

### **Fire Department Information**

The Fire Department holds meetings every Wednesday night at 7:30pm at the fire station on Plainfield Road. Anyone who wishes to volunteer to become a firefighter or EMT is welcome, but they will be required to take certain training.

**TO REPORT A FIRE: Call 911**

**TO CALL AN AMBULANCE: Call 911**

**OBTAIN A BURNING PERMIT: 339-5526, 339-5592 or 339-8650**

**CHIMNEY CLEANING LIST: Greg Cox 339-5526**

### **Town Clerk:**

The Town Clerk holds weekly office hours on Wednesday from 9am – 12noon, and is also available at Selectboard meetings, or by appointment (339-4091).

### **Tax Collector:**

Betty Nichols holds weekly office hours on Thursday from 4-6pm.

### **Board of Selectmen:**

The Board of Selectmen holds meetings every other Tuesday evening at 7:30pm at the Town Office on Pudding Hollow Road. The Administrative Assistant can be contacted at the Town Office (339-5518) on Tuesday afternoons, and Wednesday and Friday mornings, unless otherwise posted.

### **Board of Assessors:**

The Board of Assessors holds meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Town Office on Pudding Hollow Road. Their assistant can be contacted at the Town Office (339-5518) on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 1:00pm-5:00pm, unless otherwise posted.

Town of  
HAWLEY  
Massachusetts



2016  
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By the  
Town Officers



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Town of Hawley



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◇ DEDICATION ◇



The Board of Selectmen dedicates the 2016 Annual Town Report to Kirby “Lark” Thwing, Jr. in recognition of his generous commitment of time and skill to the Town of Hawley. Lark has served and continues to serve the town in many capacities, including Town Moderator, Chairman of the Finance Committee, Chairman of the Historical Commission, and member of the Communications and Personnel Committees. He has also served on the Conservation Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Lark has represented Hawley on the Mohawk School Committee for many years, serving for the past two years as its Chairman and, before that, as Vice-Chairman. Martha Thurber, his successor as Chairman, writes that “Lark was the driving force behind building a better Committee through his insistence on incorporating ongoing professional development.” At Lark’s instigation, the Committee made a thorough examination of options for sustaining the District over the long term and began to take steps toward implementing creative solutions to the problems it faces.

The citizens of Hawley deeply appreciate Lark’s many years of devoted service and are grateful that he continues to serve the town that he loves in so many ways.

## **TOWN OFFICIALS – ELECTED**

### Selectmen/Board of Health (3-year term)

Hussain Hamdan	Term expires 2019
John Sears	Term expires 2017
Robert MacLean	Term expires 2018

### Town Clerk (3-year term)

Pamela Shrimpton	Term expires 2017
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### Assessors (3-year terms)

Henry Eggert, Chairman	Term expires 2018
Ed Brady	Term expires 2019
Rick Kean	Term expires 2017

### Hawlemont School Committee (3-year terms)

Courtney Hoyt	Term expires 2018
Hussain Hamdan	Term expires 2019
Sarah Rich	Term expires 2017

### Representative K-12 Com for Mohawk Trail District (3-year terms)

Kirby Thwing Jr. (resigned 12/27/16)	Term expires 2017
Suzanne Crawford	Term expires 2018

### Non-Parent Member LEC for Hawlemont District (3-year term)

Suzanne Crawford	Term expires 2019
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### Moderator

Kirby (“Lark”) Thwing	Term expires 2017
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### Auditor

Carla Clark	Term expires 2017
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**TOWN OFFICIALS – APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN**

(Unless otherwise indicated, terms are for 1 year)

Treasurer

Virginia Gabert

Tax Title Custodian

Virginia Gabert

Tax Collector (3-yr term)

Elizabeth Nichols

Term expires 2018

Administrative Assistant

Cassandra Nawrocki

Highway Superintendent / Tree Warden

Richard Gould (retired)

Brendan Dekoschak (5/2016)

Gary Mitchell – temporary (9/2016 to present)

Police Chief

Stephen Deane (retired)

Jared Bellows (9/2016 to present)

Fire Chief / Forest Fire Warden / Emergency Management Director

Gregory Cox

Term expires 2017

Animal Control Officer

Chris Tirone

Term expires 2017

Constable

George Rice

Term expires 2017

Inspectors:

Franklin County Cooperative Building Inspector Program

James D. Hawkins, Commissioner

James Cerone, Inspector

Franklin County Cooperative Wiring Inspector

Thomas McDonald

Franklin County Cooperative Plumbing and Gas Inspector  
Andrew French

Inspector of Animals  
Chris Tirone  
Term expires 2017

Representative to Veterans Service Center  
Chris Tirone  
Kevin Richardson  
Term expires 2017  
Term expires 2017

**BOARDS AND COMMITTEES  
APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN**

(Unless otherwise indicated, terms are for one year)

Planning Board  
Lloyd Crawford, Chair  
Margaret Fitzpatrick  
Paul Norcross  
Henry Eggert  
Kathryn Sternstein  
Term expires 2018  
Term expires 2017  
Term expires 2021  
Term expires 2020  
Term expires 2019

Board of Appeals  
(vacant)  
(vacant)  
(vacant)  
Term expires 2019  
Term expires 2017  
Term expires 2018

Conservation Commission  
Lloyd Crawford, Chair  
Margaret Fitzpatrick  
Robert Taylor  
Williams Cosby  
(vacant)  
Term expires 2017  
Term expires 2017  
Term expires 2019  
Term expires 2018  
Term expires 2019

Historical Commission  
Lark Thwing  
(vacant)  
John Sears  
Term expires 2018  
Term expires 2018  
Term expires 2019

Bob Root Term expires 2019  
Pamela Shrimpton Term expires 2017

Registrar of Voters (terms expire March 31)

Pamela Shrimpton  
Melanie Poudrier  
Margaret Eggert  
Daniel Hoyt

Election Officers (terms expire August 31)

Gloria Decker	Lorraine McCarthy
Melanie Poudrier	Anne Hamilton-Kean
Elvira Scott	Susan Olsen
Mary Gelinas	Paul Norcross
Christine Hicks	Jane Grant
Tammy Schofield	Beth Thwing
Juanita Clark	Lark Thwing
Jerome Sternstein	CourtneyAnn Hoyt
Trina Sternstein	Margaret Eggert

Council on Aging

Ann Falwell	Term expires 2017
Sally Rich	Term expires 2017
Elaine Thomson	Term expires 2017

Burial Agent

Pamela Shrimpton	Term expires 2017
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Measurer of Wood and Surveyor of Lumber

Gregory Cox	Term expires 2017
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Town Counsel

Donna MacNicol

Representative to LEPC

Gregory Cox	Term expires 2017
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Representative to Nilman Scholarship Fund (3-year term)

Alice Parker	Term expires 2018
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Representative to Franklin Regional Council of Governments  
Hussain Hamdan

Representative to Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program  
Robert Maclean

Representative to Cooperative Public Health Oversight Committee  
John Sears

Representative to Vocational Education Advisory Committee  
John Sears

Agricultural Commission	
(vacant)	Term expires 2019
Peter Mitchell	Term expires 2017
(vacant)	Term expires 2018

Communications Committee	
Rick Kean	Hussain Hamdan
Kirby Thwing	Gregory Rowehl
Pamela Shrimpton	
Craig Shrimpton	

Personnel Committee  
Kirby Thwing  
John Sears  
Rick Kean

### **TOWN OFFICIALS – APPOINTED BY MODERATOR**

Finance Committee:	
Lloyd Crawford	Term expires 2018
Carla Clark	Term expires 2019
Kirby Thwing, Jr.	Term expires 2020
Jane Grant	Term expires 2021
Tammy Schofield	Term expires 2017



Hawley hillside – Photo Courtesy of Cass Nawrocki

**Annual Town Election Warrant - May 1, 2017**

The following officers are to be elected by ballot on Monday, the first day of May, 2017, for which purpose the polls will be open at 11:45 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.:

- Selectman (3-year term)
- Assessor (3-year term)
- Town Clerk (3-year term)
- Auditor (1-year term)
- Moderator (1-year term)
- Rep to K-12 Committee for Mohawk Trail District  
(3-year term)
- Hawlemont School Committee (3-year term)

**Annual Town Meeting Warrant - May 8, 2017**

There follows a list of business to come before the Annual Town Meeting. This is a preliminary one, and the final warrant, as posted, will contain additions and alterations.

At seven o'clock in the evening on Monday, the eighth day of May, 2017 the meeting will convene to act on the following articles,

Article 1: To act on the reports of the Town Officers, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries or compensation of the following elected officers of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto:

Chairman of Selectboard	1,854.00
Members of Selectboard (2)	1,648.00 (each)
Town Clerk	8,755.00
Chairman of Assessors	1,339.00
Member of Assessors (2)	1,133.00 (each)
Auditor	118.50
Moderator	118.50

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following general operating appropriations.

Total for Article 3: \$1,006,897.78

(This budget can be voted on in its entirety; by section; or by line. Any balances in these appropriations will close to Surplus Revenue at the end of the fiscal year)

	<b>FY16</b>	<b>FY17</b>	<b>FY18</b>	<b>FY18</b>
<b>Department/Acct</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Approp.</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Recomm.</b>
<b>Moderator</b>	<b>118.50</b>	<b>118.50</b>	<b>122.00</b>	<b>118.50</b>
1 Salaries & wages	118.50	118.50	122.00	118.50
<b>Board of Selectmen</b>	<b>48,852.23</b>	<b>59,520.00</b>	<b>63,075.00</b>	<b>62,920.00</b>
2 Salaries & wages	43,417.94	53,170.00	56,425.00	56,270.00
3 Expenses	2,004.29	2,000.00	2,100.00	2,100.00
4 Drug & Alcohol testing	431.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
5 Legal Service	1,375.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
6 Town Reports	1,574.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
7 Board of Health exp	50.00	250.00	450.00	450.00
<b>Finance Committee</b>	<b>81.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>
8 Expenses	81.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
<b>Town Auditor</b>	<b>118.50</b>	<b>118.50</b>	<b>122.00</b>	<b>118.50</b>
9 Salaries & wages	118.50	118.50	122.00	118.50
<b>Board of Assessors</b>	<b>6,674.69</b>	<b>8,105.00</b>	<b>8,654.00</b>	<b>8,545.00</b>
10 Salaries & wages	3,605.00	3,605.00	3,714.00	3,605.00
11 Expenses	3,069.69	4,500.00	4,940.00	4,940.00
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>5,234.89</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>2,100.00</b>	<b>2,100.00</b>
12 Salaries & wages	3,246.89	0.00	0.00	0.00
13 Expenses	1,988.00	2,000.00	2,100.00	2,100.00
<b>Tax Collector</b>	<b>7,519.87</b>	<b>7,900.00</b>	<b>8,285.00</b>	<b>8,285.00</b>
14 Salaries & wages	5,562.00	5,700.00	5,875.00	5,875.00
15 Expenses	1,957.870	2,200.00	2,410.00	2,410.00
<b>Technology/Internet</b>	<b>2,624.57</b>	<b>6,800.00</b>	<b>4,300.00</b>	<b>4,300.00</b>

16 Expenses	2,624.57	6,800.00	4,300.00	4,300.00
<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>10,480.65</b>	<b>12,283.50</b>	<b>12,318.00</b>	<b>12,055.00</b>
17 Salaries & wages	10,019.96	10,083.50	10,318.00	10,055.00
18 Expenses	10,019.96	2,200.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
<b>Town Buildings</b>	<b>11,392.62</b>	<b>17,600.00</b>	<b>13,905.00</b>	<b>13,905.00</b>
19 Purchased Services	515.00	1,000.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
20 Repairs & Maint.	1,395.06	0.00	0.00	0.00
21 Expenses	9,482.56	16,600.00	12,705.00	12,705.00
<b>Employee Benefits</b>	<b>38,412.79</b>	<b>46,948.00</b>	<b>49,539.00</b>	<b>49,539.00</b>
22 Insurance	18,283.79	24,500.00	24,600.00	24,600.00
23 Retirement	20,129.00	22,448.00	24,939.00	24,939.00
<b>Police</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>1,250.00</b>	<b>1,250.00</b>	<b>1,250.00</b>
24 Salaries & wages	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
25 Expenses	0.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
<b>Fire</b>	<b>22,314.77</b>	<b>24,950.00</b>	<b>25,850.00</b>	<b>24,850.00</b>
26 Salaries & wages	5,080.00	5,000.00	5,250.00	5,250.00
27 Purchased Services	2,439.77	2,550.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
28 Repairs & Maint.	2,610.99	2,000.00	4,400.00	4,400.00
29 Expenses	11,211.52	14,200.00	11,000.00	10,000.00
Capital outlay	972.49	1,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
<b>Emergency Mgt</b>	<b>1,150.00</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>	<b>1,250.00</b>	<b>1,250.00</b>
30 Salaries & wages	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
31 Purchased Services	150.00	100.00	150.00	150.00
32 Expenses	0.00	100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
<b>FRCOG</b>	<b>8,915.00</b>	<b>10,101.00</b>	<b>10,654.00</b>	<b>10,654.00</b>
33 FRCOG Assessment	8,915.00	10,101.00	10,654.00	10,654.00
<b>School - Vocational</b>	<b>72,949.69</b>	<b>100,000.00</b>	<b>76,000.00</b>	<b>45,000.00</b>
34 Transportation	20,287.69	25,000.00	25,000.00	10,000.00
35 Tuition	52,662.00	75,000.00	51,000.00	35,000.00
<b>School - Hawlemont</b>	<b>212,531.00</b>	<b>244,416.00</b>	<b>263,677.00</b>	<b>263,677.00</b>
36 Operating assmt	212,531.00	243,876.00	254,195.00	254,195.00



37 Capital outlay	0.00	540.00	9,482.00	9,482.00
<b>School - MTRSD</b>	<b>136,838.00</b>	<b>154,716.00</b>	<b>173,801.00</b>	<b>173,801.00</b>
38 Operating assmt	133,894.00	152,223.00	169,248.00	169,148.00
39 Capital outlay	2,944.00	2,493.00	4,553.00	4,553.00
<b>DPW - Highway</b>	<b>205,066.38</b>	<b>232,450.00</b>	<b>243,180.00</b>	<b>243,180.00</b>
40 Salaries & wages	114,796.49	111,450.00	128,000.00	128,000.00
41 Repairs & Maint.	38,600.05	42,000.00	42,000.00	42,000.00
42 Expenses - Roads	49,701.48	75,000.00	70,000.00	70,000.00
43 Expenses - Garage	518.14	2,200.00	1,680.00	1,680.00
44 Care of Cemeteries	1,450.22	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
<b>Solid Waste</b>	<b>18,859.32</b>	<b>20,367.00</b>	<b>20,410.00</b>	<b>20,410.00</b>
45 Expenses	18,859.32	20,367.00	20,410.00	20,410.00
<b>Animal Inspector</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>
46 Expenses	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
<b>Veterans Services</b>	<b>780.00</b>	<b>2,563.64</b>	<b>2,689.78</b>	<b>2,689.78</b>
47 District assessment	780.00	563.64	689.78	689.78
48 Veterans Benefits	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
<b>Boards, Committees, etc.</b>	<b>2,424.93</b>	<b>1,750.00</b>	<b>1,750.00</b>	<b>1,750.00</b>
49 Cons. Comm. Exp.	98.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
50 Planning Board Exp.	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
51 Zoning Bd of Appeals	0.00	100.00	50.00	50.00
52 COA Grant match	1,126.93	350.00	350.00	350.00
53 Tyler Memorial Library	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>21,056.70</b>	<b>22,850.00</b>	<b>24,750.00</b>	<b>24,750.00</b>
54 Prop & Liab Ins.	15,651.00	17,000.00	17,000.00	17,000.00
55 Surety bonds	665.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
56 Mass. unemployment	184.94	250.00	250.00	250.00
57 FICA/Medicare	4,555.76	4,600.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>835,396.10</b>	<b>978,757.14</b>	<b>1,008,431.78</b>	<b>975,897.78</b>

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to accept \$177,126 in Chapter 90 road funds available subject to conditions detailed by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the FY20 Assessors Revaluation, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for periodic independent audits, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$1,800.00 for Interest Expenses, or take any other action in relation thereto..

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$30,000.00 required for the FY18 payment for the purchase of the used Fire Pumper and 1-ton truck, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving account pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, section 53E ½ for which revenues from fees or fines related to the licensing and care of dogs will be deposited into the fund and expended to purchase dog tags; pay for various expenses in relation to licensing, care and other related dog control expenses under the direction of the Town Clerk, and total expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 will be limited to \$2,000, with all money remaining in the fund at the end of each fiscal year, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum from the FY17 Vocational Tuition and Vocational Transportation accounts into the Vocational Education Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 12 : To see if the Town will vote to amend the MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT – REGIONAL DISTRICT AGREEMENT by striking the following language contained in Section III(B):

Subject to the provisions of this section, it is intended that elementary students residing in the member towns of Ashfield, Buckland, Colrain, Heath, Plainfield and Shelburne (the “pre-K-12 Member Towns”) will receive their education in facilities located in the District and will be assigned as follows: Ashfield and Plainfield residents to Sanderson Academy; Colrain residents to Colrain Central School; Buckland and Shelburne residents to Buckland Shelburne Elementary School; and Heath residents to Heath Elementary School. Notwithstanding the above, students may be educated in a District school other than as assigned above upon (i) a majority vote of the School Committee, and (ii) an affirmative vote by both (a) the member town or towns whose students are so assigned, and (b) the member town or towns served by the District school to which such students will be assigned, acceptance by each town to be a majority vote at an annual or special town meeting.

However, it is also the intent of this Agreement that the closure of a District elementary school building and the reassignment of all students being educated in that building may not be accomplished under this section. Rather such action requires an amendment to this Agreement, the process for which is contained in Section XII.

and replacing said language with the following:

The pre-K-12 Member Towns are defined as Ashfield, Buckland, Colrain, Plainfield, Heath, and Shelburne. Subject to the provisions of this section, it is intended that elementary students residing in the member towns of Ashfield, Buckland, Colrain, Plainfield and Shelburne will receive their education in facilities located in the District and will be assigned as follows: Ashfield and Plainfield residents to Sanderson Academy; Colrain residents to Colrain Central School; and Buckland and Shelburne residents to Buckland Shelburne Elementary School. Elementary students residing in Heath will receive their education in the Hawlemont Regional School District pursuant to a tuition agreement between the Mohawk Trail Regional School District and the Hawlemont Regional School District through no longer than June 30, 2023. During the period of such tuition agreement, the Town of Heath shall seek in good faith to negotiate with the Hawlemont Regional School District regarding joinder of the Town of Heath into the Hawlemont Regional School District for elementary education. The tuition agreement shall constitute a binding financial obligation of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 4A and/or any other enabling legislation. Heath may withdraw from the Mohawk Trail Regional School District for grades PK-6 in

accordance with the “Withdrawal” section of this Agreement. Heath shall remain responsible for its outstanding indebtedness, if any, including but not limited to OPEB, to the Mohawk Trail Regional School District despite such withdrawal in accordance with the terms of the Regional Agreement.

If, upon the expiration of such tuition agreement, as may be extended, Heath and the Hawlemont Regional School District have failed to reach agreement as to the joinder of Heath into the Hawlemont Regional School District, elementary students residing in Heath will receive their education in facilities located in the Mohawk Trail Regional School District, the specific location(s) to be decided as provided herein. The Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee will offer at least two (2) facilities located in the District as options for educating the elementary students of Heath and the Heath members of the Committee will determine which one (1) facility to recommend to the Committee for the placement of all Heath resident elementary students. No facility will be approved by the Committee without the affirmative votes of both Heath Committee representatives, provided however that in the event of a tie vote between such Heath representatives, or in the event that there are vacancies in the positions of Heath representatives, a majority vote of the Committee will prevail. The determination must occur no later than November 1<sup>st</sup> of the school year prior to the change.

Notwithstanding the above, students may be educated in a District school other than as assigned above upon (i) a majority vote of the School Committee, and (ii) an affirmative vote by both (a) the member town or towns whose students are so assigned, and (b) the member town or towns served by the District school to which such students will be assigned, acceptance by each town to be a majority vote at an annual or special town meeting. However, it is also the intent of this Agreement that the closure of a District elementary school building (other than the Heath Elementary School which was closed as of June 30, 2017) and the reassignment of all students being educated in that building may not be accomplished under this section. Rather such action requires an amendment to this Agreement, the process for which is contained in Section XII.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to amend the MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT – REGIONAL DISTRICT AGREEMENT by striking the following language contained in Section IV(E)(3):

(3) Capital costs incurred by the Committee and associated with grades pre-Kindergarten to six, inclusive, of any District school or schools which may be constructed by the Committee to serve pupils from the Town of Heath shall, after deducting any receipts from the Commonwealth or other revenue source relating thereto, be assessed to the Town of Heath. Capital costs representing

payments of principal and interest on bonds, notes or other obligations as issued by the Mohawk Trail Regional School District or the Committee to finance expenses in the nature of capital outlay for the purpose of construction at the site of, or reconstruction to, the Heath Elementary School or upon any Premises as may be purchased by the Mohawk Trail Regional School District for the purpose of providing facilities primarily for the education of Heath pupils only shall be borne by the Town of Heath.

and replacing said language with the following:

(3) The Heath Elementary School Building shall be returned to the Town of Heath on July 1, 2017, and the Lease between the parties shall terminate as of said date. In exchange for termination of the lease, the District shall pay to the Town of Heath a total sum of \$240,000.00, such payment to be made in no fewer than three (3) annual installments. The amounts and timing of such installments shall be as agreed upon in writing by the School Committee and the Town of Heath, provided however that the final installment shall be due no later than June 30, 2020. Any outstanding debt payments associated with the Heath Elementary School shall remain the responsibility of the Town of Heath, and the Town of Heath shall continue to be assessed for said debt in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to amend the MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT – REGIONAL DISTRICT AGREEMENT by striking the following language contained in Section XI(A)(2):

2. The inhabitants of Heath shall lease the Heath School to the District for the sum of \$1.00 annually, for an initial term of twenty years, with an option for an extension of an additional twenty years, and upon such further terms as the parties thereto shall later specify.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to accept the addition of the Town of Rowe as a 7-12 member of the District effective July 1, 2018 by making certain amendments to the Mohawk Trail Regional Agreement (full wording available at the Hawley Town Office or at [townofhawley.com](http://townofhawley.com)).

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum from Free Cash to the Highway Equipment Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum from Free Cash to the Fire Equipment Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum from Free Cash to the FY17 Snow Roads accounts, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the unissued balance of \$78,000 of debt authorized by Article 39 of the May 4, 2009 Annual Town Meeting to pay emergency expenses related to the December 2008 Ice Storm (\$250,000 debt authorized; \$172,000 borrowed), or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the unissued balance of \$2,500 of debt authorized by Article 39 of the June 26, 2013 Special Town Meeting to purchase a used Fire Pumper (\$100,000 debt authorized; \$97,500 borrowed), or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the unissued balance of \$97,500 of debt authorized by Article 47 of the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting to purchase a new Highway Department truck (\$150,000 debt authorized; \$52,500 borrowed), or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 22: To transact any other business that legally may come before the Town Meeting.

## **Town Meeting Informational forum**

**Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 6:30 pm**  
at the Hawley Town Office, to be followed by the  
regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting.



Mr. Rooster visits – Photo courtesy of Virginia Gabert

## **REVIEW OF TOWN MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS IN 2016**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Town of Hawley  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING Minutes  
MAY 9, 2016**

The meeting was convened at 7:00 pm. Moderator Lark Thwing made a motion to appoint a temporary Moderator so that he could speak on behalf of the Finance Committee. Lark suggested Scott Purinton. Scott Purinton was elected temporary Moderator by a unanimous vote.

Article 1: To act on the reports of the Town Officers. **Approved.**

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries or compensation of the following elected officers of the Town:

Chairman of Selectboard	1,854.00	
Members of Selectboard (2)	1,648.00 (each)	
Town Clerk	8,755.00	
Chairman of Assessors	1,339.00	
Member of Assessors (2)	<del>1,339.00</del> (each)	1133.00
Auditor	118.50	
Moderator	118.50	

**Member of Assessors (2) corrected. Approved as amended.**

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following general operating appropriations.

Total for Article 3: ~~\$979,550.14.~~ 977,257.14

**Approved as amended.**

(This budget can be voted on in its entirety; by section; or by line. Any balances in these appropriations will close to Surplus Revenue at the end of the fiscal year)

	<b>FY15</b>	<b>FY16</b>	<b>FY17</b>	<b>FY17</b>
<b>Dept</b>	<b>Exp.</b>	<b>Approp.</b>	<b>Request.</b>	<b>Recomm.</b>
<b>Moderator</b>	<b>118.45</b>	<b>118.50</b>	<b>118.50</b>	<b>118.50</b>
Salaries & wages	118.45	118.50	118.50	118.50
<b>Bd of Selectmen</b>	<b>42,478.28</b>	<b>49,000.00</b>	<b>59,520.00</b>	<b>59,520.00</b>
Salaries & wages	37,014.41	42,650.00	53,170.00	53,170.00
Expenses	1,950.37	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Drug & Alcohol test	267.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Legal Service	1,625.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Town Reports	1,471.50	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
Bd of Health exp	150.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
<b>Finance Committee</b>	<b>81.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>
Expenses	81.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
<b>Town Auditor</b>	<b>118.45</b>	<b>118.50</b>	<b>118.50</b>	<b>118.50</b>
Salaries & wages	118.45	118.50	118.50	118.50



<b>Bd of Assessors</b>		<b>7,305.00</b>	<b>7,305.00</b>	<b>8,105.00</b>
<b>8,105.00</b>				
Salaries & wages	3,605.00	3,605.00	3,605.00	3,605.00
Expenses	3,700.00	3,700.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>9,559.26</b>	<b>9,570.50</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
Salaries & wages	7,570.50	7,570.50	0.00	0.00
Expenses	1,988.76	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
<b>Tax Collector</b>	<b>7,562.00</b>	<b>7,562.00</b>	<b>7,900.00</b>	<b>7,900.00</b>
Salaries & wages	5,562.00	5,562.00	5,700.00	5,700.00
Expenses	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
<b>Techn/Internet</b>	<b>2,796.44</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>5,800.00</b>	<b>5,800.00</b>
Expenses	2,796.44	5,000.00	5,800.00	5,800.00
<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>10,526.08</b>	<b>12,283.50</b>	<b>12,283.50</b>	<b>12,283.50</b>
Salaries & wages	9,950.33	10,083.50	10,083.50	10,083.50
Expenses	575.75	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
<b>Town Buildings</b>	<b>11,736.03</b>	<b>15,620.00</b>	<b>17,600.00</b>	<b>17,600.00</b>
Purchased Services	490.00	700.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Rep & Maintenance	63.81	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	11,182.22	14,920.00	16,600.00	16,600.00
<b>Emp. Benefits</b>	<b>42,846.19</b>	<b>49,000.00</b>	<b>46,948.00</b>	<b>46,948.00</b>
Insurance	22,127.19	28,500.00	24,500.00	24,500.00
Retirement	20,719.00	20,500.00	22,448.00	22,448.00
<b>Police</b>	<b>1,094.01</b>	<b>1,250.00</b>	<b>1,250.00</b>	<b>1,250.00</b>
Salaries & wages	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Expenses	94.01	250.00	250.00	250.00
<b>Fire</b>	<b>18,540.54</b>	<b>23,139.77</b>	<b>23,950.00</b>	<b>23,950.00</b>
Salaries & wages	4,420.00	4,500.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Purchased Services	2,378.75	2,439.77	2,550.00	2,550.00
Rep & Maint.	1,968.80	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Expenses	8,972.99	13,200.00	13,200.00	13,200.00
Capital outlay	800.00	1,000.00	1,200.00	1,200.00

<b>FRCOG</b>		<b>8,661.50</b>	<b>8,915.00</b>	<b>10,101.00</b>
<b>10,101.00</b>				
Assessments	8,661.50	8,915.00	10,101.00	10,101.00
<b>Emergency Mgt</b>		<b>1,174.84</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>	<b>2,200.00</b>
<b>2,200.00</b>				
Salaries & wages	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Purchased Services	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Expenses	74.84	100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
<b>School – Voc.</b>	<b>125,077.39</b>	<b>125,000.00</b>	<b>100,000.00</b>	<b>100,000.00</b>
Transportation	29,956.39	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Tuition	95,121.00	100,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00
<b>Sch.Hawlemont</b>	<b>166,842.00</b>	<b>212,531.00</b>	<b>244,416.00</b>	<b>244,416.00</b>
Operating asmt	166,842.00	212,531.00	244,416.00	244,416.00
Capital outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>School - MTRSD</b>		<b>149,745.00</b>	<b>136,838.00</b>	<b>154,716.00</b>
<b>154,716.00</b>				
Operating asmt	146,290.00	133,894.00	152,223.00	152,223.00
Capital outlay	3,455.00	2,944.00	2,493.00	2,493.00
<b>DPW - Highway</b>		<b>232,894.00</b>	<b>226,207.00</b>	<b>232,450.00</b>
<b>232,450.00</b>				
Salaries & wages	122,764.28	111,707.00	116,750.00	116,750.00
Repairs & Maint	43,570.35	43,000.00	42,000.00	42,000.00
Expenses - Roads	65,261.87	70,000.00	70,000.00	70,000.00
Expenses - Garage	0.00	0.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
Care of Cemeteries	1,297.50	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
<b>Solid Waste</b>	<b>17,900.51</b>	<b>17,762.00</b>	<b>20,367.00</b>	<b>20,367.00</b>
Expenses	17,900.51	17,762.00	20,367.00	20,367.00
<b>Veterans Services</b>	<b>765.00</b>	<b>2,780.00</b>	<b>2,563.64</b>	<b>2,563.64</b>
District assessment	765.00	780.00	563.64	563.64
Veterans Benefits	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
<b>Boards/Committees, etc.</b>				
<b>1,715.00</b>	<b>1,715.00</b>	<b>1,900.00</b>	<b>1,750.00</b>	<b>1,750.00</b>

Cons Comm Exp		81.00	100.00	100.00
	100.00			
Planning Bd Expenses	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
ZBA Expenses	84.00	200.00	100.00	100.00
COA Grant match	350.00	300.00	350.00	350.00
Tyler Memorial Lib.	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>19,641.16</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>	<b>22,850.00</b>	<b>22,850.00</b>
Prop&Liab ins.	14,269.00	19,500.00	17,000.00	17,000.00
Surety bonds	970.00	650.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Mass. unemploymt	129.68	250.00	250.00	250.00
FICA/Medicare	4,272.48	4,600.00	4,600.00	4,600.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>879,178.13</b>	<b>938,350.77</b>	<b>977,257.14</b>	<b>977,257.14</b>

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to accept \$180,147 in Chapter 90 road funds available subject to conditions detailed by the Massachusetts Highway Department. **Approved unanimously.**

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the Town Computer Account to cover periodic upgrades and repairs. **Approved unanimously.**

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the FY18 Assessors Revaluation. **Approved unanimously.**

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for periodic independent audits. **Approved unanimously.**

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,000.00 for the Reserve Fund. **Approved unanimously.**

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$6,000.00 for Interest Expenses. **Approved unanimously.**

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$100,000.00 to make a payment against the Storm Damage loan.

**Hussain Hamdan asked what would be remaining on the Storm Damage loan after Free Cash - \$133,684. Approved unanimously.**

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$30,000.00 required for the FY17 payment for the purchase of the used Fire Pumper and 1-ton truck. **Approved unanimously.**

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving account pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, section 53E ½ for which revenues from fees or fines related to the licensing and care of dogs will be deposited into the fund and expended to purchase dog tags; pay for various expenses in relation to licensing, care and other related dog control expenses under the direction of the Town Clerk, and total expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 will be limited to \$1,000, with all money remaining in the fund at the end of each fiscal year. **Approved unanimously.**

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer any remaining balance in the FY16 Vocational Tuition and Vocational Transportation accounts into the Vocational Education Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto. (requires 2/3 vote) **Article passed over.**

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$1,000 to the FY16 Firefighter Stipend account, or take any other action in relation thereto. **Approved unanimously.**

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum from Free Cash to the FY16 Landfill Maintenance account, or take any other action in relation thereto. **Article passed over.**

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum from Free Cash to the Highway Equipment Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto. **Article passed over.**

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum from Free Cash to the Fire Equipment Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto. **Article passed over.**

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to enact the following General Bylaw for the Town of Hawley, entitled “Stretch Energy Code Bylaw” for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the Stretch Energy Code, including future editions, amendments or modifications thereto, with an effective date of January 1, 2017, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk.

**STRETCH ENERGY CODE BYLAW**

[Adopted 5-9-2016 ATM Article 16]

- § 1 Definitions
- § 2 Purpose
- § 3 Applicability
- § 4 Stretch Code

§ 1 Definitions:

**International Energy Conservation Code**

**(IECC)** - The International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is a building energy code created by the International Code Council. It is a model code adopted by many state and municipal governments in the United States for the establishment of minimum design and construction requirements for energy efficiency, and is updated on a three-year cycle. The baseline energy conservation requirements of the MA State Building Code are the IECC with Massachusetts amendments, as approved by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards.

**Stretch Energy Code** - Codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 115.AA of the 8th edition Massachusetts building code, the Stretch Energy Code is an appendix to the Massachusetts building August 2013 code, based on further amendments to the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) to improve the energy efficiency of buildings built to this code.

§ 2 Purpose:

The purpose of 780 CMR 115.AA is to provide a more energy efficient alternative to the Base Energy Code

applicable to the relevant sections of the building code for both new construction and existing buildings.

§ 3 Applicability:

This code applies to residential and commercial buildings. Buildings not included in this scope shall comply with 780 CMR 13, 34, 51, as applicable.

§ 4 Stretch Code:

The Stretch Code, as codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 115.AA, including any future editions, amendments or modifications, is herein incorporated by reference into the Town of Hawley General Bylaws. The Stretch Code is enforceable by the inspector of buildings or building commissioner.

**John Sears reviewed the article.**

**A motion was made to table the article. 14 in favor of tabling and 21 opposed to tabling. Article was not tabled.**

**A vote was taken as to whether or not to adopt the Stretch Code as written. By a 2/3rds vote, the article was defeated (22 in favor, 13 opposed which did not meet the super majority 2/3rds vote the Moderator believed was needed to pass this bylaw).**

**Subsequently, it was learned that only a simple majority was needed to pass this bylaw and therefore in the following days, it was determined that the bylaw did pass, 22 for and 13 opposed.**

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to accept the amended Mohawk Trail Regional Agreement: these proposed Amendments make a number of relatively small changes to the Regional Agreement, effective July 1, 2016. The most important of these would be to clearly establish the District's authority to operate, and to assess District Towns for, a pre-K to 12 educational program. Accordingly, all references to "K-12," or "K-6" in the existing Agreement would instead be changed to "Pre-K to 12" and "Pre-K to 6." This amendment also would specify that, for purposes of calculating each Town's operating and capital assessments, the District would begin including pre-K students in total enrollment numbers as of the **October 1, 2015** enrollment census and annually thereafter. (Free, half-day pre-K was made available to all pre-K students across the District in the fall of 2015.) A five-year rolling

average of each Town's total enrollment in District schools forms the basis for assessing Towns for operating and capital costs. The balance of the changes included in this Amendment would add/alter language in the Agreement to reflect existing (rather than past) practices and eliminate existing language that is outdated, no longer necessary, or inconsistent with current state law or regulations, or act relative thereto. The full Amended Agreement text is available on the Town website, from the Town Clerk's Office and at Town Meeting. **Approved unanimously.**

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to accept an amendment to the Mohawk Trail Regional Agreement: this proposed Amendment would permit the Town of Rowe to rejoin the Mohawk District as a Grade 7-12 Member Town (*i.e.*, the same status as the existing District towns of Hawley and Charlemont), effective July 1, 2017. (Rowe Elementary School would not become part of the Mohawk District, but rather would remain part of the Northern Berkshire School Union.) Like all 7-12 District Towns, Rowe would elect 2 voting representatives to the Mohawk School Committee. Each Rowe member's vote would represent 1.9% (or 3.8% in aggregate) of the total weighted votes (100%) of the Committee. Rowe would be assessed as are other 7-12 Member Towns for its share of the District's 7-12 operating and capital costs, and Rowe would no longer pay annual tuition for its 7-12 students or act relative thereto. The full Amendment to the Agreement text is available on the Town website, from the Town Clerk's office and at Town Meeting. **Approved unanimously.**

(Please note that if all amendments to the Regional Agreement pass, it will necessitate renumbering of some sections and paragraphs.)

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to accept an amendment to the Mohawk Trail Regional Agreement: currently, in order for any proposed Amendment to the Regional Agreement to become effective, it must be approved unanimously by all Member Towns, with approval being a majority vote at a Town Meeting. This proposed Amendment, to be effective as of July 1, 2016, would permit Amendments to become effective upon an affirmative vote of 2/3 of District towns (*i.e.*, 6 of the 8 current Member Towns, or 6 of 9 towns, should the Rowe amendment pass). **There is one important exception.** Any amendment that requires closure of a District school must be approved by the Town (or Towns) whose school(s) would be closed, *i.e.*, that Town (or Towns) would have

to be among the 2/3 majority of Towns voting to approve the amendment. If an affected Town votes against the amendment, the amendment would fail, or act relative thereto. The full Amendment to the Agreement text is available on the Town website, from the Town Clerk's office and at Town Meeting.

(Please note that if all amendments to the Regional Agreement pass, it will necessitate renumbering of some sections and paragraphs.)  
**Scott Purinton explained the article. A motion was made to table the article. 13 in favor of tabling and 17 opposed. The article was not tabled. 18 voted in favor and 12 opposed. Article passed.**

Article 22: To transact any other business that legally may come before the Town Meeting.

No further business was discussed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Shrimpton  
Hawley Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Town of Hawley  
Special Town Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2016

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm by Moderator Lark Thwing. 37 voters were present.

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to use \$345,165.39 reimbursed by FEMA/MEMA to make a payment against the Storm Damage Loan. **Approved unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$104,834.61 from the General Stabilization Fund, or other



available funds, to pay off the Storm Damage Loan. **Approved unanimously. Funds to be transferred from Free Cash.**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the town will vote to rescind the General Bylaw for the Town of Hawley, entitled "Stretch Energy Code," which was passed at the Annual Meeting on May 2, 2016, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk.

This article has been put forward due to a misunderstanding at the last Annual Town Meeting about the number of votes that were required for passage. The Selectboard has voted 2 in favor, with 1 abstention, to recommend against passing this repeal.

Tedd White opined that the will of the people should stand. Lark reiterated that the motion was voted down by a majority of the people. Hussain spoke of how it was a bad misunderstanding and he advised that a vote be taken again, to see if the people wanted the bylaw repealed and made a motion that Article 3 should be voted on as presented, which was seconded and approved. A yes vote would rescind the current bylaw. **A vote to rescind was defeated unanimously and therefore that bylaw stands.**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Shrimpton  
Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Town of Hawley  
Special Town Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2016

The Meeting was convened at 7:00 pm by Moderator Lark Thwing. Fourteen registered voters were present.

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize increasing the expenditure limit on the Dog Fund (a revolving account established at the Annual Town Meeting) from \$1,000 to \$1,500 to allow the Hawley Animal Control Officer to receive rabies pre-exposure vaccinations. **Approved unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$500 from Free Cash to an Animal Inspector expense account. **Approved unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize up to \$6500 for the purchase of a road sander to be taken from free cash or other available funds. **John Sears suggested taking the funds from Free Cash and Lark agreed. Approved unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Shrimpton  
Hawley Town Clerk

## TREASURER'S REPORT FY16

Since assuming the responsibilities of Treasurer late in 2015, I continue to fine-tune the conversion of the financial records into a structure reflective of UMAS (Uniform Massachusetts Accounting System). Through a grant, we were able to work with Joe Markarian to enhance our budget setting process and establish a reporting system that will provide even more transparency at Town Meeting as well as throughout the year.

I attended several educational programs through the Massachusetts Collectors & Treasurer's Association, and plan to work toward becoming a Certified Massachusetts Municipal Treasurer. I will also be attending educational programs through the Massachusetts Municipal Auditors and Accountants Association to further enhance my knowledge of municipal accounting. These programs will enable me to continue to serve the Town efficiently and effectively as well as keep up with changing rules and regulations that affect us.

Several parcels that have outstanding tax balances have been put into Tax Title. A couple have been redeemed (paid in full) and returned to active tax rolls. Two parcels of low value are moving through the Land of Low Value process, and several others are moving toward foreclosure. None of these parcels include occupied dwellings. Once the Town has title to the properties, they will be reviewed and many will be offered by auction - hopefully to be held later on this year.

Several of the financial reports that follow show the new format that we will be using:

- FY17 Budget Overview: This report shows an overview of the FY16 and FY17 approved budgets – where the money is coming from, and where it will be going.
- FY17 Budget: This report shows the actual expenditures from FY15 and FY16 as well as the approved appropriations for FY17 by Department and account category. There are a few accounts

that had balances carried from FY16, which are also indicated. Notes are provide at the end of the report.

- Accounting of Free Cash FY2016: This report shows the amount of Free Cash that was certified, how much was used, and for what purpose. I have included a preview of FY17 as well.
- Treasurer’s Revenues and Account Balances: This is the same format that has appeared in the past. This report shows the cash balance at the beginning of the year; all money that was received; minus the total of the Treasury Warrants. The balance equals the amount of cash at the end of the year, and is verified against the bank balances.
- FY16 Balance Sheet: This is the same format that has appeared in the past.

I hold office hours at the Town Office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 1-5pm, and am enjoying continuing to serve the townspeople (residents and property owners) of Hawley.

Respectfully submitted,  
Virginia Gabert, Treasurer/Financial Administrator

### FY17 BUDGET

Department	Acct Name	FY15 Expended	FY16 Expended	FY17 Appropriated	FY16 Bal Forw.
Moderator	Salaries & wages	118.45	118.50	118.50	
Board of Selectmen		42,478.28	44,529.38	59,520.00	
	Salaries & wages*1	37,014.41	39,099.38	53,170.00	1,537.30
	Expenses	1,950.37	2,000.00	2,000.00	
	Drug & Alcohol tstg	267.00	431.00	500.00	
	Legal Service	1,625.00	1,375.00	2,000.00	
	Town Reports	1,471.50	1,574.00	1,600.00	

Board of Health exp	150.00	50.00	250.00
<b>Finance Committee</b>	<b>81.00</b>	<b>81.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>
Expenses	81.00	81.00	250.00
<b>Town Auditor</b>	<b>118.45</b>	<b>118.50</b>	<b>118.50</b>
Salaries & wages	118.45	118.50	118.50
<b>Board of Assessors</b>	<b>7,305.00</b>	<b>6,674.69</b>	<b>8,105.00</b>
Salaries & wages	3,605.00	3,605.00	3,605.00
Expenses	3,700.00	3,069.69	4,500.00
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>9,559.26</b>	<b>9,553.45</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
Salaries & wages*2	7,570.50	7,565.45	0.00
Expenses	1,988.76	1,988.00	2,000.00
<b>Collector</b>	<b>7,562.00</b>	<b>7,519.87</b>	<b>7,900.00</b>
Salaries & wages	5,562.00	5,562.00	5,700.00
Expenses	2,000.00	1,957.87	2,200.00
<b>Technology/Internet</b>	<b>2,796.44</b>	<b>3,069.57</b>	<b>5,800.00</b>
Expenses	2,796.44	3,069.57	5,800.00
<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>10,526.08</b>	<b>10,480.65</b>	<b>12,283.50</b>
Salaries & wages	9,950.33	10,019.96	10,083.50
Expenses*3	575.75	460.69	2,200.00
<b>Town Buildings</b>	<b>11,736.03</b>	<b>11,396.91</b>	<b>17,600.00</b>
Purchased Services	490.00	0.00	1,000.00
Repairs & Maint	63.81	1,395.06	0.00
Expenses	11,182.22	10,001.85	16,600.00
<b>Employee Benefits</b>	<b>42,846.19</b>	<b>38,412.79</b>	<b>46,948.00</b>
Insurance	22,127.19	18,283.79	24,500.00
Retirement	20,719.00	20,129.00	22,448.00
<b>Police</b>	<b>1,094.01</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>1,250.00</b>
Salaries & wages	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Expenses	94.01	0.00	250.00
<b>Fire</b>	<b>18,540.54</b>	<b>22,314.77</b>	<b>23,950.00</b>
Salaries & wages	4,420.00	5,080.00	5,000.00
Purchased Services	2,378.75	2,439.77	2,550.00
Repairs & Maint	1,968.80	0.00	2,000.00
Expenses	8,972.99	13,822.51	13,200.00
Capital outlay	800.00	972.49	1,200.00
<b>Emergency Management</b>	<b>1,174.84</b>	<b>1,150.00</b>	<b>2,200.00</b>
Salaries & wages	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Purchased Services	100.00	150.00	100.00
Expenses	74.84	0.00	1,100.00
<b>Franklin Reg Council of Govts</b>	<b>8,661.50</b>	<b>8,915.00</b>	<b>10,101.00</b>
FRCOG Assessments			
Building Insp Progr	3,500.00	3,500.00	4,500.00
Cooperative Pub Hlth	2,364.00	2,364.00	2,482.00
Regional Services	1,930.00	2,858.00	2,907.00

1,138.17

Statutory Charges	867.50	193.00	212.00	
<b>School - Vocational</b>	<b>125,077.39</b>	<b>72,949.69</b>	<b>100,000.00</b>	
Transportation	29,956.39	20,287.69	25,000.00	
Tuition	95,121.00	52,662.00	75,000.00	
<b>School - Hawlemont</b>	<b>166,842.00</b>	<b>212,531.00</b>	<b>244,416.00</b>	
Operating assessment	166,842.00			
Hawlemont	165,042.00	210,731.00	240,876.00	
Preschool	1,800.00	1,800.00	3,000.00	
Capital outlay	0.00	0.00	540.00	
<b>School - MTRSD</b>	<b>149,745.00</b>	<b>136,838.00</b>	<b>154,716.00</b>	
Operating assess	146,290.00	133,894.00	152,223.00	
Capital outlay	3,455.00	2,944.00	2,493.00	
<b>DPW - Highway</b>	<b>232,894.00</b>	<b>205,066.38</b>	<b>232,450.00</b>	
Salaries & wages	122,764.28	114,796.49	111,750.00	
General Highways*4	83,717.68	63,193.25	71,750.00	4,375.00
Snow & Ice	39,046.60	51,603.24	40,000.00	
Repairs & Maint	43,570.35	39,118.19	42,000.00	
Expenses - Roads	65,261.87	49,701.48	75,000.00	
General Highways *5	24,616.47	16,593.82	30,000.00	27,120.36
Snow & Ice	40,645.40	33,107.66	45,000.00	
Expenses - Garage	0.00	0.00	2,200.00	
General buildg supplies			1,000.00	
Technology			1,200.00	
Care of Cemeteries	1,297.50	1,450.22	1,500.00	
<b>Solid Waste</b>	<b>17,900.51</b>	<b>18,859.32</b>	<b>20,367.00</b>	
Expenses	17,900.51	18,859.32	20,367.00	
<b>Veterans Services</b>	<b>765.00</b>	<b>780.00</b>	<b>2,563.64</b>	
District assessment	765.00	780.00	563.64	
Veterans Benefits		0.00	2,000.00	
<b>Boards, Committees, etc.</b>	<b>1,715.00</b>	<b>2,424.93</b>	<b>1,750.00</b>	
Cons Comm Expenses	81.00	98.00	100.00	
Planning Board Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Zoning Board of Appeals Exp	84.00	0.00	100.00	
Council on Aging/Grant match	350.00	1,126.93	350.00	248.42
Library -Tyler Memorial	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>19,641.16</b>	<b>21,056.70</b>	<b>22,850.00</b>	
Prop & Liab insurance	14,269.00	15,651.00	17,000.00	
Surety bonds	970.00	665.00	1,000.00	
Massachusetts unempl	129.68	184.94	250.00	
FICA/Medicare	4,272.48	4,555.76	4,600.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>879,178.13</b>	<b>835,841.10</b>	<b>977,257.14</b>	
<b>Separate articles:</b>				
<b>Raise &amp; Appropriate</b>	<b>258,019.56</b>	<b>258,773.17</b>	<b>185,647.00</b>	
Chapter 90	252,079.00	257,779.20	180,147.00	

Computer	0.00	585.97	1,000.00	
Assessors Reval	4,448.34	0.00	1,500.00	1,289.73
Independent Audit	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	9,840.00
Continuing Ed	308.12	333.00	0.00	3,540.88
Tax Title & Foreclosure	1,184.10	75.00	0.00	24,771.40
Town bldgs maint/renov	63.81	1,395.06	0.00	12,716.77
Surplus equip	0.00	0.00	0.00	900.00
Sick pay banked	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,815.92
<b>Free Cash</b>	<b>59,365.09</b>	<b>76,156.39</b>	<b>249,834.61</b>	
Reserve		0.00	2,000.00	
Debt Service*6	59,365.09	76,156.39	240,834.61	
Road Sander Purchase		6,500.00		
Animal Inspector Exp			500.00	
<b>Total Expenditures/</b>				
<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>1,196,562.78</b>	<b>1,170,770.66</b>	<b>1,412,738.75</b>	<b>105,293.95</b>

Notes:

1 - Salaries include Adm Asst & Financial Admin- new to FY17. Also includes balance carried from FY16 for approved unused vacation time. 2 - Treasurer's salary is now part of Financial Administrator salary, under the Selectboard's oversight. 3 - Town Clerk expenses now includes additional funds to cover Help America Vote Act expense. 4 - Balance carried from FY16 for unused vacation time that was approved to be carried. 5 - General Highways balance carried over from prior years - can be used for General Highways salaries or expenses. 6 - Only debt remaining at end of FY17 is \$30,000/year for the Highway and Fire Dept trucks loan.

## ACCOUNTING OF FREE CASH

### ACCOUNTING OF FREE CASH FY2016

FREE CASH CERTIFIED AS OF 7/1/2015		272,684.00
5/9/16		
ATM	Reserve	2,000.00
	Fire Pumper/Hwy truck	30,000.00
	Interest	6,000.00
	Storm damage pmt	100,000.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS		138,000.00
BALANCE OF FREE CASH AS OF 6/30/2016		134,684.00

### PREVIEW FOR FY2017:

FREE CASH CERTIFIED AS OF 7/1/2016		224,860.00
10/17/2016	Storm damage pmt	104,835.00
	Road Sander	6,500.00
11/15/2016	Animal Inspector exp	500.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS		111,835.00

The difference between the balance at the end of FY16 and Free Cash Certified for FY17 is primarily due amounts closed to Surplus Revenue as well as reduction in outstanding receivables and liabilities.



**SURPLUS REVENUE FY2016**  
**Report of Surplus Revenue FY2016**

<b>Balance as of 7/1/2015</b>	<b>292,033.65</b>
07/08/2015 Tax title payment	236.01
07/16/2015 Tax title payment	948.86
08/07/2015 Tax title payment	173.16
09/03/2015 Tax title payment	187.11
10/03/2015 Tax title payment	183.70
11/03/2015 Tax title payment	174.76
12/02/2015 Account added to tax title	-6.30
12/02/2015 Account added to tax title	-39.38
12/03/2015 FY15 Free Cash used for FY16 budget per STM (landfill maint.)	-1,000.00
12/03/2015 Tax title payment	182.75
01/03/2016 Tax title payment	179.69
02/03/2016 Tax title payment	182.17
03/04/2016 Tax title payment	190.01
04/03/2016 Tax title payment	192.54
05/03/2016 Tax title payment	195.11
05/09/2016 FY15 Free Cash used for FY16 budget per STM (firefighter stipends)	-1,000.00
05/09/2016 Tax title payment	2,315.81
05/26/2016 Account added to tax title	-253.19
05/26/2016 Account added to tax title	-456.75
06/03/2016 Tax title payment	192.63
06/09/2016 Accounts added to tax title (multiple)	-15,633.30
06/30/2016 FY15 Free Cash used for FY17 budget per ATM	-138,000.00
06/30/2016 Ins reimbursement balances from 2010 & 2011 closed to Surp Rev	13,105.40
06/30/2016 closing actual net income/exp into surplus revenue	96,863.01
<b>Balance as of 6/30/2016</b>	<b>251,147.45</b>

**TREASURER'S REVENUES AND ACCOUNT BALANCES**  
**7/1/2015 – 6/30/2016**

Balance as of 7/1/15	904,871
Receipts:	
Tax Collections:	
Real Estate Taxes	733,676
Personal Property Taxes	36,928
Motor Vehicle Taxes	33,670
In Lieu of Taxes	1,000
Tax Title payments	5,534
Penalties & Interest on Taxes	3,748
Penalties & Interest on Tax Titles	2,601
Other tax collection	
PERMITS/FEES/LICENSES:	
Tax Collector Fees	1,775
Deputy Collector Fees	658
Town Clerk Fees	341
Police Department Fees	1,220
Copies/Fax	17
Zipline Permit	500
Trash Bags/Permits	3,486
Fire Department Permits	120
Dog Licenses & Late Fees	554
Class III Permit	50
PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS:	
Federal Tax Withheld	19,264
FICA/Medicare Withheld	4,556
Mass Tax Withheld	9,345
County Retirement Withheld	11,922
Employee Health Insurance W/H	4,698
OTHER:	
Vocational Transportation	2,789
Disaster Assistance	412,283
Refunds	1,077
Interest on Accounts	1,146

Trust Fund Interest	208
Donations	700

GRANTS:

Fire Dept Grants	3,965
COA Grant	4,500
DEP Recycling Grant	499
HMPG – Garage	29,979
MBI	5,000
DOER – Green Community	7,098

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS:

Chapter 70	34,713
Exemptions (Veterans/Blind/Elderly)	504
Unrestricted General Aid	39,894
SAPL 12 (Library)	1,799
Extended Polling Hours	189
State Land	64,278
Forest Product on SOL	400
Chp. 90 Reimbursement	119,807
Registry of Motor Vehicles	48

Loan - Storm Damage	450,000
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TOTAL RECEIPTS:	2,056,439
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BALANCE PLUS RECEIPTS:	2,961,310
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LESS SELECTMEN'S WARRANTS:	2,007,402
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953,908

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF 6/30/16:

Checking Accounts	47,957
Savings Accounts	550,702

TRUST FUNDS:

Stabilization Account	336,105
Other Trust Funds	19,144

TOTAL:	953,908
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Respectfully submitted, Virginia Gabert, Treasurer

## BALANCE SHEET

### GENERAL FUND

#### ASSETS

Current Assets		606,501.64
Accounts Receivable		
Personal Property Taxes		
PP Taxes FY13	158.26	
PP Taxes FY14	83.78	
PP Taxes FY15	330.14	
PP Taxes FY16	20,620.85	
Total Personal Property Taxes	21,193.03	
Real Estate Taxes		
RE Taxes FY13	0.00	
RE Taxes FY14	253.19	
RE Taxes FY15	16,949.01	
RE Taxes FY16	378,664.69	
Total Real Estate Taxes	395,866.89	
Total Taxes due (PP, RE)		417,059.92
Excise Taxes		
Motor Vehicle 2010	125.83	
Motor Vehicle 2011	191.67	
Motor Vehicle 2012	45.21	
Motor Vehicle 2013	493.75	
Motor Vehicle 2014	783.95	
Motor Vehicle 2015	3,705.43	
Total Excise Taxes	5,345.84	
Total Taxes due (other)		5,345.84
Other tax collections		
Tax Titles	72,037.50	
Tax Possessions	18,117.48	
Total Other tax collections		90,154.98
State Aid to Highways (a/r)	196,494.49	
Grants (receivable)		
EOC Grant	3,900.00	
Total Grants (receivable)		3,900.00
Loans Authorized (asset)	2,678,000.00	
Due from Stabilization (toGen)	0.00	
Due from Trust (toGen)	97.44	
		2,968,646.91
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>3,997,554.31</b>

#### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
Due to Trust(from Gen.)	0.00	
Due to Stabilization(from Gen.)	49,922.61	
Temp. Storm Damage Loan	490,000.00	
		539,922.61
Overlay		
Overlay fy09	1,117.62	
Overlay fy10	2,075.13	
Overlay fy11	3,001.88	
Overlay fy12	4,645.46	
Overlay fy13	8,612.69	
Overlay FY14	3,971.87	
Overlay FY15	6,761.18	
Total Overlay control		30,185.83
Deferred Revenue		
MV deferred revenue	5,345.84	
Tax Title (defer. rev)	72,037.50	
Tax Possession (def. rev)	18,117.48	
Total Deferred Revenue		95,500.82
Receipts Reserved		
Sale of Cemetery Lots	2,825.00	
Sale of Real Estate	1,650.00	
Total Receipts Reserved		4,475.00
Payroll Liabilities		
		398.15
Other continuing appropriations		
Audit	6,840.00	
Tax Title & Forcl. Costs	7,346.40	
Town Bldg maint/renov	14,111.83	
Internet Instal/equip	83.17	
Surplus Equipment	900.00	
Gen. Hwys (carry over)	18,746.15	
Vacation pay carry over	3,711.40	
Employee Sick Pay	16,005.44	
Continuing Ed.	3,873.88	
Assessors reval	89.73	
Council on Aging	1,075.35	
Hwy Dept equip repair	12,000.00	
Total Other continuing appropriations		84,783.35
Special Revenue liability funds		
Bicentennial Fund	4,016.00	
HawleyRidge Cons Fund	1,435.00	
Donations	276.65	
Total Special Revenue liability funds		5,727.65

Revolving Funds		
Dog Fund	3,563.27	
Wetland Protect. Fund	1,147.50	
Total Revolving Funds		4,710.77
Additional State/Fed Assistance		
Disaster Assistance	-362,934.69	
Total Additional State/Fed Assistance		-362,934.69
State Revenue		
Chapter 90	111,396.13	
Total State Revenue		111,396.13
Grants		
Comm. Policing Grant	3,390.59	
DARE Grant	929.02	
COA Grant	0.00	
HCI Grant	2,893.80	
NIMS education	500.00	
EOC Grant	2,323.69	
Total Grants		10,037.10
Insurance Reimbursement (theft)		1,021.30
Insurance Reimbursement (flood)		12,084.10
Total Other Current Liabilities		537,308.12
Long Term Liabilities		
Loan Authorized and Unissued	2,678,000.00	
Debt paydown auth – Pumper	12,425.00	
Equity		2,690,425.00
Budget of FY16	399,287.54	
Surplus revenue	292,033.65	
Free Cash - allocated	78,500.00	
Total Equity		769,821.19
<b>TOTAL LIAB &amp; EQUITY</b>		<b>3,997,554.31</b>
<b>TRUST FUNDS</b>		
Trust Funds - cash		
Hoosac CD (Library)	3,714.32	
Peoples Historical Comm	5,211.44	
BWM CD (Cemetery 1)	1,752.53	
BWM CD (Cemetery 2)	1,644.27	
GSB (Gen Stabilization)	105,994.50	
GSB (Hwy Stabilization)	120,037.56	
GSB (Fire Dept Stabilization)	60,014.79	
Total Trust Funds - cash		298,369.41
Due from General (toStabiliz)		49,922.61
<b>Total Trust Funds - assets</b>		<b>348,292.02</b>

Trust Funds - equity		
Due to General Fund(from trust)	97.44	
Trust Funds (equity)		
Library fund	3,714.32	
Historical Comm.trust	5,210.78	
Cemetery Fund	3,300.02	
Stabilization Fund	105,994.50	
Hwy Dept Stabiliz. Fund	120,037.56	
FireEquip Stabiliz. Fund	60,014.79	
Voc. Ed. Stabiliz. Fund	49,922.61	
Total Trust Funds (equity)		348,194.58
<b>Total Trust Funds - liab &amp; equity</b>		<b>348,292.02</b>

**DEBT**

Long Term Liabilities		
Net Funded Fixed Debt	-170,000.00	<b>170,000.00</b>
Notes Payable		
Note payable - McCloud land pur	20,000.00	
Note Payable - trucks	150,000.00	<b>170,000.00</b>

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT BALANCES FOR FY2016

REAL ESTATE	BALANCE ON BAL 07/01/15	COMMITTED AFTER 06/30/15	COLLECTED	ABATED	EXEMPTED	REFUNDED	TAX TAKINGS	BALANCE BAL 07/01/16
FY 2017	\$0.00	\$378,943.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$378,943.64
2016	\$378,664.69	\$379,973.06	\$717,230.71	\$672.70	\$6,112.50	\$6,664.68	\$15,633.30	\$25,653.22
2015	\$16,949.01	\$0.00	\$16,446.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$502.43	(\$0.00)
2014	\$253.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$253.19	\$0.00
<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>								
FY 2017	\$0.00	\$18,409.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,409.29
2016	\$20,620.85	\$16,345.17	\$36,680.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$106.56	\$0.00	\$392.13
2015	\$330.14	\$0.00	\$247.93	\$82.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$0.00)
2014	\$83.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$83.78
2013	\$158.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$158.26
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE</b>								
FY 2016	\$0.00	\$32,411.47	\$28,909.56	\$909.00	\$0.00	\$466.16	\$0.00	\$3,059.07
2015	\$3,705.43	\$2,499.65	\$4,447.82	\$1,159.89	\$0.00	\$170.66	\$0.00	\$768.03
2014	\$783.95	\$0.00	\$285.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$498.12
2013	\$493.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$493.75
2012	\$45.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45.21
2011	\$191.67	\$0.00	\$26.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$165.42
2010	\$125.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125.83



## **BOARD OF ASSESSORS REPORT - 2016**

The Board of Assessors holds monthly meetings at the Town Office at 7:00pm on the first Wednesday of each month (unless otherwise posted). The Board consists of Henry Eggert, Rick Kean and Ed Brady. Henry Eggert resigned as Chairman effective December 31, 2016, and Rick Kean assumed that role effective January 1. Virginia Gabert continues to be the Assistant to the Board, and holds office hours at the Town Office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 1-5pm.

The Assessors review approximately 1/3 of the properties in town each year, generally during the spring and summer months. To ensure most accurate assessments, they need to have access to residences in order to perform interior data collection. Any residents who would like to have the Assessors confirm or update the data on file are welcome to contact Virginia Gabert, at the Town Office to set up an appointment. Otherwise, approximately once every three years, all residents can expect a visit. If access is not available, or is denied, the Assessor's will be forced to make their best determination based on exterior data collection.

Any townspeople with questions about their assessments, abatements, or any other related issues are welcome to contact Virginia Gabert at the Town Office. If she is unable to answer your inquiries, she will gather the necessary information, present it to the Board and contact you with the response. To assist taxpayers in fulfilling filing requirements, we do an annual mailing early each year which includes any of the following forms:

- "Form of List" for those required to pay personal property taxes
- "Exemption Application" for certain elderly; blind; veterans; and farmers
- "Form 3ABC" for charitable organizations
- Abatement applications are mailed out upon request.

The prompt filing of these forms:

- may result in a reduction in taxes, in some cases;
- may preserve your right to a full abatement in the case of an overvaluation; and,
- may help you avoid penalties due to late filing.

If you did not receive the correct form; if you have any questions about them; or if you think that you may qualify for an exemption and did not receive an application, please contact Virginia in the Town Office.

All of these forms have important deadlines – many of which the Board of Assessors do not have the authority to extend. Although we mail forms to most landowners, it is the sole responsibility of the landowner to obtain the necessary forms and file them prior to the respective deadlines.

The following chart shows the overall property value of the town in recent years. This past year, the tax rate remained at \$15.50/1,000. We will continue to keep a very close eye on property values and any possible new growth in order to minimize impacts on taxpayers as much as possible.

	Personal Property	Real Property	Total Property	Tax Rate per \$1000
2011/2012	1,596,367	44,934,700	46,531,067	16.30
2012/2013	1,566,967	45,737,400	47,304,367	15.95
2013/2014	1,522,285	46,215,500	47,737,785	16.05
2014/2015	2,573,397	48,537,200	51,110,597	15.75
2015/2016	2,384,902	48,944,500	51,329,402	15.50
2016/2017	2,462,909	49,278,200	51,741,109	15.50

Real property valuations by location are listed below:

Primary Owner	Property Address	Tax value
CLARK, BRIAN	0 ASHFIELD ROAD	5,900
LAVALLEY, TANNER	0 ASHFIELD ROAD	28,000
DELUCA, ELLEN	0 ASHFIELD ROAD	300
MASSACHUSETTS LAND LEAGUE	0 ASHFIELD ROAD	6,300
HAY, BENJAMIN & DOUGLAS	0 ASHFIELD ROAD	58,300
MIZULA, MARK & SANDRA	5 ASHFIELD ROAD	137,600
FAY, JOHN C & GLORIA C	12 ASHFIELD ROAD	188,400
DEWKETT, NANCY	13 ASHFIELD ROAD	34,300
SUMNER, STUART & DONNA	17 ASHFIELD ROAD	231,100
LAVALLEY, EUGENE & ARLENE	18 ASHFIELD ROAD	187,900
CLARK, KYLE & DAPHNE	0 BOZRAH ROAD	70,200
CLARK, JUANITA	7 BOZRAH ROAD	225,900
CLARK, ANGELA M.	17 BOZRAH ROAD	199,800

GRIFFIN, PAUL S. & ELIZABETH H.	19 BOZRAH ROAD	95,600
LATSHANG, EILEEN WESTON	24 BOZRAH ROAD	149,500
GRANT, STEPHEN & ELLEN J	0 BUCKLAND ROAD	53,200
SCHOFIELD, MICHAEL	0 BUCKLAND ROAD	28,200
BOGART, MATTHEW M.	0 BUCKLAND ROAD	31,500
ROSENBAUM, LYNNEL & KIM	0 BUCKLAND ROAD	29,100
CLARK, THOMAS	0 BUCKLAND ROAD	29,400
RICHARD, MELANIE	0 BUCKLAND ROAD	28,000
BOUFFARD, DENIS & KAREN	0 BUCKLAND ROAD	28,000
ROSENBAUM, LYNNEL & KIM	0 BUCKLAND ROAD	31,000
ULLIAN, KIT JESSE & SHARI	41 BUCKLAND ROAD	281,200
ORZECKOWSKI, PAUL & KIMBERLY	115 BUCKLAND ROAD	141,900
CLARK, DAVID A. & CARLA C.	121 BUCKLAND ROAD	148,500
ULLIAN, FRANK	7 CLARK ROAD	576,800
COTHEY, PAMELA STEWART	15 DODGE BRANCH RD	8,100
COTHEY, PAMELA S	15 DODGE BRANCH RD	686,800
HOWLAND, STEVEN L. & PARLAND	0 DODGE CORNER RD	29,000
LOWELL, DAVID E. & TAMMY M.	0 DODGE CORNER RD	15,700
RICHARDSON, KEVIN	0 DODGE CORNER RD	29,600
FAIT, HAROLD C	3 DODGE CORNER RD	106,100
HARRIS, WILLIAM R. & CONSTANC	26 DODGE CORNER RD	258,900
FARROW, RICHARD & EVELYN	5 DODGE ROAD	215,200
FAIT, HAROLD C.	29 DODGE ROAD	191,300
RICHARDSON, KEVIN	32 DODGE ROAD	282,800
WEEKS, BARBARA	71 DODGE ROAD	103,400
MCLAUGHLIN, CHRISTINE	0 EAST HAWLEY RD	32,100
FAUFAW, KRISTIE	0 EAST HAWLEY RD	34,000
COBB, CHERYL	0 EAST HAWLEY RD	500
COBB, CHERYL	0 EAST HAWLEY RD	4,400
C TO THE THIRD POWER, LLC	0 EAST HAWLEY RD	54,000
APREA, FERDINAND & GARY	0 EAST HAWLEY RD	120,500
CULVER, HARRY	0 EAST HAWLEY RD	28,800
CULVER, HARRY	0 EAST HAWLEY RD	44,800
LAWLESS, WILLIAM S	0 EAST HAWLEY RD	67,600
CULVER, HARRY	0 EAST HAWLEY RD	84,600
HEIRS & DIVISEES OF GEORGE RICHA	0 EAST HAWLEY RD	2,500
HYYTINEN, SHIRLEY	0 EAST HAWLEY RD	28,000
ROOT, ROBERT W. & SERRA A.	0 EAST HAWLEY RD	63,900
QUINNEHTUK COMPANY	0 EAST HAWLEY RD	1,000
MENDE, ROBERT & SHIRLEY	5 EAST HAWLEY RD	169,800
WALSH, JAMES & KATHLEEN	8 EAST HAWLEY RD	123,900
DUPUIS, SANDRA	24 EAST HAWLEY RD	139,200
DUPUIS, RONALD & SANDRA	28 EAST HAWLEY RD	214,800
CLARK, MITCHELL	29 EAST HAWLEY RD	89,900

GRISWOLD, GORDON & JANICE	31 EAST HAWLEY RD	245,000
LEMIEUX, JULIA	42 EAST HAWLEY RD	193,800
CLARK, DOROTHY (HEIRS OF)	45 EAST HAWLEY RD	125,200
SWOPE, WESTON J.	49 EAST HAWLEY RD	238,500
PARRA, PHILIP W. & PATRICIA JEAN	52 EAST HAWLEY RD	249,500
CLARK, TIMOTHY J. & ROBYN DEE	54 EAST HAWLEY RD	344,200
BESHARA, DOROTHY A.	59 EAST HAWLEY RD	29,400
SCHAEFER, JONATHAN & MARIA L	59 EAST HAWLEY RD	311,200
BOUCIAS, GREGG & JEAN	67 EAST HAWLEY RD	135,500
CLARK, KYLE & DAPHNE	69 EAST HAWLEY RD	288,500
LORENZEN, MARIANNE & R. BRUCE	74 EAST HAWLEY RD	225,500
ISAACSEN, KIMBERLY TANGUAY	78 EAST HAWLEY RD	173,200
TANGUAY, WILLIAM	81 EAST HAWLEY RD	264,400
CLARK, TIMOTHY & ROBIN	86 EAST HAWLEY RD	135,000
NICOLE PATLIN MILLER REALTY TR	95 EAST HAWLEY RD	512,800
EDMONSON, NANCY	98 EAST HAWLEY RD	114,700
MCLAUGHLIN, CHRISTINE	103 EAST HAWLEY RD	135,600
GERRY, TODD M.	104 EAST HAWLEY RD	143,300
THOMSON, ELAINE & RAYMOND	106 EAST HAWLEY RD	210,700
HOWE, ADAM & KELLY	112 EAST HAWLEY RD	199,100
HAGEN, SUSAN & SINTIRIS, WILLIA	115 EAST HAWLEY RD	83,700
SEGAL, YVETTE	116 EAST HAWLEY RD	168,500
SHUTTA, STEVEN	120 EAST HAWLEY RD	215,100
PETERS, CASEY M. & SONJA M.	124 EAST HAWLEY RD	237,400
BROWN, LOOCIE & SOMMERS, ELIZ	127 EAST HAWLEY RD	203,100
FAUFAW, KRISTIE & SISUM, MICHA	128 EAST HAWLEY RD	390,400
OLEFSKY, HAI ZHENG & MAXINE M	153 EAST HAWLEY RD	281,400
SPRING, PATRICIA	168 EAST HAWLEY RD	97,700
GOTTA, RAYMOND	235 EAST HAWLEY RD	126,300
COLE, WILLIAM G., TRUSTEE	252 EAST HAWLEY RD	76,400
SWOPE, JAMES & SUSAN	254 EAST HAWLEY RD	175,100
KAPSINOW, JAY	259 EAST HAWLEY RD	240,600
SWOPE, JAMES & SUSAN	262 EAST HAWLEY RD	73,100
BILLINGS, SHAWN R. & ELIZABETH	270 EAST HAWLEY RD	241,100
BELLOWS, KEVIN	282 EAST HAWLEY RD	400,700
YATES, RICHARD & CHERYL	292 EAST HAWLEY RD	280,300
GRANT, STEPHEN & ELLEN JANE	319 EAST HAWLEY RD	252,900
HARRISON, DREW & ASHLEY	324 EAST HAWLEY RD	177,500
ROOT, ROBERT W. & SERRA A.	330 EAST HAWLEY RD	128,100
HERRSHAFT, WILLIAM & JUDITH	0 EAST ROAD	1,800
SKELTON, ROBERT	0 EAST ROAD	17,000
HOLM, LOIS	0 EAST ROAD	55,500
KLAGSBRUN, EDWARD	0 EAST ROAD	188,500
MAHA SIDDHA NYINGMAPA	0 EAST ROAD	2,500

HUGHES, HELENA	0 EAST ROAD	89,600
BERKSHIRE EAST SKI RESORT, LLC	0 EAST ROAD	1,225,400
BERKSHIRE HIGHLANDS LLC	0 EAST ROAD	29,200
CLARK, KEVIN	22 EAST ROAD	154,400
CHURCHILL, MICHAEL & RACHEL	26 EAST ROAD	153,600
LEVINE, PAUL	40 EAST ROAD	181,800
BILLIEL, DARLENE	42 EAST ROAD	127,200
ALBRIGHT, LINDA	43 EAST ROAD	221,800
SCHAEFER, JAMES & JONATHAN	49 EAST ROAD	321,200
GRISWOLD, DANA	54 EAST ROAD	88,800
KIMBALL, CHRISTINE	58 EAST ROAD	198,200
KIMBALL, CHRISTINE	58 EAST ROAD	2,500
TEPEDINO, MICHAEL	131 EAST ROAD	508,900
GOSSELIN, KENNETH & PAUL	0 FORGE HILL ROAD	59,600
FITZROY, ROBERT & DANIEL	0 FORGE HILL ROAD	6,700
SINGING BROOK FARM TRUST	0 FORGE HILL ROAD	39,600
FITZROY, KIM	5 FORGE HILL ROAD	229,600
SHRIMPTON, CRAIG & PAMELA	10 FORGE HILL ROAD	57,500
SHRIMPTON, PAMELA & CRAIG	12 FORGE HILL ROAD	291,100
KOZODOY, NEAL & MAUD	0 FORGET ROAD	44,900
CORBOSIERO, ANNE MARIE	5 FORGET ROAD	173,800
DONELSON, LAURI	21 FORGET ROAD	187,300
STEWART, HOLLY B.	26 FORGET ROAD	259,700
NIGROSH, BARRY	29 FORGET ROAD	278,400
ABRASHKIN, WILLIAM	29 FORGET ROAD	36,000
BRADY, EDWARD	30 FORGET ROAD	301,400
BRYANT, TANYA ZOE	35 FORGET ROAD	205,100
DONOVAN, IVAN & CYNTHIA	49 FORGET ROAD	443,500
LACINSKI, PAUL M & KLIPPENSTEIN	58 FORGET ROAD	612,000
LACINSKI, PAUL & KLIPPENSTEIN, A	59 FORGET ROAD	286,800
BEGA, KATHRYN	86 FORGET ROAD	105,200
KOZODOY, NEAL & MAUD N	90 FORGET ROAD	488,600
GELINAS, MARY	97 FORGET ROAD	354,100
NELSON, RONALD	101 FORGET ROAD	234,300
HOPKINS, SUSAN & BERNARD	107 FORGET ROAD	236,400
MITCHELL, PETER	112 FORGET ROAD	248,000
KEAN, RICHARD	117 FORGET ROAD	185,600
KEAN, RICHARD	121 FORGET ROAD	402,900
AUBREY, SUZANNE	7 GROUT ROAD	165,500
HOFFMAN, KAREN	20 GROUT ROAD	304,100
CLARK, BRIAN	0 HAWLEY ROAD	26,000
COOPER, PAUL R (TRUSTEE)	13 HOWES ROAD	479,100
DEFRIESSE, GEORGETTE	0 HUNT ROAD	29,000
MCNERNEY, MICHAEL	0 HUNT ROAD	29,000

WALCZAK, MARGARET	0 HUNT ROAD	29,000
BURSTEIN, MERWYN	0 HUNT ROAD	29,000
GURSKI, FRANK	0 HUNT ROAD	29,000
GOULD, RICHARD	3 HUNT ROAD	217,400
HYYTINEN, SHIRLEY	9 HUNT ROAD	204,500
SCOTT, JOHN	11 HUNT ROAD	183,500
DEFRIESSE, GEORGETTE	15 HUNT ROAD	201,700
DREHER, SARAH (ESTATE OF)	17 HUNT ROAD	70,800
AUBREY, TODD & KIMBERLY	19 HUNT ROAD	104,200
OHMANN, SARAH	0 LABELLE ROAD	3,900
MILT, ELLEN	0 LABELLE ROAD	13,400
LABELLE, CURTIS W. & NORMA J.	0 LABELLE ROAD	2,300
KAPLAN, DAVID A.	0 LABELLE ROAD	72,900
OHMANN, SARAH	53 LABELLE ROAD	268,900
KING, MICHAEL & EVELYN	62 LABELLE ROAD	375,800
BEARFOOT REALITY TRUST	80 LABELLE ROAD	236,600
EASTWOOD, BRUCE	19 LOWER FORGET RD	126,400
RANDALL, CHRISTOPHER & JULIA &	0 MIDDLE ROAD	78,500
PURINTON, SCOTT	0 MIDDLE ROAD	7,500
TAYLOR, ROBERT & HOLT, PATRICI	0 MIDDLE ROAD	1,500
PURINTON, SCOTT R. & ELLEN S.	0 MIDDLE ROAD	6,500
MACLEAN, ROBERT & JOANNE	25 MIDDLE ROAD	177,200
ATKINS, CARLOS	35 MIDDLE ROAD	238,700
TAYLOR, ROBERT	38 MIDDLE ROAD	165,100
PURDY, PETER & SUSAN	45 MIDDLE ROAD	161,500
STEJSKAL, JIRI & MARY	51 MIDDLE ROAD	90,300
SINGING BROOK FARM TRUST	53 MIDDLE ROAD	315,500
SINGING BROOK FARM TRUST	54 MIDDLE ROAD	343,700
COSBY, WILLIAMS C. & JOHNSON, L	59 MIDDLE ROAD	398,200
SMART, ELISE C & JOHN III	79 MIDDLE ROAD	229,700
GILLAN, DUNCAN & RUTH	81 MIDDLE ROAD	246,300
WEISBLAT, TINKY	84 MIDDLE ROAD	277,500
CLARK, LESLIE	92 MIDDLE ROAD	251,600
PYLE, DAVID & ELIZABETH	96 MIDDLE ROAD	282,800
ASHFIELD ROD & GUN CLUB	0 PLAINFIELD ROAD	2,900
HEIRS & DIVISEES OF JOHN THOMPS	0 PLAINFIELD ROAD	400
SCHOFIELD, MICHAEL & TAMMY	3 PLAINFIELD ROAD	196,000
O'CONNOR, JANE M.	4 PLAINFIELD ROAD	229,700
SHAFFER, MARY	21 PLAINFIELD ROAD	151,500
SLOSSER, GAIUS BRANDT	23 PLAINFIELD ROAD	83,600
CARANTIT, JEFFREY & JULIE	38 PLAINFIELD ROAD	400,000
CHAFFEE, KENNETH & SHIELA	68 PLAINFIELD ROAD	272,300
SCOTT, RAYMOND	79 PLAINFIELD ROAD	163,700
SCOTT, JAMES	86 PLAINFIELD ROAD	232,800

AUSTIN, JUDITH	102 PLAINFIELD ROAD	262,900
MAPLESTONE, LLC	118 PLAINFIELD ROAD	360,100
COX, GREGORY	0 POND ROAD	19,000
POUDRIER, RAYMOND & MELANIE	0 POND ROAD	3,000
THWING, KIRBY & ELIZABETH	6 POND ROAD	157,000
COX, GREGORY & DRAVES, SUSAN	13 POND ROAD	189,900
THWING, KIRBY JR & ELIZABETH	15 POND ROAD	233,100
POUDRIER, RAYMOND	29 POND ROAD	421,900
VELAZQUEZ, JASON, REGINA & SHE	7 PUDDING HOLLOW	115,100
SEARS, PAUL	0 PUDDING HOLLOW	28,000
CROSSIN, CLARA ESTATE	0 PUDDING HOLLOW	25,000
MCDERMOTT, SEAN P. & EVA S.	0 PUDDING HOLLOW	482,200
WHITE, MARK	0 PUDDING HOLLOW	14,700
SEARS, JOHN F. & RICHARD	0 PUDDING HOLLOW	26,000
WHITE, DOUGLAS	0 PUDDING HOLLOW	7,500
BECK, R. PETER & BERTSCH, KENNE	6 PUDDING HOLLOW	292,800
BERTSCH, KENNETH	12 PUDDING HOLLOW	482,200
RICH, DAVID & SARAH	45 PUDDING HOLLOW	290,700
DEFOUGEROLLES, ANTONIN & PAU	61 PUDDING HOLLOW	792,900
STERNSTEIN, JEROME & KATHRYN	73 PUDDING HOLLOW	189,700
SEARS, RICHARD & ILENE	87 PUDDING HOLLOW	296,000
SEARS, JOHN F.	100 PUDDING HOLLOW	249,500
CUTLER, CHARLES	0 SAVOY ROAD	67,500
SCHOCH, AMY	2 SAVOY ROAD	169,900
CUTLER, CHARLES	22 SAVOY ROAD	318,000
DWIGHT, WILLIAM & LEWIS, LIDA	36 SAVOY ROAD	103,800
WHITE, MARK	0 SEARS ROAD	40,400
CHARLAND, JOYCE M	21 SEARS ROAD	157,700
OVITT, BRIAN	0 SOUTH RIVER ROAD	11,500
LANOUE, NELSON & BRENDA	0 SOUTH RIVER ROAD	20,000
SHIELDS, THOMAS	0 SOUTH RIVER ROAD	1,100
TAVERN TOP TRUST	0 SOUTH ROAD	6,000
YATES, JEFFREY & LAURA	0 SOUTH ROAD	39,600
NEWELL, DAVID & VIRGINIA	0 SOUTH ROAD	29,400
CLARK, CLIFFORD JR	133 SOUTH ROAD	48,400
CLARK, SARA & WALL, KENNETH	133 SOUTH ROAD	139,900
SHIPPEE, MURIEL	0 STETSON ROAD	48,000
ONDIS, PAUL	2 STETSON ROAD	99,400
BRISSETTE, BARBARA	7 STETSON ROAD	62,400
KELLOGG, BARBARA E.	9 STETSON ROAD	212,100
KIMBALL, STEPHEN & SUSAN	13 STETSON ROAD	183,500
SCHREIBER, THOMAS & SHIRLEY	0 WATSON ROAD	1,900
MCCULLOCH, ANN	0 WATSON ROAD	800
POPE, BENJAMIN L. & DANIEL C.	7 WATSON ROAD	255,300

SPOFFORD, BEVERLY	0 WEST HAWLEY RD	500
GORMLEY, JUNE	0 WEST HAWLEY RD	36,000
HOLMES, TOBY A.O.	0 WEST HAWLEY RD	32,300
DESMARAIS, DEAN F. & MARIA C.	0 WEST HAWLEY RD	39,000
EICHHOLZ, MARY & TIMOTHY	0 WEST HAWLEY RD	4,000
PURINTON, SCOTT R.	0 WEST HAWLEY RD	13,800
NGUYEN, LEIM THANH	0 WEST HAWLEY RD	13,000
WHITE, TEDD	0 WEST HAWLEY RD	44,300
NORCROSS, PAUL & RITA	0 WEST HAWLEY RD	30,500
BERTSCH, KENNETH & BECK, R. PET	0 WEST HAWLEY RD	1,800
STREETER, PAUL	0 WEST HAWLEY RD	79,600
WHITE, MARK	10 WEST HAWLEY RD	239,700
WHITE, TEDD F.	28 WEST HAWLEY RD	360,000
EGGERT, HENRY	48 WEST HAWLEY RD	294,000
GRODEN, SUZY & EMMETT, CONSTA	50 WEST HAWLEY RD	194,100
GRODEN, SUZY & EMMETT, CONSTA	54 WEST HAWLEY RD	62,300
PURINTON, SCOTT & ELLEN	60 WEST HAWLEY RD	341,200
BROWNELL, RYAN	70 WEST HAWLEY RD	238,800
FALWELL, RICHARD L & ANN J	74 WEST HAWLEY RD	92,100
DESMARAIS, DEAN	76 WEST HAWLEY RD	81,700
DESMARAIS, DEAN	76 WEST HAWLEY RD	190,900
DESROCHERS, JAMES & KATHLEEN	90 WEST HAWLEY RD	165,000
LEMOINE, DONNA	94 WEST HAWLEY RD	84,800
LEMOINE, DONNA	96 WEST HAWLEY RD	57,000
TRAVERS, GRAHAME & PEGGY	108 WEST HAWLEY RD	384,300
HANECAK, NANCY AND VIENS, JOS	128 WEST HAWLEY RD	103,300
BENOIT, GERMAIN	136 WEST HAWLEY RD	188,000
PARENT, RICHARD F. & ELIZABETH	138 WEST HAWLEY RD	86,000
BONNETTE, DONALD	140 WEST HAWLEY RD	69,300
BONNETTE, DONALD	144 WEST HAWLEY RD	181,800
YOUMELL, DEBORAH & JAMES	197 WEST HAWLEY RD	29,900
CLARK, WAYNE & ROBIN	198 WEST HAWLEY RD	136,900
MACNICOLL, SAMANTHA & STEVE	200 WEST HAWLEY RD	129,200
ROBERTS, BRYAN	201 WEST HAWLEY RD	290,200
FRIED, RICHARD G	213 WEST HAWLEY RD	180,600
DESMARAIS, DAVID	214 WEST HAWLEY RD	35,600
SOULE, PETER & CHRISTOPHER	228 WEST HAWLEY RD	252,500
BROWNE, MARGARET	232 WEST HAWLEY RD	348,400
HICKS, CHRISTINE & TIRONE, CHRIS	240 WEST HAWLEY RD	185,000
GORMLEY, JUNE	264 WEST HAWLEY RD	323,400
SMITH, WILLIAM	282 WEST HAWLEY RD	215,300
SARLY, ANNA	298 WEST HAWLEY RD	300,300
LAMOUNTAIN, ROBERT & PATRICIA	319 WEST HAWLEY RD	64,000
ROWEHL, GREGORY	324 WEST HAWLEY RD	203,100



LAMOUNTAIN, ROBERT & PATRICIA	325 WEST HAWLEY RD	48,400
HOYT, THOMAS & VIOLA	326 WEST HAWLEY RD	132,800
VAN BATENBURG, DEBORAH	330 WEST HAWLEY RD	55,700
SCHMITT, MICHAEL	334 WEST HAWLEY RD	112,600
DECKER, DOUGLAS & GLORIA	335 WEST HAWLEY RD	77,400
DECKER, DOUGLAS G. & GLORIA J.	336 WEST HAWLEY RD	66,900
HODGKINS, GUY & MARIE	337 WEST HAWLEY RD	93,000
STONE, ROBERT (ESTATE OF)	339 WEST HAWLEY RD	97,700
HOYT, WILLIAM	340 WEST HAWLEY RD	86,800
NORCROSS, PAUL D & RITA M	380 WEST HAWLEY RD	133,000
NORCROSS, PAUL & RITA	382 WEST HAWLEY RD	348,800
BIGELOW, MARK	390 WEST HAWLEY RD	182,800
DOYLE, KAREN	0 WEST HILL ROAD	20,000
BRADLEY, DOUGLAS & DEBORAH	0 WEST HILL ROAD	40,000
PALMER, SHEILA	0 WEST HILL ROAD	31,000
BUTHMAN, NANCY & WAGNER, ELE	0 WEST HILL ROAD	40,000
LARIVIERE, SUSAN	0 WEST HILL ROAD	22,000
MCCARTHY, GERARD & LORRAINE	7 WEST HILL ROAD	220,000
RICE, GEORGE	20 WEST HILL ROAD	452,500
RICE, GAIL	28 WEST HILL ROAD	171,900
SAVOIE, JOSEPH & LINDA	40 WEST HILL ROAD	215,600
WRIGHT, MICHAEL & MEWIS, RUTH	43 WEST HILL ROAD	64,400
CRAWFORD, LLOYD & SUZANNE	63 WEST HILL ROAD	403,200
CRAWFORD, LLOYD & SUZANNE	64 WEST HILL ROAD	224,500
HARDING, ROBERT R. & CARDWELL	86 WEST HILL ROAD	647,400
CARLE, ROLF	91 WEST HILL ROAD	356,100
LARIVIERE, SUSAN	120 WEST HILL ROAD	132,000

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Kean, Chairman  
Henry Eggert  
Ed Brady  
Board of Assessors

## **SELECTBOARD REPORT**

Greetings Hawleyites:

2016-17 was another good year for the Town of Hawley. Hussain Hamdan was elected in May 2016 to fill the seat on the Selectboard left vacant by the retirement of Phil Keenan. Hussain has been an active and effective member of the board. He and the other two members of the board have worked well together to help the town make significant progress in addressing its needs. Virginia Gabert, the town's Financial Administrator, and Cass Nawrocki, Administrative Assistant, have been of enormous help to the Selectboard in carrying out its duties.

In August the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Hawley Conservation Commission permitted the project to stabilize the bank of the Chickley River above the town garage to protect it against future flooding. It was too late to carry out the work in 2016, but the project will go out to bid in March 2017 and the work will begin in July or August. The town received grants from FEMA and MassWorks that will cover the entire cost of this project.

The Selectboard has been negotiating with Leo Roy, Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), about the repair of Middle and Hunt roads in the Dubuque State Forest. DCR plans to repair the two roads this summer and, in exchange, the town has agreed in principal to take over their maintenance once the repairs are completed. Details of the agreement are still being worked out.

During 2016, the efforts of many lay the groundwork for becoming accepted by the state as a Massachusetts Green Community. To meet one of the preliminary requirements, the town voted at the 2016 Annual Meeting in May to adopt the Stretch Energy building code and voted again at a special town meeting in November not to rescind that vote. After the second vote, the town submitted its application to the state Green Communities program. In January, 2017 the town was named a Green Community and was awarded a grant of \$136,920. The grant is to make improvements to its three town-owned buildings (Town Office, Fire House, and Town Garage) to make them more energy efficient. The funding will enable the town to insulate the three buildings, purchase

energy efficient boilers, and install solar panels. The goal is to reduce the town's energy use by 20%. Over time, Hawley will save significant tax dollars because of this initiative. The town is looking into the possibility of expanding the Fire House and the Town Office at the same time that these energy improvements are made. The town intends to draw up plans, get cost estimates, and research possible grant sources to help pay for the projects. If these projects appear affordable, the Selectboard will bring the plans to the townspeople for approval.

The recall legislation approved at the special town meeting in the fall of 2015 was passed by the Massachusetts State Legislature and signed by the Governor on January 13, 2017. The recall bylaw is now in effect.

Hawley's Communications Committee has spent many hours researching plans for a wireless broadband network, discussing broadband issues with other towns and with the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) (see the report of the Communications Committee). At this point, the project does not appear affordable, but we all hope that circumstances may change in the future. The Selectboard is grateful to the members of the committee for their devotion to finding a solution to a complicated problem.

The town continues to save money under the arrangement with H.M. Kuzmeskus, the bus company, which allows Hawley, Ashfield, Charlemont, and Plainfield to purchase gasoline from the Ashfield town garage for the vocational school vans rather than pay for it as part of the bus contract with Kuzmeskus. The four-town Vocational Education Advisory Committee and the Mohawk School District Office agreed on a new billing arrangement under which the District pays the bills to Kuzmeskus and each town then pays its share to the District four times per year. The new system works well and the School District has agreed to take on some additional administrative tasks, which will further streamline the process.

The Selectboard is pleased that Heath has chosen to send its students to Hawlemont next year. The Selectboard believes that the addition of these students will strengthen the school and make it more financially viable. The Selectboard and Hawley's school committee representatives have agreed to work with Heath to negotiate changes to the Hawlemont School District Regional Agreement that will allow Heath to join the

district sometime in the next two years or so. Hawley voters will have a chance to vote on these changes at a future town meeting. Heath's decision to send its students to Hawlemont owes a great deal to the innovative agricultural curriculum at Hawlemont, which has attracted more choice students from outside the district and will make it more likely that Hawlemont will retain students.

Richard Gould, who served with skill and devotion for over thirty-five years as the town's Highway Superintendent, retired in May. Brendan Dekoschak, his successor, resigned in October because of health problems. Gary Mitchell, the number two man in the Highway Department, then became Acting Superintendent and Ted Palmer took over the number two position, also on a temporary basis. A decision on permanent replacements for both positions will be made in May. This has been a busy winter so far for the road crew, and the Selectboard is grateful for all their work in keeping the town's roads clear of snow and in good repair.

The town received reimbursement from FEMA for the completed repair of East Road and Forge Hill Road and is now awaiting reimbursement from MEMA, which Paul Mark, our State Representative, has assured us will be forthcoming once the legislature makes an appropriation.

And last, but not least, the town paid off its storm damage loan from tropical storm Irene in the Fall of 2016!

John F. Sears, Chairman, Hawley Selectboard  
Hussain Hamdan, Selectman  
Robert MacLean, Selectman

### **Special message from the Board of Selectmen**

If you are interested in serving the Town on some capacity, please notify the Board of Selectmen. Anyone interested in learning more can inquire at the Town Office, or contact one of the committee members directly.

On behalf of the Town, we would like to extend our appreciation to all those who have served the Town over the years, and we welcome any newcomers.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT FY2016**

The Hawley Finance Committee is fully staffed. It is comprised of Lloyd Crawford, Jane Grant, Lark Thwing(chair), Carla Clark and Tammy Schofield.

The committee has met numerous times in the past year. With the creation of the position of Financial Administrator, and the promotion of Virginia to that position, she has been doing a great job in moving us even farther into the future with improved financials.

Last year the Finance Committee created *Financial Policy Guidelines* for the town's use. These Guidelines are now posted on the town website under the Finance Committee section.

This year, after becoming a member of the Baker-Polito Administration's Community Compact program, we applied for and received a grant to improve our budgeting. The Town of Hawley has assembled reorganized data and new spreadsheets into a budget workbook that will enhance the Finance Committee's analysis capability. The Town has also adopted a restructured budget format that provides town meeting attendees with greater clarity and transparency relative to municipal spending. This format was used to present the budget to the town last May. You can view a copy of the *Budget Book* by stopping in to see Virginia.

As town Auditor, Carla Clark has reviewed the town financials and found them in order.

We agreed in September 2015 to roll over the Tropical Storm Irene note for a final year.

In Oct 2015, Free Cash was certified at \$272,684. The 2016 Annual Town Meeting agreed to use this excess Free Cash to pay down the Tropical Storm Irene Note which was done in December of 2016.

In Dec 2015, Special Town Meeting(STM) accepted a grant from MASS WORKS for \$87,657, for the town's share of the river bank

reinforcement behind the town garage. This project is now underway at no cost to the town.

The capital budget for 2017 will be about \$50,000, because in FY 2017, the town is committed to paying \$19,400 on the new fire pumper, \$10,169 on the new town pickup, and \$20,000 to start paying down what the town owes on the Irene storm loan. The Finance Committee normally tries to keep the capital budget at no more than \$50,000/yr. In 2017 we hope to apply for a Community Compact Grant to develop best practices on capital planning.

For those who are interested, minutes of all Finance Committee meetings are now being posted on the town website under **Finance Committee Minutes**. To learn more about the Role of the Finance Committee, visit the town website and click on the Finance Committee link or go to <http://www.townofhawley.com/?q=node/14>

Lark Thwing, Finance Committee Chair



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## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

### Vital Statistics

#### Births

11/28/2016 Christa Elizabeth Harrison

#### Deaths

4/11/2016 Rosamond Dye

7/9/2016 Nancy Naldrett Argeris

#### Marriages

None

**Current number of residents:** 338

**Current number of registered voters:** 267

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela Shrimpton  
Town Clerk

### FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT Services to Hawley – 2016

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments provides a variety of services and programming to the municipalities of Franklin County and to the greater Franklin County region. The FRCOG's 2016 Annual Report, which will be available in April of 2017 and on [www.frcog.org](http://www.frcog.org) shortly thereafter, will highlight our work over the past year. Specific services to the Town of Hawley in 2016 included the following.

### **Administration and Special Projects**

- Staff worked with the Finance Committee and Town Financial Assistant to design annual budget documents as part of the Baker-Polito Community Compact Program. By formally accepting and using the documents, the Town has earned points toward future state grant opportunities.

### **Collective Bidding & Purchasing Program**

- Hawley participated in the Dog Tags and Licenses collective bid program.

### **Cooperative Public Health Service Health District**

Hawley is a comprehensive member of the CPHS health district, sharing health agents and a public health nurse. *Please find the services provided by this FRCOG program as a separate entry to this Hawley Town Report.*

### **Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program**

- Staff issued 28 building permits, 15 electrical permits & 5 plumbing/gas permits for Hawley in 2016. Three (3) Certificates of Inspection were issued.

### **Partnership for Youth**

- Staff conducted a Teen Health Survey to assess teen attitudes and behavior among middle and high school students. Staff reported to Mohawk Trail Regional School administrators on results from 137 Mohawk students, representing 63% of the 8th, 10th, and 12th grade classes. Survey data meets federal requirements for the school and is valuable for grant-writing and program planning.
- Staff presented to the CPHS Annual Meeting on the Healthy Community Design Toolkit, Volume 2: Municipal Strategies to Increase Food Access.

### **Planning and Development Department**

- Staff assisted the Town with preparation of a Five-Year Energy Reduction Plan, preparation of a Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy to meet Green Communities designation requirements, compilation the necessary documents needed to become a Green Community,



and assisted the Town in applying for Green Community designation.

- Staff prepared a Draft Business Plan and Legislation for the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Project for 11 West County towns including Hawley, with specific recommendations and projects to support Natural Resource Based Economic Development, Forest Conservation & Municipal Financial Sustainability.
- Staff conducted a traffic count on East Hawley Road.
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### **Regional Preparedness Program**

- Staff conducted quarterly contact drills and a site notification drill to test the *Hawlemont Emergency Dispensing Site Plan*.
- Staff designed and executed a drill that tested the Plan for the use of the Incident Command System, set up of the emergency operations Center, and the receipt of medical countermeasures from the Strategic National Stockpile.
- Hawley entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the FRCOG to recognize the Multi-Agency Coordination Center as the official organization to assist them with emergency management needs.

### **Workshops & Training**

The following list represents the FRCOG workshops and training sessions that Hawley public officials, staff, and residents attended and the number in attendance.

#### **Municipal Official Continuing Education Series**

Commercial Scale Wood Heat & Air Quality Impacts — 2

Public Records Law — 2

Municipal Farmland Leasing and Protection — 1

#### **Partnership for Youth**

Advanced LifeSkills — 1 representative of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District

#### **Cooperative Public Health Service**

ServSafe/Choke Saver/Allergen Training Series — 4

Food Systems — 1

**Regional Emergency Preparedness**

Emergency Preparedness for People with Access and Functional Needs

— 1

Hawlemont Emergency Dispensing Site Exercise – 1

**FRANKLIN REGIONAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
Annual Report - Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2015**

The Franklin Regional Retirement System is a government agency that serves the 503 retirees, 51 beneficiaries, 951 active employees, and 557 inactive members of the towns and agencies in Franklin County. We are organized under Chapter 34b, and subject to the provisions of Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws. We receive oversight on the state level from the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC), which audits our operations and financial records every three years. We are also audited by independent auditors in the two intervening years, as well as a complete actuarial valuation every two years.

The retirement benefit we provide replaces participation in the Social Security system and is described as a “defined benefit”, which means that we pay monthly retirement benefits based on the age, salary, and number of years worked at the time a member of our system retires. To be a member, an employee in one of our government units must be working in a permanent position scheduled at 20 hours or more per week and earning \$5,000 or greater annually. Funding of these benefits begins with deductions from the member, and, combined with matching funds from the employing unit, are invested in a mix of stocks, bonds, and indexed

funds. Investment earnings are a large part of the funding of retirement benefits, and the allocation of those funds are spread to a variety of sectors to take advantage of positive activity as it occurs in each sector. Please make note of our investment performance percentages in the chart on the next page.

Up until 1988, we were a “pay-as-you-go” system. In 1988 it was legislated that we begin saving to become “fully funded” over the ensuing 40 years. Fully funded means we have enough in reserves to pay for all the current and future potential benefits of our present membership. At the end of 2015, we are 78.2% funded at 27 years (67.5%) into the 40 year mandate.

Our fiscal year is the calendar year, therefore our annual report is not filed until May of the subsequent year, and as a consequence the information provided herein will be a year old by the time you read this. Current reports and information can be found on our website: [www.FRRSMA.com](http://www.FRRSMA.com).

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The main focus of the Hawley Conservation Commission in 2016 was project development and permitting of the river bank stabilization plan that is to be constructed (hopefully) in 2017 behind the Highway Garage. In accordance with current regulations administered by DEP and other state and federal agencies, this stabilization project will involve the planting of shrubs that will establish strong root systems that will resist erosion.

Our work has revolved around making sure that these plantings succeed and that our valuable town assets are protected.

The Commission also worked to issue a Determination of Applicability under the Wetlands Protection Act that establishes wetlands boundaries in an area identified by Berkshire East as a possible location for a subdivision north of East Road.

Submitted, Lloyd Crawford, Conservation Commission Chair

### **PLANNING BOARD**

Following the defeat of proposed amendments to the town bylaws in late 2015 that would have affected large solar installations, there was an effort to draft Site Plan Review requirements for some types of development that might be proposed for Hawley. This provision was also going to be an amendment to the town's Protective Bylaws but in a more simplified format than was included in the 2015 solar measure. This initiative involved an ad-hoc group of citizens working with the Planning Board. Time ran out in the effort to develop a measure that could be voted on at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

In an effort to obtain direction for future planning activities in the town, the Planning Board then hosted a widely advertised listening session inviting all residents and land owners to express their concerns about our existing bylaws relating to land use. Only 2 persons attended and we received no comments via e-mail, telephone or other means. Subsequently, the Planning Board determined that, for the time being at least, the town is satisfied with our current land use regulations. No further planning activities were undertaken in 2016.

Submitted, Lloyd Crawford

## **HISTORICAL COMMISSION Report for 2016**

The current members of the Historical Commission are Pamela Shrimpton, Chair, Lark Thwing, John Sears, Bob Root, and Suzy Groden. All of the activities of the Historical Commission are conducted in cooperation with the Sons & Daughters of Hawley (SDH).

### *Archives Organization & Preservation Project*

Pamela Shrimpton, John Sears, Suzy Groden and volunteers are continuing to sift through photos, SDH records, letters, scrapbooks, and other documents in the SDH archives on the history of Hawley located in the Grove building in East Hawley. The group is following the guidelines provided in the previous year by Rachel Onuf, the “Roving Archivist,” who was funded by a grant from the State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB). The group selects documents worth keeping and organizes them into labeled acid-free manila folders and boxes. There is a great deal of material to get through and progress has been slow, but the members of SDH and the Historical Commission look forward to creating a well-organized archive. As part of this effort, Suzy Groden has been cataloguing and transcribing oral history tapes and John Sears has begun to set up an online cataloguing system, which will enable people to search the collection.

### *Renovation and Maintenance of Historic Buildings*

The Historical Commission and SDH continue to maintain the East Hawley Meetinghouse and the Grove Building. Plans are currently being made to repair the most seriously damaged or missing plaster in the meetinghouse.

Submitted by Lark Thwing and John Sears

## **COUNCIL ON AGING 2016 REPORT**

The annual grant from the Massachusetts Council on Aging covered the costs of events, newsletters, annual dues to the Hawley/Charlemont Senior Center, and supplies for other programs. The Town also contributed to our annual budget which we appreciated. The events are generally free and we encourage all seniors to attend, meet neighbors, and have fun. The more the merrier!

We had a relatively quiet year. Some of the activities included:

- participation in the annual Charlemont/Hawley picnic;
- a lovely brunch at Tinky Weisblat's home; and
- ongoing activities at the Hawley/Charlemont Senior Center at the Federated Church in Charlemont held each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. followed by congregational lunches at noon. Various programs were offered at the Center, including:
  - a yoga class
  - game playing
  - card-making
  - a salsa class
  - Christmas activities
  - guest speakers.

The Hawley/Charlemont COA and Boards of Health help to sponsor the visiting nurse, Lisa White, who is available at the Charlemont Senior Center on the second Tuesday of each month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for a walk-in wellness clinic. A flu clinic was also sponsored and was well attended.

Vouchers were sent to all Hawley Seniors for fruits and vegetables at the Atherton Farm, as were gift certificates to Avery's store for personal use. This offering has proven to be very popular.

Sand buckets for safety during icy weather were available upon request, fruit baskets and/or cards delivered to those with health problems, and wellness checks completed on shut-ins.

We welcome suggestions and look forward to an exciting 2017.

Ann Falwell  
Sally Rich  
Elaine Thomson  
Hawley Council on Aging

## **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Formed in early 2012 to build the Town website and to advise the Selectboard on matters related to the Internet and computerization, the Hawley Communications Committee has expanded its activities to include possible creation of a Broadband network. Most of the Committee's activities have focused on this latter task during the past 12 months.

### Focus in 2016 - 2017

The objectives of the Communications Committee during the past year have been:

- To sort through the myriad requirements of Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) to qualify for funding;
- To research less-expensive alternatives to fiber and then convince MBI to allow funding for projects involving mainly fixed wireless rather than fiber optic technology;
- To evaluate for ourselves (and for recommendation to the Town) whether wireless Broadband can be implemented in a sustainable way in Hawley;

- To continue to run the Town website and support our implementation of High Speed Internet (HSI) in the Town Office; and,
- To keep the Town and the Selectboard informed of developments, challenges, opportunities, etc.

We are happy to report that these objectives have – in one way or another -- been met.

### Developments

1. The Communications Committee has been working under a mandate from the May, 2015 Town Meeting to find an internet system for the Town that would be dramatically less expensive than the \$1.5 million fiber model originally put forth by MBI. At the end of 2015, a plan for fixed wireless for Hawley was submitted to the Committee by Fred Goldstein of Interisle Consultants that would cost less than 40% as much to build. This proposal caught our full attention and became the focus of our activities. The background work on this plan was funded via a \$5,000 Planning Grant from MBI.
2. Hawley continued to host meetings through the end of July of the Hybrid-Wireless Working Group. The Working Group was an informal amalgam of Towns like Hawley who didn't have the demographic resources to support construction of a fiber network and were interested in wireless as a potential alternative. MBI staff members attended some of these meetings, making presentations at a few of them. Then in early summer of 2016, MBI finally announced that it *would fund* wireless projects, as long as they met basic Broadband speed criteria (25 mbps download and 3 mbps upload - mbps = megabits per second and is a measure of the speed at which data is transferred over an electronic communications channel). This was the first time -- after many months of work -- that the Communications Committee felt Hawley might actually be qualified to receive MBI funding beyond the Planning Grant.



3. In midsummer 2016, MBI began implementation of a stepped-up program of putting each individual Town through their paces to prove their readiness to take on Broadband projects and to gauge the economic viability of what they were proposing. An MBI representative was assigned to Hawley, and what followed was a period of research, documentation and review. Part of that analysis was the creation of a detailed spreadsheet that used budget figures from the Interisle plan to show breakeven revenue requirements for different numbers of subscribers. At 85 subscribers, that breakeven amount came out to \$8,636 per month or \$103,637 per year. The corresponding cost to each subscriber would be \$102 / month.

In October of 2016, the Communications Committee determined that the cost per household for the proposed network was high enough to require a new town survey. The original survey had been conducted in June, 2015 under the assumption (supplied by WiredWest) that the subscription fee would be \$50/month. The current sustainability analysis based on the budget for the wireless system came up with a little more than twice that amount.

4. If we were going to judge the project's sustainability, we needed new information on how many Hawley households wanted High Speed Internet (HSI) and how much they were willing to pay. That study was distributed by mail and then followed with phone calls and e-mailings in December, 2016 and January 2017:
  - Of 200 surveys sent out, 124 (62%) were returned. Survey respondents were given the option of choosing the amount they would be willing to pay for HSI from 10 options, ranging from \$50 to \$120 per month. Five respondents wrote in different amounts, ranging from \$25 – 150. Taken together, all of these responses added up to potential revenues of \$7,715 per month, or \$92,580 per year.
  - Note that this amount – \$7,715 -- is less than the breakeven requirement noted in the item 3, above. It represents a shortfall \$921 per month, or \$11,052 per year. That shortfall gets even

larger, increasing to \$3,271 per month, or almost \$40,000 per year, if the monthly subscription fee is moved up to its average of \$86 per month, as over 39% of the participants drop out. According to these calculations, this is clearly not a system that the Communications Committee can recommend to the Town at this time.

5. During the last few days before this report was written, MBI made a major concession to the Towns of Western Massachusetts by stating that they would allow the Towns to spend the second part of their grant allocation – in Hawley’s case, an additional \$270,000 – directly. This means that Hawley might have as much as \$520,000 in state monies at its disposal. Previously, these “Professional Services” monies had been reserved for MBI’s exclusive use in administering the various Town projects. While the details of this policy change have not yet been fully spelled out, it is an encouraging sign that more resources may be available to help Hawley complete the project.

#### The Committee

Not enumerated in this report are the countless hours that most Communications Committee members have devoted to its efforts during 2016-2017. Activities have included countless meetings, proposal writing, revision and review, reading, interpreting and responding to volumes of information, meetings with vendors, phone work, and networking with other Towns. Committee members’ diligence and patience with what, at times, seemed an unending task is to be commended.

The Hawley Communications Committee is currently comprised of the following six members. All Committee appointments are for one year, with an unlimited number of terms. We are open to new members from time to time.

Rick Kean, Chair and MBI Liaison  
Hussain Hamdan

Greg Rowehl  
Craig Shrimpton, Webmaster  
Pamela Shrimpton  
Lark Thwing, WiredWest Liaison and MLP Superintendent

### The Future

As we continue to grapple with the issue of how best to deploy High Speed Internet in Hawley, we expect the balance of 2016-2017 to be a challenging time for our Committee. For information and updates on these and other Town activities, check out the Town of Hawley website at [www.TownofHawley.com](http://www.TownofHawley.com).

Respectfully submitted,



Rick Kean  
For the Hawley Communications Committee

## **CHARLEMONT-HAWLEY CULTURAL COUNCIL Report for 2016**

The year 2016 was productive for the Charlemont/Hawley Cultural Council. We distributed most of the \$8800 in state funds allocated to our towns for the grant cycle. One grantee asked for, and was given, permission to postpone her project for a year, and one was unable to carry out his program. The remaining funds will be used in 2017.

Highlights among funded programs during the year included several Hawlemont School events, a nature program at the Charlemont Senior Center, local theatrical productions, the ongoing Sunday series at the Tyler Memorial Library, and musical events like Mohawk Trail Concerts' summer program in Charlemont and a historical SING with Hawley's Alice Parker.

The Council met in November to deliberate what to do with the \$8800 awarded by the state for 2017. We look forward to another slate of varied programs. These will include several school activities, events at the Art Garden, activities at Yankee Doodle Days, entertainment for Hawley Day, and the Charlemont Forum.

We survived the state's changeover from paper to online grant applications, although we still offered applicants the opportunity to apply the old-fashioned way.

In 2016 we solicited feedback from townspeople of Charlemont and Hawley about our activities and priorities. We are not obliged to do this again by law until 2019, but we are always interested in what the community thinks. Please feel free to contact any member of the council (in Charlemont: John Hoffman, Esther Purinton, Andrea Santos, and Julia White; in Hawley: Peter Beck, Pamela Shrimpton, and Tinky Weisblat) with your comments or questions.

A full list of programs our towns have funded, as well as our local guidelines and other information, may be found at <http://www.mass-culture.org/Charlemont-Hawley#>. Our emphasis is on programs that take place in our two-town area, and we are politically neutral as required by the state: that is, we do not take politics into consideration when making decisions about grants.

Our Facebook page is at <https://www.facebook.com/charlemonthawleyculturalcouncil>.

It is a pleasure to be able to help our towns support the arts in our communities. We encourage all townspeople to attend as many of local cultural events as possible.

Respectfully submitted, Tinky Weisblat, Chair

**TYLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
ANNUAL REPORT  
FY 2017**

**Automation**

In September 2016 a group of 15 volunteers attended a training lead by C/W MARS Project Coordinator Janet Schrader. The volunteers learned how to barcode, scan, and add items to the C/W MARS database or catalog. Since that time a dedicated group of volunteers comes to the library on all open days to add books and other items to the catalog. Although small, Tyler Memorial Library has more than 5,000 items that can be borrowed by patrons. Each item must be handled individually to add it to the catalog. We must have 80% of the items cataloged before Tyler Memorial Library can “go live” in C/W MARS. We are hoping to reach that landmark in the late spring or summer. If you would like to help speed us forward, please feel free to contact the librarian about training and volunteering as a cataloger.

**Library Certification**

Tyler Memorial Library completed the FY 2017 Annual Report Information Survey (ARIS) and the FY 2017 State Aid to Public Libraries Financial Report for the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Both reports were completed by October 2016. The MBLC reviewed the reports and made funding decisions by December 2016. Tyler Memorial Library has been recertified by the MBLC and will receive a total of \$1789.06 in State Aid to Public Libraries for FY2017. Disbursements will be made in January 2017 and March 2017.

**Statistics**

The library completes the ARIS report using statistics from the previous year. For example, the FY 2017 ARIS was completed using statistics from the just completed FY 2016 fiscal year. The library now has statistics for three reporting years.

There were 947 patron visits to the library in FY 2014.  
There were 1,374 patron visits to the library in FY 2015.  
There were 1,624 patron visits to the library in FY 2016.

The chart below provides circulation statistics for each age range for all items circulated by the library including books, audio books, DVDs, and magazines.

<b>Circulation</b>	<b>Adults</b>	<b>Young Adults</b>	<b>Children</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<b>FY 2014</b>	984	80	514	1,578
<b>FY 2015</b>	1,537	116	590	2,243
<b>FY 2016</b>	2,125	130	504	2,759

### **Programming**

246 adults and children participated in library programs sponsored by the library during FY 2016.

The third season of the Sunday Series took place from October 2016 to April 2017. Each event provided an opportunity for residents of Charlemont, Hawley, and surrounding towns to experience activities centered on the arts and health and wellness. Local and regional experts each provided a two hour workshop. Through the Sunday Series, Tyler Memorial Library extended its mission by providing a warm, inviting community center for area residents to engage with family, friends, and neighbors, strengthen and build connections, exchange skills and ideas, improve opportunities for wellness, learn, and have fun. Culture is advanced when communities come together. Program highlights from the FY 2017 season included workshops on 3D printing, wool felting, fly fishing and fly tying, home remedies for colds and flu, and ukulele playing.

The inaugural of Tyler Tech took place during the summer of 2016.

Tyler Tech provided an opportunity for elementary and middle school students to participate in S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) activities during the summer vacation. Children met and worked with educators from The Hitchcock Center as they learned about local small animals, engaged with Makerspace Workshop for a hands-on 3D Printing experience that included learning about and using CAD software, used Chibitronics materials to learn about and create paper circuits, and build with cardboard using Make Do tools for children. It is the goal of Tyler Tech to give children the opportunity to be creative makers who use their imaginations, to keep kids engaged with learning activities that maintain skills gained during the school year, and to have a

lot of fun. Stay tuned for more information about upcoming programs. The library looks forward to the second year of Tyler Tech.

### **Collection Development**

Tyler Memorial Library strives to meet the needs of patrons for information, education, and entertainment. Each year the library purchases an array of books and magazines for patrons of all ages.

Tyler Memorial Library purchased a total of 487 new books in 2016 and early 2017. The library has many avid fans of science fiction, mysteries, prize winning novels, historical fiction, romance novels, best sellers, and more. The adult non-fiction collection continued to receive special attention this year with purchases of books covering medical reference, cooking, gardening, crafts, arts, autobiography, biography, memoir, and popular non-fiction titles. A total of 341 new titles for adults were purchased.

In addition, Tyler Memorial Library purchased 100 new picture books for young children, including graphic picture books that are sure to be engaging for fans of comic books as well as reluctant readers. Over the past year the librarian and Library Trustee Esther Haskell have been weeding the children's non-fiction collection. Each non-fiction book is reviewed to make sure that it is current and factual, engaging and appropriate for its intended age group, and in good condition for lending. At the time of this report the weeding project is nearing completion. And, 46 new non-fiction books for children have been purchased.

Tyler Memorial Library again expanded its subscription collection to 36 magazines featuring: science, technology, travel, health, cooking, home improvement, regional interest, arts, fashion, and current events. Magazines for children and adults can also be borrowed.

### **Public Relations**

Tyler Memorial Library has continued to maintain an up-to-date Facebook page. Follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/tyler.memorial.library/> for updates on events and other library happenings.

Tyler Memorial Library has a new logo (please see the first page of this report) designed by local graphic artist Bruce Cowie of Bruce Cowie Graphics.

Tyler Memorial Library partnered with the Town of Charlemont to design and purchase the new sign on the front lawn at 157 Main Street. The new sign clearly labels the three occupants of the building and uses the photograph that is also displayed on other town signs. The library's new logo is also a good match, helping to identify the library and its connection to the towns of Charlemont and Hawley. The sign was made by Berkshire Sign Studio.

#### **The 2016 I Love My Librarian Award**

Andrea Bernard, Library Director was one of ten recipients nationwide of the 2016 I Love My Librarian Award. The award was presented by the American Library Association, The New York Times, The New York Public Library, and the Carnegie Corporation of New York. It is unusual for a solo librarian and for a small, rural library to be selected. Both Andrea and Tyler Memorial Library were presented with plaques in recognition of this special honor. All credit is owed to the tremendous support of residents and library patrons of Charlemont and Hawley as well as their respective select boards.

#### **Tyler Memorial Library Board of Trustees**

The library wishes to thank Tyler Memorial Library Trustee Chair Evie Locke, Trustees Esther Haskell and Andrea Santos, and Hawley Representative Suzanne Crawford for their dedication to all of our ongoing projects. Meeting every four to six weeks the Trustees have provided guidance and assistance in all areas of library function.



## PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Having been formally created by the Hawley Selectboard in 2014, the Hawley Personnel Committee has evolved from an *ad hoc* body with the sole purpose of reviewing and updating Position Descriptions to a more comprehensive level of service, where it handles:

- Position descriptions;
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- Maintenance, update and interpretation of the Town's Personnel Policy;
- Compensation research and recommendations; and,
- Hiring: advertising, screening, interviews and reference verifications.

The Hawley Personnel Committee does not make personnel decisions, *per se*. Rather, it researches issues that come and makes recommendations to the Selectboard.

### Committee Activities DurIng 2016-2017

The Committee's activities during the past 12 months have included:

- Hiring of a new Administrative assistant.
- Hiring of an interim Highway Department Manager.
- Several instances of interpretation, and one of modification, of the Policy Manual.
- FY-end compensation adjustments.

### The Committee

The Hawley Personnel Committee currently consists of three members:

- Rick Kean, Chair
- John Sears; and,
- Lark Thwing.

The Committee is actively seeking new members to add to its ranks during 2017-2018.

The Hawley Personnel Committee meets on an as-needed basis. All meetings are posted on the Town Website and at the Town Office, and minutes are taken.

The Committee's focus for 2017 - 2018 will be on:

- Completion of modifications to the Town's Personnel Policy – new version to be published no later than 9/1/17;
- Search, Recruiting and Hiring, as needed;
- Research on FY-end compensation adjustments; and,
- Other "Personnel" issues as directed by the Selectboard.

Respectfully submitted,



Rick Kean

For the Hawley Personnel Committee

## **VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Report for 2016**

2016 was a year of considerable progress for Hawley's fire department. We added new EMTs, more firefighters, some new equipment, and two vehicles to help in emergency responses.

During the late winter and spring, Hawley firefighters did intensive training on fire safety, scene setup, use of air packs, search and rescue, water supply, thermal imaging, and fire streams, as preparation for burning a house on Forget Road in conjunction with 7 neighboring fire departments. We also gave the other departments a chance to use the structure for drills for their firefighters

When all the state environmental requirements for holding the burn were met, we held the house burn on June 4<sup>th</sup>, giving firefighters a chance to

practice putting out small interior fires first, as well as practicing water supply drills drafting and shuttling water with tankers, and incident command. We would like to thank fire departments from Ashfield, Buckland, Heath, Rowe, Colrain, Plainfield and Cummington for taking part. To see photos and a description of the all day training, go to <http://www.townofhawley.com/conflagration/>.

Besides the sustained fire training our firefighters had for the burn, firefighters also took training in dealing with hydrogen cyanide, using Narcan to prevent opioid overdoses, and fighting brushfires.

In 2016, we responded to 41 calls, including a brush fire, 20 medical calls, 5 calls for wires or trees down, 2 auto accidents, and 11 calls to help other towns with fires there including house fires in Ashfield and Conway, a brush fire in Buckland, and a train derailment in Charlemont. Firefighters also assisted with the Berkshire Highlands Pentathlon in April and with the truck pulls at Cummington Fair in August. In October we cleaned chimneys at houses in East and West Hawley.

We added two more firefighters in the past year, with Paul Hoyt and Ryan Crochetiere joining, and two Hawley residents, Mike Poirier and Yvette Segal, successfully completed EMT certification.

We also added three new pieces of equipment from DCR's Surplus Property program, getting an all-wheel drive Stewart Stephenson truck to help us respond to rescue calls in the state forest, a John Deere Gator to help us with rescues and other off road calls, and a box trailer to help us move the Gator or our ATV and rescue trailer.

We used a \$700 state grant to help equip 3 firefighters with brush fire gear and another grant to replace 3 of our pagers. We have also been awarded a \$25,000 federal grant to replace 2,000 feet of hose, four nozzles, a portable pump and 8 air bottles.

Last year we worked with the selectmen to seek changes in state ambulance regulations to keep Charlemont ambulance operating, and we talked with biking groups and DCR about ways to improve the mountain biking trails in the state forest to make it easier to get firefighters and EMTs to calls there if bikers get hurt.

We are now working on developing a proposed design for an addition to the East Hawley fire station to let us house modern fire trucks like the one now based in West Hawley. When the station was built in 1984, it was designed for shorter fire trucks as were built in the 1970's. Because modern fire trucks are much longer, we need at least one longer equipment bay to give us more options in housing trucks in the future. We also need space for a bathroom and septic tank, and a ground level training room. We would like to make the building more energy efficient.

Anyone who'd like to serve as a firefighter or EMT should come to the East Hawley station on Wednesday nights at 7:30, or call me at 339-5526. We have added 6 firefighters in the past 3 years, but we could use more, particularly from East Hawley.

Being a volunteer firefighter or EMT gives you a chance to help your neighbors when emergencies arise. It also provides young people employable job skills – many of our alumni are employed today as EMTs, paramedics or firefighters in other towns, using skills they first learned in Hawley.

### ***FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTER -***

***March 2017***

***Chief*** Greg Cox

***EMTs*** Mike Poirier  
Yvette Segal

***Assistant Chief*** Bob Root

***Captain*** Chris Tirone

***Lieutenant*** Dan Hoyt

***Firefighters*** Jane Grant Doug Hoyt Hussain Hamdan  
Courtney Hoyt Mike Poirier Paul Hoyt  
Ryan Crochetiere

***Junior Firefighters*** Brandon Root

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

### **Report for 2016**

Are you prepared to survive a tornado or other catastrophic event?

As the freak tornado that caused such devastation to parts of Conway in late February showed, natural disasters can strike anywhere at virtually anytime. A little time spent preparing for them beforehand can both save lives and money when they occur. While events like the 2008 ice storm and Tropical Storm Irene are forecast days in advance, providing some time to prepare, storms like tornados or the flash flood in West Hawley in 1998 occur virtually without warning and survival and losses depend upon prompt action and daily precautions.

How could you prepare for a tornado?

First, figure out where the safest spot is in your home to ride out the storm. Generally you want to go to the lowest point (basement) with the most protection from debris falling down. Have a set of folding chairs available to sit on while waiting for the storm to pass, and some bottled water and canned goods, and some canned food for your pets. Make sure all members of your household know where to go to be safe.

Second, create a “go” bag to take with you to your safe spot if a tornado seems imminent. A go bag might include your wallet and keys, checkbook, important medications (and list of medications), your cell phone & charger, a flashlight, copies of your house deed, family birth certificates, health insurance cards, passports, or other important papers. By keeping those items in one spot ready to grab if a disaster occurs, you can save precious time.

Third, hold some tornado and fire drills – have everyone practice getting to the safe spot quickly with pets, go bag, etc. Have a second drill and practice getting out of your house quickly in case a fire occurs. Take a watch or phone and see how fast you can do it. Then try to do it with all the lights off, just as would happen if the power is knocked out. It may seem hokey, but a little practice may save your family’s lives.

We all hope disasters like a tornado or flash flood never occur, but a little preparation can mean the difference between a close call or a tragedy should one strike.

To help Hawley prepare for the next disaster, in 2016 we did the following:

- We used a \$2,200 MEMA grant to buy some replacement pagers for our firefighters and EMTs, and to pay for a new radio for the highway department.
- Through the efforts of Hussain Hamdan and Bob Root, we obtained a dump truck, utility truck and backhoe from the surplus property program for the highway department to use.
- We had satellite internet installed at the East Hawley fire station for use in training and emergency operations at the EOC. Satellite internet isn't as fast as broadband (particularly during storms when satellite transmissions may be affected), but it will upgrade our capability until higher speed internet becomes available.
- We worked with Rowe, Charlemont, Heath and Monroe to put on an Emergency Dispensing Site drill and flu clinic at the Hawlemont School in October to meet the federal requirements for EDS preparedness.
- We applied for another \$2,200 MEMA grant to replace more pagers and get two radios for the fire department's new off-road rescue vehicle.

**Can You Help During an Emergency?**

During disasters like tornados or Hurricane Irene, we need extra people at the town's Emergency Operations Center to answer calls from residents, use the radios to dispatch our emergency responders and highway crew, and keep track of the status of roads, bridges, power, and other infrastructure. This frees up firefighters and other responders to deal with emergency situations as they arise.

If you'd be willing to learn how to staff the EOC to help during a disaster, please call me at 339-5526.

Gregory Cox  
Emergency Management Director

**FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
2016 REPORT**

The Solid Waste District was formed in 1989 to help Franklin County towns manage all aspects of their solid waste – recyclables, organics, hazardous waste, wastewater treatment sludge, and trash. We continue to provide assistance to twenty-two member towns through administrative support, professional consultation, trainings, and outreach to residents and businesses.

A review of recycling tonnage for 2016 shows almost an identical amount of recycling tonnage since 2014. District residents recycled almost 1,700 tons of paper and just over 1,100 tons of mixed containers, which were processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility.

In 2016, the District sponsored spring and fall "Clean Sweep" collections for bulky items, electronics, tires, appliances, and anything too big to fit into a trash bag. Over 62 tons of material

were recycled or disposed of from the two collections. A total of 550 households participated in these collection events.

We held our annual household hazardous waste collection in October 2016. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. A total of 313 households participated in this event. 50% of participants were using the collection for the first time.

We applied for and received grants from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection worth \$88,350 for District towns. Some grant funding relates to the town's successful waste management infrastructure. Other grants include equipment to make a town's transfer station more efficient.

We continued to bale wood pellet bags and agricultural plastic in our second year of this recycling program. We manage the recycling and composting program at the Franklin County Fair and assist other events with waste reduction efforts. We work in each school system helping with waste management bids and with fostering sustainable waste reduction programs.

If you have questions about District programs, call us at 413-772-2438 (MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 TTY/TDD), visit [www.franklincountywastedistrict.org](http://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org) or visit us at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield.

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director*  
Jonathan Lagreze, Colrain - *Chair*  
Chris Boutwell, Montague - *Vice-Chair*  
MA Swedlund, Deerfield - *Treasurer*



## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES

Hawley has been a member of the Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans Service District housed in Greenfield since 2015. The Representatives to the District in 2016 were Chris Tirone and Kevin Richardson.

### Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services District Annual Report 2016

2016 is the 1<sup>st</sup> full year our district has been in existence. We continue to be the largest district by community count and square miles covered in the state. Below are just some of the programs and services we help veterans' and their dependents with:

- M.G.L. Ch 115 benefit – Needs based program of financial and medical assistance to eligible veterans and their dependents
- Assistance to veterans and dependents to help file for health care, pensions, and service-connected disabilities
- Homeless prevention assistance to veterans and their families
- Employment help with job searches, resumes, and job interview skills
- Burial assistance to include government markers, flag holders, internment, and VA burial reimbursement
- Massachusetts annuities and tax abatement assistance
- Veterans records retrieval and storage
- Referral to other public and private agencies to include housing, fuel assistance, employment, training, education
- Attend area outreach events(fairs, festivals, health care expos)

We have continued to work hard helping veterans and dependents file for VA benefits due them. Our awarded claims have kept pace with CY16, bringing in close to \$300,000.00 in new claim money for our clients. Overall the district has over \$1,500,000.00 in VA awards flowing into our towns on a monthly basis.

After seeing a large reduction in M.G.L. Ch115 payouts in CY15 we have leveled off this year. We forecast this caseload to remain flat for the foreseeable future for our towns. Although reimbursed back to the towns at 75%, this takes over a year to get back from the state, so reducing payouts up front has freed up funds for the member towns.

For the coming year we will continue to assist veterans, conduct outreach events, and will emphasize programs for the dependents of veterans, particularly the elderly population.

Timothy Niejadlik, Director  
Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services District



### **Cooperative Public Health Service Activities in Hawley – 2016**

Hawley is a comprehensive member of the CPHS, a health district based at the Franklin Regional Council of Governments. CPHS activities in Hawley during 2016 included:

- The Regional Health Agent conducted 17 Title-5 (septic) related activities including witnessing Title-5 Inspections prior to property transfer, Soil Evaluations for on-lot septic systems, septic system plan reviews including site visits, issuing Local Upgrade Approvals and DSCP (septic) permits, completing final inspections of septic system installations, and preparing Certificates of Compliance.
- The Public Health Nurse held 11 monthly “Second Tuesday” walk-in wellness clinics at Charlemont Federated Church where 13 area residents made 41 visits with the nurse for health screening services and assistance with chronic disease self-management.

- The Regional Health Agent reviewed requests for BOH sign-off on Building Permits and ensured compliance with public health requirements.
- Staff assisted with implementation of digital on-line permitting system and issued all annual and regular BOH permits.
- The Regional Health Agent conducted routine food inspections and a lodging inspection in compliance with State requirements.
- The Public Health Nurse provided services to attendees of monthly “Good Neighbors” food distribution at Charlemont Federated Church where 24 area residents made 58 visits with the nurse for health screening services and assistance with self-management of chronic illness.
- The Regional Health Agent met with the Board of Health as needed and provided technical assistance to the Board with the implementation of their local septic regulations and private well regulations, including assisting homeowners to test their well water at the time of property transfer. The Regional Health Agent issued 2 private well permits for new wells.
- The Regional Health Agent assisted a town resident with the permitting and complicated process for septic repairs in association with the Regional Housing Authority.
- The Public Health Nurse provided medication and chronic disease self-management services throughout the year, holding regular hours for all district residents in five community sites. The nurse is also available for home visits for those who need this service.
- The district implemented an on-going FDA Food Safety Grant that will improve food inspection and data collection, and offered low-cost training to town residents and employees.

- At regularly scheduled clinics and wellness events, The Public Health Nurse provided town residents with reference materials and health self-management supplies such as medication schedules, pill sorters, personal health records and Files of Life provided by grants from Baystate Franklin Medical Center and LifePath, Inc.
- The Public Health Nurse provided coordinated vaccine and supplies for a Hawley and Charlemont Council on Aging Senior Center Flu Clinic serving 52 area residents with the help of community volunteers.
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- The Public Health Nurse offered mercury thermometer collection and exchange and sharps disposal and container exchange in collaboration with the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District: 100 sharps containers and 8 thermometers were exchanged.
- One Hawley resident took advantage of the low-cost tick tests offered through a Board of Health subsidy. 30% of tick tests locally tested positive for the Lyme pathogen and an additional 6% tested positive for either Anaplasmosis, Miyamotoi, or Babesiosis. The Public Health Nurse provided tick prevention materials and helped residents access grant funded tick testing through the on-line system as needed.
- The Public Health Nurse completed all state-mandated infectious disease investigation, reporting and case monitoring. Follow-up was provided as needed for one Hawley and 104 regional reported incidents of communicable illness.
- The Public Health Nurse coordinated vaccine and supplies assisting town officials from Charlemont, Hawley, Rowe, Heath and Monroe to implement a Hawlemont Region Emergency Dispensing Site drill flu clinic and animal rabies clinic. A total of 41 area residents were served with the help of GCC nursing students and community volunteers.

*Hawley's representatives to the CPHS Oversight Board in 2016 were John Sears, Board of Health member, and Virginia Gabert and Cass Nawrocki, Town Coordinators. For more information about the Board or the district, visit [www.frcog.org](http://www.frcog.org)*

**FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
COOPERATIVE BUILDING INSPECTION PROGRAM  
2016 ANNUAL REPORT**

Dear Residents of Hawley:

As you know, your town receives building, plumbing, gas, and wiring inspection and zoning enforcement services through the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program (FCCIP), a forty-one year old shared service housed at the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG). We thank your town for your continued participation in the FCCIP, which allows small towns to have access to professional staff and state-of-the-art technology.

2016 was a busy year, permit wise, for the program. We issued 2,773 permits, including a significant number of insulation upgrade, solar array and wood/pellet stove permits. The number of permits was higher in 2016 than in the previous year, the fees collected were also slightly higher. A total of 26 new dwelling units were constructed in our 15 member towns.

Our new online permitting program went live on July 1, 2011 and has issued 13,508 building, electrical & plumbing/gas permits since then. The program allows you to apply, pay for, and track the progress of any permit online, saving you time and visits to our office in Greenfield. The program has 4,080 registered users. You can find it at [www.frcog.org](http://www.frcog.org) under the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program. Our website also includes helpful information on inspection requirements, permit costs, and contractor licensing.

In 2016, the FCCIP processed the following permits for Hawley:

Residential Building Permits	22
Commercial Building Permits	3
Sheet Metal/Duct Permits	0
Electrical Permits	15
Plumbing Permits	2
Gas Permits	3
Certificates of Inspection	3
Solid Fuel	3
Fire Protection	0
Tents	0

We would like to remind all residents of the importance of applying for permits for work done. Building, Electrical and Plumbing/Gas permits are required by law and are an essential step in ensuring the safety of our communities. Please feel free to call our office with any building or zoning questions at 774-3167, extension 2.

James D. Hawkins, Building Commissioner	<a href="mailto:jhawkins@frcog.org">jhawkins@frcog.org</a>
James Cerone, Building Inspector	<a href="mailto:jcerone@frcog.org">jcerone@frcog.org</a>
Tom McDonald, Electrical Inspector	<a href="mailto:electric@frcog.org">electric@frcog.org</a>
Andy French, Plumbing/Gas Inspector	<a href="mailto:plumbing@frcog.org">plumbing@frcog.org</a>

**SUPERINTENDENT**  
**Mohawk Trail Regional School District**  
**Hawlemont Regional School District**  
**2016 Annual Report**

I have had the good fortune of serving the wonderful communities of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District and Hawlemont

Regional School District since 2005. My journey with Mohawk began with severe fiscal crisis, and my journey with Hawlemont soon became a similar challenge. Over the next decade, both Mohawk and Hawlemont underwent organizational transformations that resulted in both districts performing at historically high educational levels in 2016.

In June, Mohawk High School was awarded a silver medal by U.S. News & World Report in their 2016 ranking of the best high schools in the United States. On a national level, U.S. News & World Report ranked Mohawk 2,567 of 28,561 high schools in the United States, which places Mohawk among the top 9% of high schools in the nation. On a state level, U.S. News & World Report ranked Mohawk 74 of 353 high schools in Massachusetts, which places Mohawk among the top 21% of high schools in the Commonwealth. Two key principles underlie the U.S. News comprehensive rankings methodology: (1) that a great high school must serve all of its students well, not just those who are college bound and (2) that the high school must be able to produce measurable academic outcomes to show that it is successfully educating its student body across a range of performance indicators. We are very proud of our students, educators and families who have all contributed significantly to this noteworthy achievement. Congratulations!!

With Mohawk's commitment to pre-school programing district-wide, enrollment of three and four-year olds increased to a new high of 122 students in 2016. The largest increase in preschool enrollment occurred at Sanderson Academy, which now has three preschool classes! We are hopeful that this trend will continue into the foreseeable future, which would bode very well for the district long-term. In 2016, both Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School

(BSE) and Colrain Central School (CCS) experienced increases in enrollment. BSE enrollment increased 8% to 279 students, and CCS enrollment increased 13% to 117 students. In contrast, Heath Elementary experienced a precipitous drop in enrollment from 50 to 29 students. As a result, both the Mohawk School Committee and the Town of Heath are exploring the viability of Heath Elementary and are considering closing the school and tuitioning the Heath elementary students to another Mohawk elementary school, Hawlemont Regional Elementary School, or Rowe Elementary School.

In 2016, Hawlemont entered into the equivalent of a school renaissance. With its exciting agriculturally-based curriculum **H**awlemont, **A**griculture, and **Y**ou (HAY) just beginning to take shape, Hawlemont's enrollment spiked 23% to 125 students. Most of this growth was due to an increase in parents' choosing to enroll their students into Hawlemont from other districts. In fact, for the first time ever, more students school-choiced into Hawlemont than school-choiced out of Hawlemont. This amazing turnaround from very difficult circumstances only a few years ago is due to the extraordinary efforts of the entire Hawlemont school community. Kudos all around! Another important highlight during 2016 was the installation of a wood pellet heating system in Hawlemont, which is projected to save considerable budget dollars over the long term. This renewable heating system also presents exciting learning opportunities for our students, particularly in the areas of science and math. For example, we will begin tracking Hawlemont's new carbon footprint, which we anticipate dropping considerably from the level previously generated by the former oil-based heating system.



On behalf of our students, I thank the entire Mohawk and Hawlemont school communities for your dedicated support of our children's education. THANK YOU!

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael A. Buoniconti  
Superintendent of Schools  
Mohawk Trail Regional School District  
Hawlemont Regional School District

PRINCIPAL  
Hawlemont Elementary School  
*2016 Annual Report*

Hawlemont Elementary School is a community of learners with a vision that everyone will flourish through positive emotions, active engagement, strong relationships, undertaking meaningful work, and celebrating accomplishments. Our mission is Hawlemont Elementary School provides students with high quality authentic learning experiences in partnership with families and community. Currently, our enrollment is 127 students, which includes preschool through Grade 6. This year's enrollment is the highest in 10 years and up by 26% from the previous year.

We are pleased to announce that the following students will be graduating from Hawlemont Elementary School in June of 2017: Rosemary Barnhart, Elijah Bergmark, Alycia Comeau, Austin Deraway, Jeffery Hoyt, Mackenzie Norwood, Lily Smithers, Ayla Starr, and Madison Taylor.

This is my second year as your principal. The classroom assignments for the 2016-2017 school year are as follows: Preschool: Holly Taylor, Kindergarten: Sue Mead, First Grade: Samantha Baker, Second Grade:

Michelle Gajda, Third Grade: Sarah Sookey, Fourth Grade: Amber Tulloch, Fifth Grade: Jennifer Sinistore, Sixth Grade: Stephen Bechtel, Title I: Jeanne Bruffee, and Special Education: Marge Gilbert. We have four paraprofessionals who provide additional support in the classrooms: Shannon Lovett, Tracey Kelleher, Cindy Donahue, and Kylee Bourassa. Susan Annear is our secretary, Paul Dinicolantonio is the custodian, the nurse is Sherry Hagar, and Rachel Gammell and Heather Lengieza are the cafeteria staff. Mary Boehmer is our librarian.

Hawlemont Elementary School is fortunate to offer many after school 4-H clubs and seasonal sports. New this year is a 5-day extended day program that runs from 7:45 – 8:30 in the morning and 3:15 to 5:00 in the afternoon.

The staff at Hawlemont School believes in providing our students with field research experiences. Some examples included the sixth grade student's work with Harvard Forest that evaluates our local forest's ability mitigating Climate Change. The fifth grade toured the Western Massachusetts Recycling Center and the Charlemont Sewer District as part of their recycling project. Fourth grade continued their study of renewable and non-renewable energy by touring Berkshire East's Wind Turbine and solar field. Third grade spent the day at Magical Wings in Deerfield, MA to further their study of migration and insect life cycles. Kindergarten through grade 2 immersed themselves in Eric Carle at the Eric Carle Museum.

Our spring MCAS scores continue to display student growth in the areas of Mathematics and English Language Arts and Hawlemont Elementary and we continue to hold Level 2 status. However, there is still a lot of work to be done. Our school's Local Educational Council is comprised of three parents, two teachers, one community representative and myself. We approved a school improvement plan that focused on the following areas: Effective Instruction, Aligned Curriculum, Student Assessment, and Professional Development and Structures for Collaboration. Our teachers and staff have been engaged in a variety of professional development topics this year. To highlight one our professional development initiatives, teachers from Kindergarten through fifth grade have been trained in Advantage Math Recovery, a very effective math assessment tool.

This has allowed us to become not only the leaders in Western Massachusetts, but able to transform our math instruction.

Our agriculturally-based education is second to none and continues to grow each week. We owe a tremendous amount of gratitude for our continued community support. The program continues to be financially stable by selling goods we grow and prepare at our Fridays farmers market, holding fundraisers like our Apple Cider Day and Mother's Day flower sale and through very generous donations from local community member and charitable foundations supporting agricultural initiatives. This continues to allow us to provide an authentic, innovative and dynamic science-based education to all Hawlemont Elementary students.

Once again, I would like to thank the teachers, staff, parents, students, and community members for making this a great school. I look forward to 2017 and continued growth towards educational excellence.

Respectfully submitted, Wayne Kermenski, Principal

CO-PRINCIPALS  
Mohawk Trail Regional High School  
*2016 Annual Report*

Mohawk was recognized by *U.S. News and World Report* as a Silver Medal school in 2016. Schools are ranked based on student performance on state testing as well as other factors (including attendance and graduation rates) that indicate how well they prepare students for college. Using a variety of measures, *U.S. News and World Report* places Mohawk in the top 21% of schools in Massachusetts and top 9% of schools in the country. Two key principles inform this ranking process: that a great high school must serve all of its students well, not just those who are college-bound, and that it must be able to produce measurable

academic outcomes to show it is successfully educating its student body across a range of performance indicators.

Mohawk educators innovate to create rich learning experiences for our students. One example is the new Integrated Arts and English course collaboration between visual arts teacher Rachel Silverman and English teacher Rachel Hoogstraten. Ninth-grade students had the option to select the English 9 section that was partnered with an arts course so that they examine connections with the visual arts as they engage in exploration of literary works as diverse as Elie Wiesel's *Night*, Marjane Satrapi's memoir *Persepolis*, and John Steinbeck's novella *Of Mice and Men*.

After several years in development as a pilot course, this year the Senior Capstone Seminar is a graduation requirement for all seniors. Four educators collaborate in offering sections of the course throughout the day: English and History teacher Bill Drake, English teacher Erik Sussbauer, French and English teacher Michelle MacInnes, and Science and Computer Science teacher Downey Meyer. The Capstone course is designed to provide students with structured support as they pursue a substantive project based on their personal interests and passions; in many instances students choose a project that is associated with a field of study or career path that interests them. The following is a sampling of these diverse projects: Max Carr is building a weather balloon; Angela Szewczyk is creating a line of clothing and plans on having a fashion show as her final project; Tyler Rice is conducting a social media experiment about phone usage and people's emotional response to having their phones taken away; Sophie Raphael has been studying how using music can help students learn and retain vocabulary words and she has spent time working in a middle school teacher's classroom to test her theory; Brendan Gerry is working on fabricating a pig roaster; Rebecca Scranton is exploring mathematics teaching by observing math classes; Mahalia Dean is building a web site to share her family's long history in the region; Emma Musante is putting together an art show; Christina Tiberii is documenting her work as an assistant director for the production of the play "The Mouse That Roared" that was staged December 16; Christina Lively is setting up a 4-H club at Mohawk; Torsten Sloan Anderson is working on creating genetically modified bacteria that glows; Adam Hallenbeck, Zeke Rodriguez, and Sarah Paige

are writing and recording their own songs to record a CD; and Autumn Smith is developing a business plan for setting up a bakery business.

Mohawk continues to expand offerings in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) with Robotics and Exploring Computer Science available to all high school students. Math teachers increasingly use Inquiry-Based Learning (IBL) approaches to math instruction which emphasize active engagement and problem-solving and high school science teachers use Process Oriented Guided Inquiry Learning approaches. Seventh grade science teacher Samantha Rutz was honored by the Massachusetts Association of Science Teachers (MAST) as the Franklin County Science Educator of the Year.

Mohawk students pursue advanced study in a wide range of subjects. In 2016 students took Advanced Placement exams in the following subjects: Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Comparative Government and Politics, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, European History, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Physics, U.S. Government, and U.S. History.

Members of the Class of 2016 are continuing their education at Brandeis University, Campbell University, Clarkson University, Endicott College, Elms College, Fitchburg State College, Franklin Pierce University, George Washington University, Greenfield Community College, Green Mountain College, High Point University, Holyoke Community College, Keene State College, Mount Holyoke College, Oberlin College, Occidental College, Regis College, Rochester Institute of Technology, Smith College, Stonehill College, Southern Connecticut State, St. Lawrence University, Syracuse University, University of Massachusetts - Amherst, University of New England, University of Advancing Technology, and University of Tampa.

Technology continues to enrich student learning. The Class of 2016 gave 3-D printers as a class gift, and we have expanded our use of Chromebooks in the classroom. This year School Librarian Emily Willis began teaching Digital Literacy courses to middle school students, emphasizing responsible and informed use of online resources and media literacy. Teachers throughout our building focus on critical thinking and literacy skills to prepare students to be informed citizens.

Mohawk's extensive athletic program offers many opportunities.

Athletic Director Fred Redeker notes that 79% of the graduating Class of 2016 played at least one sport while at Mohawk. Of those 57 students, 52 played at the varsity level of their respective sports, and 90% of those who played varsity participated in post-season play.

Our school uses Restorative Practices such as restorative circles, mediation conversations, and school-based community service assignments as part of an integrated approach to student discipline.

Mohawk teachers and students have engaged in dialogue circles to support conversations regarding school culture and climate, and topics such as the role of technology in students' lives.

At the mid-point of the 2016-2017 school year, enrollment in grades 7-12 is 430. The seventh grade has 81 students and the eighth grade has 93 students. There are 57 students in grade 9, 68 in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, 69 juniors, and 62 seniors. Four students are enrolled in our post-graduate program.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Dole and Marisa Mendonsa Co-Principals

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES 2016 Annual Report**

The Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional Special Education Department serves students in the Sanderson, Colrain, Hawlemont, Buckland-Shelburne, and Mohawk Middle and High Schools. The primary function is to ensure that students with an IEP or a 504 are being serviced at a level required to make effective progress with supports outlined in their IEP or 504. According to state data, The Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Districts have about 19% of their student population receiving special education services. Those services are in several areas: speech and language, occupational therapy (OT), physical therapy (PT), counseling and academics. Every school has at least one special education teacher and an OT and PT who spend about one day a week in each school. Mohawk has a full time Speech Language Assistant and a

part time Speech Language Pathologist. BSE has a full time and part time Speech Language Pathologist and Assistant. Colrain and Hawlemont share a full time Speech Language Pathologist and Assistant. Heath has a one day a week Speech Language Pathologist and Sanderson has a four day a week Speech Pathologist. Sanderson has three days of a Clinical School Psychologist. BSE and Colrain share an Adjustment Counselor and each has a School Psychologist. Hawlemont has a three day a week School Psychologist and Heath has a two day a week School Psychologist. The Middle and High Schools have a full time Adjustment Counselor and School Psychologist. The level of services in each building is based on population and the level of services legally required by an IEP.

With the support and initiative of several parents, the district was able to support a SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Council). The council created by-laws, held monthly meetings and reached out to parents looking for support. We hope this year enables us to continue the support those parents created.

Over the last year, the districts had 12 students who were educated outside of the school district. Those students attended a school out of district for several reasons: 1) The district does not have a program that meets the student's level of need or 2) The student attended an out of district school prior to moving to the district and legally then is allowed to continue their placement in the school or 3) The last known address of the parent of the student was in our district and the DCF (Department of Children and Families) has placed the student in a residential school, requiring the district to pay for the educational component of the program.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Leann Loomis  
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

**MARY LYON FOUNDATION, INC.**  
**2016 Annual Report**  
*Innovative Support of Local Education*

This year was highlighted by a gala celebration of the Mary Lyon Foundation's auspicious 25th anniversary. On August 6 at the Mary Lyon House in Buckland 25 doves were released to commemorate the 25 successful years that the foundation has provided services, programs, scholarships, mini-grants for school district staff, and professional development opportunities to enhance local education. Opening remarks were given by Dr. Bruce Willard, and Susan Daniels, a Mount Holyoke graduate, delivered the keynote speech. Bruce Willard, Jack Williams and David Newell were honored for their vision and early support of the Mary Lyon Foundation. The launch of the Putnam Hill Legacy Society with 15 founding members was officially announced. Our annual George Needham Business Award for extraordinary support of local education was presented to Blackmer Insurance Agency, and the Mohawk Outstanding Graduate Award was presented to Danny Field, formerly of Shelburne Falls, for his community contributions.

In September with our library partner, Arms Library, we distributed thousands of bookmarks at the Franklin County Fair and parade to kick-off our NEA Big Read of Luis Urrea's *Into the Beautiful North*. Funded by MassHumanities and the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts' Franklin Fund, in October our Big Read hosted a vibrant *Spirit of Place Community Day* at Greenfield Community College (GCC). With support from GCC, Holyoke Community College (HCC), and generous cultural partners, we engaged families with music, storytelling, dance, art, poetry, a Dia de los Muertos altar, and a community meal. Afternoon panel discussions began with dynamic keynote speaker Sienna Wildfield of *Hilltown Families*. We also brought Mariachi Mexico Antiguo and the 1960 film version of "The Magnificent Seven" to Memorial Hall in Shelburne Falls and will host the author at GCC and HCC in April 2017. We were the only organization in MA to receive one of the 77 coveted grants awarded this year by the National Endowment for the Arts.



The Mary Lyon Foundation once again raised significant funds for mini-grants for innovative, educational projects in our local schools. The 11th annual Community Spelling Bee was held on November 10 at Mohawk Trail Regional School; 30 teams representing public and private schools, youth groups, senior citizens, civic organizations and businesses were led by Master of Ceremonies Jill Connolly and Spell Master Art Schwenger. A warm welcome was provided by Superintendent Michael Buoniconti, and Shelburne selectman Joe Judd convened a prestigious panel of judges. Winning the Grand Championship was the Cash Cow spelling bee team comprised of Samantha Rutz, Anneka Dunnington and Lauren Binger.

We greatly appreciate the support of the Myrtle Atkinson Foundation, TransCanada, Mayhew Steel Products, local financial institutions and businesses. We continue to provide warm clothes, food, eyeglasses, and other basic necessities for children in need through our ongoing Harper Gerry Student Assistance Fund, and we are grateful for the support of the United Way of Franklin County, the generous payroll deductions of school district staff, People's United Community Foundation, and many individual contributions that help us support children and their families.

Members of the Board of Directors for 2016 were Marion Taylor (Past President), Sylvia Orcutt (President), Hugh Knox (Vice President), Sharon Hudson (Corresponding Secretary), Katherine McKay (Recording Secretary), Karen Fairbrother (Treasurer), Susan Schuman, Peter Stevens, Robin Morgan Huntley, Joanne LaCour, Lawrence Wells, Mohawk Trail Regional School student representatives Eli Shearer and Lilly Wells. Business Manager is Gina Sieber, and volunteer Office Manager is Sandy Gilbert. The Board of Directors joins us in thanking the many generous individuals, businesses and organizations in our community for making 2016 a highly successful year. The Mary Lyon Foundation is a 501(c)(3) community-based, non-profit organization that provides innovative support for education in our nine West County towns. Named in honor of Buckland-born educator Mary Lyon, who founded Mount Holyoke College in 1837, the organization continues to provide programs and services that greatly enhance the quality of local education.

Sheila Damkoehler and  
Susan Samoriski, Co-Executive Directors

CARL H. NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
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The fund was established under the provisions of the will of Carl H. Nilman for the purpose of providing scholarships. Recipients shall reside in the School District and be graduates of the Mohawk Trail Regional High School who desire and are deemed worthy of post high school education or training and who are in need of financial assistance.

This year the Awards Subcommittee read 77 applications; 28 were from seniors and 49 were from graduates. \$33,350 was our allotment for scholarships which we used 30% for seniors and 70% for graduates. The Committee feels that seniors have multiple scholarship opportunities from other sources while graduates have fewer resources. 23 scholarships totaling \$10,000.00 were awarded to seniors (82% of applicants) 40 scholarships totaling \$23,350 were given to graduates (82%) of applicants.

From 1991- 2016 a total of \$909,975.00 has been awarded in scholarships. Mohawk seniors have received \$280,775.00 and \$629,200.00 has been awarded to Mohawk graduates. The same formula for determining what percentages of the fund should be distributed as scholarships, which had been established by the School Committee and the management firm of Bartholomew and Co., was used this year.

Once again applications were available on line to the graduates and seniors could pick up their application at Mohawk.

Press releases were published in both the Independent and the Greenfield Recorder in March containing information about the Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Fund.

There are fifteen members on the Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Committee; one from each of the nine member towns in the district, three at large members appointed by the School Committee, plus a past School Committee, current School Committee member and the chairman of the School Committee. Members from the nine towns are: Sheila Graves (Ashfield), Marion Scott (Buckland), Marge Porrovecchio (Charlemont), Michelle Hillman (Colrain), Jonathan Diamond (Heath), Alice Parker (Hawley), Allen Irvine (Plainfield), Marion Taylor (Shelburne) and Rowe (open). Suzanne Crawford is the representative to the School Committee. Officers are: Marge Porrovecchio and Robin Hartnett, Co-Chairs and Marion Scott is Secretary. Subcommittees are: Finance, Marion Taylor, Robin Hartnett and David Engle/Eric Sumner. Scholarship: Marge Porrovecchio, Sheila Graves, Michelle Hillman, Marion Scott and Allen Irvine.

The Mohawk community owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Nilman for his foresight in supporting higher education for the students of the Mohawk Trail Regional High School. The committee members are honored to bring the wishes of his will to fruition.

Students of any age who are graduates of Mohawk (and were living in the nine town area at the time of graduation) are encouraged to apply for scholarships to help meet their continuing education needs. Please call the Guidance Office at Mohawk for information regarding requirements and deadlines.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marion E. Scott, Secretary



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