chaperoned one of the last Burgy High senior class trips in the 1950's, and in later years were active in the Burgy High Travel club.

David's latest endeavor has been starting the "A Book for Burgy" committee to put together a book of memories from people who have lived or are living in Williamsburg, to be published for the town's 250th celebration in 2021.

For being the best cheerleader for our beloved town, we are pleased to honor you, Dave.



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Government Officials

Select Board

Denise Banister, Chair
William Sayre
David Mathers

Representative in the General Court (1st Franklin District)

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Town Office Hours

Subject to change, see www.burgy.org

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, Monday evening 5:30-7:00
(mid-April to mid-January); Tuesday 8:30-3:30;
Thursday 9:00-2:00

ASSESSORS

Robin Everett, (413) 268-8403

Tuesday 9:00-11:00, eve 7:00-8:00

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Stacey Mousseau, (413) 268-8412

Thursday 9:00-3:00

TOWN TREASURER

Nathan Rosewarne, (413) 268-8415

By appointment

FOOTHILLS HEALTH AGENT

Valerie Bird and Ron Laurin, (413) 268-8404

By appointment

SENIOR CENTER

Director Marie Westburg, (413) 268-8407

Outreach Coordinator Fran Goebel

Administrative Assistant Sherry Loomis

Nutrition Program Coordinator Pat Wilson

Monday through Thursday 8:30-1:30

Meals served Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday at 11:45

VETERANS' AGENT

Tom Geryk, (413) 587-1251

Monday 2:00-4:00

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Bill Turner, (413) 268-8405

24 Main Street, 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, February, May, August, November, 2 nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Assessors	Weekly, Tuesday 9:00 a.m.–11:00, 7:00-8:00 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, times vary
Energy Committee	Varies
Finance Committee	Various Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.
Board of Health	Twice a month, Mondays, 2:00 p.m.
Library Trustees	Monthly, 2 nd Monday, at Meekins Library 7:00 pm
Mill River Greenway Committee	Monthly, 1 st Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Open Space Committee	Varies
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.

2016 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	2019	
Board of Health			
Donna Gibson	3 years	2019	
Helen Symons	3 years	2017	
Gordon Luce	3 years	2018	
Board of Library Trustees			
Cynthia Barker	3 years	2019	
<i>Eileen Stewart</i>	<i>3 years</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>term expired 6/2016</i>
Charlotte Meryman	3 years	2019	
Patricia Billingsley	3 years	2017	
Robert Stinson	3 years	2017	
Joan Coryat	3 years	2018	
Jon Gould	3 years	2018	
Elector – Oliver Smith Will			
Eric Cerreta	1 year	2017	
Finance Committee			
Charles Heath	3 years	2019	
Richard Kisloski	3 years	2019	
Linda Rowley	3 years	2019	
Jacqueline Dufresne	3 years	2017	
Christopher Morris	3 years	2017	
Paul R. Wetzel	3 years	2017	
Eric Cerreta	3 years	2018	
Charles Dudek	3 years	2018	
Steven Romanowski	3 years	2018	
Hampshire Council of Government Councilors			
Eileen Stewart	3 years	2019	
Local School Committee			
David Chase	3 years	2019	
<i>Jeff Gelbard</i>	<i>3 years</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>resigned 6/2016</i>
Keira Durrett	3 years	2019	appointed 6/2016
<i>Sarah Christiansen</i>	<i>3 years</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>resigned 6/2016</i>
Paul Rudof	3 years	2017	

Meg Taylor	3 years	2017	appointed 6/2016
Kayla Solomon	3 years	2018	
Moderator			
Joseph Larkin	1 year	2017	
Recreation			
Alan Golash	3 years	2019	
Joel Strate	3 years	2019	appointed 2/2016
<i>John O'Sullivan (vacancy)</i>	3 years	2017	resigned 1/2016
Pam Plumer	3 years	2017	
Collin Black	3 years	2018	
Regional School Committee			
David P. Nardi	3 years	2017	
<i>Diane Bishop</i>	3 years	2018	resigned 3/2016
Sarah Christiansen	3 years	2017	appointed 6/2016
Carl Schlerman	3 years	2019	
Board of Selectmen			
David Mathers	3 years	2019	
Denise Banister	3 years	2017	
William Sayre	3 years	2018	
Town Clerk			
Brenda Lessard	3 years	2019	
Treasurer			
Nathan Rosewarne	3 years	2019	
Trust Fund/Cemetery Commission			
Eric Weber	3 years	2018	
Dick Kisloski	3 years	2019	
Collin Black	3 years	2017	
Water/Sewer Commission			
James Hyslip	3 years	2019	
Eric Cerreta	3 years	2019	
Don Hultman	3 years	2017	
<i>Jerry Roberge (vacancy)</i>	3 years	2017	resigned 6/2016
William Turner	3 years	2018	

2016 Appointed Officials

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	
Accountant			
Franklin Council of Governments			
Stacey Mousseau	Contract		
Administrative Assistant			
Eleanor Warnock	1 year	2017	
Agricultural Commission (5)			
Alan Everett	3 years	2017	
Meg Taylor	3 years	2017	
Amanda Emerson	3 years	2018	
Keith Dufresne	3 years	2019	
Paul Zononi	3 years	2019	
<i>Tom Coughlin, Alternate (vacancy)</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>resigned 4/2016</i>
Andrew Erwin, Alternate	1 year	2017	
David Nehring, Alternate	1 year	2017	
Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator			
Charlene Nardi	1 year	2017	
Animal Control Officer			
Shayla Howe	1 year	2017	
Danielle Grenier, Assistant	1 year	2017	
Animal Inspector			
Donald Lawton	1 year	2017	
Assessors' Clerk			
Robin Everett			
Assistant Town Treasurer			
Karen Karowski	1 year	2017	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	2017	
Building Inspector			
Louis Hasbrouck	1 year	2017	Contract City of Northampton

Building Repurposing Committee (9)

Gordon Allen	1 year	2017	
Barbara Ferrante Bricker (vacancy)	1 year	2016	term expired 6/2016
Jeff Ciuffreda	1 year	2017	
Paul Dunphy	1 year	2017	
Michael Lamothe	1 year	2017	
John Pohanka	1 year	2017	
Eileen Stewart	1 year	2017	
Fran Tilley	1 year	2017	
Vacancy	1 year		

Building Supervisor

James Locke	1 year	2017	
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Capital Planning Committee (5 plus Advisory)

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	
Melissa Zawadzki	3 years	2019	
Nathan Rosewarne – Advisory		2017	Ex officio

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

Collector

Bonnie Roberge	3 years	2019	
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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	
Mary Dudek	3 years	2018	
Andrew MacLachlan	3 years	2019	
Joseph Rogers	3 years	2019	

Constables (4)

Jason Connell	3 years	2017	
Greg Smith	3 years	2017	resigned 8/2016
Wilbur Loomis	3 years	2018	resigned 11/2016
Paul Sanderson	3 years	2018	
Robert Lapointe	3 years	2019	appointed 11/2016
Chris Packard	3 years	2019	appointed 11/2016

Council on Aging Advisory Board (5, changed from 9)

Fred Goodhue	3 years	2017	reappointed 9/2016
Margaret Ricci	3 years	2018	reappointed 9/2016
Nancy Winninger	3 years	2018	appt 3/2016, reappt 9/2016
Daria D'Arienzo	3 years	2019	reappointed 9/2016
Paul Dunphy	3 years	2019	appt 7/2016, reappt 9/2016
<i>Fran Tilley</i>	<i>3 years</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>term expired 6/2016</i>
<i>Eleanor "Jane" Elovirta</i>	<i>3 years</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>resigned 9/2016</i>
Mary Lee Satterfield, Emerita	Lifetime		

James Cahillane, Associate	1 year	2017	reappointed 9/2016
Jacqueline Dufresne, Associate	1 year	2017	appointed 12/2016
Susan Farrell, Associate	1 year	2017	reappointed 9/2016
Lawrence West, Associate	1 year	2017	reappointed 9/2016
<i>Glen Goebel, Associate</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>resigned 5/2016</i>

Council on Aging Senior Center Staff

Marie Westburg, Director	1 year	2017	
Frances M. Goebel, Outreach Coord.	1 year	2017	
<i>Nylda Weeks, Mealsite Coordinator</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>resigned 6/2016</i>
Pat Wilson, Nutrition Program Coordinator	1 year	2017	appointed 8/2016
Sharon Loomis, Admin. Asst.	1 year	2017	

Cultural Council (5)

Michele Morales-Wolk	3 years	2017	
Mary Dudek	3 years	2017	
Charles Dudek	3 years	2018	
Henrietta Wallace	3 years	2018	
Sean Mallari	3 years	2019	

Emergency Management Director

Denise Banister	1 year	2017	
Jason Connell, Assistant	1 year	2017	

Energy Committee (5)

Kim Boas	1 year	2017	
Charles Dudek	1 year	2017	
Mary Dudek	1 year	2017	
Gerald Mann	1 year	2017	
Rob Stinson	1 year	2017	

Facilities Master Plan Committee (9)

Jim Ayres	1 year	2017	
Bob Barker	1 year	2017	
Kim Boas	1 year	2017	
Mitch Cichy	1 year	2017	

Carol Conz	1 year	2017
Nick Dines	1 year	2017
Fred Goodhue	1 year	2017
Charlene Nardi	1 year	2017
Eric Weber	1 year	2017

Field Driver Team

Shayla Howe, Coordinator	1 year	2017	
Jacqueline Dufresne	1 year	2017	appointed 12/2016
Kathy Emerson	1 year	2017	appointed 12/2016
Alan Everett	1 year	2017	appointed 12/2016
Sue Fortgang	1 year	2017	appointed 12/2016
Sue Froehlich	1 year	2017	appointed 12/2016
Mike Hebert	1 year	2017	appointed 12/2016
Diane Merritt	1 year	2017	appointed 12/2016
Robin Merritt	1 year	2017	appointed 12/2016
David Nehring	1 year	2017	appointed 12/2016
Carl Schlernman	1 year	2017	appointed 12/2016
Meg Taylor	1 year	2017	appointed 12/2016

Fire Chief/Forest Fire Warden

Jason Connell	1 year	2017
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Firefighters

	1 year	2017	
<i>Donald Turner – Assistant Chief</i>			<i>retired 5/2016</i>
Daryl Springman – Deputy Chief			
James Ferron – Captain			
Robert Lapointe – Captain			
Cory McGill – Captain			
Paul Sanderson – Lieutenant			
Robin Merritt – Lieutenant			
Kenneth Taylor – Administrative Assistant			appointed 7/2016
Worth Noyes – Chaplain (Police & Fire)			

Firefighters

Daniel Banister	Melissa Borchardt	Bartholomew Casey	Eric Cerreta
Cody Chatterton	Greg Dibrindisi	Alan Everett	Glen Everett
Amanda Flechsig	Richard Karowski	Joshua Lapointe	Jake Lulek
Reilly McQueston	Tim McQueston	Zachary Moran	Drew Morse
Jacob Niquette	Chris Packard	Connor Payson	John Pope
Shawna Rogers			

Retired Fire Fighters

Peter Banister	Donald Lawton
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Junior Firefighters

Joshua Connell	Jameson Miller	Alex Sylvester
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* Firefighters are appointed by the Fire Chief

Flag Committee

Jim Cahillane	1 year	2017
Jeffrey Ciuffreda	1 year	2017
Jen Reagan	1 year	2017
Lisa Tucker	1 year	2017
<i>Vacancy</i>		

Gas Inspector

Donald Lawton	1 year	2017
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Highland Ambulance Board of Directors

Leslie Smith

Appointed by Highland Amb

Highway Superintendent

William Turner	1 year	2017
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Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative

Gordon Luce	1 year	2017
Paul Wetzel	1 year	2017

Historical Commission (5)

Mary Bisbee	3 years	2019
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

Appointed by MRF

Measurer Gravel/Soil and Manure

Wilbur Loomis	1 year	2017
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Mill River Greenway Committee (11)

Eric Bloomquist	1 year	2017	
Francie Borden	1 year	2017	appointed 5/2016
Nick Dines	1 year	2017	
<i>Mary Dudek</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>resigned 4/2016</i>
John Hoogstraten	1 year	2017	
Jim Hyslip	1 year	2017	
Gaby Immerman	1 year	2017	
Mimi Kaplan	1 year	2017	
Jody Nishman	1 year	2017	appointed 5/2016
Joseph Rogers	1 year	2017	
<i>J.M. Sorrell</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>resigned 3/2016</i>
<i>Lisa Tucker</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>resigned 3/2016</i>

Lawrence West	1 year	2017	
Matt Wilhelm	1 year	2017	appointed 7/2016
Emmet Anderson, Ad Hoc Associate	1 year	2017	
Open Space and Recreation Committee (7)			
Eric Bloomquist	1 year	2017	
Kenley Clark	1 year	2017	
Roz Driscoll	1 year	2017	
Sally Loomis	1 year	2017	
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>1 year</i>		
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>1 year</i>		
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>1 year</i>		
Parking Clerk			
Charlene Nardi	1 year	2017	
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission			
Stephen Snow (commissioner)	1 year	2017	Appointed by Planning Bd
<i>Kathy McKeown (alternate, vacancy)</i>	<i>1 year</i>	2017	appt 5/2016, res 10/2016
Pioneer Valley Joint Transportation Committee			
William Turner	1 year	2017	
Alternate – vacancy	1 year		
Pioneer Valley Transit Authority Representative			
<i>Jeffrey Ciuffreda</i>	<i>1 year</i>	2016	term expired 6/2016
J.M. Sorrell	1 year	2017	appointed 12/2016
Planning Board (7)			
Robert Barker	5 years	2019	
<i>Steven Romanowski</i>	<i>5 years</i>	2020	resigned 5/2016
Christopher Flory	5 years	2020	appointed 11/2016
Stephen Smith	5 years	2021	
Stephen Snow	5 years	2021	
<i>Kathleen McKeown (vacancy)</i>	<i>5 years</i>	2017	resigned 10/2016
Jim Locke	5 years	2018	
Charles Dudek	5 years	2018	
Plumbing Inspector			
Donald Lawton	1 year	2017	
Police and Fire Chaplain			
Worth Noyes	1 year	2017	
Police Chief			
Denise Wickland	Contract		

Police Officers

Jason Soukup, Sergeant	1 year	2017	
Michael Wayne, Corporal	1 year	2017	
Jason Graham	1 year	2017	
Bryan Luszccki	1 year	2017	
Aubrey Malo	1 year	2017	
<i>Greg Smith</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>resigned 5/2016</i>

Procurement Officer

Charlene Nardi	1 year	2017	
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Public Safety Complex Committee (11)

Dan Banister	1 year	2017	
Denise Banister	1 year	2017	
Jason Connell	1 year	2017	
Louis Hasbrouck	1 year	2017	
Dick Kisloski	1 year	2017	
Don Lawton	1 year	2017	
<i>Peter Mahieu (vacancy)</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>resigned 5/2016</i>
Daryl Springman	1 year	2017	
Bill Sayre	1 year	2017	
Michael Wayne	1 year	2017	
Denise Wickland	1 year	2017	

Registrar of Voters

Brenda Lessard	3 years	2019	
Jean York	3 years	2019	
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

Surveyor Wood/Lumber

Alden Bacon	1 year	2017	
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Technology Committee (3)

Tom Adams	1 year	2017
David Chase	1 year	2017
David Nardi	1 year	2017

Town Administrator

Charlene Nardi	Contract
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Tree Warden/Gypsy Moth Superintendent

William Turner	1 year	2017
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Trench Permit Granting Authority

William Turner	1 year	2017
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Veterans' Agent

City of Northampton	Contract
Steve Connor	
Tom Geryk	

Veterans' Memorial Committee (3)

Gordon Cranston	1 year	2017
James LeBeau	1 year	2017
Joseph Russo	1 year	2017
Tom Geryk, ex officio	1 year	2017

Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee (9)

Dwight Baghdoyan	1 year	2017	
Gwen Blodgett	1 year	2017	
Andrew Gould (vaancy)	1 year	2016	term expired 6/2016
John Hoogstraten	1 year	2017	
Paul Jahnige	1 year	2017	
Eileen Keegan	1 year	2017	
Sarah LaPointe	1 year	2017	
Karin McGowan	1 year	2017	appointed 1/2016
Diane Merritt	1 year	2017	

Wiring Inspector

Roger Malo	1 year	2017	Contract City of Northampton
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Zoning Board of Appeals (3)

Gerald Mann	3 years	2017
Charles Dudek	3 years	2018
Osa Flory	3 years	2019
Marcianna Caplis (alternate)	1 year	2017

Town Employees/Election Workers

Williamsburg Libraries

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

Health Agent

Valerie Bird	Contract Foothills Health District
Ron Laurin	Contract Foothills Health District

Highway Department

Donald Turner	Peter Banister	Jennifer Westlake
Christopher Tautznik		

Pollworkers

Robert D. Acheson	Linda Babcock	Pat Casterline
Wayne Casterline	DeAun Corbett	Joan Donovan
Sheila Dufresne	Gail Gagne	Thomas Hodgkins
Dot Lucey	Charles O’Connell	Dorthea O’Connell
Diane Punska	David Punska	Candy Smith
Fran Tilley	Nancy Zimmer	Richard Zimmer

Election Wardens

Kathleen Luce	Vacancy
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Town Office Custodian

Al Golash

Transfer Station Manager

Gordon Luce

Transfer Station Staff

James Wilson, William Ahearn, Frank Netto,
 Linwood Clark

Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's office is considered the doorway to local government. This office serves as the central information point for residents and visitors alike. The Town Clerk is the chief election official, recording official, registrar of public records, public records official, and licensing officer. The Clerk's office issues dog licenses, fuel storage licenses, raffle/bazaar permits, tag sale permits, business certificates, dump stickers, and marriage licenses. Records kept in the Town Clerk's office include Birth Certificates, Death Certificates, Marriage Licenses, Zoning Decisions, Annual Town Reports, and Annual and Special Town Meeting Minutes. The Town Clerk oversees all polling places and the elections. This office records all actions of Town Meetings and records minutes of all elections.

The Town Clerk maintains a posting of all public meetings, administers oath of office, and keeps records of appointments and resignations of all Town Officials. The Town Clerk's office maintains records of amendments to the Town Bylaws and Zoning Bylaws. This office conducts the annual census and maintains the voters' list and street list.

The Town Clerk is also the Chief Records Access Officer, a Notary Public and a Justice of the Peace. The office responds to all inquiries from the public as well as other departments, boards, and committees. It is the Town Clerk's mission to be a reliable provider of information and quality services to the community and its residents, and to work cooperatively with all departments, boards, and committees while complying with all state and local statutes.



Deaths:

The following 22 deaths were recorded in Williamsburg in 2016:

Hodgkinson, Lois E., daughter of Vincie Spencer & William Johnson. Born in Hopkinton, RI, on October 25, 1923. Date of death was January 4, 2016, in Northampton, MA. Resided at 30 Fairfield Ave., Haydenville.

Beebe, Janet, daughter of Henrietta Greenwood & Harvey Lavoy. Born in Northampton, MA, on June 30, 1925. Date of death was January 5, 2016, in Northampton, MA. Resided at 37 Goshen Rd., Williamsburg.

LaFlam, Paul R., son of Emma S. Mitchell & Robert LaFlam. Born in Holyoke, MA, on March 30, 1945. Date of death was January 7, 2016, in Springfield, MA. Resided at 16 Fairfield Ave., Haydenville.

Warner, Esther B., daughter of Ethel Bird & Ezra Billings. Born in Plainfield, MA, on August 25, 1928. Date of death was January 16, 2016, in Northampton, MA. Resided at 86 Adams Rd., Haydenville.

Brown, David A., son of Margaret Carey & Goodwin Brown. Born in Williamsburg, MA, on April 8, 1962. Date of death was February 27, 2016, in Northampton, MA. Resided at 6 Nash Hill Rd., Williamsburg.

Hemminger, Sylvia Ann, daughter of Hettie J. Koehler & William F. Hemminger. Born in Cleveland, OH, on August 2, 1953. Date of death was March 10, 2016, in Springfield, MA. Resided at 178 Main St., Haydenville.

Gilman, Norman L., son of Grace Fairbanks & Donald M Gilman. Born in Rutland, VT, on January 12, 1943. Date of death was May 3, 2016, in Williamsburg, MA. Resided at 131 Convent Ave., Rutland, VT.

Roberts, Beverly Susan, daughter of Bernetta R. Adams & Clarence C. DeWolfe. Born in Tunkhannock, PA, on August 23, 1939. Date of death was May 11, 2016, in Williamsburg, MA. Resided at 1044 E. Guinea Rd., Conway, MA.

Larareo, Jeannette M., daughter of Helen Nash & Richard F. Watling. Born in Williamsburg, MA, on September 11, 1939. Date of death was June 10, 2016, in Northampton, MA. Resided at 9 Eastern Ave., Williamsburg.

Davies, Clyde B., son of Johanna Spinek & Walter Davies. Born in Northampton, MA, on August 31, 1956. Date of death was June 17, 2016, in Northampton, MA. Resided at 49 South Main St., Haydenville.

Melone, William, son of Unknown & Unknown. Born in Unknown on August 6, 1943. Date of death was June 13, 2016, in Springfield, MA. Resided at 102 South St., Williamsburg.

Nishman, May, daughter of Pauline & Abraham Elkin. Born in Monticello, NY, on October 24, 1926. Date of death was July 13, 2016, in Williamsburg, MA. Resided at 23 O'Neil Rd., Haydenville.

Sturm, Carol Ann, daughter of Elizabeth M. Soos & John C. Knaver. Born in Hammond, IN, on November 9, 1936. Date of death was June 16, 2016, in Northampton, MA. Resided at 21 Cole Rd., Haydenville.

Smith, JoEllen L., daughter of Ellen Kuschan & Denton M. Snyder. Born in Fort Dodge, IA, on July 1, 1939. Date of death was July 24, 2016, in Northampton, MA. Resided at 68 Village Hill Rd., Williamsburg.

Reagan, John E., son of Inez Kriemendahl & Jeremiah Reagan. Born in Attleboro, MA, on September 10, 1941. Date of death was August 11, 2016, in Northampton, MA. Resided at 64 Chesterfield Rd., Williamsburg.

Estes, Michael A., son of Evelyn Fortier & Stuart Estes. Born in Northampton, MA, on April 21, 1948. Date of death was August 27, 2016, in Northampton, MA. Resided at 90 Main St., Haydenville.

Hoar, Marion Elwin, son of Beatrice Metcalf & Boyd Hoar. Born in Washington, DC, on January 29, 1936. Date of death was September 5, 2016, in Northampton, MA. Resided at 123 Main St., Haydenville.

Sadoski, Norma J., daughter of Harriet E. Magargal & Charles K. Osgood. Born in Northampton, MA, on March 13, 1942. Date of death was October 21, 2016, in Northampton, MA. Resided at 7 Nash Hill Pl., Williamsburg.

O'Donnell, Emily Iris, daughter of Diane Beliveau & James O'Donnell. Born in Northampton, MA, on November 15, 1990. Date of death was November 22, 2016, in Northampton, MA. Resided at 2A Mill St., Williamsburg.

Devino, Karen A., daughter of Kathleen Ripley & John Russell. Born in Northampton, MA, on November 10, 1948. Date of death was December 18, 2016, in Northampton, MA. Resided at 2B Chesterfield Rd., Williamsburg.

Stowe, Barbara N., daughter of Alice Strippe & Stanley Nash. Born in Northampton, MA, on March 28, 1923. Date of death was December 24, 2016, in Northampton, MA. Resided at 82 Adams Rd., Haydenville.

Everett, Edwin H., son of Estella Trask & Almon Everett. Born in Northampton, MA, on July 13, 1928. Date of death was December 29, 2016, in Northampton, MA. Resided at 40 Hemenway Rd., Williamsburg.

Marriages:

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

The following Marriages were recorded in Williamsburg in 2016:



Gary William Forster, from Williamsburg, and Manbir Kaur, from Williamsburg, were married on March 25, 2016, in Williamsburg.

Denise Marjorie Kellogg, from Chesterfield, and Jeffrey Glen Donovan, from Chesterfield, were married on May 21, 2016, in Williamsburg.

Susan Michelle Langer, from Chicopee, and Theresa Joann Dwyer, from Chicopee, were married on June 4, 2016, in Williamsburg.

Craig Alan Latham, from Hatfield, and Susan Fairfield Durkee Kenen, from Hatfield, were married on June 11, 2016, in Wellfleet.

David Franklin McBee, from Williamsburg, and Jeanette Leila McGough, from Williamsburg, were married on July 9, 2016, in Williamsburg.

Tracy Ann Magdalene, from Williamsburg, and Roy David Farnham, from Williamsburg, were married on July 30, 2016, in Williamsburg.

Mary Alice Crim, from Williamsburg, and Joseph Nickerson Rogers, from Williamsburg, were married on August 19, 2016, in Williamsburg.

James Paul Brisson, from Williamsburg, and Stacie Ann Carter, from Williamsburg, were married on August 20, 2016, in Northampton.

Trisha Corena Church, from Greenfield, and Eric John Ferron, from Greenfield, were married on September 17, 2016, in Northampton.

Gilbert Edward Loud III, from Williamsburg, and Jessica Ann Maryea, from Williamsburg, were married on September 24, 2016, in Williamsburg.

Nicholas George Popowich, from Williamsburg, and Allison Cwalinski, from Williamsburg, were married on September 24, 2016, in Goshen.

Births:

There were 11 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 2016).

2016 Events		Births	Deaths	Marriages
	Male	3	9	
	Female	8	13	
	Total	11	22	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	427
Total Kennel Licenses Issued	7

Annual Permits, Licenses & Filings 2016

Marriage Intentions	11
Vital Records-Birth, Death, Marriage	61
Business Certificates	13
Pole Hearings	4
Underground Storage Tanks	6

Raffle Permits	2
Tag Sales/Craft Fairs	19
Auctioneer License	0
Burial Permit	3

2016 Town Meetings and Elections

It was an extremely busy year for Elections in my office. The State introduced Early Voting, which was a huge success. This option will be available for all State elections going forward. I want to tweak some things for the next election but overall I think it went well. If anyone has any suggestions to make it better, please contact my office. I want to thank my warden, Kathy Luce, and all my poll workers for their dedication and hard work this past year, especially with Early Voting. I have a vacancy for another warden, if anyone is interested, and always can use extra names on my poll worker list. I also wish to thank my constables for their help in making sure the elections run smoothly. We had two resignations of Constables but were able to find two more. A big thank you goes to my fellow Voter Registrars: Jean York, Diane O’Sullivan and Margie Dunphy. The town office custodian, Al Golash, gets special thanks also for his help going above and beyond to make sure everything is set up and ready to go for the town meetings and elections.

TOTAL OF REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF 12/31/2016								
Party or Designation	Democrat	Republican	Green Rainbow	United Independent	Unenrolled	Libertarian	Socialist & Green Party USA	Grand Total
	771	118	11	8	1070	4	2	1984

ELECTION TYPE	DATE
Special Town Election – Debt Exclusion	January 19, 2016
Presidential Primary	March 1, 2016
Annual Town Caucus	March 7, 2016
Annual Town Election	May 2, 2016
Annual Town Meeting	June 6, 2016
State Primary	September 8, 2016
Special Town Meeting	October 17, 2016
General & State Election	November 8, 2016

The full text of all town meeting votes and all election results are published in the Annual Town Report, on the town website at www.burgy.org or available for public inspection at the Town Clerk's Office. I look forward to serving the residents of Williamsburg and Haydenville for the upcoming year and hopefully many more into the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Lessard
Williamsburg Town Clerk

Minutes of the Debt Exclusion Election January 19, 2016

Warrant signed on December 10, 2015

Warrant Posted on December 21, 2015

Selectmen: David Mathers, Denise Banister, and William Sayre

Last day to register to vote – December 29, 2015 Constables: Greg Smith and Wilbur Loomis

Twenty-eight (28) ballots were used to test the machine and ballots

Nine (9) Absentee ballots were mailed, three (3) absentee ballots voted in office, twelve (12) absentee ballots returned.

Delivered one thousand, one hundred ballots to the polls.

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

The polls closed at 7 p.m., the machine tape was printed. The following are the Election Results recorded by Warden Kathleen Luce and Town Clerk, Brenda Lessard.

Votes Cast – 228

Number of Eligible Voters – 1881

Question 1

Shall the Town of Williamsburg be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two-and-one-half, so-called, the amount required to pay for the bond issued in order to purchase and equip a pumper fire truck?

Yes – 124

No – 104

Filed: January 21, 2016

Brenda Lessard

Williamsburg Town Clerk

cc: Assessors, Accountant, Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Treasurer, Department of Revenue, Williamsburg Fire Department, Kopelman & Paige

Minutes of the Presidential Primary March 1, 2016

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

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

Warden: Kathy Luce

Town Clerk: Brenda Lessard

Constables: Wilbur Loomis, Greg Smith and Jason Connell

Total Registered Voters: 1927

Total Absentee Ballots Sent: 61 (4 (four) email overseas) Returned Absentees: 57 (4 (four) email overseas)

Ballots Total by Accuvote: 1227 and 4 (four) handcount ballots (email)

Total Ballots Cast: 1231

Democrat Ballots Cast: 1003

Republican Ballots Cast: 221

Green Rainbow Ballots Cast: 4

United Independent Party Ballot: 3

The results of the polling are as follows:

Democratic – Presidential Preference	
Blanks	1
Bernie Sanders	627
Martin O'Malley	1
Hillary Clinton	371
Roque De La Fuente	0
No Preference	2
Write-Ins	1

Democratic-State Committee Man	
Blanks	329
Sherwood Guernsey II	668
Write-Ins	6
	Charles Dudek – 4 David Chase – 1 John Kasich – 1

Democratic – State Committee Woman	
Blanks	314
Mary J. Palmer	687
Write-Ins	2
	Mary Dudek – 2

Democratic – Town Committee	
Blanks	24946
Write-Ins	129
	Charles Dudek – 24 Mary Dudek – 24 Paul Dunphy – 20 Ann Marie Westburg – 17 Fred Goodhue – 12 Robert Barker – 10 All Others – 20

Republican – Presidential Preference	
Blanks	1
Jim Gilmore	0
Donald J. Trump	99
Ted Cruz	16
George Pataki	1
Ben Carson	4
Mike Huckabee	1
Rand Paul	0
Carly Fiorina	2
Rick Santorum	0
Chris Christie	0
Marco Rubio	42
Jeb Bush	0
John R. Kasich	53
No Preference	1
Write-In	1
	Paul Ryan – 1

Republican – State Committee Man	
Blanks	63
Michael F. Case	108
Matthew W. Kinnaman	50
Write-Ins	0

Republican – State Committee Woman	
Blanks	100
Robin S. Almgren	121
Write-Ins	0

Republican – Town Committee	
Blanks	7733
Write-Ins	2

Green Rainbow – Presidential Preference	
Blanks	0
Sedinam Curry	0
Jill Stein	3
William P. Kreml	0
Kent Mesplay	0
Darryl Cherney	0
No Preference	0
Write-Ins	1
	Bernie Sanders – 1

Green Rainbow – State Committee Man	
Blanks	4
Write-Ins	0

Green Rainbow – State Committee Woman	
Blanks	4
Write-Ins	0

Green Rainbow – Town Committee	
Blanks	40
Write-Ins	0

United Independent Party – Presidential Preference	
Blanks	0
No Preference	1
Write-Ins	2
	Bernie Sanders – 1
	Donald Trump – 1

United Independent Party – State Committee Man	
Blanks	3
Write-Ins	0

United Independent Party – State Committee Woman	
Blanks	3
Write-Ins	0

United Independent Party – Town Committee	
Blanks	30
Write-Ins	0

FILED: March 2, 2016

TRUE COPY ATTEST

Brenda Lessard
Williamsburg Town Clerk

Certificate of Nomination – Town Caucus 2016

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 seventh day of March 2016, and the following nominations of Candidates for Town Offices were made:

The Town Clerk, Brenda Lessard, called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. The Voters of Caucus elected a Chair and Secretary.

Chair: Joseph Larkin Secretary: Linda Babcock

OFFICE	TERM	CANDIDATE	RESIDENCE	SIGNATURE
ASSESSOR	3	Glen Everett	40 Hemenway Road	Signed by same
BOARD OF HEALTH	3	Donna Gibson	110 Nash Hill Road	Signed by same
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES	3	Cynthia Barker	48 South Street	Signed by same
	3	Charlotte Meryman	46 Village Hill Road	Signed by same
ELECTOR-OLIVER SMITH WILL	1	Eric Cerreta	157 Main St.	Signed by same
FINANCE COMMITTEE	3	Charles Heath	83 Mountain Street	Signed by same
	3	Richard Kisloski	12 Cole Road	Signed by same
	3	Linda Rowley	3 Hatfield Rd	Signed by same
HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS COUNCILLOR	3	Eileen Stewart	7 Petticoat Hill Road	Signed by same
LOCAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3	David Chase	99 Adams Road	Signed by same
	3	Jeff Gelbard	6 O'Neil Road	Signed by same
MODERATOR	1	Joseph Larkin	3 Judd Lane	Signed by same
RECREATION COMMISSION	3	Alan Golash	28 Kingsley Avenue	Signed by same
	3	Joel Strate	56 South Street	Signed by same
RECREATION COMMISSION	1	Vacancy		

REGIONAL SCHOOL

COMMITTEE	3	Carl Schlerman	11 South Street	Signed by same
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SELECTMAN	3	David Mathers	7 Eastern Avenue	Signed by same
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TOWN CLERK	3	Brenda Lessard	42 Nash Hill Road	Signed by same
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TREASURER	3	Nathan Rosewarne	89 Ashfield Road	Signed by same
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TRUST FUND/CEMETERY

COMMISSION	3	Richard Kisloski	12 Cole Rd	Signed by same
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WATER/SEWER

COMMISSION	3	Eric Cerreta	157 Main Street	Signed by same
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	3	James Hyslip	29 Petticoat Hill Road	Signed by same
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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, Motion made and seconded and so voted that the Secretary cast one ballot to certify the nominees are certified. We also certify that a motion was made and seconded and so voted that in the case of death, withdrawal or in-eligibility of the candidate or candidates so nominated, the vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by the following: a committee consisting of the Chairman and Secretary of the Caucus and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

S/ Joseph Larkin, Presiding Officer S/ Linda Babcock, Secretary to Caucus

Filed March 8, 2016

A TRUE COPY ATTEST BRENDA LESSARD, TOWN CLERK

Minutes of the Annual Election May 2, 2016

Warrant signed on March 17, 2016

Warrant Posted on April 12, 2016

Selectmen: David Mathers, Denise Banister and William Sayre

Last day to register to vote – April 11, 2016

Constables: Wilbur Loomis and Paul Sanderson

Twenty-five (25) ballots were used to test the machine and ballots

Five (5) Absentee ballots were mailed, one (1) absentee ballot voted in office, two (2) absentee ballots returned.

Delivered four hundred ballots to the polls.

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

The polls closed at 7 p.m., the machine tape was printed. The following are the Election Results recorded by Warden Kathleen Luce and Town Clerk, Brenda Lessard. All Elected individuals take office July 1, 2016, per the bylaw change voted November 14, 2005.

Votes Cast – 198

Number of Eligible Voters – 1936

Assessor – 3 years – vote for 1

Blanks – 27

Glen Everett – 171 E

Write-ins – 0

Board of Health – 3 years – vote for 1

Blanks – 38

Donna Gibson – 159 E

Write-ins – 1 (Robert Pomeroy – 1)

Board of Library Trustees – 3 years – vote for 2

Blank – 99

Cynthia Barker – 150 E

Charlotte Meryman – 147 E

Write-In - 0

Elector -Oliver Smith Will -1 year -vote for 1

Blank – 19

Eric Cerreta – 178 E

Write-ins – 1 (Paula Pavelcsyk – 1)

Finance Committee – 3 years – vote for 3

Blank – 137

Charles Heath-155 E

Richard Kisloski – 157 E

Linda Rowley – 141 E

Write-ins – 4 (Walter Boas – 3, Andrew Erwin – 1)

Hampshire Council of Government Councillor – 3 years – vote for 1

Blanks – 40

Eileen Stewart – 158 E

Write-In – 0

Williamsburg School Committee – 3 years – vote for 2

Blank – 98

David Chase – 154 E

Jeff Gelbard – 143 E

Write-In – 1 (Kiera Durrett – 1)

Moderator – 1 year – vote for 1

Blank – 32
Joseph Larkin – 166 E
Write-In – 0

Recreation Commission – 3 years – vote for 2

Blank – 32
Alan Golash – 163 E
Joel Strate – 155 E
Write-In – 0

Recreation Commission – 1 year – vote for 1

Write-In – 4 (Robert Pratt – 1, Stuart Krantz – 1, Ben Thompson – 1, James Locke – 1)

Regional School Committee – 3 years – vote for 1

Blank – 41
Carl Schlerrman-157 E
Write-In – 0

Selectman – 3 years – vote for 1

Blank – 31
David Mathers – 163 E
Write-ins – 4 (Donald Hultman – 1, Brenda Lessard – 1, Joshua Lynn – 1, Kenneth Taylor – 1)

Town Clerk – 3 years – vote for 1

Blank – 19
Brenda Lessard – 179 E
Write-In – 0

Treasurer – 3 years – vote for 1

Blank – 42
Nathan Rosewarne – 154 E
Write-In – 2 (Brenda Lessard – 2)

Trust Fund/Cemetery Commission – 3 years – vote for 1

Blanks – 40
Richard Kisloski – 158 E
Write-In – 0

Water & Sewer Commission – 3 years – vote for 2

Blank – 50
Eric Cerreta – 150 E
James Hyslip – 113 E
Kenneth Taylor – 83
Write-In – 0

Filed: May 3, 2016

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

Brenda Lessard, Williamsburg Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting June 6, 2016

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

The warrant was signed on May 12, 2016 and posted on May 16, 2016.

Moderator: Joseph Larkin

Town Clerk: Brenda Lessard

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

Constable: Paul Sanderson

There were 120 voters present of 1944 registered voters.

Last Day to Register to vote was May 17, 2016

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.

David Mathers spoke to the town meeting about the Annual Town Report and the dedication to Nick Dines for all of the time he has donated to the Town. Mr. Mathers also spoke about the town gardens and roadside plantings Mr. Dines has been maintaining. The town meeting gave a round of applause in appreciation and recognition.

Denise Banister told the Town that Donald Turner would be retiring from the Town Fire Department after 43 years of service. The town meeting gave a round of applause in appreciation of his years of service to the Town.

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 pursuant to M.G.L. c.268A, §21A to authorize the Board of Selectmen, Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners, Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Board of Appeals, Finance Committee, and the Trustees of Libraries to appoint their own members to Town Departments at such salaries or wage rates as shall be established by the Board of Selectmen.

Passed Unanimously

Article 2

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 3

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

Passed Unanimously

Article 4

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,705.97, an amount equal to half (1/2) the amount received by the Town as Medicare Part D reimbursements, to the Williamsburg School Department.

Passed Unanimously

Article 5

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected and appointed officers of the Town for the twelve month period ending June 30, 2017, 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 \$6,903,363, as approved by the Finance Committee, such sum to be raised by transferring \$190,000 from Free Cash, and raising \$6,713,363 from taxation.

Passed Unanimously

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	FY15 Actual Expenditure	FY16 Finance Committee Recommended	FY17 Department Requests	FY17 Finance Committee Recommends	Change FY16 to FY17
Moderator	0	319	319	325	6
Selectboard Salaries	8,126	8,924	8,924	9,102	178
Selectboard Expenses	3,629	3,750	3,750	3,750	0
Town Administrator	50,014	51,264	51,264	52,289	1,025
Administrative Assistant	13,851	14,197	14,197	14,481	284
Town Administrator Expenses	484	750	750	750	0
Oliver Smith Trustee	33	34	34	35	1
Town Counsel	10,829	15,000	15,000	15,000	0
Advertising Expenses	1,442	1,200	1,200	1,200	0
Constable Salary	416	426	426	435	9
Constable Elections	0	100	100	100	0
Finance Committee Salaries	4,361	4,033	4,033	4,114	81
Finance Committee Chair	0	181	181	185	4
Finance Committee Secretary	0	702	702	716	14
Finance Committee Expenses	395	500	500	500	0
Reserve Fund from Free Cash	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	0
Reserve Fund from Taxation		0	0	0	0
Capital Planning Labor	0	334	334	341	7
Capital Planning Expenses	0	75	75	75	0
Accountant Labor	27,055	27,710	27,943	27,943	233
Accountant Expenses	0	300	300	300	0

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Accounting Software	750	750	750	750	0
Audit Services	14,000	14,000	14,500	14,500	500
Assessor's Salaries	8,706	8,924	8,924	9,102	178
Assessor's Labor	8,862	12,813	12,813	13,069	256
Assessor's Expenses	4,383	8,200	8,200	8,200	0
Assessor's Revaluation	5,185	7,500	7,500	7,500	0
Treasurer's Salary	19,591	20,660	20,660	21,073	413
Treasurer's Add'l Salary		0	0	0	0
Treasurer's Assistant	5,604	5,744	5,744	5,859	115
Treasurer's Expenses	4,924	7,100	5,600	5,600	-1,500
Treasurer's Software	2,584	2,800	2,800	2,800	0
OPEB Reval		0	750	750	750
OBEB Trust		5,500	5,000	5,000	-500
Town Heating Oil Expense		66,492	60,492	60,492	-6,000
Town Electric Expense		31,157	28,000	28,000	-3,157
Town Telephone	5,421	8,608	8,068	8,068	-540
Collector's Salary	27,525	29,256	29,256	29,841	585
Collector's Additional Salary	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Collector's Expenses	6,812	9,130	9,130	9,130	0
Deputy Collector Expenses	1,687	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
Clerk's Salary	17,839	18,285	18,285	18,651	366
Clerk's Assistant	2,244	2,300	2,300	2,346	46
Clerk's Expenses	1,083	1,600	1,720	1,720	120
Clerk's Software	500	500	500	500	0
Registrar/Election Expenses	7,814	8,000	9,500	9,500	1,500
Street Listing	1,300	1,300	1,420	1,420	120
Conservation Commission Labor	1,217	1,750	1,900	1,938	188
Conservation Commission Expenses	1,717	2,200	2,050	2,050	-150
Energy Committee	208	250	250	250	0
Agricultural Commission			0	0	0
Planning Board	228	750	750	750	0
Zoning Bd of Appeals Expenses	521	600	600	600	0
Custodian Labor	10,712	11,129	11,129	11,352	223
Town Buildings & Grounds	61,791	31,500	31,500	31,500	0
Town Office Expense	3,368	3,400	2,500	2,500	-900
Town Office Telephone	5,421	0	0	0	0
Town Office Internet Services	2,365	2,250	5,159	5,159	2,909
Copier Maintenance	2,387	3,335	2,835	2,835	-500
Technology Upgrades	3,431	3,000	3,000	3,000	0
Computer Services	5,297	8,808	19,269	19,269	10,461
Town Building Repairs	11,322	20,000	15,000	15,000	-5,000
Town Reports	1,460	1,900	1,900	1,900	0
Building Supervisor	6,763	6,932	6,932	7,071	139
Subtotal General Government	446,656	561,222	559,718	563,686	2,464

PROTECTION PERSONS and PROPERTY	FY15 Actual Expenditure	FY16 Finance Committee Recommended	FY17 Department Requests	FY17 Finance Committee Recommends	Change FY16 to FY17
Police Chief Salary	59,706	61,199	61,199	62,423	1,224
Police Dept Labor	118,853	131,480	131,480	134,110	2,630
Police Dept Expenses	37,443	25,946	24,626	24,626	-1,320

Police Records Software	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	0
Fire Dept Salaries	26,471	27,141	22,141	22,584	-4,557
Fire Dept Labor	32,290	28,463	28,393	28,961	498
Fire Dept Expenses	27,267	27,320	24,501	24,501	-2,819
Fire Dept Admin Asst			5,070	5,070	5,070
Ambulance Service	51,439	58,775	75,525	75,525	16,750
Emergency Management Director Salary	1,120	1,148	1,148	1,171	23
Emergency Management Deputy	521	534	534	545	11
Emergency Management Expense	2,001	3,750	3,750	3,750	0
Hamps. County Emergency Comm System		485	486	486	1
Shade Tree Committee Expenses	6,631	5,000	5,000	5,000	0
Tree Removal/Planting	2,213	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
Subtotal Protection Persons and Property	371,455	378,741	391,353	396,252	17,511

EDUCATION	FY15 Actual Expenditure	FY16 Finance Committee Recommended	FY17 Department Requests	FY17 Finance Committee Recommends	Change FY16 to FY17
School Committee Salaries	1,561	1,600	1,600	1,632	32
Local School Expenses	1,847,542	1,952,095	2,035,133	2,035,133	83,038
School Design	32,804	0	0	0	0
Vocational School Assessment	209,879	185,637	191,688	191,688	6,051
Vocational School Transportation		38,767	38,767	38,767	0
Hampshire Regional School Assessment	1,202,295	1,216,034	1,347,573	1,347,573	131,539
Subtotal Education	3,294,082	3,394,133	3,614,761	3,614,793	220,660

PUBLIC WORKS and FACILITIES	FY15 Actual Expenditure	FY16 Finance Committee Recommended	FY17 Department Requests	FY17 Finance Committee Recommends	Change FY16 to FY17
Highway Superintendent	58,804	60,274	60,274	61,479	1,205
Highway Labor	142,161	148,839	148,839	151,816	2,977
Highway Road Maintenance	65,173	65,463	65,463	65,463	0
Highway Garage/Equipment Maintenance	41,090	31,641	36,641	36,641	5,000
Highway Surplus and Safety Equipment	830	3,000	3,000	3,000	0
Vehicle Fuel	43,380	42,000	42,000	42,000	0
Invasive Species Eradication	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Cement Sidewalk Construction	2,088	5,000	5,000	5,000	0
Winter Overtime	14,946	14,356	14,356	14,643	287
Winter Expenses	92,147	72,500	72,500	72,500	0
Street Lighting	12,330	11,000	11,432	11,432	432
Transfer Station Labor (Board of Health)	20,265	20,772	23,072	23,533	2,761

Transfer Station Expenses (Board of Health)	75,361	73,780	75,000	75,000	1,220
Cemetery Commission	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Subtotal Public Works and Facilities	216,048	550,625	559,577	564,507	13,882

HUMAN SERVICES	FY15 Actual Expenditure	FY16 Finance Committee Recommended	FY17 Department Requests	FY17 Finance Committee Recommends	Change FY16 to FY17
Board of Health Salaries	3,840	3,937	3,937	4,016	79
Board of Health Expenses	102	300	1,050	1,050	750
Public Health Nurse	0	2,691	2,000	2,040	-651
Animal Inspector	900	1,600	1,250	1,275	-325
COA Director	19,024	19,500	22,425	22,874	3,374
COA Outreach Coordinator	16,971	17,318	17,318	17,664	346
COA Admin Assistant	10,393	10,654	12,292	12,538	1,884
COA Meal Site Staffing	5,933	6,497	6,497	6,627	130
COA Expenses	3,218	3,218	3,718	3,718	500
COA HEN Program	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	0
Veterans Agent	9,182	9,448	10,172	10,172	724
Veterans Benefits	73,133	85,000	56,500	56,500	-28,500
Americans With Disabilities Exp	0	400	400	400	0
Subtotal Human Services	146,196	164,063	141,059	142,374	-21,689

CULTURE and RECREATION	FY15 Actual Expenditure	FY16 Finance Committee Recommended	FY17 Department Requests	FY17 Finance Committee Recommends	Change FY16 to FY17
Library Director	45,000	46,125	46,125	47,048	923
Library Labor	63,916	71,352	74,485	75,975	4,623
Library Expenses		0	0	0	0
Library Exp-Utilities	18,861	0	0	0	0
Library Exp-Maintenance	14,750	13,590	13,590	13,590	0
Library Exp-Books & Supplies		0	1,500	1,500	1,500
Recreation Labor	3,523	4,022	4,022	4,102	80
Athletic Fields	4,960	5,000	5,000	5,000	0
Woodland Trails Committee	500	500	500	500	0
Open Space Committee		0	0	0	0
Historical Commission Exp	0	500	500	500	0
Veterans Recognition	584	500	500	500	0
Subtotal Culture and Recreation	152,094	141,589	146,222	148,715	7,126

DEBT SERVICE	FY15 Actual Expenditure	FY16 Finance Committee Recommended	FY17 Department Requests	FY17 Finance Committee Recommends	Change FY16 to FY17
Hampshire Regional Debt Service	80,076	75,923	74,113	74,113	-1,810
Highland Ambulance Debt Service	4,517	4,446	1,545	1,545	-2,901

Highland Ambulance Building Debt Service		9,208	16,809	16,809	7,601
School Feasibility Interest	2,802	2,102	1,401	1,401	-701
School Feasibility Principal	23,350	23,350	23,350	23,350	0
School Building Interest	147,798	142,649	135,699	135,699	-6,950
School Building Principal	171,650	231,650	231,650	231,650	0
Fire Truck Principal		0	0	0	0
Fire Truck Debt Interest		0	0	0	0
Fire Truck #2 Principal		0	0	0	0
Fire Truck #2 Debt Interest		0	0	0	0
Highway Garage Principal	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	0
Highway Garage Interest	4,600	4,150	3,700	3,700	-450
Highway Truck Principal		0	0	0	0
Highway Truck Debt Interest		0	0	0	0
Highway Truck 2009-Principal		0	0	0	0
Highway Truck 2009-Interest		0	0	0	0
Highway Loader Principal		0	0	0	0
Highway Loader Debt Interest		0	0	0	0
Highway Truck 2015 Principal		27,000	27,000	27,000	0
Highway Truck 2015 Interest		743	780	780	38
Library Principal	50,000	0	0	0	0
Library Debt Interest	2,000	0	0	0	0
Subtotal Debt Service	501,793	536,221	531,047	531,047	-5,174

INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENSES	FY15 Actual Expenditure	FY16 Finance Committee Recommended	FY17 Department Requests	FY17 Finance Committee Recommends	Change FY16 to FY17
Hampshire Council of Governments Assessment	1,252	1,252	1,252	1,252	0
Hampshire County Regional Lockup	2,358	2,358	2,358	2,358	0
Hilltown Resource Management (Board of Health)	7,423	7,423	10,937	10,937	3,514
Foothills Health District (Board of Health)	21,095	22,858	23,941	23,941	1,084
Building Inspection Program	21,000	36,000	36,000	36,000	0
Plumbing / Gas Inspector Training	300	300	300	300	0
PVPC Assessment	372	373	382	382	9
Subtotal Intergovernmental Expenses	53,800	70,563	75,170	75,170	4,607

FIXED MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	FY15 Actual Expenditure	FY16 Finance Committee Recommended	FY17 Department Requests	FY17 Finance Committee Recommends	Change FY16 to FY17
Hampshire County Retirement	226,971	218,612	219,900	219,900	1,288
Worker's Compensation	15,329	20,427	24,488	24,488	4,061
Unemployment Insurance	6,324	8,500	8,500	8,500	0
Group Insurance	409,505	470,794	494,738	494,738	23,944
Medicare & Social Security	33,784	37,875	39,875	40,673	2,798

Police & Fire Disability Insurance	13,436	13,442	15,042	15,042	1,600
Comprehensive Insurance	52,272	61,433	63,478	63,478	2,045
Subtotal Fixed Misc Expenses	757,622	831,083	866,021	866,819	35,736

Totals	FY15 Actual Expenditure	FY16 Finance Committee Recommended	FY17 Department Requests	FY17 Finance Committee Recommends	Change FY16 to FY17
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	5,939,745	6,628,239	6,884,928	6,903,363	272,824
FROM FREE CASH/ STABILIZATION		60,000	60,000	190,000	
FROM TAXATION		6,568,239	6,824,928	6,713,363	142,824
From taxation % change				2.21%	
Total budget percent change		4.06%	3.87%	4.15%	
Proposed salary increase	2.50%	2.50%		2%	

Article 6

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

Passed Unanimously

Article 7

Moved and seconded that the town vote to authorize revolving funds for certain town departments under Departmental Revolving Funds Authorization under M.G.L. c.44, §53E1/2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016.

Passed Unanimously

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend Fund	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY17 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 subdivisions within Williamsburg and new construction	Expenses associated with proposed subdivisions 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 dogs and controlling animals 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 Council on Aging 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

Article 8

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$178,100 for the purpose of operating and maintaining and constructing the Town water system, including the laying of mains, for fiscal year 2017, and raise said sum from Water Enterprise Revenue.

Salaries	\$ 2,800
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$175,300</u>
Total	\$178,100

Passed Unanimously

Article 9

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$160,500 for the purpose of operating, maintaining and constructing the Town sewer system for fiscal year 2017, and raise said sum from Sewer Enterprise Revenue.

Salaries	\$ 2,800
<u>Operation & Maintenance</u>	<u>\$157,700</u>
Total	\$160,500

Passed Unanimously

Article 10

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$4,000 for the purchase of materials for the Historic Dam Flood and Forest Trail.

Passed Unanimously

Article 11

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$40,000 for the restoration of the walls and stairway at the original Meekins Library entry, including but not limited to the preparation of design plans and specifications, construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of such walls and stairways as well as all other incidental and related expenses.

Passed Unanimously

Article 12

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$800 to purchase a handheld barcode scanner to track data for the Senior Center.

Passed Unanimously

Article 13

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$750 to prepare educational brochures for use by the Agricultural Commission.

Passed Unanimously

Article 14

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$9,000 to purchase a 40-yard roll-off box to be used for collection of paper and cardboard recycling at the Transfer Station.

Passed Unanimously

Article 15

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,374 to pay for Stericycle Sharps Disposal and OSHA Compliance Services.

Passed Unanimously

Article 16

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer \$5,000 from the amounts appropriated under Article 5 of the November 17, 2014 Special Town Meeting (for computer server and wiring purposes) to redesign and upgrade the Town's Website.

Passed Unanimously

Article 17

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,093 to the Williamsburg Elementary School Account as reimbursement for unanticipated statutory homeless transportation costs.

Passed Unanimously

Article 18

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept a deed in lieu of foreclosure from Charles A. Fuller, Jr. and Beverly A. Fuller pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c.60 §77C for a parcel of

land located at 125 Goshen Road, Williamsburg, shown as Assessor's Map 340/003.C-0000-0105.0, described in a deed recorded with the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Book 5102, Page 165, which property is subject to a tax taking by the Treasurer, said parcel to be held by the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes and for the purposes of conveyance, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey said property on such terms and conditions as it shall deem to be in the best interest of the Town.

Passed Unanimously

Article 19

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to rescind the vote taken under Article 26 of the May 4, 1998 Annual Town Meeting establishing The Brassworks Housing and Economic Development Trust Fund and the Small Business Loan Trust Fund, which funds are described below, and further, to terminate these trust funds and transfer the remaining monies in said accounts to the Stabilization Fund.

THE BRASSWORKS HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND

This Fund shall be established by depositing \$25,000 from the Brassworks Fund and in addition all repayments to the Town of Williamsburg from the Hilltown Community Development Corporation from a \$50,000 loan made to them by a vote of a Special Town Meeting dated November 17, 1997, Article One. These monies shall be spent in the form of a loan or expenditure for the purpose of assisting in the maintenance or creation of affordable housing either in the form of new construction or rehabilitated stock. If a loan is made, the repayments of said loan would be deposited into this account. Any and all loans equal to and over \$10,000 shall be approved by a vote of the Town Meeting after recommendation by the Brassworks Reuse Committee. Expenditures under \$10,000 shall be made at the discretion of the Brassworks Reuse Committee. The other authorized use of this fund will be for the purchase, lease or upgrade of any land to be used for economic development purposes within the Town of Williamsburg. Any proceeds from the resale or lease of such properties will be deposited into this fund.

THE BRASSWORKS SMALL BUSINESS LOAN TRUST FUND

This Fund shall be established at the level of \$185,000. These funds shall be used for making loans to qualified small businesses per guidelines currently being used by the Brassworks Reuse Committee. These funds shall be at the discretion of the Brassworks Reuse Committee. All proceeds from the repayment of the loans made shall be deposited into this account.

Passed 2/3 Majority as declared by Moderator (1 No)

Article 20

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the By-Laws of the Town of Williamsburg, General Government, and particularly, the subsection entitled "Council on Aging" in the section entitled "Town Officers and Committees", to reduce the size of the Council from nine members to five members by deleting in the Preamble and Paragraph 1, the strikethrough text and inserting the bold underlined text as follows; provided, however, that the terms of current members of the Council shall not be prematurely terminated thereby, and instead such reduction in the size of the Council from nine to five members shall be accomplished through attrition.

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

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

Passed Unanimously

Article 21

Moved and seconded that Town vote to amend the Town of Williamsburg Zoning Bylaw by deleting Section 4.6.1, entitled: “Temporary Medical Marijuana Moratorium,” in its entirety, and further to amend the Table of Contents to remove from Section 4 the following: “Medical Marijuana Moratorium.”

Passed Unanimously

Article 22

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the Town of Williamsburg Zoning Bylaw as follows:

- (a) Revise Section 2.0 by deleting the words, “three overlay districts”, and inserting in place thereof the words, “four overlay districts;”
- (b) Revise Section 6.21 by deleting the words “eleven (11) copies of the Site Plan” and inserting in place thereof the words, “six (6) copies of the Site Plan and one electronic copy;” and
- (c) Inserting in Section 18 the following definition:
Restaurant: An establishment devoted primarily to the preparation and service of food and/or beverages for consumption on or off the premises, which may include indoor or outdoor seating for patrons.

Passed Unanimously

Motion made and seconded to adjourn Town Meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Filed: June 7, 2016

A True Copy Attest: Brenda Lessard, Town Clerk

Brenda Lessard
Williamsburg Town Clerk

Minutes of the 2016 State Primary September 8, 2016

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

The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m. The following were the results of the election.

Warden: Kathy Luce

Constables: Wilbur Loomis and Paul Sanderson

Registered Voters: 1968

Absentee Ballots: 22 sent, 14 returned, accepted and cast

Total Ballots cast: 355 (18% voter turnout)

Democrat Ballots: 331

Republican Ballots: 24

Green-Rainbow Ballots: 0

United Independent Party: 0

<u>Democratic Ballot: 331</u>	
Representative In Congress: (D)	
Blanks	57
Richard E Neal	274
Write-Ins	0
Councillor: (D)	
Blanks	34
Mary E Hurley	170
Jeffrey S Morneau	127
Write-Ins	0
Senator In General Court (D)	
Blanks	30
Rinaldo Del Gallo	31
Andrea C Harrington	128
Adam G Hinds	142
Write Ins	0
Representative In General Court (D)	
Blanks	36
Stephen Kulik	293
Write-Ins	2
Maura Healy – 2	

Sheriff (D)	
Blanks	4
Patrick J Cahillane	180
Kavern L Lewis	3
Melissa E Perry	144
Write-Ins	0

<u>Republican Ballot: 24</u>	
Representative In Congress (R)	
Blanks	24
Write-Ins	0
Councillor (R)	
Blanks	24
Write-Ins	0
Senator In General Court (R)	
Blanks	4
Christine M Canning	20
Write-Ins	0
Representative In General Court (R)	
Blanks	24
Write-Ins	0
Sheriff (R)	
Blanks	4
David F Isakson	20
Write-Ins	0

Green Rainbow Ballot: 0	
Representative In Congress (J)	
Blanks	0
Write-Ins	0
Councillor (J)	
Blanks	0
Write-Ins	0
Senator In General Court (J)	
Blanks	0
Write-Ins	0
Representative In General Court (J)	
Blanks	0
Write-Ins	0
Sheriff (J)	
Blanks	0
Write-Ins	0

United Independent Party Ballot: 0	
Representative In Congress (CC)	
Blanks	0
Write-Ins	0
Councillor (CC)	
Blanks	0
Write-Ins	0
Senator In General Court (CC)	
Blanks	0
Write-Ins	0
Representative In General Court (CC)	
Blanks	0
Write-Ins	0
Sheriff (CC)	
Blanks	0
Write-Ins	0

FILED: SEPTEMBER 17, 2012

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

BRENDA LESSARD, TOWN CLERK

Special Town Meeting October 17, 2016, 7 pm

Warrant was signed on September 29, 2016 and posted on October 3, 2016

Moderator: Joseph Larkin

Town Clerk: Brenda Lessard

Board of Selectmen Present: Denise Banister and David Mathers

A quorum of 60 (sixty) present (there were 69 voters present) the meeting was called to order at 7:22 p.m. 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

Article 1

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$26,125 from Sewer Retained Earnings to Sewer Expenses for the River Road retaining wall project which supports the Town sewer line, including all incidental and related expenses.

Passed Unanimously

Article 2

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$57,243 from Sewer Retained Earnings to Sewer Expenses to conduct an assessment of the Town sewer system.

Passed Unanimously

Article 3

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the vote taken under Article 19 of the June 2, 2014 Annual Town Meeting transferring the sum of \$1,000.00 from Free Cash for the development of a forest management and stewardship plan to also include the Hall property, Geer Hill property, and Briar Hill property, all three of which are under the stewardship of the Conservation Commission.

Passed Unanimously

Article 4

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000 to replace the Town office heating system with a propane system, including, but not limited to, removal of the oil tanks, moving the generator, installation of a new boiler, completion of pump upgrades, and any other incidental and related work.

Passed Unanimously

Article 5

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$1,000 for the purpose of securing and removing health hazards from the property located at 125 Goshen Road once said property is transferred to the Town.

Passed Unanimously

Article 6

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$1,000 for the purpose of paying to the Treasurer additional compensation for completion of the necessary training and being awarded certification from the Massachusetts Treasurer and Collector Association per G.L. c. 41, §108P, accepted at the 2000 Williamsburg Annual Town Meeting.

Passed Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

FILED: October 20, 2016

A TRUE COPY ATTEST: Brenda Lessard, Town Clerk

cc: Accountant, Treasurer, Board of Selectmen, Water & Sewer Commission, Board of Health, Woodland Trails Committee, Town Administrator, Department of Revenue, KP Law

General and State Election November 8, 2016

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

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

Total Registered Voters: 2020 – Total Ballots cast 1714 (85%)

Warrant Signed: October 4, 2012

Warrant Posted: October 15, 2012

Constables: Paul Sanderson, Jason Connell, Chris Packard and Robert Lapointe

Warden: Kathleen Luce

Clerks: Joan Donovan and Fran Tilley

Total Absentee Ballots Requested: 91

Total Absentee Ballots Returned and Voted: 82

Total Early Voting Ballots: 639 – (Two mailed & returned) – All Early Voting Ballots Cast

Total Provisional Ballots: 5

Total Provisional Ballots Cast: 2

Electors of President and Vice-President

Blanks.....14
Clinton & Kaine.....1207
Johnson & Weld.....69
Stein & Baraka.....58
Trump & Pence.....347
Write-Ins.....19

All others: 19

Councillor

Blanks.....349
Mary E. Hurley.....1360
Write-Ins.....5

All others: 5

Representative In General Court

Blanks.....259
Stephen Kulik.....1452
Write-Ins.....3

Representative In Congress

Blanks.....110
Richard E. Neal.....1292
Frederick O. Mayock183
Thomas T. Simmons128
Write-Ins.....1

Senator In General Court

Blanks.....187
Christine M. Canning.....351
Adam G. Hinds.....1175
Write-Ins.....1

Sheriff

Blanks.....112
Patrick J. Cahillane.....1363
David F. Isakson.....237
Write-Ins.....2

QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow the state Gaming Commission to issue one additional category 2 license, which would permit operation of a gaming establishment with no table games and not more than 1,250 slot machines.

The proposed law would authorize the Commission to request applications for the additional license to be granted to a gaming establishment located on property that is (i) at least four acres

in size; (ii) adjacent to and within 1,500 feet of a race track, including the track's additional facilities, such as the track, grounds, paddocks, barns, auditorium, amphitheatre, and bleachers; (iii) where a horse racing meeting may physically be held; (iv) where a horse racing meeting shall have been hosted; and (v) not separated from the race track by a highway or railway.

A YES VOTE would permit the state Gaming Commission to license one additional slot-machine gaming establishment at a location that meets certain conditions specified in the law.

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

Blank: 83 Yes: 312 No: 1319

QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to approve up to 12 new charter schools or enrollment expansions in existing charter schools each year. Approvals under this law could expand statewide charter school enrollment by up to 1% of the total statewide public school enrollment each year. enrollment expansions approved under this law would be exempt from existing limits on the number of charter schools, the number of students enrolled in them, and the amount of local school districts' spending allocated to them.

If the Board received more than 12 applications in a single year from qualified applicants, then the proposed law would require it to give priority to proposed charter schools or enrollment expansions in districts where student performance on statewide assessments is in the bottom 25% of all districts in the previous two years and where demonstrated parent demand for additional public school options is greatest.

New charter schools and enrollment expansions approved under this proposed law would be subject to the same approval standards as other charter schools, and to recruitment, retention, and multilingual outreach requirements that currently apply to some charter schools. Schools authorized under this law would be subject to annual performance reviews according to standards established by the Board.

The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2017.

A YES VOTE would allow for up to 12 approvals each year of either new charter schools or expanded enrollments in existing charter schools, but not to exceed 1% of the statewide public school enrollment.

A NO VOTE would make no change in current laws relative to charter schools.

Blank: 35 Yes: 341 No: 1338

QUESTION 3: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would prohibit any farm owner or operator from knowingly confining any breeding pig, calf raised for veal, or egg-laying hen in a way that prevents the animal from lying down, standing up, fully extending its limbs, or turning around freely. The proposed law would also prohibit any business owner or operator in Massachusetts from selling whole eggs intended for human consumption or any uncooked cut of veal or pork if the business owner or operator knows or should know that the hen, breeding pig, or veal calf that produced these products was confined in a manner prohibited by the proposed law. The proposed law would exempt sales of food products that combine veal or pork with other products, including soups, sandwiches, pizzas, hotdogs, or similar processed or prepared food items.

The proposed law's confinement prohibitions would not apply during transportation; state and county fair exhibitions; 4-H programs; slaughter in compliance with applicable laws and regulations; medical research; veterinary exams, testing, treatment and operation if performed under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian; five days prior to a pregnant pig's expected date of giving birth; any day that pig is nursing piglets; and for temporary periods for animal husbandry purposes not to exceed six hours in any twenty-four hour period.

The proposed law would create a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation and would give the Attorney General the exclusive authority to enforce the law, and to issue regulations to implement it. As a defense to enforcement proceedings, the proposed law would allow a business owner or operator to rely in good faith upon a written certification or guarantee of compliance by a supplier.

The proposed law would be in addition to any other animal welfare laws and would not prohibit stricter local laws.

The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2022. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would prohibit any confinement of pigs, calves, and hens that prevents them from lying down, standing up, fully extending their limbs, or turning around freely.

A NO VOTE would make no change in current laws relative to the keeping of farm animals.

Blanks: 34 Yes: 1246 No: 434

QUESTION 4: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

The proposed law would permit the possession, use, distribution, and cultivation of marijuana in limited amounts by persons age 21 and older and would remove criminal penalties for such activities. It would provide for the regulation of commerce in marijuana, marijuana accessories, and marijuana products and for the taxation of proceeds from sales of these items.

The proposed law would authorize persons at least 21 years old to possess up to one ounce of marijuana outside of their residences; possess up to ten ounces of marijuana inside their residences; grow up to six marijuana plants in their residences; give one ounce or less of

marijuana to a person at least 21 years old without payment; possess, produce or transfer hemp; or make or transfer items related to marijuana use, storage, cultivation, or processing.

The measure would create a Cannabis Control Commission of three members appointed by the state Treasurer which would generally administer the law governing marijuana use and distribution, promulgate regulations, and be responsible for the licensing of marijuana commercial establishments. The proposed law would also create a Cannabis Advisory Board of fifteen members appointed by the Governor. The Cannabis Control Commission would adopt regulations governing licensing qualifications; security; record keeping; health and safety standards; packaging and labeling; testing; advertising and displays; required inspections; and such other matters as the Commission considers appropriate. The records of the Commission would be public records.

The proposed law would authorize cities and towns to adopt reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of operating marijuana businesses and to limit the number of marijuana establishments in their communities. A city or town could hold a local vote to determine whether to permit the selling of marijuana and marijuana products for consumption on the premises at commercial establishments.

The proceeds of retail sales of marijuana and marijuana products would be subject to the state sales tax and an additional excise tax of 3.75%. A city or town could impose a separate tax of up to 2%. Revenue received from the additional state excise tax or from license application fees and civil penalties for violations of this law would be deposited in a Marijuana Regulation Fund and would be used subject to appropriation for administration of the proposed law.

Marijuana-related activities authorized under this proposed law could not be a basis for adverse orders in child welfare cases absent clear and convincing evidence that such activities had created an unreasonable danger to the safety of a minor child.

The proposed law would not affect existing law regarding medical marijuana treatment centers or the operation of motor vehicles while under the influence. It would permit property owners to prohibit the use, sale, or production of marijuana on their premises (with an exception that landlords cannot prohibit consumption by tenants of marijuana by means other than by smoking); and would permit employers to prohibit the consumption of marijuana by employees in the workplace. State and local governments could continue to restrict uses in public buildings or at or near schools. Supplying marijuana to persons under age 21 would be unlawful.

The proposed law would take effect on December 15, 2016.

A YES VOTE would allow persons 21 and older to possess, use, and transfer marijuana and products containing marijuana concentrate (including edible products) and to cultivate marijuana, all in limited amounts, and would provide for the regulation and taxation of commercial sale of marijuana and marijuana products.

A NO VOTE would make no change in current laws relative to marijuana.

Blanks: 27 Yes: 1086 No: 601

FILED: November 21, 2016

Brenda Lessard, Williamsburg Town Clerk

Town Accountant
Budget vs Revenue Report
June 30, 2016

	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>2016 YTD Revenues</u>	<u>Over/(Under)</u>
<u>Taxes</u>				
001-001-4110-000-000-0	Personal Property Taxes	131,674.95	130,177.58	1,497.37
001-001-4120-000-000-0	Real Estate Taxes	5,478,733.05	5,475,668.32	3,064.73
001-001-4142-000-000-0	Tax Liens Redeemed	0.00	20,912.10	-20,912.10
001-001-4146-000-000-0	Rollback Taxes	0.00	18,255.61	-18,255.61
001-001-4150-000-000-0	Motor Vehicle Excise	270,000.00	300,709.15	-30,709.15
001-001-4170-000-000-0	Pen & Int on Taxes	15,000.00	20,911.13	-5,911.13
001-001-4173-000-000-0	Pen & Int on Tax Titles	0.00	641.39	-641.39
001-001-4180-000-000-0	Pmts In Lieu of Taxes	20,000.00	43,628.75	-23,628.75
001-001-4195-000-000-0	Abated MV Taxes Recovered	0.00	27.50	-27.50
	<u>Total Taxes</u>	<u>5,915,408.00</u>	<u>6,010,931.53</u>	<u>-95,523.53</u>
<u>Fees</u>				
001-146-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Collector	0.00	75.00	-75.00
001-149-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Registry Markings	1,000.00	1,260.00	-260.00
001-161-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Town Clerk	0.00	264.00	-264.00
001-171-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Conservation Commissior	0.00	122.50	-122.50
001-176-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Zoning Board	0.00	398.00	-398.00
001-210-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Police	8,500.00	8,439.90	60.10
001-220-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Fire Dept	0.00	680.00	-680.00
001-431-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Transfer Station Stickers	35,000.00	43,158.00	-8,158.00
001-512-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Bd of Health	5,500.00	7,305.00	-1,805.00
	<u>Total Fees</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>61,702.40</u>	<u>-11,702.40</u>
<u>Licenses & Permits</u>				
001-122-4410-000-000-0	Licenses-Liquor	8,500.00	9,150.00	-650.00
001-122-4420-000-000-0	Licenses-Other	1,000.00	515.00	485.00
001-210-4450-000-000-0	Permits-Police Dept	0.00	250.00	-250.00
001-241-4450-000-000-0	Permits-Building Insp	50,500.00	32,873.01	17,626.99
001-245-4450-000-000-0	Permits-Electrical Inspector	0.00	8,582.00	-8,582.00
	<u>Total Licenses & Permits</u>	<u>60,000.00</u>	<u>51,370.01</u>	<u>8,629.99</u>
<u>State Revenue</u>				
001-001-4610-000-000-0	Reimb for Loss of Taxes	7,563.00	7,563.00	0.00
001-001-4616-000-000-0	Elderly Abatements	20,033.00	9,663.00	10,370.00
001-001-4620-000-000-0	School Aid Chapter 70	519,245.00	519,245.00	0.00
001-001-4640-000-000-0	Charter School Reimb	39,818.00	22,250.00	17,568.00
001-001-4661-000-000-0	Lottery Aid	279,099.00	255,840.00	23,259.00
001-001-4665-000-000-0	Veterans Benefits	57,257.00	93,725.00	-36,468.00
	<u>Total State Revenue</u>	<u>923,015.00</u>	<u>908,286.00</u>	<u>14,729.00</u>
<u>Fines</u>				
001-001-4685-000-000-0	Fines - RMV	8,000.00	9,197.50	-1,197.50
001-001-4770-000-000-0	Fines - Parking	0.00	85.00	-85.00
001-001-4771-000-000-0	Fines - District Court	2,000.00	3,340.00	-1,340.00
001-001-4775-000-000-0	Marijuana Fines	0.00	100.00	-100.00
	<u>Total Fines</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>12,722.50</u>	<u>-2,722.50</u>
<u>Other Revenue</u>				
001-001-4360-000-000-0	Rentals	0.00	256.45	-256.45
001-001-4815-000-000-0	Sale of Fixed Assets	0.00	2,700.00	-2,700.00
001-001-4820-000-000-0	Earnings on Investments	2,000.00	2,602.99	-602.99
001-001-4839-000-000-0	Indirect Costs Reimbursed	15,000.00	15,008.77	-8.77
001-001-4840-000-000-0	Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	29,345.72	-29,345.72
	<u>Total Other Revenue</u>	<u>17,000.00</u>	<u>49,913.93</u>	<u>-32,913.93</u>
	<u>Total Revenue</u>	<u>6,975,423.00</u>	<u>7,094,926.37</u>	<u>-119,503.37</u>

**Town Accountant
Budget Expense Report
June 30, 2016**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Budget Revisions</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Expenses</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>% Used</u>
001-114-5100-000-000-0 Moderator	319.00	0.00	319.00	0.00	319.00	0.00%
001-122-5100-000-000-0 Selectboard Salaries	8,924.00	0.00	8,924.00	8,924.00	0.00	100.00%
001-122-5400-000-000-0 Selectboard Expenses	3,750.00	0.00	3,750.00	3,521.99	228.01	93.92%
001-122-5800-000-000-0 Fuel Tracking System	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	9,440.75	559.25	94.41%
001-123-5100-000-000-0 Town Administrator	51,264.00	0.00	51,264.00	51,264.00	0.00	100.00%
001-123-5110-000-000-0 Administrative Assistant	14,197.00	0.00	14,197.00	14,195.84	1.16	99.99%
001-123-5400-000-000-0 Town Administrator Expenses	750.00	0.00	750.00	741.13	8.87	98.82%
001-130-5110-000-000-0 Capital Planning Labor	334.00	0.00	334.00	0.00	334.00	0.00%
001-130-5400-000-000-0 Capital Planning Expenses	75.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	75.00	0.00%
001-131-5100-000-000-0 Finance Committee Salaries	4,033.00	0.00	4,033.00	4,033.00	0.00	100.00%
001-131-5110-000-000-0 Finance Committee Chair	181.00	0.00	181.00	0.00	181.00	0.00%
001-131-5120-000-000-0 Finance Committee Secretary	702.00	0.00	702.00	0.00	702.00	0.00%
001-131-5400-000-000-0 Finance Committee Expenses	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.00%
001-132-5400-000-000-0 Reserve Fund	60,000.00	-1,456.67	58,543.33	0.00	58,543.33	0.00%
001-135-5110-000-000-0 Accountant Labor	27,710.00	0.00	27,710.00	27,710.00	0.00	100.00%
001-135-5400-000-000-0 Accountant Expenses	300.00	0.00	300.00	107.53	192.47	35.84%
001-135-5420-000-000-0 Accounting Software	750.00	0.00	750.00	750.00	0.00	100.00%
001-135-5800-000-000-0 Audit Services	14,000.00	6,500.00	20,500.00	14,000.00	6,500.00	68.29%
001-141-5100-000-000-0 Assessor's Salaries	8,924.00	0.00	8,924.00	8,924.00	0.00	100.00%
001-141-5110-000-000-0 Assessor's Labor	12,813.00	0.00	12,813.00	9,384.33	3,428.67	73.24%
001-141-5400-000-0 Assessor's Expenses	8,200.00	0.00	8,200.00	3,253.50	4,946.50	39.68%
001-142-5400-000-000-0 Assessor's Revaluation	7,500.00	4,370.00	11,870.00	9,500.00	2,370.00	80.03%
001-145-5100-000-000-0 Treasurer's Salary	20,660.00	0.00	20,660.00	20,660.00	0.00	100.00%
001-145-5120-000-000-0 Treasurer's Assistant	5,744.00	0.00	5,744.00	5,744.00	0.00	100.00%
001-145-5400-000-000-0 Treasurer's Expenses	7,100.00	0.00	7,100.00	4,347.67	2,752.33	61.23%
001-145-5420-000-000-0 Treasurer's Software	2,800.00	0.00	2,800.00	2,785.15	14.85	99.47%
001-145-5800-000-000-0 Benefit Tracking System	0.00	5,050.00	5,050.00	0.00	5,050.00	0.00%
001-146-5100-000-000-0 Collector's Salary	29,256.00	0.00	29,256.00	29,256.00	0.00	100.00%
001-146-5110-000-000-0 Collector's Add'l Salary	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.00%
001-146-5400-000-000-0 Collector's Expenses	9,130.00	0.00	9,130.00	8,881.67	248.33	97.28%

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Budget Revisions</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Expenses</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>% Used</u>
001-146-5410-000-000-0 Deputy Collector Expenses	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	1,329.43	670.57	66.47%
001-146-5420-000-000-0 Tax Title Expenses	0.00	2,105.90	2,105.90	1,051.64	1,054.26	49.94%
001-149-5100-000-000-0 Oliver Smith Trustee	34.00	0.00	34.00	34.00	0.00	100.00%
001-151-5400-000-000-0 Town Counsel	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	19,844.73	-4,844.73	132.30%
001-159-5400-000-000-0 Advertising Expenses	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	135.45	1,064.55	11.29%
001-159-5410-000-000-0 Energy Committee	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00	100.00%
001-160-5100-000-000-0 Constable-Salary	426.00	0.00	426.00	426.00	0.00	100.00%
001-160-5400-000-000-0 Constable-Elections	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00%
001-161-5100-000-000-0 Clerk's Salary	18,285.00	0.00	18,285.00	18,285.00	0.00	100.00%
001-161-5120-000-000-0 Clerk's Assistant	2,300.00	0.00	2,300.00	2,300.00	0.00	100.00%
001-161-5400-000-000-0 Clerk's Expenses	1,600.00	0.00	1,600.00	1,486.09	113.91	92.88%
001-161-5420-000-000-0 Clerk's Software	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.00%
001-162-5400-000-000-0 Registrar/Election Expenses	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	7,501.25	498.75	93.77%
001-164-5400-000-000-0 Street Listing	1,300.00	0.00	1,300.00	1,134.91	165.09	87.30%
001-171-5110-000-000-0 Conservation Comm Labor	1,750.00	0.00	1,750.00	1,830.13	-80.13	104.58%
001-171-5400-000-000-0 Conservation Comm Expenses	2,200.00	0.00	2,200.00	909.25	1,290.75	41.33%
001-171-5800-000-000-0 Forestry Management Plan	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00%
001-175-5400-000-000-0 Planning Board	750.00	0.00	750.00	481.73	268.27	64.23%
001-176-5400-000-000-0 Zoning Bd of Appeals Expenses	600.00	0.00	600.00	529.50	70.50	88.25%
001-192-5120-000-000-0 Custodian Labor	11,129.00	0.00	11,129.00	10,892.70	236.30	97.88%
001-192-5130-000-000-0 Building Supervisor	6,932.00	0.00	6,932.00	6,932.00	0.00	100.00%
001-192-5400-000-000-0 Town Bldgs & Grounds	31,500.00	0.00	31,500.00	23,790.58	7,709.42	75.53%
001-192-5410-000-000-0 Town Office Expense	3,400.00	0.00	3,400.00	805.49	2,594.51	23.69%
001-192-5420-000-000-0 Town Office Telephone	8,608.00	0.00	8,608.00	7,079.31	1,528.69	82.24%
001-192-5430-000-000-0 Town Office Internet Services	2,250.00	0.00	2,250.00	2,772.79	-522.79	123.24%
001-192-5440-000-000-0 Copier Maintenance	3,335.00	0.00	3,335.00	2,008.82	1,326.18	60.23%
001-192-5450-000-000-0 Town Heating Oil Expense	66,492.00	0.00	66,492.00	36,828.01	29,663.99	55.39%
001-192-5460-000-000-0 Town Electri Expense	31,157.00	0.00	31,157.00	24,265.85	6,891.15	77.88%
001-192-5470-000-000-0 Town Computer Service	8,808.00	0.00	8,808.00	11,898.98	-3,090.98	135.09%
001-192-5800-000-000-0 Technology Upgrades	3,000.00	2,569.05	5,569.05	5,255.99	313.06	94.38%
001-192-5825-000-000-0 Public Safety Feasibility	0.00	21,750.00	21,750.00	18,575.38	3,174.62	85.40%
001-192-5830-000-000-0 Town Office Weatherization	0.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00	6,500.00	0.00%
001-192-5840-000-000-0 Building Repurposing	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	8,597.00	1,403.00	85.97%
001-192-5850-000-000-0 Town Building Repairs	20,000.00	11,488.99	31,488.99	31,488.99	0.00	100.00%

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Budget Revisions</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Expenses</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>% Used</u>
001-192-5860-000-000-0	0.00	9,380.21	9,380.21	3,308.78	6,071.43	35.27%
001-192-5870-000-000-0	0.00	9,830.00	9,830.00	0.00	9,830.00	0.00%
001-192-5890-000-000-0	0.00	7,615.00	7,615.00	0.00	7,615.00	0.00%
001-193-5400-000-000-0	61,433.00	0.00	61,433.00	54,207.05	7,225.95	88.24%
001-195-5400-000-000-0	1,900.00	0.00	1,900.00	1,410.75	489.25	74.25%
001-210-5110-000-000-0	61,199.00	0.00	61,199.00	61,199.00	0.00	100.00%
001-210-5120-000-000-0	131,480.00	0.00	131,480.00	87,470.79	44,009.21	66.53%
001-210-5400-*--0	25,946.00	0.00	25,946.00	25,053.41	892.59	96.56%
001-210-5410-000-000-0	5,500.00	0.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00	100.00%
001-210-5840-000-000-0	0.00	42,400.00	42,400.00	42,356.25	43.75	99.90%
001-220-5110-000-000-0	27,141.00	0.00	27,141.00	27,064.06	76.94	99.72%
001-220-5120-000-000-0	28,463.00	0.00	28,463.00	28,463.00	0.00	100.00%
001-220-5400-000-000-0	27,320.00	0.00	27,320.00	22,415.70	4,904.30	82.05%
001-220-5850-000-000-0	0.00	5,555.00	5,555.00	5,555.00	0.00	100.00%
001-231-5400-000-000-0	58,775.00	0.00	58,775.00	58,775.00	0.00	100.00%
001-232-5110-000-000-0	1,148.00	0.00	1,148.00	1,148.00	0.00	100.00%
001-232-5120-000-000-0	534.00	0.00	534.00	534.00	0.00	100.00%
001-232-5400-000-000-0	3,750.00	0.00	3,750.00	3,156.11	593.89	84.16%
001-232-5410-000-000-0	485.00	0.71	485.71	485.71	0.00	100.00%
001-294-5400-000-000-0	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.00%
001-294-5410-000-000-0	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	1,976.96	23.04	98.85%
001-300-5100-000-000-0	1,600.00	0.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	0.00	100.00%
001-300-5400-000-000-0	1,952,095.00	0.00	1,952,095.00	1,931,646.04	20,448.96	98.95%
001-300-5400-215-000-0	0.00	78,877.23	78,877.23	78,877.23	0.00	100.00%
001-300-5820-000-000-0	0.00	19,454.93	19,454.93	13,019.69	6,435.24	66.92%
001-310-5400-000-000-0	1,216,034.00	0.00	1,216,034.00	1,216,034.00	0.00	100.00%
001-320-5400-000-000-0	185,637.00	0.00	185,637.00	185,636.67	0.33	100.00%
001-320-5410-000-000-0	38,767.00	0.00	38,767.00	37,943.89	823.11	97.88%
001-422-5100-000-000-0	60,274.00	0.00	60,274.00	60,274.00	0.00	100.00%
001-422-5110-000-000-0	148,839.00	0.00	148,839.00	146,963.12	1,875.88	98.74%
001-422-5400-000-000-0	65,463.00	0.00	65,463.00	61,332.77	4,130.23	93.69%
001-422-5400-215-000-0	0.00	3,999.75	3,999.75	3,999.75	0.00	100.00%
001-422-5410-000-000-0	31,641.00	0.00	31,641.00	32,834.26	-1,193.26	103.77%
001-422-5800-000-000-0	3,000.00	2,169.55	5,169.55	1,058.78	4,110.77	0.00%

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001-422-5420-000-000-0 Vehicle Fuel	42,000.00	0.00	42,000.00	29,659.97	12,340.03	0.00%
001-422-5440-000-000-0 Invasive Species Eradication	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00%
001-422-5810-000-000-0 Cement Sidewalk Construction	5,000.00	2,912.19	7,912.19	1,432.89	6,479.30	0.00%
001-422-5840-000-000-0 Highway Pickup	0.00	7,479.86	7,479.86	0.00	7,479.86	0.00%
001-422-5850-000-000-0 Highway Dump Truck	0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	36,533.95	13,466.05	0.00%
001-422-5860-000-000-0 Roadside Boom Mower	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	17,831.22	2,168.78	0.00%
001-423-5110-000-000-0 Winter Overtime	14,356.00	0.00	14,356.00	1,929.17	12,426.83	13.44%
001-423-5400-000-000-0 Winter Expenses	72,500.00	0.00	72,500.00	46,391.23	26,108.77	63.99%
001-424-5400-000-000-0 Street Lighting	11,000.00	0.00	11,000.00	11,791.06	-791.06	107.19%
001-433-5110-000-000-0 Transfer Station Labor	23,072.00	0.00	23,072.00	23,072.00	0.00	100.00%
001-433-5400-000-000-0 Transfer Station Expenses	73,780.00	0.00	73,780.00	51,614.95	22,165.05	69.96%
001-433-5400-215-000-0 TS Expense Encumbered	0.00	4,676.98	4,676.98	4,676.98	0.00	100.00%
001-491-5400-000-000-0 Cemetery Expense	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	500.00	500.00	50.00%
001-510-5400-000-000-0 Animal Inspector	1,600.00	0.00	1,600.00	1,115.99	484.01	69.75%
001-512-5100-000-000-0 Bd of Health Salaries	3,937.00	0.00	3,937.00	3,937.00	0.00	100.00%
001-512-5400-000-000-0 Bd of Health Expenses	300.00	0.00	300.00	190.02	109.98	63.34%
001-512-5410-000-000-0 Public Health Nurse	2,691.00	0.00	2,691.00	0.00	2,691.00	0.00%
001-541-5110-000-000-0 COA Director	19,500.00	0.00	19,500.00	19,500.00	0.00	100.00%
001-541-5120-000-000-0 COA Office Assistant	17,318.00	0.00	17,318.00	16,980.94	337.06	98.05%
001-541-5130-000-000-0 COA Meal Site Staffing	6,497.00	0.00	6,497.00	6,300.11	196.89	96.97%
001-541-5140-000-000-0 COA Admin Assist	10,654.00	0.00	10,654.00	10,291.04	362.96	96.59%
001-541-5400-000-000-0 COA Expenses	3,218.00	0.00	3,218.00	3,218.00	0.00	100.00%
001-541-5410-000-*0 COA HEN Program	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	100.00%
001-543-5400-000-000-0 Veterans Agent	9,448.00	0.00	9,448.00	9,447.00	1.00	99.99%
001-543-5410-000-000-0 Veterans Benefits	85,000.00	0.00	85,000.00	56,383.87	28,616.13	66.33%
001-549-5400-000-000-0 Amer With Disabilities Expense	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00%
001-610-5100-000-000-0 Library Director	46,125.00	0.00	46,125.00	46,125.00	0.00	100.00%
001-610-5110-000-000-0 Library Labor	71,352.00	0.00	71,352.00	71,352.00	0.00	100.00%
001-610-5400-000-240-0 Library Exp-Maintenance	13,590.00	0.00	13,590.00	13,295.14	294.86	97.83%
001-610-5820-000-000-0 Library Insulation	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00%
001-630-5110-000-000-0 Recreation Labor	4,022.00	0.00	4,022.00	3,865.25	156.75	96.10%
001-630-5400-000-000-0 Athletic Fields	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	4,831.00	169.00	96.62%
001-630-5410-000-000-0 Woodlands Trail Committee	500.00	0.00	500.00	493.59	6.41	98.72%
001-691-5400-000-000-0 Historical Commission	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00%

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001-699-5400-000-000-0 Veterans Recognition	500.00	0.00	500.00	325.00	175.00	0.00%
001-710-5910-000-000-0 Principal-School Debt	75,923.00	0.00	75,923.00	75,923.00	0.00	100.00%
001-710-5915-000-000-0 Debt Service Highland Ambulance	4,446.00	0.00	4,446.00	4,446.00	0.00	100.00%
001-710-5916-000-000-0 Principal-School Feasibility	23,350.00	0.00	23,350.00	23,350.00	0.00	100.00%
001-710-5917-000-000-0 Debt Service Highland Ambulance	9,208.00	0.00	9,208.00	9,208.00	0.00	100.00%
001-710-5925-000-000-0 Principal - School Building	231,650.00	0.00	231,650.00	231,650.00	0.00	100.00%
001-710-5975-000-000-0 Principal-Town Garage	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	100.00%
001-710-5980-000-000-0 Principal - Highway	27,000.00	0.00	27,000.00	27,000.00	0.00	100.00%
001-751-5915-000-000-0 Interest-School Feasibility	2,102.00	0.00	2,102.00	2,101.50	0.50	99.98%
001-751-5925-000-000-0 Interest-School Building	142,649.00	0.00	142,649.00	142,648.50	0.50	100.00%
001-751-5975-000-000-0 Interest-Highway Garage	4,150.00	0.00	4,150.00	4,150.00	0.00	100.00%
001-751-5980-000-000-0 Interest-Highway Truck	743.00	0.00	743.00	740.44	2.56	99.66%
001-820-5640-000-000-0 Air Pollution District	747.00	0.00	747.00	747.00	0.00	100.00%
001-820-5646-000-000-0 RMV Marking Surchg	1,360.00	0.00	1,360.00	1,360.00	0.00	100.00%
001-820-5663-000-000-0 Reg Transit Authority	24,349.00	0.00	24,349.00	24,349.00	0.00	100.00%
001-820-5690-000-000-0 Charter School Assessment	260,109.00	0.00	260,109.00	232,746.00	27,363.00	89.48%
001-820-5691-000-000-0 School Choice Assessment	118,318.00	0.00	118,318.00	95,976.00	22,342.00	81.12%
001-830-5622-000-000-0 HCOG Assessment	1,252.00	0.00	1,252.00	1,251.56	0.44	99.96%
001-830-5640-000-000-0 Hamp County Regional Lockup	2,358.00	0.00	2,358.00	2,358.00	0.00	100.00%
001-840-5400-000-000-0 Hilltown Resource Management	7,423.00	0.00	7,423.00	7,422.94	0.06	100.00%
001-840-5410-000-000-0 Foothills Health District	22,858.00	0.00	22,858.00	22,827.24	30.76	99.87%
001-840-5420-000-000-0 Building Inspec Program	36,000.00	0.00	36,000.00	36,000.00	0.00	100.00%
001-840-5430-000-000-0 PVPC Assessment	373.00	0.00	373.00	372.30	0.70	99.81%
001-840-5440-000-000-0 Building Inspec Program	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	100.00%
001-911-5400-000-000-0 Hampshire County Retirement	218,612.00	0.00	218,612.00	218,612.00	0.00	100.00%
001-912-5400-000-000-0 Worker's Compensation	20,427.00	1,455.96	21,882.96	21,882.83	0.13	100.00%
001-913-5400-000-000-0 Unemployment Insurance	8,500.00	0.00	8,500.00	886.28	7,613.72	10.43%
001-913-5410-000-000-0 Police & Fire Accident Insurance	13,442.00	0.00	13,442.00	13,442.00	0.00	100.00%
001-914-5400-000-000-0 Group Insurance	470,794.00	0.00	470,794.00	438,027.47	32,766.53	93.04%
001-916-5400-000-000-0 Medicare & Social Security Exp	37,875.00	0.00	37,875.00	35,649.77	2,225.23	94.12%
001-970-5900-000-000-0 Transfer To OPEB	5,500.00	0.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00	100.00%
001-970-5962-000-000-0 Transfer To Stabilization	0.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00	100.00%
001-970-5966-000-000-0 Transfer To Capital Project	0.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00	100.00%
<u>Totals</u>	<u>7,035,424.00</u>	<u>620,684.64</u>	<u>7,656,108.64</u>	<u>7,148,057.53</u>	<u>508,051.11</u>	<u>93.36%</u>

**Town Accountant
Special Revenue Funds Report
June 30, 2016**

	<u>Opening</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>Expense</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balance</u>
<u>Highway Funds</u>				
217 Chapter 90 Funds	-34,408.08	28,522.00	-222,096.81	-227,982.89
<u>Revolving Funds</u>				
231 Wetlands Protection Fund	4,416.25	0.00	0.00	4,416.25
232 Dog Revolving Fund	2,632.85	2,963.75	-2,519.46	3,077.14
233 Transfer Station Open Box	17,765.32	9,313.23	-15,675.51	11,403.04
234 Planning Board	10,569.67	850.00	2,930.75	14,350.42
235 Recreation Revolving Fund	34,094.52	920.00	-278.88	34,735.64
236 COA Newsletter	92.60	0.00	-92.60	0.00
237 Fire Inspections	2,177.00	2,605.00	-2,440.00	2,342.00
238 Plumbing Inspections	0.00	3,563.00	-3,563.00	0.00
239 Electrical Inspections	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
240 Appeals Consultant	-615.61	0.00	0.00	-615.61
241 Board of Appeals Revolving	752.21	1,478.50	-1,882.71	348.00
243 Conservation Revolving	1,743.59	1,087.50	0.00	2,831.09
244 Tax Lien Custodian	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
<u>Receipts Reserved for Appropriation</u>				
252 MIIA Grant 214	2.35	0.00	-3,843.44	-3,841.09
256 Insurance Claims	5,505.59	0.00	0.00	5,505.59
258 Road Machiner Fund	8,870.60	0.00	0.00	8,870.60
<u>Other Special Revenue Funds</u>				
263 Green Energy grant	0.00	20,000.00	-12,587.06	7,412.94
264 Woodland Trails Project	0.00	7,600.00	-2,161.94	5,438.06
266 Solarize Mass	58.89	0.00	0.00	58.89
268 EMPG Grant	-4,388.34	4,388.34	-2,368.44	-2,368.44
269 Special Donation Acct (Burgy Bullets)	293.05	0.00	-278.00	15.05
270 COA Donations	2,180.05	7,515.24	-6,631.84	3,063.45
271 Flag Donations	110.00	550.00	-589.44	70.56
272 War Memorial Fund	583.80	0.00	-583.80	0.00
273 Police Donations Fund	600.00	0.00	-600.00	0.00
274 Library Donations	3,360.50	630.00	-300.00	3,690.50
275 Library Local	18,402.11	43,869.41	-38,020.91	24,250.61
276 Library School	47.69	-47.69	0.00	0.00
278 Town Line Signs	1,161.83	0.00	0.00	1,161.83
279 Angel Garden Fund	2,159.84	120.00	0.00	2,279.84
280 Woodland Trails Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
281 Law Enforcement Fund	376.12	0.00	-376.12	0.00
283 Septic Grants	15,934.23	0.00	0.00	15,934.23
284 Highland Valley Elder Serv	-631.88	929.66	-1,044.00	-746.22
285 Consortium Support	3,103.25	571.25	-100.00	3,574.50
287 PVTa	-3,791.67	12,295.53	-12,198.97	-3,695.11
290 Bond Premium-Issuance Costs	8,523.88	500.00	0.00	9,023.88
291 Land Acquisition Fund	5,611.50	0.00	0.00	5,611.50

	<u>Opening</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Ending</u>
	Balance	Revenue	Expense	Balance
293 Comcast Technology Fund	1,185.62	6,041.29	-6,842.64	384.27
294 EPA Small Scale Grant	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
296 Appraisal Grant	4,100.00	0.00	0.00	4,100.00
297 MTC Clean Energy Grant	16,336.58	-20,000.00	4,700.00	1,036.58

State & Federal Grants

402 Mass Personal Safety Grant	429.00	0.00	0.00	429.00
405 Bulletproof Vest Grant	0.00	2,341.29	-1,558.00	783.29
407 Gov Highway Safety Grant	0.00	0.00	-1,200.00	-1,200.00
408 Local Preparedness	669.10	595.00	0.00	1,264.10
410 FEMA Snow Account	12,862.51	0.00	0.00	12,862.51
412 Council on Aging Grant	0.00	5,454.00	-5,451.14	2.86
414 Library State Aid	26.60	8,145.04	-6,039.01	2,132.63
415 Cultural Council	3,824.89	7,705.59	-8,607.68	2,922.80
420 Fire Dept SAFE Grant	6,237.33	5,754.00	-6,172.66	5,818.67
424 Healthy Aging Grant	0.00	3,985.00	-905.14	3,079.86
425 Recycling Div Grant	0.00	2,100.00	0.00	2,100.00
426 Regional HV Grant	-1,175.83	5,374.94	-4,199.11	0.00
427 Service Incentive Grant	-15,802.94	26,563.68	-39,803.92	-29,043.18
429 Regional Trails Grant	-12,700.00	21,799.14	-9,099.14	0.00
422 Fire Dept Equip Grant	445.98	0.00	0.00	445.98

Education Funds

501 Title I Grant	-14,688.07	28,762.35	-14,293.65	-219.37
502 School Choice	94,340.46	120,628.00	-60,172.19	154,796.27
503 REAPS Grant	4,800.95	8,491.00	-17,756.53	-4,464.58
504 Early Literacy Grant	373.83	0.00	0.00	373.83
505 Kindergarten Enhancement Grant	3,337.98	0.00	0.00	3,337.98
506 Quality K-12	10,454.29	7,000.00	-14,338.17	3,116.12
508 94/142	-2,465.24	14,277.60	-8,508.13	3,304.23
516 Medicaid Reimb	8,763.09	31,689.68	-5,150.70	35,302.07
517 Circuit Breaker	0.00	33,165.00	-30,845.13	2,319.87
518 Voc Trans	0.00	20,021.00	0.00	20,021.00
552 Preschool Program	48,417.16	53,076.00	-69,209.13	32,284.03
554 School Building Use	7,243.65	2,315.00	0.00	9,558.65
559 School Lunch Fund	0.00	48,602.57	-49,593.90	-991.33
560 Elaine Lawton Fund	25,333.98	5,886.00	-5,958.47	25,261.51
562 Big Yellow Bus	240.16	200.00	0.00	440.16
563 Korpitas Kids Award	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
564 Wellness Grant	0.00	900.00	-879.28	20.72

Enterprise Funds

610 Water Enterprise Fund	301,261.59	263,400.60	-138,763.08	425,899.11
620 Sewer Enterprise Fund	471,197.45	166,617.17	-169,123.19	468,691.43

Capital Projects

712 Capping Wood Waste Area	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
725 School Construction	-112,698.35	0.00	-59,798.14	-172,496.49
726 Truck	0.00	200,000.00	0.00	200,000.00

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<u>School Trust Funds</u>				
801 Daniel Collins Fund	531,592.63	24,520.49	-23,492.84	532,620.28
802 O C Spellman Fund	104,554.92	4,972.95	-4,350.08	105,177.79
803 Ethel Curry Fund	236.96	9.11	0.00	246.07
804 Albert D Sanders Fund	19,619.61	929.66	-912.20	19,637.07
805 Dunphy-Dunphy School Fund	23,385.53	1,113.55	-939.22	23,559.86
806 Dunphy-James School Fund	33,390.62	1,583.16	-1,525.27	33,448.51
807 Ellsworth Hyde Fund	1,718.05	83.90	-12.32	1,789.63
808 Byron Loomis Fund	22,281.07	1,059.62	-931.28	22,409.41
810 Helen E James Fund	25,021.77	1,221.72	-179.51	26,063.98
<u>Town Trust Funds</u>				
821 WCTU Clock Fund	9,416.54	426.29	-687.99	9,154.84
822 Cemetery Perpetual Care	18.15	2,448.68	-175.00	2,291.83
823 Whiting Street Fund	5,601.60	273.54	-40.20	5,834.94
824 Arthur King Fund	83,546.19	4,079.60	-599.45	87,026.34
825 Albert Hills Fund	10,293.44	366.62	-2,452.30	8,207.76
826 Christian Hills Fund	27,358.51	1,267.47	-1,192.46	27,433.52
827 Henry Hills Fund	82,267.80	3,937.27	-2,787.65	83,417.42
828 Mary Main Fund	5,446.46	179.16	-1,032.54	4,593.08
829 Lyman Wait Fund	655.82	73.16	-0.12	728.86
830 Electra Wait Fund	6,433.19	314.14	-46.16	6,701.17
831 Henry Warner Fund	40,061.98	1,888.99	-1,283.80	40,667.17
832 Women's Club Fund	2,192.18	107.05	-15.73	2,283.50
833 James Taylor Fund	2,127.25	310.55	-15.96	2,421.84
834 Sanderson/Heath Fund	3,911.38	190.99	-28.06	4,074.31
835 Library Humanities Fund	6,422.96	313.64	-46.09	6,690.51
836 William J Sheehan Fund	139.66	15.58	0.00	155.24
838 KMIT Library Fund	473,943.29	22,434.71	-20,298.11	476,079.89
<u>Brassworks Funds</u>				
842 Brassworks-Rec Long-Range	4,683.12	453.95	-258.18	4,878.89
843 Brassworks-Economic Dev	58,213.91	4,875.50	-9,962.70	53,126.71
844 Brassworks-Loan Fund	213,948.80	257.31	0.00	214,206.11
<u>Other Funds</u>				
851 Unemployment Compensation	30,589.71	37.95	0.00	30,627.66
852 Elder Trust Fund	10,720.90	21.54	0.00	10,742.44
853 Stabilization Fund	1,097,391.43	61,653.81	0.00	1,159,045.24
854 Meekins Library Trust	19,902.24	1,080.38	-393.27	20,589.35
855 Seewald Technology Grant	2,651.11	0.00	-969.81	1,681.30
856 OPEB	0.00	5,500.00	0.00	5,500.00
<u>Agency Funds</u>				
891 Off Duty Police Detail	2,402.00	32,106.90	-32,304.50	2,204.40
892 Firearm ID Cards	-764.50	2,337.50	-1,725.00	-152.00
893 Clerk Fees	88.28	1,280.60	-1,330.60	38.28
897 Collector Fees	0.00	14,260.00	-14,235.00	25.00
898 Deputy Collector Fees	547.00	5,887.00	-5,887.00	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 Keith Dufresne, Amanda Emerson, Andrew Erwin (Alternate), Alan Everett, David Nehring (Alternate), Meg Taylor (Clerk), and Paul Zononi (Chair). There is currently one vacancy for an alternate member. Please inquire if interested. 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 (see link below) and on the town website: www.burgy.org.

During 2016, the Williamsburg Agricultural Commission secured funding from the town for the design and production of an educational farm brochure to include a list of Williamsburg farms and products for sale and a map with their locations. The brochure is currently in production. Brochures will be mailed to farmers in town and made available for residents and visitors at town offices, the library, post office, etc.

This past year, we helped with the creation of a field driver crew made up of 11 volunteers with livestock handling experience to assist the Williamsburg Animal Control Officer with loose farm animals should they escape their fencing or housing. Members of the agricultural commission as well as two other farms in town participated in the Friends of the Meekins Library Farm and Garden Tour in July. The agricultural commission donated baskets of Williamsburg farm products (maple syrup, produce, eggs, preserves, herbs, flowers, and fiber) for the annual Grange Fair raffle in September and the elementary school Harvest Feast auction in October, which benefits the school gardening program.

Currently, our seven 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 continue to maintain and update 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. If you are a farmer or forestry operation in town and would like to be added to the list of farms on our website, please contact us and we will add your farm.



To make a donation towards our projects, checks can be mailed to town offices at: 141 Main St., PO Box 447, Haydenville, MA 01039. Please make checks out to: Town of Williamsburg and clearly write "For Ag Com projects" 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 continued to serve as a venue for the Angel Park Summer Music Series, effectively organized by Tom Adams and funded by grants from Florence Bank, the Arts Council and private donations. The Garden is used by school children and teachers on special occasions and is available to the public for spending quiet moments during the day during all seasons.

Park Improvements and Ongoing Care Projects for the 2016 Garden Year:

1. New Memorial Bricks that were scheduled for 2016 will be installed in 2017 due to a change in engraver and new protocol for delivery.
2. The Park lawns and planting beds received 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. Thanks to additional help by Joan Coryat, Joan Donovan, Heidi LeBaron Johnson, Maureen O'Brien, and Lisa Sheehy, who watered the flower pots at both the Vet's Park and the Angel Park.
4. Zononi Lawn Maintenance provided regular mowing, trimming and raking services throughout the season. Winter storm damage required additional tree pruning to remove broken limbs.



Plans for 2017:

1. Two new teak benches will be installed to replace two original ones that were donated after the park was built (this was originally scheduled for 2016). An additional memorial bench will be installed on the upper terrace in the late spring.
2. As the Park enters its ninth year, a number of repairs and adjustments will occur.
3. The new Garden Shed at the back of the Grange will now provide cover for garden tools, supplies and winter storage of pots and urns, thanks to Jim Locke.

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 Gardens and the Mill River Park, the Market Square Gardens, and the flower beds along Route 9. The Fund was administered by Mr. Doug Baker at the Florence Bank until his retirement in October and is now ably administered by Ms. April O'Brien. It gratefully receives private donations as well as weekly income from the redemption of bottles and cans collected at the Transfer Station. Local businesses that support the fund are: 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, 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

Assessors

The Board of Assessors is tasked with assessing all real and personal property in the Town of Williamsburg. The Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services, sets guidelines for completing this work, oversees the work of the board, and ultimately approves the resulting tax rate. Each assessor is required to complete successfully a training course conducted by the Department of Revenue within one year of his or her election to the post. Your Board of Assessors meets on Tuesday evenings year round, except for the second Tuesday of each month. All meetings are open to the public, and we welcome visitors at any time. The clerk also holds office hours on Tuesday mornings.

As of January 1, 2016, there were 1,290 real property accounts, and 86 personal property accounts. The total taxable value of property was \$305,330,773.00; the total amount voted to be raised by taxation for Fiscal Year 2017 was \$5,856,244.23. This resulted in a tax rate of \$19.18/thousand dollars of valuation.

The state DOR announced that it will be discontinuing the technical support of the CAMA system, which our town currently uses for record keeping and assessment; the board, after exploring different options, has followed the DOR's recommendation and joined with forty-three other communities in the state with the intent to change to Tyler Technology's software as a replacement. We would like to recognize the efforts of the Town Administrator Charlene Nardi, the Town Collector Bonnie Roberge, and our clerk, Robin Everett, in coming up with the best solutions for the town during this transition.

Other changes announced by the DOR include early retirement of many of their long-time employees, and the transition from a three year cycle of property revaluations to a five year cycle. The board continues a close relationship with Bishop Associates, our hired consultant, and has, along with the Collector, formed an alliance with a CAMA software professional to assure the timely production of our quarterly tax bills.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise L. Banister, Chairman

Brassworks ReUse Committee

A major topic of conversation at many previous meetings was the lack of interest in small business loans and economic development and housing. The only outstanding loan was granted to the Hilltown Community Development Corporation nineteen ago and has been kept current by their making monthly payments on time. The loan will be fully paid in one year. Therefore, due to the lack of interest in the funds available to loan over the last several years, these funds were no longer needed, given other conditions such as bank lending practices and relatively low interest rates. Therefore, the committee through the Select Board posed Article 19 to the town meeting to disband the Brassworks ReUse Committee ("To see if the town will vote to rescind the vote taken under Article 26 of May 4, 1998 Annual Town Meeting establishing The Brassworks Housing and Economic Development Trust Fund and the Small Business Loan Trust Fund ... and further, to terminate these trust funds and transfer the remaining monies in said accounts to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto"). The article passed and the Committee was dissolved.

Jeffrey Cuiffreda; Richard Kisloski; Peter Mahieu, Chairman

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. c. 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 two full time clerks. This staffing allows us to schedule timely inspections and provide expedient support for permit applications.

In 2016, the number of building permits (138) was the same as 2015 but permit fees and the estimated costs of construction increased by approximately 65%. One new single family house permit was issued, and also a permit for a new commercial building. One large scale solar installation was permitted.

The total number of solar installations in Williamsburg is noteworthy. There were 17 permits issued for solar installations in 2016. By comparison, there were 30 permits for interior renovations; that's a lot of solar panels. Beginning with the Solarize Williamsburg program in 2014, there were 83 solar installations permitted through the end of 2016, with an estimated capacity of 5.2 megawatts. The total solar PV capacity in Williamsburg is nearly 0.4% of the total solar capacity in Massachusetts, an exceptional number considering the population of Williamsburg is less than .04% of the population of the whole state.



I expect building permit activity in 2017 to continue at essentially the same levels as 2016.

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 2016

Building Permits

Work Category	Number of Permits	Permit Fees	Estimated Cost of Construction
Additions	6	\$1,878	\$244,000
Swimming Pools	1	\$30	
Decks	7	\$276	\$32,150
New Commercial Building	1	\$1,483	\$732,500
Garages	1	\$186	\$84,500
Barns	3	\$332,000	\$2,983
Sheds	4	\$111	\$6,000
New Single Family Houses	5	\$1,981	\$193,055
Miscellaneous	8	\$395	\$75,420
Repairs and Renovations	30	\$5,625	\$1,204,109
Insulation	8	\$280	\$16,268
Windows and Doors	12	\$230	\$46,984
Roofing and Siding	16	\$580	\$138,667
Wood Stoves	17	\$505	
Signs	2	\$125	
Solar Panels	17	\$20,327	\$3,354,995
Building Permit Totals	138	\$37,365	\$6,561,177

Electrical Permit Totals

Number of Permits	Permit Fees
94	\$10,297

Building Supervisor

The Building Supervisor keeps track of the state of repair of most town buildings. A big focus this year was the Helen E. James School – trying to keep it in usable shape as plans form for its future use. We’ve tinkered with the heat, solved a persistent roof leak, repaired damaged

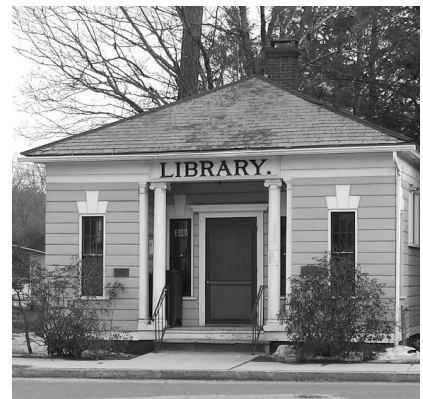


windows, kept the elevator inspected, and weather-stripped cracks. We re-roofed leaking shed roofs at the northeast end and re-keyed several locks so different floors could be isolated. It’s been great having tenants in the building who notice if anything out of the ordinary is going on.

The Meekins Library Trustees are forming a Capital Plan to deal with insulation in the old building, painting, the deteriorating exterior stairs, and some repointing of exterior masonry. The old dome has a stained glass round window at its peak that will need repair sometime soon, and that’s tied to the skylight above it, the roof around the skylight, and insulation in that attic – a complex project to contemplate. We helped straighten out chronic HVAC problems to make the building more comfortable.

A major initiative now under contract is rebuilding the old front steps and their side walls; that work should be started in the spring of 2017. Bids came in below the amount the town voted at Town Meeting 2016 so we hope for a freshened entry by summer.

The Haydenville Library is holding its own, but needs some masonry work and structural improvements in the crawl space. Eventually it will need gutters and painting. We hope to get to these in spring 2017. I’d like to have the four hemlocks on the river bank removed to let more air and sun into the building and to preserve the river bank stonework.



At the Town Office building, we re-roofed the south entry canopy, replaced storm windows, added storage shelving in the basement and in the Select Board storage closet, and repaired a wobbly stair railing. There are now lockable doors on the copier/mail room. We fixed chronic gutter leaks, which helped dry out the basement, and patched some of the foundation. We added a secure door inside the basement bulkhead.

The major change was installing a new propane-fired boiler system to replace the failed old oil boiler, following a comprehensive Energy Study. This work was done with primarily Green Communities money the Town received a couple of years ago. After an initial sorting-out, we now have warm rooms and even heat in the whole building!

In the Senior Center, we re-purposed a closet into a small meeting room for private conversations, and set up another for more efficient storage. The Meal Site got a garbage disposal and a new commercial refrigerator.

At the Burgoyne Fire Station, we weather-stripped an overhead door, repaired an old beam that was slipping off its post, and replaced a window. We also helped a little with the wonderful volunteer effort to replace a sinking portion of the concrete floor in an engine bay.

In the Anne T. Dunphy School, we moved a HVAC duct into a different kitchen area to make the heat more even. We helped set up a service plan for the HVAC. We worked on the gutters to reduce ice dams and overflows. We're trying to develop a plan to be sure the attic insulation is evenly distributed, since workers have disturbed some areas.

We removed the failed roof and chimney from the old furnace shed behind the old Town Hall and made that into a storage shed for community gardening work. We also replaced the toilet and sink in the simple bathroom for guests and staff – both were unrepairable. This old building is in stable condition, awaiting some vision of its future use.

I'm happy the town is doing its best on a limited budget to keep its buildings in serviceable condition.

Respectfully,
Jim Locke

Capital Planning Committee

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

The members for 2016 are 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 departments. Capital expenditures include all equipment or projects that cost at least \$10,000 and have a useful life of at least five years. These costs are then compiled and prioritized and forwarded to the Finance Committee along with funding recommendations. The town then votes to accept or modify the plan each year at the annual town meeting.

The Committee forwarded the following Capital Improvement Budget FY17 and Capital Improvement Program FY18 – FY22 for the Town of Williamsburg to the Finance Committee.

Richard Kisloski
Chairman

Capital Improvement Budget FY17																
Capital Improvement Program FY18-FY22																
Requests Prioritized	Total Debt Years	Years Remaining	Estimated Interest %	Project Description	Quote Received	Funding ³	Current Year	Condition	Town's Share of Project (Current Not Incl.)	Remaining Principal	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
APPROVED REQUESTS																
3				Bonded												
4																
5	2	3.0		ATD School Building Feasibility		DE	2013	Excellent	116,750	48,802	24,751	24,051				
6	20	17	3.0	ATD School Building Construction		DE	2013	Excellent	5,183,250	4,844,950	367,349	360,400	391,800	383,700	375,600	370,200
7	10	7	3.0	Hwy. Dept. - Addition & Improvements		DE	2010	Good	175,000	145,000	18,700	18,250	22,800	22,200	21,600	21,200
8																
9				Short Term Borrowing												
10	5	4	0.55	Hwy. - Truck 4 & Sander Int'l		DE	2016	Excellent	135,000	108,000	27,780	27,446	27,297	27,149	20,000	
11	5	10	3.25	2016 Fire Truck - Eng I		DE	2017	Excellent	265,000	265,000	35,113	34,251	33,390	32,529	31,668	30,806
12																
13				Third Party Assessments												
14	25	4		Hampshire Regional - Renovation		DE	1999	Good	4,768,088	336,272	74,113	75,054	72,562	69,065		
15																
16				Other												
17																
18																
19				Approved Requests Subtotals					10,643,088	5,748,024	547,806	539,451	547,849	534,643	448,868	422,206
CURRENT REQUESTS PROPOSED FY2016																
20	1			Meekins Library Steps - design & restoration		FC			40,000		40,000					
21																
22				Current Requests Subtotals					40,000	0	40,000	0	0	0	0	0
23				FUTURE REQUESTS ²												
24	20		4.0	Fire - Public Safety Complex *		DE	1887	Poor	3,500,000			315,000	308,000	301,000	294,000	287,000
25				Disposition of Town Offices or Helen E. James					0							
26																
27	1			Police - Ford Explorer		FC	2007	Fair	No replacement							
28	1			Police - Ford Explorer		FC	2012	Good	43,000			45,619				
29	1			Police - Ford Interceptor SUV		FC	2014	Excellent	43,000					48,397		
30	1			Police - Ford Explorer		FC	2016	Excellent	43,000							51,344
31																
32	10		3.0	Fire - Engine III - Ford Ltgon Fire Truck			1992	Fair	275,000				37,927	37,052	36,177	35,302
33	10		3.0	Fire - Engine IV - International Pumper			2001	Good	420,000							65,195
34	10		3.0	Fire - Engine II - International 400 Ser Fire Truck			2006	Excellent	420,000							
35	1			Fire - Chief's Vehicle - Ford Expedition		FC	2012	Excellent	45,000					50,648		
36																
37	1		3.0	Hwy- Ford F350 Pickup		FC	2014	Excellent	40,000							
38	5		3.0	Hwy. - Backhoe John Deere 410E			2000	Fair	150,000			36,601	35,646	34,691	33,737	32,782
39	5		3.0	Hwy. - Grader John Deere			1987	Good	200,000						53,327	51,936
40	5		3.0	Hwy. - Loader Cat 446			2006	Good	160,000							43,941
41	5		3.0	Hwy. - Truck 6 Int'l.			2009	Good	200,000							
42	5		3.0	Hwy - Truck 5 F550			2011	Excellent	75,000							
43	5		3.0	Hwy. - Truck 4 & Sander Int'l			2016	Excellent	185,000							
44																
45				School - Tractor		BU	1999	Fair	20,000			21,218				
				Town Clerk - Vote Tabulators		FC			15,100			16,020				
46				Future Year Requests Subtotals					5,834,100		0	434,458	381,573	471,788	417,240	567,499
48				Payments from Free Cash/Stabilization/Other												
49				TOTALS					16,517,188	5,748,024	587,806	973,909	929,422	1,006,431	866,108	989,705
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.																

Town Collector - FY2016

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 06/30/11	Balance o/s 06/30/12	Balance o/s 06/30/13	Balance o/s 06/30/14	Balance o/s 06/30/15	Balance o/s 06/30/16
2017						\$ (69,055.81)
2016						\$ 87,865.32
2015				(\$10,689.91)	\$ 76,720.40	\$ -
2014				\$ 84,189.35	\$ -	\$ -
2013	\$ (4,280.89)	\$ 62,536.23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2012	\$ 32,880.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2011	\$ 78,394.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 78,394.50	\$ 28,599.33	\$ 62,536.23	\$ 73,499.44	\$ 76,720.40	\$ 18,809.51

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

2017						\$ (289.09)
2016						\$ 1,298.69
2015					\$ 1,894.58	\$ 1,706.23
2014				\$ 1,881.33	\$ 764.60	\$ -
2013			\$ 1,697.18	\$ 41.82	\$ -	\$ -
2012	\$ 2,580.67	\$ 80.45	\$ 80.45	\$ 80.45	\$ 80.45	\$ -
2011	\$ 2,843.05	\$ 20.72	\$ 20.72	\$ 20.72	\$ -	\$ -
2010	\$ 1,655.81	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 4,498.86	\$ 2,601.39	\$ 1,798.35	\$ 2,024.32	\$ 2,739.63	\$ 2,715.83

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

2016					\$	\$ 24,503.85
2015				\$	\$ 7,331.93	\$ 2,181.76
2014			\$ 21,302.78	\$	\$ 2,691.35	\$ 1,064.58
2013		\$ 10,180.63	\$ 3,055.53	\$	\$ 1,015.94	\$ -

2012		\$	6,424.59	\$	3,491.56	\$	2,472.30	\$	1,457.40	\$	-
2011	\$ 9,486.05	\$	2,870.34	\$	1,441.46	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
2010	\$ 2,745.63	\$	1,346.88	\$	1,107.92	\$	-	\$	-		
2009	\$ 3,669.07	\$	2,106.36	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
2008	\$ 1,915.42	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
TOTALS	\$ 17,816.17	\$	12,748.17	\$	16,221.57	\$	26,830.61	\$	12,496.62	\$	27,750.19
WATER AND SEWER USAGE											
Water	\$ 31,017.46	\$	25,932.34	\$	33,353.19	\$	55,891.33	\$	56,926.02	\$	29,592.32
Sewer	\$ 19,535.71	\$	15,274.69	\$	23,039.28	\$	35,323.05	\$	30,921.28	\$	14,567.86
Liens	\$ 2,731.28	\$	1,041.58	\$	2,347.87	\$	1,636.00	\$	1,077.82	\$	1,318.58
Backflow Insp										\$	2,050.00
TOTALS	\$ 53,284.45	\$	42,248.61	\$	58,740.34	\$	92,850.38	\$	88,925.12	\$	47,528.76
TOTAL	\$ 153,993.98	\$	86,197.50	\$	139,296.49	\$	195,204.75	\$	180,881.77	\$	96,804.29

The following list represents other money and fees collected.

	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
Water Connection Fees	\$ 1,257.60	\$ 1,010.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Sewer Connection Fees	\$ 25,080.00	\$ 14,030.00	\$ 15,570.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 17,500.00
Cross Conn/Misc	\$ 1,757.09	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,712.50	\$ 6,419.45	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,900.00
Final Water Reads	\$ 225.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 525.00
Brassworks Loan	\$ 3,635.88	\$ 3,635.88	\$ 3,635.88	\$ 3,635.88	\$ 3,635.88	\$ 3,635.88
PILOT	\$ 39,253.71	\$ 36,904.34	\$ 39,447.02	\$ 40,660.82	\$ 43,353.16	\$ 43,628.75
Rollback						\$ 18,255.61
Total Other Collected	\$ 71,209.28	\$ 57,955.22	\$ 60,665.40	\$ 54,391.15	\$ 53,414.04	\$ 85,445.24

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 **2016**, the Conservation Commission drafted and approved the following Mass Department of Environmental Protection forms submitted on behalf of town residents and property owners residing in Williamsburg:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 14 Requests for Determination | 4 Order of Conditions |
| 5 Certificate of Compliance | 1 Order of Conditions – extension |
| 8 Notices of Intent | 2 Emergency Certificates |

Thirty-three site visits were made, including those in conjunction with the Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee (WWTC). Funding review for collaborative projects took place on two projects: creation of the Historic Dam Trail on Ashfield Road involving the Conservation Commission, Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee, and owners of the abutting property, and with the Mill River Greenway Initiative grading and drainage improvements to the rail trail at the dismount section on South Main Street. Maintenance projects continued at the Briar Hill trail summit with members of the Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee and interested residents.

At the June 23rd Town Meeting, town residents voted to authorize revolving funds, and on behalf of Conservation Commission passed a transfer of \$1,000 for improvement of lands under the stewardship of the Commission, initially a Briar Hill Trail earmark, to the Hall Conservation Area. This project will involve local forester Lincoln Fish, per the Forest Stewardship Plan prepared June 2015, as part of the Mass Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and Pioneer Valley Planning Commission's Western Mass Forest Legacy Partnership, and will involve the removal of non-native invasive plants from the 17+ acre property.

A joint land grant created by the Kestrel Trust requested sponsorship and funding from the towns of Williamsburg and Hatfield for the transfer of ownership of property, formerly in private hands, which includes Horse Mountain and straddles the two towns. Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) and the State of Mass. are major funders for the acquisition.

Collaboration of the Hilltown Land Trust, Trustees of Reservations, Kestrel Land Trust, and Mass Department of Fish and Game on a state landscape partnership grant on behalf of a large scale conservation effort at Brewer Brook property is pending at this time. At the November 10th Board of Selectmen's meeting, members approved writing a letter of support for the grant application and the subsequent purchase of the piece of land that straddles Williamsburg, Westhampton, and Chesterfield, and includes the Collins land in Williamsburg.

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 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 landowners planning a project who are unsure if their land is within wetland buffer or riverfront zones to determine if any action is required on their part. Please contact a commissioner with any questions (conservation@burgy.org) or visit our town website at <http://www.burgy.org/conservation-commission>.

Meets monthly on the second Thursday (and fourth Thursday as needed), 7 p.m., second floor of the Town Offices, Haydenville; office hours Mondays 10 a.m. to 12 noon; telephone (413) 268-8416.

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 2016-17, 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 2016-17 season are:

- The O-Tones at the Williamsburg Grange in March
- Williamsburg Woodland Trails for a self-guided brochure for the trail to the historic dam
- “Acorn People” visual art interaction for 5th graders at Anne T. Dunphy School
- “Reading is Magic” at Literacy Night at Anne T. Dunphy School
- STEM project for Machine Engineering Night at Anne T. Dunphy School
- Hilltown Choral Society at Williamsburg Congregational Church
- John Porcino, storyteller/musician at the Council on Aging
- Hampshire Regional High School Spring musical
- Council on Aging for “A Day at the Dump”
- “Life in a Changing Climate” at Hampshire Regional Middle and High School
- “Plants, Trees, and Wildlife of the West Branch of the Mill River” at the Meekins Library

Members of the Williamsburg Cultural Council are: Mary Dudek; Michele Morales Wolk; 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 town of Williamsburg experienced another quiet year in terms of incidents requiring response from the Emergency Management team, leaving us free to focus on emergency preparedness. Quarterly EMD meetings are held at Region III/IV MEMA headquarters in Agawam, and trainings and classes are offered around the area. Williamsburg Public Safety Complex Committee meetings are held monthly; Jason Connell, who serves as Fire Chief and Deputy Emergency Manager, Police Chief Denise Wickland, several members of Police and Fire Departments, and I represent emergency services on that committee.

Most of this year's Emergency Management Performance Grant was used toward radios, which are required by the state for communication between our local school and emergency personnel.



The balance, along with the Emergency Manager's budget, was used to provide Reverse 911 service. A shredding day was held in the fall which offered local residents as well as residents from nearby towns an opportunity to dispose safely of sensitive documents.

Staff from MEMA aided with the completion of the annual update of our Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, and also presented an information session on creating a continuation of operations plan (COOP). PVPC came out and worked with a group to update a listing of potential hazard locations.

Thank you to members of the Police and Fire Departments, Town Administrator Charlene

Nardi, staff from Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, local Board of Health members, and all others interested in working together to keep our town and its residents safe.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Banister
Emergency Management Director

Employee Earnings

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Earnings</u>	<u>Department</u>
ACHESON	ROBERT	140.00	POLL WORKER
AHEARN	WILLIAM	2,866.11	TRANSFER STATION
BABCOCK	LINDA	1,727.37	CON. COMM. SEC
BABCOCK	LINDA	115.00	POLL WORKER
BAKER	BETTINA	42,865.27	SCHOOL-CLERICAL
BANISTER	DANIEL	706.76	FIRE DEPT
BANISTER	DENISE	7,659.28	ASSESSORS
BANISTER	PETER	46,750.76	HIGHWAY
BARRACK	LORRAINE	1,000.00	SWOP
BERUBE	PAMELA	66,513.49	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
BLACK	HANNAH	2,875.00	SCHOOL-AIDES
BLACK	JENNIFER	68,591.55	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
BORCHARDT	MELISSA	147.20	FIRE DEPT
BOYLE	JULIA	300.00	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
BRAMAN	DIANA L.	50,816.59	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
BROOKS	DAVID	2,247.31	TRANSFER STATION
BUSSLER	ANNE	482.50	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
CAMARCO	CHRISTOPHER	70.00	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
CASEY	BARTHOLOMEW	2,413.69	FIRE DEPT
CASTERLINE	PATRICIA A.	480.00	POLL WORKER
CASTERLINE	WAYNE	50.00	POLL WORKER
CERRETA	ERIC	2,807.11	FINANCE COMMITTEE
CERRETA	ERIC	29.44	FIRE DEPT
CHASE	DAVID	320.00	SCHOOL COMMITTEE
CHATTERTON	CODY	160.09	FIRE DEPT
CHILDS	LARAINÉ	1,455.00	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
CHRISTIANSEN	SARAH	320.00	SCHOOL COMMITTEE
CLARK	LINWOOD	4,219.93	TRANSFER STATION
CONNELL	JASON	646.00	CONSTABLE
CONNELL	JASON A.	25,750.23	FIRE DEPT
CONNELL	MICHAEL	360.91	LIBRARY
CORBETT	DEAUN	115.00	POLL WORKER
CORNELL	SUSAN	8,164.10	LIBRARY
COTTON	CHELSEA	200.00	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
D'ARIENZO	DARIA	1,000.00	SWOP
DIAS	NATALEE	25,328.28	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
DIBRINDISI	GREG	291.99	FIRE DEPT
DONOVAN	JOAN	380.00	POLL WORKER
DOYLE	ELLEN	75.04	LIBRARY
DUDEK	CHARLES	448.11	FINANCE COMMITTEE
DUFRESNE	JACQUELINE	448.11	FINANCE COMMITTEE

DUFRESNE	SHELIA	395.00	POLL WORKER
DUNPHY	MARJORIE	80.00	REGISTRAR
ESTES	ALAN	205.00	SWOP
ESTES	BARBARA	1,000.00	SWOP
EVERETT	ALAN	277.56	FIRE DEPT
EVERETT	GLEN	3,004.32	ASSESSORS
EVERETT	GLEN	55.02	FIRE DEPT
EVERETT	ROBIN	7,943.49	ASSESSORS LABOR
FABIN	KARRISA	1,038.00	LIBRARY
FARRELL	SUSAN	285.00	FINANCE COMM LABOR
FERRON	JAMES	1,365.29	FIRE DEPT
FLECHSIG	AMANDA	616.70	FIRE DEPT
FOLEY	TERRANCE	29.44	FIRE DEPT
FORSTER	NANCY	25,077.59	SCHOOL-AIDES
GAGNE	GAIL	530.00	POLL WORKER
GARBETT	RUTH	14,320.55	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
GELBARD	ANNE C.	19,802.07	SCHOOL-AIDES
GELBARD	JEFFREY D.	320.00	SCHOOL COMMITTEE
GERTZ	LUCY	44,195.93	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
GIBSON	DONNA	1,981.67	BOARD OF HEALTH
GOEBEL	FRANCES M.	19,744.26	COA-DIRECTOR
GOEBEL	GLEN	1,000.00	SWOP
GOLASH	ALAN	11,827.26	CUSTODIAN
GOLDSMITH	NANCY	645.00	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
GOUGEON	SONJA	489.31	POLICE
GRAHAM	JASON	8,001.62	POLICE
GURDAK-FOLEY	ROBIN GRACE	71,188.64	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
HARVEY	RENEE	32,193.83	SCHOOL-CAFETERIA
HEATH	CHARLES	448.12	FINANCE COMMITTEE
HEFFERNAN	JOHN S.	69,188.64	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
HENDRY	KAREN	40,965.70	SCHOOL-NURSE
HODGKINS	THOMAS	185.00	POLL WORKER
HOWE	SHAYLA	2,333.38	ANIMAL INSPECTOR
HULTMAN	DONALD	1,100.00	WATER
HUNTINGTON	SARAH	58,345.61	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
HUYSER	DIANE	3,742.50	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
HYDE	ELAINE	1,000.00	SWOP
HYSLIP	JAMES	1,675.00	WATER
INMAN	CHARLES	10,724.09	SCHOOL-CUSTODIAL
JENKINS	STACEY	91,175.26	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
JOYCE	BRYAN	529.92	FIRE DEPT
JOYCE	KATHRYN	53,200.91	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
KAROWSKI	KAREN	5,777.19	TREAS. LABOR
KAROWSKI	RICHARD P.	547.16	FIRE DEPT

KELLOGG	NORMA	1,000.00	SWOP
KISLOSKI	LINDA	700.00	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
KISLOSKI	RICHARD	448.11	FINANCE COMMITTEE
KORPITA	JOHANNA M.	60,128.86	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
KROL	KATHLEEN	46,395.94	LIBRARY
LAPOINT	JOSHUA	1,411.36	FIRE DEPT
LAPOINTE	ROBERT	4,461.82	FIRE DEPT
LAPOINTE	ROBERT	498.72	HIGHWAY
LASHWAY	DEENA	13,214.70	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
LAWTON	DAVID	733.70	HIGHWAY
LAWTON	DONALD	300.00	FIRE DEPT
LESSARD	BRENDA	29,533.28	TOWN CLERK
LIPTAK	RILEY	117.76	FIRE DEPT
LOCKE	JAMES	6,973.19	BUILDING SUPERVISOR
LONG	MARY JANE	67,208.49	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
LOOMIS	RICHARD	278.50	SWOP
LOOMIS	SHARON	13,787.88	COA-ASST.
LOOMIS	WILBUR W.	106.50	CONSTABLE
LOOMIS	WILBUR W.	104.00	TRANSFER STATION
LUCE	GORDON	12,690.15	CONSTABLE
LUCE	KATHLEEN	640.00	POLL WORKER
LUCE	RITA MACINNIS	59,523.86	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
LUCEY	DOROTHY L.	140.00	POLL WORKER
LULEK	CHESTER J.	7,936.20	SCHOOL-CUSTODIAL
LULEK	JAKE	3,146.94	FIRE DEPT
LUSZCZKI	BRYAN	20,602.10	POLICE
MALO	AUBREY	15,106.74	POLICE
MALONI	ROBERT	3,150.00	WATER
MARCIL	TONI	849.90	SCHOOL-AIDES
MARTI	SHERYL A.	71,328.64	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
MATHERS	DAVID E.	3,004.34	SELECT BOARD
MCAVOY	LORI	7,824.12	SCHOOL-NURSE
MCCAFFREY	MICHELLE	20,221.65	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
MCGILL	CORY J.	2,250.87	FIRE DEPT
MCQUESTON	TIMOTHY E.	103.04	FIRE DEPT
MERRITT	ROBIN	2,054.26	FIRE DEPT
MIELE	ELIZABETH	13,981.84	SCHOOL-NURSE
MILLER	MELISSA	5,397.05	SCHOOL-CAFETERIA
MILLETTE	NANCY	60,881.09	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
MILSOM	SUSAN D.	6,589.94	SCHOOL-AIDES
MOORE HAWTHORNE	CAROLYN	190.00	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
MORAN	ZACHARY	54.44	FIRE DEPT
MORRIS	CHRISTOPHER	448.11	FINANCE COMMITTEE
MORSE	DREW	231.37	FIRE DEPT

NARDI	CHARLENE L.	51,564.69	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
NETTO	FRANK	2,722.20	TRANSFER STATION
NIQUETTE	JACOB	280.17	FIRE DEPT
NOYES	WORTH	571.09	FIRE DEPT
O'BRIEN	MICHAEL	47,744.09	SCHOOL-CUSTODIAL
O'CONNELL	CHARLES	140.00	POLL WORKER
O'CONNELL	DOROTHEA	335.00	POLL WORKER
O'CONNELL	MICHAEL P.	25,761.43	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
O'DOWD	CHARLES	30.02	FIRE DEPT
O'SULLIVAN	DIANE M.	80.00	POLL WORKER
PACKARD	CHRISTIAN	2,676.70	FIRE DEPT
PALMER	JOHN	3,839.80	LIBRARY
PARENT	JESSICA	11,531.23	SCHOOL-AIDES
PASIUT	MAGDALENA	195.00	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
PELOQUIN	LISA A.	66,153.49	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
PEPPERCORN	WENDY	3,379.46	LIBRARY
PHELAN	MELISSA	2,925.28	SCHOOL-AIDES
PISANO	KRISTIN	5,607.21	SCHOOL-AIDES
POPE	JOHN P.	265.16	FIRE DEPT
PUNSKA	DAVID	120.00	POLL WORKER
PUNSKA	DIANE	620.00	POLL WORKER
PUNSKA	HEATHER	46,283.64	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
REINKE	ROBERT	79.04	POLICE
RHODES	NICOLE	70.00	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
RIZOS	JEANNETTE	100.00	SCHOOL-NURSE
ROBERGE	BONNIE	43,488.33	COLLECTOR
ROBERGE	JEREMIAH	550.00	WATER
ROGERS	SHAWNA	1,357.05	FIRE DEPT
ROMA	GARY	2,170.20	SCHOOL-CLERICAL
ROMANOWSKI	STEVEN	18,502.56	SCHOOL-AIDES
ROSEWARNE	NATHAN	22,125.21	TREASURER
ROWLEY	LINDA	448.11	FINANCE COMMITTEE
RUDOF	PAUL	320.00	SCHOOL COMMITTEE
RYAN	ANNE	24,677.59	SCHOOL-AIDES
SANDERSON	PAUL	111.83	CONSTABLE
SANDERSON	PAUL	2,249.42	FIRE DEPT
SAYRE	WILLIAM	3,004.33	SELECT BOARD
SCANLON	LAURIE	4,901.67	LIBRARY
SCHWEITZER	KAREN	66,403.49	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
SHIPPEE	JULIA	28,858.30	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
SHUMWAY	PETER B., JR	3,031.22	ASSESSORS
SMITH	CANDACE	140.00	POLL WORKER
SMITH	GREGORY	7,770.62	POLICE
SMITH	SARA	335.00	LIBRARY

SMITH-HARDER	AMBER	667.34	LIBRARY
SOLOMON	KAYLA	320.00	SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SOUKUP	JASON T	17,470.60	POLICE
SPRINGMAN	DARYL R.	3,098.07	FIRE DEPT
STIEPOCK	DANA	590.00	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
STURTEVANT	KELLY	245.00	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
SYLVESTER	GAIL	1,000.00	SWOP
SYLVESTER	RACHEL	4,924.20	SCHOOL-CUSTODIAL
SYMONS	HELEN	1,981.67	BOARD OF HEALTH
TAUTZNIK	CHRISTOPHER	43,694.03	HIGHWAY
TAYLOR JR	KENNETH H	2,340.00	FIRE DEPT
THORNHILL	DOLORES	368.47	ASSESSORS LABOR
TILLEY	FRANCES	565.00	POLL WORKER
TURNER	DONALD W.	2,549.19	FIRE DEPT
TURNER	DONALD W.	47,367.60	HIGHWAY
TURNER	WILLIAM	78,078.37	HIGHWAY
WARNOCK	ELEANOR	14,211.88	ADMIN. ASST.
WASHINGTON	CHRISTINE	2,051.29	SCHOOL -SUBSTITUTES
WAYNE	MICHAEL H.	41,591.95	POLICE
WEEKS	NYLDA	1,000.00	SWOP
WEEKS	NYLDA	4,245.66	COA-MEALSITE
WELLER	JEAN	857.14	LIBRARY
WENTWORTH	PAULA A.	293.00	SWOP
WESTBURG	ANNE MARIE	28,516.44	COA-DIRECTOR
WESTLAKE	JENNIFER	45,453.95	HIGHWAY
WETZEL	PAUL	448.11	FINANCE COMMITTEE
WICKLAND	DENISE	61,558.02	POLICE
WILCOX	WENDY	3,709.86	SCHOOL-CAFETERIA
WILDFONG	ROCHELLE L.	32,045.55	LIBRARY
WILLARD	SABRINA	79.04	POLICE
WILSON	JAMES	1,365.52	TRANSFER STATION
WILSON	PATRICIA	5,428.89	COA-MEALSITE
WOLK	MICHELE	8,300.67	LIBRARY
WOODS	MARY ELLEN	65,903.49	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
WRIGHT	AMELIA	66,153.49	SCHOOL-TEACHERS
YORK	JEAN T.	80.00	POLL WORKER
YOUNG	BARBARA	27,845.60	LIBRARY
YOUNG	CHRISSA	19,654.06	SCHOOL-AIDES
ZIMMER	NANCY	280.00	POLL WORKER
ZIMMER	RICHARD	280.00	POLL WORKER

Energy Committee

Calendar year 2016 was an active year for the committee. In early 2016, discussions began regarding upgrading the heating system in the town office building, which culminated with a recommendation in May to the Select Board to use the Town's Green Communities funds for a boiler upgrade. The new heating system was installed in late October. A weatherization project which sealed windows and doors to reduce heating losses was completed prior to the boiler replacement.

Also in January, discussions with NEXAMP and the Select Board initiated a virtual net-metering agreement to purchase a portion of the output of a solar farm in Rutland, MA, to supply town buildings with clean, renewable electricity. The agreement will save 20% off the existing electric rate, effective once the solar farm goes on-line in early 2017.

The committee also began discussions on how to help the community purchase electricity at a reduced rate or purchase renewable power. This concept is called load aggregation and any town can apply to aggregate the load of the consumers' electrical accounts in the town. As the aggregation effort by the Hampshire Council of Governments was denied by the Department of Public Utilities, an alternate town by town approach was provided through Colonial Power, an aggregator working with the Council. The Committee and Select Board met with Colonial and signed an agreement to initiate the process of applying for a Williamsburg aggregation with the DPU. A hearing was scheduled for early 2017. The aggregation concept was presented to interested residents who attended the Committee's informational event in June regarding Net-Metering and Community Solar. The Committee's Net-Metering and Community Solar meeting was organized to provide information regarding how residents could purchase clean electricity through virtual net metering. The concept allows a ratepayer to purchase a portion of the net metered output from a solar facility located in the ratepayer's utility service territory. The Committee invited a number of net metering providers. The Hampshire Council of Governments attended the meeting and explained their services. Coop Power was also invited to discuss their community solar development process.



The Committee recommended that a lighting upgrade be completed at the Meekins Library, due to the increasing ballast and lamp failure rate of its current lighting and the resulting decline in lighting quality at the library. The project replaced the existing ballasts and lamps with LED lamps. The project was completed in the late fall and was funded using the Town's Green Community grant and a National Grid rebate.

As a result of the Committee's efforts, the Town employees will have a more comfortable work space in the Town Office building during the heating season, the Town should begin to see savings on its electric bills through the NEXAMP net-metering agreement, residents will have a chance to see if load aggregation will offer lower electric rates and library patrons and employees have a much needed improvement in the lighting levels.

W. Kim Boas, Gerald Mann, Rob Stinson, Mary Dudek, Charles Dudek

Facilities Master Plan Committee

The Facilities Master Plan Committee (FMPC) was established by the Board of Selectmen to work with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, with funding by a District Local Technical Assistance grant. The Committee was charged with advising the Board of Selectmen about decisions related to municipal facilities planning, especially the use of the Helen E. James building and parcel in the context of clarifying the vision of the town center. The Committee met twice a month for six months and reviewed prior studies, toured the municipal buildings, discussed needs of departments in relation to other town priorities and projects, participated in a Smart Growth America workshop with town residents exploring ideas and visioning of the town center and community, and discussed the many needs and issues of the town buildings.



A central theme of the Facilities Master Plan Committee (FMPC) process was that the town needs to shift its approach to planning, decision-making, resource-allocation and problem-solving to one that is more holistic in nature. Committees should be tasked to think in ways that are interdepartmental and interdisciplinary, that embrace long-term goals and that fully consider broad alternatives so as not to close off future options. It was with this approach that FMPC offered a final report to the Board of Selectmen in early January 2017.

The three top action items were that the Town continue to make resolving the facility issues of the Police and Fire Departments a priority, retain the Helen E. James building for a future use, and develop a capital plan that includes facility projects and regular maintenance items. A full copy of the comprehensive report and all of the recommendations may be reviewed on the town website under Special Committees, Facilities Master Plan Committee.

Membership:

Jim Ayres—Executive Director, United Way of Hampshire County

Bob Barker—Planning Board member

Kim Boas—Energy Committee member

Mitch Cichy—Owner of Cichy's Garage, Capital Planning member

Carol Conz—Owner of Williamsburg Pharmacy and Hardware Store

Nick Dines—Member of Mill River Greenway Committee, Landscape Architect

Fred Goodhue—Chair of Council on Aging Advisory Board

Charlene Nardi—Town Administrator

Eric Weber—Trust Fund and Cemetery Commission, Historical Commission, Williamsburg Historical Society

Support:

Dillon Sussman—Committee Facilitator, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

Caitlin Marquis—Public Engagement, Healthy Hampshire

Marie Westburg—Public Engagement, Senior Center Director, Healthy Hampshire affiliate

Finance Committee

The Town of Williamsburg Finance Committee provides oversight of the Town's budget. The Committee works closely with the Town departments to create a budget that is presented to the Town at its annual meeting for discussion and approval. Current members of the Committee include Paul Wetzel and Charlie Heath, co-chairs, Eric Cerreta, Charles Dudek, Jacqueline Dufresne, Richard Kisloski, Chris Morris, Linda Rowley, and Steve Romanowski.

The total amount of money expended in FY2016 for the Town operating budget was \$6,277,279. The table below describes the amount of money spent in the main budget categories along with the percent of the budget each category represents.

Budget Category	Budgeted Amount (\$)	Percent of Total Budget
Education —operating budgets local & regional	3,372,861	53.7
Miscellaneous Expenses —Insurance, employee retirement, Medicare, Charter & School Choice	782,707	12.5
Debt Service	527,009	8.4
Public Works & Facilities	468,795	7.5
General Government —includes all Town fuel	455,981	7.3
Protection of Persons & Property —Police, fire, ambulance	328,242	5.2
Culture & Recreation —Library, Recreation, Athletic Fields	140,287	2.2
Human Services —Council on Aging, Veterans	130,864	2.1
Intergovernmental Expenses —Solid waste, county jail, building inspection	70,532	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 2016 are listed below:

Opening Balance: \$ 60,000.00

Date	Amount (\$)	Reason
15 July 2015	0.71	Remaining assessment for Hampshire County Emergency Communication system
15 July 2015	1,455.96	Additional funds for workers compensation insurance
10 February 2016	2,226.20	To Highway Dept. for insurance reimbursement
30 March 2016	158.93	Labor expenses for Conservation Commission
27 April 2016	1,836.86	Additional email and computer backup charges
27 April 2016	432.00	Additional street lighting charges
27 April 2016	480.00	Additional Town department internet charges
11 May 2016	6,700.00	Attorney fees for projects
18 May 2016	1,250.67	Additional funds for internet services
6 June 2016	23.45	Additional funds for internet services
30 June 2016	42.79	Additional funds for internet services
30 June 2016	359.06	Additional street lighting charges
Total	14,966.63	
Balance	45,033.37	

Fire Department

In 2016, the Williamsburg Fire Department responded to 298 incidents. There were 10 fires; these included building, chimney and vehicle fires. Approximate total losses from these fires were estimated at around \$136,700 with a pre-incident value of around \$460,000. There were 176 Rescue and Emergency Medical incidents; these included motor vehicle accidents, search and rescue calls and sick person calls. We responded to out-of-town mutual aid 13 times and called in mutual aid 5 times. August was our busiest month with 37 incidents, followed closely by October with 33. Peak times were between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. For the most part, incidents were spread evenly throughout the week with a slight peak on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Major Incident Breakdown

Fires	10	3.36%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheating – no fire	1	0.34%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Services	176	59.06%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	25	8.39%
Service Call	30	10.07%
Good Intent Call	15	5.03%
False Alarm & False Call	37	12.42%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	2	0.67%
Special Incident Type	2	0.67%
Total	298	100.00%

In 2016, long time member Donald Turner retired from the department after 31 years of service to the department. Donald, who still maintains his position with the Highway Department, rose through the ranks and when he retired held the rank of Assistant Fire Chief. The department thanks him for his many years of dedication.

In 2016, the town voted to replace our 1987 engine and many pieces of outdated unserviceable equipment that went along with it. The new truck and equipment were ordered in March 2016 and are expected to arrive mid to late March 2017. The Department would like to thank the voters for their support in this three-year project. The department also purchased several lengths of new attack hose and nozzles to replace hose that failed during annual testing. It is the goal of the department to keep slowly working at updating needed equipment and gear and to get everything on a routine maintenance schedule.

In closing, I would like to thank all the members of the department that show up every Tuesday to train, assist with local events like Field Day at the school and with the ice rink, all while putting their personal lives on hold to help or save someone else's life. Their dedication and volunteerism is what makes this department special. Unfortunately, with retirements and everyone's busy lifestyle, along with the required training, it is becoming harder and harder to find new firefighters. If you are interested, please contact the department for more information.



Respectfully submitted,
Jason A. Connell, Fire Chief

Board of Health

Current members of the Board of Health are Donna Gibson, chair, Gordon Rusty Luce and Helen Symons. The board has met twice a month with our primary area of responsibility being the management of the Town's Transfer Station. Fortunately, there have been no public health crises that we would have to manage. The Town of Williamsburg shares and supervises the services of the Health Agent with the Towns of Whately, Goshen, and Westhampton through the Foothills Health District. Our health agent Valerie Bird is now sharing the position with Ron Laurin so that together they serve the Town for 32.5 hours.

There have been no new employees this year at the Transfer Station, and our long time attendant Bill Loomis has retired. We thank these employees for their dedicated service in all types of weather. Rusty Luce continues as the supervisor of the Transfer Station. With the help of Kathleen Casey, manager of the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative, the HRMC collaboration with other Towns helps us to save money. For instance, we were able to save a significant amount in purchasing a new roll off box for the recycling. Thanks to Carl Smith for replacing the worn steps and platform that lead to the new recycling box. The roof of the large storage barn was also replaced this year and no longer leaks. Rusty found a company that takes the mattresses and recycles their contents so that they no longer have to go to the Waste Management Facility and they bring a small amount of money to the Town.

Since the Transfer Station is now recycling heavy metals (metals box) there have been both a savings to the Town and an increased revenue stream.

There is an informal "you bring it and you take it" table at the Transfer Station, which has served as a "dump diving" experience for all to enjoy as well as taking items out of the waste stream.

Nick Dines and his volunteer crew have continued to sort the returnable beer and soda bottles, which bring added revenue to beautify the Parks and sidewalks of Williamsburg. Thanks to Nick and his volunteers of Dead Heads.

The closed Wood Waste Area passed its every-other-year inspection and there were no problems reported.

The Town of Williamsburg Board of Health has participated through the Attorney General's Office "Abandoned House Initiative Program." In doing so, we were able to rehabilitate and correct code violations on a house that had been abandoned, at no cost to the town. This has been a two-year process, from initial inspection, documentation of code violations several court visits, and finally completed repairs. The receivership of 3 Myrtle Street has been completed and the house will now go to auction. This property will again be able to be on the tax rolls for the Town.

There are two other properties to participate in this project, 23 Old Goshen Rodd, and 7 Laurel Road.

It has come to the attention of the Board that there is an area of concern in that there is a residential area known to have a high concentration of radon in the soil. This becomes a potential health problem when there are higher levels of radon in the air. The Board is organizing an informational program about this to be held in the spring.

Health Agent

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

We may be reached at 268-8404. In-person help must be scheduled in advance. Written messages or mail should be directed to P.O. 447, Haydenville, MA 01039, or email. We look forward to another productive year in all the Foothills towns.

Below is a breakdown of all the Towns and fees received in the Foothills.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Bird
Health Agent
Foothills Health District

Starting in January, also
Ron Laurin, RondLaurin@gmail.com

	GOSHEN	WHATELY	WILLIAMSBURG	W'HAMPTON
PERCS/ TITLE 5 INSP	4/ 6	6/ 8	6/ 10	10/ 14
DWCP/ WELL	9/ 4	11/ 5	5/ 1	7/ 4
FOOD INSP.	4	8	22	4
CAMP INSP.	3	1	0	1
HOUSING COMPLAINTS	2	4	5	5

Total Fees for 2016	6,600	10,325	7,955	9,475
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Highland Ambulance EMS Inc.

FY 2016

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, 2016 consisted of 36 members including 19 Paramedics and 17 EMT's.

Dr. Raymond Conway, our long term Medical Director, retired and is replaced by Dr. Peter Morse, MD.

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 2016 Highland responded to 652 emergency calls of which 150 were no service. These are broken down by Town as follows:

Ashfield	118	Chesterfield	101	Cummington	78
Goshen	75	Plainfield	60	Williamsburg	178
		Other	42		

Out of these responses, 341 required advanced life support (ALS) services.

Training. The following special training events were held:

- CPR trainings for Emergency Service Personnel, Police and firefighters.
- New National (NCCR) EMT recertification classes for area EMTs.
- Medical Management Classes.

- ALS/BLS interface classes for area EMTs.
- Paramedic transition class to conform to National Core Curriculum.
- Patient lifting and moving class for Ashfield fire personnel.
- Basic EMT refresher courses.
- Paramedic refresher courses.

Community Involvement. Highland provided support to our communities including:

- Ambulance Coverage for Community events including the Chesterfield 4th of July Parade, the Cummington Fair, the Ashfield Fall Festival, Hilltown Junior Olympics, the Ashfield Klondike Fair.
- Evacuation drill at the Sanderson Academy in Ashfield.
- Lock down drill at the Anne T. Dunphy School in Williamsburg and the New Hingham Elementary School in Chesterfield.

Operating Expenses in FY 2016 \$522,235.01

Cash On Hand June 30, 2016

Building Fund	\$ 79,228.89
Cash Operating Account	10,730.19
Cash Payroll Account	5,000.00
Ambulance Fund	150,684.46
Memorial Fund	24,710.80
Dresser Fund	3,702.83
Cap Reserve	<u>7,022.78</u>
Total Checking/Savings	\$ 281,079.95

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. \$1,200 from Florence Savings Bank towards the construction of our new facility.

Building Project. During this fiscal year, Highland Ambulance initiated the building of our 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. At the end of the Fiscal Year, the project was nearing completion and a dedication/open house was scheduled for July 17th. The Board of Directors decided to dedicate the building to the memory of our long-term president of the Board, Christopher (Kit) Smith. Anticipated costs of the entire project will be in the range of \$800,000 with a mortgage loan for up to \$600,000 from Greenfield Savings Bank. The Board and staff are deeply appreciative for all the dollar donations and in-kind services we received over the year to make possible the construction of our new facility.

Respectfully submitted,

Highland Ambulance Board of Directors

Ashfield – Patricia Thayer	Goshen – Donald Boisvert	At-Large – Cassandra Morrey
Chesterfield – Spencer Timm	Plainfield – Edward Morann	At-Large – Bernard Forgea
Cummington – Amanda Savoie	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.

Ditches were cleaned on Briar Hill and Old Goshen Road.

Hyde Hill Road and Lawton Hill Road were shimmed and chip sealed.

High Street and 300 feet of Bridge Street were reclaimed and repaved.

Ashfield Road was crack sealed and micro surfaced.

Water main replacement on South Main Street and Fort Hill Road was started and will continue throughout the coming summer.

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 subcontractor, Don Lawton, for his continued snowplowing for the Town. This crew continues to keep up with the snow removal, even though we are becoming more short-handed every winter. The crew continues to put in longer hours and works harder to keep the roads safe.



Thank you
Highway Superintendent
Bill Turner

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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 2016, 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 2016. Funding is also provided by the Town of Williamsburg, Highland Valle Elder Services, Hampshire County United Way and the Eleanor Schwartz Charitable Foundation.

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 2016 Hilltown Business Directory, distributed to 13,000 hilltown households in 21 towns, with contact information and descriptions of 317 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 completed the renovation of 24 units of scattered affordable rental housing in six properties located in Williamsburg, Westhampton and Chesterfield in 2016. Hilltown CDC hired a local contractor to complete this project.
- **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 has secured \$2.5 million to develop this project. We will begin construction in spring of 2017. We hope to complete the project by December 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 2016:

- Hilltown CDC rehabilitated 21 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 2016 HCDC:

- Received a grant from MADAR to begin implementing 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. We plan to begin implementation 2017.
- 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 is to develop a rural transportation business plan with a pilot period where we will experiment with a few different transportation models in 2017.
- Hilltown CDC entered into a fiscal sponsorship agreement to support new Art and Culture programming in the region. We helped sponsor the Hilltown Chautauqua series held at the Bryant Homestead. See <http://hilltownchautauqua.org/> for more information.

Please visit www.hilltowncdc.org for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Christopolis
Executive Director
Hilltown Community Development Corporation

Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative FY16

To the Member-Town 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 FY16 included: Joe Kearns, Chair (Middlefield); Paul Wetzel, Vice Chair (Williamsburg); and Tom Martin, Treasurer (Westhampton).

The HRMC has been helping hilltown member-communities manage all aspects of their solid waste including: municipal waste hauling and disposal bid administration, recycling, hazardous waste, DEP compliance monitoring and technical assistance, and sustainability services. In FY16 those services included:

- Liaison between Towns and MassDEP on compliance matters.
- 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. Oversight of the Call2Recycle re-chargeable battery collection service. Additionally, the Town of Westhampton became a regional Thermostat Recycling Center (TRC) for HRMC community transfer stations. Both the Call2Recycle Battery Program and the TRC programs are cost-free that save the member-Towns the expense of including these items in their universal waste recycling.
- Transfer Station operations and compliance monitoring including informal HRMC site visits as well as the formal, annual DEP 3rd Party Inspection and Reporting.
- Preparation and submittal of DEP annual surveys and reports.
- DEP Grant Administration including grant writing and reporting.

In addition to the 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 serve as a liaison to the DEP on transfer station operations and compliance related issues.

In FY16, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced their Small-Scale Initiative Grants under the annual Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP). All ten HRMC member-towns received a small-scale grant award of \$500. In

addition, eight HRMC Towns were the recipients of additional grants under the Recycling Dividends Program. In total, the HRMC Towns received \$18,200 in grant funding – an increase of \$10,900 over the previous year. Grant applications for FY17 were submitted in June for a total of more than \$24,200 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 FY16, the combined assessment for all ten towns was \$39,487.56. 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 relations, and program operations. In FY16, the HRMC acquired two new MRF containers in an effort to begin to remove containers from the HRMC fleet that were no longer road-worthy.

During the past year, the HRMC member-Towns collectively diverted 1,000.79 tons of recyclable materials (paper, and bottles/cans) to the Springfield MRF. In addition, the Town of Plainfield diverted bulky rigid plastics; the Towns of Cummington, Plainfield, Westhampton and Williamsburg commenced diversion of EPS (Styrofoam); and the Towns of Huntington and Williamsburg began diverting clean pellet bags. The Town of Williamsburg continued to serve as the HRMC regional mattress recycling facility. The Town of Westhampton served as the host-site for the HRMC's annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event.

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 continues to hope the town will adopt the Community Preservation Act (CPA), which offers perhaps the only opportunity to obtain major state funding assistance for projects like the Old Town Hall renovation, 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.

The Commission greatly appreciates the cooperation of the developer of the new Dunkin Donuts in Haydenville with town officials to create a facility that is tasteful and attractive.

WHC members led six walks to the failed reservoir dam ruins off Judd Lane. Visits to the site via the ¼-mile walk in from Judd Lane 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 at 268-3160.

We are very pleased about the Woodland Trails Committee's cooperation with landowners Wil and Bethany Ouimet and the City of Northampton to create an alternative ¾-mile route to the old dam site that is now open to the public at all times. The Commission plans to help formulate trailside signs explaining the visible ruins and telling the story of the dam's failure, to help visitors understand what they're seeing without the need for a guide.

The Commission is also interested in the continuing work of the Mill River Greenway Initiative and the Williamsburg 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: Patricia Billingsley, Chair; Cynthia Barker, Treasurer; Joan Coryat; Jon Gould; Eileen Stewart; Rob Stinson and newly elected Charlotte Meryman.

Library Staff: Katie Krol, Library Director; Rochelle Wildfong, Children's Librarian; Bobbin Young, Technical Services Librarian; Michele Morales, Circulation Assistant; Wendy Peppercorn, KMIT Children's Programming Librarian; Daria D'Arienzo, Archivist; Amber Smith-Harder, 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.)

FY16 (for use in FY17) Library Annual Appeal: \$20,680

Facilities and Grounds In April 2016, two large facing stones on the right sidewall of the historic Meekins Library entrance came loose and fell off, fortunately at a time when no one was on the steps. The entrance was immediately closed to protect patrons and shield the sidewalls from further damage. At the same time, the trustees and town building supervisor began talking with architects and masonry contractors about how to repair the sidewalls as quickly as possible.

At the annual town meeting, the trustees requested and received \$40,000 from the town to complete the repair project. Since Meekins Library has been designated a historic structure by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC), the repairs must be done in a way that reflects the historic nature of the building. This adds to the cost of the project, but happily MHC also responded to our request for emergency funding with a \$15,000 matching grant. As a result, the final cost to the town will be reduced by that amount.

Once funding was approved, the town hired an architectural firm with expertise in historic design to oversee the project and put the job out to bid. Bidding ended September 23rd, with 8 masonry contractors submitting bids. The lowest bidder with relevant experience in working on historic buildings was hired. If at all possible, the project will be completed this spring of 2017, so patrons can once again enjoy using the library's beautiful historic entrance.

In 2016 we also received funding from a Green Community Grant to replace all of the fluorescent lightbulbs in the library with energy efficient LED lightbulbs. The work was done by Guardian Energy. Thanks to Kim Boas for his work on this through the Williamsburg Energy Committee.

We also had the windows in the original building painted and filled. They were in serious need of repair. And two different water damaged areas in the new building were repaired and painted. Thanks to Jim Locke, who organized this project.

Thanks also to Nick Dines for repairing the Goshen stone stairs which had started to slip out of place.

New news! Our own Rochelle Wildfong wrote her first (of many we hope!) book of poetry, “Just Ask.” In September Rochelle and her husband, Jack Barry, displayed art, photographs, and other objects from their home in the Neil Hammer Gallery, adding another dimension to the atmosphere while they read from their newly published books of poems. After experiencing an enthusiastic audience response to our April 7th Open Mic Poetry Night, and a reading with Ruth Lehrer and Paul Hostovsky on April 13th, we decided to delegate the 1st Thursdays of the month for an ongoing Open Mic Poetry Night, held on the first Thursday of every month from 6:30 – 8:00.

A special thank you to the Town of Williamsburg for providing three new computers for the library!

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 2016 marked the 32nd year that Meekins has served as the school library. Meekins is one of two public libraries in Massachusetts that also serves as the school library.

Summer Reading Program: 131 children participated in the 2016 as well as 15 teens and tweens. Meekins had 68 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 Mass. 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 Mass. 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 2016:

□ **Circulation:** From 7/1/15 – 6/30/16 total circulation was 83,319. The Williamsburg Libraries lent 9,971 items to other libraries and borrowed 9,896 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 1,109 hours.
- Patrons and Attendance: In 2016, 2,975 patrons were listed as registered borrowers here in Williamsburg. These cards are used interchangeably at all CW/MARS libraries. During 2016 more than 46,576 patron visits were recorded at the library.

Community Groups who used the Hawks~Hayden Room or Haydenville Library in 2016:

Hilltown Land Trust, two Foster Parent Support Groups, Western Massachusetts Master Gardeners Group, Brownie Troop, Girl Scouts of Central & Western Mass., Williamsburg Cultural Council, Hilltown Families, COA Quiet Meditation, Hilltown CDC, Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative, Conway School of Landscape Design, Williamsburg PTO, Quilting Group, Massachusetts Library System, C/WMARS, Mass Tree Farm Committee, Writer's Group, Expandable Brass Band, Williamsburg Historical Society, Camp Howe, Inc., Hampshire County Riding Club, The United ARC, Williamsburg Senior Center, Bay Path University, The Bag Share Project, and Mass Woodlands Institute.

Exhibitions: The following shows appeared in the Neil Hammer Gallery in the Hawks~Hayden Community Room and on the Meekins Library grounds during 2016.

- January – Randy Diehl
- February – Patricia Belanger
- March – Barbara Walker
- April – Barbara Walker
- May – Frances Kidder
- June – Gary Niswonger
- October – Jeffrey Gillis
- November - Andrew Quient
- December – Miriam Kaye

In June we hosted the Anne T. Dunphy 6th grade, Lions International Peace Poster Contest entries on display in the Otis Alcove and Helen Bacon Rotunda.

Additional Programs, Activities and Events:

- * We held our second annual May Faire! We made fairy houses, forsythia crowns, fairy poofs, and were entertained by Ed the Wizard, the Pied Potter, and the Mill River Madrigal Singers.
- * We had hundreds of people, ghosts, and goblins attend our annual Halloween Party.
- * This year the world of Harry Potter's Hogwarts, a substantial sculpture, was on display in the main building. The sculpture was made by children who attended the Sugar Hill Art Center Camp, directed by Cyndy Sperry.
- * Meg Taylor has been bringing her trained dog, Scout, in every first Thursday for Paws to Read, a program for reluctant readers to read aloud to dogs (because dogs don't judge!). The use of trained therapy dogs in reading programs can result in children who feel comfortable reading out loud, read more often, attempt more difficult books, and actually look forward to reading. As children improve their literacy skills, they're not just learning how to read, they're learning to love to read!

* We celebrated World Tai Chi Day on the lawn on Saturday, April 30th.

* We also received a Mass Humanities FAIR grant through story teller Tim Van Egmond.

* In October we displayed a Story Book Walk showing the children's book "Miss Maple's Seeds" page by page around the campus of the library, allowing friends and family to enjoy the great outdoors while promoting early literacy. Sponsored by Collaborative for Educational Services/Mass. Dept. of Early Education and Care.

* And we ended the year with a Friends sponsored showing of the movie "Finding Dory."



Kmit Programming Librarian: Susan Cornell, our very first Kmit Programming Librarian, left in September for a full-time job. She was replaced by Wendy Peppercorn, who has decades of experience as a programming librarian! Welcome, Wendy! This position is funded by a bequest from Evelyn Kmit to assure that children learned about and used the library. Wendy has been holding 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. Wendy has also formed a new Teen/Tween Book Club. She provides an after-school drop-in craft and often can be found with her guitar singing for various events. 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.

Board of Library Trustees 2016:

2016 was a busy and productive year for the Board of Library Trustees. In July we said goodbye to longtime member Eileen Stewart and welcomed newly-elected member Charlotte Meryman. Throughout the year, we worked closely with Library Director Katie Krol to address on-going concerns and provide support for library goals and initiatives. We monitored library income and expenses, planned future budgets and expenditures, managed the annual campaign, and coordinated our activities with other town boards, groups and departments wherever possible. As stewards of the library buildings and grounds, we worked closely with the Town Building Supervisor to identify and secure funding for needed repairs and maintenance at the Meekins and Haydenville Libraries. At Meekins, these included the front steps repair project, stairwell insulation upgrade, installation of energy-efficient light bulbs, interior painting, and painting and repair of the historic windows; projects at the Haydenville library will commence in spring 2017. We worked with the Director to address staffing and funding for the school library program and facilitate cooperation with the school board and department. We reviewed and adopted new library policies on bulletin board postings, emergency closings, and donated art and artifacts. As always, our heartfelt thanks to Katie, her excellent staff, and our dedicated volunteers for all they do to make the Williamsburg Libraries such a vital part of our community.

Pat Billingsley, Chair
Board of Trustees of the Williamsburg Libraries

Friends of the Libraries: The past year was a busy one for the Friends of the Williamsburg Libraries. The Friends hosted a Valentine-making and cookie-decorating party in February that was enjoyed by children and adults. In April we celebrated D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) Day in conjunction with the Dunphy School – volunteer readers shared their favorite literature with students from pre-K to 6th grade, and in the afternoon the party continued at the Meekins with children and adult readers and literary-inspired snacks and games. In the spring we had the opportunity to support and participate in the growing May Faire celebration and the Summer Reading Program. In July we put together a Farm and Garden Tour of Williamsburg that was well-attended despite the heat. The event was a terrific way to bring in people from surrounding communities to learn about our amazing local library and the bounty that our local farms and gardens offer. Our fall and winter continued with a lot of activity – our Columbus Day book sale was once again a big success and our movie nights have been very well attended. We are also proud to support the STEAM and craft events held by Kmit Librarian Wendy Peppercorn and to make possible the purchase of new chairs for the children’s room. We will continue our work in 2017 to build links in the community between people of all ages and backgrounds and to provide welcoming and inclusive activities for everyone in the heart of our town – our terrific local library.

Williamsburg Libraries – Volunteers – January 2016 to December 2016

Lorraine Barrack	Becky Houlihan	Wendy Peppercorn
Amy Bedell	Lori Monroe-Hultman	Dominique Rampton
Ken Borden	Elaine Hyde	Sara Smith
Anne Bussler	Eileen Keegan	Amber Smith-Harder
Dee Cinner	Beth Kilduff	Eileen Stewart
Linda Culver	Stuart Krantz	Rob Stinson
Daria D’Arienzo	Gary Krol	Francie Taylor
Nick Dines	John Lancaster	Janet Tudryn
Karrisa Fabin	Jim Locke	Margo Valone
Friends of Library	Jennifer Miller-Antill	Eric Weber
Jon Gould	Michele Morales	Rochelle Wildfong
John Hoogstraten	Patricia O’Brien	Bobbin Young

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Krol and
The Board of Trustees of the Williamsburg Libraries

Mill River Greenway Committee

In the past year, the Mill River Greenway Committee has sustained its strong momentum in planning and implementation of a shared-use path connecting Haydenville to Williamsburg along the Mill River.

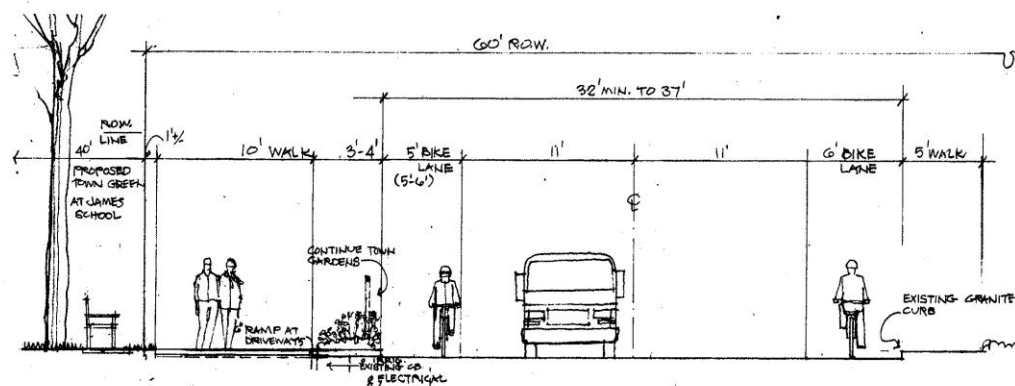
In April, our Community Forum to share maps, concepts, and options drew almost 100 community members, who showed enthusiasm and support for the project. Based on this community feedback, a Project Initiation Form (PIF) was submitted to the MA Department of Transportation in December, detailing a dedicated 10-foot wide Greenway path on the river side of Route 9 from the Haydenville Library to the Helen E. James building.



Also in December, working with the Williamsburg Highway Department, the Committee funded and oversaw improvements to the Mass Central Rail Trail dismount at the foot of South Main Street in Haydenville. Grading, guard rails, trail surfacing, and native restoration plantings now allow trail users to descend safely from the railbed to the roadway, where future improvements will include extended sidewalks and improved signage to direct walkers and bikers up South Main Street to the planned Greenway along Route 9.

Greenway planning in 2016 has benefited greatly from collaborations with Dodson & Flinker (feasibility study for the Brassworks area), Fuss & O'Neill (traffic engineering on South Main Street), the Smith College Design Clinic (design and engineering of the rail trail dismount), and HyGround Engineering (geotechnical design and consulting). Funding for the rail trail dismount project was provided by a Recreational Trails Program grant from the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation. Plans for 2017 include overseeing a master survey of the Route 9 corridor, another community forum in late April, collaborating with the Highway Department on continued improvements to South Main Street, and pursuit of further grants to support this project.

Thanks especially to Nick Dines for his extraordinary work with MA DOT to move this project forward.



Planning Board

This year started with the application of Valley View Farm for Site Plan Review for an events space on Walpole Road. This application and our reviews, visits, meetings with affected Town Departments, hearing, and findings took up a good portion of our time this year.

The board discussed zoning options with the Mill River Greenway Committee, helped several residents with ANR applications to subdivide their property, and held hearings on taking down diseased shade trees. A resident came in with a bylaw revision to restrict construction and dumpster noise early in the mornings, and was advised to speak with the neighbor instead.

We finished up our involvement with Dunkin Donuts, they put in place the restrictions we required in our Site Plan Review, and they opened in the fall. We proposed to the Town several housekeeping changes to the Zoning Bylaw – all were approved at Town Meeting. The Board started to look at the zoning implications of the state's Complete Streets legislation, as well as the Smart Growth America concepts.

Sign regulations came up and were discussed several times during the year, as many businesses comply and some don't. We started work on a handout to go to town businesses to help them understand the bylaw. We discussed compliance and enforcement with Zoning Enforcement Officer Louis Hasbrouck.

We had several personnel changes in 2016. We thank Steve Romanowski and Kathy McKeown for their service, and welcome Chris Flory to the Board. As is often true, volunteers for our Board and other Boards are needed. In return, you get to see the town from a different perspective and help it function smoothly for residents.

Recreation Commission

The Williamsburg Recreation Commission provided recreation activities for both children and adults in 2016. The T-Ball and Coach Pitch programs had another successful year with over 40 children grades Pre-K through 3 participating weekly in the late spring. The community was grateful to have the Fire Department host the annual T-Ball & Coach Pitch BBQ once again. We are currently in our second year of participating with our neighboring communities of Southamptn, Westhampton, Chesterfield, Easthampton and Goshen with youth Recreation Basketball. This year there are two grade 4-6 boys teams, one grade 4-6 girls team, one grade 1-3 girls team, and one grade 1-3 boys team. There is also a boys grade 4-6 Suburban team, and some of our local teenagers participate in reffing. We continue to sponsor adult basketball, maintain the town field and tennis court, and are happy to support a group who would like to start Pickleball in the community. This year, our long-time Chair, John O'Sullivan, stepped down from the commission, and the commission is currently in need of one more member.

Pamela Plumer, Chair; Al Golash, Treasurer; Collin Black, Secretary; Joel Strate; Vacant

Police Department

In 2016 the Police Department was composed of the following members:

Chief Denise Wickland
Sergeant Jason Soukup
Corporal Michael Wayne
Officer Bryan Luszczycki
Officer Jason Graham
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 1,508 calls for service that came through the emergency communications dispatch center and an additional 822 walk in reports / calls for service. We investigated 35 motor vehicle crashes within our jurisdiction. Police made approximately 370 traffic stops in 2016. There were 106 arrests made in 2016 for various crimes, many of which were for narcotics violations. The Williamsburg Police continue to see an increase in drug related offenses 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 Police Department is examining the possibility of obtaining Tasers for Officers to carry while on duty. This crucial piece of equipment will assist in being able to take combative or violent offenders into custody with even less chance of injury to the suspect or the Officer. The quality of training that the Williamsburg Police Officers 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

Public Safety Complex Committee



During 2016, the Williamsburg Public Safety Complex Committee worked to ready the project for a town vote for design work. Lower cost alternatives to the designs prepared by Drummey Rosane Anderson, Inc., were explored, specifically pre-engineered buildings. Nineteen meetings were held throughout town with various civic, town and public groups to collect opinions and feedback on the plans to date. However, it became clear in June that there was a lack of consensus in town and confusion about the best use for the James School lot and building, the only site deemed usable for a safety complex by this committee. As a result, the committee decided to postpone further meetings until this issue was resolved in December. To help resolve the problem, the Board of Selectmen created the Facilities Master Planning Committee to work with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, using a \$16,000 planning grant, to recommend the best location for this project, the best use of the James building and lot, and a plan for the use of the town's major municipal facilities.

With the start of the new year, the committee is anxious to restart the process for a town decision on design and location for a safety complex. The committee will use the report and findings of the Facilities Master Planning Committee to help us propose this year the best solution for the location, programming and cost for a new safety complex.

As we work through this information, please feel free to contact any of the members of the committee. We welcome feedback, input and thoughtful solutions to reaching our goals.

William Sayre, Chair
Denise Banister
Dan Banister
Jason Connell

Louis Hasbrouck
Dick Kisloski
Don Lawton
Daryl Springman

Michael Wayne
Denise Wickland

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

It is my privilege to submit this annual report of the Anne T. Dunphy School. The elementary school continues to provide learning experiences focused on the development of the whole child under the support and dedication of the staff, School Committee, School Council, the Williamsburg PTO, and the community of Williamsburg. Once again, I would like to acknowledge that the impressive group of students in this school community reflects the nurturing adults and community who have surrounded them in their early years.



The Anne T. Dunphy School appreciates the leadership, dedication, and support of the Williamsburg School Committee, **Sarah Christiansen, Jeff Gelbard, David Chase, Kayla Solomon, and Paul Rudof ~ and new members Keira Durrett and Meg Taylor.** In June 2016, we acknowledged the years of service of Sarah Christiansen and Jeff Gelbard, who stepped away from their role on the Williamsburg Elementary School Committee. Sarah served on the committee for seven years, several as chair, and Jeff held a position on the school committee for twelve years! We are grateful to both of them for their service.

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 provide enrichment opportunities to all students such as technology and field trips. The combination of Trust Fund support and PTO support allows our students to learn outside of the school building with trips to places such as New York City, Boston, Springfield Museums, Beneski Museum of Natural History, Connecticut Science Center, Turners Falls Fishway, Northfield Mountain, Eric Carle Museum of Picturebook Art, Hitchcock Center for the Environment, the Academy of Music/Pioneer Valley Ballet, Historic Deerfield, and Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA.

In March, we enjoyed our second musical production that showcased the musical *Dear Edwina, Jr.* The dedication of Nancy Millette, MJ Long, Johanna Korpita, and Amelia Wright to this production was invaluable and the school community is so appreciative of the hundreds of volunteer hours they dedicated to this production. Once again, we had a nearly full gymnasium for two performances! We are looking forward with anticipation to the 2017 production!

In early June, before we celebrated our own sixth grade graduates, we had the opportunity to honor former Anne T. Dunphy students graduating from area high schools. All Williamsburg seniors were invited to parade through our halls in their caps and gowns so that we could cheer them on and acknowledge their accomplishment. We are hopeful this fun event will become an annual celebration! On June 15th, we acknowledged our own sixth grade graduates with a

special ceremony in the Earl Tonet gymnasium. Anne T. Dunphy graduates honored in the Class of 2016 were **Teagan Andross, Charlotte Black, Ruby Chase, Cameron Conklin, Grace Corsac, Grade Dohrmann, Kala Garrido, Mia Howell, Elan Kuntz, Adele Lashway, Adrian Loud, Dakota Matherson, Greta Muellner, Caleb O'Malley, Ryder Overstreet, McKensie Ovitt, Sara Paiva, Grace Plumer, Katelyn Shallcross, Heather Twarog, and Zosha Westburg.**

At the close of the 2015-2016 school year, we wished **Mrs. Diana Braman** a bittersweet farewell as she celebrated her retirement after three decades of caring for and educating the students in Williamsburg. Over thirty years, countless children and families were positively impacted through their interactions with Mrs. Braman. Because of her respect for history and the Town of Williamsburg, students left our third grade with a stronger connectedness to their hometown. Her students' submissions to the *Daily Hampshire Gazette's* weather illustration and Kid Book Review features were enjoyed by students and community members through the years as well.

Our summer ended with some exciting events for the Anne T. Dunphy School. After learning last spring that **John Heffernan** and **Karen Schweitzer** were honored as finalists for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching, we were officially notified that both of these educators had been selected to *receive* this prestigious award. To receive their award, John and Karen travelled to Washington D.C. While there, award winners from each state participated in quality professional development and met with legislative members and staff. We were so proud to celebrate with John and Karen.

In addition to the excitement of that prestigious award, our school was also the winner of a more local 'prestigious' award as the winner of the first Three County Fair School Bus Derby! Our bus, artistically painted by **Ms. Natalee Dias** and our sixth grade students and skillfully driven by James Bacon, won first prize for Best Decorated **and** won for being the last bus standing in the derby! This fun event was a great way to gather our students and families to kick-off a great school year.

We began our 2016-2017 school year with the addition of supports in our learning center to

Student Enrollment Fall 2016	
Preschool	11
Kindergarten	16
1 st grade	21
2 nd grade	16
3 rd grade	22
4 th grade	20
5 th grade	27
6 th grade	26
Choice in students: 18	
Choice out students: 19	
Charter out students: **	

address the needs of students struggling with social/emotional and behavioral challenges. **Michelle McCaffrey** was hired to work as the lead teacher in the learning center. We were also pleased to welcome **Tina Washington** as a part-time cafeteria helper replacing **Wendy Wilcox**, and **Charlie Inman** as a part time evening custodian replacing **Rachel Sylvester**. **Kristin Pisano** also joined our staff as a special education paraprofessional.

We continue to invite our families to be active participants in their child's school day through events such as monthly Drop In Days, monthly Family Feast Luncheons, Open House events, summer Sneak-a-Peek, volunteer opportunities, and many classroom performances and curriculum sharing opportunities.

In 2016, teachers across the district worked together to closely study and begin the process of re-aligning our science curriculum

to the new Science and Technology standards developed by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). This work is on-going during professional development opportunities, as teachers continue to work together to design curriculum units and learning experiences for our students. While our classrooms focus on providing hands-on, well-rounded learning experiences for students, we continue to use local and statewide assessments (MCAS) to ensure that student achievement continues to improve.

We continue to make use of local and statewide grant opportunities to augment and diversify our students' learning experiences. With grant funding through the Williamsburg Cultural Council, the Massachusetts Cultural Council's STARS Artist in Residency grant, and some local funding, students were able to work with various professionals visiting Anne T. Dunphy School. In January, students enjoyed a performance from the Berkshire Hills Music Academy Performance Troupe featuring talented young musicians sharing their talents and stories about living with various disabilities. We also enjoyed visits from Scott Kessell and Roger Tinknell, local musicians, and Todd Lynch, a local artist and environmentalist. In the spring, students and teachers worked over an extended period of time during an artist in residency program with poet Julia Thacker. Students spent several weeks learning about and experiencing various types of poetry, and the residency culminated with an impressive poetry reading and art display to which the community was invited.

Our students continue to be 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, we continue to offer weekly After School Enrichment programs with classes such as yoga, robotics, chess, yo-yo, Chinese, French, Spanish, Tae Kwon Do, and Nature Rocks. In 2016, the After School Enrichment program offered 17 various classes and enrolled 165 children.

The Anne T. Dunphy building remains an important resource for the entire community. Throughout 2016, the building was used nearly each night for many town committee meetings, community events, a community choral group, and growing programming for adults and youth through the Williamsburg Recreation Commission. The school also hosts a weekly community Infant/Toddler playgroup funded through an area Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) grant.

The staff and students at the Anne T. Dunphy School are fortunate to be part of such a supportive community. We continue to appreciate our relationships with the town employees and departments who support and strengthen our school community. Our students have benefitted from the school's interactions with the Williamsburg Fire Department, the Williamsburg Police Department, the Williamsburg Council on Aging, the Williamsburg Cultural Council, the Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee, and the Meekins Library staff, trustees, and Friends. The school community is also grateful for the support of the Williamsburg Highway Department, the staff at the Williamsburg Town Offices, and Williamsburg's Building Supervisor, Jim Locke.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacey Jenkins, Principal

Superintendent of Schools

Writing the annual report requires a thorough look back over a recently ended calendar year that spans the end of one school year and the beginning of another. The work we do together in our schools and communities is complex in the moments, days, and years by which we measure our success and evaluate our challenges as we work to get a firm hold of the long view. Every school day – 180 times between the start of the school year and our last day – our school buses from Durham, Lecrenski, and Van Pool drive students over 2500 miles to and from school, and our own vans at HRHS and Norris provide additional transportation to preschool children and students with special needs. Our work is sometimes overwhelming but it is also essential and rewarding. Education is the foundation of our society and provides us with a shared opportunity to enhance our understandings and commitments to each other. Together we make a positive difference in the lives of our students, their families, and the communities in which we live and work. We are increasingly coming together as a learning community, learning about the experiences of one another and appreciating what we share as we also seek to understand what makes us unique. The November defeat of a ballot initiative that would have removed the cap placed on Massachusetts charter schools reaffirmed our commitment to public education. Together, with support from all of our towns, we are holding firm to our basic beliefs and expanding our shared commitment to improve the education we provide to all of our children.

Quality educational opportunity requires quality teaching staff. Grinspoon Excellence in Teaching Awards were presented on April 28 to HRHS English teacher Kim Bush at HRHS, Chesterfield-Goshen Fifth Grade Teacher Julie Britain, and Westhampton Fourth Grade Teacher Sarah Overstreet. In an unprecedented honor, three teachers received Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The PAEMST program, administered by the National Science Foundation on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, recognizes outstanding teachers for their contributions to the teaching and learning of mathematics and science. Each awardee received a citation signed by President Obama and a \$10,000 award. Congratulations were certainly in order for John Heffernan and Karen Schweitzer from Anne T. Dunphy in Williamsburg and Chemistry Teacher Keith Wright at HRHS.

Teachers and administrators across the state recognize that children are coping with increasingly complex challenges to their behavioral health and social emotional development. Experts cite (and school staff recognize) these stressors to include: peer relationships, academic pressure, higher incidence of children exposed to trauma, and social media overload. The effects on school success and adjustment can be anxiety, depression, and emotional stress. Our schools are responding by partnering with social service agencies, providing targeted professional development, integrating social emotional learning into the core values of our schools, and evaluating effective programs and curriculum to support our students. It is clear that social emotional learning is as important to student success as more traditional curricular offerings. That said, 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.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education approved new standards, called the "Digital Literacy and Computer Science" standards (DLCS), to address technology skills in the 21st century. These standards replace a set of outdated technology standards that had been in place since approximately 2008. The DLCS standards articulate a progression of critical skills and learning outcomes, by grade level, for all students, K through 12. These desired outcomes are based on the fact that technology exists in most industries today as well as the devices we encounter in our everyday lives. Students are being exposed to key concepts of these new standards via existing units of study. Specifically, these include science units involving the engineering design process; the use of programmable robots as a manipulative to teach physical science; text to speech and speech to text applications to assist struggling learners. In addition to the new DLCS standards, we are expanding use of digital curriculum materials. In order to address these needs, we have to develop sustainable technology budgets to support the use of technology in our schools. The District has been working on such an approach, but it is a multi-year (and multi-faceted) effort that will require continued revision and refinement.

In March Governor Baker signed into law the Opioid Bill which, among other actions, required all schools to have policies regarding substance abuse prevention and education of students about the dangers of substance abuse. These policies were approved by all school committees and implemented as required. On June 3, Governor Baker signed "An Act to Improve Public Records" into law. These amendments to the public records law required the designation of at least one Records Access Officer who is responsible for coordinating and responding to public records requests. For our District, Bobbie Jones (Assistant School Business Manager) and the School Superintendent are so designated.

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, as well as local police and fire departments, 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.

As the 2015-2016 school year came to an end, school administrators and elected officials throughout the Commonwealth explored and validated a "Rural Schools Initiative," originally conceived by Mohawk Superintendent Michael Buonocoti, and formed a "Rural Schools Coalition" to advocate for additional funding and support for the state's rural schools. The Coalition began focusing attention on the financial needs of rural communities in supporting public schools, as well as increasing awareness and expanding understanding that costs are outpacing available funding in many small towns. The impact of state and federal initiatives and mandates disproportionately affects small schools and towns. Ultimately, the Coalition wants the legislature to modify the Chapter 70 funding formula and provide additional funding to support rural education in much the same way that urban schools are supported.

I encourage you to visit the individual school's 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. School Committee meeting agendas and minutes can be found here. This website will also provide you with links to individual school websites and to useful information from numerous resources. I also recommend the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's website for data about individual schools and school districts, as well as guidance on educational initiatives and news. Whenever you have a question or wish to become involved in your community schools, please call me or the principal of your local school.

Thank you for your support and commitment to our local Hampshire Regional public schools.

Sincerely,
Craig Jurgensen, School Superintendent

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 390 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 2015-2016 school year the district completed a series for Corrected Action Plans in response to findings on the 2014 Coordinated Program Review for each school. 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.

School	Total Enrollment	Special Education Students
Hampshire	748	134
Chesterfield-Goshen	140	31
Westhampton	131	27
Williamsburg	159	24
Southampton	524	103
Worthington	60	8
Smith Vocational HS	109	49
Out of District	13	13
Westfield Vocational HS	2	1
Total	1886	390

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 all districts.

A second cohort of teachers, one from Westhampton and one from Chesterfield-Goshen, are enrolled in a Level One Orton Gillingham Instructor Program. 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 are finishing a two-year Level Two training. The long-term goal is to have a teacher in the district qualified to be an Orton-Gillingham trainer.

Having a specialized reading program in each school improves services to students with learning disabilities. There have been no out of district placements for reading disabilities since the implementation of Orton Gillingham in our schools.

Special Education Professional Development grant funds have been dedicated to supporting students with social, emotional and behavioral challenges again this year. There has been a sharp increase in students with significant social and emotional needs. Administration, staff and families work together with outside agencies to meet the varied needs of our students and to support school success for all students. Southampton, Hampshire Regional and Williamsburg have started programs to support students with social-emotional learning needs. Each school was able to hire trained special educators with expertise and experience in behavior management and social/emotional supports to help keep students in their home schools with support. Southampton 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.

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 2016: De-escalation and Restraint Techniques, Functional Behavior Assessment/Behavior Intervention Plans, Social Thinking, Social Pragmatics, Working with Students and Families with Anxiety, Social Emotional Development, Autism and Mindfulness.

At HRHS, the Life Skills program has undergone program 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 18-21 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 the eighth grade this year. There are two sophomores and four seniors. HRHS has implemented numerous changes and improvements to provide for greater information 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.

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

Hampshire Regional High School

2016 marked another successful year of teaching and learning at Hampshire Regional High School. Students and staff continue to thrive in a positive, safe environment. Because of the support from our local community, Hampshire Regional offers many rigorous and engaging programs for all of our students to be prepared for life after high school.

After much preparation, Hampshire Regional High School completed its decennial accreditation visit for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) in the spring of 2016. Students, staff, school committee, parents and community members participated in the evaluation visit. NEASC accreditation is required to ensure that our school is considered on par with other high schools in the country. The reputation of the community strongly benefits from having an accredited local high school. NEASC accreditation requires a comprehensive analysis of all aspects of the school, including core values and learning expectations, curriculum, instruction, assessment, school culture and leadership, school resources, and community resources. NEASC reaccredited Hampshire Regional High School noting the following commendations:

- Hampshire Regional's core values and learning expectations
- Hampshire Regional's rigorous academic and elective programs
- The availability of adequate instructional materials, technology supplies and facilities
- The practice of differentiation and using data to inform instructional practices
- The constructive feedback that is provided to students to allow them to revise their work for continued growth
- The multiple forms of assessments used to inform instructional practices
- The safe, accepting and inclusive environment
- The high academic and social expectations for all
- The variety of opportunities for students to personalize their learning
- The varied intervention strategies used for students
- The extensive use of technology by student support services
- The developmental counseling program
- The dependable funding which sustains and adds new programs
- The capital plan that addresses building maintenance repairs
- The communication and cooperation between all stakeholders in the budget process
- The efforts of the maintenance staff to maintain a safe and clean learning environment

In addition to the NEASC evaluation visit, students participated in a number of assessments in the spring. In March, May and June, 7th, 8th, and 10th graders completed the MCAS in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Biology. Hampshire Regional is in the 66th percentile relative to other schools for our performance and is ranked as a level two school according to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Based on their performance, 38 seniors earned the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship, which entitles students to four years of a tuition waiver at any Mass. public college / university. An additional 41 seniors were invited to apply for the Stanley Z. Koplik Award. This award qualifies students for a tuition waiver to a state university. These students must also complete two additional academic achievements such as two AP scores of 3 or better or two SAT subject tests or one AP score and one SAT subject test. In May, 76 students completed 118 AP tests in Chemistry, Psychology, Spanish Language and Culture, Computer Science, Physics, English Literature and Composition, Calculus AB and BC, US History, Modern European History, Biology, Music Theory, and French Language and Culture. 78% of exams earned a passing grade, which may allow students to earn college credit for the course.

Students were engaged in many academic and extracurricular opportunities throughout the spring. Middle school students showed off their hard work at the annual science fair. Upperclassmen were certified in CPR with the assistance of Fire Chief Chris Norris and the Westhampton Fire Department. Students enrolled in the Independent Living course were

responsible for taking care of baby simulators, which was certainly an eye opening experience for many. In Human Oppression, students were tasked with creating meaningful Public Service Announcements to raise awareness towards an organization of their choice. The spring musical for Hampshire was *Peter Pan*, starring seniors Delaney Reynolds as Peter Pan and Dan Sullivan as Captain Hook. Hampshire's girls softball team won the State Championship for the second year in a row. Notably, the Hampshire Regional School Committee approved the consolidation of a bus route and the addition of a late bus three days a week for students to stay after school and get transported to their town's elementary school at 4 p.m. The late bus gives more students ability to participate in after school programs and to seek out extra help from teachers without an additional cost to towns.



Kim Bush, high school English teacher from Southampton, received the honor of being named as the Grinspoon Teacher of the Year from Hampshire Regional. Mrs. Bush was nominated for this award because of her sound instructional practices, her strong advocacy for all students to succeed and her involvement in the Hampshire community.

On June 3, 2016, 130 seniors graduated from Hampshire Regional High School. Valedictorian Samantha Tripp of Southampton played her flute as part of her remarks, and Salutatorian Alexander Kubosiak of Southampton reminisced about the learning and opportunities he experienced at Hampshire Regional. 83% of students from the class of 2016 planned to go to a two or four year school, 8% joined the military or attended a specialized school, and 9% were undecided or heading into the workforce.

At the end of the 2015-2016 school year, Hampshire recognized two faculty members, Ann Trytko and Virginia Elliott, for their years of service as they retired. Ms. Trytko worked in the Wellness Department as a PE teacher, but was well known throughout the state for her work as Hampshire's Athletic Director. Ginger Elliott taught in Spanish in the foreign language department and was heavily involved in the school community throughout her career. Dale Nicodemi, Math teacher, also retired in November.

The 2016-2017 school year welcomed 753 students to Hampshire Regional.

Grade	Number of Students
7	159
8	138
9	119
10	95
11	113
12+	124
Total	748

Hampshire welcomed quite a few new staff members for the 2016-2017 school year. John Plourd, previously the program leader for the wellness department, was hired as the Director of Student Activities, taking over athletics for Ann Trytko, but also adding advisory and extracurricular activities to the responsibilities of the position. The special education and guidance department welcomed Chris Nadeau, Erin Mahon-Moore, Dawn Young, Sarah Wollschlager, Danielle Martineau, Alison Labrecque, and Jeffery Carriero. Kari Manning and Steve Croft were hired for the wellness department. Sonia Jimenez, Deena Lashway, and Haley Richard accepted teaching positions in the foreign language department. Ellen Doyle was hired as the English Language Learners teacher. Stephanie Faas accepted the shared position as a nurse between Hampshire

and Norris Elementary School. Dale Nicodemi's vacancy was filled by Stacy Benham, and Keith Wright accepted the high school chemistry position. Keith was notified he was selected for the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. This is a high honor, as only one high school science teacher from every state is selected to receive this award each year.

Students had the opportunity to enroll in a number of new courses at Hampshire Regional, including history quarter courses for junior year with specialized topics such as the Great Depression, World War II, Civil Rights, and Modern America. Hampshire also started to offer English elective courses such as High School ELA Plus and Holocaust Literature. Health 9 was reinstated as a required course for ninth graders and the math department added a College Prep level of Pre-Calculus.

New members were elected to Hampshire Regional's School Council. School Committee member Margaret Larson, parent Bill Curran, and Guidance Leader Amy Scully were joined by new members parents Luci Dalton, Eileen Hamel and Melissa Adams and teachers Kelly Carpenter, Tonya Aitken, and Keith Wright.

In September of 2016, Hampshire Regional suffered an unspeakable loss when senior Thomas Bisbee died unexpectedly due to a heart condition. The learning community came together to support each other and his family through this very difficult time. The senior class and Thomas' friends were especially affected by his death and many took advantage of the support systems offered through Hampshire Regional to work through their emotions. Students showed and continue to prove immeasurable courage by motivating one another to work hard and meet their goals because that's what their friend would have wanted for them. Thomas will be remembered at the 2017 graduation ceremony and in the yearbook.

One of Hampshire's School Improvement Plan goals is to support the whole child, and there have been different events and programs developed to follow through with this goal. Dr. Ruth Pote gave a well-received talk to parents and staff at open house to discuss the effects of drug use on the developing teen brain. Hampshire Regional's SADD hosted a Distractology Program that taught inexperienced drivers about the dangers of distracted driving. It was sponsored by Finck & Perras Insurance Agency out of Easthampton and Arbella Insurance and was developed at UMass Amherst with support from the District Attorney's office. Another significant support was the addition of the Social Emotional special education teacher, who created a program to provide support services to middle school students. Because of this teacher's work in collaboration with administration, the special education department and guidance department, Hampshire has been able to support students locally instead of sending them to private schools for special education services.

As schools are increasingly charged with developing students socially and emotionally as well as academically, I reflect on the work done by the staff at Hampshire Regional and the support that towns have provided. Our students are truly well on their way to being contributing members of our community due to the collaboration and commitment of all stakeholders.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristen Smidy

Hampshire Regional Athletic Department

It was another exciting and successful year for athletics at Hampshire Regional.

In the winter, both our girls' and boys' basketball teams qualified for the Western Massachusetts Tournament. The girls' team reached the semi-finals and played at the Curry Hicks Cage. Senior Chelsea Mousette and junior Katy O'Connor both capped the 1,000 point milestone for their careers.

On the wrestling mat, Nick Hoskin and Matt Carrier both took home Western Massachusetts Runner-Up honors, while Brandon Weyant was not only a Western Massachusetts Champion, he also won the title of All State Champion.

There was even more to celebrate in the spring season as Coach Brian McGan led the softball team to its second straight Western Massachusetts Championship, and even more impressively, its second straight State Championship. Senior standout Alexis Ferris came within two strikeouts of setting the Hampshire Regional all time strikeout record and received the female Western Mass. Pitcher of the Year Award.

With the conclusion of the spring season, we also saw the Athletic Directing career of Ann Trytko comes to a close. After dedicating 11 years to Hampshire Regional Athletics, Ann retired to spend more time with her grandchildren. The Athletic Directing responsibilities have been transferred to Hampshire's newly created position, "Director of Student Activities." A 2006 graduate from Hampshire Regional, John Plourd, was hired over the summer and not only has the honor of directing Hampshire Regional Athletics but all manner of student activities as Hampshire's first Director of Student Activities.

When the leaves turned in 2016, Hampshire's winning ways continued. The boys' and girls' soccer teams both qualified for the Western Massachusetts Tournament. The boys' team celebrated a league championship and each team had players receive All-League, All-Western Mass. and All-State honors.

Perhaps the most proud moments of the calendar year came with our girls' cross country team and the co-op football team with Easthampton receiving the State Sportsmanship Awards in their respective sports. Coach Sue Tracy and the girls accepted their award at the Western Mass. championship meet while Coach Matt Bean and his team traveled to Gillette Stadium to accept their award at the during halftime of the state high school superbowl.

2016 came to an end and we are left with memories and examples of Hampshire's students standing out above the crowd. Hampshire Regional continues to be a place where students are able to show off their prowess as athletes and as top-tier individuals.

Respectfully submitted,
John P. Plourd
Director of Student Activities

Board of Selectmen

In Massachusetts the Board of Selectmen has many roles. Primarily, it acts, by committee only, as the principal administrative officers for the town. It is entrusted with the power to prepare the town meeting warrant; make appointments to certain town boards, committees, and offices; employ professional administrative staff and town counsel; sign warrants for the payment of town bills; grant licenses and permits; and set policy and strategic direction through its leadership in consultation with town departments, boards and citizens.

In performing those duties, it oversees all of the appointed positions that are listed elsewhere in this report, a total of 65 different boards, committees and positions. In addition, there are countless decisions that arise on an almost daily basis that need attention if the town is to function in an efficient and professional manner. But the Board could not function, could not fulfill its duties, if it were not for those people who fill those positions daily and who carry out the town's functions in an exemplary fashion. Without you and all of the citizens who make up Williamsburg, we would not have a town.

Though there are many, and too many to mention all of them here, there are a few highlights of the past year that are important to note when reviewing the town's accomplishments:

- The town website was completely revamped and updated.
- A town-wide salary survey was conducted, in consultation with the Finance Committee, to assure that our valuable employees are fairly compensated and recognized.
- The Mill River Greenway project moved ahead towards the goal of connecting our two villages with the completion of the Rail Trail dismount work in Haydenville.
- The second year of an ice skating rink was commemorated with a celebration called Fire and Ice.
- An inspection of the Town's boundaries was initiated and documented.
- A design study was completed for Healthy Aging with a grant from Mass in Motion and conducted through the Collaborative for Educational Services.
- Net metering credits were contracted with Nexamp.
- Oversight of the Highland Ambulance operations continued and the town's role in its operations was clarified.
- Landowner agreements were completed for the Woodland Trails Committee for a new trail to the historic dam site, Horse Mountain conservation project was signed with Kestrel Land Trust, and the Collins Land protection agreement with Kestrel Land Trust was completed.
- The development of the Public Safety Complex project continued with input from additional studies and interest groups.
- Planning for the maintenance of the many roadside trees that grace our highways is an ongoing project.
- A municipal aggregation plan with Colonial Power was completed for reduced costs for electrical service.



- The Town office heating plant was replaced with two efficient gas boilers using a Green Communities grant when the oil burner failed.
- The lighting systems in the Meekins Library were replaced using efficient technology, with the Green Communities grant.
- Work was begun to create a water and sewer capital plan using a grant from the Community Compact.
- The Brassworks loan funds were closed and the remaining monies were transferred to the stabilization account.
- The Facilities Master Planning Committee was convened, using a Community Compact contract with the state and secured by District Local Technical Assistance funds, to study and advise on the use, reuse and maintenance of the town's facilities.
- A study was initiated, along with the other towns and schools within the Hampshire Regional District, to determine the cost effectiveness of using the MBI network for internet and phone, with the technical assistance of Mass IT through the Community Compact Initiative.
- Flag donations accepted over the year will allow the town to purchase brackets and flags to hang the length of Route 9.
- The town is complying with state's new Public Records Law on records retention.
- An update to the Hazard Mitigation Plan was completed.
- Resurfacing of Ashfield Rd was completed.
- Sidewalk work was completed on South Main St., Haydenville.
- Code Red notification program (reverse 9-1-1) was installed and is now operational.
- Valley View Farms, a new entertainment and farm venue, is now operating after extensive review.
- Litigation strategies in executive and open session for various legal cases were considered.
- Community development strategies for the Community Development Block Grant were updated.
- Approval of the Meekins entrance way stair repair project was attained from the Massachusetts Historical Commission along with a \$15,000 grant.
- Senior and Veterans' Volunteer Tax Relief Program applications were approved.
- The Anne T. Dunphy school renovation project was brought to completion and done under budget.
- Williamsburg became a Purple Heart Town to honor veterans injured in war.
- The reconstruction of High Street was started.
- A project to obtain DLTA funds was initiated for the study of town zoning bylaws in order to promote sound community development.
- Authorization and state payment was secured for the replacement of the Bridge Street bridge in Haydenville
- The Town hosted a free shredding day for all residents and neighbors of Williamsburg; the event was run by Valley Green Shredding and volunteers.



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 and are asked, as representatives of the community, to give voice to the needs of older adults in Williamsburg. 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 1 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 any particular experience or insight you feel you have to offer. To serve on a subcommittee, or as a volunteer, no Select Board appointment is necessary, all that is required is 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 1 hour a month – provide help in the office, teach a class, help in the garden, visits to home bound seniors, drive seniors on errands and trips or participate in visioning for programs and services going forward.

VISIONING

This year the Senior Center was able to conduct a *Healthy Aging and Community Design Project* with a Mass Association of Boards of Health Grant. This project was conducted in partnership with Healthy Hampshire and the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. The aim of this project was to identify ways in which Williamsburg can become more of an age-friendly community. Older residents participated in several sessions of focus groups, public forums and presentations as well as a walk audit, conducted by Walk Boston. The project helped to identify ways to make transportation, walking, biking, accessing food, town amenities and services easier for the aging population. The need for visioning for the future of our Senior Center, as well Williamsburg's ability as a town to support its aging population, were discussed throughout this project and goals and recommendations were compiled into a report. Participants in this project continue to support progress towards these goals through the *Healthy Living Task Force*. The report is available on the town website and will be used as a guide for the town in planning going forward. Please take a moment to review this report and get involved in making Williamsburg a better place to age. It is a fact that places where it is easy to age are better for everyone, and as we plan for the future of the Senior Center we need to hear from the current and future "aging" residents. 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. Please join us in visioning, planning and creating the Senior Center you would like to use yourself! Interested in getting involved? Call us about opportunities to be part of these on-going conversations. Please see the results of the Healthy Aging and Community Design Project and the survey conducted by the Facility Master Planning Committee for more information on how residents feel about senior services and issues of aging in Williamsburg. http://www.burgy.org/sites/williamsburgma/files/uploads/williamsburg_survey_report_final.pdf

SENIOR CENTER 2016 OVERVIEW

STATISTICS

The Williamsburg Senior Center serves people from 60 to 100 plus (a 40 year span!), as well as the family and caregivers of seniors. The numbers of people over 60 is growing. According to the most recent street listing (January 2016) there are 856 people over 60 in Williamsburg and Haydenville (roughly 35% of the population of the town), and this number will continue to grow until 2035. Unfortunately, we are funded by the counts from the 2010 Census, which only recognizes the 606 seniors counted at that time. Until the year 2020 all funding will be set at these lower numbers. With the growth of the population, building our capacity to serve this senior population has never been more important than it is now. We provide services to many seniors who are living below the poverty income guidelines set by the state (which is at least 6% of our towns seniors), seniors who continue to work while also taking care of their own parents, as well as younger families caring for aging parents in town or in their own homes. 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 Executive Office of Elder Affairs, Pioneer Transit Authority, Williamsburg Elder Trust Fund, Mass in Motion/Healthy Hampshire Initiative, and the Massachusetts Association of Boards of Health. We also received many donations from the public to help to fund our programs and our services to homebound elders and provide some financial aid for low income seniors to attend programs or access meals for a reduced fee. Highland Valley Elder Services’ Title III Funding, was awarded to the Northern Hilltown Consortium for the Community Connections Program, which helps to fund our Companion Program.

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 from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs with the aim of improving outreach services and to assess 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 to partner 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 hire 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 \$5000 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 for a total of three years.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

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 developing relationships with isolated elders means actively maintaining connections with possible referral sources throughout the community. To sustain community partnerships and educate the public about resources, we have an **Outreach Team** (made up of COA Advisory Board members, community partners and volunteers), who meet monthly 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 (ie., at church, to neighbors, etc.) is welcome to join us in getting the word out in the community!

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 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.

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

PHYSICAL & MENTAL WELLNESS PROGRAMS

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

Exercise

Monthly and weekly classes provide for physical and mental wellness. We currently offer weekly classes of:

Healthy Bones and Balance (formerly called Osteoporosis),

Gentle Chair Yoga

Intermediate Yoga for You

Modern/Contemporary Dance

Tai Chi

We hope in 2017 to expand offerings to include more varieties of yoga as well as Zumba classes. Some classes are free, or have reasonable fees. We do offer some financial aid for lower income seniors who wish to attend these classes. Help with transportation for home bound or non driving seniors can also be arranged by request.



Recreation

We offer many opportunities to socialize and stay active, on-site and in the community.

Cultural Trips: group outings to nearby destinations scheduled monthly.

Bag Sew Group: weekly intergenerational group meets to create cloth bags for local stores.

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

We have monthly Guest Speakers who conduct workshops or presentations about issues of health, finances, estate planning/legal matters, housing, insurance, home safety, fall prevention and entitlements.

Computer Instruction

Weekly instruction of basic skills with one-to-one technical help available.

Health & Other Services

- Podiatry and Foot Care Clinics
- Veterans' Services/Veterans Agent
- SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders)
- Assistive Equipment Loans
- Blood Pressure Clinics

Companionship Program

Our Companion Program continues to provide homebound seniors and people with disabilities more opportunities to socialize, get out into the community, attend to errands or address needs which cannot be met through other avenues. This program also is a benefit for the Companion Workers, who receive a small stipend to cover gas and enjoy routine and satisfaction in helping

others. This program has allowed us to connect with isolated and underserved seniors in the community and support them to have more active lives within their own community. 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, shopping, etc.

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

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 \$6.25 each; lower fees available for qualifying seniors. Delivery available.

Monday Meals Program: We serve a \$3 luncheon at 11:45 every Monday, consisting of healthy homemade soups, salads or casseroles, with bread donated by *Bread Euphoria Bakery*, and dessert provided by Linda Manor Nursing Home. These meals are available for Take-out or local delivery.

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

Brown Bag Program: Monthly 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.

Garden Program: We have raised garden beds and grow fresh produce for cooking and for handing out to seniors to take home. This year we hope to expand this garden project, grow more food and create a nice place to have outdoor activities. Want to get involved? There are many opportunities to help out. Call for more information!

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS & COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS!

We would like to say thank you to all the volunteers, businesses, town departments, families and seniors who contribute 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 older adults in Williamsburg, depends so much on the involvement of the community. Thank You!!!

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Westburg, Director, Williamsburg Senior Center

Shade Tree Committee/ Tree Warden

It is the mission of the Town to maintain, grow and support our town trees as well as keep the residents safe from potential damaged and weakened trees. The interim Tree Warden, Highway Superintendent Bill Turner, identified over \$22,000 worth of hazardous and diseased trees in the first half of calendar year 2016. With the budget of \$7,000 to hire contractors and with the assistance of National Grid, the town was able to deal with just over a third of the trees on the list. As the year wore on, the list grew as residents and the tree warden identified more trees that pose a threat. As severe weather with high winds and early and late snow storms become more the norm, it is important to keep up with the maintenance of our town shade trees. To that end, the Town will seek more funding for this work. As always, we will continue to work and cooperate with National Grid to address those dangerous trees that threaten our utility wires. The Town appreciates the National Grid's support and response in handling these trees so quickly and efficiently, which reduces costs to the taxpayers.

Town tree work is a delicate balance of protecting our town shade trees and taking care of those that threaten people, property and roads. The Town continues to seek new members for the Shade Tree Committee and an individual to act as Tree Warden. If you are passionate about our town trees and have an interest in maintaining this balance, please contact the Board of Selectmen's Office.



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, 2016 – January 31, 2017, the following Applicants from Williamsburg were paid as beneficiaries under the Oliver Smith Will:

<u>Beneficiary Type & Total</u>		<u>Amount</u>
Tradespersons – 1	Received a gift totaling	\$ 600.00
Widow – 1	Received a gift totaling	\$ 300.00
Bride – 1	Received a gift totaling	\$ 100.00
		\$1000.00 Total

Eric Cerreta, Trustee
Under the Oliver Smith Will

BENEFICIARY TOTALS

During the past year, four (4) tradespersons were enrolled. Loans of \$600 each were made to four (4) apprentices; the notes of four (4) tradespersons have been surrendered and the benefit of \$600 granted to each. One (1) new student nurse enrolled under the Nurses' Program, and one (1) nurse who earned their degrees both received a gift of \$600 each. Twenty-nine (29) widows have been paid a total of \$10,799 and five (5) brides have received the marriage gift of \$100 each. The total sum disbursed as gifts to beneficiaries was \$20,812, which includes \$6513 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.

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

Tradespersons*	\$2,921,100
Nurses**	812,333
Widows	1,798,312
Brides***	1,496,500
Smith's Agricultural School	1,533,264
Annuities	35,374
Taxes	<u>613,717</u>
Total Payments	\$9,210,600

*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
John Coull
David Murphy

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

During 2016, 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 increased 7.0% in 2016 to \$1,663,595, even with expenditures of \$63,576 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 up to \$350 per year, computers up to \$200 for seventh grade students at Hampshire Regional, 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 (presently Emmet Anderson) 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 \$551,776.

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 mission of Central Hampshire Veterans' Services is to aid, support, and advocate for veterans and dependents of veterans within our district. A secondary mission is to work with the



Veterans' Council to coordinate parades, ceremonies, and other patriotic events on holidays such as Memorial Day and Veterans' Day. Our district includes the communities of Northampton, Amherst, Pelham, Hadley, Williamsburg, Goshen, Cummington, Chesterfield, Worthington, Middlefield, and Chester.

The Veterans' Services Director worked with the Massachusetts Interagency Council on Housing and Homelessness to develop an Integrated Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness Among Veterans and proposed a plan in April 2013. Our office is working diligently to achieve the goal of ending veterans' homelessness under the guidelines of the U.S. interagency Council on Homelessness. As part of our collaborative work with local agencies such as Craig's Place, Soldier On, the VA Homeless Program and ServiceNet, we can identify veterans in our community who are experiencing homelessness and develop housing plans in the appropriate permanent housing models for them.

The Director continues to serve on the veteran committee of the Three County Continuum of Care, which meets at least monthly to advance the use of our newly developed By Name List that has closed off gaps, preventing more people from slipping through the cracks.

We work to assist people facing homelessness and to prevent those who are on the verge from becoming homeless by connecting them with the benefits and services to keep them and their families in their homes. During the calendar year 2016 we had assisted over 25 veterans and one spouse of a veteran either into permanent housing or remaining in their current tenancy within the towns of the district.

We continue to have a staff presence at the Hampshire County Housing Court in Hadley in order to address proactively the needs of veterans who have fallen into homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness. We also maintain a presence at the Hampshire County House of Correction to identify and plan for veterans being released from that facility and assist with re-housing those veterans. A newly developed protocol for veterans leaving the Massachusetts Department of Correction facilities with guidance and input by the department director is expected to be implemented by spring 2017.

The Housing and Urban Development and Veterans Affairs departments and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness in August 2016 announced that the number of veterans experiencing homelessness in the United States has been cut nearly in half since 2010. We will be participating in the 2017 point in time count in January 2017.

Veteran services have continued its participation with the advisory committee of the John P. Musante Health Center being constructed at the Bangs community center. Our office collaborated with Cooley Dickinson Hospital in one facet of community health needs assessment, the condition of veterans in our local communities. We assisted in the development and implementation of a regional survey and focus groups one consisting of veterans and another consisting of veteran family members. This confirmed our believed expectation of use of this

new facility by the community's indigent veteran population we serve. This community health center is expected to be finished in November 2017, under the supervision and operation by the Hilltown Community Health Center. The Hilltown Community Health Center in Worthington and Huntington is often used by our veteran clientele residing in that area of our district. Our engagement with the planning process is to ensure that both the services provided and the systems designed for building will meet the need of our veterans.

Our district office has continued its involvement with the Veterans Justice Partnership, 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 struggles 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. It currently handles cases from Northampton and Holyoke District Courts, and 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 of these conditions can often lead to poor decision making, whether out of desperation or extreme frustration with civilian systems, which in turn can get them into legal trouble. Many of these veterans, both men and women, deserve a second chance and treatment, not incarceration. Veterans Treatment Court will give them that chance. 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.

This year the Town of Williamsburg helped support 12 families through M.G.L. Ch. 115 Veterans' Benefits. These benefits continue to allow veterans and their families meet their basic needs for living in a dignified manner. Currently there are 11 families receiving monthly benefits. Other state benefits that have been issued to resident veterans include property tax exemptions, state annuity, and burial benefits. There were also 8 VA claims that were submitted and approved or still pending approval. One of our recipients was awarded VA benefits retroactively for over a year and the veteran paid back all the previous benefits the veteran and family had received during the same period of time.

The chart reflects how the payback of \$37,725 affected the reimbursement line item back to the town treasury in FY2016.

SERVICE LEVELS:	<i>Calendar Year</i>	2015	2016
Veterans/Dependents receiving Assistance		12	12
Veterans/Dependents assisted with		5	8
VA Health and Benefit claims			
Benefits paid out		63,066.30	44,966.61
Returned benefits		-37,725.00	
Balance of benefits distributed		25,341.30	
75% State reimbursement		19,005.98	33,724.95

The Memorial Day and Veterans' Day ceremonies

were successful as usual with an excellent turnout for both. Darrell Johnston gave a heartfelt speech on Memorial Day, reflecting on his time as a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy. He described his humbling experience being assigned to lead an investigative team following the attack on the U.S.S. Cole on October 12, 2000.

As part of the Veterans' Day ceremony and a result of a unanimous vote by the Select Board, Williamsburg became a "Purple Heart Town." Williamsburg joins many other towns locally and nationally in honoring Purple Heart recipients who died or were injured in battle in the name of our freedom.

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 three certified water operators or operators in training on the Board.

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 still replacing all the water meters with new radio-read meters. This will make it much easier to do water meter readings and get reports about water usage. We are almost done with the installation of over 600 meters and only a few remain to be changed. The Town owns the meters and does have the right to access them and change them as needed.

The Commission is currently working on a Capital Plan for our Department. We have hired Tighe & Bond to do some water and sewer assessment work. This will help us to determine where water pipes or sewer pipes need to be changed to prevent future problems.

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 is available at the Town Clerk's office. The Commission is working on some land use regulations regarding the water protection land.



There have still been a few 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. 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. This also includes broken pipes due to freezing. It "pays" to take a few minutes periodically to check on things.

Respectfully submitted,
William Turner, Chairman

Woodland Trails Committee

The Williamsburg Woodlands 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

In 2015 the committee was responsible for the initiation of the development of the Historic Dam Trail. In 2016 the committee completed the extensive permitting process involving the town of Williamsburg, the city of Northampton and the landowners, to design and construct a trail to provide public access to the 1874 Williamsburg reservoir dam disaster and flood site. The project was launched on National Trails Day, June 4, with our first volunteer workday. During eleven official workdays and multiple unofficial workdays held throughout the summer and early autumn, approximately seventy volunteers laid out and bench cut 1.5 miles of trail to the dam site and back through challenging terrain. The trail required the construction of three substantial pedestrian bridges and additional bog bridges. The project was funded through multiple means. Town meeting funding provided \$4000, individual and business donations of money and materials accounted for \$6700, a Fields Pond Foundation grant provided \$3112, and Williamsburg Cultural Council Grant added \$700, all making this project possible. An introductory hike, held on October 16, to celebrate the completion of the trail, was attended by 70 hikers. It featured introductory comments by WWTC chair Paul Jahnige and local historian Eric Weber, who spoke at the dam site. It was also attended by the *In the Shadow of the Dam* author Elizabeth Sharpe. Work will continue with the design and construction of a trailhead kiosk, wayside benches and interpretive trailside signage. There is site preparation work to be completed at the dam site and parking accommodations to be made for visitors. The Mill River Greenway Initiative committee has offered to assist in interpretive material and brochure design.



This year we once again benefited from the assistance of a Hilltown Land Trust, Mass LIFT (Land Initiative for Tomorrow) AmeriCorps partner volunteer. He worked with the committee from November 2015 through the summer on the design and construction of the Historic Dam Trail.

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

WWTC continues to improve our website, devoted to our projects, events and town trail maps. A donations link on the website aided in the receipt of donations for the Historic Dam Trail project. You can also find photos of the trail construction and a listing of business donors.

The Kestrel Land Trust is working on behalf of Williamsburg and Hatfield on the acquisition of parcels on and around Horse Mountain, through a LAND grant, to be owned by the towns of Williamsburg and Hatfield. WWTC submitted a letter of support and an offer of assistance with trail work.

2016 Hikes

- First Day Hike, from Williamsburg center to the Valley View trail to Mass Audubon O'Neil Hill and return to town
- Full Moon Hike, February 20, Mass Audubon Graves Farm Sanctuary
- Historic Dam Trail introductory hike, October 16, "soft" opening of the newly constructed trail



Trail Maintenance

Individual committee members worked throughout the year to clean up trail debris, refresh blazes, post signage and perform chainsaw and drainage work on our trails.

- On April 30, Hilltown Land Trust sponsored a workday with WWTC at the HLT Bradley property where members opened up a view and put up signage and trail marking.
- On November 6, WWTC members and volunteers cleared out the lookout view at the Briar Hill Conservation Area.
- On November 14, at a HLT and WWTC workday at the Breckenridge property, members trimmed and blazed the new trail spur out to Route 9. They also blazed most of the main loop.
- On December 3, WWTC members constructed and installed a bridge railing at the HLT Breckenridge property.

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 use are all important trail uses in Williamsburg.
- Please stay on trails.
- Please be sensitive to natural and cultural resources, remove trash if you find it, and avoid environmentally 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, John Hoogstraten, Eileen Keegan, Diane Merritt, Sarah LaPointe, Karin McGowan

Zoning Board of Appeals

The current members of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) 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 service to our community aids in our consideration of the variety of matters that come before the ZBA.

According to our Zoning Bylaw, the Building Inspector serves as the Zoning Enforcement Officer and has the obligation of investigating complaints concerning alleged violations of the Zoning Bylaw.

In 2016, the Board dealt with matters involving the establishment of an event venue on a local farm, parking of commercial trucks on land in the rural zone, establishing identifiable lot boundaries among several property owners, and an application to establish a firewood processing operation. A description of the significant decisions of the Board follows.

13, 15, 17, 19 Williams Street

In four separate applications, the applicants proposed changes in their property boundaries. The applicants provided plans prepared by a professional land surveyor showing the existing conditions and the proposed changes to the boundary lines.

The ZBA found that no changes would be made to the road frontage of these properties on Williams Street, and there would be no changes in the use of these properties. The ZBA determined that the proposed changes would not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood.

45 Mountain Street

The applicant proposed to store five tractor-trailer type trucks for use in a trucking business at 45 Mountain St., Haydenville, on a 14.5 acre parcel of land in the Rural Zone where his residential house is located. The applicant stated that the trucks would be stored approximately 950 feet from the street, would depart once a day and return once for the night, and only light maintenance and fueling of the trucks will be performed on the site.

After a public hearing and conducting a site visit, the ZBA voted unanimously to grant a Special Permit to Robert Lockwood as requested. The ZBA determined that the proposed use of the property was reasonably compatible with the character and scale of other uses permitted as of right in the Rural Zone.

106 South Street

The applicant, Blue Planet Energy, sought a Special Permit approving a change of use of the property for the purpose of conducting a firewood processing and sales business and portable

sawmill operation. The property is in the Rural Zone. The applicant intends to harvest wood from the property and also to transport timber from other sources. This decision only applies to the processing of timber from other sources.

The ZBA decided that the proposed use was not compatible with the residential character of the neighborhood and was not reasonably compatible with the character and scale of other of-right uses in the same district. The ZBA denied the application for a special permit.

16 Walpole Road, Valley View Farm

The applicant proposed to operate an event venue at 16 Walpole Road, Haydenville. The applicant wanted to use a repurposed barn building, moved from another location and reconstructed on the site, as the principal venue for a variety of events. On occasion, an open-air pavilion on the site will also be used in conjunction with the barn as a venue for weddings, reunions, community events, and agricultural-themed events. The Planning Board and the ZBA reviewed the applicant's plans, specifications, and narrative description of the proposed use.

The Planning Board found that, according to the Zoning Bylaw and subject to certain enumerated conditions, the proposed project constituted a suitable development. The ZBA decided that the proposed development meets the applicable criteria of the Zoning Bylaw. The ZBA voted unanimously to grant a Special Permit for the establishment of an event venue. In its decision, the ZBA required that the project comply not only with the Special Permit criteria listed in the Zoning Bylaw but also with thirteen additional conditions imposed by the Special Permit.

Brenda Lessard, Town Clerk, assists the ZBA in its work. Brenda serves as our Secretary: scheduling meetings and public hearings, preparing minutes, filing decisions, and responding to many requests for information regarding the work of the ZBA. Brenda's diligence and attention to detail are invaluable assets in our deliberations.

