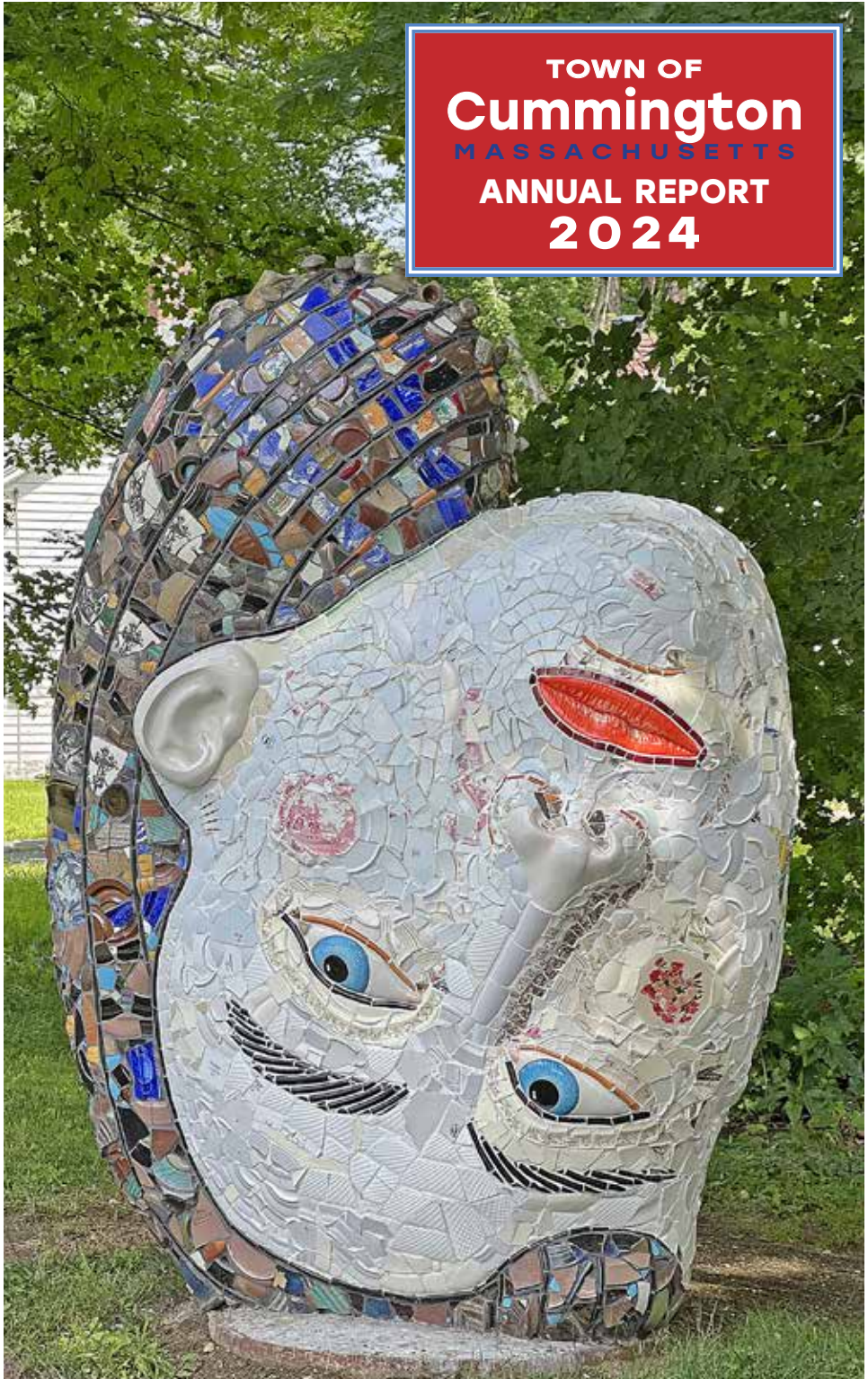


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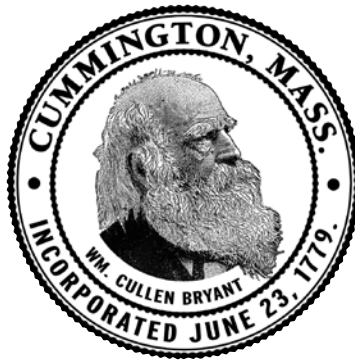
“Miss Comet”

2022 by Sergei Isupov & Kadri Pärnamets

Mixed media, mosaic installation, made with ceramic shards

This installation, in front of the Project Art studio on Main Street in Cummington, was created for “Reflections,” a grant-funded public art project. Part archaeology, part commemoration, each locally sourced element tells a story and provides an opportunity to reflect on the present and past of this small, but deeply connected Western Massachusetts community.

Town of
**CUMMINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS**



**ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR
ENDING
JUNE 30, 2024**

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DEDICATION

This 2024 Annual Town Report is dedicated to the Cummington Cultural District

The Cummington Cultural District (CCD) was designated by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) in the Spring of 2023, making Cummington one of just 55 towns to receive that designation and the most rural. The vision for the Cultural District is to engage the entire town in an inclusive and positive way to identify priorities and work towards a revitalized Village area with collaborative programming and marketing to new audiences to experience all the things which make Cummington special. 2024 brought **deTours**, a program where we explored Cummington with thematic walking tours facilitated by artists, humanists, and naturalists to take a closer look at the familiar sites and hidden treasures, alike, that make Cummington special.

Town of Cummington

Established In 1762 as Township #5
Incorporated June 23, 1779

AREA
23.06 Square Miles

MILES OF TOWN ROADS
49.2

MILES OF STATE HIGHWAYS
9

UNITED STATES SENATORS
Elizabeth Warren
Edward J. Markey

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
Richard E. Neal

MASSACHUSETTS STATE SENATOR
Paul Mark

MASSACHUSETTS STATE REPRESENTATIVE
Lindsay Sabadosa

GOVERNOR
Maura Healey

TOWN MEETING DATE – First Friday in May

TOWN ELECTION – Second Monday in May

POPULATION – Town Census 2022 - 843



Elected Officials

Member

Term Expires

SELECTBOARD

Kenneth Howes	2025
June Lynds	2026
Brian Gilman	2027

TOWN CLERK

Brenda Emerson-Camp	2026
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BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Joy Johns	2025
Elliot Ring	2026
Karen Howes	2027

MODERATOR

Josh Wachtel	2025
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VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Sharon Cunningham (<i>resigned 2024</i>) position vacant	
Robert Godfrey	2025
Ryan Ernest Strong	2026

ALMONER OF CHARITABLE FUNDS

Bernard L. Forgea	2025
Susan F. Forgea	2026
Joyce A. Wiernasz	2027

COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS

Scott Keith	2025
Kenneth Howes	2026
Amanda Savoie	2027

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Todd Emerson	2025
Dann Emerson	2026
Tomasz Jaracz	2027

Member***Term Expires*****TRUSTEES OF BRYANT FREE LIBRARY**

Wynne Menna Busby	2025
Deborah Hoechstetter	2025
Eliza Dragon	2026
Gregory Tessier	2027
John Maruskin	2027

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Stephanie Bean (<i>Resigned 2025</i>)	
Troy Howes (<i>Replaced Stephanie Bean</i>)	2025
Jill Figliozzi	2025
Dennis W. Forgea	2026
June Lynds	2026
Scott Keith	2027
Maureen Tumenas	2027
Allan Kidston, Treasurer	
Ex Officio - non voting member	2026
Josh Wachtel, Moderator	
Ex Officio - non voting member	2025

BOARD OF HEALTH

John G. Earls (<i>Resigned 9/2024</i>)	2027
Ilene Diamond (<i>Replaced J. Earls</i>)	2025
James Wetterau	2025
Judith Bogart	2026

PLANNING BOARD

Dennis Carr	2026
James Wetterau (<i>Resigned 1/1/24</i>)	2027
Kalyan Water	2028
Ilse Godfrey	2025
Laura Sheridan	2025
Lyle Hazel	2025

Member***Term Expires*****CUMMINGTON RECREATION
AND PETTINGILL MEMORIAL FIELD COMMITTEE**

Donna Forgea	2027
Amy Grallert	2027
Laurie Freitag	2027
Nicole Wortis	2025
Geraldine Wilcox	2025
Kristen Laney	2025
Stacey Lynn Mackowiac	2026
Eliza Dragon	2026
Jennifer A. O'Neill	2026

CONSTABLES

Sharon J. Cunningham	2025
Michael A. Perkins III	2025

MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT BOARD

Allan Douglas, Chair	2027
Mikaela Mennen	2027
Scott Keith, Treasurer	2025
Brenda Arbib, Secretary	2026
Michael Andrew Perkins	2026

Appointed Officials - 2024

Appointments made by the Board of Selectmen

<i>Member</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
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TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Hetal Patel	2025
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TAX COLLECTOR

Allan Kidston	2025
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TREASURER

Allan Kidston	2025
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AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

H. Sydney O'Leary	2025
Daniel Loux	2025
Seva Tower	2026
Loredana Holmes	2026
Tomas Jaracz	2026
Paul H. Streeter	2027
Sara Fournier-Scanlon	2027

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Carla Ness, Chair	2025
Michael Holden, Clerk	2025
Kenneth L. Howes	2026
Ernest T. Strong	2026
Eric Smith (<i>Moved out of town</i>)	2027
William Hoehne, Associate	2027
Geoff Kenseth (<i>Passed away 11/24</i>)	2027

LOCAL CULTURAL COUNCIL

Alexis Breiteneicher, Chair	2025
Patricia Brundage	2025
Pat Keith	2025
Dawn Klein	2025
Seva Tower	2025
John Bye	2025

Member***Term Expires*****CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Robert D. Dextraze	2025
June Lynds	2025
Jacob Jordan	2025
Brian Gilman	2025
Kenneth Howes	2025
Joy Johns	2025
Russell Jordan	2025

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Adam Dragon, Director	2025
Michael Perkins II, Director	2025
Bernard Forgea	2025
Sarah Fournier-Scanlon	2025

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Sarah Fournier-Scanlon	2027
Robert Arbib	2025
Louise Fandel	2026
John Burns	2026
John D. Eisenhour	2026

COUNCIL ON AGING

Gail Roberge (<i>Resigned 2024</i>)	2026
JoDee Simard	2026
Ann Eisenhour	2027
June Lynds	2027
Worth Noyes	2025
Chrisoula Roumeliotis	2026

FIELD DRIVER AND FENCE VIEWER

Peter Marcoux	2026
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HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Alan Taylor	2026
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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Karen Westergard, Secretary	2027
Patricia Keith, Co-chair	2027
Leslie Keller	2025
Christopher Laney	2025
Carla Ness, Chair	2025
Hannah Streeter	2026

<i>Member</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS	
Kenneth Howes	2025
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS	
Jason Forgue	2025
PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR	
Donald Lawton	2025
WIRING INSPECTOR	
William Graham, Inspector	2025
John Lyons, Assistant	2025
POLICE CHIEF	
Michael Andrew Perkins II	2025
POLICE OFFICERS	
William Bissell	2025
Jeffrey Fish	2025
Thomas Hartman	2025
Alexander Rock	2025
Dennis Forgea, Auxiliary	2025
FIRE CHIEF	
Adam Dragon	2025
SELECTBOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO LIBRARY TRUSTEES	
June Lynds	2025
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	
Kelli Wainscott	2025
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	
Mary Bourdon	2026
Tara Howes	2026
Brenda Emerson-Camp	2025
Brenda Arbib	2025
SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND TIMBER	
Robert D. Dextraze	2025
Chad Howes	2025

<i>Member</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
TREE WARDEN	
Robert D. Dextraze	2025
Alan Taylor	2025
TOWN COUNSEL	
Michael Siddall	2025
VETERANS' AGENT	
Dan Nye Inter-Municipal Veterans' Services	2025
LOWER PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION	
Kalyan Water, member	2025
Kathryn Eiseman, alternate	2025
RIGHT TO KNOW COORDINATOR	
Ernest Strong, member	2025
James Martin, coordinator	2025
SECRETARY TO THE SELECTBOARD	
Denise Banister	2025
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT PROJECTION COMMITTEE	
Robert D. Dextraze	2025
Delbert Robbins	2025
Peter Marcoux	2025
Ernest T. Strong	2025
Alan Taylor	2025
PETTINGILL CLOCK COMMITTEE	
Scott Keith	2025
WESTFIELD RIVER WILD AND SCENIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
James Wettereau	2025
IT COMMITTEE	
Jonathan Kephardt	2025
Michael Andrew Perkins II	2025
Allan Douglas	2025
Elise Scheidel	2025
Jack Earls	2025

<i>Member</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
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CUMMINGTON COMMUNITY HOUSE COORDINATOR

Brenda Emerson-Camp	2026
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ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Eliza Dragon	2025
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**CUMMINGTON AD HOC
CULTURAL DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Ilse Godfrey, Chair	2025
John Bye, Vice-Chair	2025
Kathryn Eiseman	2025
Lelie Ferrin	2025
Robert Godfrey	2025
Rachel Leader	2025
Ilene Diamond	2025

CUMMINGTON BTES ADHOC COMMITTEE

Pat Keith	2025
Eliza Dragon	2025
Eric Driver	2025
Brian Gilman	2025
June Lynds	2025

**CUMMINGTON CBRSC
REGIONAL AGREEMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE**

Todd Emerson	2025
June Lynds	2025
Maureen Tumenas	2025

STAGE ROAD CULVERT COMMITTEE

Bill Adams	2025
Kenneth Howes	2025
June Lynds	2025
Brian Gilman	2025
Alan Taylor	2025

BUILDING REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mark DeMaranville	2025
Peter Tessier	2025
Eliot Ring	2025
James D. Martin, Jr.	2025

Selectboard

Annual Report 2024

To the citizens of Cummington,

2024 turned out to be a very busy and exciting year for the Selectboard. And as you read through the reports of the many boards and committees throughout this year's Annual Town Report, we hope you will consider joining us to help continue to make the Town of Cummington a great place to raise a family.

We began the year by adding the option of joining Selectboard meetings virtually by purchasing a large screen video monitor where residents have the opportunity to join in the discussion through a Teams link which is posted on every meeting agenda. The video monitor is available to town committees by sending a request to the Selectboard.

The Selectboard unanimously voted to appoint Bill Bissell from Goshen, Massachusetts, as Cummington's first ever full-time police officer. Bill has 36 years of law enforcement experience and was highly recommended. Welcome Bill!

The Selectboard unanimously voted to offer the position of Buildings and Grounds Worker to Brian Matthews. Brian's primary responsibilities are to take care of basic building maintenance, lawn care, and snow removal of the Community House and Berkshire Trail building. Welcome Brian!

The Selectboard has been working closely with Town Counsel and an outside independent lawyer to prepare a comprehensive review of the Police Department. That review is ongoing.

Sharon Cunningham resigned from the Vocational School Committee effective as of July 21, 2024. That position remains open. Townspeople are encouraged to run for all open elected and appointed positions.

Lisa Kane resigned from the position of Community House cleaner effective August 9. Amanda Rice and Joselyn Rice were both appointed as Community House cleaners. Welcome Amanda and Joselyn!

It was announced that the town has been awarded \$150,000 from the Division of Ecological Restoration's Culvert Replacement Grant Program to replace a culvert on Stage Road over the North Branch of the Swift River. Thanks were given to Jim Wetterau for submitting the grant and to Alan Taylor and Kenneth Howes for attending the ceremony to accept the award.

The Selectboard appointed Allan Kidston, Alan Taylor, Mike Perkins, Maureen Tumenas and June Lynds as members of the personnel committee. The committee has begun work on updating the Town's personnel policy.

The Selectboard accepted John Earl's resignation from the Board of Health. The Selectboard appointed Ilene Diamond, who was nominated by the Board of Health, to the Board.

The Selectboard unanimously voted to hire M&S Development, LLC to review the feasibility study conducted previously by Austin Designs and make further recommendations for the Berkshire Trail Building Revitalization Project. M&S reviewed soft and hard costs, tax credits programs, other possible funding and grant opportunities, as well as operational and occupancy rate assumptions. They recommended that the Town undergo a value engineering process with the various stakeholders to ensure the project budget only includes items that are essential. The next step is to set up a meeting with Tom Chalmers of Austin Designs, MLS Development, and Tighe & Bond to discuss the value engineering process. That meeting is expected to happen in the new year.

Ed Stempniewicz, Josh Drawe, and Matthew Drawe presented the updated Host Community Agreement between EMJ, LLC located at 205 West Cummington Road, Cummington, and the Town of Cummington for indoor marijuana cultivation. Mr. Stempniewicz stated that twenty-six surveillance cameras have been installed at the facility as required by the CCC, as well as the changes to the agreement as suggested by Town Counsel have been made. The Selectboard unanimously voted to accept the final Host Community Agreement as presented.

The Town was fortunate to be awarded \$400,000.00 from the Rural Development Fund to be used for the Berkshire Trail Building Revitalization Project.

The Selectboard voted to declare property in the BTES building as surplus. Board members and Marc Hoechstetter did a walk-through of the Berkshire Trail building marking items to save for the future municipal offices. On November 16, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, members of the town boards were invited to go through the building and identify what they could use in their offices. On November 23, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, townspeople were welcomed in to take any items they might use. A large majority of items were successfully rehomed to the community. An RFP was distributed to local contractors for the clean-out of the remainder of the building. The Selectboard voted to award the contract to JRB Disposal for the BTES clean-out work.

Gail Roberge's resignation from the COA Board of Directors was regretfully accepted. Brenda Emerson-Camp was appointed to the COA Board of Directors. Welcome Brenda!

Bill Adams, representing the Culvert Committee, presented a proposal from the FRCOG for putting together bidding documents for the Small Bridge Grants. Payment for the work by the FRCOG was funded by the DER Grant. The Selectboard voted unanimously to sign the contract with FRCOG so the project could be sent out to bid. This work is ongoing. Thank you, Bill and the rest of the Culvert Committee, for all your hard work on this project!

Dave Christopolis and Hunt Chase presented the proposal from Hilltown Community Development Corporation to provide Grant Management Services to administer the FY25 Rural Development Grant for the period between December 19, 2024, and June 30, 2026. The Selectboard unanimously voted to accept the grant management proposal.

The Selectboard partnered with State Representative, Lindsay Sabados, to schedule a celebration of the award of the One Stop Grant. The celebration will include a delegation from the State to tour the Berkshire Trail Building with Board members and then proceed to the Community House where they will meet with townspeople (unfortunately, that celebration was postponed to a later date in the new year).

New town signs were installed in December. A double-sided sign to replace the aging town sign on Route 9 and another single-sided sign in front of the Community House. If a group or a person wishes to post an event or message on the signs, they must contact the Town Clerk to schedule.

The Selectboard voted unanimously to use the balance of ARPA funds on the following: fire-proof file cabinet for the Treasurer, storm windows for the Bryant Free Library, alarm and security system for the Community House, Highway Department roof, Community House Locks, partial payment to JRB Disposal for the BTES clean-out with the balance from the Hilltown CDC, and the Library chimney.

Finally, the Town was saddened by the loss of Pearl Lynds on March 23, 2024. Pearl was known by many for her humor, her ability to say it like it is and tarot card readings. Pearl was very active in and dedicated to her community throughout her life. She was a long-time member of the Council on Aging, advocated for the construction of the Cummington senior housing project, volunteered at the Town Historical Society and local 4H groups, and was an active member of the Cummington Village Congregational Church. Pearl will be deeply missed.

Budget and Expenditure Summary FY 2024

	Appropriation	Expended	Balance
Air Pollution Districts			
01-100-5640	\$ 279.00	\$ 279.00	\$ -
RMV Non Renewable surcharge			
01-100-5646	740.00	740.00	-
Regional Transit Authority			
01-100-5663	622.00	622.00	-
Officials' Salary			
01-110-5110	11,430.00	11,420.00	10.00
Administration - General Supplies			
01-110-5400	6,300.00	2,545.00	55.00
End of year Transfer	(3,700.00)		
Selectboard - Executive Asst			
01-122-5111	12,500.00	8,487.50	12.50
End of year Transfer	(4,000.00)		
Selectboard - General Expenses			
01-122-5420	2,500.00	2,366.13	133.87
Selectboard Encumbrances			
01-122-6000	150.00	150.00	-
Administration - Finance Comm			
01-131-5400	150.00	142.00	8.00
Reserve Fund			
01-132-5400	6,000.00	-	6,000.00
Accountant Salary			
01-132-5110	20,600.00	20,599.64	0.36
Administration - Accountant			
01-135-5400	8,448.00	6,247.72	2,200.28
Administration - Audit			
01-136-5400	8,000.00	-	8,000.00
Audit Encumbrances			
01-136-6000	8,000.00	-	8,000.00
Assessors' Salary			
01-141-5110	13,770.12	13,770.12	-
Professional Serv - Assessors			
01-141-5300	8,100.00	7,000.00	329.88
End of year Transfer	(770.12)		

	Appropriation	Expended	Balance
Administration - Assessors			
01-141-5400	5,900.00	5,391.00	509.00
Treasurer's Salary			
01-145-5110	15,914.00	15,913.56	0.44
Administration - Treasurer			
01-145-5400	6,745.00	4,021.23	-
End of year Transfer	(2,723.77)		
Tax Possession Expense			
01-145-5480	5,000.00	-	
End of year Transfer	(5,000.00)		
Tax Collector Salary			
01-146-5110	13,261.00	13,260.96	0.04
Tax Collector - Water Stipend			
01-146-5112	800.00	800.00	-
Administration - Tax Collector			
01-146-5400	9,910.00	7,341.15	-
End of year Transfer	(2,568.85)		
Tax Title Expense			
01-146-5480	3,225.00	1,406.02	
End of year Transfer	(1,818.98)		
Town Counsel			
01-151-5300	10,000.00	8,998.02	4.81
Encumbrance		4,525.19	
End of year Transfer	4,530.00		
IT Salary			
01-155-5110	1,500.00	1,008.75	491.25
IT Maintenance			
01-155-5240	18,629.00	14,398.53	4,230.17
IT Internet/Telephone			
01-155-5340	16,800.00	14,777.30	1,298.79
IT Encumbrances			
01-155-6000	1,829.00	1,829.00	-
IT Capital			
01-155-5850	9,035.94	2,983.00	6,052.94
Town Clerk Salary			
01-161-5110	15,510.00	15,510.00	-
Town Clerk Part Time			
01-161-5111	7,240.00	6,980.00	260.00

	Appropriation	Expended	Balance
Administration - Town Clerk			
01-161-5400	1,330.00	1,179.70	150.30
Election & Reg Salary			
01-162-5110	2,020.00	1,815.00	205.00
Administration - Elect & Reg			
01-162-5400	560.00	545.84	14.16
Administration - Conservation			
01-171-5400	250.00		250.00
Administration - Planning Board			
01-175-5400	500.00	371.94	128.06
Administration - ZBA			
01-176-5400	500.00	-	500.00
Salary- Community House			
01-192-5110	6,000.00	7,910.00	-
End of year Transfer	1,910.00		
Administrative - Comm House			
01-192-5400	20,000.00	24,498.90	-
End of year Transfer	3,238.90		
End of year Transfer	1,260.00		
Community House Capital			
01-192-5800	4,343.64	-	4,343.64
Town Reports			
01-195-5400	1,000.00	928.50	71.50
Police Salary			
01-210-5110	50,000.00	6,420.00	42,310.00
End of year Transfer	(40.00)		
Police Admin Asst			
01-210-5111	8,000.00	1,150.00	6,850.00
Police Stipend			
01-210-5112	30,000.00	30,000.00	-
Police Training			
01-210-5305	7,000.00	740.00	4,068.00
Encumbrances	2,192.00		
Police Bridge Program			
01-210-5306	7,200.00	-	7,200.00

	Appropriation	Expended	Balance
Administrative - Police			
01-210-5400	16,000.00	15,621.89	1.19
Encumbrances	38.81		
End of year Transfer	40.00		
Police Capital			
01-210-5800	4,541.19	-	4,541.19
Fire Stipend			
01-220-5112	17,000.00	16,999.56	0.44
Firefighter Stipend			
01-220-5113	12,000.00	12,000.00	-
Administrative - Fire			
01-220-5400	27,491.00	26,169.00	1,321.90
End of year Transfer	(0.10)		
Capital - Fire			
01-220-5800	23,346.87	6,822.98	16,523.89
Administrative - Ambulance			
01-231-5400	49,944.00	49,944.10	(0.10)
Building Inspector Stipend			
01-241-5110	12,566.00	12,566.00	-
Administrative - Building Insp			
01-241-5400	500.00	66.00	434.00
Administrative PSC			
01-290-5400	19,765.00	17,433.54	2,331.46
PSC Capital			
01-290-5800	1,002.00		1,002.00
Emergency Mgmt Stipend			
01-291-5112	5,000.00	4,999.48	0.52
Administrative - Emergency Mgmt			
01-291-5400	1,130.00	1,130.00	-
Animal Control Stipend			
01-292-5110	3,300.00	3,299.52	0.48
Administrative Animal Control			
01-292-5400		3,073.55	
End of year Transfer	3,073.55		
Animal Inspector Stipend			
01-293-5112	300.00	300.00	-
Administrative - Tree			
01-294-5400	6,000.00	-	6,000.00

	Appropriation	Expended	Balance
CBRSD Transportation			
01-300-5330	7,592.00	7,592.00	-
Administrative CBRSD			
01-300-5400	641,066.00	641,066.00	-
CBRSD Capital Improvement			
01-300-5300	24,363.00	24,278.00	85.00
Vocational Tuition			
01-301-5320	106,220.73	106,220.73	-
Vocational Transportation			
01-301-5330	45,360.00	45,594.00	-
End of year Transfer	234.00		
Administrative - BTES			
01-302-5400	40,000.00	31,693.75	8,306.25
Highway Salary			
01-422-5110	227,406.00	221,151.72	6,254.28
Highway Overtime			
01-422-5130	9,643.00	9,582.93	60.07
Highway - Vac/Hol/Sick/Pers			
01-422-5151	20,000.00	17,425.00	2,575.00
Administrative - Highway			
01-422-5400	13,500.00	13,018.30	281.70
Highway Tool & Machinery			
01-422-5415	67,163.43	49,939.22	17,224.21
End of year transfers	(12,836.57)		
Highway General			
01-422-5420	110,000.00	108,131.68	1,868.32
Highway Capital			
01-422-5800	1,262.21	-	1,262.21
Overtime - Winter Roads			
01-423-5130	14,465.00	-	14,465.00
Administrative - Winter Roads			
01-423-5400	80,000.00	63,925.73	16,074.27
Water Hydrant Administrative			
01-455-5400	9,500.00	9,500.00	-
Salary - Cemetery			
01-491-5110	8,000.00	10,965.00	-
End of year Transfer	2,965.00		

	Appropriation	Expended	Balance
Cemetery Capital			
01-491-5800	11,192.50		11,192.50
Board of Health Salary			
01-510-5110	25,500.00	32,426.50	-
End of year Transfer	6,926.50		
Administrative BOH			
01-510-5400	58,500.00	66,533.37	-
End of year Transfer	10,830.62		
Council on Aging Salary			
01-541-5110	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
Administrative - COA			
01-541-5400	2,000.00	1,601.61	398.39
Administrative - Veterans			
01-543-5400	27,028.00	4,130.00	22,898.00
End of year Transfer	(22,898.00)		
Salary - Library			
01-610-5110	675.00	675.00	-
Administrative - Library			
01-610-5400	7,525.00	7,525.00	-
Administrative - Recreation			
01-630-5400	4,600.00	4,095.29	425.57
Recreation - Capital			
01-630-5800	37,173.00	35,728.16	1,444.84
Safety Complex Loan			
01-710-5910	43,478.00	43,478.00	-
School Roof Loan			
01-710-5910	32,000.00	32,000.00	-
Broadband Loan			
01-710-5910	85,000.00	80,000.00	5,000.00
Cat Loader Loan			
01-710-5910	25,000.00	25,000.00	-
USDA Loan #1			
01-710-5910	11,835.00	11,834.82	0.18
USDA Loan #2			
01-710-5910	5,631.00	5,630.86	0.14
Safety Complex Loan Interest			
01-751-5915	34,096.00	34,096.00	-

	Appropriation	Expended	Balance
School Roof Interest			
01-751-5915	5,530.00	5,530.00	-
Broadband Interest			
01-751-5915	37,863.00	37,862.50	0.50
Cat Loader Interest			
01-751-5915	2,025.00	2,013.64	11.36
USDA Loan #1 Interest			
01-751-5915	2,447.00	2,446.58	0.42
USDA Loan #2 Interest			
01-750-5915	1,933.00	1,932.14	0.86
Interest on Loans			
01-752-5920	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
Council of Governments - Admin			
01-830-5400	3,000.00	3,000.00	-
LPVP Commission			
01-830-5401	160.00	151.35	8.65
Contributory Retirement			
01-911-5780	87,479.00	86,044.00	1,435.00
Unemployment Compensation			
01-913-5780	530.00	624.28	
End of year Transfer	94.28		
Medical Insurance			
01-914-5780	37,262.00	37,510.90	
End of year Transfer	248.90		
Medicare/Social Security			
01-916-5780	17,360.00	24,789.53	
End of year Transfer	7,429.53		
Insurance and Bonds			
01-945-5780	56,000.00	62,964.16	
End of year Transfer	6,964.16		
Transfer to Trust Funds			
01-990-5964		312,530.00	
APRA Expense			
20-122-5400		83,626.05	
Firefighter Safety Equipment			
20-220-5400		13,378.21	
EMPG 24			
20-220-5400		5,195.83	

	Appropriation	Expended	Balance
Community Compact			
21-155-5400	3,053.43	3,053.43	
Fire VFA Grant			
21-220-5400	1,642.55	1,642.55	
AED Grant			
21-220-5400	2,383.65	2,383.65	
Underutilized PP Grant			
21-302-5400	33,200.00	33,200.00	
Shared St & Spaces Salary			
21-422-5110	3,498.00	3,498.00	
Shared St & Spaces Expense			
21-722-5400	8,586.98	8,586.98	
BOH Recycling Grant			
21-510-5400	7,839.51	7,839.51	
COA Formula Grant			
21-541-5110	4,355.50	4,355.50	
State Aid to Library Salary			
21-610-5110	75.00	75.00	
State Aid to Library Expense			
21-610-5400	1,170.07	1,170.07	
Cultural Council Grant			
21-692-5400	6,834.39	6,834.39	
Cultural Council Dist Salary			
21-693-5110	9,811.20	9,811.20	
Cultural Council Dist Expense			
21-693-5400	20,477.34	20,477.34	
Inspectors Revolving Salary			
23-241-5110	1,725.00	1,725.00	
Inspectors Revolving Expense			
23-241-5400	6,161.00	6,161.00	
Pettingill Field Gift			
24-122-5400	195.60	195.60	
Fire Special Gift			
24-220-5400	993.39	993.36	
COA Memorial Gift			
24-541-5400	595.00	595.00	

	Appropriation	Expended	Balance
Historic Comm - Salary 24-691-5110	2,275.00	2,275.00	
Historic Comm - Donation 24-691-5400	15,566.55	15,566.55	
School Roof Expense 30-300-5800	126,000.00	126,000.00	
Chapter 90 Expense 30-422-5800	387,090.28	387,090.28	
Stage Road Culvert Expense 30-422-5800	109,185.60	109,185.60	
Chapter 90 WRAP Expense 30-422-5800	161,693.78	161,693.78	
Water Salary 60-450-5110	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Water Stipend 60-450-5112	10,400.00	5,200.00	5,200.00
Water Expenses 60-450-5400	33,070.00	37,094.88	
End of year transfer	600.00		
Encumbrance	4,142.42		
Water Encumbrances 60-450-6000	22.09	22.09	
Transfer to General Fund 60-990-5961	24,986.04	24,986.04	
MLP Salary 65-465-5110	12,000.00	12,000.00	
MLP Operating Chargeback 65-465-5380	38,698.05	36,777.73	1,920.32
MLP Operating Monthly 65-465-5400	191,486.00	151,780.38	397,063.42
MLP Operating Other 65-465-5420	113,890.00	58,442.78	5,544,770.00
MLP Encumbrances 65-465-6000	19,295.17	19,295.17	
Transfer to General Fund 65-990-5961	7,630.56	7,630.56	

	Appropriation	Expended	Balance
Historical Services			
82-691-5380	847.50	847.50	
Transfer to General Fund			
82-691-5961	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Collector Fees - Salary			
89-146-5110	5,794.00	5,794.00	
Deputy Collector Fees			
89-146-5400	5,201.00	5,201.00	
Town Clerk Fees - Salary			
89-161-5110	310.00	310.00	
Police Outside Details			
89-210-5130	85,035.00	85,035.00	
State FID Permit			
89-210-5400	1,275.00	1,275.00	
Fire Outside Duty			
89-220-5110	2,193.75	2,193.75	

Trial Balance

Fund	01 General Fund	Beg. Bal.	Debits	Credits	Balance
01.000.1040.000000	GENERAL FUND- CASH	602,058.71	3,686,143.84	3,710,082.72	578,119.83
01.000.1210.000000.12	Personal Property Taxes FY 2012	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.02
01.000.1210.000000.13	Personal Property Taxes FY 2013	370.19	0.00	0.00	370.19
01.000.1210.000000.14	Personal Property Taxes FY 2014	392.69	0.00	0.00	392.69
01.000.1210.000000.15	Personal Property Taxes FY 2015	389.10	0.00	0.00	389.10
01.000.1210.000000.16	Personal Property Taxes FY 2016	405.90	0.00	0.00	405.90
01.000.1210.000000.18	Personal Property Taxes FY 2018	-93.75	0.00	0.00	-93.75
01.000.1210.000000.19	Personal Property Taxes FY 2019	557.16	0.00	0.00	557.16
01.000.1210.000000.20	Personal Property Taxes FY 2020	613.87	0.00	0.00	613.87
01.000.1210.000000.21	Personal Property Taxes FY 2021	882.65	0.00	0.00	882.65
01.000.1210.000000.22	Personal Property Taxes FY 2022	1,425.06	0.00	-12.62	1,437.68
01.000.1210.000000.23	Personal Property Taxes FY 2023	3,438.23	0.00	1,640.80	1,797.43
01.000.1210.000000.24	Personal Property Taxes FY 2024	0.00	114,712.20	112,543.00	2,169.20
	PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES TOTAL	8,381.12	114,712.20	114,171.18	8,922.14
01.000.1220.000000.18	Real Estate Taxes FY 2018	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01
01.000.1220.000000.19	Real Estate Taxes FY 2019	1,139.30	0.00	1,139.31	-0.01
01.000.1220.000000.20	Real Estate Taxes FY 2020	2,603.25	698.66	3,301.91	0.00
01.000.1220.000000.21	Real Estate Taxes FY 2021	8,006.70	0.00	8,006.70	0.00
01.000.1220.000000.22	Real Estate Taxes FY 2022	32,889.24	1.80	10,423.08	22,467.96
01.000.1220.000000.23	Real Estate Taxes FY 2023	112,204.09	1,382.70	85,096.42	28,490.37
01.000.1220.000000.24	Real Estate Taxes FY 2024	0.00	2,039,736.43	1,978,773.43	60,963.00
	REAL ESTATE TAXES TOTAL	156,842.59	2,041,819.59	2,086,740.85	111,921.33

Fund	01 General Fund	Beg. Bal.	Debits	Credits	Balance
01.000.1230.000000.08	Overlay FY 2008	-4,439.74	0.00	0.00	-4,439.74
01.000.1230.000000.10	Overlay FY 2010	-423.30	0.00	0.00	-423.30
01.000.1230.000000.11	Overlay FY 2011	1,262.19	0.00	0.00	1,262.19
01.000.1230.000000.12	Overlay FY 2012	-4,743.64	0.00	0.00	-4,743.64
01.000.1230.000000.13	Overlay FY 2013	-1,735.29	0.00	0.00	-1,735.29
01.000.1230.000000.14	Overlay FY 2014	-4,288.55	0.00	0.00	-4,288.55
01.000.1230.000000.15	Overlay FY 2015	-813.18	0.00	0.00	-813.18
01.000.1230.000000.16	Overlay FY 2016	-984.74	0.00	0.00	-984.74
01.000.1230.000000.17	Overlay FY 2017	-2,827.80	0.00	0.00	-2,827.80
01.000.1230.000000.18	Overlay FY 2018	-2,940.92	0.00	0.00	-2,940.92
01.000.1230.000000.19	Overlay FY 2019	-4,837.40	0.00	0.00	-4,837.40
01.000.1230.000000.20	Overlay FY 2020	-6,658.49	0.00	0.00	-6,658.49
01.000.1230.000000.21	Overlay FY 2021	-6,148.11	0.00	0.00	-6,148.11
01.000.1230.000000.22	Overlay FY 2022	-7,167.90	0.00	0.00	-7,167.90
01.000.1230.000000.23	Overlay FY 2023	-6,555.90	0.00	0.00	-6,555.90
01.000.1230.000000.24	Overlay FY 2024	0.00	9,737.50	15,008.77	-5,271.27
OVERLAY TOTAL		-53,302.77	9,737.50	15,008.77	-58,574.04
01.000.1240.000000	Tax Title	10,732.57	9,861.43	10,600.01	9,993.99
01.000.1260.000000.11	MVE Taxes FY 2011	239.69	0.00	0.00	239.69
01.000.1260.000000.12	MVE Taxes FY 2012	631.98	0.00	0.00	631.98
01.000.1260.000000.13	MVE Taxes FY 2013	111.25	0.00	0.00	111.25
01.000.1260.000000.14	MVE Taxes FY 2014	425.21	0.00	0.00	425.21
01.000.1260.000000.15	MVE Taxes FY 2015	51.25	0.00	0.00	51.25
01.000.1260.000000.16	MVE Taxes FY 2016	281.67	0.00	63.75	217.92
01.000.1260.000000.17	MVE Taxes FY 2017	792.82	0.00	0.00	792.82

Fund	01 General Fund	Beg. Bal.	Debits	Credits	Balance
01.000.1260.000000.18	MVE Taxes FY 2018	772.71	0.00	0.00	772.71
01.000.1260.000000.19	MVE Taxes FY 2019	1,063.15	0.00	51.25	1,011.90
01.000.1260.000000.20	MVE Taxes FY 2020	344.17	0.00	208.06	136.11
01.000.1260.000000.21	MVE Taxes FY 2021	1,348.81	0.00	438.52	910.29
01.000.1260.000000.22	MVE Taxes FY 2022	5,732.31	4,170.47	9,419.88	482.90
01.000.1260.000000.23	MVE Taxes FY 2023	8,645.21	13,715.16	20,865.47	1,494.90
01.000.1260.000000.24	MVE Taxes FY 2024	0.00	123,154.94	109,285.48	13,869.46
	MVE TAXES TOTAL	20,440.23	141,040.57	140,332.41	21,148.39
01.000.1880.000000	Tax Possessions	4,277.32	0.00	0.00	4,277.32
	1 TOTAL	749,429.77	6,003,315.13	6,076,935.94	675,808.96
01.000.2120.000000	Federal Tax Withholdings	3,246.60	56,489.07	57,717.49	2,018.18
01.000.2130.000000	State Tax Withholdings	1,048.05	27,369.17	27,369.17	1,048.05
01.000.2140.000000	Retirement Withholdings	5,627.56	32,603.79	29,324.77	8,906.58
01.000.2145.000000	Medicare Withholdings	1,058.02	25,411.15	25,411.85	1,057.32
01.000.2150.000000	Health Insurance Withholdings	5,628.47	16,076.10	14,836.00	6,868.57
01.000.2151.000000	Dental Insurance Withholdings	-2,375.60	1,219.46	1,915.55	-3,071.69
01.000.2152.000000	Life Insurance Withholdings	61.60	99.40	85.20	75.80
01.000.2154.000000	Ltd Insurance Withholdings	-13.68	0.00	0.00	-13.68
01.000.2155.000000	Retirees Group Insurance	-337.00	0.00	0.00	-337.00
01.000.2156.000000	Retirees Group Insurance - OTC	-2,979.75	4,286.80	4,297.20	-2,990.15
01.000.2190.000000	Child Support	0.00	6,240.00	6,240.00	0.00
	WITHHOLDINGS TOTAL	10,964.27	169,794.94	167,197.23	13,561.98
01.000.2520.000000	Tailings	-4,371.31	0.00	0.00	-4,371.31
01.000.2610.000000	Deferred Revenue Property Taxes	-111,920.94	2,206,183.30	2,156,531.79	-62,269.43

Fund	01 General Fund	Beg. Bal.	Debits	Credits	Balance
01.000.2622.000000	Deferred Revenue Tax Liens	-10,732.57	10,600.01	9,861.43	-9,993.99
01.000.2623.000000	Def Revenue Tax Possessions	-4,277.32	0.00	0.00	-4,277.32
01.000.2630.000000	Deferred Revenue MVE	-20,309.10	144,521.77	145,229.93	-21,017.26
	DEF REVENUE TOTAL	-147,239.93	2,361,305.08	2,311,623.15	-97,558.00
	2 TOTAL	608,782.80	2,531,100.02	2,478,820.38	587,441.63
01.000.3211.000000	Reserved for Encumbrances	-12,852.19	12,852.19	76,285.79	-76,285.79
01.000.3240.000000	Reserved for Expenditures	-50,100.00	50,100.00	0.00	0.00
01.000.3295.000000	Reserved for Continued Appropriations	-40,723.35	40,723.35	0.00	0.00
01.000.3580.000000	Reserve for Petty Cash	-100.00	0.00	0.00	-100.00
01.000.3590.000000	Undesignated Fund Balance	-505,007.26	2,836,730.84	2,842,779.42	-511,055.84
01.000.3910.000000	Revenue Control	0.00	2,784,034.99	2,784,034.99	0.00
01.000.3930.000000	Expenditure Control	0.00	3,495,356.67	3,495,356.67	0.00
	3 TOTAL	0.00	9,219,798.04	9,198,456.87	0.00
	FUND 01 GENERAL FUND ENDING BALANCE	0.00	17,754,213.1	17,754,213.1	0.00
Fund	20 FEDERAL GRANT	Beg. Bal.	Debits	Credits	Balance
20.000.1040.000000	Federal Grants - Cash	216,963.05	130,931.59	102,200.09	245,694.55
	1 TOTAL	216,963.05	130,931.59	102,200.09	245,694.55
20.122.3590.200006.00	FB FEMA - 75% COVID	9,202.33	0.00	0.00	9,202.33
20.122.3590.200008.00	FB CARES 25%	-1,377.65	0.00	0.00	-1,377.65
20.122.3590.200009.00	FB ARPA	-228,768.40	83,626.05	0.00	-145,142.35
20.210.3590.200003.00	FB Traffic Enforcement / Equipment	-2,450.00	0.00	0.00	-2,450.00
20.210.3590.200005.00	FB Police - Triad	-1,040.17	0.00	0.00	-1,040.17

Fund	20 FEDERAL GRANT	Beg. Bal.	Debits	Credits	Balance
20.220.3590.200001.00	FB Firefighter Safety Equipment	-510.73	0.00	0.00	-510.73
20.220.3590.200001.23	FB Firefighter Safety Equip Grant	7,239.59	2,878.21	10,117.80	0.00
20.220.3590.200001.24	FB Firefighter Safety Equip Grant	0.00	10,500.00	0.00	10,500.00
20.220.3590.200004.00	FB Fire - SAD	-1,691.77	0.00	0.00	-1,691.77
20.220.3590.200007.23	FB Fire - EMPG 23	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
20.220.3590.200007.24	FB Fire - EMPG 24	0.00	5,195.83	0.00	5,195.83
20.291.3590.200002.00	FB Emergency Management Grant	-2,566.25	0.00	0.00	-2,566.25
20.465.3590.200010.00	MLP - CAF II Funding	0.00	0.00	115,813.79	-115,813.79
	3 TOTAL	0.00	102,200.09	130,931.59	0.00
FUND 20 FEDERAL GRANT ENDING BALANCE					
		0.00	233,131.68	233,131.68	0.00

Fund	21 STATE GRANT	Beg. Bal.	Debits	Credits	Balance
21.000.1040.000000	State Grants - Cash	331,406.43	238,033.03	127,774.48	441,664.98
	1 TOTAL	331,406.43	238,033.03	127,774.48	441,664.98
21.122.3590.210007.00	FB Green Communities Grant	48,820.78	0.00	63,622.50	-14,801.72
21.122.3590.210009.00	FB Solarize Mass Clean Energy	-371.32	0.00	0.00	-371.32
21.122.3590.210016.00	FB December 08 Ice Cream	-1,381.00	0.00	0.00	-1,381.00
21.122.3590.210017.00	FB Right to Know Grant	-57.00	0.00	0.00	-57.00
21.122.3590.210025.00	FB COVID-19	-1,110.13	0.00	0.00	-1,110.13
21.155.3590.210022.00	FB Technology Grant	-5,322.79	0.00	0.00	-5,322.79
21.155.3590.210023.00	FB Community Compact IT Grant	-3,053.43	3,053.43	0.00	0.00
21.162.3590.210013.00	FB Elections and Registrations	-2,562.23	0.00	0.00	-2,562.23
21.162.3590.210037.24	FB FY24 Extended Polling Hours	0.00	0.00	255.00	-255.00
21.175.3590.210019.00	FB Community Development Grant	-644.00	0.00	0.00	-644.00

Fund	21 STATE GRANT	Beg. Bal.	Debits	Credits	Balance
21.175.3590.210020.00	FB MA Rehab Program Grant	-18,667.69	0.00	0.00	-18,667.69
21.175.3590.210021.00	FB MA Rehab Program Town	-63,065.54	0.00	5,152.23	-68,217.77
21.210.3590.210002.00	FB GHSB Grant	-5,036.98	0.00	0.00	-5,036.98
21.210.3590.210003.00	FB Community Policing	-526.42	0.00	0.00	-526.42
21.210.3590.210029.00	FB Police Shared Streets & Spaces	19,729.00	0.00	0.00	19,729.00
21.220.3590.210028.00	FB Fire Safe Grant	-293.57	0.00	0.00	-293.57
21.220.3590.210035.24	FB Fire VFA Grant	0.00	3,285.12	1,642.57	1,642.55
21.220.3590.210036.24	Fire - AED Grant	0.00	2,383.65	2,383.65	0.00
21.291.3590.210001.00	FB Eng Mgmt - State Emergency M	-12,064.57	0.00	0.00	-12,064.57
21.291.3590.210004.00	FB Police Opid Task Grant	-19.13	0.00	0.00	-19.13
21.302.3590.210030.23	FY23 Underutilized PP Grant	24,704.05	33,200.00	66,704.05	-8,800.00
	UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE TOTAL	-20,921.97	41,922.20	139,760.00	-118,759.77
3 TOTAL		310,484.46	41,922.20	139,760.00	322,905.21
21.422.2730.210026.00	SAAN Payable for Mass Work Gra	0.31	0.00	0.00	0.31
2 TOTAL		310,484.77	0.00	0.00	322,905.52
21.422.3590.210034.24	FY24 Shared Streets & Spaces	0.00	12,084.98	12,084.98	0.00
21.465.3590.210027.00	FB Municipal Light Plant Grant	-266,254.05	0.00	0.00	-266,254.05
21.510.3590.210010.00	FB BoH Recycling Grant	-8,669.12	7,839.51	6,300.00	-7,129.61
21.510.3590.210014.00	FB H1N1 Grant	-296.73	0.00	0.00	-296.73
21.510.3590.210015.00	FB Board of Health Grant	1,168.90	7,839.51	7,839.51	1,168.90
21.541.3590.210011.00	FB CoA Formula Grant	-4,600.54	6,035.50	8,680.00	-7,245.04
21.610.3590.210018.00	FB State Aid to Library	-7,417.35	2,396.07	5,340.84	-10,362.12
21.692.3590.210012.00	FB Cultural Council Grant	-10,377.15	19,368.17	18,067.70	-9,076.68
21.692.3590.210032.23	FY23 MCC - Art Grant	961.27	0.00	0.00	961.27

Fund	21 STATE GRANT	Beg. Bal.	Debits	Credits	Balance
21.693.3590.210033.23	FY23 Cultural Council District Grant	-15,000.00	30,288.54	39,960.00	-24,671.46
	UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE TOTAL	-310,484.77	85,852.28	98,273.03	-322,905.52
	3 TOTAL	0.00	85,852.28	98,273.03	0.00
	FUND 21 STATE GRANT ENDING BALANCE	0.00	365,807.51	365,807.51	0.00
Fund	22 RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRI	Beg. Bal.	Debits	Credits	Balance
22.000.1040.000000	Receipts Res for Approp. - Cash	0.10	2,500.10	0.00	2,500.20
	1 TOTAL	0.10	2,500.10	0.00	2,500.20
22.122.3590.220001.00	FB Transportation Network	-0.10	0.00	0.10	-0.20
22.491.3590.220002.00	FB Sale of Cemetery Lots	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00
	3 TOTAL	0.00	0.00	2,500.10	0.00
	FUND 22 RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRI	0.00	2,500.10	2,500.10	0.00
FUND	23 REVOLVING FUNDS OTHER	Beg. Bal	Debits	Credits	Balance
23.000.1040.000000	Revolving Funds Other - Cash	21,600.36	7,986.00	8,036.00	21,550.36
	1 TOTAL	21,600.36	7,986.00	8,036.00	21,550.36
23.122.3590.230001	FB Solar Array Installation	-2,687.50	0.00	0.00	-2,687.50
23.171.3590.230003	FB Conservation Commission Rev	-5,116.85	0.00	0.00	-5,116.85
23.241.3590.230004	FB Inspectors Revolving 53E1/	-698.05	8,036.00	7,986.00	-648.05
23.630.3590.230002	FB Recreation Revolving	-13,097.96	0.00	0.00	-13,097.96
	3 TOTAL	0.00	8,036.00	7,986.00	0.00
	FUND 23 REVOLVING FUNDS OTHER ENDING BALANCE	0.00	16,022.00	16,022.00	0.00

FUND	24 OSR - GIFTS AND DONATIONS	Beg. Bal.	Debits	Credits	Balance
24.000.1040.000000	OSR - Gifts and Donations - Cash	355,102.94	35,630.43	19,625.54	371,107.83
1 TOTAL		355,102.94	35,630.43	19,625.54	371,107.83
24.122.3590.240001	FB 250th Celebration	-9,031.52	0.00	49.71	-9,081.23
24.122.3590.240002	FB Family Center Gifts	-11,634.19	0.00	0.00	-11,634.19
24.122.3590.240003	FB Community House Gift	-18,920.67	0.00	0.00	-18,920.67
24.122.3590.240009	FB Community House Floors Dona	-626.74	0.00	0.00	-626.74
24.122.3590.240011	FB Ann Sears Memorial Donation	-1,000.00	0.00	0.00	-1,000.00
24.122.3590.240012	FB Piano Tuning Gift	-1,104.06	0.00	0.00	-1,104.06
24.122.3590.240013	FB Fowler Gift	-10,944.53	0.00	0.00	-10,944.53
24.122.3590.240015	FB Helen Munich Gift	-121,161.85	0.00	622.07	-121,783.92
24.122.3590.240016	FB Family Center Berkshire T	-904.45	0.00	0.00	-904.45
24.122.3590.240017	FB Madelyn Orcutt Gift	-452.33	0.00	0.00	-452.33
24.122.3590.240020	FB Pettingill Memorial Field G	-46,757.65	195.60	1,150.00	-47,712.05
24.192.3590.240014	FB Town Clock	-500.00	0.00	0.00	-500.00
24.210.3590.240007	FB Police Gift	-13,115.40	0.00	5,000.00	-18,115.40
24.220.3590.240008	FB Fire Special Gift	-57,287.02	993.39	0.00	-56,293.63
24.491.3590.240006	FB Cemetery Gift	-60,117.93	0.00	0.00	-60,117.93
24.541.3590.240018	FB CoA Memorial Gift	-2,706.05	595.00	320.00	-2,431.05
24.610.3590.240004	FB Library Gift	-3,082.60	0.00	0.00	-3,082.60
24.610.3590.240005	FB Library Special Gift	-3,850.94	0.00	0.00	-3,850.94
24.610.3590.240010	FB Library Building Gift	-436.00	0.00	0.00	-436.00
24.691.3590.240019	FB Historic Commission Donation	8,530.99	17,841.55	28,488.65	-2,116.11
3 TOTAL		0.00	19,625.54	35,630.43	0.00
FUND 24 OSR - GIFTS AND DONATIONS ENDING BALANCE		0.00	55,255.97	55,255.97	0.00

FUND	25 OSR - OTHER	Beg. Bal.	Debits	Credits	Balance
25.000.1040.000000	OSR - Other Cash	109,430.65	612.56	0.00	110,043.21
25.000.1340.250001	Septic Loans Receivable	2,324.03	113.40	0.00	2,437.43
1 TOTAL		111,754.68	725.96	0.00	112,480.64
25.000.2680.250001	Septic Loan Def. Revenue	-2,324.03	0.00	113.40	-2,437.43
2 TOTAL	DEF REVENUE TOTAL	-2,324.03	0.00	113.40	-2,437.43
25.000.3590.250001	FB Specfic Loan Program	-109,430.65	0.00	113.40	-109,544.05
25.122.3590.250004	FB Opioid Settlement	0.00	0.00	499.16	-499.16
3 TOTAL		0.00	0.00	612.56	0.00
FUND 25 OSR - OTHER ENDING BALANCE		0.00	725.96	725.96	0.00
FUND	30 CAPITAL FUND	Beg. Bal.	Debits	Credits	Balance
30.000.1040.000000	Capital Fund - Cash	188,960.86	906,275.88	1,067,969.66	27,267.08
1 TOTAL		188,960.86	906,275.88	1,067,969.66	27,267.08
30.210.3590.300004	FB Med Capital Project	-650.00	0.00	0.00	-650.00
30.290.3590.300002	FB Public Safety Complex	-2,437.55	0.00	0.00	-2,437.55
3 TOTAL		185,873.31	0.00	0.00	24,179.53
30.300.2720.300003	School Roof Ban	-190,000.00	158,000.00	126,000.00	-158,000.00
2 TOTAL		-4,126.69	158,000.00	126,000.00	-133,820.47
30.300.3590.300003	FB School Roof	180,972.35	536,000.00	568,000.00	148,972.35
30.422.3590.300001	FB Chapter 90	-172,647.66	387,090.28	225,396.50	-10,953.88
30.422.3590.300005	FB Stage Road Culvert	-4,198.00	109,185.60	109,185.60	-4,198.00
30.422.3590.300009	FB Chapter 90 - WRAP	0.00	161,693.78	161,693.78	0.00
3 TOTAL		0.00	1,193,969.66	1,064,275.88	0.00
FUND 30 CAPITAL FUND ENDING BALANCE		0.00	2,258,245.54	2,258,245.54	0.00

FUND	60 WATER - ENTERPRISE FUND	Beg. Bal.	Debits	Credits	Balance
60.450.1040.000000	Water - Enterprise Fund - Cash	194,092.20	90,856.07	68,503.01	216,445.26
60.450.1310.000000	Water User Fee Receivable	20,939.04	76,445.37	90,780.32	6,604.09
	1 TOTAL	215,031.24	167,301.44	159,283.33	223,049.35
60.450.2651.000000	Water User Fee Deferred Revenue	-20,939.04	90,780.32	76,445.37	-6,604.09
	DEF REVENUE TOTAL	-20,939.04	90,780.32	76,445.37	-6,604.09
	2 TOTAL	194,092.20	90,780.32	76,445.37	216,445.26
60.450.3211.000000	Reserved for Encumbrances	-22.09	22.09	5,317.54	-5,317.54
60.450.3590.000000	FB Water - Retained Earnings	-194,070.11	73,820.55	90,878.16	-211,127.72
60.450.3910.000000	Water - Revenue Control	0.00	90,856.07	90,856.07	0.00
60.450.3930.000000	Water - Expenditure Control	0.00	68,503.01	68,503.01	0.00
	3 TOTAL	0.00	233,201.72	255,554.78	0.00
	FUND 60 WATER - ENTERPRISE FUND ENDING BALANCE	0.00	491,283.48	491,283.48	0.00
FUND	65 MLP - ENTERPRISE FUND	Beg. Bal.	Debits	Credits	Balance
65.465.1040.000000	MLP - Enterprise Fund - Cash	434,981.31	434,885.21	285,926.62	583,939.90
65.465.1310.000000	MLP User Fee Receivable	0.00	422,157.31	422,157.31	0.00
	1 TOTAL	434,981.31	857,042.52	708,083.93	583,939.90
65.465.2651.000000	MLP User Fee Deferred Revenue	0.00	422,157.31	422,157.31	0.00
	DEF REVENUE TOTAL	0.00	422,157.31	422,157.31	0.00
	2 TOTAL	434,981.31	422,157.31	422,157.31	583,939.90
65.465.3211.000000	Reserved for Encumbrances	-19,295.17	19,295.17	0.00	0.00
65.465.3590.000000	FB MLP - Retained Earnings	-415,686.14	285,926.62	454,180.38	-583,939.90

FUND	65 MLP - ENTERPRISE FUND	Beg. Bal.	Debits	Credits	Balance
65.465.3910.000000	MLP - Revenue Control	0.00	434,885.21	434,885.21	0.00
65.465.3930.000000	MLP - Expenditure Control	0.00	285,926.62	285,926.62	0.00
<i>3 TOTAL</i>		<i>0.00</i>	<i>1,026,033.62</i>	<i>1,174,992.21</i>	<i>0.00</i>
FUND 65 MLP - ENTERPRISE FUND ENDING BALANCE		0.00	2,305,233.45	2,305,233.45	0.00
FUND	82 TRUST	Beg. Bal.	Debits	Credits	Balance
82.000.1040.000000	Trust - Cash	2,352,126.60	765,485.76	316,377.50	2,801,234.86
<i>1 TOTAL</i>		<i>2,352,126.60</i>	<i>765,485.76</i>	<i>316,377.50</i>	<i>2,801,234.86</i>
82.122.3590.820001	FB Stabilization	-1,093,392.54	312,530.00	645,222.96	-1,426,085.50
82.122.3590.820004	FB Community House	-2,609.11	0.00	13.05	-2,622.16
82.122.3590.820005	FB Community House Stock	-184,245.85	0.00	7,661.01	-191,906.86
82.122.3590.820009	FB Whiting Street Charity	-20,646.05	0.00	205.91	-20,851.96
82.122.3590.820010	FB N.F. Orcutt Charity Fund	-22,772.77	0.00	1,189.73	-23,962.50
82.122.3590.820012	FB Town Clock	-395.73	0.00	3.93	-399.66
82.122.3590.820013	FB Madelyn Orcutt Fund	-36,677.07	0.00	1,358.38	-38,035.45
82.135.3590.820002	FB Compensated Absences	-6,000.00	0.00	0.00	-6,000.00
82.300.3590.820011	FB School Trust	-25,603.51	0.00	255.39	-25,858.90
82.491.3590.820003	FB Cemetery Trust	-33,265.69	0.00	313.43	-33,579.12
82.610.3590.820007	FB Library	-3,643.79	0.00	18.20	-3,661.99
82.610.3590.820008	FB Library Building Fund	-4,503.60	0.00	22.50	-4,526.10
82.691.3590.820006	FB Historical	-918,370.89	3,847.50	109,221.27	-1,023,744.66
<i>3 TOTAL</i>		<i>0.00</i>	<i>316,377.50</i>	<i>765,485.76</i>	<i>0.00</i>
FUND 82 TRUST ENDING BALANCE		0.00	1,081,863.26	1,081,863.26	0.00

FUND	89 AGENCY	Beg. Bal.	Debits	Credits	Balance
89,000.1040.000000	Agency - Cash	12,694.04	107,957.50	101,083.75	19,567.79
1 TOTAL		12,694.04	107,957.50	101,083.75	19,567.79
89,000.2580.890001	Tailings	-543.78	0.00	0.00	-543.78
89,146.2580.890004	Collector Fees	-7,341.50	5,794.00	6,793.00	-8,340.50
89,146.2580.890005	Deputy Collector Fees	-2,699.00	5,201.00	3,697.00	-1,195.00
89,161.2580.890006	Town Clerk Fees	114.00	310.00	310.00	114.00
89,210.2580.890003	State FID Permits	587.00	2,550.00	1,275.00	1,862.00
89,210.2580.890007	Police Outside Details	-2,387.51	85,035.00	88,722.50	-6,075.01
89,220.2580.890002	Fire Outside Details	-423.25	2,193.75	7,160.00	-5,389.50
2 TOTAL		0.00	101,083.75	107,957.50	0.00
FUND 89 AGENCY ENDING BALANCE		0.00	209,041.25	209,041.25	0.00
REPORT TOTAL		0.00	24,773,323.39	24,773,323.3	0.00

Town of Cummington - Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups as of June 30, 2024 (Unaudited)

ASSETS	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Internal Services	Trust & Agency	Long-Term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
Cash and cash equivalents	578,119.83	1,192,561.13	27,267.08	800,385.16		2,820,802.65		5,419,135.85
Investments								0.00
Receivables:								
Personal property taxes	8,922.14							8,922.14
Real estate taxes	111,921.33							111,921.33
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	-58,574.04							-58,574.04
Tax liens	9,993.99							9,993.99
Deferred taxes								0.00
Motor vehicle excise	21,148.39							21,148.39
Other excises								0.00
User fees - Water				6,604.09				6,604.09
User fees - MLP				0.00				0.00
Utility liens added to taxes								0.00
Departmental								0.00
Special assessments								0.00
Due from other governments								0.00
Other receivables - Septic		2,437.43						2,437.43
Foreclosures/Possessions	4,277.32							4,277.32
Prepays								0.00
Due to/from other funds								0.00
Working deposit								0.00
Inventory								0.00
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation								0.00
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds		126,000.00					1,900,921.97	2,026,921.97
Amounts to be provided - vacation/sick leave								0.00
Total Assets	675,808.96	1,194,998.56	153,267.08	806,989.25	0.00	2,820,802.65	1,900,921.97	7,552,788.47

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups as of June 30, 2024 (Unaudited, continued)

LIABILITIES AND FUNDEQUITY	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Internal Services	Trust & Agency	Long-Term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
Liabilities:								
Warrants payable								0.00
Accounts payable								0.00
Accrued payroll								0.00
Withholdings	-13,561.98							-13,561.98
Accrued claims payable								0.00
Due to/from other funds								0.00
Due to other governments								0.00
Other liabilities								0.00
Deferred revenue:								
Real and personal property taxes	62,269.43							62,269.43
Tax liens	9,993.99							9,993.99
Deferred taxes								0.00
Foreclosures/Possessions	4,277.32							4,277.32
Motor vehicle excise	21,017.26							21,017.26
Other excises								0.00
User fees- Water				6,604.09				6,604.09
User fees- MLP				0.00				0.00
Utility liens added to taxes								0.00
Departmental								0.00
Special assessments								0.00
Due from other governments								0.00
Other receivables- Septic		2,437.43						2,437.43
Deposits receivable								0.00
Prepaid taxes/fees								0.00
Tailings	4,371.31							4,371.31
IBNR								0.00
Agency Funds						19,567.79		19,567.79

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups as of June 30, 2024 (Unaudited, continued)

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Internal Services	Trust & Agency	Long-Term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
Notes payable								0.00
Bonds payable			126,000.00				1,900,921.97	2,026,921.97
Vacation and sick leave liability								0.00
Total Liabilities	88,367.33	2,437.43	126,000.00	6,604.09	0.00	19,567.79	1,900,921.97	2,143,898.61
Fund Equity:								
Reserved for encumbrances	76,285.79							76,285.79
Reserved for expenditures								0.00
Reserved for continuing appropriations								0.00
Reserved for petty cash	100.00							100.00
Reserved for appropriation deficit								0.00
Reserved for snow and ice deficit								0.00
Reserved for COVID-19 deficit								0.00
Reserved for debt service								0.00
Reserved for premiums								0.00
Reserved for working deposit								0.00
Undesignated fund balance	511,055.84	1,192,561.13	27,267.08	800,385.16		2,801,234.86		5,332,504.07
Unreserved retained earnings								0.00
Investment in capital assets								0.00
Total Fund Equity	587,441.63	1,192,561.13	27,267.08	800,385.16	0.00	2,801,234.86	0.00	5,408,889.86
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	675,808.96	1,194,998.56	153,267.08	806,989.25	0.00	2,820,802.65	1,900,921.97	7,552,788.47
PROOF BALANCE SHEET IS IN BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PROOF FUND BALANCE DETAIL								
AGRES TO THE BALANCE SHEET	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.00)		
PROOF RECEIVABLES DETAIL								
AGRES TO THE BALANCE SHEET	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		

Special Revenue Fund Balance Detail
as of June 30, 2024 (Unaudited)

Fund Number	Fund Name	Accounts Receivable	Deferred Revenue	Fund Balance 6/30/2024	Receipts thru 9/30/2024	BAN's	Remaining Deficit 6/30/2024
20.122.3590.200006.00	FB FEMA-75% COVID-19			-9,202.33			-9,202.33
20.122.3590.200008.00	FB CARES 25%			1,377.65			0.00
20.122.3590.200009.00	FB ARPA			145,142.35			0.00
20.210.3590.200003.00	FB Traffic Enforcement			2,450.00			0.00
20.210.3590.200005.00	FB Police - Traid			1,040.17			0.00
20.220.3590.200001.00	FB Firefighter Safety Equipment			510.73			0.00
20.220.3590.200001.23	FB FY23 Firefighter Safety Equipment			0.00			0.00
20.220.3590.200001.24	FB FY24 Firefighter Safety Equipment			-10,500.00	10,500.00		0.00
20.220.3590.200004.00	FB Fire - SAD			1,691.77			0.00
20.220.3590.200007.23	FB Fire - EMPG 23			0.00			0.00
20.220.3590.200007.24	FB Fire - EMPG 24			-5,195.83	5,195.83		0.00
20.291.3590.200002.00	FB Emergency Management Grant			2,566.25			0.00
20.465.3590.200010.00	MLP - CAF II Funding			115,813.79			0.00
21.422.2730.210026.00	SAAN Payable Mass Works			-0.31			-0.31
21.122.3590.210007.00	FB Green Communities Grant			14,801.72			0.00
21.122.3590.210009.00	FB Solarize Mass Clean Energy			371.32			0.00
21.122.3590.210016.00	FB December 08 Ice Cream			1,381.00			0.00
21.122.3590.210017.00	FB Right to know Grant			57.00			0.00
21.122.3590.210025.00	FB COVID-19			1,110.13			0.00
21.155.3590.210022.00	FB Technology Grant			5,322.79			0.00
21.155.3590.210023.00	FB Community Compact IT Grant			0.00			0.00
21.162.3590.210013.00	FB Elections and Registrations			2,562.23			0.00
21.162.3590.210037.24	FB FY24 Extended Polling Hours			255.00			0.00

Special Revenue Fund Balance Detail as of June 30, 2024 (Unaudited, continued)

Fund Number	Fund Name	Accounts Receivable	Deferred Revenue	Fund Balance 6/30/2024	Receipts thru 9/30/2024	BAN's	Remaining Deficit 6/30/2024
21.175.3590.210019.00	FB Community Development Grant			644.00			0.00
21.175.3590.210020.00	FB MA Rehab Program Grant			18,667.69			0.00
21.175.3590.210021.00	FB MA Rehab Program Town			68,217.77			0.00
21.210.3590.210002.00	FB GHSB Grant			5,036.98			0.00
21.210.3590.210003.00	FB Community Policing			526.42			0.00
21.210.3590.210029.00	FB Police Shared Streets and Spaces			-19,729.00			-19,729.00
21.220.3590.210028.00	FB Fire SAFE Grant			293.57			0.00
21.220.3590.210035.24	FB Fire VFA Grant			-1,642.55	1,642.56		0.00
21.220.3590.210036.24	FB Fire AED Grant			0.00			0.00
21.291.3590.210001.00	FB EMP Mgmt - State Emergency Management			12,064.57			0.00
21.291.3590.210004.00	FB Police Opioid Task Grant			19.13			0.00
21.302.3590.210030.23	FB Underutilized PP Grant			8,800.00			0.00
21.422.3590.210034.24	FB FY24 Shared St and Spaces			0.00			0.00
21.465.3590.210027.00	FB Municipal Light Plant Grant			266,254.05			0.00
21.510.3590.210010.00	FB BOH Recycling Grant			7,129.61			0.00
21.510.3590.210014.00	FB H1N1 Grant			296.73			0.00
21.510.3590.210015.00	FB BOH Grant			-1,168.90			-1,168.90
21.541.3590.210011.00	FB COA Formula Grant			7,245.04			0.00
21.610.3590.210018.00	FB State Aid to Library			10,362.12			0.00
21.692.3590.210012.00	FB Cultural Council Grant			9,076.68			0.00
21.692.3590.210032.23	FB MCC - Art Grant			-961.27			-961.27
21.693.3590.210033.23	FB FY23 Cultural Council District			24,671.46			0.00
22.122.3590.220001.00	FB Transportation Network			0.20			0.00
22.491.3590.220002.00	FB Sale of Cemetery Lots			2,500.00			0.00
23.122.3590.230001	FB Solar Array Installation			2,687.50			0.00
23.171.3590.230003	FB Conservation Commission			5,116.85			0.00

Special Revenue Fund Balance Detail as of June 30, 2024 (Unaudited, continued)

Fund Number	Fund Name	Accounts Receivable	Deferred Revenue	Fund Balance 6/30/2024	Receipts thru 9/30/2024	BAN's	Remaining Deficit 6/30/2024
23.241.3590.230004	FB Inspectors Revolving 53E 1/2			648.05			0.00
23.630.3590.230002	FB Recreation Revolving			13,097.96			0.00
24.122.3590.240001	FB 250th Celebration			9,081.23			0.00
24.122.3590.240002	FB Family Center Gifts			11,634.19			0.00
24.122.3590.240003	FB Community House Gift			18,920.67			0.00
24.122.3590.240009	FB Community House Floors Donation			626.74			0.00
24.122.3590.240011	FB Ann Sears Memorial Donation			1,000.00			0.00
24.122.3590.240012	FB Piano Tuning Gift			1,104.06			0.00
24.122.3590.240013	FB Fowler Gift			10,944.53			0.00
24.122.3590.240015	FB Helen Munich Gift			121,783.92			0.00
24.122.3590.240016	FB Family Center - Berkshire Trail			904.45			0.00
24.122.3590.240017	FB Madelyn Orcutt Gift			452.33			0.00
24.122.3590.240020	FB Pettingill Memorial Field			47,712.05			0.00
24.192.3590.240014	FB Town Clock			500.00			0.00
24.210.3590.240007	FB Police Gift			18,115.40			0.00
24.220.3590.240008	FB Fire Special Gift			56,293.63			0.00
24.491.3590.240006	FB Cemetery Gift			60,117.93			0.00
24.541.3590.240018	FB COA Memorial Gift			2,431.05			0.00
24.610.3590.240004	FB Library Gift			3,082.60			0.00
24.610.3590.240005	FB Library Special Gift			3,850.94			0.00
24.610.3590.240010	FB Library Building Gift			436.00			0.00
24.691.3590.240019	FB Historic Commission Donation			2,116.11			0.00
25.000.3590.250001	FB Specfic Loan Program	2,437.43	2,437.43	109,544.05			0.00
25.122.3590.250004	FB Opioid Settlement			499.16			0.00
Total Special Revenue Fund Balance		2,437.43	2,437.43	1,192,561.13	17,338.39	0.00	-31,061.81

Capital Project Fund Balance Detail *as of June 30, 2024 (Unaudited)*

Fund Number	Fund Name	Enterprise Fund Name (if applicable)	Accounts Receivable	Deferred Revenue	Fund Balance 6/30/2024	Receipts thru 9/30/2024	BAN's 6/30/2024	BAN's / Debt Issued 7/1/2024 - 9/30/2024	Remaining Deficit 6/30/2024
30.210.3590.300004	FB Med Capital Project				650.00				0.00
30.290.3590.300002	FB Public Safety Complex				2,437.55				0.00
30.300.3590.300003	FB School Roof				9,027.65		126,000.00		0.00
30.422.3590.300001	FB Chapter 90				10,953.88				0.00
30.422.3590.300005	FB Stage Road Culvert				4,198.00				0.00
30.422.3590.300009	FB Chapter 90 Wrap				0.00				0.00
Total Capital Projects Fund Balance			0.00	0.00	27,267.08	0.00	126,000.00	0.00	0.00

Trust Fund Balance Detail *as of June 30, 2024 (Unaudited)*

Fund Number	Fund Name	Accounts Receivable	Deferred Revenue	Fund Balance 6/30/2024	Receipts thru 9/30/2024	BAN's	Remaining Deficit 6/30/2024
82.122.3590.820001	FB Stabilization			1,426,085.50			0.00
82.122.3590.820004	FB Community House			2,622.16			0.00
82.122.3590.820005	FB Community House Stock			191,906.86			0.00
82.122.3590.820009	FB Whiting Street Charity			20,851.96			0.00
82.122.3590.820010	FB N.F. Orcutt Charity Fund			23,962.50			0.00
82.122.3590.820012	FB Town Clock			399.66			0.00
82.122.3590.820013	FB Madelyn Orcutt Fund			38,035.45			0.00
82.135.3590.820002	FB Compensated Absences			6,000.00			0.00
82.300.3590.820011	FB School Trust			25,858.90			0.00
82.491.3590.820003	FB Cemetery Trust			33,579.12			0.00
82.610.3590.820007	FB Library			3,661.99			0.00
82.610.3590.820008	FB Library Building Fund			4,526.10			0.00
82.691.3590.820006	FB Historical			1,023,744.66			0.00
Total Expendable Trust Fund Balance		0.00	0.00	2,801,234.86	0.00	0.00	0.00

Agency Funds reported in the fund balance section of the combined balance sheet: 0.00

Total of combined balance sheet trust and agency fund balance column: 2,801,234.86

***Town of Cummington -
Combining Balance Sheet - Enterprise Funds
as of June 30, 2024 (Unaudited)***

	Water Enterprise Fund	MLP Enterprise Fund	Totals (Memorandum Only)
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	216,445.26	583,939.90	800,385.16
Investments			0.00
Receivables:			
User Fees	6,604.09	0.00	6,604.09
Special assessments			0.00
Utility liens added to taxes			0.00
Tax foreclosures			0.00
Departmental			0.00
Other receivables			0.00
Due from other governments			0.00
Due to/from other funds			0.00
Prepays			0.00
Inventory			0.00
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation			0.00
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds			0.00
Amounts to be provided - vacation and sick leave			0.00
Total Assets	223,049.35	583,939.90	806,989.25
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable			0.00
Warrants payable			0.00
Accrued payroll and withholdings			0.00
Other liabilities			0.00

Combining Balance Sheet - Enterprise Funds

as of June 30, 2024 (Unaudited, continued)

	Water Enterprise Fund	MLP Enterprise Fund	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Deferred revenue:			
User Charges	6,604.09	0.00	6,604.09
Special assessments			0.00
Utility liens added to taxes			0.00
Tax foreclosures			0.00
Departmental			0.00
Other receivables			0.00
Due from other governments			0.00
Due to other governments			0.00
Due to/from other funds			0.00
Notes payable			0.00
Bonds payable			0.00
Vacation and sick leave liability			0.00
Total Liabilities	6,604.09	0.00	6,604.09
Fund Equity:			
Reserved for encumbrances	5,317.54		5,317.54
Reserved for expenditures			0.00
Reserved for continuing appropriations			0.00
Reserved for petty cash			0.00
Reserved for appropriation deficit			0.00
Reserved for debt service			0.00
Unreserved retained earnings	211,127.72	583,939.90	795,067.62
Investment in capital assets			0.00
Total Fund Equity	216,445.26	583,939.90	800,385.16
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	223,049.35	583,939.90	806,989.25

Town Treasurer's Report - Bank Accounts - FYE 2024

Bank	Balance 7/1/23	Balance 6/30/24
ADAMS COMMUNITY BANK		
Cemetery Trust Funds	\$ 31,440.80	\$ 31,754.23
Charitable Trust Funds	41,759.77	42,176.30
School/Scholarship	25,603.51	25,858.90
Town Clock Fund	395.71	399.64
General Fund - Checking	163,952.44	167,074.18
UNIBANK		
Stabilization	201,033.56	202,038.30
Community House Trust	2,609.11	2,622.16
Library Trust	3,642.64	3,660.84
Library Building Fund	4,504.75	4,527.25
Madelyn Orcutt Fund	4,379.46	4,401.34
Arts Council Grant	6,788.04	6,821.96
Rehab Town Program Income Acct	86,494.36	86,926.64
Helen Muchnic Trust	124,473.40	125,095.47
Online Collections - General Fund	312,237.87	561,729.20
Deputy Collector	50,628.65	79,815.19
EASTHAMPTON SAVINGS BANK		
Stabilization	561,807.50	904,369.61
General Fund - Vendor Checking	1,415,889.79	1,246,046.80
General Fund - Payroll	(67,014.90)	29,139.93
Municipal Light Plant - Grant	111,321.70	111,939.33
Celebration	2,026.84	2,076.55
Municipal Light Plant Broadband Recpts	741,121.30	508,365.16
M & T BANK (fka People's United Bank)		
Septic System Repair Program	104,667.88	104,781.28
General Fund	41,367.54	41,412.45
BARTHOLOMEW & COMPANY		
Community House Trust	183,103.05	190,876.36
M. Orcutt Fund	55,648.65	57,988.79
HISTORICAL COMMISSION FUNDS		
Investors Capital	897,821.71	1,007,042.98
PETTY CASH	100.00	100.00
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 5,107,805.13	\$ 5,549,040.84

Commissioners of Trust Funds - July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

	Principal	Balance 07/1/2023	Interest	Add (Withdrawal)	Balance 6/30/2024	Available
BRYANT CEMETERY						
Mary Tower	\$ 297.00	\$ 1,230.92	\$ 12.28	0.00	\$ 1,243.20	\$ 946.20
Bartlett	107.50	436.30	4.36	0.00	440.66	333.16
Brewster	100.00	378.96	3.76	0.00	382.72	282.72
Donated	775.00	1,886.26	18.81	0.00	1,905.07	1,130.07
Subtotal Bryant Cemetery	1,279.50	3,932.44	39.21	0.00	3,971.65	2,692.15
DAWES CEMETERY						
Whitmarsh	100.00	488.58	4.88	0.00	493.46	393.46
Pratt	50.00	314.95	3.10	0.00	318.05	268.05
Thayer-Gurney	200.00	1,114.20	11.10	0.00	1,125.30	925.30
C.J. Thayer	1,000.00	2,625.11	26.18	0.00	2,651.29	1,651.29
Donated	5,650.00	12,421.13	123.89	0.00	12,545.02	6,895.02
Subtotal Dawes Cemetery	7,000.00	16,963.97	169.15	0.00	17,133.12	10,133.12
GURNEY CEMETERY						
Donated	400.00	2,164.12	21.57	0.00	2,185.69	1,785.69
HARLOW CEMETERY						
Packard	107.50	387.46	3.88	0.00	391.34	283.84
Donated	750.00	1,420.04	14.16	0.00	1,434.20	684.20
Subtotal Harlow Cemetery	857.50	1,807.50	18.04	0.00	1,825.54	968.04
STREETER CEMETERY						
Donated	244.20	534.55	5.33	0.00	539.88	295.68

Commissioners of Trust Funds - July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 (continued)

	Principal	Balance 07/1/2023	Interest	Add (Withdrawal)	Balance 6/30/2024	Available
VILLAGE CEMETERY						
Adams	100.00	360.56	3.58	0.00	364.14	264.14
Bates	100.00	359.92	3.54	0.00	363.46	263.46
Donated	674.39	2,075.31	20.69	0.00	2,096.00	1,421.61
Subtotal Village Cemetery	874.39	2,795.79	27.81	0.00	2,823.60	1,949.21
GENERAL CEMETERY						
Donated	5,680.00	3,240.42	32.32	0.00	3,272.74	(2,407.26)
TOTAL CEMETERY	\$ 16,335.59	\$ 31,438.79	\$ 313.43	\$ -	\$ 31,752.22	\$ 15,416.63
<i>Withdrawals are for care of cemeteries offset by donations</i>						
CHARITABLE FUNDS						
N. F. Orcutt	2,254.63	21,113.72	210.62	0.00	21,324.34	19,069.71
Whiting Street	2,071.27	20,646.06	205.91	0.00	20,851.97	18,780.70
Subtotal Charitable Funds	4,325.90	41,759.78	416.53	0.00	42,176.31	37,850.41
EDUCATION FUND						
O. H. Warner	1,221.89	25,595.51	255.39	0.00	25,850.90	24,629.01
TOWN CLOCK FUND						
E. S. Pettingill	200.00	395.71	3.93	0.00	399.64	199.64
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	\$ 22,083.38	\$ 99,189.79	\$ 989.28	\$ -	\$ 100,179.07	\$ 78,095.69

Town Bonds - Debt Service FY 2024

Bonds Description	Date & Issue	Outstanding 07/01/2023	New Debt Issued	Principal Paid	Principal Balance 06/30/2024	Interest Paid in FY 2024
VILLAGE WATER						
FmHA @ 6.50% 38-Year Debt Final Payment 11-2023	11/23/1987	\$ 37,639.66	\$ 0.00	\$ 11,834.82	\$ 25,804.84	\$ 2,446.58
VILLAGE WATER						
FmHA @ 6.125% 40-Year Debt Final Payment 6-2028	6/28/1985	31,545.09	0.00	5,630.86	25,914.23	1,932.14
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX						
USDA @ 4.5% 38-Year Debt Final Payment Est.	7/15/2009	757,680.90	0.00	43,478.00	714,202.90	34,096.00
SCHOOL ROOF						
ESB rate set annually BAN expected 10-year term	7/16/2018	158,000.00	0.00	32,000.00	126,000.00	5,530.00
BROADBAND						
Adams Comm Bank @ 3.25% 15-Year Serial	10/1/2019	1,165,000.00	0.00	80,000.00	1,085,000.00	37,862.50
HIGHWAY - CAT LOADER						
ESB @ 4-Year Serial Note		75,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	50,000.00	2,013.64
TOTALS		\$ 2,224,865.65	\$ 0.00	\$ 197,943.68	\$ 2,026,921.97	\$ 83,880.86

Tax Collector - as of June 30, 2024

Year of Tax	Type	Committed & Balance July 1, 2023	Tax Paid	Abate/ Exempt	Refunds	Tax Title	Balance Due June 30, 2024
2011	Motor Vehicle	\$ 239.69					\$ 239.69
2012	Motor Vehicle	631.98					631.98
2013	Motor Vehicle	111.25					111.25
2014	Motor Vehicle	425.21					425.21
2015	Motor Vehicle	51.25					51.25
2016	Motor Vehicle	281.67	63.75				217.92
2017	Motor Vehicle	792.82					792.82
2018	Motor Vehicle	772.71					772.71
2018	Personal Prop	93.75	93.75				0.00
2019	Motor Vehicle	1,063.15	51.25				1,011.90
2019	Personal Prop	557.16					557.16
2019	Real Estate	1,139.30	1,139.31				(0.01)
2020	Motor Vehicle	344.17	208.06				136.11
2020	Personal Prop	613.87					613.87
2020	Real Estate	2,603.25	2,549.61	0.00	698.66	752.30	0.00

Tax Collector - as of June 30, 2024 (continued)

Year of Tax	Type	Committed & Balance July 1, 2023	Tax Paid	Abate/ Exempt	Refunds	Tax Title	Balance Due June 30, 2024
2021	Motor Vehicle	1,348.81	438.52				910.29
2021	Personal Prop	882.65					882.65
2021	Real Estate	8,006.70	3,021.46			4,985.24	0.00
2022	Motor Vehicle	5,732.31	5,283.10		33.69		482.90
2022	Personal Prop	1,425.06					1,425.06
2022	Real Estate	32,889.24	10,423.08		1.80		22,467.96
2023	Motor Vehicle	21,483.54	20,265.76	599.83	876.83		1,494.78
2023	Personal Prop	3,438.23					3,438.23
2023	Real Estate	113,580.72	85,096.42		6.07		28,490.37
2024	Motor Vehicle	122,476.96	108,054.64	776.87			13,868.46
2024	Personal Prop	114,712.20	112,543.00				2,169.20
2024	Real Estate	2,037,041.62	1,969,028.97	9,737.50	2,694.81		60,969.96
All	Water	97,384.41	90,430.32	350.00			6,604.09
TOTALS		\$ 2,570,123.68	\$ 2,408,691.00	\$ 11,464.20	\$ 4,311.86	\$ 5,737.54	\$ 148,765.81

Report of Vital Statistics for the Town of Cummington

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

BIRTHS

November 13, 2023	Hunter Louis Ouimet, son of Owen Louis Ouimet and Liza Jean Ouimet, at Northampton, MA
December 23, 2023	Jack Bocoum Drawe, son of Matthew Drawe and Aicha Gnandji Bocoum, at Pittsfield, MA
December 23, 2023	Zion Bocoum Drawe, son Matthew Drawe and Aicha Gnandji Bocoum, at Pittsfield, MA
February 19, 2024	Apolonia Lynda Jaracz, daughter of Tomasz Jaracz and Heather Joanne Jaracz, at Northampton, MA
April 27, 2024	Elowyn Rose Bajnoci, daughter of Darin William Bajnoci and Heather Lynn Simmons, at Springfield, MA
June 19, 2024	Sadie June Duffy, daughter of Dylan Spencer Duffy and Ann Elizabeth Duffy, at Northampton, MA

DEATHS

July 3, 2023	Wilmot R. Hastings, age 88, of 23 Potash Hill Road, at Marion, MA
July 26, 2023	Jesse Ray Emerson, age 39, of 6 Mougins Road, at Springfield, MA
January 31, 2024	Donn Anthony Boulanger, age 76, of 507 Stage Road, at Cummington, MA
February 21, 2024	Richard Peter Sheppard, age 69, of 78 Potash Hill Road, at Northampton, MA
March 23, 2024	Pearl Lynds, age 93, of 37 Main Street, at Northampton, MA

MARRIAGES

March 24, 2024	Corydon Steven Woodard and Natasha Maria Brooks-Sperduti, both of Cummington, MA, in Cummington, MA by Minister Tanya E. Rapinchuk
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Presidential Primary Results - March 5, 2024

Total number of persons voted as Democrat	134
Total number of persons voted as Republican	89
Total number of persons voted as Libertarian	1

<u>Democrat Results</u>		<u>Republican Results</u>	
Presidential Preference		Presidential Preference	
Dean Phillips	2	Chris Christie	1
Joseph R. Biden	97	Ryan Binkley	0
Marianne Williamson	5	Vivek Ramaswamy	2
No Preference	27	Asa Hutchinson	0
Others	3	Donald J. Trump	50
		Ron DeSantis	0
State Committee Man		Nikki Haley	33
Sherwood Guernsey, II	103	No Preference	2
Blanks	31	Others	1
State Committee Woman		State Committee Man	
Marietta Rose Rapetti Cawse	49	Nicholas A. Boldyga	53
Megan Elise Arvin	41	Blanks	36
Blanks	44	State Committee Woman	
		Jessica L. Boldyga	49
		Blanks	40

Libertarian Results

Presidential Preference	
Jacob George Hornberger	0
Michael D. Rectenwald	0
Chase Russell Oliver	0
Michael Ter Matt	0
Lars Damian Mapstead	0
No Preference	0
Others	1

This is a true record to the best of my knowledge.

Attest:

Brenda A. Emerson-Camp
Cummington Town Clerk
March 11, 2024

Caucus Results - March 14, 2024

The Town Caucus was held in the Community House, on March 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of nominating candidates for the Town Officers to be elected at the Annual Town Election to be held on May 13, 2024. Quorum was present, at 6:30 p.m.

Moderator for one year

Joshua Wachtel

509 Stage Road

Selectmen for three years

Brian Gilman

110 Mount Road

Assessor for three years

Karen Howes

31 Stevens Road

Vocational School Committee

for three years

Sharon Cunningham

25 Main Street

Almoner of Charitable Trust Funds

for three years

Joyce A. Wiernasz

12 Swift River Road

Commissioner of Trust Funds

for three years

Amanda Savoie

19 Harlow Road

Board of Health for three years

John G. Earls

3 River Road

Water Commissioner for three years

Tomasz Jaracz

22 Main Street

Finance Committee for three years

Scott Keith

44 Main Street

Maureen Tumenas

523 Berkshire Trail

Finance Committee for one year

Troy Howes

6 Potash Hill Road Extension

Planning Board for five years

2 Vacant Seats

Trustee of the Bryant Free Library

for five years

John Maruskin

68 Main Street

Recreation & Pettingill Memorial

for three years

Field Committee

Donna Forgea

6 Porter Hill Road

Amy Grallert

24 West Main Street

Laurie Freitag

235 Porter Hill Road

Municipal Light Plant Board

for three years

Allan Douglas

25 Nash Road

Mikaela Mennen

29 Old Route 9 Road

This is a true record to the best of my knowledge.

Attest:

Brenda A. Emerson-Camp

Cummington Town Clerk

March 18, 2024

Annual Town Meeting - Friday, May 3, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Joshua Wachtel at 7:05 p.m. at the Community House on Main St. with over the required town quorum. The present total was 54 registered voters and 3 non-residents.

Article 1: Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to fix the salaries and compensation of all **Elected Officials** of the Town for Fiscal 2025, as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as follows:

Selectboard, Chair	\$ 1,600.00
Selectman 2	1,400.00
Selectman 3	1,400.00
Assessor, Chair	1,300.00
Assessor 2	1,200.00
Assessor 3	1,200.00
Town Clerk	15,975.00
Moderator	100.00
Tree Warden	500.00
Board of Health, Chair	1,000.00
Board of Health 2	500.00
Board of Health 3	500.00
Vocational School, Chair	40.00
Vocational School 2	15.00
Vocational School 3	15.00
Water Commission, Chair	500.00
Water Commission 2	300.00
Water Commission 3	300.00
TOTAL:	\$ 27,845.00
Constables	\$ 21.00/hr.
Mileage reimbursement for Town Officials	67 cents/mile

Article 2: Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate or transfer the following amounts for the **General Government Accounts**:

Official Salaries	\$ 27,845.00
Administration General Supplies	6,300.00
Selectboard Executive Assistant	15,450.00
Administration Finance Committee	150.00
Reserve Fund	6,000.00
Accountant Salary (Raise & Appropriate)	18,884.00
Transfer from the MLP	1,697.00
Transfer from Water	637.00
Admin Accountant (Raise & Appropriate)	6,661.00
Transfer from the MLP	599.00
Transfer from Water	225.00
Administrative Audit (Raise & Appropriate)	7,120.00
Transfer from MLP	640.00
Transfer from Water	240.00
Administrative Assessors	7,000.00
Assessor Salary	13,000.00
Prof. Services Assessors	8,100.00
Assessor Capital	
Transfer from Stabilization	6,300.00
Treasurer Salary (Raise & Appropriate)	18,868.00
Transfer from MLP	1,696.00
Transfer from Water	636.00
Administration Treasurer (Raise & Appropriate)	7,507.00
Transfer from MLP	675.00
Transfer from Water	253.00
Tax Possession Expense Treasurer	5,000.00
Tax Collector Salary	15,000.00
Stipend - Tax Collector - Water Billing	
Transfer from Water	1,000.00
Admin Tax Collector (Raise & Appropriate)	10,388.70
Transfer from Water	321.30
Tax Title Expense - Tax Collector	5,370.00
Town Counsel - Legal Services	12,000.00
IT Salary	1,320.00
IT Internet/Telephone	14,400.00
IT Maintenance	19,344.59
IT Maintenance Capital (Transfer from Stabilization)	13,653.40
Administration Town Clerk (Raise and Appropriate)	2,155.00
Town Clerk Part-Time	7,717.00
Election & Registration Salary	3,795.00

Administration Election & Registration	1,050.00
Administration Conservation Commission	250.00
Administration Planning Board	900.00
Administration Zoning Board	500.00
Building Maintenance Salary	29,692.00
Administration Community House	22,000.00
Administration Berkshire Trail School Building	
(Raise and Appropriate)	37,320.00
Transfer from MLP	2,680.00
Town Reports	1,000.00
Total General Government Accounts:	\$ 363,339.99

Article 3: Motion was made, seconded, and put-on hold for Chief Michael Perkins to talk a little further about the reasons to hire a full-time police officer and to purchase a new police cruiser. After the discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and voted with a majority carrying the motion to raise and appropriate or transfer the following amounts for the **Public Safety Accounts:**

Police Salary	\$ 85,600.00
Police Administrative Assistant-part time	13,000.00
Police Chief Salary	30,000.00
Police Training	5,000.00
Administrative-Police	16,000.00
Police Capital (Transfer from Stabilization)	75,000.00
Fire Chief Salary	30,000.00
Firefighter Stipend	16,000.00
Administrative-Fire	25,934.00
Administrative-Ambulance	57,309.68
Building Inspector Stipend	12,943.00
Administrative-Building Inspector	500.00
Administrative-Public Safety Complex	19,765.00
Emergency Management Stipend	5,000.00
Administrative - Emergency Management	1,200.00
Administrative - Animal Control	1,000.00
Animal Control Stipend	3,200.00
Administrative - Animal Inspector	500.00
Administrative - Tree	6,000.00
Fire Department Capital (Transfer from Stabilization)	10,767.00
Total Public Safety:	\$ 414,718.68

Article 4: Motion made and put on hold. Joshua Wachtel the Moderator, stepped down during this Article 4, because he was formerly on the Ad-Hoc Committee. He requested agreement by attendees to have Jane Crosby take over as the Moderator for two articles - Article 4 and Article 13. CBRSD Superintendent, Lesie Blake, and Greg Boino from Finance were invited to discuss the CBRSD school budget and answer questions. For Transportation there was a hold for CBRSD and Vocational. Discussion included busing for school choice kids and that the vendor used for our vocational students is retiring. We will need to hire a new bus service. A second motion was made, seconded, and voted to raise and appropriate the **Education Accounts:**

Administrative - CBRSD	\$ 648,527.00
Capital - CBRSD	19,553.00
Transportation - CBRSD	6,508.00
Vocational Tuition	104,235.00
Transportation - Vocational	50,000.00
Total Education Accounts	\$ 828,823.00

Article 5: Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate or transfer the following amounts to the **Public Works Accounts:**

Highway Salary	255,076.00
Highway Overtime	9,942.00
Highway Garage	13,500.00
Highway General	110,000.00
Highway Tool & Machinery	80,000.00
Winter Roads Overtime	14,913.00
Administrative-Winter Roads	80,000.00
Fire Hydrant Assessment	9,500.00
Cemetery Salary	12,000.00
Cemetery Capital (Transfer from Stabilization)	5,000.00
Total Public Works Accounts	\$ 589,931.00

Article 6: Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the following amounts to the **Human Services Accounts:**

Board of Health Salary	\$ 38,825.00
Administrative - Board of Health	67,900.00
Salary - Council on Aging	5,150.00

Administrative - Council on Aging	2,500.00
Administrative - Veterans	27,257.00
Total Human Services Accounts	\$ 136,632.00

Article 7: Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the following amounts to the **Culture and Recreation Accounts:**

Administrative - Library	8,310.00
Administrative - Recreation	4,600.00
Total Culture and Recreation Accounts	\$ 12,910.00

Article 8: Motion was made, seconded, voted unanimously to raise and appropriate or transfer the following amounts to the **Debt and Interest Accounts:**

Safety Complex Loan	45,435.00
School Roof Loan	32,000.00
Broadband Loan	85,000.00
USDA Loan - 1 (Transfer from Water)	12,604.00
USDA Loan - 2 (Transfer from Water)	5,976.00
CAT Loader Loan (Transfer from Stabilizatio)	25,000.00
CAT Loader Interest (Transfer from Stabilization)	1,350.00
Safety Complex Loan Interest	32,139.00
School Roof Interest	6,300.00
Broadband Interest	35,100.00
USDA Loan - 1 Interest (Transfer from Water)	1,677.00
USDA Loan 2 Interest (Transfer from Water)	1,587.00
Interest on Loans	5,000.00
Total Debt and Interest Accounts	\$ 289,168.00

Article 9: Motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the following amounts for **Intergovernmental Expenditures:**

Administrative - Council of Government	\$ 3,000.00
LPVP Commission	160.00
Total Intergovernmental Expenditures	\$ 3,160.00

Article 10: Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the following amounts for **Unclassified Accounts:**

Contributory Retirement	\$ 97,470.00
Unemployment Compensation	675.00
Medical Insurance	57,380.00
Medicare/Social Security (Raise and Appropriate)	19,635.00
(Transfer from Water)	330.00
(Transfer from MLP)	175.00
Insurance & Bonds (Raise and Appropriate)	57,000.00
Transfer from Historical Commission	3,000.00
Total Unclassified Accounts	\$ 235,665.00

Article 11: Motion was made and seconded, and voted unanimously on a sum of money to operate the MLP (Broadband) enterprise to be collected from the MLP (Broadband) user fee receipts for **Enterprise Fund-2:**

Salaries and Stipends	\$ 12,000.00
Operating Monthly	163,748.00
Operating Monthly	114,976.30
Operating Chargeback	38,698.00
Total Enterprise Fund-2	\$ 329,422.30

Article 12: Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously a sum of money to operate the Water Department to be collected from the receipts for **Enterprise Fund-1:**

Water Salaries and Stipends	\$ 17,500.00
Water Expenses	33,755.00
Total Enterprise Fund-1	\$ 51,255.00

Article 13: Motion was made, seconded, and voted to put it on hold until the Special Town Meeting in June. After some discussion, the townspeople would like to review the Central Berkshire Regional School District Amended Regional Agreement to make a decision.

Article 14: Motion was made, seconded, to put it on hold until the Special Town Meeting. The Planning Board needs to hold a public forum before the Town votes on the amendment of the Town's General Bylaws and Zoning Bylaws to change the Selectboard name.

Article 15: Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously for the town to repurpose the funds in the Cemetery Capital account to be used for maintenance purposes in town cemeteries.

Article 16: Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to set a cap for the following revolving accounts:

Community House Revolving	\$ 10,000.00
Inspector’s Revolving	\$ 10,000.00

Article 17: Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer a sum of money for the 250th Celebration Account:

Transfer from Stabilization	\$ 2,500.00
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Article 18: Motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to approve the Board of Selectmen to apply for any Federal, State, or other grants that may be available and to expend any money received.

Article 19: Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously pursuant to Mass General Law Chapter 268a, Section 21A and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 4A of the General Laws to authorize the employment of the members of the Board of Selectmen by the Selectmen, Selectmen by the Highway Department, the members of the Board of Health by the Health Department, the Water Commissioners by the Department, the Assessors by the Board of Assessors, the Historical Commission members by the Historical Commission, the Municipal Light Plant members by the Municipal Light Plant Board, and the Council on Aging by the Council on Aging Board, and to fix the rate of compensation for such employment, and to vote to pay the Highway Department employees hired by the Water Commissioners at their Highway Department rate of pay from the Water Department Account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 20: Motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously voted and accepted any available funds relating to highways including without limitations, so called Chapter 90 type construction monies and further voted to authorize the Selectmen to enter into contracts for the expenditure of the monies received or any other action in relation thereto.

Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to dissolve this meeting at 8:50 p.m.

This is a true record to the best of my knowledge.

Attest:

Brenda A. Emerson-Camp
Cummington Town Clerk, May 18, 2024

Annual Town Election Results - May 13, 2024

The polls were open, the ballot box declared empty and working properly. Voting began at 1 p.m. and ended at 8 p.m., after 63 voters voted, resulting in the following elected officials:

Selectman for three years		Finance Committee one for one year	
Brian Gilman	57	Troy Howes	61
Holly Dexteraze (write-in)	1	Blanks	2
Blanks	5		
Assessor for three years		Finance Committee two for three years	
Karen Howes	62	Scott Keith	55
Blanks	1	Maureen Tumenas	57
Moderator for one year		Blanks	14
Joshua Wachtel	46	Board of Health for three years	
Donna Forgea (write-in)	5	John G. Earls	46
Mark DeMaranville (write-in)	1	Bob Ely (write-in)	10
Blanks	11	Blanks	7
Vocational School Committee for three years		Planning Board for five years (Two Vacant Seats)	
Sharon Cunningham	57	Laura Sheridan	9
Blanks	6	Lyle Hazel	9
Almoner of Charitable Funds for three years		John Bye	1
Joyce A. Weirnasz	55	Peg Cowen	1
Blanks	8	Blanks	106
Commissioner of Trust Funds for three years		Recreation Committee three for three years (One Vacant Seat)	
Amanda Savoie	57	Donna Forgea	51
Blanks	6	Amy Grallert	60
Water Commissioner for three years		Emily Loux (write-in)	37
Thomas Jaracz	56	Emily Howes (write-in)	1
Blanks	7	Blanks	40
Trustee Bryant Library for five years		Municipal Light Plant Board two for 3 years	
John Maruskin	60	Allan Douglas	51
Blanks	3	Mikaela Mennen	56
		Blanks	19

Such are the results of this Annual Town Election.

Attest:

Brenda A. Emerson-Camp, Town Clerk

May 16, 2024

Note 1: Being a town election and not a federal election all registered names that were written-in have been listed, with counts below 10.

Special Town Meeting - June 20, 2024

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Kenneth Howes, Chair of the Selectboard. The first order of business was to nominate a temporary Moderator. Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously for Joy Johns to fill in as Moderator. The meeting was held at the Community House on 33 Main Street with the appropriate town quorum, with 25 registered residents and 2 non-residents.

- Article 1:** Motion was made and seconded and voted unanimously to be postponed till the end of the last Article. At the end of the Articles read we revisited **Article 1** and motion was made and seconded and voted unanimously to transfer \$312,530.00 from **FY 2024 Free Cash** to **Stabilization Account**.
- Article 2:** Motion was made and seconded and voted unanimously to transfer \$1,200.00 from **FY 2024 Stabilization Account** to the **Town Clerk Administration Account**.
- Article 3:** Motion was made and seconded and voted unanimously to transfer \$3,100.00 from **FY 2024 Stabilization Account** to the **Vocational Transportation Account**.
- Article 4:** Motion was made and denied the new CBRSD Regional Amended Regional Agreement presented by the School Committee. As presented by Selectboard member, Brian Gilman, mentioned the Selectboard concerns about the CBRSD Regional Agreement. The three concerns were in a handout that Brian Gilman gave to the attendees at the meeting.
- Article 5:** Motion was made with Dennis Forgea, Chair of the Finance Committee, explaining the reasons for establishing a new **Capital Stabilization Account**, for the **Highway Department**. It's one of the first steps in Capital planning for all departments, like the **Fire Department, Police Department, Highway Department, etc.** The first step is to create a **Capital Stabilization Account** for purchasing future equipment. Funding will be determined in the future. It was later seconded and unanimously voted to establish the new account.

Article 6: Motion was made and seconded and voted unanimously to approve **Article 19** from the Annual Town Meeting held on May 3, 2024, as amended to include the compensation amount. The fixed rate of compensation for non-highway employees is \$20.00 per hour and had been omitted in the Annual Town Meeting warrant.

Article 7: Motion was made and seconded and voted unanimously to approve that Substitute “Selectboard” (a) for Board of Selectmen, and (b) “Selectmen” in contexts in which that term refers to the Selectboard as a whole, acting as a board, and substitute (a) “Selectboard member” “Selectmen” “and (b) Selectboard members for “Selectmen” in contexts in which that term refers to one or more (or all) Selectmen individually, but not to the entire Selectboard acting as a board.

Article 8: Motion was made and seconded and voted unanimously to transfer \$9,874.00 from **Free Cash** to the **Fire Department Capital Account** to purchase and install a plow for a truck that will be acquired from the **Police Department**.

**Motion was made, seconded,
and voted unanimously to
dissolve this meeting at 6:28 p.m.**

A true record of this meeting to the best of my knowledge.

Attest:

**Brenda A. Emerson-Camp
Cummington Town Clerk
June 24, 2024**

Animal Control & Inspection

2024 Annual Report

2024 CALLS FOR SERVICE & ACO ACTIVITY:

Alleged Neglect Reports	8	Licensing Enforcement	10
Animal Bites & Quarantines	4	Loose Livestock	1
Assist Other Agency Calls	2	Missing Domestic	5
Kennel Inspections	1	Sick/Injured Wildlife	6
Court Hearings/Trials	0	Stray Domestic	2
Dog Complaints /Leash Law	15	Hit & Runs	0
Domestic Animal Surrender	1	Wildlife Complaints	6
Follow-up Invests	20	Wildlife Intakes/Transfers	1
Livestock Tag Confirmation	0		

TOTAL:	82
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KENNEL LICENSES

Beginning in 2020, anyone with 5 or more dogs is required to obtain a kennel license in town (even if it is for private/personal use). Prior to obtaining a kennel license from the Town Clerk, a kennel inspection must be conducted by the Animal Control Officer. Anyone needing to schedule a kennel inspection should contact the ACO at aco@townofchesterfieldma.com to schedule an appointment or to have any questions or concerns answered prior to licenses expiring this spring.

DISEASE/RABIES CONTROL

All quarantines were successfully completed. More information on rabies can be found at www.mass.gov/rabies. No other reports of diseases. ACO is now vaccinated for rabies disease. We are aware of the bird flu and we have posted information about it and the protocol for residents.

CONTACTING ANIMAL CONTROL

In the event of an emergency, residents should dial 911. For urgent situations requiring immediate attention or assistance, residents are asked to call Mass State Police Dispatch (Northampton Control) who will page out the ACO and/or Police Department. Routine inquiries can be e-mailed to the ACO at: aco@townofchesterfieldma.com. Animal Control can also be found on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/WMassAnimalControl where lost & found pets are frequently posted along with helpful tips for residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Wainscott

Animal Control Officer / Animal Inspector
(413) 586-1508 (24/7 Dispatch)

Assessors Report

Fiscal Year 2024 Tax Rate:

- Set at \$13.50 per \$1,000 of property value, down 56 cents (4%) from \$14.06.
- Average single-family real estate tax bill: \$3,982 (down \$130, or 3%, from \$4,112 in FY2023).
- Average single-family property valuation: \$294,983 (up \$2,500, or 1%, from \$292,456 in FY2023).
- Raise and appropriate (R/A) decreased by \$53,137 (2%), from \$2,204,894 to \$2,151,757.

FY2024 Assessor Budget:

- Budget set at \$27,000, up \$1,544 (6%) from \$25,456 in FY2023.
- Budget is 1.25% of the town's total R/A.

Valuations:

- No increase in property values for FY2024.
- Market analysis used sales data from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023.

Property Record Cards (PRC):

- Mailed to taxpayers on January 1, 2024, for review.
- PRC copies can be requested at any time.

Statutory Exemption:

- The Board of Assessors voted unanimously that the J.S. Bryant School met the qualifications required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for Statutory Exemption of Real and Personal Property starting in FY 2025 for their property at 2 Lilac Avenue.

Chapter 61/61A/61B Applications:

- New deadline: December 1 (previously October 1).
- Contact the Assessor's Clerk with questions on the chapter programs.

Assessor's Webpage and Inspections:

- We encourage property owners to check out the Assessor's webpage at <http://www.cummington-ma.gov/Boards.php?4>.
 - One of the best features is our GIS maps; there you can look at many different layers and views including parcel dimension text, zoning, tax exempt land, state owned land, contours, streams wetlands, Google Earth view, etc.
- The Board continues to inspect properties to keep our assessment data up to date.
 - Personal property will also be viewed along with our regular real property inspections.
 - If you do not want to allow the Assessor's access to your property, please write to the Assessors indicating that all inspections are to be done via the roadside.
 - Feel free to contact the Board of Assessors to schedule a viewing at any time.

Board and Clerk Information:

- Clerk's hours: Monday, 9:30 am - 11:30 am (Tuesday on holidays).
- Monthly Board meetings; contact the Clerk for dates.

We welcome all questions and comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Johns
Chair and Clerk
Elliot Ring
Karen Howes

Assessor's Financial Report

RECAPITULATION

	Fiscal 2022	Fiscal 2023	Fiscal 2024
Appropriations voted for Fiscal Year	\$ 2,733,117.00	\$ 3,184,660.00	\$ 3,304,249.00
Appropriations voted for previous fiscal year after previous fiscal year tax rate was set			
	2,733,117.00	3,184,660.00	3,304,249.00
Other Local Expenditures:			
Total Overlay deficit of prior years	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Offsets	3,086.00	3,755.00	4,176.00
Other: Board of Health Deficit	5,977.09	-	-
TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES	9,063.09	3,755.00	4,176.00
State Assessments	1,390.00	636.00	1,641.00
Overlay	16,840.46	15,673.23	15,008.77
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	2,760,410.55	3,204,724.23	3,325,074.77
Estimated Receipts & Available Funds			
Estimated Receipts - State	233,507.00	256,443.00	266,402.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	233,507.00	256,443.00	266,402.00
Local Estimated Receipts			
Motor Vehicle Excise	101,500.00	104,500.00	104,500.00
Penalties & Interest on Taxes and Excise	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Trash Disposal Charge	20,000.00	20,000.00	18,000.00
Fees	19,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Building Permits	-	7,000.00	9,000.00
Other Licenses & Permits	10,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Investment Income	500.00	500.00	500.00
TOTAL LOCAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	152,500.00	152,500.00	152,500.00

Assessor's Financial Report (continued)

	<div>Fiscal 2022 Fiscal 2023 Fiscal 2024</div>		
Other Revenue Sources			
Enterprise Funds	\$ -	\$ 371,808.00	\$ 433,962.00
Free Cash	198,307.00	185,002.00	317,454.00
Other Available Funds	127,500.00	34,077.00	3,000.00
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE SOURCES	325,807.00	590,887.00	754,416.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AND OTHER REVENUE SOURCES	711,814.00	999,830.00	1,173,318.00
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	2,048,596.55	2,204,894.23	2,151,756.77
(Gross amount to be raised minus Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds)			
TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS	6,799,280.00	7,320,330.00	8,497,170.00
TOTAL REAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS	134,972,107.00	149,500,028.00	150,892,220.00
TOTAL PERSONAL & REAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS	141,771,387.00	156,820,358.00	159,389,390.00
TAX EXEMPT VALUATION	\$ 25,425,600.00	\$ 27,608,400.00	\$ 27,954,500.00
Tax Rate per 1,000.00 Valuation by Class			
Class I - Residential	\$ 14.45	\$ 14.06	\$ 13.50
Class II - Open Space	14.45	14.06	13.50
Class III - Commercial	14.45	14.06	13.50
Class IV - Industrial	14.45	14.06	13.50
Class V - Personal Property	\$ 14.45	\$ 14.06	\$ 13.50

FY2024 Tax Rate Calculator

FY 2023 data to use as base.

FY 2023 Tax Rate	
FY 2023 Levy Limit	\$ 2,220,886
FY 2023 Raise and Appropriate	2,204,894
FY 2023 Valuation of Real and PP	156,820,358
FY 2023 Tax Rate	14.06
FY 2023 Average Residential Home Value	292,456
FY 2023 Average Residential Bill	4,112

FY 2024 Tax Rate Calculator	
FY 2023 Levy Limit	2,220,886
2 1/2 Percent	55,522
New Growth	30,592
Initial Levy Limit	2,307,000
Debt Exclusion	262,330
Overrides	0
Levy Limit	2,569,330
Excess Levy Capacity	417,573
FY 2023 Raise and Appropriate (R/A)	2,204,894
FY 2024 R/A	2,151,757
Difference in R/A budgets	-53,137
Valuation of Real and PP	159,389,390
FY 2024 Tax Rate	13.50
Average Residential Value	294,983
Average Residential Bill	3,982

FY 2024 Raise and Appropriate Calculator

Total Appropriations	3,325,075
Cherry Sheets/State Funds	-266,402
Enterprise Funds	-433,962
Estimated Local Receipts	-152,500
Free Cash	-317,454
Other Available Funds	-3,000
Total Receipts	-1,173,318
FY 2024 R/A	2,151,757

FY 2024 Average Residential Bill	3,982
FY 2023 Average Residential Bill	4,112
Average Residential Bill Change	-130
Average Residential Bill Percent Change	-3%

FY 2024 Average Residential Value	294,983
FY 2023 Average Residential Value	292,456
Residential Value Change	2,527
Average Residential Value Percent Change	1%

FY 2024 Tax Rate	13.50
FY 2023 Tax Rate	14.06
Difference in Tax Rate	-0.56
Percent Change in Tax Rate	-4%

Bryant Free Library

Total number of patrons	595
Total circulation of library materials	654
Interlibrary loans	41
Acquisitions	77
Periodical subscriptions	10

The biggest improvement at the Bryant Free Library during FY24 was the impressive new sign that now graces our front lawn. The old one served us well for many years, and was refurbished once more than a decade ago, but it had reached the end of its usefulness and needed to be replaced.

Among the improvements we sought were a more substantial post that will remain straight and true, along with heavier hardware sure to withstand the high winds that in years past tore the old sign off on several occasions. Working with Bob and Ilse Godfrey of Godfrey Sign, LLC, here in Cummington was a real joy, and the sign Bob crafted for us was exactly what we wanted. It's both striking and solid, with a stout red cedar post and hefty hardware, all designed to stand the test of time. We continually receive compliments about it,

such as from beloved former town residents Diane and Brian Anderson, now of western North Carolina, who were extremely impressed by it during their unannounced visit last spring. By the way, what a pleasure it was to once again be able to proclaim "It's the Andersons!" when they unexpectedly walked into the library one Saturday morning.

We also took the opportunity to have our black iron railing sanded and repainted, as well as replacing the wooden roof on our book-drop, both projects very ably completed by our go-to repairman Murray Solomon.

I'd like to thank Bob, Ilse, and Murray for helping to make the front of the BFL look so good!

Respectfully submitted,

Mark DeMaranville
Librarian



*Former Cummington residents
Diane & Brian Anderson admire
the new library sign.*

Building Department

Annual Report Fiscal Year 2024

The Inspector of Buildings reports that for Fiscal Year 2024 Eighty-Seven (69) Building Permits were issued having a total construction value of \$2,873,470.

Window / Door Replacement	4
Certificates of Inspection	2
Additions	1
Re-roof	9
Renovations	16
Weatherization	11
PV Solar Installations	11
General Repair	7
Wood / Pellet Stove	8

Building Permit Fees collected \$ 7,475

The Building Department currently serves the Town with office hours Wednesday afternoons from 3:00-4:30 pm with inspections generally on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Other times may be available based on schedule and emergency circumstances.

I would like to thank all of our mostly volunteer departments for their continued dedication and cooperation to make this department run smoothly. It is my goal to be available, fair, and impartial in the enforcement of the Building Code and Zoning Bylaws.

Please feel free to call anytime or drop in with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Forgue
Inspector of Buildings

Cemetery Committee

Annual Report FY 2024

The cemeteries located in the Town of Cummington are: Bryant Cemetery, Dawes Cemetery, Gurney Cemetery, Harlow Cemetery, Streeter Cemetery, and Village Cemetery.

In FY2024, the Cemetery Committee received five plot reservations in Dawes Cemetery and recorded two burials in Dawes.

We are currently reviewing the Cemetery Rules and Regulations. Once approved, the updated Rules and Regulations will be available on the Town of Cummington's official website under the Cemetery Committee webpage. We kindly request that individuals with reserved plots notify the Cemetery Committee when a loved one is buried, so we can update our records accordingly.

We are working on electronically mapping our cemeteries and updating our records in a spreadsheet. If you have any questions about the location of a loved one's burial or wish to reserve a plot, please contact the Committee. A great resource for locating a gravesite in Cummington can be found at findagrave.com.

The Cemetery Committee is addressing the issue of trees posing a threat to gravestones and visitors in Bryant Cemetery and Dawes Cemetery. Our cemeteries serve as an outdoor museum, featuring gravestones carved by the Swift River Carvers since the late 1700s. We have identified several trees in serious decline that need removal. We began with the back row of pines in Bryant Cemetery, which were removed as part of the cemetery's expansion. Many of these pines showed signs of internal rot and decay at the base. The Committee will continue to assess and address trees needing pruning or removal. Maintaining the cemeteries is a top priority, and we will also focus on repairing gravestones and stone walls.

For any inquiries, please contact the Cemetery Committee via email at:
cemeterycommittee@cummington-ma.gov
or call Joy Johns at 413-634-5354, extension 110.

We welcome all questions and comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Johns, Chair

Robert Dextraze

Kenneth Howes

June Lynds

Brian Gillman

Russell Jordan

Jacob Jordan

Central Berkshire Regional School Committee

2024-25 Report



Fiscal Year 2025 Operating & Capital Budgets

Adapted March 14, 2024

The 2024-2025 school year has been progressing well so far and everything is running smoothly. CBRSD continues to provide quality education and support to all of its learners.

The current Superintendent, Leslie Blake-Davis has announced her retirement effective at the end of this school year. We thank her for her years of hard work and dedication to all CBRSD students and staff. We hope she enjoys retirement!

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns regarding CBRSD. I can be reached at: temerson@cbrsdk12.org

Respectfully yours,

Todd Emerson
CBRSD
School Committee Representative

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

This 2025 fiscal year budget reflects a continued commitment to supporting an efficient and fiscally sound budget that upholds equitable high quality learning experiences. This budget was formulated with input from multiple stakeholders to include teachers, staff, families, and community members. Budgetary priorities are determined by carefully examining student learning achievement and progress (in relation to the Massachusetts Standards) and gauging the need for comprehensive state approved instructional resources. Additionally, the social and emotional needs of our students are considered critical components of our students' daily learning environment. Overall, our North Star continues to be that students feel like they belong as active and engaged learners in Central Berkshire Schools.

Part of our responsibility as educators is to evaluate potential barriers to learning. As such, any long term impacts due to the varied learning models experienced during the pandemic are part of our equation when formulating a budget. This year, that means approaching student learning in an individualistic manner. A tiered instructional model allows for flexibility around the development of learning support systems that focus on whole class instruction from a highly qualified teacher, intervention instruction as needed, and specialized instruction delivered by our student services department.

Last year's budget prioritized building and developing systems and structures that closely monitored student learning needs through universal screening of students, a flexible intervention model, professional development, and consistent and proactive communication with our families and community.

This year's budget continues to support these systems and structures however it is more targeted on the development of a common instructional model entitled The Hallmarks of Effective Instruction. This means that professional development and instructional practices are focused in specific areas as measured by shared understandings of pedagogical practice.

It is important to note that many Central Berkshire resources are supported through grant funding. We are committed to taking advantage of all Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education grants. For example, this year we have embarked on a reading and writing curriculum pilot in order to update our current ELA programming.

This budget will provide the resources needed to ensure high-quality educational opportunities for all Central Berkshire students. On behalf of the administrative team, we appreciate the dedication and care you show for the students and staff of Central Berkshire Regional School District. I respectfully request your support for the FY25 budget that we are confident will meet the needs of our students, staff, and community.

Respectfully,

Leslie Blake-Davis
Superintendent of Schools

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413-655-0146

Food Service Director
John Tranfaglia
jtranfaglia@cbrsd.org
413-684-0780

Director of Technology
Joseph Stergis
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413-684-0780

Becket Washington Elementary
Principal: Mary Kay McCloskey
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413-623-8757

Nessacus Regional Middle
Principal: John Vosburgh
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Craneville Elementary
Principal: Rebecca Neet
rneet@cbrsd.org
413-684-0209

Wahconah Regional High
Principal: Aaron Robb
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413-684-1330

Kittredge Elementary
Principal: Howard Marshall
hmarshall@cbrsd.org
413-655-2525

OPERATING BUDGET REVENUE SOURCES

The Central Berkshire Regional School District has developed the FY 2025 Operating Budget based upon the educational Strategic Plan developed to meet the needs of our students and maintain the quality of our schools. The revenue sources that support these expenditures are detailed in the chart below. The operating budget request of 30,993,748 represents an increase of 2.28%.

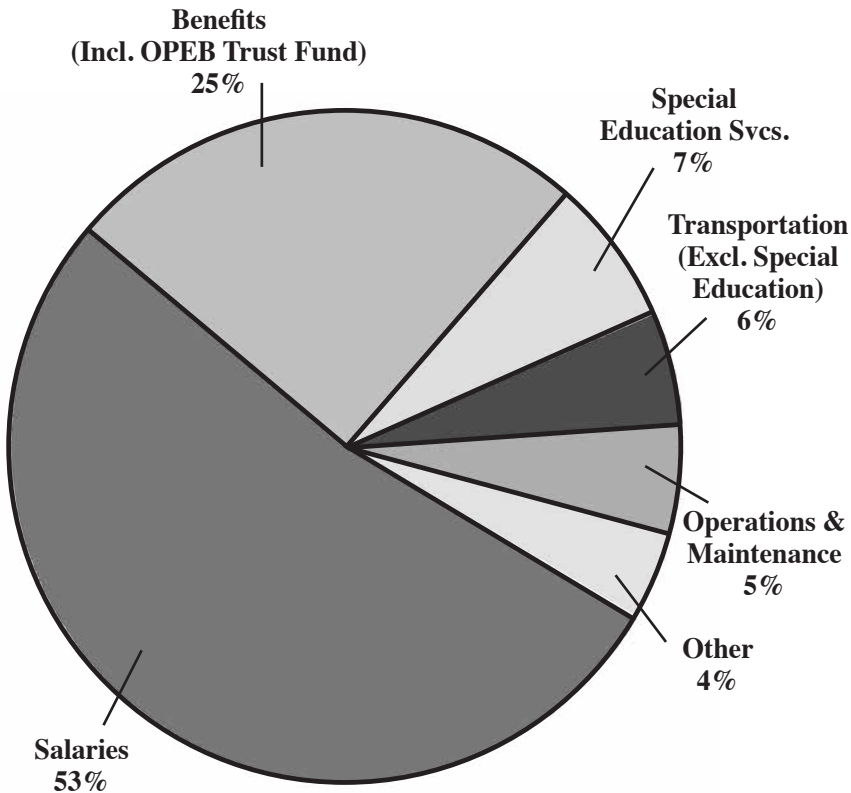
State Aid	FY 2024 Adopted	FY 2025 Adopted	Variance	% Change
Ch 70	9,500,000	9,833,858	333,858	3.51%
Ch 70 Contingency	250,000	250,000	-	0.00%
Ch 71 (Transportation)	930,962	988,906	57,944	6.22%
Charter School Reimburse	40,000	25,000	(15,000)	(37.50%)
Total State Aid	10,720,962	11,097,764	376,802	3.51%
Local Revenue	FY 2024	FY 2025	Variance	% Change
Interest	35,000	35,000	-	0.00%
Medicaid Reimbursement	135,000	135,000	-	0.00%
Miscellaneous	5,000	5,000	-	0.00%
Excess & Deficiency	1,249,883	1,262,796	12,913	1.03%
Transportation Revolving	650,000	600,000	(50,000)	(7.14%)
Total Local Revenue	2,074,883	2,037,796	(37,087)	(1.79%)
Town Assessments	FY 2024	FY 2025	Variance	% Change
Becket	2,593,803	2,654,842	61,039	2.35%
Cummington	648,658	655,035	6,377	0.98%
Dalton	9,064,671	9,209,094	144,423	1.59%
Hinsdale	2,678,250	2,778,398	100,148	3.74%
Peru	903,919	943,938	40,019	4.43%
Washington	746,093	745,077	(1,016)	(0.14%)
Windsor	870,227	871,804	1,577	0.18%
Total Town Assessments	17,505,621	17,858,188	352,567	2.01%
TOTAL	30,301,466	30,993,748	692,282	2.28%

FY 2025 EDUCATIONAL GOALS

The FY 2025 Budget

1. Is fiscally responsible while supporting high quality instruction and aligns district resources to include time, funding sources, human resources, and property.
2. Provides all students with high quality equitable learning opportunities that foster student achievement through tiered systems of support both academically and socially and emotionally that are consistent with the District's Strategic Plan.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY



Total FY25 Budget: 78% = Salaries & Benefits
22% = Other Operational

TOWN ASSESSMENTS: FY 2025 OPERATING BUDGET

Town	FY 2024 Assessment	5 Year Enrollment Average %	FY 2025 Required Local Contribution (set by State) (d)	Budget Balance Assessment (e)	Transportation Assessment (f)	FY 2025 Total Town Assessment (d + e + f)	\$ Variance to FY 2024	% Variance to FY 2024
BECKET	2,593,803	9.66%	2,148,734	459,166	46,942	2,654,842	61,039	2.35%
CUMMINGTON	648,658	1.34%	584,871	63,656	6,508	655,035	6,377	0.98%
DALTON	9,064,671	61.98%	5,962,770	2,945,223	301,101	9,209,094	144,423	1.59%
HINSDALE	2,678,250	12.81%	2,107,535	608,639	62,224	2,778,398	100,148	3.74%
PERU	903,919	6.47%	604,958	307,539	31,441	943,938	40,019	4.43%
WASHINGTON	746,093	3.91%	540,112	185,954	19,011	745,077	(1,016)	(0.14%)
WINDSOR	870,227	3.82%	671,569	181,663	18,572	871,804	1,577	0.18%
TOTAL	17,505,621	100%	12,620,549	4,751,840	485,799	17,858,188	352,567	2.01%

Enrollment:

Date	Becket	Cummington	Dalton	Hinsdale	Peru	Washington	Windsor	Total	Other*	Grand Total
Oct. 1, 2019	127	21	828	164	86	58	50	1,334	253	1,587
Oct. 1, 2020	133	17	823	169	87	53	43	1,325	214	1,539
Oct. 1, 2021	131	18	804	166	80	51	51	1,301	241	1,542
Oct. 1, 2022	131	17	826	169	85	49	58	1,335	230	1,565
Oct. 1, 2023	120	16	837	183	92	49	52	1,349	240	1,589
Five Year Total	642	89	4,118	851	430	260	254	6,644	1,178	7,822
Five Year Average	128	18	824	170	86	52	51	1,329	236	1,564
FY 25%	9.66%	1.34%	61.98%	12.81%	6.47%	3.91%	3.82%	100.00%		

*Other: School Choice and State Wards

TOWN ASSESSMENTS: FY 2025 CAPITAL BUDGET

	BECKET- WASHINGTON RENOVATION		WRHS RENOVATION		WRHS BUILDING PROJECT		TOTAL FY24	TOTAL FY25	DIFFER- ENCE
	STUDENTS	ASSESSMENT	STUDENTS	ASSESSMENT	STUDENTS	ASSESSMENT			
BECKET	51	80,457	31	6,831	31	145,043	261,651	232,331	(29,320)
CUMMINGTON	0	0	4	879	4	18,673	24,278	19,552	(4,726)
DALTON	3	4,732	270	59,518	270	1,263,700	1,264,625	1,327,950	63,325
HINSDALE	3	4,732	44	9,701	44	205,965	255,773	220,398	(35,375)
PERU	0	0	24	5,294	24	112,413	102,045	117,707	15,662
WASHINGTON	19	29,974	15	3,305	15	70,164	102,713	103,443	730
WINDSOR	0	0	15	3,305	15	70,164	87,439	73,469	(13,970)
	76	119,895	403	88,833	403	1,886,122	2,098,524	2,094,850	(3,674)

DEBT SERVICE PROJECTIONS

PROJECT	FINAL PAYMENT	TOTAL BALANCE DUE	
BECKET WASHINGTON Renovation	FY 2025	Principal	115,000
		Interest	4,887
		119,887	
WRHS RENOVATION	FY 2029	Principal	320,000
		Interest	38,313
		358,313	
WRHS BUILDING PROJECT	FY 2047	Principal	30,590,000
		Interest	12,692,350
		43,282,350	
Principal Only		31,025,000	
Interest Only		12,735,550	

Balances shown as of June 30, 2024

Thank you to all
Central Berkshire Regional School District
member towns for your continued support.

**Becket, Cummington, Dalton,
Hinsdale, Peru, Washington, Windsor**

*Complete Final Maintenance & Operating Budget, Capital Budget,
and Presentations are available online on the school district website:
http://www.cbrsd.org/district_information/finance_and_operations*

Cummington Council on Aging

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

The Cummington Council on Aging makes available programs and services to those who are 60 and over (approximately 370 people) and their families, as well as connects our older residents to services offered throughout the region. Funding comes from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs, the Town of Cummington, generous donations from our community, and other grants such as through Highland Valley Elder Services. The Cummington COA belongs to the Northern Hilltowns Consortium of COAs, as well as the Massachusetts Councils on Aging.

During fiscal year 2024 we continued many popular programs, including our twice weekly Healthy Bones and Balance exercise class and coffee hour, weekly needlework group, and subsidized foot care clinic. The “Living Fully, Aging Gracefully and Befriending Death” group continued its monthly meetings. We offered a weekly acrylic painting class, provided weekly boxed meals prepared by Highland Valley Elder Services, and enjoyed potluck luncheons every other month, as well as our annual picnic at Pettingill Park. We also held two multigenerational dances, as well as a needle felting class.

During this year, we distributed farmers market coupons and managed lending programs of various supplies and equipment, including medical equipment, folding pedal exercisers, weight sets, and chromebooks. We offered a vaccine clinic and partnered with the Fire Department to deliver 5-gallon buckets of sand to those who needed it. We worked with the Hilltown CDC to ensure our town’s older residents could access transportation and other needed social services, such as cleaning and grocery shopping. We also referred people to the local SHINE counselor for health insurance questions.

We continued our resource cart, which is located to the left of the COA office and is stocked with games, puzzles, greeting cards, masks, COVID test kits, as well as walking maps and file of life forms. There is also information on assorted relevant issues, services, resources and programs.

We received a grant from the Cultural District that allowed us to offer a painting workshop focused on Main Street, which culminated in an art show displaying the participants’ work.

The Northern Hilltowns Consortium of COAs obtained a significant digital literacy grant, which allowed for expanded technology offerings for the seven consortium towns. This included computer classes, drop-in tech support, individual tech support, broadband installation and free devices, such as laptops and tablets.

We continued to provide local and regional information to Cummington's over 60 residents via our monthly newsletter. In fiscal year 2024, the newsletter was available via mail (or email for those who opted for that choice). The newsletter is the COA's primary means of sharing information due to its wide distribution and provides information on our COA's events, as well as resources and services offered throughout the area. It also shares critical information on health insurance, fire safety, scams, and much more. Fiscal year 2024 also saw the Consortium working tirelessly to seek additional funding for printing and mailing the newsletter, which was unfortunately not obtained. By the end of fiscal year 2024, we began revising our distribution method and, since the beginning of fiscal year 2025, have been distributing the newsletter by email, by leaving paper copies around town, and mailing paper copies to those residents who are 80 and over or who have difficulty leaving their homes. If you are not receiving the newsletter, and would like to, please let us know.

You are always welcome to reach out to the COA at 634-2262, option 8, or croumeliotis@cummington-ma.gov with a request for a service, suggestion for a program, offer to volunteer for our board or to lead a program, offer of a donation, or any other concern or question you may have.

Lastly, we are grateful to the Town for the use of office space in the Community House and use of the kitchen and dining room. We appreciate the many services the Town provides that enable us to best serve our older population.

Respectfully submitted,

Chrisoula Roumeliotis
Coordinator

Board of Directors

Worth Noyes
Chairman

Ann Eisenhour
Recording Secretary

Gail Roberge
Treasurer

June Lynds

Finance Committee

The Town Finance Committee provides oversight of the Town's budget. We welcome **Troy Howes** to the committee and thank **Stephanie Bean** for her service on the committee. We continue to work closely with the Selectboard, Department heads, Treasurer, and Accountant to create a balanced budget which can be presented for discussion at town meeting.

What to keep in mind as you open your next tax bill. Things that affect your tax bill.

1. Amount of money raised and appropriated at Town Meetings.
2. Value of your personal property
(set by board of Assessors) (\$7,320,330.00) FY 2023
3. Value of your real estate property
(set by Board of Assessors) (\$149,500,028.00) FY 2023
4. Amount of tax exempt or reduced tax property in town.
(\$27,608,400.00) FY 2023
5. Unfunded mandates from State and Federal government.

Each time a property owner donates or sells their property to a tax exempt organization it causes your tax bill to rise.

We still face the same large expenses (Berkshire Trail School, Highway truck, and fire truck) that we faced last year. We do have a healthy stabilization account to help us weather any unforeseen emergencies. We anticipate some Federal money to aid in paying off some of the MLP debt. The exact amount and time are not known at this writing.

Thanks to our Department heads for staying within their budgets.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Forgea
Chair

Jill Figlozzi

Scott Keith

Allan Kidston
Treasurer

Maureen Tumenas
Secretary

Troy Howes

June Lynds

Josh Wachtel
Moderator

Fire Department

FY 2024 Annual Report

We began FY24 providing coverage for the Mass Ren Faire and the Cummington Fair. Both events were well attended and successful. The Cummington Fire Department would like to thank all our mutual aid partners that provide coverage at these events and to our community. Thank you, Plainfield FD, Goshen FD, Chesterfield FD, Ashfield FD, Worthington FD, Hawley FD, Windsor FD, Savoy FD, Williamsburg FD, and Huntington FD.

Cummington Fire Department responded to 180 calls for service during FY24, which was a significant increase for us. Calls varied in nature from medical, motor vehicle accidents, fire alarms, mutual aid, safety hazards, search and rescue, chimney fires, and structure fires.

Cummington FD responded mutual aid to Tipping Rock Road in Westhampton with our Vacuum tanker (Engine 3) for a structure fire. Due to the location of the residence, extra tankers were requested by Westhampton command. The cause of the fire was a lightning strike.

Cummington FD responded mutual aid to Old Post Road in Worthington for a structure fire. Engine 2, Engine 3 and L1 responded. This was another fire caused by a lightning strike.

Cummington FD responded to 54 Main Street for a fire alarm sounding called in by the fire alarm monitoring company. Once on scene, FD was informed of a small fire behind the dryer. The smoke alarm had alerted the residents in the building and one of them saw the fire and quickly put it out with a fire extinguisher. FD moved the dryer and found a cloth rag had fallen behind the dryer and caught fire. The FD checked surrounding areas with our thermal imager for any other hot areas and found none.

We had a very successful open burning season (January 15 - May 1). Over 120 permits were issued with no out-of-control fires. Information on the open burn season is available on the Town website. Thank you to all who called or texted to get your permits.

We continue to work with our Mutual Aid partners by testing our equipment together and providing inter-department training. This has shown us that multiple departments can work and flow as one department on an emergency scene. Our firefighters have developed new skills, friends, and trust between each other which allows them to work so well together. I am very proud of all of them for their time and dedication.

I would like to take a moment to recognize former Chief Bernie Forgea and Asst. Chief Dennis Forgea on celebrating 50 years as registered EMTs. It is an honor and privilege to work with such dedicated members of our community!

Firefighter Michael Cunningham successfully completed the EMT course at Greenfield community College along with passing the EMT exams. Congratulations Mike! We are all proud of you!

Firefighter Joanna Jaracz successfully completed her Paramedic training, clinical time, and exams while working for Northampton Fire Department, Highland Ambulance, and Northern Berkshire Ambulance. Congratulations Joanna! We are very proud of you!

We had 2 new members join in FY24 - Aiden Scholz and Eric Cubi.

We are always in need of new members and often must rely on Mutual Aid assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
Adam Dragon
Chief
Cummington Fire Department

Fire Officers

Asst. Chief Dennis Forgea	Asst. Chief Steve Emerson
Ass. Chief Bernie Forgea	Lieutenant Bob Ely
Lieutenant Austin Savoie	

Firefighters

Conrad Liebenow	Matthew Grallert
Michal Dragon	Mike Cunningham
Joanna Jaracz	Dylan Tanner
Aiden Scholz	Eric Cubi
Coffee Lady - Martha Emerson	

Highland Ambulance EMS, Inc.

The year 2024 made it our 20th anniversary year. Along with twenty years of dedicated service to our communities, the past year has proven to be busy. Our run volume has continued to increase, especially for critical care responses. This reflects our aging population in our hill towns. We are actively looking for ways to recruit new EMTs and to retain our experienced crews.

We have the money set aside for our new ambulance that should be arriving this summer. This has been thanks to the generous donors from our communities as well as our annual Town capital assessments.

Operations

Highland Ambulance is the primary ambulance service provider for the Towns of Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Plainfield, and Williamsburg. Highland also provides primary back-up service to the Town of Worthington in support of Hilltown Ambulance of Huntington. We also provide mutual aid services to several other surrounding communities. Highland is staffed twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Paramedics are on duty at Highland's station in Goshen from 6 AM until midnight each day. During the midnight to 6 AM time periods Highland Basic EMTs are occasionally assisted by Paramedics from other ambulance companies when the service of a Paramedic is required.

Highland's active roster as of June 30, 2024, consisted of twenty-three members of which there are twelve Paramedics and eleven Basic EMTs. Our twelve Paramedics consist of our Service Director, Assistant Service Director, a full-time training officer/CQI assistant, and part-time staff.

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

Mission

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

- Responding to all 911 calls that may require emergency medical services.
- Providing training and certification for first responders.
- Developing and practicing emergency response plans with the schools and camps in our towns.
- Conducting health and safety classes for the schools.

- Working with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and Homeland Security to develop emergency response plans for member towns.
- Providing mutual aid and paramedic intercept services to the neighboring communities.
- Providing transport services
- Providing standby service for major emergency situations such as structure fires.
- Providing standby service for major community events
- Providing CPR / First Aid programs to community groups and businesses.

Emergency Responses

During FY 23/24 Highland responded to **1,025** Emergency calls. Calls broken down by towns are as follows:

Ashfield	147	Goshen	129
Cummington	109	Williamsburg	304
Plainfield	168	Chesterfield	121
Mutual Aid Requests:		47	

Training

The following is a partial list of training events held:

- PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support)
- ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support)
- Paramedic Recertification Course
- Basic EMT Recertification Course
- ASHER training (active shooter / hostile event response training)
- CPAP / BIPAP training
- 12 Lead EKG & Advanced Cardiology
- Medical Management review (MD call reviews)
- Power stretcher and load system training
- Surgical cricothyrotomy course
- CPR/AED
- First Responder training
- Response to the Active Fire Scene

Community Involvement

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

- Ashfield Fall Festival
- Chesterfield 4th of July Parade
- School safety programs
- Junior Olympics

Operating Expenses in FY 23/24 **\$920,582.46**

Cash on hand June 30, 2024

Operating Fund	\$ 148,229.75
Capital Ambulance Fund	61,602.69
Memorial Fund	4,805.63
Dresser Fund	4,121.29
Donations	\$ 424,285.60

Our six towns contributed **\$453,520.00** of our total operational budget, based upon town assessments. The balance came from billings to insurance companies, Medicare, Medicaid, and contributions.

Respectfully submitted for FY 23/24,

Highland Ambulance Board of Directors:

Ashfield	Patricia Thayer
(Ashfield) At Large	Douglas Mollison
Chesterfield	Roger Fuller
Cummington	Amanda Savoie
(Cummington) At Large	Bernard Forgea
Goshen:	Cassandra Morrey
Plainfield	Edward Morann
(Plainfield) At Large	Rob Shearer
Williamsburg	Denise Banister

Honorary Member	Spencer Timm
	<i>(retired after 20 years on the board)</i>
Associate Member	Mary Cushman (Ashfield)
Associate Member	Phil Lussier (Ashfield)
Associate Member	Robert F. Goff (Cummington)

Highway Department

FY 2024

This year the Highway Capital was a new Ford F350 one-ton with a V plow. The Highway Department was fortunate enough to receive a Winter Recovery Assistance Program (WRAP) funds in the amount of \$161,693.78. Those funds were used to repair Willcutt Road.

The Chapter 90 funding for the year was used to repave the following roads: Powell Road, West Main Street, Church Road, Bush Road, and the western end of Stage Road. The Highway crew installed four new crosswalks on Main Street, thanks to a grant the town received.

The Highway Department did their yearly maintenance such as spring tree clean-up, grading of dirt roads, sweeping, catch basin cleaning, pothole patching, culvert cleaning, and roadside mowing.

I would like to give a big thank you to the Highway personnel Robert Dextraze, Chris Allard, and Cameron Lacey for their hard work and dedication.

I would like to give thanks to the citizens of Cummington for your patience and support of the Highway Department.

If you have concerns, the telephone number
to the Highway Garage is:
413-634-8818

and the email is:
highway@cummington-ma.gov

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Taylor
Highway Superintendent

Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative

2024 Annual Report

The Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (HRMC) was created in 1989 by a group of dedicated volunteers who had the vision to seek a regional solution to help small towns attain sustainability and environmental objectives through solid waste and recycling programs.

The member-towns that comprise the HRMC include Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg, and Worthington. Each Town appoints two representatives to serve on the HRMC Board. Board Officers for 2024 included: John Chandler, Chair (Chesterfield); Gordon Luce, Vice Chair (Williamsburg); Thomas Poissant, Treasurer (Ashfield); and Administrator Linda Cernik.

In 2024, HRMC services included:

- Conducting annual DEP transfer station inspections and work as a liaison between Towns and MADEP on transfer station compliance matters.
- The HRMC Administrator has been certified as a third-party inspector with MassDEP maintenance and operations of a Transfer Station. The Administrator conducted HRMC pre-inspections and third-party inspections, completed all official paperwork, reviewed the same with Towns, and all reports were signed and uploaded on the new MassDEP reporting portal EEA.
- The HRMC Mattress Recycling “HUBs” diverted 342 mattress/boxsprings from the waste stream. The Towns of Huntington and Williamsburg are the 2 “HUBS.”
- Collectively HRMC town Textile Recycling collection boxes diverted 63,230 pounds of textile, including clothes, materials such as sheets, towels, and shoes. Re-use opportunities are open to ALL.
- Introduced “Green Team” Mass DEP Program CY24 and is still engaged with these programs.
- Execution of an Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event, over 150 households took part in this regional event in CY24. This much needed event helps the residents divert household chemicals from the waste stream to re-use programming and proper disposal.
- Program management of transfer station recyclables including collection, hauling, and recycling of tires, electronic waste, universal waste (including free recycling of mercury thermostats and re-chargeable batteries), books, and Freon evacuation.
- Outreach on transfer station operations and recycling initiatives.

- Our Annual Shred Fest will be held on May 3, 2025, at the Town of Williamsburg DPW yard.
- Submittal of member-town DEP annual surveys, grant applications, and reports.
- HRMC’s Annual Household Hazardous Waste event will be held Saturday, October 18th, 2025, 9 am to noon; pre-registration is required to attend. View HRMC website, Town’s website, and Transfer Stations for detailed pre-registration information.
- Financial administration of HRMC programs and services.

The day-to-day business and program operations of the HRMC are managed by a contracted Administrator, who also serves as a representative to the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility (MFR) Municipal Advisory Board, the State Solid Waste Advisory Committee, the Western Mass Regional Recycling Coordinator group, and interfaces with local, regional, and State officials. HRMC Board meetings are held on alternate months.

The HRMC has an annual operation’s assessment that is approved by each Town at their annual Town meeting. The annual Assessment Budget is based on tonnage and population. In FY24, the combined assessment for all ten towns was 73,215.00. The Assessments offset base operating expenses. HRMC recycling program collection costs are pass-through expenses from the HRMC to the Towns to best maximize economy of scale and to enable the HRMC administrator to have review and oversight of vendor relations and program operations.

In 2024, all HRMC member-towns were eligible for, and received, Recycling Dividend Program Grants (RDP) under the DEP Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP). Applications were submitted for them through the HRMC. In total, the HRMC Towns received \$48,055.00 in grant funds to be used to further enhance recycling programs.

During the past year, the HRMC member-towns collectively diverted 846 tons of recyclable materials to the Springfield Materials Recovery Facility. Towns have adopted recycling goals of 50% with the intent of increasing quantity and improving the quality of materials being recycled, and helping divert waste from being landfilled.

Town recycling ratios are:

- | | | | |
|----------------|-----|----------------|-----|
| • Ashfield | 54% | • Middlefield | 27% |
| • Chesterfield | 38% | • Plainfield | 49% |
| • Cummington | 53% | • Westhampton | 53% |
| • Goshen | 34% | • Williamsburg | 38% |
| • Huntington | 35% | • Worthington | 48% |

Thank you to the residents
for your continued support within recycling regulations.



Highlighting CY24 Mattress and Box Spring Recycling “HUBs”

- Town of Williamsburg,
281 mattress/boxsprings recycled, **Raw Materials Recovery**
- Town of Huntington,
61 mattress/boxsprings recycled, **Dream Green Recycling**

Food Waste Collections for composting four HRMC towns have started collecting food waste:

- | | |
|----------------|------------|
| • Williamsburg | 9.480 tons |
| • Goshen | .388 tons |
| • Plainfield | 1.563 tons |
| • Worthington | 5.149 tons |

**A total of 16.59 tons of
food waste was diverted from the
waste stream and composted.**



Thank you for your continued support in Recycling!

Sincerely,

Linda Cernik
HRMC Administrator

Historical Commission

Annual Report for Fiscal Year - 7/1/ 2023-6/31/2024

We have had a busy year at the Historical Commission and Kingman Tavern Museum complex. We are getting more visitors to our wonderful museum that includes the tavern, the general store, the barn full of early tools, the carriage shed, the cider mill, and special exhibits and archival space in the Old Parsonage. If you have not visited us, please come see us. Normal hours are Saturdays from 2-5 in July and August. If you have come, please come again and help us spread the word. This museum collection is worth bragging about and our exhibits are always changing. We also give special tours on request. Please contact a member of the Commission.

We have been given several new items for our vast collection. Michael Holden gave us a portrait of our beloved deceased member, Stephen Howes, painted by Jeanne Johns. Gifted by her daughter Diana Smith, Gloria Goldsmith Gowdy gave us a painting by one of the refugees who came to Cummington, Paul Weighardt. He is still a well-respected artist. Bill Kelly of Ashfield gave us a stencil "Cumworth Farm Grade A" (for apple bins). We also received a digital photo album from Martha Emerson and more material on the Chillman/Dawes family from Bill and Sue Warner-Prouty. If you would like to make a donation, please contact one of our members. Please do not leave items on the porch!

Our special exhibit for the 2023 summer and fall season was a quilt show. The museum's fantastic collection of quilts was on display in the Old Parsonage, plus we held a one day show of community-owned quilts in the Village Church in conjunction with the MA Quilt Documentation Project. We had several of the museum quilts documented since they were here last, about ten years ago. A thank you goes to the Cultural District for their support of this show. The Cultural District also helped us to continue hosting Beckie Kravetz' sundial, which she continues to enhance on our side lawn. We also enjoyed hosting Jane Dyer's Village Sheep on the porch of the Old Parsonage. We were also able to have Mike Melle's sculpture "The Headless Horseman" back for Halloween and the Rag Shag parade. We enjoy handing out candy and seeing everyone in their costumes. We were also part of the Hilltown History Tour again this year and that event brought in 74 visitors.

We continue working on our archives to protect the items we have and modernizing our data bases. Leslie Keller, our genealogist, has been very busy putting family information on Find a Grave and helping the Cemetery Committee with their maps of the cemeteries in town. She also has been very busy with genealogy requests. We joined the AASLH (American Association of State and Local History) and bought an update of Past Perfect, a cataloguing program,

which we loaded on to our new computer. Thank you Suzor, Allan Douglas, Scott Keith and Karen Westergaard for getting this set up. Leslie has also been scanning our family files and other files so we can search them on the computer instead of having to go through the paper files. These files include historical photos, newspaper articles and old letters. Chris Laney wrote an update for our collection policy and mission statement. He also applied for two SHRAB (State History Records Advisory Board) grants to help us buy archival supplies and possibly pay for professional help with our archival needs. Unfortunately, we did not get the grants but Chris Laney, Carla Ness, and Carrie Streeter Cranston (a friend of the Commission) were able to attend a SHRAB event where we toured Historic Northampton and saw the work they have done preserving their collection.

We also helped publish Judith Cowell Meredith's book, *A Hilltown Girl's Storybook.....Growing up in Cummington, Massachusetts*. Judy is a talented storyteller. Her reminiscences of growing up in Cummington in the 1940s and 1950s are fun reading even if you do not know any of the people involved. We have copies for sale. Please contact a member to get your copy.

We want to welcome with gratitude and enthusiasm, Dave Simard of Stage Road, who has joined our Commission. Dave is head of Building and Grounds. He is already working very hard. There is a lot to maintain! We are looking for several new members. Please contact Carla Ness if you are interested in joining.

Like many folks in town, we mourn the loss of Donn Boulanger of Electralarm for his years of service protecting our collection.

Carla Ness
Chair
Cummington Historical Commission

Municipal Light Plant

Annual Report Fiscal Year 2024

The Municipal Light Plant Board, (MLP), continued to meet monthly. Allan Douglas, as MLP manager, attended monthly meetings with WHIP City Fiber (the town's Internet Service Provider, ISP) and other member towns. CAF II performance testing, required for receiving funds was completed.

As of June, 2024, there were 8,904 Hilltown subscribers; Cummington had 387 subscribers, and 6 Lifeline (phone) subscribers.

Mesh Network

Allan continued to work with Whip City Fiber and other hilltowns on the designs of the mesh network, to build for redundancy between towns. The Network was completed in December, 2023. The Mesh Network allows 6 towns to interconnect: Ashfield, Chesterfield, Windsor, Plainfield, Goshen, and Cummington. New routers in each hub automatically test each path and allow the network to run at maximum speed.

Finances

In October the MLP met with the Selectboard to propose a plan for repayment of MLP's use of Town Stabilization funds. At the MLP's meeting with the Selectboard, a motion was made and passed: the MLP would transfer all CAF II monies and 40% of retained earnings after the deduction of depreciation. The MLP applied for and received ARPA funds for the \$9,000 anticipated cost of the Mesh Network.

Municipal Network

In March 2024, the Bryant Free Library was connected to the town's Municipal Network. Planning and work continued for the last town connections - the Water Department.

Other

The ACP program, the Federal program which provided funding for fiber services to low income houses, ended in April, 2023. There were 18 residences in Cummington that received the supplement.

MLP Board Members for 2023-2024 were:

Allan Douglas, Manager
Todd Emerson
Michael Perkins
Scott Keith
Brenda Arbib, Secretary

Central Hampshire Veteran Services

This year Central Hampshire Veteran Services continued its essential work of assisting the community's veterans and their survivors in obtaining or maintaining the state and federal benefits they have earned. In 2024, those veterans and some dependents in Cummington entitled to monthly federal VA compensation and pension benefits received a total of \$4,761.18 per month, or \$57,134.20 over the year.

With this vital work, Central Hampshire Veterans Services has also maintained a strong commitment to outreach and community support throughout the year. Our primary focus has been ensuring veterans receive accurate and timely information about their benefits, while also organizing impactful commemorative events.

Staff members actively participated in numerous outreach events, including the 3 County Fair, the Big E, and the Council of Social Agencies of Hampshire County Providers Fair. These events provided opportunities to connect with veterans and inform them about available programs and benefits. Additionally, we developed and facilitated "Know It Before You Need It" events in September (Hadley) and October (Huntington). These sessions are designed to educate elderly veterans and their families/caregivers about relevant benefits and services and featured Staff members and specialized service providers from nine different agencies.

Our community support efforts included assisting with the preparation and distribution of hot Thanksgiving meals in Northampton, Hadley, Amherst, and Williamsburg, as well as ensuring our clients in all towns received Thanksgiving turkeys and food bags, if desired. We also coordinated and led Veterans Day and Memorial Day events in Amherst, Northampton, and Williamsburg, and participated in events in Hatfield, Chesterfield, Worthington, Huntington, Chester, and Middlefield. We provided support to the town of Hadley with its Honor Banner Project and their designation as a Purple Heart Community. Furthermore, we coordinated the purchase of cemetery flags for all communities, distributed them, and assisted with flagging efforts in multiple locations around the district.

Additionally, we attended the VA Veterans Experience Action Center (VEAC) at Gillette Stadium, providing on-site assistance to veterans from across the state. To stay current on policy changes and best practices, our staff attended training sessions at MVSOA and EOVS conferences.



Water Commissioner

2025 Report

The Town of Cummington operates and maintains two water systems, one for Cummington and one for West Cummington. There are a total of 107 metered connections to both systems. The Water Commission consists of three elected members and we employ a certified operator to operate and maintain the systems. The Water Commission is responsible for setting the water rates and ensuring that our bills are paid. We pay for electricity, chemicals, loan payments, repairs, testing, licenses, training, parts, labor, telephone call systems and memberships to various Associations as well as the Department of Environmental Protection.

The GIS asset map of all of our metered connections, shut-offs, and branches has been completed. This will enable us to better track our complete systems. Our buildings are also now connected to the Municipal Broadband Network and we will begin getting our buildings updated to make use of this network.

Testing the water is vital to keeping our water systems in compliance with the DEP. Testing regularly ensures that our systems are free of bacteria, measures both lead and copper levels, and further checks for any other intrusions that could occur. Housatonic Basin Sampling and Testing continues to do that for us. We continue to have some of the cleanest water systems around.

We would like to thank Water Operator Dennis Forgea again for all of his dedication and hard work in operating and maintaining both systems, and for all of his behind the scenes work. His work enables our water systems to operate nearly trouble free. Jacob Jordan should also be recognized for his hard work. Jacob takes care of the mowing at our facilities. As always, feel free to reach out to a Commissioner with any questions.

Sincerely,

Your Water Commissioners

Todd Emerson
Chair

Dann Emerson
Commissioner

Thomaz Jaracz
Commissioner

Dennis Forgea
Operator

Zoning Board of Appeals

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

During FY 2024, the ZBA did not hold any hearings, or convene any meetings, and did not take any actions.

In May Eric Smith tendered his resignation due to having moved out of town. His insight and service was appreciated, and he will be missed.

Current ZBA membership is now: Carla Ness, Chair; Michael Holden, Clerk; Kenneth Howes, Ernest Strong, Geoffrey Kenseth, Members; and William Hoene, Alternate Member.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Holden
Clerk, Zoning Board of Appeals

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“A Conversation”

2024 by Ana Busto & Steven Schiff

Burnt and treated wood and wood-fired ceramic elements

Hosted by the Cummington Community House
at 33 Main Street. The sculpture abstractly represents the
beauty and history of the trees, their types, and the life they
hosted. It reflects the intersection of the natural, human, and
animal worlds, and the artistic choices made in response to
the recent cutting of the old maple trees.

