



TOWN OF  
**Cummington**  
MASSACHUSETTS



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**2016**

The two pictures on the front cover depict the house at 38 Main Street in Cummington.

## **History of the Original House**

“In 1806 Hatch Noyes purchased five acres 13 rods near the Westfield River and along the easterly side of Main Street from Asa Gurney. Many Noyes’ deeds are missing, but it appears he built this house before 1822. (Recently determined to be closer to 1816, per William W. Streeter in 2016) It was sold to Beriah Shaw 1821, and Robert Dawes 1826. Dawes conveyed several shares to members of the Village Congregational Church who needed a parsonage for the new church. It remained a parsonage from 1839-1880, when it was sold to N.S. Stevens. Later owners were Ida McLellan 1888, Theodore P. Tower 1919, and Henry Dunham 1946.”

- *Only One Cummington, 1974*

The newly renovated house was purchased by the Cummington Historical Commission in 2013. Following a three year period of research, planning and restoration we held an Open House and Ribbon Cutting on June 18, 2016. The commission had been discussing the need for climate controlled storage for years, when the house became available, noting its close proximity to the Kingman Tavern and known historical significance it was chosen. With the exemplary guidance and work from Mary Quigley Builders we now have a home for the proper storage of important documents, books, fabric items and art. The rooms include a typical 1800s Parlor, a library, a meeting and display space, an office, bathroom and a kitchenette. The building is handicapped accessible and is as environmentally friendly as we could manage. The Commission is very proud of this achievement, as well the place and purpose the building now has in the village. It is fitting that we named the house the “Old Parsonage.” We hope that it is enjoyed and used by the residents of Cummington and as a place to conduct research for years to come.

*Town of*  
**CUMMINGTON  
MASSACHUSETTS**



**ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR  
ENDING  
JUNE 30, 2016**

Adams Specialty & Printing Co.

# *Town of Cummington*

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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  
Benjamin B. Downing

MASSACHUSETTS STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
Stephen Kulik

GOVERNOR  
Charles Baker

HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
James A. Drawe

TOWN MEETING DATE – First Friday in May

TOWN ELECTION – Second Monday in May

POPULATION – Census 2010 - 872



## *Elected Officials*

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*Member* *Term Expires*

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

William F. Adams	2019
Monica M. Vandoloski	2018
Russell L. Sears, III, Chairman	2017

### **TOWN CLERK**

Donna Jordan	2017
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### **TREASURER**

Susan L. Warriner	2017
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### **TAX COLLECTOR**

Susan L. Warriner	2018
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### **BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Richard Roberge	2019
Samuel Konieczny	2018
Mark Bevan	2017

### **MODERATOR**

Donna L. Forgea	2017
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### **VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Theodore Lynds	2019
Sharon Cunningham	2018
Lori Carver	2017

### **ALMONER OF CHARITABLE FUNDS**

Bernard L. Forgea	2019
Joyce A. Wiernasz	2018
Susan F. Forgea	2017

*Member*

*Term Expires*

**COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUNDS**

Joyce A. Wiernasz	2019
Barbara D. Goldsmith	2018
Stephen M. Howes	2017

**WATER COMMISSIONERS**

Donna L. Forgea	2019
Tomasz Jaracz	2018
Dann Emerson	2017

**TRUSTEES of the BRYANT FREE LIBRARY**

Brenda S. Arbib	2021
Deborah Hoechstetter	2020
John Maruskin	2019
Eliza Dragon	2018
Gregory Tessier	2017

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Geraldine Wilcox	2019
Jill Figliozzi	2019
Maureen L. Tumenas	2018
Scott B. Keith	2018
Dennis W. Forgea	2017
Daniel G. Loux	2017
Susan L. Warriner, Treasurer (Ex-officio non-voting member)	2017
Donna L. Forgea, Moderator (Ex-officio non-voting member)	2017

**BOARD of HEALTH**

Roger Bradford Gunn	2019
Kalyan Uprichard	2018
Judith C. Bogart	2017

*Member*

*Term Expires*

**PLANNING BOARD**

Kathryn Harrison	2021
Robert Taylor	2020
Judith C. Bogart	2019
Richard A. Roberge	2018
Mark Malinak	2017

**CUMMINGTON RECREATION  
and PETTINGILL MEMORIAL FIELD COMMITTEE**

Nicole Wortis	2019
Geraldine Wilcox	2019
Donna L. Forgea	2018
Amy Grallert	2018
Laurie A. Freitag	2018
Andrew Kurt Liebenow	2017
Jennifer O'Neil	2017

**COUNCIL of GOVERNMENTS**

James A. Drawe	2018
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**CONSTABLES**

Sharon J. Cunningham	2019
Michael A. Perkins III	2019

**REPRESENTATIVE to CENTRAL BERKSHIRE REGIONAL  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Patricia Keith	2017
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# *Appointed Officials*

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## *Appointments by the Board of Selectmen*

*Member* *Term Expires*

### **AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

H. Sydney O'Leary	2019
Daniel G. Loux	2019
Paul H. Streeter	2018
Sarah Scanlon-Fournier	2018
Jeanette A. Horton	2017
Clifford S. Thayer	2017

### **APPEALS, ZONING BOARD of**

Mark G. Bevan, Associate	2019
Carla C. Ness	2019
Michael Holden	2018
Deborah L. Emerson	2018
Ernest T. Strong	2017
Kenneth L. Howes	2017

### **LOCAL CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Becky Kravetz	2018
Barbara Konieczny	2018
Judith Bowerman Slezak	2017
Paula Gottlieb	2017
Kim Wachtel	2017
June D. Ferrin	Emerita
Kathryn L. Jensen	Emerita

### **CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Robert D. Dextraze	2017
William F. Adams	2017
Gloria A. Robbins	2017
Dean Carpenter	2017
Russell L. Sears, III	2017
Monica M. Vandoloski	2017

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

Bernard L. Forgea	2017
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*Member*

*Term Expires*

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Gerald F. Howes, Jr.	2019
Robert Arbib	2019
Alan Douglas	2018
Matthew Drawe	2018
Sarah Scanlon-Fournier	2018
Robert D. Dextraze	2017
John D. Eisenhour	2017

**COUNCIL on AGING**

Barbara Murphy-Malinak	2019
Elliot Ring	2019
Worth Noyes	2019
Edith Morton	2018
Ann Parsons	2018
Nancy Cole	2018
Kristen Jay	2017
Susan Forgea	2017
Margaret L. Daniels	2017
Carolyn J. Urekew – Coordinator	

**FENCE VIEWERS & FIELD DRIVERS**

Dean Carpenter	2017
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**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

Robert D. Dextraze	2017
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**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Stephen M. Howes	2019
Carla C. Ness	2019
Lawrence R. Slezak	2019
Patricia Keith	2018
Karen J. Westergaard	2018
Stephen E. Buckley III	2017
Jessy McMahan	2017
Barbara D. Goldsmith	Emerita

<i>Member</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
<b>INSPECTOR of ANIMALS</b>	
Kenneth Howes	2017
Julie P. Jernstrom	2017
<b>INSPECTOR of BUILDINGS</b>	
James Cerone	2017
<b>INSPECTOR of GAS FITTINGS</b>	
Donald Lawton	2017
<b>INSPECTOR of WIRING</b>	
William Graham	2017
John Lyons, Assistant	2017
<b>POLICE CHIEF</b>	
Michael Andrew Perkins II	2017
<b>POLICE OFFICERS</b>	
Sharon J. Cunningham	2017
Taylor Granger	2017
<b>REGISTRARS of VOTERS</b>	
Donna Jordan	2017
Mary Bourdon	2017
Brenda Arbib	2017
Brenda Emerson-Camp	2017
<b>SELECTMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE to LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b>	
James L. Drawe	2017
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</b>	
Julie P. Jernstrom	2017
Erik C. Jernstrom, Assistant	2017

*Member* *Term Expires*

**SURVEYORS of WOOD & TIMBER**

Robert D. Dextraze 2017  
David F. Robb, Jr. 2017

**TOWN COUNSEL**

Michael Siddall 2017

**TREE WARDEN**

Robert D. Dextraze 2017

**VETERANS AGENT**

Inter-Municipal Veterans Services  
Thomas Geryk 2017

**LOWER PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION**

Mark Malinak 2017

**RIGHT to KNOW COORDINATOR**

James D. Martin, Jr 2017

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Elizabeth Braccia 2017

**SECRETARY to SELECTMEN**

Monica M. Vandoloski 2017

**HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT PROJECTION COMMITTEE**

Robert D. Dextraze 2017  
Peter J. Marcoux, Sr. 2017  
Delbert H. Robbins 2017  
Russell L. Sears, III 2017  
Ernest T. Strong 2017  
Joseph Frost 2017

*Member*

*Term Expires*

**BUILDING REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Mark Demaranville	2017
Roger Bradford Gunn	2017
Craig G. Johns	2017
Elliot Ring	2017
James D. Martin, Jr	2017

**PERMANENT APPOINTMENT**

FIRE CHIEF	Bernard L. Forgea
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**PETTINGILL CLOCK COMMITTEE**

Scott B. Keith	2017
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**WESTFIELD RIVER WILD & SCENIC PROGRAM**

Advisory Committee

Amy Pulley	2017
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**EDUCATION ADHOC COMMITTEE**

Jill Figliozzi	2017
William Adams	2017
Nicole Wortis	2017
Barbara Murphy-Malinak	2017
Joshua Wachtel	2017

**BROADBAND COMMITTEE**

Maureen Tumenas	2017
Michael Perkins	2017
Dennis Forgea	2017
Scott Keith	2017
Allan Douglas	2017

**SOLARIZE COMMITTEE**

William Adams	2017
Brenda Arbib	2017
James Wettereau	2017
David Bartley	2017

**CUMMINGTON WEB SITE**

*<http://www.Cummington-Ma.gov>*

## *Selectboard*

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To the Citizens of Cummington:

Much of the Selectboard's time and energy this year revolved around the aftermath of the Central Berkshire Regional School District (CBRSD) decision to close Berkshire Trail Elementary School.

When presented with Cummington's request to leave the school district, the school committee voted to grant the request with conditions. Those conditions included resolving financial obligations Cummington would assume upon withdrawal from the district. These included: calculations for tuition of regular students into CBRSD, a separate calculation for special education students, Cummington's share of CBRSD's unfunded Berkshire County Retirement obligation, and lastly the "gorilla in the room," Cummington's share of CBRSD's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) unfunded liability, i.e., retirees' post employment health insurance benefits.

Although Cummington and the school committee came to an agreement on the first of three aforementioned obligations, there was no such agreement on the "OPEB" amount. Without an agreement on the "OPEB" monies, the school committee would not produce the amendment to withdraw. Discussions with the district are ongoing in an attempt to reach agreement.

As part of Cummington's effort to resolve the outstanding issue of "OPEB" payments Cummington has secured the services of Aquarius Capital from New York. They will make an in-depth analysis of CBRSD's "OPEB" numbers, taking into account Cummington's preference to make the "OPEB" payment in a lump sum to reduce overall costs. They will then make a recommendation as to how to calculate the "OPEB" obligation in this scenario.

The Town did two road projects during the year. These were Potash Hill Road from Route 112 to the top of the hill and West Cummington Road (Dump Road) from Luther Shaw Road to the Five Corners. The work involved grinding of the roads and regrading, culvert inspections and replacement if necessary, and blacktopping. The total cost for the two projects was \$266,997.51 which was for 12,340 feet of road.

The Board appointed two committees to oversee projects important to the future development of the Town. One is the Broadband Committee comprised of Michael Perkins, Maureen Tumenas, Dennis Forgea, Scott Keith, Allan Douglas and Brenda Arbib (see their report for what they have been working on). The other is the Solarize Committee comprised of William F. Adams, Brenda Arbib and James Wettreau, (see their report). We thank all committee members for their interest and hard work in moving these projects forward.

A change was made at the request of Rob Dextraze to change the leadership of the Highway Department. Joe Frost is now the Highway Superintendent and Rob Dextraze remains as an active member of the highway crew (foreman).

Change also occurred on the Selectboard. Jim Drawe has left the board and assumed more responsibilities with WiredWest. He was replaced by Bill Adams and we wish both Jim and Bill the best of luck moving forward.

Ongoing issues concerning the physical conditions of Berkshire Trail School and CBRSD's responsibilities to leave the building in good repair involved a lot of back and forth between the two parties. Cummington was well represented by Christine Doktor and various selectboard members and settlement agreements (excluding the roof) have been reached.

The roof issue remains ongoing. At Town Meeting, voters approved spending up to \$500,000 to repair the roof. The Board hired Architect Jeff Penn to develop a plan of action and scope of work. He has been assisted by our own Building Committee Chairman Roger Gunn and they have a lot of work to do to bring a proposal to the next Annual Town Meeting.

As we say so many times, we want to thank those with whom we work each year for their patience and understanding. Many hours of work, much running around, many phone calls and above all, much cooperation are needed to keep even a small town running smoothly and again, to all of you, thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell L. Sears, III, Chairman  
Monica M. Vandoloski  
William F. Adams

## *Expenditures 2016*

<b>001.100.5110 - Official Salaries</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>33,756</b>			
Adams William F.		185		
Bevan Mark G.		733		
Bogart Judith C.		1,000		
Carver Lori		40		
Cunningham Sharon		15		
Dextraze Jr. Robert		50		
Drawe James		1,115		
Earls John G.		125		
Emerson Dann M.		300		
Forgea Donna		600		
Gunn Roger B.		500		
Jaracz Tomasz		300		
Jordan Donna C.		4,000		
Konieczny Samuel		1,100		
Lynds Theodore F.		15		
Morin Philip V.		183		
Roberge Richard A.		1,200		
Sears Russell		1,500		
Uprichard Kalyan		250		
Vandoloski Monica		1,300		
Warriner Susan L.		18,936		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>308</b>	<b>0</b>
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<b>001.100.5400 - Administration General</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>		<b>4,850</b>		
Elizabeth J. Braccia		99		
Hampshire County Select Board's Assoc		80		
Hampshire Council of Governments		486		
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.		139		
James Drawe		50		
MLLPS - Labor Law Poster Service		65		
MMA		479		
Mohawk Office Equipment Co., Inc.		476		
Monica Vandoloski		12		
Personnel Concepts		16		
Return to Admin Account - Refund		(16)		
Roger B. Gunn		23		
Turley Publications, Inc.		89		
U. S. Postal Service		162		
W.B. Mason		994		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>1,696</b>	<b>0</b>
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<b>001.100.5430 - Admin Various Officials</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>		<b>800</b>		
Douglas Donna		128		
Mass Moderators Association		20		
Split Payroll FY16 posted FY17		223		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>430</b>	

<b>001.122.5400 - Administration Selectmen</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>12,860</b>			
Split Payroll 306		160		
Vandoloski Monica		12,208		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>492</b>	
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<b>001.122.5820 - Cemetery Capital</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>10,000</b>			
STM 5/6/16 Budgets	1,500			
Frederica Chick		1,000		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>				<b>10,500</b>
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<b>001.131.5400 - Admin Finance Committee</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>130</b>			
Assoc of Town Finance Committees		129		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>1</b>	
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<b>001.132.5400 - Reserve Fund</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>6,000</b>			
Medicare/Social Security	(1,423)	0		
Accounting Expenses	(229)			
Tax Title	(1,116)			
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>3,232</b>	
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<b>001.135.5100 - Accountant Salary</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>9,468</b>			
Braccia Elizabeth J.		9,468		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
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<b>001.135.5400 - Admin Accountant</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>3,500</b>			
Accela, Inc.	0	3,636		
W.B. Mason	0	93		
Reserve Fund Transfer	229	0		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
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<b>001.136.5400 - Town Audit</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>12,000</b>			
Carry Forward	14,000			
Scanlon & Associates		14,500		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>1,500</b>	<b>10,000</b>
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<b>001.141.5111 - Assessor's Clerk</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>8,500</b>			
Johns Joy M.		8,500		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
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<b>001.141.5200 - Assessor's Consultant</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>7,900</b>			
Bevan Mark G.		1,470		
Johns Joy M.		1,470		
Konieczny Samuel		3,010		
Mayflower Valuation, LTD		900		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>50</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>001.141.5400 - Admin Assessors</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>3,500</b>			
Community Software Consortium		2,300		
Daily Hampshire Gazette		35		
HHCAA		60		
Joy Johns		25		
MAAO		150		
Maine Technical Source		315		
Mark Bevans		28		
U. S. Postal Service		50		
W.B. Mason		324		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>213</b>	
<b>001.141.5430 - Assessor's Tax Maps</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>1,900</b>			
MainStreetGIS, LLC		1,900		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
<b>001.145.5400 - Administrator Treasurer</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>5,720</b>			
Accela, Inc.		3,636		
Hampshire/Franklin County CT		10		
Inform Business Systems		101		
MA Collector & Treasurer Assoc		25		
Susan Warriner		34		
U. S. Postal Service		881		
University Conference Services		95		
W.B. Mason		408		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>131</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>001.146.5400 - Admin Tax Collector</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>4,000</b>			
Community Software Consortium	0	1,000		
MA Collector & Treasurer Assoc	0	25		
Phoenix Computer Systems	0	750		
Susan Warriner	0	24		
U. S. Postal Service	0	881		
W.B. Mason	0	500		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>820</b>	
<b>001.151.5200 - Town Counsel</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>10,000</b>			
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>10,000</b>	

<b>001.158.5400 - Tax Title Expenses</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>4,000</b>			
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		515		
Daily Hampshire Gazette		395		
Filing & Releasing lien		(150)		
Hampshire County Registry of Deeds		600		
Siddall & Siddall, P.C.		3,755		
Reserve Fund Transfer	1,116			
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>1</b>	
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<b>001.161.5400 - Admin Town Clerk</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>1,855</b>			
Danforth Printing	0	110		
Donna Jordan	0	122		
Iron Mountain	0	347		
MA Town Clerk's Association	0	15		
U. S. Postal Service	0	24		
W.B. Mason	0	231		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>1,007</b>	
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<b>001.162.5110 - Election &amp; Registration</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>2,000</b>			
Cunningham Sharon		195		
Forgea Dennis		23		
Forgea Susan		130		
Horton Jeannette A.		70		
Jay Kristin M.		200		
Johns Joy M.		30		
Parsons Anne M.		70		
Robb Barbara M.		45		
Vandoloski Monica		200		
Wolf Carolyn		200		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>838</b>	
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<b>001.171.5400 - Conservation Commission</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>150</b>			
Ad for Gazette		(62)		
Cost of Hearing		(65)		
Daily Hampshire Gazette		193		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>85</b>	
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<b>001.175.5400 - Planning Board</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>1,600</b>			
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>1,600</b>	
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<b>001.176.5400 - ZBA</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>500</b>			
Turley Publications, Inc.		123		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>377</b>	
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<b>001.192.5340 - Internet/ Telephone</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>12,000</b>			
Alternative Recycling Systems		0		
Arthur P. Jones		29		
Crocker Telecommunications, LLC		890		
DD Graphics Web Media		420		
Joy Johns		250		
MCI Comm Service		22		
Split Payroll 305		0		
Split Payroll 306		291		
Verizon		7,106		
Verizon Business		61		
W.B. Mason		240		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>2,691</b>	
<b>001.192.5400 - Community House</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>15,204</b>			
Alternative Recycling Systems	0	900		
D.J. Clary Plumbing & Heating	0	195		
Eversource	0	3,260		
Fletcher Sewer & Drain, Inc.	0	235		
George Propane, Inc.	0	5,443		
Horton Jeannette A.	0	60		
Jordan Donna C.	0	503		
Poissant Electric, LLC	0	616		
Simplex Grinnell	0	1,301		
Stevensville Corporation	0	380		
Town of Cummington	0	457		
Vacuum Peddler	0	25		
W.B. Mason	0	606		
Wolf Marie J.	0	60		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>1,163</b>	
<b>001.192.5460 - Lawn Mowing</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>3,800</b>			
Robbins Gloria		1,342		
Westfield Equipment Service		350		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>2,108</b>	
<b>001.192.5850 - Community House Capital</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>0</b>			
Carry Forward	8,320			
George Propane, Inc.		8,320		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
<b>001.195.5200 - Town Reports</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>3,400</b>			
Adams Specialty & Printing Co.		1,875		
Monica Vandoloski		7		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>1,518</b>	

<b>001.210.5100 - Police Dept Salaries</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>19,000</b>			
Cunningham Sharon		930		
Forgea Dennis		570		
Granger Taylor A.		1,170		
Perkins Michael A.		14,003		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>2,327</b>	

**001.210.5400 - Police Department**

<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>12,000</b>			
Adam Dragon		100		
Auto Plus		37		
Berkshire Cycle		33		
Cummington Supply Inc.		11		
Edward E. Morann		811		
FRF Public Safety Consultants, LLC		288		
Hampshire Sheriff's Office		828		
Integration Partners Corporation		630		
JMS Auto Parts		70		
Jurek Brothers, Inc.		3,828		
Law Enforcement Dimensions, LLC		364		
Lock Shop of Berkshire County		100		
MA Chiefs of Police Assoc., Inc.		858		
Massachusetts Police Association		54		
Michael Perkins		256		
Mister Tire		660		
MPA-PAC		6		
Pittsfield Communications		76		
Reclass WMLEC FY16 Dues		300		
Refund of invoice paid in error		(54)		
Sentry Uniform Inc.		469		
TMDE Calibration Labs, Inc.		240		
Verizon		1,042		
W.B. Mason		503		
Western Mass Chiefs of Police Assoc		100		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>390</b>	

**001.210.5800 - Police Capital**

<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>0</b>			
Carry Forward	1,451			
Telrepc		1,202		249
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	

**001.220.5400 - FD & Forest Warden**

<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>20,113</b>			
Adam Dragon		49		
Automotive Career Development Center		180		
Berkshire County Fire Chiefs Assoc.		100		
Berkshire Cycle		62		
Bernard Forgea		1,271		
Cummington Supply Inc.		67		
Edward E. Morann		1,150		

<b>001.220.5400 - FD &amp; Forest Warden</b> <i>(continued)</i>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
Eversource		396		
Fail Safe Testing, LLC		2,581		
FCAM		380		
Fire Chief's Association of Massachusetts, Inc.		200		
Foster Farrar		21		
Frank LaBelle's Sales & Service		153		
Franklin County Fire Chiefs Assoc.		80		
G & S Industrial, Inc.		1,280		
Gleason Fire Equipment		75		
Grainger		18		
Hampshire County Fire Defense Assoc.		80		
JMS Auto Parts		45		
Lakes Region Fire Apparatus, Inc.		930		
Mass Mobile Inspections		500		
MIIA Insurance Claim		(692)		
Mountainview Graphics		34		
NFPA		165		
Pittsfield Communications		473		
Reclass WMLEC FY16 Dues		(300)		
S & S Machine & Welding, Inc.		1,220		
The Fire Truck Authority		7,580		
W.B. Mason		121		
Western MA Fire Chiefs Association		115		
WMLEC		300		
Xerox Government Systems, LLC		675		675
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>127</b>	
<b>001.220.5800 - Fire Dept Capital</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>0</b>			
FY2015 Carry Forwards	12,130			
Fire Tech & Safety of New England, Inc.		1,749		
Foremost Medical Equipment		7,400		
Gleason Fire Equipment		1,450		
Municipal Emergency Services		1,531		
ATM 5/6/16	15,130			15,130
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
<b>001.231.5400 - Highland Ambulance</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>26,431</b>			
Highland Ambulance EMS, Inc.		26,431		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
<b>001.241.5100 - Building Inspector Wages</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>8,000</b>			
Cerone James A.		8,000		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
<b>001.241.5400 - Building Inspector Admin</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>300</b>			
Cerone James A.		208		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>92</b>	

<b>001.290.5400 - Public Safety Complex</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>17,527</b>			
Automatic Laundry		420		
Bernard Forgea		63		
Eversource		4,517		
Fire Detection Systems		300		
George Propane, Inc.		905		
Kinsley Power Systems		1,472		
Raynor Door Sales		229		
Susan Forgea		450		
Town of Cummington		1,105		
United Divers, Inc.		95		
Whiting Energy Fuels		4,224		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>3,748</b>	
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<b>001.290.5800 - Public Safety Complex Cap</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>0</b>			
Carry Forward	5,875			
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<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
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<b>001.291.5400 - Emergency Management</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>7,705</b>			
Blackboard		1,876		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>5,829</b>	
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<b>001.292.5100 - Animal Control Wages</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>600</b>			
Jernstrom Julie	0	300		
Jernstrom Julie	0	300		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
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<b>001.292.5400 - Animal Control Officer</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>1,836</b>			
Hampshire Council of Governments	0	56		
Julie Jernstrom	0	1,050		
Julie Jernstrom - Reimb	0	27		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>703</b>	
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<b>001.294.5400 - Tree Account</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>6,000</b>			
Howes Tree and Landscaping		5,975		
Robert Dextraze		25		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
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<b>001.300.5320 - Vocational Tuition</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>175,560</b>			
City of Northampton		105,336		
Smith Vocational & Agricultural High School		52,668		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>17,556</b>	
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<b>001.300.5330 - CBRSD Transportation</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>40,064</b>			
Central Berkshire Regional S.D.		40,064		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
<b>001.300.5400 - CBRSD Operating Exp</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>834,747</b>			
Central Berkshire Regional S.D.		834,747		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
<b>001.300.5800 - CBRSD Capital Expense</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>9,682</b>			
Central Berkshire Regional S.D.		9,682		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
<b>001.301.5330 - Vocational Transportation</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>41,540</b>			
Stevensville Corp		40,851		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>689</b>	
<b>001.422.5110 - Highway Salaries</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>123,464</b>			
Carpenter Dean P.		37,255		
Carpenter Reclass OT		(771)		
Dextraze Jr. Robert		42,685		
Dextraze Reclass OT		(1,639)		
Forgea Dennis		470		
Frost Joseph D.		34,792		
Frost Reclass OT		(593)		
Granger Tracy L.		750		
Split Payroll 306		1,946		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>8,569</b>	
<b>001.422.5130 - Highway OT</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>18,240</b>			
Carpenter Dean P.		1,484		
Carpenter Reclass OT		771		
Dextraze Jr. Robert		1,415		
Dextraze Reclass OT		1,639		
Frost Joseph D.		1,256		
Frost Reclass OT		593		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>11,082</b>	

<b>001.422.5150 - Highway Vac, Hol, Sick &amp; Pers</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>14,973</b>			
Carpenter Dean P.		3,861		
Dextraze Jr. Robert		6,601		
Frost Joseph D.		4,066		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>445</b>	
<b>001.422.5400 - Highway Admin</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>12,200</b>			
Advanced Tank Testing Services, Inc.		1,120		
Cintas Corporation		181		
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		50		
Custom Drug Testing		270		
Eversource		1,298		
Interstate Battery System		104		
Miller's Petroleum System, Inc.		2,737		
Pittsfield Fire & Safety Co., Inc.		216		
Raynor Door Sales		1,683		
Robert Dextraze		199		
Town of Cummington		573		
W.B. Mason		252		
Whiting Energy Fuels		2,038		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>1,480</b>	
<b>001.422.5415 - Highway Tool &amp; Machinery</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>65,000</b>			
Allstates Asphalt, Inc.		4,500		
Camerota Truck Parts		59		
Certified Laboratories		1,105		
Dave's Oil Burner Service		110		
Dennis K. Burke, Inc.		8,992		
FleetPride		27		
Gateway Motors		180		
GRS Equipment Services		300		
Howe Bros., Inc.		496		
Maintenance Man Inc.		4,070		
Mass Mobile Inspections		1,000		
Mirabito Energy - Lenox Dale		13,469		
Peter J. Marcoux		22,583		
Pete's Tire Barns, Inc.		2,581		
S & S Machine & Welding, Inc.		650		
Schmidt Equipment, Inc.		2,232		
Sessions Repair		1,499		
Superior Spring & MFG Co.		2,208		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>(1,063)</b>	
<b>001.422.5420 - Highway General</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>65,000</b>			
Airgas USA, LLC		326		
AW Direct, Inc.		402		

<b>001.422.5420 - Highway General</b> <i>(continued)</i>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
Cintas Corporation		2,167		
Cummington Supply Inc.		627		
Dean Carpenter		206		
Dole Brothers		319		
Donbeck Sales		500		
Fastenal		82		
Frank LaBelle's Sales & Service		443		
Gateway Motors		297		
Genden Auto Parts		1,598		
George D. Judd & Sons LLC		4,812		
Interstate Battery System		754		
JMS Auto Parts		484		
Joseph Frost		110		
L.F. Powers Co., Inc.		564		
Maintenance Man Inc.		5,335		
Maple Grove Equipment, Inc.		165		
Meehan Construction Co., Inc.		3,747		
New Hampshire Hydraulics, Inc.		563		
Palmer Paving Corporation		3,473		
Peter J. Marcoux		21,597		
Pittsfield Communications		203		
R.I. Baker Co. Inc.		2,814		
Robert Dextraze		75		
Schmidt Equipment, Inc.		61		
Sirum Equipment Company, Inc.		1,622		
Superior Spring & MFG Co.		340		
Underground Supply, Inc.		1,023		
Wholesale Distributors		7,025		
Zwack, Inc.		1,235		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>2,033</b>	
<b>001.422.5430 - Highway Misc</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>580</b>			
Berkshire County Hwy Supt Assn.		30		
Massachusetts Highway Association		80		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>470</b>	
<b>001.422.5800 - Highway Capital</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>0</b>			
Carried Forward	2,331			2,331
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
<b>001.422.5835 - Lease of Brush Mower</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>3,747</b>			
Deere Credit, Inc.		29,511		
Lease of Brush Mower - WMECO		(26,000)		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>236</b>	

<b>001.423.5400 - Winter Roads</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>60,000</b>			
Dennis K. Burke, Inc.		420		
Eversource		0		
George D. Judd & Sons LLC		28,980		
GRS Equipment Services		1,175		
J.N. Phillips Co., Inc.		405		
Liebenow's Garage		350		
Mirabito Energy - Lenox Dale		4,708		
Morton Salt, Inc.		21,055		
Pete's Tire Barns, Inc.		335		
R.I. Baker Co. Inc.		853		
Sessions Repair		91		
Wholesale Distributors		1,540		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>88</b>	
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<b>001.450.5100 - Water Wages</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>10,784</b>			
Forgea Dennis		10,400		
Reclass PW 290 Dextraze		184		
Warriner Susan L.		200		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
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<b>001.450.5400 - Water</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>49,216</b>			
Adam Dragon		40		
Astro Chemicals, Inc.		3,269		
Comm Wealth of MA		42		
Cummington Supply Inc.		117		
Dept. of Environmental Protection		93		
Division of Prof. Licensure		42		
Donna L. Forgea		75		
Everett J Prescott, Inc.		1,713		
Eversource		4,543		
George Propane, Inc.		1,303		
Housatonic Basin Sampling & Testing		5,511		
Mass Rural Water Association		200		
Massachusetts Water Works Assoc.		75		
NEWWA		185		
R.E. Erickson Co., Inc.		4,159		
Susan Warriner		70		
USABlueBook		698		
USDA		21,844		
Verizon		237		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>4,999</b>	

<b>001.510.5400 - Board of Health</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>63,500</b>			
Barbara Curran		925		
Collective Copies, Inc.		198		
Corinne Sharkey		45		
Cummington Supply Inc.		323		
Dave Wickles Trucking		16,311		
Ely, Jr. Robert J.		3,469		
Eversource		1,514		
Forgea Susan		368		
Foster Farrar		30		
Horton Jeannette A.		46		
Howes Tree and Landscaping		380		
HRMC		4,534		
Joshua Shearer		655		
Judith Bogart		27		
McCarthy Trevor J.		138		
Michael Samson		2,390		
MRF Advisory Board		44		
New England Fence		400		
Pittsfield Fire & Safety Co., Inc.		47		
Robbins Robin A.		46		
Robbins Sr. Levi		3,416		
Shane Wolf		2,000		
Sharkey Corinne		6,514		
Split Payroll 305		0		
Split Payroll 306		985		
Stericycle, Inc.		311		
Stevensville Corporation		1,177		
Sugarledge Stone Quarry, Inc.		234		
Tighe & Bond		8,129		
U. S. Postal Service		350		
Vandoloski Monica		23		
W.B. Mason		24		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>8,447</b>	
<b>001.510.5800 - BOH Capital</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>0</b>			
ATM 5/6/16		3,500		3,500
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
<b>001.541.5400 - COA</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>4,400</b>			
MCOA		150		
Northern Hilltown Consortium of COA's		51		
Split Payroll 305		0		
Split Payroll 306		563		
Urekew Carolyn J.		2,661		
W.B. Mason		264		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>712</b>	

<b>001.543.5400 - Veterans</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>17,500</b>			
Eva Howes		4,075		
Marianne Sample		4,830		
Northampton Veterans' Service		3,319		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>5,276</b>	
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<b>001.610.5400 - Library</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>7,330</b>			
Archaeology		30		
Architectural Digest		12		
Barnes & Noble, Inc.		1,586		
Consumer Reports		99		
Cummington Supply Inc.		43		
Donald Scheidel		150		
Electralarm		250		
Eliza J. Dragon		130		
Eversource		513		
Journal Entry		(36)		
Mark DeMaranville		893		
Pittsfield Lawn & Tractor		39		
Quilting Arts		60		
Sherwin-Williams		80		
Smith College Museum of Art		75		
Tessier Gregory		360		
The Creamery		30		
The New Yorker		100		
The Week		99		
Tristan Arsenault		432		
Turn It Up!		341		
U. S. Postal Service		49		
Vanity Fair		48		
W.B. Mason		127		
Whiting Energy Fuels		1,549		
Wolf Marie J.		273		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
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<b>001.610.5800 - Library Capital</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>0</b>			
Carry Forward	5,000			5,000
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
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<b>001.630.5400 - Recreation</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>3,500</b>			
Alternative Recycling Systems		111		
Amy Grallert		52		
Cummington Supply Inc.		69		
Dennis Forgea		575		
Donna L. Forgea		84		
Eversource		574		
George Propane, Inc.		87		

<b>001.630.5400 - Recreation (continued)</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
Hilltown Junior Olympics		58		
Hilltown Snowmobile Club		123		
Jennifer O'Neill		40		
Reynolds Team Sales		120		
Ronald Forgea		160		
Town of Cummington		430		
W.B. Mason		122		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>897</b>	
<b>001.630.5800 - Rec Capital</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>0</b>			
STM June 25, 2015 FC	8,200			8,200
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
<b>001.751.5915 - Safety Complex Loan</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>77,574</b>			
USDA		77,574		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
<b>001.751.5920 - Interest on Loans</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>5,000</b>			
Easthampton Savings Bank		356		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>4,644</b>	
<b>001.830.5400 - Council of Govt's</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>496</b>			
Hampshire Council of Governments	0	496		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
<b>001.830.5401 - LPVP Commission</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>130</b>			
Pioneer Valley Planning		131		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>(1)</b>	
<b>001.911.5400 - Contributory Retirement</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>37,893</b>			
Hampshire Regional Retirement System		37,893		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
<b>001.913.5400 - Unemployment</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>1,000</b>			
Division of Unemployment Asst		375		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>625</b>	

<b>001.914.5400 - Medical Insurance</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>5,000</b>			
Hampshire County Group Ins.		0		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>5,000</b>	
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<b>001.916.5400 - Medicare/Social Security</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>12,000</b>			
US Treasury SS Admin		13,422		
Reserve Fund Transfer	1,423			
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>1</b>	
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<b>001.945.5400 - Liability Insurance</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>42,000</b>			
Deep Associates		9,323		
Fire Assoc. Insurance reimburse		(441)		
MIIA Property & Casualty Group		2,714		
MIIA Worker's Compensation Group, Inc.		24,314		
Travelers CL Remittance Center		755		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>5,335</b>	
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## *Other Expenditures 2016*

<b>183417.00</b>	<b>Fowler Gift Fund</b>	
	Anne Parsons	46.15
	<b>Total Fowler Gift Fund</b>	<b>46.15</b>
<b>185472.00</b>	<b>COA Memorial Gifts</b>	
	Anne Parsons	390.00
	Carolann Skaling	220.00
	Carolyn Urekew	328.75
	Ida Pierce	80.00
	James Martin	60.00
	Theodore Lynds	80.00
	W.B. Mason	415.99
	Williamsburg Market	104.57
	<b>Total COA Memorial Gifts</b>	<b>1,679.31</b>
<b>230.499.5865.0000</b>	<b>Chapter 90</b>	
	Allstates Asphalt, Inc.	273,915.38
	Rafferty Fine Grading, Inc.	10,384.00
	<b>Total Chapter 90</b>	<b>284,299.38</b>
<b>4054.00</b>	<b>Historical Commission</b>	
	Anthony E. Dus	19,545.00
	Becky Wright	100.00
	Bruce Harrison & Kathy Harrison	100.00
	Carr Hardware & Supply Co., Inc.	382.90
	Cumington Supply Inc.	346.31
	Dave Wickles Trucking	1,069.50
	Dennis Picard	100.00
	Eiseman Sonja R.	161.25
	Electralarm	770.00
	Elia Sarah Winter	341.25
	Eversource	2,266.40
	Feitner Lilah B.	240.00
	Hilltown Tents	635.00
	Howes Tree and Landscaping	85.00
	Jim Szalkucki	100.00
	Larry Slezak	662.96
	Nancy Babcock	100.00
	Patricia Keith	240.00
	Patricia Keith - Reimb	255.15
	Peter J. Marcoux	10,440.55
	Pittsfield Fire & Safety Co., Inc.	392.30

<b>4054.00</b>	<b>Historical Commission</b> <i>(continued)</i>	
	Quigley Builders, Inc.	203,451.00
	Scott B Keith	1,150.00
	Scott Keith - Reimb	68.86
	Shane Wolf	1,795.00
	Shelby Tonelli	1,000.00
	Stephen Buckley	92.14
	Streeter Hannah L.	397.50
	Tatiana Berindei	100.00
	Town of Cummington	850.00
	Transfer funds from Historic	3,000.00
	U. S. Postal Service	114.00
	Walt Adams	100.00
	<b>Total Historical Commission</b>	<b>250,452.07</b>
<b>54002.00</b>	<b>Library Special</b>	
	The Creamery	100.77
	<b>Total Library Special</b>	<b>100.77</b>
<b>54008.00</b>	<b>EMP Grant</b>	
	Crocker Communications, Inc.	2,200.00
	<b>Total EMP Grant</b>	<b>2,200.00</b>
<b>54009.00</b>	<b>Police Gifts &amp; Donations</b>	
	LW Bills / Alarm Engineering	1,087.35
	<b>Total Police Gifts &amp; Donations</b>	<b>1,087.35</b>
<b>54010.00</b>	<b>Police Dept Special</b>	
	Edward E. Morann	282.56
	Vermont Fire Technologies	493.00
	Matthew Grallert	67.00
	F.W. Webb Company	204.44
	HCEMS	75.00
	Municipal Emergency Services	292.46
	<b>Total Police Dept Special</b>	<b>1,414.46</b>
<b>54012.00</b>	<b>Fire Dept Special</b>	
	Bernard Forgea	577.33
	Campaigns That Win.com	2,083.50
	Rocky's Ace Hardware	1,194.94
	Susan Forgea	243.75
	<b>Total Fire Dept Special</b>	<b>4,099.52</b>

<b>54017.00</b>	<b>Fowler Trust Gift</b>	
	George Propane, Inc.	3,325.76
	<b>Total Fowler Trust Gift</b>	<b>3,325.76</b>
<b>54024.00</b>	<b>Fire Dept Special</b>	
	Alternative Recycling Systems	396.46
	B-G Mechanical Service, Inc.	8,629.56
	Cumington Supply Inc.	36.85
	Eversource	10,507.80
	George Propane, Inc.	1,953.68
	Industrial Residential Sec., LLC	1,250.00
	Lee Audio 'N Security, Inc.	639.00
	MIIA Worker's Compensation Group, Inc.	0.00
	Monica Vandoloski	24.57
	SNE Buidling Systems	545.00
	Town of Cumington	1,062.02
	Verizon	314.20
	W.B. Mason	650.64
	Walt Baenziger	900.00
	Whiting Energy Fuels	18,223.14
	<b>Total Fire Dept Special</b>	<b>45,132.92</b>
<b>54050.00</b>	<b>Cemetery Expenses</b>	
	Cumington Supply Inc.	12.02
	Howes Tree and Landscaping	1,400.00
	Jordan Jacob R.	6,768.00
	<b>Total Cemetery Expenses</b>	<b>8,180.02</b>
<b>54052.00</b>	<b>Community House</b>	
	Horton Jeannette A.	1,500.00
	Wolf Marie J.	1,500.00
	<b>Total Community House</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>
<b>54150.00</b>	<b>Septic System Repair Loan</b>	
	Hamp County Registry of Deeds	75.00
	<b>Total Septic System Repair Loan</b>	<b>75.00</b>
<b>54210.00</b>	<b>FID State Portion</b>	
	Commonwealth of Mass	975.00
	<b>Total FID State Portion</b>	<b>975.00</b>

<b>54302.01</b>	<b>Board of Health Grant Expenses</b>	
	Stevensville Corporation	1,221.00
	Cummington Supply Inc.	103.94
	<b>Total Board of Health Grant Expenses</b>	<b>1,324.94</b>
<b>5514.00</b>	<b>COA State Grant</b>	
	Urekew Carolyn J.	4,868.49
	<b>Total COA State Grant</b>	<b>4,868.49</b>
<b>5522.00</b>	<b>State Aid to Libraries</b>	
	Mark DeMaranville	121.79
	<b>Total State Aid to Libraries</b>	<b>121.79</b>
<b>5524.00</b>	<b>Arts Council</b>	
	Plainfield Congregational Church	250.00
	Hilltown Familes, Inc.	100.00
	Hilltown Choral Society	200.00
	John Root	550.00
	Ruth Harcovitz	550.00
	Jennifer Lee	278.00
	Mohawk Music Association	250.00
	Trustees of Reservations	100.00
	Ashfield Community Theater	150.00
	Mariel Kinsey	150.00
	West Cummington Congregational Church	200.00
	Kathryn Jensen	18.00
	Jeanne Johns	250.00
	Maureen Shea	200.00
	Franklin Land Trust	75.00
	Piti Theater Company	200.00
	John Porcino	100.00
	<b>Total Arts Council</b>	<b>3,621.00</b>
<b>5562.00</b>	<b>53E 1/2 Inspec Rev 6000</b>	
	Bernard Forgea	575.00
	Don Lawton	1,321.00
	William Graham	4,255.00
	<b>Total Inspectors</b>	<b>6,151.00</b>
<b>893.210-5130</b>	<b>Police Outside Detail</b>	
	Cunningham Sharon	1,008.00
	Forgea Dennis	357.00
	Perkins Michael A.	714.00
	Spiess Robert N.	672.00

**Police Outside Detail** *(continued)*

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Cunningham Sharon	6,195.00
Forgea Dennis	11,980.50
Granger Taylor A.	10,720.50
Perkins Michael A.	8,190.00
Spiess Robert N.	5,890.50
Cunningham Sharon	672.00
Forgea Dennis	168.00
Perkins Michael A.	1,134.00
Cunningham Sharon	1,680.00
Forgea Dennis	4,179.00
Granger Taylor A.	3,549.00
Perkins Michael A.	4,368.00
Spiess Robert N.	1,596.00
Forgea Dennis	840.00
Granger Taylor A.	312.00
Perkins Michael A.	1,176.00
Cunningham Sharon	1,800.00
Forgea Dennis	1,336.00
Perkins Michael A.	2,512.00
Spiess Robert N.	1,176.00
Cunningham Sharon	1,008.00
Forgea Dennis	3,664.50
Granger Taylor A.	2,677.50
Perkins Michael A.	1,260.00
Spiess Robert N.	1,795.50
Cunningham Sharon	798.00
Forgea Dennis	3,192.00
Granger Taylor A.	3,790.50
Perkins Michael A.	1,155.00
Spiess Robert N.	1,816.50
Town of Plainfield	2,961.00
Town of Goshen	2,436.00
Town of Chesterfield	546.00
Town of Williamsburg	588.00
Town of Peru	504.00
Cunningham Sharon	882.00
Granger Taylor A.	504.00
Perkins Michael A.	1,512.00
Spiess Robert N.	924.00
Forgea Dennis	168.00
Perkins Michael A.	168.00
Cunningham Sharon	1,176.00
Forgea Dennis	1,827.00
Granger Taylor A.	1,176.00
Perkins Michael A.	2,688.00
Spiess Robert N.	840.00

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**Total Police Outside Detail****112,283.00**

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# Town of Cummington - Combined Balance Sheet - July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

Assets	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Grant Funds	Capital Projects	Revolving	Water	Septic	Trusts	Agency	Long Term Debt	Totals
Cash	452,780	186,580	126,882	(1,247)	12,103	75,999	99,871	1,647,679	13,954	0	2,614,601
Other Receivables	0	0	0	0	0	0	16,452	0	0	0	16,452
Property Taxes	59,320	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59,320
Overlay	(18,665)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(18,665)
Tax Liens	37,857	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37,857
MVE	20,300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20,300
User charges	0	0	0	0	0	7,074	0	0	0	0	7,074
Bonds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,212,382	1,212,382
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>551,592</b>	<b>186,580</b>	<b>126,882</b>	<b>(1,247)</b>	<b>12,103</b>	<b>83,073</b>	<b>116,323</b>	<b>1,647,679</b>	<b>13,954</b>	<b>1,212,382</b>	<b>3,949,320</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>											
Other Liabilities	4,672	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	574	0	5,247
Warrants Payable	(223)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(223)
Def Rev Prop Tax	40,654	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40,654
Def Rev Tax Liens	37,857	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37,857
Def Rev MVE	20,300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20,300
Def Rev Other	0	0	0	0	0	7,074	16,452	0	0	0	23,525
Bans Payable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,212,382	1,212,382
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>103,262</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,074</b>	<b>16,452</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>1,212,382</b>	<b>1,339,743</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>											
Reserved for Encumbrances	12,075	0	0	0	0	16,686	0	0	0	0	28,761
Reserved for Expenditures	50,785	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50,785
Reserved for Deficits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Designated	100	186,580	126,882	2,438	12,103	59,313	98,287	1,647,679	10,804	0	2,144,186
Undesignated	385,370	0	0	(3,685)	0	0	1,584	0	2,576	0	385,845
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>448,330</b>	<b>186,580</b>	<b>126,882</b>	<b>(1,247)</b>	<b>12,103</b>	<b>75,999</b>	<b>99,871</b>	<b>1,647,679</b>	<b>13,380</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,609,577</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Balances</b>	<b>551,592</b>	<b>186,580</b>	<b>126,882</b>	<b>(1,247)</b>	<b>12,103</b>	<b>83,073</b>	<b>116,323</b>	<b>1,647,679</b>	<b>13,954</b>	<b>1,212,382</b>	<b>3,949,320</b>

# *Balance Sheet Assets*

## *Town of Cummington*

Balance Sheet General Fund Assets as of June 30, 2016

	Assets	
<b>CASH</b>		
General Fund Cash	\$ 452,780	
Petty Cash	100	
<b>TOTAL FOR CASH</b>		<u>\$ 452,880</u>
<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES</b>		
Levy of 2016	525	
Levy of 2015	503	
Levy of 2014	586	
Levy of 2013	479	
Prior Years	913	
<b>TOTAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES</b>		<u>3,007</u>
<b>REAL ESTATE TAXES</b>		
Levy of 2016	41,236	
Levy of 2015	15,077	
Prior Years	0	
Prior Years	0	
<b>TOTAL OF REAL ESTATE TAXES</b>		<u>56,313</u>
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES</b>		
Levy of 2016	4,464	
Levy of 2015	1,139	
Levy of 2014	365	
Levy of 2013	500	
Prior Years	13,832	
<b>TOTAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES</b>		<u>20,300</u>
<b>TAX TITLES &amp; POSSESSIONS</b>		
Tax Title	33,580	
Tax Possessions	4,277	
<b>TOTAL TAX TITLE &amp; POSSESSIONS</b>		<u>37,857</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>\$ 570,356.94</u>

***Town of Cummington  
Trust Funds Accounts***

***July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016***

**TRUST FUNDS:**

Stabilization Fund	\$	725,442.12
Compensated Absences		2,000.00
Cemetery Fund		41,827.35
Community House Fund		2,556.10
Community House Stock Fund		92,000.00
Historical Trust Fund		658,614.49
Library Trust Fund		3,568.49
Library Building Fund		4,413.09
Whiting Street Trust Fund		19,503.55
N.F. Orcutt Charity Fund		19,945.27
School Trust Fund		24,186.61
Town Clock Trust Fund		373.83
Madelyn Orcutt Fund		53,248.42
		\$ 1,647,679.32

***Reserve Fund***

***July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016***

<b>Appropriation</b>		<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>
Accounting Administration	\$ 229.00	
Tax Title Transfer	1,116.00	
Medicare/Social Security	1,423.00	
	<b>\$ 2,768.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,232.00</b>

## *Statement of Revenues*

**Estimated to Actual**  
**July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016**

	Estimated	Actual	Over/Under
<b>TAXES:</b>			
Personal Property	\$ 68,793	\$ 68,698	\$ (95)
Real Estate	1,684,503	1,622,769	(61,733)
Motor Vehicle	58,000	103,999	45,999
In Lieu of Taxes	1,000	2,500	1,500
Solid Waste Disposal	23,500	32,631	9,131
<b>STATE AID:</b>			
Chapter 70 School Aid	73,684	73,684	0
Unrestricted Govt Aid	76,903	76,903	0
Abatement Reimbursements	4,629	4,225	(404)
State Owned Land	41,438	41,438	0
Veteran's Benefits	1,716	1,004	(712)
Library	1,963	1,963	0
<b>OTHER:</b>			
Interest of Taxes	5,000	18,229	13,229
Licenses and Permits	5,000	10,161	5,161
Fines	1,000	1,228	228
Interest on Savings	500	1,255	755
Fees	2,500	37,715	35,215
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	0	15,524	15,524
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 2,050,129</b>	<b>\$ 2,113,926</b>	<b>\$ 63,797</b>

## *Town Treasurer's Report*

### *Bank Accounts - FY 2016*

BANK	BALANCE 7/01/2015	BALANCE 6/30/2016
<b>CENTURY BANK</b>		
Cemetery Trust Funds	\$ 40,677.17	\$ 41,827.35
Charitable Trust Funds	63,476.33	63,635.43
Town Clock Fund	372.89	373.83
<b>UNIBANK</b>		
Stabilization	196,648.21	196,943.81
Community House Trust	2,552.28	2,556.10
Library Trust	3,563.16	3,568.49
Library Building Fund	4,406.49	4,413.09
Madelyn Orcutt Fund	4,283.84	4,290.31
Arts Council Grant	5,099.54	5,888.72
Rehab Program Income Acct.	76,126.28	83,735.37
Helen Muchnic Trust	175,489.43	132,905.39
<b>EASTHAMPTON SAVINGS BANK</b>		
Stabilization	426,620.16	428,498.31
<b>PEOPLE'S UNITED BANK</b>		
Septic System Repair Program	98,287.25	99,946.17
General Fund	702,493.05	868,603.20
<b>BERKSHIRE BANK</b>		
Money Mkt/Pub Safety Complex	100.65	100.65
<b>FIDELITY INVESTMENT FUNDS</b>		
Community House Trust	92,000.00	92,000.00
M. Orcutt Fund	48,950.96	48,958.11
<b>HISTORICAL COMMISSION FUNDS</b>		
Investors Capital	735,202.67	658,614.49
<b>DEPOSITS IN TRANSIT</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>14,102.34</b>
<b>CHECKS OUTSTANDING</b>	<b>(27,240.04)</b>	<b>(5,993.65)</b>
<b>PETTY CASH</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 2,649,210.32</b>	<b>\$ 2,745,067.51</b>

Reconciling items:

Special town meeting vote 6/30/2016 100,000.00 to Stabilization - transferred 7/1/2016

Transfer from Septic Loan Acct for filing of Loan 75.00

Transfer from Helen Muchnic for School Building 2,291.68

***Commissioners of Trust Funds***  
***July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016***

	Principal	Balance	Interest	Add	Balance	Available
		7/1/2015		(With)	6/30/2016	
<b>BRYANT CEMETERY</b>						
Mary Tower	297.00	1,159.87	2.91		1,162.78	865.78
Bartlett	107.50	411.13	1.03		412.16	304.66
Brewster	100.00	357.17	0.89		358.06	258.06
Donated	775.00	1,277.42	4.43	500.00	1,781.85	1,006.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,279.50</b>	<b>3,205.59</b>	<b>9.26</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>3,714.85</b>	<b>2,435.35</b>
<b>DAWES CEMETERY</b>						
Whitmarsh	100.00	460.34	1.15		461.49	361.49
Pratt	50.00	296.87	0.75		297.62	247.62
Thayer-Gurney	200.00	1,049.92	2.63		1,052.55	852.55
C.J. Thayer	1,000.00	2,473.64	6.20		2,479.84	1,479.84
Donated	5,650.00	15,664.20	40.36	500.00	16,204.56	10,554.56
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>	<b>19,944.97</b>	<b>51.09</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>20,496.06</b>	<b>13,496.06</b>
<b>GURNEY CEMETERY</b>						
Donated	400.00	2,039.22	5.12	0.00	2,044.34	1,644.34
<b>HARLOW CEMETERY</b>						
Packard	107.50	365.10	0.91	0.00	366.01	258.51
Donated	750.00	1,338.09	3.35	0.00	1,341.44	591.44
<b>Total</b>	<b>857.50</b>	<b>1,703.19</b>	<b>4.26</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,707.45</b>	<b>849.95</b>
<b>STREETER CEMETERY</b>						
Donated	244.20	503.72	1.26	0.00	504.98	260.78
<b>VILLAGE CEMETERY</b>						
Adams	100.00	339.77	0.85	0.00	340.62	240.62
Bates	100.00	339.19	0.85	0.00	340.04	240.04
Donated	674.39	1,955.60	4.90	0.00	1,960.50	1,286.11
<b>Total</b>	<b>874.39</b>	<b>2,634.56</b>	<b>6.60</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,641.16</b>	<b>1,766.77</b>
<b>GENERAL CEMETERY</b>						
Donated	5,680.00	10,645.92	20.59	52.00	10,718.51	5,038.51
<b>TOTAL CEMETERY</b>	<b>\$16,335.59</b>	<b>\$40,677.17</b>	<b>\$98.18</b>	<b>\$1,052.00</b>	<b>\$41,827.35</b>	<b>\$25,491.76</b>

General Donated - Deposits \$6,000      General Donated - Withdrawals \$5948.00  
 Withdrawals are for care of cemeteries offset by donations

***Commissioners of Trust Funds (continued)***  
***July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016***

	Principal	Balance	Interest	Add	Balance	Available
		7/1/2015		(With)	6/30/2016	
<b>CHARITABLE FUNDS</b>						
N.F. Orcutt	2,254.63	19,895.40	49.87		19,945.27	17,690.64
Whiting Street	2,071.27	19,454.79	48.76		19,503.55	17,432.28
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,325.90</b>	<b>39,350.19</b>	<b>98.63</b>		<b>39,448.82</b>	<b>35,122.92</b>
<b>EDUCATION FUND</b>						
O.H. Warner	1,221.89	24,126.14	60.47		24,186.61	22,964.72
<b>TOWN CLOCK FUND</b>						
E.S. Pettingill	200.00	372.89	0.94		373.83	173.83
<b>TOTAL</b>						
<b>TRUST FUNDS</b>	<b>\$22,083.38</b>	<b>\$104,526.39</b>	<b>\$258.22</b>	<b>\$1,052.00</b>	<b>\$105,836.61</b>	<b>\$83,753.23</b>

***Maturing Debt & Interest - FY 2016***

Type of Bank Note	Date and Issue	Beginning Bal. 07/01/15	Principal Paid	Interest Paid	Principal Remaining
VILLAGE WATER					
FmHA@ 6.50%	11/23/87	122,718.19	6,304.72	7,976.68	116,413.47
VILLAGE WATER					
FmHA @ 6.125%	6/28/85	66,339.26	3,499.72	4,063.28	62,839.54
USDA PUBLIC SAFETY					
COMPLEX	7/15/09	1,052,108.02	18,979.14	58,594.86	1,033,128.88
COMPACTOR SITE					
REFURBISHING	6/5/13	65,000.00	10,000.00	355.51	55,000.00
STATE AID ANTICIPATION					
NOTE (HIGHWAY)	7/27/15	333,054.00	333,054.00	473.76	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$1,639,219.47</b>	<b>\$371,837.58</b>	<b>\$71,464.09</b>	<b>\$1,267,381.89</b>

## ***Tax Collector***

*June 30, 2016*

<b>Year of Tax</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Committed &amp; Balanced</b>	<b>Tax Paid</b>	<b>Abate/ Exempt</b>	<b>Refunds</b>	<b>Tax Title</b>	<b>Balance Due</b>
2000	Motor Vehicle	464.69		464.69			0.00
2001	Motor Vehicle	662.50		662.50			0.00
2002	Motor Vehicle	238.75		238.75			0.00
2003	Motor Vehicle	849.38		849.38			0.00
2004	Motor Vehicle	1,271.15		1,271.15			0.00
2005	Motor Vehicle	448.65		448.65			0.00
2006	Motor Vehicle	938.23		938.23			0.00
2007	Motor Vehicle	65.00		65.00			0.00
2008	Motor Vehicle	6,435.00					6,435.00
2009	Motor Vehicle	6,393.44					6,393.44
2010	Motor Vehicle	77.50					77.50
2011	Motor Vehicle	298.66					298.66
2011	Personal Prop	483.06					483.06
2012	Motor Vehicle	695.40	68.13				627.27
2012	Personal Prop	430.29					430.29
2013	Motor Vehicle	604.58	104.69				499.89
2013	Personal Prop	478.79					478.79

## *Tax Collector (continued)*

Year of Tax	Type	Committed & Balanced	Tax Paid	Abate/ Exempt	Refunds	Tax Title	Balance Due
2013	Real Estate	2,239.87	890.07		117.43	1,467.23	0.00
2014	Motor Vehicle	703.56	339.06				364.50
2014	Personal Prop	586.41					586.41
2014	Real Estate	31,891.23	29,638.44			2,252.79	0.00
2015	Motor Vehicle	18,875.18	17,684.54	386.47	335.31		1,139.48
2015	Personal Prop	933.32	430.08				503.24
2015	Real Estate	53,722.09	34,983.72	5,937.67	2,276.62		15,077.32
2016	Motor Vehicle	92,387.03	87,249.65	1,785.32	1,111.99		4,464.05
2016	Personal Prop	68,792.86	68,267.90				524.96
2016	Real Estate	1,684,833.28	1,632,170.07	13,327.61	7,373.08	5,472.89	41,235.79
	Water	72,043.62	64,970.01				7,073.61
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,047,843.52</b>	<b>1,936,796.36</b>	<b>26,375.42</b>	<b>11,214.43</b>	<b>9,192.91</b>	<b>86,693.26</b>

*Report of Vital Statistics  
for the Town of Cummington*

*Ending June 30, 2016*

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**BIRTHS**

- July 10, 2015 Charles Elias Breiteneicher, son of Joseph Maximilian Breiteneicher and Amy Sugarman (Whittier) Breiteneicher, at Greenfield, MA
- July 31, 2015 Hailey Rose Citro, daughter of Kyle Joseph Citro and Sara Lucille (Rogers) Citro, at Springfield, MA
- October 11, 2015 Raina Elizabeth Driver, daughter of Eric Gordon Driver and Monica Indrani Bhowmik, at Northampton, MA
- October 24, 2015 Clancy Charles Doktor Philbrick, son of Frank James Philbrick and Christine Marie Doktor, at Cummington, MA

**MARRIAGES**

- August 1, 2015 Tedric Feist Eiseman and Emily Rachel Cohen, both of Cummington, MA, at 14 South Street, Ashfield, MA, by Solemnizer Amy Johnquest
- October 10, 2015 Michael Scott Kellogg and Kelli-Beth Levesque, both of Cummington, MA, at 34 Shaw Road, Windsor, by Minister Stephen Philbrick
- October 22, 2015 David M. Toth and Ingrid Barbosa-Farias of Cummington, MA and Berlin, Germany, at the Village Church, by Member of the Clergy Jonathan Rehmus
- May 21, 2016 Ryan Jeffrey Rida and Marjorie Marie Hardy, both of Worthington, at 32 Lyman Flat Road, Cummington, MA, by Reverend Lucas C. Underwood

# *Report of Vital Statistics for the Town of Cummington*

*Ending June 30, 2016*

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## **DEATHS**

March 2, 2015	Peter Lawrence Thomson, age 63, of 11 Lightning Bug Road, at Northampton, MA
June 8, 2015	Thomas Ross Hatfield, age 56, of 485 West Cummington Road, at Worcester, MA
October 14, 2015	Norman Edward Anderson, age 78, of 197 Trouble Street, at Cummington, MA
October 18, 2015	Clifford Thayer, age 76, of 160 Bryant Road, at Springfield, MA
October 29, 2015	William B. Brooks, age 68, of 54 Nash Road, at Cummington, MA
February 18, 2016	Roscoe W. Liebenow, age 88, of 61 Main Street, at Northampton, MA
March 2, 2016	Mary Louise Panzeri, age 101, of 67 West Main Street, at Northampton, MA
May 21, 2016	Craig Johns, age 52, of 43 Trow Road, at Northampton, MA
June 22, 2016	Donald Sidney Dorrington, age 80, of 229 Trouble Street, at Cummington, MA



# *State Presidential Primary Election Results*

## *March 1, 2016*

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Total number of persons voted as Democrat	292
Total number of persons voted as Green-Rainbow	1
Total number of persons voted as Republican	70
Total number of persons voted as United Independent	0

### **DEMOCRAT RESULTS**

#### **Presidential Preference**

Bernie Sanders	214
Martin O'Malley	0
Hillary Clinton	75
Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente	0
No Preference	2
Others	1

#### **State Committee Man**

Sherwood Guernsey, II	203
Blanks	89

#### **State Committee Woman**

Mary J. Palmer	210
Blanks	82

### **GREEN-RAINBOW RESULTS**

#### **Presidential Preference**

SKCM Curry	0
Jill Stein	1
William P. Kreml	0
Kent Mesplay	0
Darryl Cherney	0
No Preference	0

#### **State Committee Man**

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#### **State Committee Woman**

Blanks	1
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**REPUBLICAN RESULTS**

**Presidential Preference**

Jim Gilmore	0
Donald J. Trump	38
Ted Cruz	9
George Pataki	0
Ben Carson	1
Mike Huckabee	0
Rand Paul	3
Carly Fiorina	0
Rick Santorum	0
Chris Christie	0
Marco Rubio	11
Jeb Bush	0
John R. Kasich	8

**State Committee Man**

Michael F. Case	38
Matthew W. Kinnaman	16
Blanks	16

**State Committee Woman**

Robin S. Almgren	46
Blanks	24

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



Donna C. Jordan

Cummington Town Clerk  
March 3, 2016

# *Minutes of Special Town Meeting*

## *May 6, 2016*

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The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Moderator Donna L. Forgea at the Community House on Main St. with more than required town quorum present.

**Article 1:** Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer the sum of **\$10,000.00** from **Free Cash** for the **Maturing Debt and Interest Account**.

**Article 2:** Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer the sum of **\$6,500.00** from **Free Cash** for the **Assessors Board** to purchase computer software.

**Article 3:** Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to rescind **\$120,000** of **Article 7, June 18, 2013 Special Town Meeting** to borrow \$205,000.00.

**Article 4:** Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to change Section VID of the General By-Laws to read: THE TOWN SHALL GRANT ELEVEN (11) Holidays per year, namely: add Martin Luther King Day.

**Article 5:** Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to change Section VI E of the General By-Laws to read: The Town shall grant to any full time highway employee after one (1) month of continuous service 1 day ( 8 hours) per month sick leave with pay each fiscal year, accumulative to 720 hours (90 days). An employee will not be compensated for unused accumulative sick leave upon resignation, retirement, or dismissal.

**Article 6:** Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to add to General By-Laws Section VI EMPLOYEE BENEFITS H-FUNERAL BEREAVEMENT. After completion of the Probationary Period, a full time employee will be eligible for up to three (3) days with pay for the purpose of arranging and/or attending a funeral of a member of the employee's immediate family (include parents, siblings, spouse or life partner, children (natural, step, pre-adoptive or foster child) grandparents, grandchildren, mother-in-law and father-in-law). A funeral leave day is equivalent to eight (8) hours.

**Article 7:** Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer the sum of **\$1,500.00** from **Free Cash** for the **Selectboard/Cemetery Committee** for the purpose of tombstone assessment at Village, Bryant, and Dawes Cemeteries.

Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously to dissolve this meeting at 6:42 p.m.

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

Attest:



Donna C. Jordan

Town Clerk of Cummington

May 22, 2016

# *Town of Cummington Annual Town Meeting*

## *Friday May 6, 2016*

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The meeting was called to order by Moderator Donna L. Forgea at 7:00 p.m. at the Community House on Main St. with the required town quorum (62 registered voters were present). Such is the Action taken under the Warrant.

**Article 1:** Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to fix the salaries and compensation of all **Elected Officials** of the Town for Fiscal 2017, as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws:

Selectboard, Chair	\$ 1,500.00
Selectman 2	1,300.00
Selectman 3	1,300.00
Assessor, Chair	1,200.00
Assessor 2	1,100.00
Assessor 3	1,100.00
Treasurer	10,000.00
Tax Collector	10,000.00
Town Clerk	5,000.00
Moderator	100.00
Tree Warden	50.00
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
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 35,820.00</b>
Constables	\$ 15.00/hr.
Mileage reimbursement for Town Officials	50 cents/mile

**Article 2:** Motion made, seconded and voted to separate the CBRSD Operating Expense from the **School and Library account**. Motion made and seconded to raise and appropriate the following amounts for the **School and Library Accounts:**

CBRSD Capital Expense	\$ 8,813.00
CBRSD Transportation	33,502.00
Vocational Tuition	175,560.00
Vocational Transportation	41,540.00
Bryant Library Operating	7,440.00
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL and LIBRARY</b>	<b>\$ 266,855.00</b>

**Motion carried.**

CBRSD Operating Expense	\$ 769,248.00
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After being put on hold a discussion ensued and after hearing from the Superintendent, **the Motion carried against funding the CBRSD Operating Expense.**

**Article 3:** After a hold on Admin Tax Collectors new software a Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the following **General Government Accounts:**

Official Salaries	\$ 35,820.00
Administration General	4,971.00
Administration Various Officials	800.00
Town Counsel	10,000.00
Administration Selectboard	13,181.00
Administration Finance Committee	130.00
Accountant Salary	10,000.00
Administrative Accountant	4,000.00
Administrative Assessors	4,500.00
Assessors Clerk	8,500.00
Assessors Consultant	6,900.00
Assessors Tax Maps	1,900.00
Administration Treasurer	5,720.00
Administration Tax Collector	7,535.00
Tax Title Expense	5,000.00
Administrative Town Clerk	1,000.00
Election and Registration	2,257.00
Conservation Commission	150.00
Planning Board Expense	1,600.00
Zoning Board of Appeals	500.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS:</b>	<b>\$ 124,464.00</b>

**Article 4:** After a hold on the lease brush tractor/mower a Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the following amounts to the **Highway Department Accounts:**

Highway Garage	\$ 12,500.00
Highway Administration	595.00
Highway General	70,000.00
Highway Tool and Machinery	67,000.00
Highway Vac., Hol., Sick & Personal	19,548.00
Highway Salaries	129,832.00
Highway Overtime	18,930.00
Winter Roads	60,000.00
Lease Brush Tractor/Mower	3,747.00
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>\$ 382,152.00</b>

**Article 5:** Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,363.00** to the **Veterans Account**.

**Article 6:** Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the following amounts to the **Protection of Persons and Property Accounts**.

Police Department	\$ 12,500.00
Police Department Salaries	19,400.00
F.D. and Forest Warden	21,411.00
Building Inspector	12,000.00
Building Inspector Administrative	300.00
Public Safety Complex Operating	17,529.00
Emergency Management	7,705.00
Animal Control Expenses	3,000.00
Tree Account	6,000.00
<b>TOTAL PROTECTION of PERSONS and PROPERTY</b>	<b>\$ 99,845.00</b>

**Article 7:** Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the following amounts to **Health and Sanitation**:

Water Operating	\$ 61,000.00
Board of Health	63,500.00
Highland Ambulance	29,336.00
<b>TOTAL HEALTH and SANITATION</b>	<b>\$ 153,836.00</b>

**Article 8:** After a hold on the safety complex loan a Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the following amounts to the **Debt and Interest Accounts**:

Interest on Loans	\$ 5,000.00
Safety Complex Loan	77,574.00
<b>TOTAL DEBT and INTEREST</b>	<b>\$ 82,574.00</b>

**Article 9:** After a hold on the insurance and bonds, and phone/internet various depts., a Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the following amounts to the **Unclassified Accounts:**

Insurance and Bonds	\$ 43,000.00
<b>and take from Historical Commission</b>	3,000.00
Lawn Mowing	4,495.00
Community House	15,584.00
Phone/Internet Various Depts.	16,000.00
Town Reports	3,400.00
Council on Aging	4,400.00
Recreation Committee	3,500.00
Contributory Retirement	40,114.00
Council of Governments	496.00
Unemployment Compensation	1,000.00
Medical Insurance	5,000.00
Social Security/Medicare	13,000.00
Audit	8,000.00
Lower Pioneer Valley Planning Com	130.00
Reserve Fund	6,000.00
Berkshire Trail School Building	55,750.00
Compensated Absence	2,000.00
Animal Inspector	500.00
<b>TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$ 225,369.00</b>

**Article 10:** Motion, seconded, and voted unanimously to set a cap of **\$10,000.00** for the **Community House Revolving Account** and **\$4,000.00** for the **Inspectors Revolving Account**.

**Article 11:** Motion, seconded, and voted unanimously to accept the **Annual 2015 Town Report** as printed.

**Article 12:** Motion, seconded, and voted unanimously to borrow \$500,000.00 under Chapter 44, Section 7 3a for the repair/replacement of the roof at 2 Main Street building (formerly Berkshire Trail Elementary School) contingent upon the ballot question passage where voters agree by their vote to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L.C59s21C or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 13:** Motion, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer from **Free Cash** a sum of **\$15,130.00** for **Fire Department Capital**.

**Article 14:** Motion, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer from **Free Cash** a sum of **\$10,000.00** for **Cemetery Capital** (tombstone restoration).

**Article 15:** Motion, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer from **Free Cash** a sum of **\$3,500.00** for **Board of Health Capital**.

**Article 16:** Motion, seconded, and voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectman to apply for any Federal, State or other grants that may be available and to expend any money received.

**Article 17:** Motion, seconded, and voted unanimously 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 Water Department, the Assessors by the Board of Assessors, the Historical Commission members by the Historical Commission, and to fix the rate of \$16.50 as compensation for such employment; and voted to pay the Highway Department employees hired by the Water Commissioners at their Highway Department rate of pay from the Water Department Account.

**Article 18:** Motion, seconded, and voted unanimously to accept any available funds relating to highways including, without limitations, so-called Chapter 90 type construction monies and further vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into contracts for the expenditure of the monies received.

**Meeting was dissolved at 8:49 p.m.**

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

**Attest:**



**Donna C. Jordan**  
**Town Clerk of Cummington**  
**May 22, 2016**

# *Results of Annual Town Election*

## *May 9, 2016*

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The polls were open, the ballot box declared empty and voting began at 1 p.m. These are the results after 142 voters voted in the Town of Cummington on May 9, 2016:

Selectman for three years	Williams F. Adams
Assessor for three years	Richard Roberge
Assessor for one year	Mark Bevan
Almoner of Charitable Funds for three years	Bernard L. Forgea
Board of Health for three years	Roger Gunn
Board of Health for two years	Kalyan Uprichard
Commissioner of Trust Funds for three years	Joyce A. Wiernasz
Constables for three years	Michael A. Perkins III
	Sharon J. Cunningham
Council of Governments for two years	James A. Drawe
Finance Committee for three years	Jill Figlozzi
	Geraldine Wilcox
Moderator for one year	Donna L. Forgea
Planning Board for five years	Kathryn A. Harrison
Recreation Committee for three years	Geraldine Wilcox
	Nicole Wortis
Trustee Bryant Library for five years	Brenda S. Arbib
Trustee Bryant Library for one year	Gregory Tessier
Vocational School Committee for three years	Theodore Lynds
Water Commissioner for three years	Donna L. Forgea

**Ballot Question:** Shall the Town of Cummington be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two and one half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the borrowing in order to fund the repair and for replacement of the roof at 2 Main Street (Berkshire Trail School Building)?

**Yes: 96**

**No: 32**

**Blank: 14**

Such are the results of this Annual Town Election of May 9, 2016.

Attest:



Donna C Jordan  
Town Clerk of Cummington  
May 22, 2016

# *Minutes of Special Town Meeting*

## *June 30 2016*

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The special town meeting was called to order by Moderator Donna L. Forgea at 7:17 p.m. at the Community House on Main St. with the required town quorum present. Such is the Action taken under the Warrant:

**Article 1:** Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate a sum of **\$769,248** for the **Central Berkshire Regional School District FY 2017 Operating Expense.**

**Article 2:** Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously to transfer the sum of **\$100,000** from **Free Cash** for the **Stabilization Account.**

Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously to dissolve this meeting at 7:19 p.m. This is a true record to the best of my knowledge.

Attest:



Donna C Jordan  
Cummington Town Clerk  
July 22, 2016

# *Board of Assessors*

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## **Assessors Report**

Fiscal year 2016 tax rate was set at \$13.53 per \$1,000 of real and personal property value. The Town of Cummington had a single tax rate that applied to residential, commercial, industrial, and personal property. The average single family property tax bill went from \$2,993 (FY2015) to \$3,148 (FY2016) and the average assessment of a single family residence went from \$230,746 (FY2015) to \$232,663 (FY2016).

Philip Morin resigned as an assessor; the Board was saddened to see him go. Phil had been an Assessor since 2008 and was a great asset to the Board. We thank him for his years of service. The Board recommended Mark Bevan as his replacement. The Selectboard agreed and Mark Bevan was appointed as Assessor and later elected.

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. Please contact the Board of Assessors to schedule a viewing.

The office is open to the public on Monday mornings from 9:30am-11:30am. In addition, the Assessors meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday evening of each month starting at 6:30 pm.

We welcome all questions and comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Morin	2017
Samuel Konieczny	2018
Richard Roberge	2019

# Assessor's Financial Report

## RECAPITULATION

	Fiscal 2014	Fiscal 2015	Fiscal 2016
<b>Appropriations voted for Fiscal Year</b>	<b>\$ 2,434,200.20</b>	<b>\$ 2,261,166.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,244,530.00</b>
Appropriations voted for previous fiscal year after previous fiscal year tax rate was set			
	<b>2,434,200.20</b>	<b>2,261,166.00</b>	<b>2,244,530.00</b>
<b>Other Local Expenditures:</b>			
Total Overlay deficit of prior years	11,146.49	0.00	0.00
Total Offsets	1,400.00	1,938.00	1,963.00
Other	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>12,546.49</b>	<b>1,938.00</b>	<b>1,963.00</b>
State Assessments	1,414.00	2,197.00	2,241.00
County Assessments	-	-	-
Overlay	14,348.04	13,492.68	14,099.81
<b>GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED</b>	<b>2,462,508.73</b>	<b>2,278,793.68</b>	<b>2,262,833.81</b>
<b>Estimated Receipts &amp; Available Funds</b>			
Estimated Receipts - State	200,771.00	205,654.00	200,333.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS</b>	<b>200,771.00</b>	<b>205,654.00</b>	<b>200,333.00</b>
<b>Local Estimated Receipts</b>			
Motor Vehicle Excise	58,000.00	58,000.00	58,000.00
Penalties & Interest on Taxes and Excise	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Payments in lieu of taxes	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Water Charge	46,200.00	47,200.00	52,200.00
Trash Disposal Charge	23,500.00	23,500.00	23,500.00
Other Charges for Services		-	-
Fees	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,500.00
Department Revenue - Schools	-	-	-
Other Department Revenue	-	-	-
Licenses & Permits	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Fines & Forfeitures	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Investment Income	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00
Miscellaneous recurring	-	-	-
Miscellaneous non-recurring	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL LOCAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 142,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 143,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 148,700.00</b>

<b>Other Revenue Sources</b>			
Free Cash	203,594.60	238,119.00	157,505.00
Other Available Funds	213,605.60	6,974.00	3,000.00
Overlay Surplus	11,146.49	-	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER REVENUE SOURCES</b>	<b>428,346.69</b>	<b>245,093.00</b>	<b>160,505.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND OTHER REVENUE SOURCES</b>			
	<b>771,817.69</b>	<b>594,447.00</b>	<b>509,538.00</b>
<b>NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED</b>	<b>1,690,691.04</b>	<b>1,684,346.68</b>	<b>1,753,295.81</b>
(Gross amount to be raised minus Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds)			
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<b>TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS</b>	<b>5,260,556.00</b>	<b>5,380,051.00</b>	<b>5,084,471.00</b>
<b>TOTAL REAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS</b>	<b>123,898,423.00</b>	<b>124,484,766.00</b>	<b>124,501,324.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PERSONAL &amp; REAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS</b>	<b>129,158,979.00</b>	<b>129,864,817.00</b>	<b>129,585,795.00</b>
<b>TAX EXEMPT VALUATION</b>	<b>\$ 22,777,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 23,243,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 23,462,900.00</b>
<b>Tax Rate per 1,000.00 Valuation by Class</b>			
Class I - Residential	\$ 13.09	\$ 12.97	\$ 13.53
Class II - Open Space	13.09	12.97	13.53
Class III - Commercial	13.09	12.97	13.53
Class IV - Industrial	13.09	12.97	13.53
Class V - Personal Property	\$ 13.09	\$ 12.97	\$ 13.53
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# *Board of Health*

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## **Annual Report for FY2016**

A Board of Health is responsible for attending to conditions and environments that could threaten health of local residents, mainly through implementing State regulations. Board of Health activities for Fiscal Year 2016 (July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016) include:

### **Transfer Station Renovations: Take it or Leave it Shed**

Previous improvements to the Transfer Station made the Town of Cummington eligible for a grant of \$2,100 from the Department of Environmental Protection. These funds were awarded in FY2016 and have been earmarked to go toward the construction of a Take it or Leave it Shed. The site work and foundation began in the spring of 2016, and the shed will be completed in the summer of 2016.

Its purpose is to reduce landfill. Usable items that would otherwise be discarded can be intercepted to reside temporarily in the shed, available for browsers to remove for free. This gives household items, small working appliances, and other treasures a second chance. Guidelines will be mailed to permit-holders and will also be posted on the Town of Cummington/Board of Health website, explaining that the person submitting the item needs to bring it to the Transfer Station office, and will still need to pay the appropriate disposal fee (if any).

This shed, in turn, will make the Town of Cummington eligible for an additional reward in a FY2017 grant, to be used for future qualifying improvements to the Transfer Station.

### **Transfer Station Permits and Bag Tags**

The Board of Health carefully monitors the costs of running the Transfer Station versus monies received there. The costs do exceed the income, but by an acceptable amount, and the Board continues to make no increase to the cost of the annual permit.

The Board of Health members thank you all for your recycling efforts. All recycling is monitored by the receiving facility and the town is cited if collections are dirty or contaminated with non-recyclable materials. So never put any household trash into the recycling bin. Your cooperation is essential to help our Transfer Station build and keep a good reputation.

**Disposal of “Sharps”**

The Board of Health continues to help townspeople in properly discarding needles used on people and livestock. Improper disposal of hypodermic needles and other “sharps” are a hazard to anyone handling trash that contains these items.

**Town Septic Pumping Program**

Our successful septic system pumping program that began in the autumn of 2014 has continued each springtime since. Participation is now into its third year, and is planned again for FY2017.

**Well Water Testing**

The Board of Health still recommends that owners of wells have their well’s water-quality tested annually for any of a variety of specific possible contaminants.

**Board Vacancy**

As of September 2015 (in FY2016), Jack Earls is no longer a member of the Board of Health. We thank him for his many years of dedicated service. Persons interested in filling the vacancy are welcome to contact either Board of Health member or a member of the Select Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Bogart, Chair    2017  
Roger Gunn                2019

## *Broadband Committee*

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In March, 2016, the Select Board appointed a broadband committee, to aid in gathering information and strategize about how best to bring high speed internet the Cummington community. The first official meeting was held in April, 2016.

Members of the committee are: Michael Perkins, (Chairperson), Brenda Arbib, Allan Douglas, Dennis Forgea, Scott Keith, and Maureen Tumenas.

Members of the committee have attended several public meetings of Wired West. These meetings have been a helpful way to share information about communication with Mass Broadband Institute, MBI, and discuss Wired West's future role.

A letter signed by the Selectboard to request the release of funds for the Last Mile Broadband funding was sent to Governor Baker on April 12, 2016. The committee communicated with Charlemont, Goshen, Windsor, Ashfield and Plainfield.

In June, a representative from Charlemont attended our meeting, and Allan Douglas and Scott Keith attended Plainfield's meeting.

In early June, the state released a Readiness to Proceed document, needed to participate in the Last Mile Program.

The Broadband Committee completed a form for Cummington and submitted it at the end of June.

Michael Perkins was chosen as our municipal contact and we were assigned a program manager from MBI.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Arbib

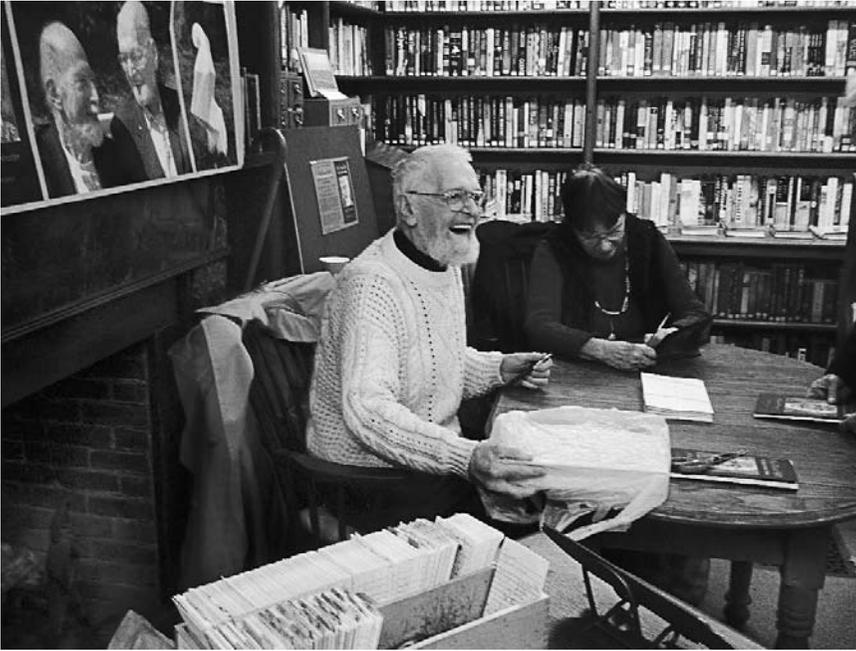
## *Bryant Free Library*

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Total number of patrons	1,047
Total circulation of library materials	1,472
Interlibrary loans	22
Acquisitions	174
Periodical subscriptions	16

Without a doubt the highlight of the year for us occurred in January, on the Saturday of the Martin Luther King Day weekend, when we hosted a book signing by Bill Streeter to celebrate the publication of *My Friend Bill: The Life of a Restless Yankee* by Paul Schratter. The 93-year-old first-time author did an admirable job chronicling the life and accomplishments of the amazing Mr. Streeter, but unfortunately didn't live to see the finished product. However, Bill arrived for the festivities in high spirits and lit up this old room as only he could ("There's no place I'd rather do something like this than the Bryant Free Library" he told me.) People came from far and wide, from Deerfield and Dalton and from throughout the Hilltowns to visit with him, and he didn't disappoint a soul. With Elaine writing out the dedications and Bill applying his signature to the handsome volume with the portrait of him by Jeannie Johns gracing the cover, he proceeded to hold court for three solid hours while a steady stream of admirers chatted and enjoyed goodies from the Old Creamery. We set an attendance record that day, and everyone left with a smile on their face.

Alas, that memorable event ended up being the final appearance at the BFL of one of the best friends this library has ever had in its 145-year run, for one year later, also on the Saturday of Martin Luther King Day weekend, Bill Streeter died. I know this hallowed institution inspired him at an early age to the possibilities that existed, and through self-learning and perseverance he transformed those possibilities into significant accomplishments, eventually becoming the primary author of the three outstanding volumes of town history (totaling nearly 1500 pages) that form the backbone of our collection: *Only One Cummington, Volume I*; *Only One Cummington, Volume II*; and *The Vital Records of Cummington, Mass. 1762 – 1900*. He was very proud of them all, as well he should be.



One of the things that set Bill apart from others is that he was always thinking far into the future. “Just imagine how important this is going to be to the residents of Cummington one or two hundred years from now” he said to me numerous times. Imagine indeed how those town histories, which recorded so much that teetered on the brink of being lost forever, are going to be appreciated in 2117 or 2217. Or how the name William W. Streeter will be viewed here in Cummington a century or two from now. I used to tell him “I don’t think you’ll knock William Cullen Bryant out of first place, but you’re going to be right behind him.” And I firmly believe that will be the case. Not bad for a farm boy who was troubled by dyslexia and who left school after the ninth grade!

Thank you Bill, for all you did for those of us who call Cummington our home now, and for the generations that will call it home many years from now. Your contributions cannot be overestimated. You were the brightest of shining lights and a true friend. And you left some mighty big shoes to fill.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark DeMaranville  
Librarian

# *Building Inspector*

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## **Annual Report**

The Inspector of Buildings reports that for first half of Fiscal Year 2017, from July 1, 2016 as of November 28, 2016, forty-one Building Permits were issued having a total construction value of \$1,215,200.00.

Total permit fees of \$6,082.00.

Four (4) Certificates of Inspection with total fees of \$300.00.

Permits were issued for four (4) new Single Family Dwellings.

The Department wishes to thank Jim Cerrone for his years of service to the Town of Cummington as he moves toward his goal of retirement

The Department welcomes, as of October 1, 2016, Joseph Latronica as Inspector of Buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Latronica  
Inspector of Buildings

## *Central Berkshire Regional School District*

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We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following Cummington graduates from Wahconah Regional High School:

Quincy Heon

Lily Howes

Sierra Howes

Cameron Taylor

We wish you the best in your new endeavors.

# *Conservation Commission Report*

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## FY 2016

The Cummington Conservation Commission is charged with enforcing the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. The law protects not only wetlands, but other resource areas, such as land open to flooding (100 year flood plains), the riverfront area (added by the rivers protection act), and land under water bodies and waterways. The Con Comm is also responsible for upholding the Westfield River's Wild and Scenic designation. The main objective of all of the legislation/acts is protection of the Town's precious water resources.

The law regulates many types of work in resource areas, including vegetation removal, regrading, and construction of houses, additions, decks, driveways, and commercial or industrial buildings. If you want to work in a wetland resource area or within 100 feet of a wetland (an area called the buffer zone), contact the conservation commission before you start work.

If you are unsure whether your proposed work site is in a resource area or whether the work will alter a resource area, you can apply for a Request for Determination of Applicability. If the conservation commission determines that the work will alter a resource area, you must file an application, called a Notice of Intent (NOI), and pay an application fee.

Most of the meetings held were of a routine nature, i.e., discussion of proposed building projects (along with subsequent visits to 6 sites so as to sign off on the building permit). Two Requests for Determination hearings were held, one for shoring the foundation on corner of Plainfield Road and Main Sts., and one for a proposed barn at Grace Hill Farm. One Notice of Intent hearing was held for a proposed house at 5 Frazier Lane.

Minutes of each meeting and hearings held are published on the Town of Cummington's website.

One of our original members, Walter Korzec, retired at the end of his term in the spring of 2016. We thank Walter for his many years of dedicated service and will miss his insight and sense of humor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allan Douglas, Chairperson

Allan Douglas, Chair	2018	John Eisenhower	2017
Robert Arbib	2019	Sarah Fournier-Scanlon	2018
Robert Dextraze	2017	Gerald Howes	2019
Matthew Draw	2018		

# *Council on Aging*

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**July 2015 - June 2016**

The Cummington Council on Aging (COA) provides services to seniors and their families. Funding for projects come from the Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs, the town of Cummington, Highland Valley Elder Services and through the generous donations from our caring community.

During the 2015-2016 year, the potluck luncheon on the 3rd Tuesday of the month included blood pressure screenings by HOPE nurse Mary Kane. The luncheons also featured presentations and performers and were greatly attended with an average of 42 persons. The annual picnic occurred in July and included recognition of the Board of Directors for another year of service to COA and the senior community.

Anne Parsons is now leading the Healthy Bones and Balance program with an average of 8 people in attendance. Movement, balance and strengthening muscles makes this class healthy for both men and women elders. A Tap Dancing class also with 8 people in attendance is ongoing in Williamsburg on Wednesday afternoons. The COA thoroughly enjoys the recitals the dancers provide.

The Neighbor to Neighbor ride program continues, funded solely by the generous donations of our caring community. A small reimbursement is provided to neighbors who transport senior neighbors to medical appointments or grocery shopping. However, while seniors are encouraged to use the FRTA van for transportation, the need for the one-on-one driver still continues in our hilltown community. The one-on-one driver also provides companionship and thereby helps reduce the amount of isolation the senior might otherwise be feeling.

The newsletter continues to be a popular source of information now being mailed to 200 Cummington seniors 60 years old and above. The newsletter is also emailed to a good number of folks who prefer to receive it that way. The newsletter is now regionalized in conjunction with the Northern Hilltowns Consortium of Councils on Aging.

The Council on Aging is most grateful to the town for the office space provided in the Community House and our monthly use of the Conference Room and Kitchen. We appreciate the many services that the town provides that enable us to continue to serve our senior population.

The Council on Aging would also like to extend a sincere “thank you” to our local Cultural Council. Without the many grants they provide to performers and speaking guests our COA would not be able to provide the varied types of entertainment and educational programs that we do.

And once again, a sincere thank you to our very generous and caring community.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cummington Council on Aging  
Board of Directors: July 2015-June 2016**

Elliot Ring, Chairperson  
Edith Morton, Treasurer  
Margaret Daniels, Corresponding Secretary  
Worth Noyes, Recording Secretary  
Anne Parsons,  
Kristin Jay  
Nancy Cole  
Barbara Murphy-Malinak  
Susan Forgea  
Carolyn Urekew, Director/HVES Rep.

# Cumington Cultural Council

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## Annual Report - January 3, 2017

### MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Cumington Cultural Council, the local arm of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, has five members which is the minimum allowed by the state. As a result we are actively seeking new members. Andrew Liebenow completed his six-year term. Kathryn Jensen and June Ferrin continue serving as nonvoting ex-officio members. Judith Bowerman Slezak and Kim Wachtel are Co-Chairs, and Paula Gottlieb oversees the Community House gallery. Membership terms, as appointed by the Town are as follows.

	<b>Term end</b>		<b>Term end</b>
Kim Wachtel	2017	Barbara Konieczny	2018
Paula Gottlieb	2017	Beckie Kravetz	2018
Judith Bowerman Slezak	2017		

### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES - July 1, 2015 through July 30, 2016

The activities of the Cumington Cultural Council are chiefly to administer state-granted funds and to manage the gallery aspect of the rooms at the rear of the Community House.

### GRANTS

Each year the Cultural Council receives funds from the state to grant for arts, humanities and science projects. The state grant for FY 2016 was \$4,400, a slight increase from the previous year. We received 26 applications by the October 15th deadline, and awarded funds to 21 applicants. As has been the Council's habit, there were several programs specific to seniors. Other awards included some established annual events like Bryant Day and Grasshoppas in the Park and a new local event, The Hilltown Chautauqua, received funding for a 1-act play. We anticipate that in the next funding cycle all applications will be submitted online only.

### GALLERY

There has been an increased interest in exhibiting in the gallery. Natalie Stafford filled the gallery in June with her paintings. Tania Coletta exhibited drawings and paintings during April and on display in May was artwork by our young residents under the guidance of Amy Grallert. The openings were very well attended and provided an opportunity for local artists to meet and mingle with people from the local communities. The Cultural Council now offers a new system for hanging two-dimensional unframed artwork in hopes of providing more opportunities for artists to exhibit their work.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Bowerman Slezak, Co-Chair  
Cumington Cultural Council

## *Finance Committee*

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July 1 2015 thru June 30 2016

Following are the transfers from the reserve account of \$6000.

Medicare/FICA	\$ 1423.00
Tax Title	\$ 1116.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2539.00</b>

The uncertainty of future projects complicates the budget process. We face several potentially big ticket items in the near future: broadband, school closing costs, school roof repairs to name a few. We feel it is imperative to develop a five-year plan to be used as a guide for town officials.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Forgea Chair.  
Susan Warner Treas/Coll  
Donna Forgea Moderator  
Maureen Tumenas  
Scott Keith  
Jill Figlozzi  
Daniel Loux  
Gerry Wilcox

## *Fire Association*

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Over the past year the Cummington Fire Association was under the leadership of President Steven Emerson, Treasurer Dennis Forgea, and Clerk Bernard L. Forgea.

As we enter our twelfth year, it doesn't seem possible, with Highland Ambulance our Regional ambulance service, we continue to enjoy the benefits of a professional and caring service. Their responses to our community sometimes are quicker than our own First Responders! We now enjoy nearly fulltime Paramedic level service from Highland. They work very hard to maintain and grow the number of medics available to schedule. All the while we are maintaining the required skills of our own First Responders. Annually we recertify in CPR and Defibrillation. Every three years everyone who is not an EMT must take a 21 hour First Responder first aid program (EMT's are required to recertify every two years). This way we try to have our own responders on scene rendering aid to our residents before the ambulance arrives.

We reported in the companion Fire Dept. report that the calls for the bucket truck were considerably higher this past year from the previous year. This is likely attributed to the greater awareness of the unit and its capabilities. We can honestly report that we have truthfully rescued a cat from a tree. Little guy was frightened up the tree by a dog according to the kitty's owner. Three days later, through a heavy rain storm, the little guy was still perched in a crotch high up in the tree. We managed to reach him and bring him down to his very anxious owner.

Last year we listed the spare equipment we carry on the bucket due to its open body style. More than once most of this equipment has been pressed into service at various emergency scenes. What is truly amazing is the amount of equipment that is not expected to be needed but is found to be necessary at most scenes! Most all of what we carry is equipment we cannot carry on some other piece of apparatus. This then means that the bucket ends up responding to most calls.

Last year we also mentioned the communications system upgrade we have been working on to improve the county wide radio performance. We are attempting to add two additional tower sites to our county mutual aid system and create a "Voting" system where all tower sites receive the radio signals but automatically the system decides which tower has the strongest signal for transmitting. To date we have not been successful in our efforts to obtain the money through a special appropriation from the state legislature. We will continue to work with Mass State Police, Representatives Kulik (Worthington) and Scibak

(South Hadley) to gain the needed funds. We did have one bit of good news though. Last year we reported here that the project was a \$500,000 job. More recently we have been advised that a closer review of our proposal was around \$300,000. That is the good news. The bad news of course is that no money is available for this. So, we continue to push the project and keep interest up.

Another year and another fair is behind us. We cannot say **THANK YOU** enough to all who support our efforts. Words are simply inadequate. The hundreds of hours of labor, parkers, mowing, sign making, and so on - it is truly unbelievable how so many come together to make this weekend the huge fund-raising success that it is. We want to remind everyone that the funds raised through our efforts go back into the Fire Assoc. to be utilized for Public Safety in our area. Only recently have we had to consider hiring some personnel to assist us with parking. Our goal here is to try to utilize our High School sports teams and coaches so we support their needs as well as our own.

We want to say a **THANK YOU** to the Barbara Goldsmith and Rich and Sarah Fournier families for once again opening their land to us for parking use. Their willingness to allow us to use their property enhances our parking efforts tremendously. Their land enables us to much more efficiently park vehicles and keep the roads open. If we used only one parking lot with a single entrance, we would have issues getting vehicles off the roads quickly, and the traffic would back up blocking access for emergency vehicles. By using multiple lots, and a coordinated effort through the use of two-way radios borrowed from Eversource, we are much more able to manage this situation. Many Thanks to Eversource for the loan of this equipment.

A tremendous **THANK YOU** to those who quietly support us all year doing the many unseen, unsung things that need doing. Roger Gunn, George Propane, Chad Wagonet, Ed Morann, our own Town Board of Selectmen, and Board of Health to name just a few.

This year was special for us and our raffle. For the first time in memory Sue Forgea was not at the helm. Lisa Dragon and crew took over the project and did a tremendous job. Many experienced personnel assisted Lisa but, there were also new faces behind the table. We never have time to acknowledge all of the donors individually by name but that does not diminish our sense of gratitude. There are so many great donations to the raffle and we want to take a moment here to say **THANK YOU** to all who contribute to our success. **ALSO**, please patronize our donor businesses as a show of support to them. Any questions about who is on the list of donors - please contact Lisa Dragon and she will be happy to provide that information. Thank you.

Finally, we want to express our gratitude to Eversource for the donation of the portable radios that make our vast, massive, parking project possible. Without the radios it is nearly impossible to operate over such a large area using hand and arm signals. However, there was a time.....!

We also want to say a **THANK YOU** to all of the men and women and their Fire Departments that come each year, and then year after year, to volunteer their time to provide Public Safety protection to the thousands of fair goers. Without these individuals it truly is impossible for Cummington to cover all of the venues and events at the fair. No **THANK YOU** would be complete without saying same **THANK YOU** to MEMA, Mass Emergency Management Agency, for their participation in the fair. MEMA brings a mobile communications trailer and parks it next to our command trailer and then, through the magic of electronics, they integrate the two units into one communications center serving all of our mutual aid partners and emergency personnel. To simply say we are grateful is so understating our gratitude!

We appreciate all everyone does for us, and with us, all year long. We are always seeking dedicated individuals to assist us with providing for the Public Safety of our area.

Members of the Cummington Fire Association, Inc.

## *Fire Department*

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During the past year the Fire Dept. was directed by First Asst. Chief Dennis Forgea, Second Asst. Chief Steven Emerson, Lt. Rob Dextraze and Lt. Robert Ely. The Department responded to the following calls during this period.

Chimney Fires	1
Vehicle Accidents	14
Trees on Lines	2
Mutual Aid	5
Alarms	8
Training Classes	7
Structure Fire	1
Medical Calls	49
Aerial Lift	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>122</b>

Our total call volume rose slightly over the previous year with many more aerial lift calls and some more vehicle crashes. We did respond to a particularly bad mutual aid call in Worthington where the owners lost their garage and all vehicles and tools. Cummington's worst call was the structure fire at the Sullivan property on Stage Road on December 20. A garage/storage/work shop building attached to the main house was nearly totally involved upon arrival of the first units at the early morning blaze. Mutual Aid was automatically sent to assist and through the tremendous efforts of all concerned much of the attached structure was saved along with, believe it or not, most of the equipment and items inside of the building. The department has just undergone a very recent training called "flow paths" which has, once again, changed the way we conduct firefighting. Teams of Firefighters on both floors of the structure applied the concepts learned in the training and the results were absolutely outstanding. Cummington's THANKS to all.

One of our most serious and involved vehicle crashes occurred on August 5 when three motor vehicles collided at the intersection of Main St. and Rt. 9 across from Berkshire Trail Elementary School. Life Flight was called for transport as well as Highland Ambulance. One of the operators had to be extricated from their vehicle using the "Jaws." This incident involved extensive mutual aid as well. All survived. Again, many THANKS to all involved.

Last year we noted that we had developed a Cold Weather Drafting Protocol due to the severe weather we had experienced the previous winter. Because of the balmy winter we never, not one time, had to utilize it! We still do have the plan and equipment so when and if winter does return, we will be prepared.

Our equipment (hose, ladders, pumps) continues to be annually tested by outside vendors. We continue to have our annual service on our vehicles performed by certified mechanics from an outside agency as well. Our intention is to insure we have properly operating equipment maintained by licensed, certified individuals. This reduces the risk of failure of the equipment at inopportune times and, very importantly, helps protect the Town's liability interests. We have replaced two ladders that have failed the testing, and several lengths of hose. The pumps have all performed well and the trucks are serviced annually. Having equipment serviced and maintained is reassuring.

Along the lines of testing, it may be of interest to some to know how and where we test. We need an area that is several hundred feet long; preferably sloped to assist draining hose lines filled with water - best if the area is black-topped, better yet if off the roadways. Still better is if the area is a hundred feet or so wide, to accommodate vehicles passing through the test area. Well, such a location exists in Cummington. The State Rest Area off Rt. 9, just west of the former Snow Basin Ski area, is ideal for our needs. With the river nearby we have a readily available supply of water to use to fill the hoses, and the area fits our needs perfectly.

As always we seek new members. This past year we welcomed Karl Magdycz to the department along with Mike Dragon and Mathew Grallert. If anyone is interested we spent considerable time last year on this subject. Rather than repeat it all again here, I would ask everyone to review this space in last year's Fire Dept. report and refresh your memories. I will say this. What we do is not for everyone and, everyone is not for what we do. **HOWEVER**, we have jobs, tasks, and a place for most everyone. Please take a few minutes and consider "giving back" and "forward" to our town. We have been extremely fortunate to have the members we have. **THANK YOU** to each of you.

Finally, the members of the Cummington Fire Dept. want to say **THANK YOU** to the residents and friends of the Town for all of the support you provide. Without your support it is very difficult to continue doing such a tough job. It is through your kindness and support that we manage to keep responding. **THANK YOU.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard L. Forgea - Chief  
Cummington Fire Department

# *Highland Ambulance EMS Inc.*

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## **FY 2016 Annual Report**

**Operations.** Highland Ambulance is the primary ambulance service provider for the towns of Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Plainfield and Williamsburg. Highland also provides primary back-up in the town of Worthington in support of Hilltown Ambulance of Huntington. Paramedics are on duty at Highland's station in Goshen from 6 AM until midnight seven days a week. During the midnight to 6 AM time period, Highland EMTs are assisted by Paramedics from other ambulance companies when the service of a Paramedic is required. Highland's active roster as of June 30, 2016 consisted of 36 members including 19 Paramedics and 17 EMT's.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Training.** The following special training events were held:

- CPR trainings for Emergency Service Personnel, Police, & Firefighters.
- New National (NCCR) EMT recertification classes for area EMTs.
- Medical Management Classes.
- ALS/BLS interface classes for area EMTs.
- Paramedic transition class to conform to National Core Curriculum.
- Patient lifting and moving class for Ashfield fire personnel.
- Basic EMT refresher courses.
- Paramedic refresher courses.

**Community Involvement.** Highland provided support to our communities including:

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

**Operating Expenses in FY 2016**      \$ 522,235.01

**Cash On Hand June 30, 2016**

Building Fund	\$ 79,228.89
Cash Operating Account	10,730.19
Cash Payroll Account	5,000.00
Ambulance Fund	150,684.46
Memorial Fund	24,710.80
Dresser Fund	3,702.83
Cap Reserve	7,022.78

**Total Checking/Savings**      **\$ 281,079.95**

**Grants.** \$25,400 from the Assistance to Fire Fighters Grants for the purchase of two automated CPR devices called LUCAS IIs. They can help improve the chance of survival for cardiac arrest patients. \$1,200 from Florence Savings Bank towards the construction of our new facility.

**Building Project.** During this fiscal year, Highland Ambulance initiated the building of our permanent facility for its operations. From its very beginning, it was clear that Highland Ambulance was “borrowing” the Goshen Fire House and would need to eventually establish itself elsewhere. Highland Ambulance chose a lot at 12 Williams Drive in Goshen for its facility. At the end of the Fiscal Year, the project was nearing completion and a dedication/open house was scheduled for July 17th. The Board of Directors decided to dedicate the building to the memory of our long-term president of the Board, Christopher (Kit) Smith. Anticipated costs of the entire project will be in the range of \$800,000 with a mortgage loan for up to \$600,000 from Greenfield Savings Bank. The Board and staff are deeply appreciative for all the dollar donations and in-kind services we received over the year to make possible the construction of our new facility.

Respectfully submitted,

Highland Ambulance Board of Directors

Ashfield	Patricia Thayer
Plainfield	Edward Morann
Chesterfield	Spencer Timm
Williamsburg	Leslie Smith
Cummington	Amanda Savoie
Goshen	Donald Boisvert
At-Large	Cassandra Morrey
At-Large	Bernard Forgea
At-Large	Douglas Mollison

## *Highway Department*

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2016

The Highway Department reclaimed and blacktopped the upper end of West Cummington Road, from the five corners to Luther Shaw Road. We also did the same to Potash Hill Road from Route 112 to the top of the hill.

Our team cleaned culverts and ditches all over town. There was a replacement of culverts on Harlow Road. Lines were painted on Whale Pond Road. Streets were swept from all the sand that was put out on the roads from the icy winter we had. We also graded, cut brush and removed trees on various roads throughout the town.

Thanks for the support and patience with me and the Highway Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Dextraze, Jr.  
Highway Superintendent

# *Historical Commission*

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**July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016**

The Cummington Historical Commission is pleased to report on another year of activity.

On June 18 we celebrated the opening of the Old Parsonage. It was the culmination of three and a half years of planning, research, working with contractors and overseeing the restoration of the building. We purchased the building from the estate of Jean Dunham Sr. in 2013. Prompt removal of the collapsed barn was our first priority. Next was removing items left in the house and a comprehensive assessment of the architecture to determine what was added, removed or altered over the years. After meeting with several contractors we engaged the services of Quigley Builders, Inc. of Ashfield. They were as excited as we were about the project. The further work progressed the more deterioration was encountered. After a long period of structural repairs other issues were addressed, such as septic, interior plumbing, wiring, lighting, heating and cooling system, insulation and moisture control, window and door rehab and painting, etc. After months of planning, work and construction we were ready to show off the building.

The day was sunny, warm and inviting. Many from town and the surrounding area attended. Guest speakers were Bill Streeter, Sean McWilliams, Mary Quigley, Stephen Howes and Carla Ness. They spoke of the project from vision to completion. Bill spoke of the importance of preserving documents in a climate controlled environment and the ongoing need for saving these fragile records, deeds and diaries, etc. and with the addition of the Old Parsonage to the Community House, the Village Church, the Kingman Tavern in the center of town, it completed the town square. His excitement was palpable as this was a vision he had held for years during his immense labor beginning with the Kingman Tavern. They spoke under a tent on the lawn, refreshments were served and the ribbon was cut. Guests toured the house and saw the results of years of efforts. It was a grand day, one we are extremely proud of for the Commission, the Town of Cummington and its future residents.

Archival files were moved from the Community House to the climate controlled Parsonage. The files are available for review by appointment.

Every commissioner is to be commended for their many hours of volunteer time. Our duties include all aspects of overseeing Cummington's Kingman Tavern Museum, which includes: maintaining the buildings and grounds, preserving and providing rotating displays of our collections and museum tours during the summer and by special appointment. I want to specially acknowledge our

Commissioners: Larry Slezak for his countless hours painting the interior of the Parsonage, Karen Westergaard for making lovely stenciled curtains and handling the aspects of the quilt evaluation, Carla Ness for procuring the lovely dining table and chairs, as well as a copier, Stephen Howes for many hours of research to answer the many questions that come our way and for providing many special tours, Stephen Buckley for figuring out keys, Jessy McMahan, who trains and supervises our guides and Scott Keith, who, in addition to his treasurer duties has volunteered his time in a multitude of ways. We greatly appreciate Mark DeMaranville for video recording many events.

Many of our fabulous old quilts were evaluated and numbered by The Massachusetts Quilt Documentation Project. We thank Sue Forgea for making the “Ohio Star/Mosaic” quilt rescued from the Dunham house presentation worthy.

The Commission attended the William Cullen Bryant Homestead’s annual Bryant Day festivities. The theme was agriculture; we displayed many items of this nature including the rare seeder that is part of our collection.

The museum was open eight Saturdays. The commissioners were ably assisted by our paid guides: Hannah Streeter, Winter Elia, Sunny Eiseman and Lilah Feitner. Volunteers continue to be an essential part of our Saturday crew; thank you to: Laura Sheridan, Kathleen Knox, Sue Riley, Paul Gariepy, Victor Morrill, Scott Keith, Charles Quinlan, Betsy Barrows, Gretta Slezak, Wesley Bertrand, Ron Woodland and Chris Bagg. Special recognition goes to Ron Woodland for organizing our third annual Shape Note Singing School. The Kingman Tavern Museum is always in need of volunteers, guides and program suggestions to help with our summer schedule.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

- Masonic Chairs from the Estate of Barbara Bates, given by her niece Mae Daw.
- Many items related to Cummington’s past were donated by Barbara Goldsmith.
- A post Revolutionary War presentation sword from the Estate of Waneeta Parker Sears.
- The Charles Ford Day Book (ledger) from the scythe snath shop given by Lee and Jane Taylor.
- Copier from Delap Real Estate.
- Six side chairs by Helen and Bruce Larkin.
- Olive Thayer’s rocking chair by Nancy Cole.

- Cummington Community of the Arts and Cummington Press items from Stephanie Pasternak.
- Numerous hand written sermons from former, early Cummington ministers William Leese and John Eustice were given by Bob Giles.
- Numerous monetary donations.
- Furniture from Pat & Scott Keith.

The William Wells Streeter Scholarship is awarded annually to two Cummington high school graduates who successfully submit a paper on some aspect of Cummington. We encourage all qualified seniors to apply. Guidelines are available on our website.

The Historical Commission encourages donations related to the history of Cummington. It is through the generosity of past gifts that we hold such a complete collection of historical significance. We especially want to acknowledge past benefactors for their dedication to ensuring that the Kingman Tavern Museum continues to grow, flourish and preserve the vast and interesting history of Cummington.

The commission invites one and all to visit the museum Saturdays during July and August from 2-5 pm or by special arrangement.

It is our passion and pleasure to serve in this capacity for the Town of Cummington. We thank you for your kind support and encouragement given during this past year as we undertook a major addition to the Kingman Tavern Museum complex.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Keith, Chair

**Cummington Historical Commission**

Pat Keith, Chair  
Carla Ness, Co-Chair  
Stephen Howes, Historian  
Karen Westergaard,  
Archivist & Secretary

Larry Slezak, Maintenance Chair  
Stephen Buckley, Maintenance  
Jesy McMahon, Volunteer Coordinator  
Barbara Goldsmith, Emerita  
Scott Keith, Treasurer

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# *Historical Commission Financial Report*

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July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

## **Balance July 1, 2015**

Revolving Account	\$ 84,483.05
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	<b>\$ 84,483.05</b>

## **Receipts**

Museum donations	2,020.00
Sale of <i>Only One Cummington Vol I</i> , 1 @ \$25.00	25.00
Sale of <i>Only One Cummington Vol II</i> , 2 @ \$50.00	100.00
Sale of <i>Cummington Cookbook</i> , 1 @ \$5.00	5.00
Sale of notecards, 1 @ \$3.00	3.00
Sale of tote bags, 1 @ \$6.00	6.00
Sale of postcards, 4 @ \$0.25	1.00
Sales tax	4.09
Shipping and handling	13.65
Sales	723.57
Transfer from invested funds	150,000.00
	<u>                    </u>
	<b>\$ 152,901.31</b>

## Income

### Dividends and Interest:

#### Common Stock

Allstate Corp	\$ 520.68
Altria Group Inc.	1,278.76
BP AMOCO PLC SPONS ADR	1,178.10
Bristol Meyers Squibb Co.	1,270.96
Chevron Corp.	2,140.00
Cons Edison Inc	759.80
Discover Financial Services	16.24
Eastman Chemical Co.	102.40
Emerson Elec Co.	1,422.00
General Electric Co.	2,760.00
Honeywell Intl Inc.	286.86
International Business Machs Corp.	1,340.00
Johnson & Johnson	1,116.50
Kellogg Co.	855.00
Merck & Co.	1,096.00
Lilly, Eli & Co.	1,117.50
Morgan Stanley	17.40
Pepsico Inc.	1,625.65
Pfizer, Inc.	1,752.00
Proctor & Gamble Co.	1,249.35
Southern Co.	1,246.92
Unilever	926.93
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	<b>\$ 24,079.05</b>

#### Government Bonds

U.S. Treasury Bonds of 2016 (\$25,000.00) Nov 15, 2016, 7.500%	1,875.00
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	<b>1,875.00</b>

#### Money Fund Accounts

Federated Capital Reserves Money Fund	0.11
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	<b>\$ 263,338.52</b>

**Expenses, FY16\*****\$ 250,452.07****Balance on hand, June 30, 2016**

Revolving account	1,932.29
Dividends (not yet transferred to revolving account)	10,954.16
	<b>\$ 263,338.52</b>

**Invested Funds: Market Value as of June 30, 2016****Common Stock:**

775 shares Altria Group Inc.	53,444.00
396 shares BP AMOCO PLC SPONS ADR	14,061.96
692 shares Bristol Meyers Squibb Co.	50,896.60
400 shares Chevron Corp.	41,932.00
600 shares Emerson Electric Co.	31,296.00
3000 shares General Electric Co.	94,440.00
84 shares Honeywell Intl Corp.	9,770.88
200 shares International Business Machines Corp.	30,356.00
290 shares Johnson and Johnson	35,177.00
285 shares Kellogg Co.	23,270.25
250 shares Eli Lilly & Co.	19,687.50
605 shares Merck and Co.	34,854.05
450 shares Pepsico Inc.	47,673.00
1200 shares Pfizer Inc.	42,252.00
470 shares Proctor and Gamble Co.	39,794.90
379 shares Southern Co.	20,325.77
630 shares Unilever	29,572.20
	<b>618,804.11</b>

**Government Securities:**

US Treasury Bond	
7.500% November 15, 2016 (25,000.00)	25,662.25
	<b>25,662.25</b>

**Money Fund Accounts:**

Federated Capital Reserves Money Fund	13,809.50
Cash Balance	338.63
	<b>14,148.13</b>

**TOTAL INVESTED FUNDS \$ 658,614.49**

\*See Town Accountant's Report for an itemized accounting of Historical Commission expenditures in FY16

Scott Keith,  
Historical Commission Treasurer

# *Police Department*

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**Department Members:** Michael Perkins, Chief, Officers Sharon Cunningham & Taylor Granger, Reserve Officer Dennis Forgea.

I would like to begin by recognizing Dennis Forgea who retired after thirteen years as Chief of Police. Chief Forgea led the Police Department through a period of great change. Modernizing department operations with the addition of an automated records management system, updating the vehicle fleet consistent with current industry standards and moving the police department to our current facility in the Public Safety Complex, are a few of his many accomplishments – **THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEVOTED SERVICE!**

The Police Department continues to strive to provide high quality professional service to the community. We have remained diligent with training, utilizing the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Agency (MIIA), the Massachusetts Municipal Police Training Committee and partnering with surrounding departments for training.

We continue to work with the Massachusetts State Police on several initiatives, ranging from school safety at our pre-school to collaboration and information sharing to promote public safety.

I also would like to recognize our public safety partners: The Cummington Fire Department, Cummington Fire Association, and Highland Ambulance. Each of these organizations works diligently with the Police Department to ensure public safety is provided at the highest level for our community.

- As a reminder, the Police Department conducts weekly office hours most Saturday mornings from 8am - 11am. Please stop in!
- The Police Department Website ([www.cummingtonpolice.com](http://www.cummingtonpolice.com)) is available as a source of information which includes useful forms, frequently asked questions (FAQs) and more.
- Please follow us on Twitter @CUMMINGTONPD for information in real time (The account is not monitored 24/7).
- You can utilize the Police Department Business Line (413.634.0056) for any non-emergency related business. Please do not hesitate to contact the department at any time!

**PLEASE DIAL 911 FOR ALL EMERGENCIES!**  
**CALLS FOR SERVICE (Include, but not limited to)**

Alarms:	40	Medical Emergencies:	59
Traffic/Safety Hazards:	23	Motor Vehicle Crashes:	39
Motor Vehicle Stops/Complaints:	78	Property Checks:	50
Suspicious Person/Vehicles:	17	Investigations:	124
		<b>TOTAL CALLS:</b>	<b>630</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Perkins, Chief of Police

## *Recreation Committee*

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**July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016**

This year the Junior Olympics took place in Goshen as planned, Plainfield was the host. We purchased more shirts so all our Olympians will be identified from Cumington. Our very own Lisa Delisle served as Master of Ceremonies. She has done it for many years and is very good at organizing all the Towns before and after the games. Thanks Lisa!

After receiving money from the Town to upgrade and repaint the Tennis Court, the deed was not accomplished as promised for FY 2016 due to a few minor complications. The Tennis Court is in the Flood Plain and we need an approval from the Conservation Commission and ultimately the DEP. We are working on that and hopefully it will be completed in FY 2017.

The Rag Shag Parade and Santa's visit to the Gazebo was a success. There are now a few more younger minds on the Committee, so look forward to additional events to happen this coming fall: maybe movie nights, hikes and even more. Thanks to the Selectboard for letting the recreation committee use more of the school and grounds.

Opening and closing the building and general maintenance to the grounds are taken care of by Dennis Forgea. We thank you Dennis for keeping a watchful eye. Gloria Robbins continues to mow the grounds for any events. We try to keep her updated on the events because we encourage parties, weddings, anniversaries and reunions to be held there for a small rental fee donation. Supplies such as TP, soap, paper towel, cleaning materials, garbage bags, gas for the grill and dish washing soap are purchased by the Recreation Committee for the events.

Please keep in mind if you would like to use our facilities for your private event, call Geraldine Wilcox at 634-2136 - she is the keeper of the calendar and schedules the events. Please send your rental fee donation to Donna Forgea, 6 Porter Hill Road, Cumington, MA 01026.

We still need to repair the fence by the river that was taken down by Hurricane Irene. We are trying to figure out our options for repairs.

Sponsoring the Family Center, now held at the School, has been a pleasure for the committee.

As you know, we are always open to suggestions and interest in our field and grounds. Please contact a member and we'll be happy to hear from you.

Respectfully submitted,

Your Recreation Committee

Geraldine Wilcox, Chair  
Amy Grallert, Secretary

Donna Forgea, Treasurer  
Jennifer O'Neill

Laurie Fritag  
Nicole Wortis

## *Cummington Solarize Mass Committee*

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In March 2016, a Cummington Solarize Mass committee was formed. Cummington together with Windsor, Worthington, and Goshen formed Solarize WCGW. The committee completed a grant application to the Mass Clean Energy Center (Mass CEC).

The grant request was submitted in April and on May 27, 2016 it was announced that we were among 12 communities chosen to participate in the 2016 Solarize Mass program. The purpose of the program is to help residents and business owners adopt photovoltaic (PV) technology. To encourage participation in the program, discounted pricing is offered by the chosen Solarize Mass approved PV installer. On June 3 Cummington signed a community contract with Mass CEC, making us eligible for a marketing grant of \$2,500. The community will be eligible for another grant of up to \$2,500 when the initial grant has been expended.

Once the grant was awarded, Bill Adams, Cummington's Solar Coach worked with other members of Solarize WCGW to write an RFP that Mass CEC will put out in July, 2016.

### **The projected calendar for Solarize WCGW is:**

Installer Proposals Due:	September 9, 2016
Threshold Review of Installers:	September 13-16, 2016
Community Installer Interview:	October 10-14, 2016
Announce Selected Installer:	October 27-30, 2016
Outreach Strategy Development:	November 1-10, 2016
Meet the Installer Presentations:	November 1-10, 2016
Customer Sign-up Period Begins:	November 1, 2016
Customer Sign-up Period Ends:	April 30 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Adams, Solar Coach  
Brenda Arbib, Municipal Rep  
James Wettereau, Community Rep  
David Gokey, Community Volunteer  
Bruce Harrison, Community Volunteer  
John Bye, Community Volunteer

## *Vocational School Committee*

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The Vocational School Committee would like to thank the Cummington Town Meeting Members for their continued support for tuition and transportation of our students to attend Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School. Our students are receiving an excellent education with many vocational options to choose from.

Again we thank our long time bus contractor, Roger Gunn and Stevensville Corp for the dependable service rendered to our students.

Congratulations to our only graduates in 2016:

Paige Bourden

Michael Cunningham

James Martin

Brianna McCarthy

We wish them well in their chosen career.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Carver  
Sharon Cunningham  
Theodore Lynds

# *Water Commissioner Report*

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**July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016**

Some more upgrades to our system have begun this fiscal year. The PH controller in West Cummington water building has been upgraded, calibrated and tested. It is now in good working order as of this report. We have also repaired several hydrants with new valves and curb boxes and covers. We are in desperate need of flushing the hydrants and that will begin in FY 2017.

Testing continues with Housatonic Basin Sampling and Testing out of Lee, MA. They are also doing the Cross connections and Back Flow preventers. Massachusetts Rural Water Association used to do them but no longer. Luckily, Housatonic Basin S & T has taken on the task.

We hired two High School students to paint the Hydrants. They are not all completed, but I hope you have noticed how fresh and shiny they are now. Mike Dragon and Grace Calvert have done a good job of painting them. This will continue in FY 2017 until they are all completed.

Our Water Operator, Dennis Forgea continues his education with courses of value to him in his capacity as water operator. He is keeping all the licenses required by the Department of Environmental Protection current. We have advised him of upcoming replacements of new meters in several locations, that have simply stopped working or need repairs, to begin the task in FY 2017. Note to everyone; if your meter is unprotected from freezing, you will be responsible for the cost and installation of a new one. Tampering with your meter holds a very hefty fine from the Commissioners.

We continue to have a few customers who are delinquent in paying their water rents. Our Town Treasurer, Susan Warriner, stays on top of that task and she sends out Water Shut-off notices to those few who do not pay in a timely fashion. Luckily, they come through before the actual shut-off date. It can be very costly, if your water gets shut off, to turn it back on. Thank you Susan!

We are building up funds in our Water Surplus account to take on the task of more major upgrades and repairs. We are monitoring the increases to be sure we do not over budget. One of the larger tasks will be cleaning and inspecting our storage tanks. The money needs to be there before work can be completed. We will be keeping you closely informed on our progress.

Delivering a product that is of the highest quality to your faucet is our most important task as your commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,  
Your Water Commissioners

Donna L. Forgea, Chair  
Tomasz Jaracz, Commissioner

Dann M. Emerson, Commissioner  
Dennis W. Forgea, Water Operator

# *Wild & Scenic Westfield River Committee*

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## **2016 Annual Report**

The Wild & Scenic Westfield River Committee works to preserve, protect, and enhance the special qualities and outstanding natural resources of the Westfield River Watershed in concert with local communities.

Project funding is provided through the National Park Service's Partnership Wild & Scenic Rivers Program. Technical assistance and program support provided by staff at the Massachusetts Division of Ecological Restoration. In 2016, the Committee leveraged an additional \$833,332+ in grants, donations, in-kind and volunteer services.

Landowners, interns and volunteers surveyed and inventoried features along the Depot Brook, Shaker Mill Brook, Watson and Savery Brooks (Washington/Becket) and Yokum Brook (Becket).

The Committee hosted a series of Wild & Scenic Saturday events and workdays, including offering paddle on Center Pond, vernal pool certification training, and naturalist-led walks along several headwater streams. Two vernal pools in Middlefield were discovered on state lands and are moving towards being certified. Volunteers will continue to study two other potential vernal pools in town this coming spring.

In partnership with the Westfield River Invasive Species Partnership (WISP), invasive plants were managed in high conservation value areas along a 5.5-mile reach of the East Branch of the Westfield River, located in Gilbert A. Bliss State Forest, in Chesterfield.

In response to the persistent drought conditions this year, we focused our monitoring efforts to track the impacts on the river communities who rely on river flows for survival. With volunteers, we returned to our three historical monitoring sites to collect aquatic bugs to analyze their density and diversity compared to other monitoring years. Sites included: Yokum Brook in Becket, Sanderson Brook in Chester, and East Branch in Cummington.

Friends of Windsor, an all-volunteer community non-profit, collaborated with the Windsor Historical Commission to install twenty-four historical site markers. Through a year-long series of historically-themed inserts in their monthly newsletter, comprehensive web-based presentations on the historical sites, and a community-wide celebration, the Windsor Landmarks Project helped foster

the community's connection to its unique and distinctive past. Through a Wild & Scenic Community Grant, the Committee co-sponsored the production of the durable, full-color map and guide that features the locations of the 24 historical site markers, tasteful graphics and a selection of old photographs.

In Cummington, the Committee provided support and on-site assistance for a Spring clean-up of the public areas along the river. The clean-up was initiated by a high school student and Cummington resident.

Over 55 participants and specialists spent the day collecting data and building a river community along the West Branch and its tributaries as part of the Committee's 3rd Annual Watershed Blitz. Specialists included naturalists, fishery and wildlife biologists, herpetologists, geologists and historians. The 4th Annual Watershed Blitz will be held on Saturday, September 16th, 2017 along the East Branch of the Westfield River. Stay tuned for details.

Our committee meets once a month and all meetings are open to the public. We encourage you to take part in any of our sponsored activities, including stream teams, river clean-ups, land protection, and workshops. To learn more about what is happening in the watershed, visit our website at: [www.wildscenicwestfieldriver.org](http://www.wildscenicwestfieldriver.org).

For more information contact [coordinator@westfieldriverwildscenic.org](mailto:coordinator@westfieldriverwildscenic.org) or (413) 579-3015.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy S. Pulley  
Town of Cummington Representative

# *Zoning Board of Appeals*

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**July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016**

During FY 2016 the ZBA held three hearings for special permits; and one meeting to reach a finding.

Hunter Foote applied for a special permit to operate a quarry on West Cummington Road. A hearing was convened on 07/28/15 and was very well attended. The hearing was continued to 08/04/15 due to the volume of information and the number of people wishing to be heard.

The special permit was denied.

**To deny Hunter Foote a special permit to operate a stone quarry as requested in the application because the “Special Conditions for Granting of a Special Permit” (Section 4.A.1.c) specified in the bylaw cannot be met, most notably:**

- 4.A.1.c.1 That the use will not be detrimental to the public good.**
- 4.A.1.c.4 That the use will not be dangerous or harmful to the general public due to undue noise, odor, vibration, dust, smoke, water pollution, or for any other similar reason.**
- 4.A.1.c.5 That the use will be sufficiently landscaped and situated to buffer it from existing uses and all roads...**

During the meeting of 07/28/15 the board also heard from residents on West Main Street regarding a special permit that had been issued a year prior to Mariam Massaro. After each party had updated the board, from their point of view, as to how the execution of the special permit had gone, the board felt reluctant to issue new conditions fearing both sides might find them inadequate. Instead, the board asked that they try once again to arrive at some mutual conditions and then inform the board. If they were unable to “work something out” either party could simply ask the board to reconvene the meeting to address the issue. At issue was: How to manage noise generated by the outdoor performances. (As of this writing (01/15/17) no one has contacted the ZBA regarding this issue.)

The second hearing was convened on 01/05/16, an appeal of the Zoning Enforcement Officer’s decision to require Laura Pierce and Michael Kolodny to install a new driveway for access to their property on Potash Hill Road (the driveway known as Frazier Lane).

Presented were copies of deeds, a survey (as recorded in the Registry of Deeds) and a copy of the minutes from a ZBA hearing that was held on August 8 & 15, 1995. All of which indicate that a thorough and deliberate process had

taken place to allow the creation (or continuation) of the common driveway system at issue.

All of these various lots had been part of the Community of the Arts, and the owner(s) subdivided that parcel into the lots we have today. Ernie informed us that he was a member of the Planning Board during this time (1995), and that the Planning Board had rejected the subdivision plan as presented. The owners then appealed the Planning Board's decision to the ZBA, where they prevailed.

From the survey drawn December 29, 1995 (and recorded 05/22/96, Plan Book 180, Pg. 79) it's clear there was an intent to adhere to the bylaw, as all of the lots have the requisite minimum 200' frontage and 2 acres. What is unclear (from the 1995 minutes) is the full reasoning for the ZBA's finding.

Discussion at today's hearing included the speculation that the driveway pre-existed the sub-division of the property, and perhaps that was the reason for allowing its continued use. The phrase "existing shared driveway" is used once in the 1995 minutes.

On the practical side, it was noted that irrespective of how this common driveway came into existence, for the past 30+ years it has been used as such without incident. Members discussed the hypothetical, that if the initial request to create this common driveway came before the ZBA today, most likely it would not have been granted because it appears to be a direct contravention of the bylaw.

**By a unanimous vote (Holden, Howes, Strong, Emerson, and Bevan) the ZBA finds that this matter was clearly resolved in 1995, and we find no compelling reason to modify or amend the ZBA's decision and findings reached on September 11, 1995, Case no. 95-004 and; therefore, the continued use of the existing common driveway is allowed.**

(Further note: While writing the Minutes for this hearing I researched the Registry of Deeds and found the Agreement between the various property owners that spelled out how maintenance of, and repairs to, this common driveway would be handled. It was recorded in Book 5545, Page 207 on 11/25/1998 by and between the owners at that time and "shall be binding upon the heirs, executors, administrators and assigns of the parties hereto." I included a copy of this Agreement in the packet of the permanent record for easier future reference.)

The third hearing was held on 04/21/16 regarding the application from Freedom Healthcare of America, LLC for a special permit to operate a residential treatment center that serves adults at the former Swift River Academy located at 174 Nash Road.

Although the bulk of the former Swift River Academy is on property located in Plainfield, a small portion of it is in Cummington. Prior to our hearing the Plainfield ZBA had granted a special permit to the applicant.

A motion was made and passed unanimously

**“to grant Freedom Healthcare of America LLC a special permit to operate a drug and alcohol residential treatment center that serves adults at 174 Nash Road (the Swift River Academy) with the following conditions:**

- 1. No overnight occupancy of the buildings within the town boundaries.**
- 2. Freedom Healthcare of America LLC must not exceed state building occupancy limits.”**

On 06/07/16 the ZBA met to discuss a building permit application by Dorset Anderson regarding her property at 197 Trouble Street.

Dorset explained that her home had been badly damaged in a storm in August of 2015. Due to the nature of the damage and the construction of the home, it was far more practical to build a new home rather than repair the damage. Her plan is to build a “tiny house” (12’ x 30’) about 20’ from the existing one, thereby allowing easy connection to the existing septic and well. Then demolish most of the existing house, but leave two areas (workshop, and bedrooms) that remain sound, and convert them into two independent sheds.

She further explained that the required setback of 25’ on all sides would be easily met by the proposed location of the new home.

Given that the only issue is the lack of requisite frontage (the parcel is 16-17 acres) the board finds, by unanimous decision, that:

**“The proposed changes are not substantially more detrimental than the present pre-existing non-conforming use, in fact these changes are an enhancement. Therefore, the construction of the new home is allowed provided:**

- 1. the 25’ setback on all sides is maintained; and**
- 2. the demolition and reconfiguration of the existing house happens in a timely manner after the completion of the new home.”**

FY 2016 also saw the appointment of our newest member Mark Bevan of Porter Hill Road – welcome aboard!

The members of the Cummington Zoning Board of Appeals are:

Carla Ness, Chair

Kenneth Howes, Member

Ernest Strong, Member

Mark Bevan, Associate Member

Michael Holden, Clerk

Bruce Mougín, Member

Deborah Emerson Associate Member

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Holden, Clerk

# *Hilltown Community Development Corporation*

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FY 2016

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

Hilltown CDC works with the community to identify and secure financial resources to serve the community development needs of the region. In 2015, Hilltown CDC helped the hilltown region care for the elderly, provided safe affordable housing to seniors and low income families, improved many hilltown homes and began initiatives that support local agriculture such as the Keep Framing initiative and the formation of a Transportation committee looking at the transportation needs of the hilltown region.

**Social Services:** Hilltown CDC’s **Hilltown Elder Network (HEN)** Program delivered in-home caregiving assistance (primarily chore and transportation assistance) to low-income Hilltown elders at no cost to the participants. HEN staff provided transportation for medical visits and other purposes, including snow removal. Community Development Block Grant funding was awarded allowing Hilltown CDC to provide CDBG funded HEN services. This grant allowed these services to be delivered through calendar year 2016. Funding is also provided by Highland Valle Elder Services, Hampshire County United Way and the Eleanor Schwartz Charitable Foundation.

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

- **The Health Outreach Program for Elders (HOPE)**, administered by Hilltown Community Health Centers (HCHC), provided free in-home nursing care and podiatric services to homebound elders.
- **The Hilltown Food Pantry** distributed food to hilltown individuals. The Pantry is administered by the Northampton Survival Center at the Goshen Town Hall.
- **Child Care Subsidies**, hilltown families were provided subsidies through this program to assist them with child care expenses.

**Economic Development/Small Business Assistance:**

- Provided individualized business consulting and/or training to hilltown businesses, ranging from one hour to 30 hours per business.
- Published the 2016 Hilltown Business Directory, distributed to 13,000 hilltown households in 21 towns, with contact information and descriptions of 317 hilltown businesses in 94 categories. The Directory is also on-line at [www.hilltowncdc.org](http://www.hilltowncdc.org).

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

- **Westhampton Woods Senior Housing:** Hilltown CDC owns and operates Westhampton Woods Senior Housing which provides 15 apartments for low-to-moderate income seniors over 60 years old.
- **Rental Housing:** Hilltown CDC completed the renovation of 24 units of scattered affordable rental housing in six properties located in Williamsburg, Westhampton and Chesterfield in 2016. Hilltown CDC hired a local contractor to complete this project.
- **New Project Development:** Hilltown CDC is working with the Town of Goshen and its Senior Housing Committee to develop 10 rental units of affordable senior housing. Hilltown CDC has securing \$2.5 million to develop this project. We will begin construction in spring of 2017. We hope to complete the project by December 2017.

**Housing Rehabilitation Program:** This program provides zero percent interest, deferred-payment loans to income eligible homeowners for use in making a wide variety of repairs to their homes, including roofs, septic systems, electrical, plumbing, and heating. In addition, the program provides a source of steady year round employment for area contractors. In 2016:

- Hilltown CDC rehabilitated 21 homes in the Towns of Williamsburg, Cummington, Chesterfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg, Peru and Plainfield.

**Community Planning:** We also work closely with municipalities and community groups in our service area to plan for, raise funds for and/or manage a range of projects. During 2016 HCDC:

- Received a grant from MADAR to begin implementing our Keep Farming in the Hilltowns initiative where we worked with a number of local farmers, buyers and local residents to develop a community action plan based on agricultural needs. We plan to begin implementation 2017.
- We also secured funding to engage the local community and conduct a study on rural transportation needs. We are working across 15 hilltowns inclusive of the Northern and Southern Hilltowns. Phase I includes administering a community survey to be follow up by focus groups and interviews. Our goal is develop a rural transportation business plan with a pilot period where we will experiment with a few different transportation models in 2017.
- Hilltown CDC entered into a fiscal sponsorship agreement to support new Art and Culture programming in the region. We helped sponsor the Hilltown Chautauqua series held at the Bryant Homestead. See <http://hilltownchautauqua.org/> for more information.

Please visit [www.hilltowncdc.org](http://www.hilltowncdc.org) for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Christopolis,  
Executive Director  
Hilltown Community  
Development Corporation

# *Hampshire Council of Governments*

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## **Fiscal Year 2016**

*“Fiscal Year 2016 was a year of challenges and triumph. While our entrepreneurial spirit was put to the test, we rallied together to make 2016 the most financially successful year in the history of the HCOG. With new programs and renewed focus, we are ready to tackle the challenges ahead and continue to serve our constituents and keep more money in our local economy.”*

—Todd Ford  
Executive Director

## **COUNCIL OVERVIEW**

The Hampshire Council of Governments (HCOG) is a collective body made up of representatives from 15 Hampshire County towns. HCOG has two key focuses: to improve life in Hampshire County, and to provide our small towns with the advantage of economies of scale typically available only to larger cities. We accomplish these goals by promoting the local economy, investing in sustainable infrastructure, and aggregating the buying power of our communities. HCOG is not funded primarily by grants or taxes, but rather by fee-for-service programs that generate revenue sufficient to support its operating costs. Modest membership fees are also collected from member communities.

The mission of the Hampshire Council of Governments is to offer a robust suite of programs and services that combine the best practices of government and the private sector in support of municipalities, non-profits, and local businesses. Providing these services regionally saves participating entities the cost of an added employee and associated benefits to perform the same services and ensures that the appropriate MA laws are adhered to.

### **2016 - Challenges: Growth!**

HCOG has consistently demonstrated a high return on investment for our member communities: this year has been no exception. There was a continuation of high value provided as dues remained low. In Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16), the total estimated value secured for member towns was \$3,823,201. During the same period, member towns paid a collective \$23,083.99 in dues to HCOG.

## **ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS:**

### **HCOG Revenue**

HCOG’s revenue is derived primarily from our fee-for-service programs. Total revenue in FY16 (including grants with specific designated purposes) was \$8,694,687.

## HCOG Expenses

The total expenses in FY16 (including grants with specific designated purposes) was \$8,270,310.

The Financial situation of the HCOG improved in FY16 with a year-end positive balance of \$89,738. The Year-Over-Year growth from FY15 to FY 16 shows an increase in net revenue of \$496,819.

	FY15	FY16	YOY Growth
General	\$ (536,781.00)	\$ (612,821.00)	\$ (76,040.00)
Hampshire Power	129,700.00	702,559.00	572,859.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ (407,081.00)</b>	<b>\$ 89,738.00</b>	<b>\$ 496,819.00</b>

## ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS:

### Hampshire Power

Hampshire Power provides fixed rate electricity supply to businesses, non-profits, and municipalities across the Commonwealth. It is the only nonprofit energy supplier in Massachusetts. Hampshire Power helps towns, homeowners, and businesses stabilize the cost of energy while keeping energy dollars in the local economy.

In FY16, Hampshire Power started serving an additional **six CCAs** bringing our total to **17 towns and cities**. The total number of meters served over that time was close to 90,000. **Between FY15 and FY16 Hampshire Power net revenue increased by 442% with a year over year growth of \$572,859.**

Late in FY16 HCOG started a Referral Rewards Program with the **United Way**. We encourage new customers to donate their rebate/referral rewards to the United Way of Hampshire County. In FY16, **\$300** was raised for the United Way.

In FY16 Hampshire Power also partnered with **MeterGenius** to offer an online portal for customers to view electricity usage, receive specific suggestions aimed at reducing usage, and reward those that have decreased their electricity usage over time.

### Hampshire Solar

Hampshire Solar is a partnership between the HCOG and Nexamp's Community Solar program to offer a simple way to subscribe to a share of a community solar farm in Massachusetts.

This program helps municipalities, businesses, and homeowners support clean energy projects located in Massachusetts. Subscribers receive a 15% savings on net metering credits, which brings real savings to their electricity bills. In this way, people who can't install solar on their own roof or property can enjoy some of the benefits of solar. Hampshire Solar is tailored to each customer, and participation requires no upfront cost and no long term contract.

In FY16, Hampshire Solar customers received 1,424.5 kilowatts of electricity - enough to power 118 homes - through solar power, as opposed to fossil fuels. That's like taking 200 cars off the road or planting 24,025 trees.

### **Solar Renewable Energy Credit (SREC) Brokering**

The solar market in Massachusetts has an incentive program to encourage the adoption of solar. SRECs are generated by solar owners and given values dictated by the market. For each 1,000 kWh of electricity generated from a solar array, one (1) SREC is created. These SRECs are bought by electric utilities and suppliers to meet Renewable Portfolio Standards. For the solar owner, these SRECs are a key component of solar ownership financial return and are often brokered by large, out-of-state firms. Most solar owners do not have the volume or contacts to sell their own credits. That's where a SREC aggregator comes in.

HCOG bundles these SRECs together and sells them on the quarterly and annual SREC market for the maximum amount possible.

The program, which started in FY12 with fewer than 50 customers, has grown quickly. In FY16, HCOG brokered 4,215 SREC credits for 782 customers. These SRECs were valued at \$1.4 million dollars, earning a commission of \$70,000.

### **Hampshire Purchasing Cooperative**

For 35 years, the Hampshire Purchasing Cooperative has coordinated and administered a formal bidding process on behalf of municipalities, school districts, and non-profit entities throughout Massachusetts. The Cooperative bids offer cost-savings opportunities in a diverse assortment of products and services such as Office Supplies, General School and Arts and Crafts supplies, Fuels, Food and Cafeteria products, Highway and Public Works supplies and services, Medical and EMS supplies, Hazardous Waste services, and more. Bid participation is free.

During FY16, participants saved an estimated \$791,000 on purchases of over \$9.5 million dollars' worth of supplies and services purchased. This represents an increase in purchases from FY15 of over \$2.4 million dollars, or 34%. Revenue generated totaled over \$113,000, which represents a 22% increase over FY15.

Revenue generated by the Hampshire Purchasing Cooperative is based on vendor fees associated with purchases made by participants and has increased nearly every year since FY12. We anticipate continued growth as the Purchasing Cooperative continues to seek new value-added products and services for our participants.

## **Hampshire Web**

Hampshire Web is a regional bid on municipal web site design and implementation. Municipalities can upgrade their websites starting at an affordable \$4,200, with the option of a multi-year payment plan, providing a break to a town's annual budget. More robust websites are available with a significant discount thanks to our buying power. Businesses, residents, and visitors look to town websites for important information, and this program can offer online bill payment, emergency notifications, an events calendar, and meeting minutes, all in compliance with the new Public Records law.

## **Hampshire I.T.**

Hampshire I.T. offers award-winning I.T. services at highly competitive rates provided by Paragus I.T. of Hadley. Hampshire I.T. also provides free detailed I.T. assessments to all communities in western Massachusetts. In FY16, eight municipalities and non-profits saved over \$37,700 compared to the price they would have paid by contracting individually. As more participants join the program, the hourly rate declines, and the additional savings benefit is secured by all.

## **RSVP of Hampshire and Franklin Counties**

RSVP of Hampshire & Franklin Counties links volunteers age 55+ with opportunities to serve in our community. RSVP provides expert matching services for interested volunteers, helping them to find long term satisfaction in their volunteer roles. RSVP staff also share their volunteer management knowledge through workshops, presentations, and one-on-one mentorship of volunteer managers, increasing the region's capacity to support volunteer programs. Each year, RSVP works with more than 650 volunteers and 50 agencies to fill volunteer needs and make a measurable difference in Western Massachusetts.

In the last grant year (April 2015-March 2016), 679 RSVP members served 100,000 volunteer hours, an estimated contribution of \$2.9 million to the local community. RSVP volunteers provided home-delivered meals and monthly brown bags of groceries to more than 650 seniors. They supported 6 food pantries serving thousands of local residents. 1000 seniors benefitted from an array of RSVP volunteer-led services, including enrichment classes, transportation, companionship, and money management. RSVP's Healthy Bones and Balance Program leaders held weekly exercise classes at 25 sites for 660 seniors, enabling them to better avoid falls and maintain their strength and independence.

Through special events and fundraising programs, volunteers raised over \$200,000 in support of 28 local organizations. An additional group of skilled volunteers in the "Experience on Call" program provided area non-profits with planning and project support, assistance with marketing, grant writing, fundraising, volunteer management, and other essential tasks.

## **Hampshire County Group Insurance**

The Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust (HCGIT) is a self-insured joint purchase Trust that provides medical insurance to 69 municipal groups in Hampshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Worcester County. HCGIT currently covers approximately 11,000 active employees, dependents, and retirees. It is the second largest (based on the number of municipal groups) joint purchase Trust in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The HCGIT plan rates have consistently been significantly below state plan rates with the Group Insurance Commission (GIC) while offering significantly better benefits to its subscribers. For FY16, the HCGIT plan rates offered an overall savings to its subscribers of \$7.5 million when compared to the most popular State GIC plan.

A unique benefit that the HCGIT offers to its member units is a full time Wellness resource. The Wellness Director coordinates biometric screenings, flu clinics, and health and wellness challenges/events for our subscribers.

## **Regional Accounting**

The Regional Accounting program provides professional municipal accounting services to towns, quasi-governmental entities, and non-profits. Services include warrant input, journal entries, reconciliation of cash and receivables, year-end closing entries, Tax Rate Recapitulation, Free Cash certification, and Schedule a preparation. Our program helps to ensure accurate record keeping, timely report filing, and compliance with state and federal laws.

In FY16 the Regional Accounting Program served the Town of Goshen, the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative, the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility Advisory Committee, WiredWest, New Century Theatre, the Northampton Community Arts Trust, and the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust. The Regional Accounting staff provided over 750 hours of service to these organizations at an average cost of \$32/hr.

## **Tobacco Free Community Partnership**

The Hampshire-Franklin Tobacco Free Community Partnership (TFCP), servicing all 44 towns in both counties, is funded by the Massachusetts Tobacco Cessation and Prevention program of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The program supports communities' efforts to help people quit using tobacco, prevent youth from starting, and protect everyone from secondhand smoke. In addition to the many services it offers to local communities, the TFCP also supports The 84, a statewide youth movement for high school-aged youth who want to take a stand against the tobacco industry.

Last year, TFCP supported local Boards of Health considering robust tobacco regulations, including policies restricting sales of flavored tobacco products to adult-only retailers. Flavored tobacco products are considered by the U.S Food

and Drug Administration and U.S. Surgeon General to be “starter” products that aid in the establishment of smoking patterns for youth and can lead to a long-term addiction. When a Board of Health passes a policy restricting the sales of flavored tobacco to adult-only tobacco retailers, they are doing much to protect the health of youth in their community. By the end of FY16, 15 towns in Franklin and Hampshire County had adopted these important policies

**Cummington**

Cummington is represented by Councilor James Drawe.  
The Town saved \$20,382.22 through HCOG services in FY16.

**The Town used the following services for total savings:**

- Purchasing Cooperative
- RSVP
- Tobacco Free Partnership
- Group Insurance Trust.

**Unused services included:**

- Grant Administration
- Hampshire Power
- Hampshire Solar
- Hampshire I.T.
- Hampshire Web
- Regional Accounting.

Your town can lower its electricity bill by 15% by participating in Hampshire Solar’s net-metering program.

# *Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative*

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## **FY16 Report**

To the Member-Town Residents of the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative:

The Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (HRMC) was created in 1989 by a group of dedicated volunteers who had the vision to seek a regional solution to help small towns with volunteer local boards attain sustainability and environmental objectives.

The member Towns that comprise the HRMC include: Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg, and Worthington. Each Town appoints two representatives to serve on the HRMC Board. Board Officers for FY16 included: Joe Kearns, Chair (Middlefield); Paul Wetzel, Vice Chair (Williamsburg); and, Tom Martin, Treasurer (Westhampton).

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

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

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

In FY16, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced their Small-Scale Initiative Grants under the annual Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP). All ten HRMC member-towns received a small-scale grant award of \$500. In addition, eight HRMC Towns were the recipients of additional grants under the Recycling Dividends Program. In total, the HRMC Towns received \$18,200.00 in grant funding - an increase of \$10,900.00 over the previous year. Grant applications for FY17 were submitted in June for a total of more than \$24,200 in funding requests.

The HRMC has an annual assessment that is approved by each Town at their annual Town meeting. The annual Assessment Budget is based on tonnage and population. In FY16, the combined assessment for all ten towns was \$39,487.56. The Assessments are intended to offset base operating expenses. Recycling program/collection costs (other than MRF) are pass-thru expenses from the HRMC to the Towns to best maximize the economy of scale and to enable the HRMC administrator to have review and oversight of vendor relations, and program operations. In FY16, the HRMC acquired two new MRF containers in an effort to begin to remove containers from the HRMC fleet that were no longer road-worthy.

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

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

Kathleen A. Casey

HRMC Administrator

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