



TOWN OF
Cummington
MASSACHUSETTS



ANNUAL REPORT
2017

DEDICATION

MIKE ROBBINS

Mike Robbins came to Cummington some 60 years ago - this doesn't quite make him a "native" but close. He and his wife Terry raised their family here. Mike was very involved as a leader in 4-H and spent many hours with the youngsters doing organized roadside litter removal on the streets of town. He loved woodworking and taught the 4-H'ers woodworking and coached Little League baseball. His early years in Cummington his work took him out of town. Sometime around 1985 he became involved in Cummington's new "Transfer Station" after the old town "Dump" closed on West Cummington Road. From that time on, he, along with Bobby Steele, was the "Attendant" at the Transfer Station. He became the "Boss," "Greeter" and chief "Curmudgeon". A great love of both Mike and Terry was and still is Bobby Sweet and his band. He never missed a chance to go to where they were performing. The Transfer Station isn't quite the same without him.

In Memoriam

ARLIN "STUB" STEVENS

passed away January 4, 2017

Arlin "Stub" was a Cummington native and he brought his wife Millie back with him to Town in 1951 where they raised their family. He got involved in the Town very quickly. He was a member of the Fire Department for 50 years and the Assistant Fire Chief for 26 years. He and Millie were both involved in the first ambulance here in Cummington "you call and we haul." They both became Emergency Medical Technicians and served on the Cummington Ambulance for a good number of years. He was a founding member of the Hilltown Choral Society and he loved to sing. He also took his position as Deacon at the Church very seriously. Stub was the official Town Clock Winder - the one on the church steeple on Main Street. Stub was our Electrical Inspector for close to 50 years - a duty he took very seriously. One thing most of us did not know was that Stub not only liked to sing but he also liked to dance. He and Millie were involved in the square dance clubs in the area. Anyone who attended the Cummington Fair could hear over their loud speaker "Stub Stevens report to Art's French Fries, the lights are out" or many other calls during the three days of the Fair. Even though his profession as an instructor at Pathfinder Regional High School took him out of Town during the day, he came back raring to do some of his other duties.

Town of
**CUMMINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS**



**ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR
ENDING
JUNE 30, 2017**

Adams Specialty & Printing Co.

Town of Cummington

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

AREA
23.06 Square Miles

MILES OF TOWN ROADS
49.2

MILES OF STATE HIGHWAYS
9

UNITED STATES SENATORS
Elizabeth Warren
Edward J. Markey

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
Richard E. Neal

MASSACHUSETTS STATE SENATOR
Adam Hinds

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

Member

Term Expires

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Russell L. Sears, III	2020
William F. Adams	2019
Monica M. Vandoloski	2018

TOWN CLERK

Donna Jordan	2020
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TREASURER

Susan L. Warriner	2020
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TAX COLLECTOR

Susan L. Warriner	2018
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BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Mark Bevan	2020
Joy Johns	2019
Sam Konieczny	2018

MODERATOR

Donna L. Forgea	2018
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VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Jane Adams	2020
Theodore Lynds	2019
Sharon Cunningham	2018

ALMONER OF CHARITABLE FUNDS

Susan L. Forgea	2020
Bernard L. Forgea	2019
Joyce A. Wiernasz	2018

Member

Term Expires

COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS

Stephen M. Howes	2020
Joyce A. Wiernasz	2019
Barbara D. Goldsmith	2018

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Dann Emerson	2020
Donna L. Forgea	2019
Tomas Jaracz	2018

TRUSTEES of the BRYANT FREE LIBRARY

Gregory Tessier	2022
Brenda S Arbib	2021
Deborah Hoechstetter	2020
John Maruskin	2019
Eliza Dragon	2018

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Daniel G Loux	2020
Dennis W. Forgea	2020
Geraldine Wilcox	2019
Jill Figliozzi	2019
Maureen L. Tumenas	2018
Scott B. Keith	2018
Susan L. Warriner, Treasurer (Ex-Officio non-voting member)	2018
Donna L. Forgea, Moderator (Ex-officio non-voting member)	2018

BOARD of HEALTH

Judith C. Bogart	2020
Roger Bradford Gunn	2019
John G. Earls	2018

Member

Term Expires

PLANNING BOARD

Mark Malinak	2022
Kathryn Harrison	2021
Robert Taylor	2020
Judith C. Bogart	2019
Richard A. Roberge	2018

**CUMMINGTON RECREATION
and PETTINGILL MEMORIAL FIELD COMMITTEE**

Eliza Dragon	2020
Jennifer O'Neil	2020
Nicole Wortis	2019
Geraldine Wilcox	2019
Donna L. Forgea	2018
Amy Grallert	2018
Laurie A. Freitag	2018

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	2020
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Appointed Officials

Appointments by the Board of Selectmen

Member *Term Expires*

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Jeanette A. Horton	2020
Loredana Holmes	2020
Tomas Jaracz	2020
H. Sydney O'Leary	2019
Daniel G. Loux	2019
Paul H. Streeter	2018
Sara Scanlon-Fournier	2018

APPEALS, ZONING BOARD of

Kenneth L. Howes	2020
Ernest T. Strong	2020
Mark G. Bevan, Associate	2019
Carla C. Ness	2019
Michael Holden	2018
Deborah L. Emerson	2018

LOCAL CULTURAL COUNCIL

Sara Tower	2020
Jean Johns	2020
Patricia Brundage	2020
Kim Wachtel	2020
Eliza Dragon	2018
Becky Kravetz	2018
June Ferrin	Emerita

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Robert D. Dextraze	2018
William F. Adams	2018
Jacob Jordan	2018
Gloria Robbins	2018
Russell L. Sears III	2018
Monica M. Vandoloski	2018

Member

Term Expires

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Bernard L. Forgea	2018
Adams Dragon, Assistant	2018

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Robert D. Dextraze	2020
John D. Eisenhour	2020
Gerald F. Howes, Jr.	2019
Robert Arbib	2019
Alan Douglas	2018
Matthew Drawe	2018
Sara Scanlon-Fournier	2018

COUNCIL on AGING

Margaret L. Daniels	2020
Elliot Ring	2019
Worth Noyes	2019
Ann Parsons	2018
Nancy Cole	2018
Kathleen Knox	2018

FENCE VIEWERS & FIELD DRIVERS

Peter Marcoux	2018
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HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Alan Taylor	2017
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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Michael Daniels	2020
Susan Riley	2020
Stephen M. Howes	2019
Carla C. Ness	2019
Lawrence R. Slezak	2019
Patricia Keith	2018
Karen J. Westergard	2018

<i>Member</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
INSPECTOR of ANIMALS	
Kenneth Howes	2018
INSPECTOR of BUILDINGS	
Joseph Latronica	2018
INSPECTOR of GAS FITTINGS	
Donald Lawton	2018
INSPECTOR of WIRING	
William Graham	2018
John Lyons, Assistant	2018
POLICE CHIEF	
Michael Andrew Perkins II	2018
POLICE OFFICERS	
Sharon Cunningham	2018
Taylor Granger	2018
REGISTRAR of VOTERS	
Donna Jordan	2020
Brenda Emerson-Camp	2020
Brenda Arbib	2019
Mary Bourdon	2018
SELECTMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE to LIBRARY TRUSTEES	
Jane Adams	2018
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	

Member *Term Expires*

SURVEYORS of WOOD & TIMBER

Robert D. Dextraze 2018
David F. Robb, Jr. 2018

TOWN COUNSEL

Michael Siddall 2018

TREE WARDEN

Robert Dextraze 2018
Alan Taylor 2018

VETERANS AGENT

Inter-Municipal Veterans Services
Thomas Geryk 2018

LOWER PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

Mark Malinak 2018

RIGHT to KNOW COORDINATORS

James D. Martin, Jr. 2018
Ernest Strong 2018

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Elizabeth Braccia 2018

SECRETARY to SELECTMEN

Monica M. Vandoloski 2018

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT PROJECTION COMMITTEE

Robert Dextraze 2018
Peter J. Marcoux, Sr. 2018
Delbert H Robbins 2018
Russell L. Sears III 2018
Ernest T. Strong 2018
Alan Taylor 2018

Member

Term Expires

BUILDING REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mark Demaranville	2018
Roger B. Gunn	2018
Peter Tessier	2018
Eliot Ring	2018
James D. Martin, Jr.	2018

PERMANENT APPOINTMENT

Fire Chief	Bernard Forgea
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PETTINGILL CLOCK COMMITTEE

Scott B. Keith	2018
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**WESTFIELD RIVER WILD & SCENIC PROGRAM
Advisory Committee**

Amy Pulley	2018
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EDUCATION ADHOC COMMITTEE

Jill Figliozzi	2018
Nicole Wortis	2018
Joshua Wachtel	2018

MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT BOARD

Maureen Tumenas	2018
Michael Perkins	2018
Brenda Arbib	2018
Scott Keith	2018
Allan Douglas	2018

SOLARIZE COMMITTEE

William Adams	2018
Brenda Arbib	2018
James Wettereau	2018

CUMMINGTON WEB SITE

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

Selectmen's Report

To the Citizens of Cummington:

There has been a great deal of energy expended by your Board of Selectman between the Berkshire Trail Elementary School (BTES) roof project, employees in the Highway Department, grant applications, chapter 90 projects, Green Community designation, an Animal Control Officer, The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center sponsored solar projects and many others. Your Selectmen have been real busy.

The BTES building roof project was put out to bid. We received three qualified responses. After careful and extensive review and reference check by Architect Jeff Penn and Roger Gunn, we chose Silktown Roofing of Manchester Connecticut to do the job. The bid price was \$328,400. Separate from the roof project, the town worked with the Central Berkshire School District to remove and replace overgrown arborvitae along the west side of the school boundary at the bequest of the Taylor family.

Joe Frost was named Highway Superintendent as Robert Dextraze chose to step down to regular employee. Chapter 90 - projects completed during the year included Cole Street at a cost of \$337,996 and Main Street at a cost of \$77,000. Joe and Selectman Bill Adams submitted a Mass Works Grant application for reconstruction of parts of Dodwells Road, Potash Hill, Potash Hill Extension and Bryant Road (Porter Hill to the five corners). The Selectboard also continues to press State Representative Steve Kulik for monies to do Route 112 from five corners to Route 9.

Dean Carpenter resigned from the highway crew and was replaced by Jamie Crane. Later in the Spring, Joe Frost resigned and Rob Dextraze resumed the position of Highway Superintendent on a temporary basis. In June, the Town hired Alan Taylor as the new Highway Superintendent.

The Selectboard welcomed, in October 2016, our new Building Inspector, Joe Latronica, who replaced the retiring Jim Cerone. Thank you Jim, for all your years of dedicated and loyal service to this community.

We are also sad to report the passing of lifelong resident Arlin "Stub" Stevens in January 2017. Aside from being Assistant Fire Chief for 26 years, he also served as our Electrical Inspector for over 50 years.

At a Special Town Meeting in June the Town voted \$200,000 (\$120,000 to be borrowed and \$80,000 from free cash) to purchase two trucks - one is a 2017 International heavy duty single axle truck with an all-seasons body and a plow, and the other is a 2001 Sterling tandem axle dump truck with a plow.

With the assistance and hard work of the Planning Board Cummington began the process in applying for the Green Community designation that, among other things, include a “solar bylaw”, improved energy efficiency standards for the town’s fleet of vehicles and municipal infrastructure. Working with James Barry of Mass DOER, Larry Smith and Ashley Eaton of PVPC the Planning Board will move forward with great enthusiasm to attain the coveted designation and the \$125,000 grant to accompany it.

Due in part to support the renewable energy objectives by the State of Massachusetts, Cummington experienced its first request for a special permit for the construction of a large 250Kw +solar array on Plainfield Rd. Efforts are underway by our Assessor, Planning Board and Zoning Boards to develop a meaningful Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement with the leasing company and the owners of the property in question. This agreement will more than likely be the basis for portions of the proposed Solar By-law.

As we say so many times, we want to thank those with whom we work each year for your 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 like Cummington running smoothly and again, to all of you thanks.

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

Expenditures 2017

001.100.5110 - Official Salaries	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
	35,820			
Adams Jane W.		15		
Adams William F.		1,300		
Bevan Mark G.		1,100		
Bogart Judith C.		1,000		
Cunningham Sharon		40		
Dextraze Jr. Robert		50		
Earls John G.		250		
Emerson Dann M.		300		
Forgea Donna		600		
Gunn Roger B.		250		
Jaracz Tomasz		300		
Johns Joy M.		917		
Jordan Donna C.		5,000		
Konieczny Samuel		1,150		
Lynds Theodore F.		15		
Roberge Richard A.		183		
Sears III Russell L.		1,500		
Split Payroll		1,667		
Vandoloski Monica		1,300		
Warriner Susan L.		18,333		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			550	0
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001.100.5400 - Administration General				
	4,971			
Daily Hampshire Gazette		861		
Hampshire County Select Board's Assoc.		66		
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.		206		
James Crane		184		
James Crane Reimb.		(184)		
James Wettereau		0		
Mass Labor Law Poster Service		80		
MMA		491		
Mohawk Office Equipment Co., Inc.		740		
Turley Publications, Inc.		152		
U. S. Postal Service		164		
W.B. Mason		673		
Whiting Energy Fuels		2		
William F. Adams		89		
Year End Transfers	(4)			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			1,444	0
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001.100.5430 - Admin Various Officials				
	800			
Douglas Donna		538		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			262	

001.122.5400 - Administration Selectmen	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Appropriation	13,181			
Vandoloski Monica		12,927		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			254	
001.122.5820 - Cemetery Capital				
Appropriation	10,000			
Frederica Chick		10,000		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	
001.131.5400 - Admin Finance Committee				
Appropriation	130			
Assoc. of Town Finance Committees		129		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			1	
001.132.5400 - Reserve Fund				
Appropriation	6,000			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			6,000	
001.135.5100 - Accountant Salary				
Appropriation	10,000			
Braccia Elizabeth J.		10,000		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	
001.135.5400 - Admin Accountant				
Appropriation	4,000			
Accela, Inc.		3,890		
W.B. Mason		99		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			11	
001.136.5400 - Town Audit				
Appropriation	8,000			
FY11 Carry Forward				8,000
To Close Out To General Revenue			0	
001.141.5111 - Assessor's Clerk				
Appropriation	8,500			
Johns Joy M.		8,500		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	
001.141.5200 - Assessor's Consultant				
Appropriation	6,900			
Carry Forward	1,000	0		
Bevan Mark G.		2,300		
Johns Joy M.		2,720		
Konieczny Samuel		2,880		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	

001.141.5400 - Admin Assessors	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Appropriation	4,500			
BCAA		30		
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		225		
Community Software Consortium		2,200		
Daily Hampshire Gazette		36		
Dell Marketing L.P.		737		
HHCAA		40		
MAAO		150		
Mark Bevans		74		
U. S. Postal Service		477		
University Conference Services		489		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			41	
001.141.5430 - Assessor's Tax Maps				
Appropriation	1,900			
MainstreetGIS, LLC		1,900		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	
001.145.5400 - Administrator Treasurer				
Appropriation	5,720			
Carry Forward	400			
Accela, Inc.		3,890		
Hampshire/Franklin County CT.		10		
Inform Business Systems		56		
MA Collector & Treasurer Assoc		25		
Stevensville Corporation		400		
Susan Warriner		80		
U. S. Postal Service		792		
W.B. Mason		370		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			496	
001.146.5400 - Admin Tax Collector				
Appropriation	7,535			
Carry Forward	275			
MA Collector & Treasurer Assoc.		25		
Phoenix Computer Systems		750		
Point Software		4,678		
U. S. Postal Service		1,186		
W.B. Mason		273		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			897	
001.151.5200 - Town Counsel				
Appropriation	10,000			
Siddall & Siddall, P.C.		724		
Carry Forward				9,000
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			276	

001.158.5400 - Tax Title Expenses	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Appropriation	5,000			
Turnover 17-44		(75)		
Turnover 17-59		(120)		
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		715		
Daily Hampshire Gazette		240		
Hampshire County Registry of Deeds		150		
Siddall & Siddall, P.C.		2,726		
Carry Forwards				1,363
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			1	

001.161.5400 - Admin Town Clerk

Appropriation	1,000			
Danforth Printing		138		
Donna Jordan		166		
Iron Mountain		380		
MA Town Clerk's Association		45		
U. S. Postal Service		192		
W.B. Mason		0		
Western MA City & Town Clerks' Assoc.		23		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			56	

001.162.5110 - Election & Registration

Appropriation	2,257			
Bogart Judith C.		293		
Bourdon Kelsey A.		40		
Brundage Patricia		55		
Cunningham Sharon		450		
Granger Taylor A.		75		
Harrison Kathryn A.		143		
Horton Jeannette A.		58		
Jay Kristin M.		337		
Johns Joy M.		30		
Merritt Helen S.		180		
Misc.		(338)		
Parsons Anne M.		42		
Perkins Michael A.		165		
Thayer Lorena M		35		
Vandoloski Monica		403		
Weigel David C.		33		
Wolf Carolyn		256		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	

001.171.5400 - Conservation Commission

Appropriation	150			
Ad in Gazette		(65)		
Daily Hampshire Gazette				
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE		138	77	

001.175.5400 - Planning Board	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
	1,600			
Daily Hampshire Gazette		120		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			1,480	
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001.176.5400 - ZBA				
	500			
Turley Publications, Inc.		45		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			455	
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001.192.5340 - Internet/Telephone				
	16,000			
Allan Douglas		24		
Alternative Recycling Systems		0		
BCAA		150		
Crocker Telecommunications, LLC		4,287		
DD Graphics Web Media		520		
Dell Marketing L.P.		1,391		
Elizabeth J. Braccia		99		
George Propane Reclass		(341)		
George Propane, Inc.		341		
Joy Johns		392		
Verizon		6,378		
Verizon Business		29		
W.B Mason Reclass		(75)		
W.B. Mason		889		
Year End Transfers	(1,281)			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			635	
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001.192.5400 - Community House				
	15,584			
Alternative Recycling Systems		917		
Cummington Supply Inc.		132		
Cunningham Michael R.		270		
Eversource		3,345		
George Propane Reclass		341		
George Propane, Inc.		4,947		
Horton Jeannette A.		2,130		
Jordan Donna C.		546		
Pittsfield Fire & Safety Co., Inc.		87		
Reclass		600		
Reclass Alternate Recycling		(72)		
Simplex Grinnell		1,342		
Split Payroll		60		
Stevensville Corporation		93		
Town of Cummington		1,236		
UMTC/Baystate Roads		75		
Vacuum Peddler		238		
W.B Mason Reclass		75		
W.B. Mason		472		
Wolf Marie J.		30		
Year End Transfers	1,281			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	
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001.192.5460 - Lawn Mowing	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Appropriation	4,495			
Robbins Gloria		1,788		
Westfield Equipment Service		259		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			2,448	
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001.192.5850 - Community House Capital				
Appropriation	10,000			
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TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	
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001.195.5200 - Town Reports				
Appropriation	3,400			
Adams Specialty & Printing Co.		1,971		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			1,429	
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001.210.5100 - Police Dept Salaries				
Appropriation	19,400			
Cunningham Sharon		2,760		
Granger Taylor A.		990		
Perkins Michael A.		15,466		
Reversal of PD PW 321		(1,370)		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			1,554	
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001.210.5400 - Police Department				
Appropriation	12,500			
Adam Dragon		50		
Baycom Inc.		638		
Burke Chevrolet		392		
Channing Bete Company, Inc.		110		
Cumington Supply Inc.		38		
DD Graphics Web Media		275		
Ed's Auto Repair		70		
Hampshire Sheriff's Office		828		
Integration Partners Corporation		630		
Interstate Battery System		322		
Jurek Brothers, Inc.		242		
MA Chiefs of Police Assoc., Inc.		799		
Massachusetts Police Association		76		
Michael Perkins		161		
Motorola Solutions, Inc.		3,604		
MPA-PAC		8		
Municipal Police Institute, Inc.		180		
NESPIN		100		
Newegg Business, Inc.		356		
Raynor Door Sales		60		
Sentry Uniform Inc.		797		
TMDE Calibration Labs, Inc.		269		
U. S. Postal Service		70		
Verizon		1,232		
W.B. Mason		638		
Western Mass Chiefs of Police Assoc		125		
WMLEC Invoice		300		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			131	

001.210.5800 - Police Capital	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Appropriation	0			
Carry Forward	249			249
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	
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001.220.5400 - FD & Forest Warden				
Appropriation	21,411			
Adam Dragon		45		
Bernard Forgea		180		
Commercial Truck Tire Center		687		
Conrad Liebenow		48		
Cummington Supply Inc.		31		
Durawear Glove & Safety Co.		1,095		
Ed's Auto Repair		949		
Edward E. Morann		392		
Fail Safe Testing, LLC		2,602		
Fire Chief's Association of Massachusetts, Inc.		200		
Firehouse Software		675		
G & S Industrial, Inc.		5,536		
Hampshire County Fire Defense Assoc.		600		
Hampshire County Emerg. Communication System		486		
Interstate Battery System		672		
JMS Auto Parts		187		
Kussmaul Electronics		72		
Mass Mobile Inspections		600		
New England Emergency Equip.		440		
Pittsfield Communications		135		
Siddall & Siddall, P.C.		0		
The Fire Truck Authority		1,980		
United Divers, Inc.		831		
W.B. Mason		216		
Western MA Fire Chiefs Association		115		
WMLEC		300		
WMLEC Invoice		(300)		208
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			2,430	
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001.220.5800 - Fire Dept Capital				
Appropriation	0			
Carry Forward	10,508			
Fire Tech & Safety of New England, Inc.		13,729		
ATM May 5, 2017	3,221			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	
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001.231.5400 - Highland Ambulance				
Appropriation	29,336			
Highland Ambulance EMS, Inc.		29,094		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			242	

001.241.5100 - Building Inspector Wages	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Appropriation	12,000			
Cerone James A.		2,333		
Latronica Joseph P.		6,829		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			2,837	
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001.241.5400 - Building Inspector Admin				
Appropriation	300			
W.B. Mason		104		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			196	
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001.290.5400 - Public Safety Complex				
Appropriation	17,529			
Eversource		3,973		
Fire Detection Systems		570		
JMS Auto Parts		256		
Kinsley Power Systems		738		
Town of Cummington		545		
United Divers, Inc.		620		
Whiting Energy Fuels		5,482		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			5,344	
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001.290.5800 - Public Safety Complex Cap				
Appropriation	0			
Carry Forward	2,383			
Corgi Electric		700		
D.J. Clary Plumbing & Heating		763		
Eversource		375		
Town of Cummington		545		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	
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001.291.5400 - Emergency Management				
Appropriation	7,705			
Blackboard		1,876		5,619
CDW Government		210		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	
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001.292.5400 - Animal Control Officer				
Appropriation	3,000			
Jernstrom Julie		1,575		
Vandoloski Monica		198		
Hampshire Council of Governments		66		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			1,161	
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001.293.5400 - Animal Inspector				
Appropriation	500			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			500	

001.294.5400 - Tree Account	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
	6,000			
Howes Tree & Landscaping		6,000		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	
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001.300.5320 - Vocational Tuition				
	175,560			
Smith Vocational & Agricultural High School		153,000		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			22,560	
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001.300.5330 - CBRSD Transportation				
	33,502			
Central Berkshire Regional S.D.		33,502		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	
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001.300.5400 - CBRSD Operating Expense				
	769,248			
Central Berkshire Regional S.D.		769,248		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	
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001.300.5800 - CBRSD Capital Expense				
	8,813			
Central Berkshire Regional S.D.		8,813		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	
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001.301.5330 - Vocational Transportation				
	41,540			
Stevensville Corp.		41,000		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			541	
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001.302.5400 - Berkshire Trail School Building				
	55,750			
Alternative Recycling Systems		618		
CBRSD - Payment for Shrubs and Chimney		(34,056)		
Crocker Telecommunications, LLC		939		
Cummington Supply Inc.		27		
D.J. Clary Plumbing & Heating		224		
Eversource		14,539		
George Propane, Inc.		1,866		
Howes Tree and Landscaping		25,200		
Lee Audio 'N Security, Inc.		1,236		
M & W Heating		500		
Pittsfield Fire & Safety Co., Inc.		361		
Reclass		679		
Reclass Alternate Recycling		72		

001.302.5400 - Berkshire Trail School Approp- Building (continued) priation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
SNE Building Systems	5,926		
Stevensville Corporation	240		
Town of Cummington	906		
Verizon	428		
W.B Mason Inv	202		
W.B. Mason	581		
Whiting Energy Fuels	18,190		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE		5,515	11,556

001.422.5110 - Highway Salaries

Appropriation	129,832		
Carpenter Dean P.	4,664		
Crane James R.	15,932		
Dextraze Dylan A.	813		
Dextraze Jr. Robert	39,725		
Forgea Dennis	1,868		
Frost Joseph D.	32,865		
Split Payroll	1,823		
Split Payroll 306	(1,946)		
Taylor Alan L.	1,103		
Wolf Devon R.	1,680		
Year End Transfers	(8,819)		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE		22,487	

001.422.5130 - Highway Overtime

Appropriation	18,930		
Crane James R.	2,704		
Dextraze Jr. Robert	6,442		
Frost Joseph D.	6,981		
Wolf Devon R.	173		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE		2,631	

001.422.5150 - Highway Vac, Hol, Sick & Pers

Appropriation	19,548		
Carpenter Dean P.	3,857		
Crane James R.	928		
Dextraze Jr. Robert	4,966		
Frost Joseph D.	4,154		
Split Payroll	840		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE		4,803	

001.422.5400 - Highway Admin.

Appropriation	12,500		
Airgas USA, LLC	190		
Cintas Corporation	176		
Custom Drug Testing	100		
Dennis K. Burke, Inc.	1,136		

001.422.5400 - Highway Admin. <i>(continued)</i>	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Donbeck Sales		25		
Eversource		833		
Industrial Residential Sec, LLC		245		
JMS Auto Parts		147		
L.F. Powers Co., Inc.		536		
Miller's Petroleum System, Inc.		281		
Mirabito Energy - Lenox Dale		7,148		
Noel Keeney		350		
Reclass		(6,834)		
Town of Cummington		612		
Unifirst Corporation		249		
Verizon		220		
W.B. Mason		265		
Whiting Energy Fuels		1,576		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			5,245	

001.422.5415 - Highway Tool & Machinery

Appropriation	67,000			
Advanced Tank Testing Services, Inc.		500		
Carquest of Shelburne Falls		2,672		
Cummington Supply Inc.		110		
Dave's Oil Burner Service		110		
Dennis K. Burke, Inc.		2,362		
Frank Labelle's Sales & Service		60		
Gateway Motors		145		
Genden Auto Parts		334		
George D. Judd & Sons LLC		1,629		
GRS Equipment Services		2,365		
JMS Auto Parts		177		
Lacorte Farm & Lawn Equipment, Inc.		8,500		
Liebenow's Garage		329		
Mass Mobile Inspections		900		
Meehan Construction Co., Inc.		160		
Miller's Petroleum System, Inc.		188		
Mirabito Energy - Lenox Dale		4,521		
New Hampshire Hydraulics, Inc.		700		
Palmer Paving Corporation		361		
Peter J. Marcoux		5,135		
Pete's Tire Barns, Inc.		9,182		
R.I. Baker Co. Inc.		2,946		
Reclass		20,754		
Robert Dextraze		160		
Schmidt Equipment, Inc.		17,606		
Sessions Repair		1,120		
Shippee Builders Inc.		7,800		
Sirum Equipment Company, Inc.		284		
STM May 5, 2017	20,000	0		
Superior Spring & Mfg. Co.		497		
Tri-County Contractor's Supply, Inc.		550		
Tyler Equipment		742		
Unifirst Corporation		269		
US Mower		268		
Verizon		54		

001.422.5415 - Highway Tool & Machinery (continued)	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Whiting Energy Fuels		82		
Wholesale Distributors		580		
Year End Transfers	7,153			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	

001.422.5420 - Highway General

Appropriation	70,000			
Advanced Tank Testing Services, Inc.		650		
Airgas USA, LLC		111		
Carquest of Shelburne Falls		1,576		
Certified Laboratories		160		
Cintas Corporation		463		
Cummington Supply Inc.		536		
Dennis K. Burke, Inc.		3,559		
Eversource		474		
Fleetpride		487		
G & S Industrial, Inc.		409		
Gateway Motors		298		
George D. Judd & Sons LLC		52,092		
GRS Equipment Services		2,633		
James Crane Reimb		184		
JMS Auto Parts		304		
Joseph Frost		180		
Liebenow's Garage		275		
Maintenance Man Inc.		6,710		
Meehan Construction Co., Inc.		571		
Mirabito Energy - Lenox Dale		6,730		
Monica Vandoloski		72		
Palmer Paving Corporation		2,366		
Patriot Freightliner-Western Star		52		
Peter J. Marcoux		785		
Pittsfield Fire & Safety Co., Inc.		340		
Power Washer Sales		3,850		
R.I. Baker Co. Inc.		2,170		
Reclass		(24,481)		
Robert Dextraze		244		
S & S Machine & Welding, Inc.		550		
Schmidt Equipment, Inc.		3,016		
Sessions Repair		427		
Sirum Equipment Company, Inc.		1,028		
Unifirst Corporation		858		
US Mower		193		
W.B. Mason		30		
Whiting Energy Fuels		569		
Wholesale Distributors		184		
Zwack, Inc.		984		
Year End Transfers	1,636			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			(0)	

001.422.5430 - Highway Misc.	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Appropriation	595			
Custom Drug Testing		65		
Joseph Frost		156		
Reclass		(369)		
Robert Dextraze		25		
W.B. Mason		330		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			388	

001.422.5835 - Lease of Brush Mower	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Appropriation	3,747			
Brush Mower Maintenance		(1,600)		
Deere Credit, Inc.		29,511		
WMECO		(26,000)		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			(0)	1,836

001.423.5400 - Winter Roads	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Appropriation	60,000			
Apalachee Marine		72,321		
George D. Judd & Sons LLC		46,174		
Reclass		10,931		
STM June 29, 2017	69,426			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	

001.450.5100 - Water Wages	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Appropriation	11,000			
Calvert Grace A.		285		
Dragon Michal A.		165		
Forgea Dennis		10,400		
Warriner Susan L.		200		
Year End Transfers	50			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	

001.450.5400 - Water	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Appropriation	50,000			
Astro Chemicals, Inc.		3,921		
Cummington Supply Inc.		168		
Dennis Forgea		4		
Dept. of Environmental Protection		93		
Donna L. Forgea		19		
E.J. Prescott, Inc.		297		
Electralarm		1,060		
Everett J. Prescott, Inc.		3,083		
Eversource		4,259		
George Propane, Inc.		1,694		

001.450.5400 - Water <i>(continued)</i>	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Housatonic Basin Sampling & Testing		4,548		
Imperial Pools & Spas by Lafrance Inc.		101		
Mass Rural Water Association		345		
Massachusetts Water Works Assoc.		75		
R.E. Erickson Co., Inc.		2,770		
Susan Warriner		67		
USABlueBook		61		
USDA		21,844		
Verizon		651		
Year End Transfers	(50)			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			4,889	

001.510.5400 - Board of Health

Appropriation	63,000			
Barbara Curran		475		
Corinne Sharkey		4		
Cummington Supply Inc.		476		
Dave Wickles Trucking		15,176		
Ely Jr. Robert J.		3,962		
Eversource		1,951		
Foster Farrar		190		
Hatfield Printing & Publishing		424		
HRMC		4,679		
Jeffrey Scott Penn		891		
MRF Advisory Board		44		
Pittsfield Fire & Safety Co., Inc.		222		
Robbins Jr. Levi A.		200		
Robbins Robin A.		443		
Robbins Sr. Levi		3,744		
Robin Robbins		23		
Shane Wolf		2,450		
Sharkey Corinne		7,323		
Split Payroll		1,021		
Split Payroll 306		(985)		
Stevensville Corporation		130		
Tighe & Bond		8,145		
U. S. Postal Service		450		
W.B. Mason		299		
Working Persons Store		192		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			11,074	

001.510.5800 - Board of Health Capital

Appropriation	0			
Carry Forward	3,500			
Stevensville Corporation		3,500		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	

001.541.5400 - Council on Aging	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
	4,400			
Appropriation				
Carolyn Urekew		25		
MCOA		168		
Paradise Copies		220		
Town of Williamsburg		131		
U. S. Postal Service		48		
Urekew Carolyn J.		2,031		
W.B. Mason		472		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			1,306	

001.543.5400 - Veterans	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
	25,363			
Appropriation				
Eva Howes		3,253		
Flag Guys		935		
Holyoke Health Center		2,406		
Jon Bushey		128		
Nicholas P. Cockoros		8,747		
Northampton Veterans' Service		3,467		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			6,428	

001.610.5400 - Library	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
	7,440			
Appropriation				
Ancient American Magazine		60		
Annette Rubino-Buckley		16		
Barnes & Noble, Inc.		1,120		
Ben Kohn		15		
Berkshire Museum		100		
Cummington Supply Inc.		214		
Electralarm		250		
Eliza J. Dragon		125		
Eversource		502		
Gary Miller		12		
Home Depot Credit Services		83		
Joseph P. Gomes		480		
Little Kids		30		
London Review of Books		30		
Mark Demaranville		546		
Mass MoCA Foundation, Inc.		150		
National Geographic Little Kids		30		
Quilters Newsletter		0		
Rolling Stone		35		
Tessier Gregory		342		
The New Republic		20		
The New Yorker		180		
Traveler		33		
Turn It Up!		613		
W.B. Mason		307		
Whiting Energy Fuels		1,896		
Wolf Marie J.		252		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	

001.610.5800 - Library Capital	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Appropriation	0			
Carry Forward	2,525			
Cummington Supply Inc.		1,627		
Joseph P. Gomes		899		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	

001.630.5400 - Recreation

Appropriation	3,500			
Alternative Recycling Systems		275		
Amy Grallert		56		
Cummington Supply Inc.		191		
Dennis Forgea		100		
Donna L. Forgea		148		
Eversource		568		
George Propane, Inc.		113		
Hilltown Junior Olympics		256		
Lashway Bark Mulch		204		
Reynolds Team Sales		460		
Ronald Forgea		160		
Town of Cummington		470		
W.B. Mason		424		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			75	

001.751.5915 - Safety Complex Loan

Appropriation	77,574			
USDA		77,574		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	

001.751.5920 - Interest on Loans

Appropriation	5,000			
Easthampton Savings Bank		1,648		
Internal Revenue Service		260		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			3,092	

001.830.5400 - Council of Govt's

Appropriation	496			
Hampshire Council of Governments		496		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	

001.830.5401 - LPVP Commission

Appropriation	130			
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission		134		
Year End Transfers	4			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	

001.911.5400 - Contributory Retirement	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Surplus	Carried Forward
Appropriation	40,114			
Hampshire Regional Retirement System		40,144		
Year End Transfers	30			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0	
001.913.5400 - Unemployment				
Appropriation	1,000			
Division of Unemployment Asst.		739		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			261	
001.914.5400 - Medical Insurance				
Appropriation	5,000			
Hampshire County Group Ins.		3,142		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			1,858	
001.916.5400 - Medicare/Social Security				
Appropriation	13,000			
Bank of Western Mass		2,178		
Easthampton Savings Bank		9,421		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			1,401	
001.945.5400 - Liability Insurance				
Appropriation	46,000			
Cabot Risk Strategies LLC		889		
Deep Associates		9,465		
MIIA Property & Casualty Group		25,979		
MIIA Worker's Compensation Group, Inc.		3,664		
Traveler		0		
Travelers CL Remittance Center		755		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			5,248	

Other Expenditures 2017

183402.00	Community House Expenses	
	Horton Jeannette A.	540.00
	Pittsfield Fire & Safety Co., Inc.	144.70
	Wolf Marie J.	420.00
	Total Community House	1,104.70
183404.00	Library Special	
	Aaron M. Dean	50.00
	Charles Tokarz	50.00
	Dave Christopolis	50.00
	David Bartley	50.00
	Francis Curley	50.00
	Richard Downs	50.00
	The Creamery	22.29
	Total Library Special	322.29
183405.00	Cemetery Expenses	
	Jordan Jacob R.	6,300.00
	Total Cemetery	6,300.00
1834054.00	Historical Commission	
	Aida Albert	31.00
	Cetera Advisors, LLC	0.00
	Cummington Supply Inc.	16.40
	David Bowman	100.00
	Eiseman Sonja R.	356.25
	Electralarm	610.00
	Elia Sarah Winter	273.75
	Eversource	2,244.32
	Feitner Lilah B.	307.50
	Foster Farrar	327.34
	Patricia Keith	180.00
	Pershing, LLC	835.00
	Pittsfield Fire & Safety Co., Inc.	327.85
	Scott B. Keith	1,266.30
	Scott Keith - Reimb.	282.03
	Shane Wolf	1,870.00
	Streeter Hannah L.	393.75
	The Creamery	422.13
	Tim Ericksen	100.00
	Town of Cummington	910.00
	ATM 5/6/16 Transfer to GF	3,000.00
	Total Historic Commission	13,853.62

183410.00	Fire Dept Special	
	Pittsfield Communications	871.14
	Total Fire Dept Special	871.14
183424.00	Helen Muchnic Gift Expenses	
	Aquarius Capital Solutions Group, LLC	5,062.50
	Daily Hampshire Gazette	247.17
	Jeffrey Scott Penn	3,374.25
	Total Helen Muchnic Gift	8,683.92
185472.00	COA Memorial Gifts	
	Carolann Skaling	500.00
	Carolyn Urekew	526.55
	Elliot Ring	20.00
	Ida Pierce	160.00
	James Martin	40.00
	Margaret Daniels	20.14
	W.B. Mason	3.98
	Williamsburg Market	138.96
	Total COA Memorial Gifts	1,409.63
230.499.5865.0000	Chapter 90	
	All States Asphalt, Inc.	339,573.92
	Murray Paving & Reclamation	45,034.12
	Rafferty Fine Grading, Inc.	16,783.20
	Total Chapter 90	401,391.24
243012.00	Fire Safe Grant Exp	
	Newegg Business, Inc.	484.48
	Pacific Printing	1,126.00
	Valley Communication Systems, Inc.	318.05
	Total Fire Safe Grant	1,928.53
243012.01	Emergency Management Grant	
	CDW Government	2,179.79
	Total Emergency Management Grant	2,179.79
2435516.00	GHSB Grant	
	Motorola Solutions, Inc.	2,611.90
	Total GHSB Grant	2,611.90

2534008.00	Extended Polling Hours	
	Jordan Donna C.	250.00
	Misc	338.00
	Total Extended Polling Hours	588.00

2534197.00	Solarize Clean Energy Grant Expense	
	Brenda Arbib	176.97
	Cummington Fire Association	200.00
	Cummington Supply Inc.	245.12
	Good Will Messenger	100.00
	Hackett & Hunter Solutions	500.00
	Hillside Agricultural Society	250.00
	James Wettereau	1,636.80
	Paradise Copies	1,822.80
	Solarize Reimb Windsor	(626.00)
	Solarize Reimb Worthington	(823.81)
	Sunbug Solar	204.98
	The Creamery	241.82
	Town of Cummington	600.00
	West Cummington Congregational Church	100.00
	Total Solarize Clean Energy Grant	4,628.68

2534302.00	BoH Recycling Grant	
	Cummington Supply Inc.	569.40
	Stevensville Corporation	203.54
	Total BoH Recycling Grant	772.94

2535514.00	Council on Aging - State	
	Knox Kathleen	44.00
	U. S. Postal Service	147.00
	Urekew Carolyn J.	4,345.00
	W.B. Mason	91.86
	Total COA State Grant	4,627.86

2535522.00	State Aid to Libraries	
	Mark Demaranville	31.33
	Total State Aid to Libraries	31.33

2535524.00	Arts Council	
	Alice Spatz	400.00
	Ashfield Community Theater	100.00
	Berkshire Lyric Theatre	250.00
	Central Berkshire Regional S.D.	100.00
	Chester Theater Company	351.00
	David Perkins	300.00
	Davis Bates	400.00
	Double Edge Theatre	208.00
	Hilltown Familes, Inc.	200.00
	Jeanne Johns	350.00
	Judith Bowerman Slezak	196.29
	Kate Albrecht	200.00
	Kathryn Harrison	400.00
	Kimberely Wachtel	270.00
	Marie Gauthier	150.00
	Maureen Shea	200.00
	Nick Kachulis	400.00
	North Hall Association	281.00
	Plainfield Congregational Church	500.00
	Rorianne Shrade	500.00
	Stonewall II	200.00
	Tamarack Hollow C/O Aimee Gelinias	250.00
	Trustees of Reservations	100.00
	Total Arts Council	6,306.29
2635197.00	Solar Array Fees	
	Siddall & Siddall, P.C.	2,150.00
	Solbright Refund of Attorney Fees	(2,150.00)
	Total Solar Array Fees	0.00
2635562.00	53E 1/2 Inspec Rev 6000	
	Bernard Forgea	850.00
	Don Lawton	1,781.00
	William Graham	5,920.00
	Total Inspectors	8,551.00
300.095.3590.0000	Berkshire Trail School Roof Capital	
	Silktown Roofing Inc.	2,790.00
	Total BTS Roof Capital	2,790.00

600024.00	Cemetery Trust	
	Transfer to Cemetery Gifts	4,140.00
	Total Cemetery Trust	4,140.00

893.210.5130	Police Outside Detail	
	Cunningham Sharon	8,431.50
	Forgea Dennis	13,251.00
	Granger Taylor A.	5,407.50
	Perkins Michael A.	7,980.00
	Spiess Robert N.	168.00
	Town of Chesterfield	504.00
	Town of Goshen	3,192.00
	Town of Hinsdale	798.00
	Town of Middlefield	672.00
	Town of Peru	336.00
	Town of Savoy	252.00
	Town of Williamsburg	294.00
	Town of Windsor	714.00
	Total Police Outside Detail	42,000.00

893062.00	FID State Portion	
	Commonwealth of Mass	1,650.00
	Total FID State	1,650.00

893601.00	Fire Outside Detail	
	Dragon Adam E.	420.00
	Dragon Michal A.	714.00
	Ely, Jr. Robert J.	714.00
	Emerson Steven E.	252.00
	Grallert Matthew	504.00
	Magdycz Karl H.	504.00
	Savoie Austin T.	294.00
	Total Fire Outside Detail	3,402.00

Town of Cummington - Combined Balance Sheet - July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

Assets	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Govern Grant Funds	Capital Projects	Revolving	Water	Septic	Trusts	Agency	Long Term Debt	Totals
Cash	364,544.42	187,909.48	128,814.93	29,350.88	18,343.36	86,602.97	101,725.93	1,755,001.94	7,319.25	-	2,679,613.16
Other Receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,135.10	-	-	-	15,135.10
Property Taxes	99,567.73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99,567.73
Overlay	(30,976.89)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(30,976.89)
Tax Liens	40,573.26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,573.26
MVE	33,364.24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,364.24
User charges	-	-	-	-	-	8,242.18	-	-	-	-	8,242.18
Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,151,197.53	1,151,197.53
Total Assets	507,072.76	187,909.48	128,814.93	29,350.88	18,343.36	94,845.15	116,861.03	1,755,001.94	7,319.25	1,151,197.53	3,996,716.31
Liabilities											
Other Liabilities	4,401.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,249.65	-	5,651.14
Warrants Payable	(445.00)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(445.00)
Def Rev Prop Tax	68,590.84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68,590.84
Def Rev Tax Liens	40,573.26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,573.26
Def Rev MVE	33,364.24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,364.24
Def Rev Other	-	-	-	-	-	8,242.18	15,135.10	-	-	-	23,377.28
Bans Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,151,197.53	1,151,197.53
Total Liabilities	146,484.83	-	-	-	-	8,242.18	15,135.10	-	1,249.65	1,151,197.53	1,322,309.29
Fund Balances											
Reserved for Encumbrances	46,695.71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46,695.71
Reserved for Expenditures	43,705.22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43,705.22
Reserved for Deficits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Financing Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Designated	100.00	187,909.48	128,814.93	2,437.55	18,343.36	86,603.97	99,871.17	1,755,001.94	7,393.60	-	2,286,476.00
Undesignated	270,087.00	-	-	26,913.33	-	(1.00)	1,854.76	-	(1,324.00)	-	297,530.09
Total Fund Balances	360,587.93	187,909.48	128,814.93	29,350.88	18,343.36	86,602.97	101,725.93	1,755,001.94	6,069.60	-	2,674,407.02
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	507,072.76	187,909.48	128,814.93	29,350.88	18,343.36	94,845.15	116,861.03	1,755,001.94	7,319.25	1,151,197.53	3,996,716.31

Balance Sheet Assets

Town of Cummington

Balance Sheet General Fund Assets as of June 30, 2017

	Assets	
CASH		
General Fund Cash	\$ 364,544	
Petty Cash	100	
TOTAL FOR CASH		\$ 364,644
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES		
Levy of 2017	1,072	
Levy of 2016	525	
Levy of 2015	503	
Levy of 2014	508	
Prior Years	1,392	
TOTAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES		4,001
REAL ESTATE TAXES		
Levy of 2017	86,029	
Levy of 2016	8,538	
Prior Years	0	
TOTAL OF REAL ESTATE TAXES		94,567
MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES		
Levy of 2017	16,820	
Levy of 2016	1,512	
Levy of 2015	387	
Levy of 2014	605	
Prior Years	14,040	
TOTAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES		33,364
TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS		
Tax Title	36,296	
Tax Possessions	4,277	
TOTAL TAX TITLE & POSSESSIONS		40,573
Total Assets		\$ 537,149.65

Town of Cummington Trust Funds Accounts

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expend- iture	Ending Balance
Trust Funds:				
Stabilization Fund	725,442	103,025	0	828,467
Compensated Absences	2,000	2,000	0	4,000
Cemetery Fund	41,827	3,604	(4,140)	41,291
Community House Fund	2,556	4	0	2,560
Community House Stock Fund	92,000	0	0	92,000
Historical Trust Fund	658,614	14,353	(11,798)	661,169
Library Trust Fund	3,568	6	0	3,574
Library Building Fund	4,413	7	0	4,420
Whiting Street Trust Fund	19,504	49	0	19,553
N.F. Orcutt Charity Fund	19,945	50	0	19,995
School Trust Fund	24,187	61	0	24,247
Town Clock Trust Fund	374	1	0	375
Madelyn Orcutt Fund	53,248	101	0	53,349
Total Trust Funds Balance	1,647,679	123,261	(15,938)	1,755,002

Reserve Fund

July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

Appropriation	6,000.00
No Transfers	
	6,000.00

Statement of Revenues

Estimated to Actual
July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

	Estimated	Actual	Over/Under
TAXES:			
Personal Property	\$ 64,298	\$ 60,805	\$ (3,493)
Real Estate	1,717,010	1,659,828	(57,181)
Motor Vehicle	60,000	115,271	55,271
In Lieu of Taxes	1,000	2,500	1,500
Solid Waste Disposal	24,000	28,395	4,395
STATE AID:			
Chapter 70 School Aid	73,684	73,684	0
Unrestricted Govt Aid	80,210	80,210	0
Abatement Reimbursements	0	1,004	1,004
State Owned Land	42,179	42,179	0
Veteran's Benefits	9,781	9,781	0
Library	1,978	1,978	0
OTHER:			
Interest of Taxes	5,000	14,009	9,009
Licenses and Permits	5,000	17,058	12,058
Fines	1,000	1,080	80
Interest on Savings	500	1,369	869
Fees	3,000	11,069	8,069
Misc Non-Recurring	0	1,385	1,385
Rentals	0	11,840	11,840
TOTALS	\$ 2,088,640	\$ 2,133,446	\$ 44,806

Town Treasurer's Report

Bank Accounts - FY 2017

Bank	Balance 7/1/16	Balance 6/30/17
CENTURY BANK		
Cemetery Trust Funds	\$ 41,827.35	\$ 41,291.43
Charitable Trust Funds	63,635.43	63,795.36
Town Clock Fund	373.83	374.77
UNIBANK		
Stabilization	196,943.81	197,266.61
Community House Trust	2,556.10	2,560.25
Library Trust	3,568.49	3,574.33
Library Building Fund	4,413.09	4,420.32
Madelyn Orcutt Fund	4,290.31	4,297.37
Arts Council Grant	5,888.72	4,299.85
Rehab Program Income Acct.	83,735.37	84,873.59
Helen Muchnic Trust	132,905.39	122,796.81
Online Collections - General Fund	0.00	60,886.08
EASTHAMPTON SAVINGS BANK		
Stabilization	428,498.31	531,200.63
General Fund	0.00	703,933.72
PEOPLE'S UNITED BANK		
Septic System Repair Program	99,946.17	101,725.93
General Fund	868,603.20	33,916.32
BERKSHIRE BANK		
Money Mkt/pub Safety Complex	100.65	100.65
FIDELITY INVESTMENT FUNDS		
Community House Trust	92,000.00	92,000.00
M. Orcutt Fund	48,958.11	49,051.90
HISTORICAL COMMISSION FUNDS		
Investors Capital	658,614.49	661,168.97
DEPOSITS IN TRANSIT	14,102.34	0.00
CHECKS OUTSTANDING	(5,993.65)	(46,519.95)
PETTY CASH	100.00	100.00
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 2,745,067.51	\$ 2,717,114.94

Reconciling Items:

Special Town Meeting Vote 6/29/2017 100,000.00 to Stabilization - transferred 7/1/2017

Due to Gen Fund from Arts Council 308.00 - 6/30/2017 Warrant

Due to Gen Fund from Helen Muchnic 656.25 - 6/30/2017 Warrant

Due to Gen Fund from Cemeteries 1,260.00 - Payroll

Commissioners of Trust Funds
July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

	Principal	Balance 7/1/16	Interest	Add (With)	Balance 6/30/17	Available
BRYANT CEMETERY						
Mary Tower	297.00	1,162.78	2.92	0.00	1,165.70	868.70
Bartlett	107.50	412.16	1.04	0.00	413.20	305.70
Brewster	100.00	358.06	0.90	0.00	358.96	258.96
Donated	775.00	1,781.85	4.47	0.00	1,786.32	1,011.32
Total	1,279.50	3,714.85	9.33	0.00	3,724.18	2,444.68
DAWES CEMETERY						
Whitmarsh	100.00	461.49	1.16	0.00	462.65	362.65
Pratt	50.00	297.62	0.74	0.00	298.36	248.36
Thayer-Gurney	200.00	1,052.55	2.65	0.00	1,055.20	855.20
C.J. Thayer	1,000.00	2,479.84	6.24	0.00	2,486.08	1,486.08
Donated	5,650.00	16,204.56	40.72	0.00	16,245.28	10,595.28
Total	7,000.00	20,496.06	51.51	0.00	20,547.57	13,547.57
GURNEY CEMETERY						
Donated	400.00	2,044.34	5.13	0.00	2,049.47	1,649.47
HARLOW CEMETERY						
Packard	107.50	366.01	0.92	0.00	366.93	259.43
Donated	750.00	1,341.44	3.37	0.00	1,344.81	594.81
Total	857.50	1,707.45	4.29	0.00	1,711.74	854.24
STREETER CEMETERY						
Donated	244.20	504.98	1.27	0.00	506.25	262.05
VILLAGE CEMETERY						
Adams	100.00	340.62	0.86	0.00	341.48	241.48
Bates	100.00	340.04	0.86	0.00	340.90	240.90
Donated	674.39	1,960.50	4.93	0.00	1,965.43	1,291.04
Total	874.39	2,641.16	6.65	0.00	2,647.81	1,773.42
GENERAL CEMETERY						
Donated	5,680.00	10,718.51	25.90	(640.00)	10,104.41	4,424.41
TOTAL						
CEMETERY	\$16,335.59	\$41,827.35	\$104.08	(\$640.00)	\$41,291.43	\$24,955.84

General Donated - Deposits \$3,500.00 General Donated - Withdrawals \$4,140.00
 Due to General Fund 6/30/2017 - \$2,160.00
 Withdrawals are for care of cemeteries offset by donations

Commissioners of Trust Funds (continued)
July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

	Principal	Balance 7/1/16	Interest	Add (With)	Balance 6/30/17	Available
CHARITABLE FUNDS						
N.F. Orcutt	2,254.63	19,945.27	50.12	0.00	19,995.39	17,740.76
Whiting Street	2,071.27	19,503.55	49.02	0.00	19,552.57	17,481.30
Total	4,325.90	39,448.82	99.14	0.00	39,547.96	35,222.06
EDUCATION FUND						
O.H. Warner	1,221.89	24,186.61	60.79	0.00	24,247.40	23,025.51
TOWN CLOCK FUND						
E.S. Pettingill	200.00	373.83	0.94	0.00	374.77	174.77
TOTAL						
TRUST FUNDS	\$22,083.38	\$105,836.61	\$264.95	(\$640.00)	\$105,461.56	\$83,378.18

Maturing Debt & Interest - FY 2017

Type Of Bank Note	Date and Issue	Beginning Bal. 07/01/16	Principal Paid	Interest Paid	Principal Remaining
VILLAGE WATER					
FmHA@ 6.50%	11/23/87	\$ 116,677.00	\$ 6,967.51	\$ 7,313.89	\$ 109,709.49
VILLAGE WATER					
FmHA @ 6.125%	6/28/85	66,717.44	3,812.43	3,750.57	62,905.01
USDA PUBLIC SAFETY					
COMPLEX	7/15/09	1,010,676.58	32,093.55	45,480.45	978,583.03
COMPACTOR SITE					
REFURBISHING	6/5/13	55,000.00	20,000.00	422.32	35,000.00
STATE AID ANTICIPATION NOTE					
(HIGHWAY)	7/27/15	503,000.00	503,000.00	1,226.06	0.00
TOTALS		\$1,752,071.02	\$565,873.49	\$58,193.29	\$1,186,197.53

Tax Collector - June 30, 2017

Year of Tax	Type	Committed & Balanced	Tax Paid	Abate/ Exempt	Refunds	Tax Title	Balance Due
2008	Motor Vehicle	6,435.00	77.50				6,357.50
2009	Motor Vehicle	6,393.44	18.44				6,375.00
2010	Motor Vehicle	77.50					77.50
2011	Motor Vehicle	298.86	35.00				263.86
2011	Personal Prop	483.06					483.06
2012	Motor Vehicle	631.98					631.98
2012	Personal Prop	430.29					430.29
2013	Motor Vehicle	418.65	84.27				334.38
2013	Personal Prop	478.79					478.79
2014	Motor Vehicle	733.56	128.34				605.22
2014	Personal Prop	586.43	78.54				507.89
2015	Motor Vehicle	1,155.32	823.34		55.00		386.98
2015	Personal Prop	503.24					503.24
2015	Real Estate	15,077.32	14,411.83			665.49	0.00
2016	Motor Vehicle	22,988.01	21,813.63	1,423.65	1,761.25		1,511.98
2016	Personal Prop	524.96					524.96
2016	Real Estate	41,235.79	31,034.75			662.97	9,538.07
2017	Motor Vehicle	112,445.17	94,904.19	1,507.17	1,168.84		17,202.65
2017	Personal Prop	64,298.98	63,226.53				1,072.45
2017	Real Estate	1,717,009.70	1,614,381.68	11,982.85		4,616.19	86,028.98
	Water	74,776.43	66,359.25	175.00			8,242.18
	TOTALS	2,066,982.48	1,907,377.29	15,088.67	2,985.09	5,944.65	141,556.96

MVE difference due to refund warranted in July

Report of Vital Statistics for the Town of Cummington

Ending June 30, 2017

BIRTHS

- September 5, 2016 Teresa Angelika Jaracz, daughter of Tomasz Jaracz and Heather Joanne (Thompson) Jaracz, at Northampton, MA
- October 20, 2016 Asher Quillen Anderton, son of Martin Fox Anderton and Walker Lee Powell, at Northampton, MA
- March 22, 2017 Weston Lawrence Gamache, son of Joshua Ryan Gamache and Christina Marie (Pease) Gamache, at Northampton, MA
- June 13, 2017 Lydia Janet White, daughter of Matthew Joseph White and Andrea Lynne (Zurrin) White, at Pittsfield, MA

MARRIAGES

NONE

DEATHS

- November 1, 2016 Robert Clark Joyner, age 83, of 88 Dodwells Road, at Cummington, MA
- December 15, 2016 Hattie M. Fuller, age 88, of 78 Potash Road, at Northampton, MA
- January 4, 2017 Arlin V. Stevens, age 89, of 12 West Cummington Road, at Northampton, MA
- February 23, 2017 Pauline Carr, age 84, of 101 Mount Road, at Cummington, MA
- March 9, 2017 Jon Michael Bushey, age 64, of 312 Stage Road, at Boston, MA
- April 1, 2017 Lawrence M. Porter, age 93, of 20 Main Street, at Cummington, MA
- May 27, 2017 John D. Furciniti, Jr., age 87, of 28 Trouble Street, at Northampton, MA

State Presidential Primary Election Results

September 8, 2016

**Out of 731 registered voters,
118 voted in the September 8, 2016 State Primary.**

RESULTS:

Representative in Congress

Democrat	Richard E. Neal	102
Republican	Blank	3

Councilor

Democrat	Mary E Hurley	62
	Jeffrey S Morneau	45
Republican	Blank	3

Senator in General Court

Democrat	Rinaldo Del Gallo	10
	Andrea C Harrington	60
	Adam G Hinds	36
Republican	Christine M Canning	3

Representative in General Court

Democrat	Stephen Kulik	108
Republican	Blank	3

Sheriff

Democrat	Patrick J Cahillane	55
	Kavern L Lewis	5
	Melissa E Perry	48
Republican	David F Isakson	3

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

Attest:

Donna C. Jordan

Donna C. Jordan

**Cummington Town Clerk
September 19, 2016**

State Presidential Election Results

November 8, 2016

Out of 743 registered voters,
567 voted in the November 8, 2016 Presidential Election.

RESULTS:

Electors of President and Vice President

Clinton and Kaine	334	Democrat
Johnson and Weld	31	Libertarian
Stein and Baraka	33	Green-Rainbow
Trump and Pence	156	Republican
All Others	4	
Blanks	9	

Representative in Congress

Richard E. Neal	385	Democrat
Frederick O. Mayock	79	Unenrolled
Thomas T. Simmons	63	Libertarian
All Others	1	
Blanks	39	

Councillor

Mary E. Hurley	431	Democrat
Blanks	136	

Sheriff

Patrick J. Cahillane	421	Democrat
David F. Isakson	119	Republican
Blanks	27	

Senator in General Court

Christine M. Canning	171	Republican
Adam G. Hinds	350	Democrat
Blanks	46	

Representative in General Court

Stephen Kulik	473	Democrat
Blanks	94	

Question 1 Petition N: Expanded Gaming (Law)

Yes	124	No	429	Blank	14
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Question 2 Petition P: Allow Fair access to Public Charter Schools (Law)

Yes	147	No	409	Blank	11
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Question 3 Petition O: Prevent Cruelty to Animals (Law)

Yes	330	No	228	Blank	9
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Question 4 Petition D: Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana (Law)

Yes	365	No	177	Blank	25
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This is a true record to the best of my knowledge.

Attest:



Donna C. Jordan
Cummington Town Clerk

Special School Election Results

April 8, 2017

Central Berkshire Regional School District Question:

To authorize the borrowing of \$850,000 to pay costs of the Wahconah Regional High School Building Feasibility Study, for the Wahconah Regional High School building located at 150 Old Windsor Rd. Dalton, MA, including all costs incidental and related thereto (the “Study”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Wahconah Project School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the District is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 16(n), and the District Agreement, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The District acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority’s (“MSBA’S”) grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District; provided further, that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA. Any premium received by the District upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

70 Cummington registered voters voted with the outcome being

Yes = 22 and No = 48

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

Attest



Donna C Jordan

Cummington Town Clerk

April 18, 2017

Minutes of Special Town Meeting

May 5, 2017

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 32 people in attendance, which is more than required town quorum.

Article 1: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer the sum of **\$20,000.00** from **Free Cash** for the **Tool & Machinery Account**.

Article 2: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer the sum of **\$192.07** from **Free Cash** for **Bullet Proof Vests Deficit Account** and to transfer the sum of **\$2,934.04** from **Free Cash** for the **Community House 75th Anniversary Deficit Account**.

Article 3: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer the sum of **\$20,000.00** from **Free Cash** for the **Maturing Debt and Interest Account**.

Article 4: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to let Joy Johns read the Amendment of the warrant article to read as followed: To vote to authorize the Selectboard and/or Assessors to negotiate, enter into an agreement, and sign a contract for payment in lieu of personal property taxes (PILOT Agreement) with REVENERGY C2 FRANKLIN LLC, a Delaware limited liability company or its subsidiary, in accordance with G.L. c. 59, s38H and G.L. c. 164, s1, and any other enabling authority, for the proposed solar electric generating facility to be located on Assessor's Parcel ID Map 9, Lot 7 (133/135 Plainfield Rd) currently owned by Ronald Wolf.

After a hold a Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to pass the Amendment.

Article 5: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to change Section IV B of the General By-Laws by adding to Section IV B (2) to read as follows: the Town Clerk to assign appropriate numbers or letters to General By-Laws sections, subsections, paragraphs and subparagraphs and to make non-substantive editorial revisions to the same to ensure consistent and appropriate sequencing and numbering; and to make non-substantive editorial revisions to references regarding such numbering or lettering as contained within the by-laws to ensure accuracy and conformity. All such editorial revisions shall be identified with a footnote which describes the revision.

**Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously
to dissolve this meeting at 6:57 p.m.**

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

Attest:



**Donna C. Jordan
Cumington Town Clerk
May 16, 2017**

Town of Cummington Annual Town Meeting

Friday May 5, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Donna L. Forgea at 7:00 p.m. at the Community House on Main St. with over the required town quorum. Present total was 61 registered voters and 5 non-residents.

Moderator Donna L. Forgea asked for a moment of silence for the following who passed away this past year: Hattie Fuller, Robert (Clark) Joyner, Judy Moore, Lawrence (Puff) Porter, and William (Bill) Streeter. Donna L. Forgea also paid tribute to Barbara Goldsmith who moved to Colorado to be with her daughter.

All of these town folks collaborated in many ways to make us truly, “Only One Cummington.”

Article 1: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to fix the salaries and compensation of all **Elected Officials** of the Town for Fiscal 2018, 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	10,200.00
Tax Collector	10,200.00
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
TOTAL:	\$ 36,220.00
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	\$ 8,272.00
CBRSD Transportation	29,044.00
Vocational Tuition	122,892.00
Vocational Transportation	41,974.00
Bryant Library Operating	7,550.00
TOTAL SCHOOL AND LIBRARY	\$ 209,732.00

Motion carried.

CBRSD Operating Expense	\$ 794,975.00
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After being put on hold a discussion ensued
and after hearing from the CBRSD Superintendent,
the Motion carried against funding the CBRSD Operating Expense.

Article 3: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the following **General Government Accounts**:

Official Salaries	\$ 36,220.00
Administration General	4,971.00
Administration Various Officials	800.00
Town Counsel	10,000.00
Administration Selectboard	13,500.00
Administration Finance Committee	130.00
Accountant Salary	11,700.00
Administration Accountant	4,590.00
Administration Assessors	3,800.00
Assessors Clerk	10,300.00
Assessors Consultant	7,500.00
Assessors Tax Maps	1,900.00
Administration Treasurer	6,119.00
Administration Tax Collector	8,154.00
Tax Title Expense	5,000.00
Administration Town Clerk	1,200.00
Election and Registration	1,000.00
Conservation Commission	150.00
Planning Board Expense	1,600.00
Zoning Board of Appeals	500.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS:	\$ 129,134.00

Article 4: After being put on hold a discussion ensued then 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	1,000.00
Highway General	100,000.00
Highway Tool and Machinery	70,000.00
Highway Vac., Hol., Sick & Personal	23,973.00
Highway Salaries	164,075.00
Highway Overtime	17,366.00
Winter Roads	80,000.00
Lease Brush Tractor/Mower	3,747.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	\$ 472,661.00

Article 5: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$17,052.00** 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	20,289.00
Building Inspector	9,000.00
Building Inspector Administration	500.00
Public Safety Complex Operating	17,414.00
Emergency Management	1,876.00
Animal Control Expenses	3,000.00
Tree Account	6,000.00
TOTAL PROTECTION of PERSONS and PROPERTY	\$ 89,979.00

Article 7: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer **\$51,500.00** from **Water Receipts for Water Operating** and to raise and appropriate **\$120,653.00** for the following amounts to **Health and Sanitation Accounts**:

Water Operating	\$ 51,500.00
Hydrant Assessments	9,500.00
Board of Health	63,500.00
Highland Ambulance	47,653.00
TOTAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	\$ 172,153.00

Article 8: 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
TOTAL DEBT AND INTEREST	\$ 82,574.00

Article 9: After being put on hold a discussion ensued about the Insurance and Bonds, Medical Insurance, and Berkshire Trail School Building, which then 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
and take from Historical Commission	3,000.00
Lawn Mowing	4,495.00
Community House	15,584.00
Phone/Internet Various Depts.	19,000.00
Town Reports	3,400.00
Council on Aging	4,400.00
Recreation Committee	3,500.00
Contributory Retirement	43,614.00
Council of Governments	496.00
Unemployment Compensation	1,200.00
Medical Insurance	10,600.00
Social Security/Medicare	15,000.00
Audit	8,000.00
Lower Pioneer Valley Planning Com	130.00
Reserve Fund	6,000.00
Municipal Light Plant	1,000.00
Berkshire Trail School Building	50,000.00
Compensated Absence	2,000.00
Animal Inspector	500.00
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS	\$ 234,919.00

Article 10: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to set a cap of **\$10,000.00** for the **Community House Revolving Account** and a **\$3,000.00** for the **Inspectors Revolving Account.**

Article 11: Three errors in the 2016 Annual Town Report were stated as: 1st. Page 30 account 54010.00 is not Police Dept. Special but Fire Dept. Special, 2nd Page 31 account 54024.00 is not Fire Dept. Special but Helen Muchnic Gift, and 3rd Page 44 Death: Donald Sidney

Dorrington's age should be 90 not 80. Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to accept the **Annual 2016 Town Report** with corrections.

Article 12: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of **\$3,221.00** for **Fire Department Capital**.

Article 13: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of **\$10,000.00** for **Cemetery Capital** (tombstone restoration).

Article 14: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of **\$10,000.00** for **Community House Capital**.

Article 15: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to authorize the Selectboard and/or Assessors to negotiate, enter into an agreement, and sign a contract for payment in lieu of personal property taxes (PILOT Agreement) with REVENERGY C2 FRANKLIN LLC, a Delaware limited liability company or its subsidiary, in accordance with G.L. c.59, s38H and G.L. c164, s1, and any other enabling authority, for the proposed solar electric generating facility to be located on Assessor's Parcel ID Map 9, Lot 7, (133/135 Plainfield Rd.) currently owned by Ronald Wolf.

Article 16: Motion made, 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 made, 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 \$17.00** per hour 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 made, 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.

Article 19: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to set the number of Municipal Light Board members at five citizens of the Town, pursuant to the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws c. 164 sec 55 and further authorize the Selectboard to appoint said five members until the next annual election and seek special legislation to validate said appoints. Of the five members elected board: one shall be chosen for one year, two for two years and two for three years and thereafter the terms shall be for three years. The Municipal Light Board shall have the authority to construct, purchase or lease the municipal light plant in accordance with the vote of the Town and to maintain and operate the same.

Article 20: It was agreed to have Amy Pulley read this resolution.

After a discussion ensued a Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to adopt the following non-binding resolution.

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE PROTECTION OF POLLINATORS AND ENHANCEMENT OF POLLINATOR HABITAT

WHEREAS, Bees and other pollinators are a crucial component of a healthy ecosystem and a vital link in our food system, providing the pollination responsible for over three quarters of the world’s plant species, and for one out of every three bites of food that we eat, and

WHEREAS, pollinator populations are in sharp decline due to human land use practices that are causing ongoing habitat loss and fragmentation, the expansion of pesticide use by consumers and professionals, and the spread of pathogens and parasites, and

WHEREAS, extensive research has documented that neonicotinoids and other systemic pesticides have been shown to cause illness and death to honey bees, native bees, butterflies, moths, other insect pollinators, and beneficial insects, and

WHEREAS, guidelines for land management best practice are available which allow residents, businesses, farms, and towns to manage their land in ways that increase pollinator forage and nest sites while decreasing maintenance costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Town Meeting that the Town of Cummington is hereby declared a Pollinator-Friendly Community and that the town encourages the adoption of policies and practices that support pollinator health by minimizing the use of insecticides.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE Town of Cummington will set an example by adopting the pollinator friendly practices below and urges

property owners, residents, town departments, and business owners to adopt pollinator-friendly practices including:

- *Planting more pollinator-supporting forage on their property, emphasizing native plant species, and adopting organic or chemical-free lawn and landscaping practices;
- *Avoiding the planting of flowering plants which are treated with systemic insecticides and avoiding the use of seeds coated with systemic neonicotinoid;
- *Avoiding the use of insecticides, including systemic insecticides on their property.

The Town Clerk is requested to send copies of this resolution to Governor Charlie Baker, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources Commissioner John Lebeaux, State senator Adams Hinds, and State Representative Stephen Kulik.

Article 21: It was agreed to have Margaret Cowen read this resolution.

After a discussion ensued a Motion was made, seconded, **with 59 Yes, and 2 No votes, it carried to adopt the following resolution.**

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE GREATER TRANSPARENCY IN POLITICAL DONATIONS AND LIMIT THE INFLUENCE OF MONEY IN POLITICS.

WHEREAS, recent changes in funding and disclosure rules for national, state and local political elections have degraded the goals of the democratic process; and

WHEREAS, a recent decision by the Massachusetts Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF) now allows an infusion of previously prohibited out-of-state money to influence local and state elections, new legislation is now required to prohibit such funding from circumventing Massachusetts state law; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to restore voter confidence in our democracy, a grassroots movement known as “Represent Us” is working for legislative reforms to reduce the opportunity for corruption within the political system in our country by supporting a legislative reform bill known as the “American Anti-Corruption Act” (The Act); and

WHEREAS, the Act targets bribery by preventing lobbyists from donating to politicians and influencing policymaking; ends secret money by mandating full transparency; enables citizens to fund elections; closes the revolving door between Congress and lobbying firms; and enhances the power of the Federal Election Commission; and

WHEREAS, the national organization's local chapter, Represent. US Western Mass, sought and promoted an advisory referendum; specifically in the Hampshire/Franklin State Senate District (currently held by Stan Rosenberg) to build support for this initiative; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2014, the citizens of the above mentioned district were given the opportunity to be heard on this topic through the above advisory referendum where the question received 84 percent aggregate support across the entire district; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the citizens of the Town of Cummington, Massachusetts that we support tough new anti-corruption laws to close loopholes in Massachusetts' campaign finance regulations that currently allows unregulated out-of-state money to infiltrate state and local elections; and we support the goals outlined in the American Anti-Corruption Act to remove the corrupting influence of money on our political system. The Act prohibits politicians from taking campaign money from special interest groups including private industries and unions; increases transparency for campaign funding; empowers all voters through a tax rebate voucher to contribute to the candidates they support; prohibits representatives and senior staff from all lobbying activity for five years once they leave office; and places limits on super PAC's.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the citizens of the Town of Cummington, Massachusetts implore our elected representatives in Boston State Senator Adam Hinds and Rep. Stephen Kulik and in Washington, Sen. Edward Markey and Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Rep. Richard Neal (or their successors) to lead this effort to enact these initiatives in Massachusetts and in the U.S. Congress.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Town of Cummington, Massachusetts is hereby directed to give notice to the above representatives by sending a certified copy of this resolution to each of them

Before the town meeting dissolved Brenda Arbib and Michael Perkins talked about Broadband. Selectboard member Monica Vandoloski also spoke about dog licenses.

Meeting was dissolved at 9:20 p.m.

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

Attest:

Donna C. Jordan

Donna C. Jordan

Cummington Town Clerk

May 23, 2017

Results of Annual Town Election

May 8, 2017

The polls were open, the ballot box declared empty and working properly. Voting began at 1 p.m. and ended at 8 p.m., after 24 voters voted, resulting in the following elected officials:

Selectman for three years	Russell L. Sears III
Assessor for three years	Mark Bevan
Assessor for two years	Joy Johns
Town Clerk for three years	Donna C. Jordan
Finance Committee for three years	Dennis Forgea
	Daniel Loux
Almoner of Charitable Funds for three years	Susan F. Forgea
Board of Health for three years	Judith C. Bogart
Board of Health for one year	John G. Earls
Commissioner of Trust Funds for three years	Stephen Howes
Moderator for one year	Donna L. Forgea
Cummington Recreation Pettingill Memorial Field Committee for three years	Jennifer O'Neill
	Eliza Dragon
Planning Board for five years	Mark Malinak
Treasurer for three years	Susan Warriner
Trustee of the Bryant Free Library for five years	Gregory Tessier
Vocational School Committee for three years	Jane Adams
Water Commissioner for three years	Dann Emerson

Such are the results of this Annual Town Election of May 8, 2017.

Attest:



Donna C. Jordan

Cummington Town Clerk

May 25, 2017

Minutes of Special Town Meeting

June 29, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Donna L. Forgea at 6:32 p.m. at the Community House on Main St. with over 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 **\$794,975.00** for the **Central Berkshire Regional School District FY2018 Operating Expense**.

Article 2: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer the sum of **\$69,426.00** from **Free Cash** for the **Winter Road Account**.

Article 3: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer **\$80,000.00** from **Free Cash** and borrow **\$120,000.00** for a total of **\$200,000.00** for the **Highway Capital Account**.

Article 4: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to accept the renumbering, reorganization and revision of the Zoning ByLaws of the Town from its original numbering as amended through September 2006 to the numbering or codification, arrangement, sequence and the revisions to the text of the Zoning ByLaw as set forth in the Final Draft of the Proposed Town of Cummington Zoning ByLaw dated June 1, 2017 said codification of the Zoning ByLaw having been done under the direction of the Planning Board and being a compilation of the present Zoning ByLaw, including some minor amendments thereto. All Zoning ByLaws, as amended, heretofore in force, shall be repealed except that such repeal shall not affect any suit or proceeding pending as the result to an existing law.

Article 5: Motion, made, seconded, and voted unanimously to give authority to the Board of Selectmen to sell excess property over the value of **\$500.00**.

Article 6: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer **\$100,000.00** from **Free Cash** to the **Stabilization Account**.

Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to dissolve this meeting at 6:48 p.m.

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

Attest:



Donna C Jordan
Cummington Town Clerk
July 7, 2017

Board of Assessors

Assessors Report

Fiscal year (FY) 2017 tax rate was set at \$13.98 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 \$3,148 (FY2016) to \$3,258 (FY2017). The average assessment of a single-family residence went from \$232,663 (FY2016), to \$233,014 (FY2017).

Richard Roberge resigned as an Assessor; the board was saddened to see him go. Rich had been an Assessor since 2009 and was a great asset to the board. We thank him for his years of service. The board recommended Joy Johns as his replacement. The Selectboard agreed and Joy Johns was appointed as Assessor and was later elected.

In FY2017, the Board of Assessors started the conversion of our Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) database from State CAMA to a new, more efficient CAMA database from Patriot Properties. The conversion will be completed in FY2018.

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 feel free to contact the Board of Assessors to schedule a viewing.

The office is open to the public on Monday mornings from 9:30 am-11:30 am. In addition, the assessors meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday evening of each month starting at 6:00 pm.

We welcome all questions and comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Bevan	2020
Joy Johns	2019
Samuel Konieczny	2018

Assessor's Financial Report

RECAPITULATION

	Fiscal 2015	Fiscal 2016	Fiscal 2017
Appropriations voted for Fiscal Year	\$ 2,261,166.00	\$ 2,244,530.00	\$ 2,276,336.00
Appropriations voted for previous fiscal year after previous fiscal year tax rate was set	2,261,166.00	2,244,530.00	2,276,336.00
Other Local Expenditures:			
Total Overlay deficit of prior years	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Offsets	1,938.00	1,963.00	1,935.00
Other	-	-	-
TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES	1,938.00	1,963.00	1,935.00
State Assessments	2,197.00	2,241.00	3,571.00
County Assessments	-	-	-
Overlay	13,492.68	14,099.81	14,810.64
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	2,278,793.68	2,262,833.81	2,296,652.64
Estimated Receipts & Available Funds			
Estimated Receipts - State	205,654.00	200,333.00	213,018.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	205,654.00	200,333.00	213,018.00
Local Estimated Receipts			
Motor Vehicle Excise	58,000.00	58,000.00	60,000.00
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	47,200.00	52,200.00	53,200.00
Trash Disposal Charge	23,500.00	23,500.00	24,000.00
Other Charges for Services	-	-	-
Fees	2,000.00	2,500.00	3,000.00
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	500.00	500.00
Miscellaneous recurring	-	-	-
Miscellaneous non-recurring	-	-	-
TOTAL LOCAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	\$ 143,700.00	\$ 148,700.00	\$ 152,700.00

	Fiscal 2015	Fiscal 2016	Fiscal 2017
Other Revenue Sources			
Free Cash	\$ 238,119.00	\$ 157,505.00	\$ 146,630.00
Other Available Funds	6,974.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Overlay Surplus	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE SOURCES	245,093.00	160,505.00	149,630.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND OTHER REVENUE SOURCES			
	594,447.00	509,538.00	515,348.00
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	1,684,346.68	1,753,295.81	1,781,304.64
(Gross amount to be raised minus Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds)			
TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS			
	5,380,051.00	5,084,471.00	4,599,354.00
TOTAL REAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS			
	124,484,766.00	124,501,324.00	122,818,718.00
TOTAL PERSONAL & REAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS			
	129,864,817.00	129,585,795.00	127,418,072.00
TAX EXEMPT VALUATION	\$ 23,243,100.00	\$ 23,462,900.00	\$ 23,429,000.00
Tax Rate per 1,000.00 Valuation by Class			
Class I - Residential	\$ 12.97	\$ 13.53	\$ 13.98
Class II - Open Space	12.97	13.53	13.98
Class III - Commercial	12.97	13.53	13.98
Class IV - Industrial	12.97	13.53	13.98
Class V - Personal Property	\$ 12.97	\$ 13.53	\$ 13.98

Board of Health

Annual Report for FY2017

Board of Health activities for Fiscal Year 2017 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017) include:

Transfer Station Renovations

The Take it or Leave it shed was completed and put into service in September, 2016. It was partially funded by a \$2,100 grant from the Department of Environmental Protection. As a result, a grant of \$2,700 was awarded by the DEP in FY2017.

The Board of Health researched the feasibility and costs of an open-sided enclosure for the open-top bin that is used for collecting Construction and Demolition waste. This would permit year-round use of the bin and would protect its contents from snow and freezing rain. The initial architectural plans appeared to meet the planned budget, but upon review by the Conservation Commission and when considering water runoff from the roof, the BoH determined the final costs would exceed the benefits.

Transfer Station 50% Recycling Goal

The Board of Health has established a 50% recycling goal with the intent of increasing the quantity and improving the quality of the materials being recycled at the transfer station. In 2016, the Town of Cummington had a recycling rate of 33.5%, which was an increase of 1.8% over 2015.

The Board of Health provides guidelines that list items that do not belong in the recycling bin. These guidelines are available at the Transfer Station office and are posted in the Board of Health section of the Town of Cummington website.

Disposal of “Sharps”

Improper disposal of hypodermic needles and other “sharps” (used on people and livestock) are a hazard to anyone handling trash that contains these items. Inquire about sharps disposal in the Transfer Station office.

Town Septic Pumping Program

For 3 summers (2014, 2015, 2016) the Board of Health coordinated between residents and a local septic company to sign-up for septic system pumping. In the summer of 2017, the hauler no longer offered to participate in the program, and it was discontinued. Septic-owners are encouraged to have their systems pumped every three years.

Well Water Testing

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

Personnel Changes

Board member Roger Gunn served on the Board from 2013 through February 2017, and was instrumental in the restoration and improvement of the Transfer Station site and equipment. Welcome back to Jack Earls, who previously served on the Board for many years, and has now returned.

Mike Robbins, Transfer Station attendant for more than thirty years, has expressed his plans to retire. He is a cherished part of the Transfer Station, and we look forward to his visits there for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Bogart, Chair	2020
Jack Earls	2018
Jim Wettereau	2018

Broadband Committee/Municipal Light Plant Board

Annual Report: July 2016 - July, 2017

Members: Michael Perkins, (Chairperson), Allan Douglas, Brenda Arbib, Dennis Forgea, Scott Keith, Maureen Tumenas, Bill Adams (Selectboard Representative).

The Broadband Committee, worked with the state Municipal Broadband Institute, (MBI), to begin the make ready process for building a network; completing The Last Mile Readiness Request Form. We met several times with our MBI representatives Cornell Robinson and Bill Ennen.

In March the state announced that it would set up a grant program for towns to build their own networks. Throughout the year the Broadband Committee continued to meet with possible providers: Wired West, Crocker, Westfield Gas and Electric/Whip City Fiber. On March 30, 2017 the board voted to pursue building a town owned network. To partially fund the network, we began the process of applying for the state grant through Housing and Economic Development, for \$840,000. The remainder of the cost of \$1,400,000 would be covered from a bond on the tax rate, as approved at the Town Annual Meeting, 2015. The town would contract as MLP to MLP, with Westfield Gas and Electric/Whip City Fiber to build the network.

On April 6, 2017 the above recommendations were presented and accepted by the Selectboard. The Selectboard and the Broadband Committee met with Westfield Gas and Electric, (WG&E), on April 20, 2017, and began negotiating an intergovernmental agreement for: pole survey, design and engineering and pole attachment application support, and construction of the network. WG&E would contract with multiple vendors to complete the network.

At the annual town meeting, a motion was approved to allow the selectboard to appoint 5 members to the Municipal Light Board(MLP), until the next annual election.

In June, the MLP board and selectboard met with Bill Ennen from Housing and Economic Development to review and sign the grant contract. The town received the first payment of \$390,000 for Professional Services Allocation, necessary for make ready work.

Submitted by,

Allan Douglas, MLP Manager

Brenda Arbib

Michael Perkins

Scott Keith

Maureen Tumenas

Bryant Free Library

Total number of patrons	877
Total circulation of library materials	1,550
Interlibrary loans	20
Acquisitions	194
Periodical subscriptions	13

During FY17 we continued to develop and maintain the collection that distinguishes us from institutions of both greater size and financial resources throughout the state. We currently have many titles, particularly in the non-fiction book category, that are not listed elsewhere within the CWMARS (Central and Western Massachusetts Resource Sharing) system. The same holds true of our musical CD holdings, which have been described by those who frequent other area libraries as the best in the hilltowns.

Regarding capital projects, we began the process of upgrading the old drafty windows at the library residence. We fully replaced the three most compromised units, and plan to proceed with a more economical refurbishment of the others.

In October of 2016, the BFL sponsored Beatnik Jazz Nite at the Cummington Community House, featuring the Beatnik Jazz All-Stars. Directed by Cummington's own David Bartley on keyboards and vocals, the other members of this spirited sextet included Dave Christopolis on double bass, Fran Curley (who traveled all the way from Newport RI to participate) on drums, Richard Downs on pocket trumpet and vocals, Aaron Dean on alto saxophone, and Charlie Tokarz on clarinet, flute, and soprano and tenor saxophones that he sometimes played at the same time! Everyone in attendance, including more than a few folks sporting berets, enjoyed this masterful and very entertaining musical performance.

In April of 2017 the BFL sponsored, also at the CHH, a book reading that celebrated the long-awaited release of *Let Us Watch Richard Wilbur: A Biographical Study* by Robert and Mary Bagg of Worthington. This welcome examination of the life of Richard Wilbur, the result of a lengthy research process, provides us with a deeper understanding of the literary shining star who has graced our town for so many years. People came from far and wide to attend this special event, and we had just enough room to accommodate everybody.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark DeMaranville
Librarian

Building Inspector

Annual Report

The Inspector of Buildings reports that for Fiscal Year 2017 (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017), eighty (80) Building Permits were issued having a total construction value of \$3,315,200.00

Five (5) permits were for New Single Family Dwellings

Seventeen (17) for PV Solar Installation

Four (4) Certificates of Inspection (\$300.00)

Total Permit fees of \$12,459.00

Starting in Fiscal 2017, the Building Department has increased office hours by adding Monday mornings from 10 AM to 12 PM along with the current Thursday evenings from 6 PM to 8 PM to better serve residents and contractors in the Town of Cummington.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Latronica
Inspector of Buildings

Central Berkshire Regional School District

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

Michael Dragon

Everyln Grallert

Vincent Orlandi

Hannah Streeter

We wish you the best in your new endeavors.

Central Hampshire Veterans' Services

District Wide

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

- The Director continues to serve on the veteran committee of the **Three County Continuum of Care based at the Hilltown CDC in Chesterfield**, which meets at least monthly to advance the use of our newly developed By Name List that has closed off gaps, preventing more people from slipping through the cracks.
- We are active participants with **Homelessness in Amherst: Systems and Providers** monthly meetings to assist people facing homelessness and to prevent those who are on the verge from becoming homeless by connecting them with the benefits and services to keep them and their families in their homes.
- We continue to have a staff presence at the Hampshire County Housing Court in Hadley in order to proactively address the needs of veterans who have fallen into homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness. We also maintain a presence at the Hampshire County House of Correction to identify and plan for veterans being released from that facility and assist with re-housing those veterans. A newly developed protocol for veterans leaving the Massachusetts Department of Correction facilities with guidance and input by the department director has been implemented.

Our Veteran services has continued its participation with the advisory committee of the The John P. Musante Health Center being constructed at the Bangs community center in Amherst. Our office collaborated with Cooley Dickinson hospital in one facet of their community health needs assessment, *the condition of veterans in our local communities*. We assisted in the development and implementation of a regional survey and focus groups consisting of both veterans and another consisting of veteran family members. This confirmed our believed expectation of use of this facility by the communities' indigent veteran population we serve. The Hilltown Community Health Center in Worthington and Huntington are often used by our veteran clientele residing in that area of

our district. Our engagement with the planning process is to ensure that both the services provided and the systems designed for building will meet the need of our veterans. We look forward to its opening in 2018.

Our district office has continued its involvement with the Veterans Justice Partnership <https://www.wesoldieron.org/veteran-justice-partnership/> a collaborative effort with the Northwest District Attorney's office to meet the needs of returning veterans struggling to reintegrate into the community and finding themselves in legal trouble due to the struggles of moving from combat to community life. Due in large part of the efforts of this partnership we can announce the establishment of a Veterans Treatment Court housed in Holyoke, MA. It currently handles cases from Northampton and Holyoke District Courts, and will be looking to expand in the coming months and years. The hidden wounds of war (i.e. PTSD and TBI) continue to affect our returning veterans, and the consequences of the symptoms of these conditions can often lead to poor decision making, whether out of desperation or extreme frustration with civilian systems, which in turn can get them into legal trouble. Many of these veterans, both men and women, deserve a second chance and treatment, not incarceration. Veterans Treatment Court will give them that chance. Our newest part-time staff, a veteran of the Iraq War, is working with the veterans' justice officer at the VA medical center in Leeds, Soldier On, and the District Attorney's Office in collaboration with this treatment court.

Along side the American Legion Post 304, we honored our deceased veterans on Memorial Day. We appreciate Post 304 for taking the lead in providing a respectful service for our deceased veterans. It was a pleasure to support their efforts in Worthington, Cummington, Goshen, and Chesterfield. Our veteran's outreach efforts have proved to be successful at various local events. A couple of the more notable events include the Chesterfield 4th of July parade and the Cummington Fair. Every year we seem to be able to assist several veterans as a result of participating at these events. This year's Veterans Dinner hosted by the Chesterfield Grange was a highlight in our district delivering a delicious meal in honor of our veterans. This dinner has served as a forum for us to provide updates on veterans' benefits, programs, and services.

Veterans' Services devotes a significant amount of time administering M.G.L. CH 115 veterans' benefits and submitting VA claims. This year two families received a combined total of \$12,904 in CH 115 benefits to help meet their basic needs. We also submitted four new VA claims as well as followed up on previously submitted claims. Based on the VA's current figures, veterans and families of Cummington receive \$305,508 for VA compensation and pension benefits annually.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas J. Geryk
Veterans' Service Officer

Conservation Commission

FY 2017

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 Rivers' 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 10 sites so as to sign off on the building permit). One Request for Determination hearing was held for a house renovation on Trouble Street and one Notice of Intent hearing was held for repair of a septic system on 24 W. Main Street. A 3 year Order of Conditions was awarded to Mass DOT for continuing work on the wing wall project on Rt. 9 in West Cummington.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Douglas
Chairperson

Allan Douglas, Chair	2018	Robert Arbib	2019
Robert Dextraze	2020	Matthew Draw	2018
John Eisenhour	2020	Sarah Fournier-Scanlon	2018
Gerald Howes	2019		

Council on Aging

July 2016 - June 2017

The Cummington Council on Aging (COA) makes services available to the 282 senior residents and their families. Funding for programs 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 2016-2017 year, a potluck luncheon, held 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 well attended with an average of 40 seniors. 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.

A Healthy Bones and Balance exercise class runs once a week with an average of 9 seniors with both men and women participating. The class is followed by a Coffee Hour that is open to all. A Tap Dancing class with 6 people in attendance is ongoing in Williamsburg on Wednesday afternoons.

The Neighbor to Neighbor ride program continues, funded solely by donations from our community. A small reimbursement is provided to neighbors who transport senior neighbors to medical appointments. Although seniors are encouraged to use the FRTA van for transportation to Northampton for shopping every Tuesday, 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 203 Cummington seniors 60 years old and older. In addition, 28 seniors receive the newsletter through email. The newsletter is regionalized in conjunction with the Northern Hilltowns Consortium of Councils on Aging.

The Council on Aging is most thankful to the town for the office space provided in the Community House and the weekly 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.

Director, Carolyn Urekew, retired in May 2017. We thank her for her many years of service to our seniors. Kathleen Knox stepped in as interim director while a search for a new director followed.

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

**Cummington Council on Aging Board of Directors:
Beginning July 2016 to June 2017**

Elliot Ring, Chair
Edith Morton, Treasurer
Margaret Daniels, Corresponding Secretary
Worth Noyes, Recording Secretary
Anne Parsons
Kathleen Knox
Nancy Cole
Barbara Murphy-Malina k

Respectfully submitted,

Council on Aging
Board of Directors

Cummington Cultural Council

Annual Report FY 2017

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Cummington Cultural Council, the local arm of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, requires that each local council have at least five members. We said good-bye to two members and welcomed two new members. With her move to Plainfield, Kathryn Jensen retired from her ex-officio position and from previously serving six years of dedicated leadership. We also said good-bye to Barbara Konieczny with her resignation in April. Judith Bowerman and Kim Wachtel are Co-Chairs, and Paula Gottlieb oversees the Community House gallery. Membership terms, as appointed by the Town are as follows.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Term end</u>
Kim Wachtel	2017
Paula Gottlieb	2017
Judith Bowerman Slezak	2017
Barbara Konieczny	2018 <i>(resigned April 2017)</i>
Beckie Kravetz	2018
Pat Brundage	2019
Seva Tower	2020

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES - July 1, 2016 through July 30, 2017

The activities of the Cummington 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. Every three years, as required by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, local councils must seek input from the community. This spring the CCC surveyed the community through the local churches, at the Creamery, and with an online survey. The results were instrumental in establishing our updated funding priorities. The survey indicated a particularly high interest in projects led by local artists.

GRANTS

Each year the Cultural Council receives funds from the state to grant for arts, humanities and science projects. The state grant for FY 2017 was \$4,400, level funded from the previous year. We received 34 applications by the October 17th deadline, and awarded funds to 21 applicants. Guided by our updated funding priority statement, most of the funding was distributed to projects led by local artists and projects that occurred in Cummington with the rest taking place in surrounding communities such as Plainfield, Chesterfield, Windsor and Ashfield. As has been the Council's habit, there were several programs specific to seniors and to youth. Starting this year all applications were submitted online.

GALLERY

Jeanne Johns' exhibit – Art of the Hilltowns II included another fifty conversation portraits of Hilltown residents. Kathryn Jensen exhibited watercolor landscape paintings of Nepal based on photographs that she took while traveling prior to the 2015 earthquake. Annette Rubino-Buckley exhibited the illustrations from her recently published children's book titled The Singing Plant. At the opening, she held a cooking lesson based on one of the recipes from her book. The Preschool Portrait Project — a collaboration between Jeanne Johns' and Amy Grallert's preschoolers — was on display during May/June. The openings were very well attended and provided an opportunity for local artists to meet and mingle with people from the local communities.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Bowerman Slezak
Co-Chair
Cummington Cultural Council
November 2017

Family Center

Annual Report 2017

The Cummington Family Center ran through the end of May before closing for the summer. We had a rotating list of parks to meet at throughout the holiday. Twice a month we met at Pettingill Park and twice in Ashfield, as well as meeting to hike local trails a few times.

As usual, we re-opened our indoor space in October. As in the past, we have been open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 - 11:30. Often our groups have been smaller than in the past, but we have had such a turnout of babies lately that we have talked about reinstating a specific day for baby group. Right from the start we had lots of new faces stop in, some of whom have become regulars. Currently our attendees come from Cummington, Ashfield, Plainfield, Worthington, and Williamsburg with some playgroups being as large as 12 children. We have also hosted the new preschool in our space, and visited them during their gym time.

In 2017 we hosted several nighttime event, with our box party and Tom Knight puppet show drawing the largest crowds. The puppet show alone brought in over 20 children on a Friday evening. We are looking forward to planning new and entertaining events in 2018, including a “pop-up playground.”

We are continuing in our grass-roots fashion, with the regular playgroup families taking turns bringing in snack items, and handling all the financial burden as well as the cleaning and upkeep of our space and bathrooms.

One of our goals of 2017 was to become more economical while keeping our environmental impact low. We are making good use of reusable cloth towels for both cleaning our facilities and drying hands in the restroom. Parents have been bringing snacks in reusable containers and buying bulk items to cut down on waste. All of our compost is put into the onsite compost pile when the snow is clear. Or it is taken off site to be disposed of at member homes.

While our Parent Advisory Committee remains a small group of mothers, we are hoping this year to welcome new faces to it. We strive to spread the word of our organization and look forward to what 2018 will bring us.

Respectfully submitted,

Cummington Family Center PAC
Jennifer Lee Wildemuth, Coordinator
Elizabeth Gray
Ashli Hewitt
Amy Grallert

Finance Committee

July 1 2016 thru June 30 2017

There were no transfers from the reserve account of \$6,000.

We appreciate the department heads efforts in doing their best to operate within their budgets. The lapse in oversight on the Highway budgets led to an over-spending, but the situation has been addressed. The continued uncertainty of the withdrawal from CBRSD clouds the future predictions for spending on needed projects. The big ticket items which have not yet affected the tax rate are Berkshire Trail School roof, and Broadband.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Fire Association

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

We are now in our thirteenth year of service being provided by Highland Ambulance. We could never have imagined what a positive impact this service was going to have on all of our responders and, on our communities. Our collective regret is that we didn't do this years earlier! The level of service is improving each month and we are nearly at 24/7 Paramedic coverage. Of course, we still maintain our local First Responder training so we can provide patient care and support while Highland is responding. Every three years our own personnel must receive a 21-hour (soon to go to 40 hours) refresher in First Aid and patient support. Our few EMT's must recertify every 2 years. Anyone interested in becoming an EMT - please contact us. Our numbers are rapidly dwindling.

The Fire Association has contracted with an electrician to install an electrical connection at Alice's Kitchen so that in case of a large weather event with widespread power outages we will have a source of food for our First Responders and Emergency responding personnel. We also have made some arrangements with the Spruce Corner restaurant to provide a generator there so they will be able to feed the general public in similar events. These are no small undertakings. We need to be prepared to take care of the caregivers.

Before it is overlooked, we want to say **THANK YOU** to **STEVEN EMERSON** for installing the flag pole at the Public Safety Complex. Steve, **THANK YOU**.

Another year and another fair is behind us. We cannot say **THANK YOU** enough to all who support our efforts. Words are simply inadequate to acknowledge the hundreds of hours of labor, the parkers, the mowing, the 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. It needs to be pointed out that we employ 80+ personnel in our raffle and parking efforts. **THIS DOES NOT COUNT OUR FIRE-EMS PERSONNEL.**

We want to say a **THANK YOU** to Jesse Noel and Rich and Sarah Fournier families for once again opening their land for us to use for parking. Their willingness to allow us to use their property tremendously enhances our parking

efforts. 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'd have issues getting vehicles off the roads quickly so the traffic backs 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 was the second year Eliza Dragon and crew took over the fair raffle project and, again, did a tremendous job. Many experienced personnel assisted Eliza, 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 on who the list of donors is - please contact Eliza 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 **THANK YOU** to MA State Police for their participation in the fair. MSP 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

During the past year the Fire Department 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	2
Vehicle crashes	10
Trees on Lines	4
Mutual Aid	5
Alarms	13
Training Classes	3
Medical Calls	33
Aerial Lift	31
Total	102

Our total call volume actually decreased slightly over the previous year with less aerial lift calls and some fewer vehicle crashes. We did respond to a particularly bad mutual aid call in Worthington where the alarm was caused by a VERY dirty dryer. The home was located on a back road which only provided one way traffic. On top of that, the structure was located at the end of a very long driveway. Upon arrival crews discovered a dryer fire on the SECOND floor of this home. With some great luck, and a quick response, the damage was limited to the dryer which was a total loss.

The Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to advise everyone that the number of Alarm Sounding calls we respond to **are NOT necessarily** false alarms. Many times, the alarms are doing exactly what they are intended to do i.e., detect smoke in a building (be it from an appliance malfunction, cooking, unknown, etc.), detecting Carbon Monoxide from some incomplete combustion source, L.P. gas odors, and so on. These are very legitimate calls to the Fire Department for a response to investigate and determine the source of what is causing the alarm **BEFORE** the situation gets any more serious. So, please continue to install, and pay attention to, the alarms in and around your homes and businesses. Most of the time they are doing the job they are intended to do. That is, keeping watch over all of us, day and night, for our own safety. They don't have to be fed or, clothed. They work for little of nothing (a battery every couple of years), never complain and never ask for a raise. Pretty good deal for a 24/7 Safety servant!!

Our equipment (hose, ladders, pumps) continues to be annually tested by outside vendors. As well, we continue to have our annual service on our vehicles performed by certified mechanics from an outside agency. 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; preferable sloped to assist draining hose lines filled with water. Best if the area is blacktop, 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 fill the hoses with and the area fits our needs perfectly. The problem with this location has been that for the past couple of years it has not been available to us because the State was reconstructing a nearby bridge. This area was used to store excess gravel and parts and pieces for the bridge job. We contacted Donald Chase, the owner of the old Alberts potato farm property on Rt. 112 in Worthington. That particular location used to be an air strip and had a paved runway several hundred feet long. Mr. Chase has graciously granted us permission to use his property for the past two years. Our sincerest **THANK YOU to Mr. Chase** for his willingness to let us utilize his land.

The real story is that it is not only Cummington who is testing hose at this site. Cummington acts as the facilitator for all of the local Fire Depts. to participate in the testing. This effort continues over several days. Nine Departments participate. Thousands of feet of hose are unloaded and every single length is tested and reloaded. Average length of hose on any given engine is between 5,000 and 6,000 feet. 9 times either figure is a lot of hose!! Plus some departments bring extra hose that they have in storage, not on the trucks. This past year State Representative Steve Kulik stopped by and spent a considerable amount of time observing the entire process.

As always, we seek new members. If anyone is interested we spent considerable time in recent years on this subject. Rather than repeat it all again here I would ask everyone to review this space in previous Fire Dept. reports 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.

A note here on some very important training completed in Cummington over the past year. During the winter months Cummington hosted a forty (40) hour Wildland Fire fighting class. Students from all over western MA attended. Great training to have available to our Firefighters. The reason this particular training is so important here is that when fighting a wildland fire, it is extremely important to have trained personnel who can work and act as a coordinated unit. Otherwise, there is a very great risk of someone getting injured or, killed. This type of firefighting is extremely specialized and is the reason these students learn information about weather, topography, geography, aspect, hydration, diet, specialized tools, clothing, tactics and strategies. A great deal of information to learn in just forty hours but, **ON THE JOB TRAINING** is unacceptable. Too dangerous. Happily, Cummington had several graduate from this class. This will enable our Firefighters to successfully integrate with other Firefighters, similarly trained, into a cohesive unit that understands how each other is trained and what to expect from each other. Now think back to the California wildfires we all saw on TV news. This is the same training those California Firefighters had before they were sent out to fight those large fires. Having some of our own trained personnel is a tremendous benefit to our area.

On a couple of last minute notes, we did send our vacuum tanker to Williamsburg this past year to what became famous, locally at least, as the “Mulch Fire.” And, we replaced our gas meter which often plays a significant role when we respond to an “Alarm Sounding” for an unknown odor.

And, as a final thought, the Department says **THANK YOU** to Asst. Chief Dennis Forgea for building and installing a terrific work bench in the station. Now, finally, we have a space where we can perform at least some repairs, and small tool maintenance. This is something we have needed forever. **THANK YOU**, Dennis.

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.

FY 2017 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 EMT's are assisted by Paramedics from other ambulance companies when the service of a Paramedic is required. Highland's active roster as of June 30, 2017 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 2017 Highland responded to 626 emergency calls of which 143 were no service. These are broken down by Town as follows:

Ashfield	109	Chesterfield	80
Cummington	65	Goshen	70
Plainfield	73	Williamsburg	195
Other	34		

Training. The following is a partial list of special training events held:

- CPR trainings for Emergency Service Personnel, Police, & firefighters.
- Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS).
- Medical Management Classes.
- ALS/BLS interface classes for area EMTs.
- Several Paramedics had the opportunity to participate in a cadaver lab to practice bone injections and advanced airways.
- Mass Casualty Incident training class for all area EMT's and 1st Responders.
- 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.
- Evacuation drill at the Sanderson Academy in Ashfield.
- On April 19th, 2017 Highland hosted a Board & Finance committee meeting with all 6 of our participating towns.
- Met with the administrators of the new Swift River Addiction Center in Plainfield to discuss 911 responses.
- Highland hosted a Red Cross blood drive here at our station.
- EMT coverage at the Chesterfield Gorge for a 5K run.

Operating Expenses in FY 2017: \$ 622,113.06

Cash on Hand June 30, 2017

Operating Funds	-\$ 1,990.75
Ambulance Fund	151,173.67
Memorial Fund	7,455.30
Dresser Fund	4,062.89
Net Income	\$ 10,167.63

Our six towns contributed \$238,430 of our total operational budget, based upon town assessments. The balance came from billings to insurance companies, Medicare, Medicaid and contributions. Our collection rate is approximately 94% of our billables.

Grants. We applied for a grant through the AFG (Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant) in the Fall of 2016 for power stretchers to help reduce lifting injuries. The grant was unsuccessful due to lack of funding. We will apply again in the next round.

Building Project. During this fiscal year, Highland Ambulance completed the building of our permanent facility for its operations and moved in during July of 2016. On July 17th, 2016, Highland held a formal open house and flag raising ceremony dedicating the facility to the memory of Christopher (Kit) Smith, our long term president of the Board and the Williamsburg representative who had passed away several months prior. Anticipated costs of the entire project were close to \$1,000,000 with a mortgage loan for \$600,000 from Greenfield Savings Bank, which means that direct cash contributions and in kind donations had a value of approximately \$400,000. The Board and staff are deeply appreciative for all the dollar donations and in-kind services we received over the year to make possible the construction of our new facility.

Respectfully submitted,

Highland Ambulance Board of Directors

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

Highway Department

Chapter 90 work was done on Cole Street and Main Street. The crew reclaimed and paved Cole Street and Main Street was milled down and blacktopped.

The streets were swept from winter sand. The crew graded, cut brush and removed trees on various roads. Yearly patching of potholes and roadside mowing was also done.

Joe Frost resigned from Highway Superintendent in April. I would like to give thanks to Joe for his dedication. Alan Taylor (that is me) was hired on June 19, 2017 as the Highway Superintendent.

I would like to give thanks to the Community for their support and understanding of the Highway Department. I would also like to give special thanks to the Highway Crew, Robert Dextraze and Jamie Crane, for their dedication to the job.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Taylor
Highway Superintendent

Historical Commission

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

We had another pretty busy year at the Kingman Tavern Museum. Our museum complex includes the Tavern, the Store, the Barn, the Carriage Shed, the Cider House and the Old Parsonage. We had approximately 108 visitors plus several special tours. The Cunninghams from York, ME came in August to see our large collection of Alice Steele's Miniature Rooms. We also had a very special and informative visit from Christine Ritok, the Associate Curator of Historic Deerfield, and Kevin Ferrigno, Esq. of the Connecticut Historic Commission who visited the Tavern and the Old Parsonage. They were especially interested in our three Cummington Masonic chairs. They were amazed at our collection and pointed out many items of significant value. They were on a tour of several small town museums and were very impressed with ours. We also had two Masons from Boston come and look at our Masonic chairs. Tom Weiner visited and looked at Florence Streeter's album about Henry Streeter's service in World War II. He was especially interested in V-mail include in this album.

The winner of our annual William Streeter Scholarship award was Hannah Streeter for her filmed interview of her uncle, Bill Streeter. Multi-media as well as written essays are acceptable for this \$1,000 scholarship. Mark DeMaranville did the recording. We are very thankful to Hannah for her continued work for the Cummington Historical Commission and museum. We will miss Bill Streeter and all the work he did in preserving Cummington history. We are honored to give a scholarship in his name every year to a graduating senior from Cummington. Please contact a Historical Commission member if you are wanting to apply or know someone who wants to apply for this scholarship for 2018.

We received several donations of special interest this year. Bill Streeter donated four conte crayon portraits of various members of the Streeter family done by Edwin Romanzo Elmer. He also gave us a book on Edwin Romanzo Elmer published by Smith College. As well as those portraits, Carrie Cranston of Ashfield gave us two portraits that she had purchased of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jacobs (of Windsor) to add to our significant collection of Edwin Romanzo Elmer conte crayon portraits. We are hoping to have a show of Elmer's portraits soon but we need to get galley lights for the special exhibition room in the Old Parsonage. Donations are welcome!

Betty Frair gave us a painting by W.W. Spofford of the house which once stood on her property on Powell Rd. This painting represents the house site listed in *Only One Cummington*, Vol 1, number 328. We also received a 1912 deed for lots split off bordering Clifford Thayer's property which includes the

Frazier House of the old Cummington School for the arts. We also received a first day cover for the Cummington Bicentennial. Although we have several of these, this first day cover is notable in that the back is stamped to indicate it has been up in a hot air balloon. This is a bit confusing, since the consensus of town members say that there was no balloon event in Cummington at that time. Last but not least, with the urging of Bill Streeter, Carla Ness purchased the William Packard Survey Journal and donated it to the historical commission.

If you have something to donate to the Historical Commission, please contact a commission member who will review it for suitability for our collection. Please do not leave items for us on the porch etc. We have an extensive collection and not that much room even with the addition of the Old Parsonage.

The State asked us to update the list of cemetery sites in town. Stevens cemetery was deleted as the body of the child once buried there was moved to the Dawes cemetery.

We are always looking for volunteers and guides to help us during the busy summer season. If you are interested in helping out please contact a commission member.

Sincerely,

Carla Ness, Co-chair.

Pat Keith, Chair

Karen Westergaard, Secretary

Larry Slezak, Maintenance Chair

Scott Keith Treasurer (non-member)

Stephen Howes

Mike Daniels

Sue Riley

Historical Commission Financial Report

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

Balance July 1, 2016

Revolving Account	\$ 1,932.29
FY 16 receipts previously unreported	85.00
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	\$ 2,017.29

Receipts

Museum donations	675.46
Sale of <i>Only One Cummington Vol I</i> , 3 @ \$25.00	75.00
Sale of <i>Only One Cummington Vol II</i> , 4 @ \$50.00	200.00
Sale of <i>Remembering Cummington</i> , 1 @ \$5.00	5.00
Sale of notecards, 1 @ \$3.00	3.00
Sale of <i>Memories and Musings</i> , 1 @ \$8.00	8.00
Sale of postcards, 13 @ \$0.25	3.25
Sale of <i>Bicentennial History</i> , 2 @ \$5.00	10.00
Sale of <i>Miniature Rooms</i> , 4 @ \$4.00	16.00
Sale of Pewter Medallion, 1 @ \$3.50	3.50
Sales tax	0.79
FY 16 interest and dividends	11,798.24
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	\$ 12,798.24

Income:

Dividends and interest:

Common Stock

Allstate Corp	\$ 472.75
Altria Group Inc.	910.63
BP AMOCO PLC SPONS ADR	942.48
Bristol Meyers Squibb Co.	1,065.68
Chevron Corp.	1,724.00
Emerson Elec Co.	1,149.00
General Electric Co.	2,820.00
Honeywell Intl Inc.	217.56
International Business Machs Corp.	1,140.00
Johnson & Johnson	939.60
Kellogg Co.	592.80
Merck & Co.	1,125.30
Lilly, Eli & Co.	987.75
Pepsico Inc.	1,378.14
Pfizer, Inc.	1,488.00
Proctor & Gamble Co.	1,268.12
Southern Co.	856.54
Unilever	768.12
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	\$ 19,846.47

Government Bonds

U.S. Treasury Bonds of 2016 (\$25,000.00)	
Nov 15, 2016, 7.500%	937.50
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	937.50

Money Fund Accounts

Federated Capital Reserves Money Fund	1.27
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	\$ 35,600.77

Expenses, FY17*	\$ 13,853.70
Revolving account	961.83
FY 17 Interest and Dividends	20,785.24
Balance; June 30, 2017	\$ 35,600.77

Invested Funds: Market Value as of June 30, 2016

Common Stock:

3.00 Advansix Inc	93.72
775.00 shares Altria Group Inc.	57,714.25
396.00 shares BP AMOCO PLC SPONS ADR	13,721.40
692.00 shares Bristol Meyers Squibb Co.	38,558.24
400.00 shares Chevron Corp.	41,732.00
600.00 shares Emerson Electric Co.	35,772.00
3,000.00 shares General Electric Co.	81,030.00
84.00 shares Honeywell Intl Corp.	11,196.36
200.00 shares International Business Machines Corp.	30,766.00
290.00 shares Johnson and Johnson	38,364.10
285.00 shares Kellogg Co.	19,796.10
250.00 shares Eli Lilly & Co.	20,575.00
605.00 shares Merck and Co.	38,774.45
450.00 shares Pepsico Inc.	51,970.50
1,200.00 shares Pfizer Inc.	40,308.00
470.00 shares Proctor and Gamble Co.	40,960.50
379.00 shares Southern Co.	18,146.52
630.00 shares Unilever	34,820.10
	614,299.24

Certificate of Deposit

Bank of India, NY	
matures 12/19/17, 1.100%	24,990.50
	24,990.50

Money Fund Accounts:

Federated Capital Reserves Money Fund	21,516.98
Cash Balance	362.25
	21,879.23

TOTAL PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS \$ 661,168.97

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

Scott Keith,
Historical Commission Treasurer

Police Department

Department Members:

Michael Perkins	Chief,
Sharon Cunningham	Patrol Officer
Dennis Forgea	Rsv. Officer

The Police Department remains committed to providing high quality professional service our community. Training continues to be a priority for the department. We have been fortunate for the low or no-cost training provided by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Agency (MIIA), the Massachusetts Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC), and Northwestern District Attorney David Sullivan. In this age of technology, online training has become a valuable training tool. It allows department members to access a host of training while remaining available in the community to respond, rather than traveling outside the area.

The Massachusetts State Police continues to be a valuable public safety partner. Hosting various training programs, and providing a conduit for information sharing among all area police departments to raise awareness of law enforcement trends across the Hilltowns.

I would be remiss not to recognize and thank our public safety partners: The Cummington Fire Department, Cummington Fire Association, and Highland Ambulance. These organizations provide a great deal of support throughout the year to the department - **THANK YOU.**

In an effort to enhance communications with the community, the police department has collaborated with Cummington Fire to expand our social media presence. Please like **Cummington Emergency Services** page on Facebook. We hope this will serve as an interactive medium for increased communication in our community (*the account is not monitored 24/7*).

- As a reminder, the Police Department conducts weekly office hours most Saturday mornings from 8 am - 11 am. Please stop in!!
- The Department serves as a drop-off site for unwanted or expired medication, please visit our website for more details.

- The Police Department Website, www.cummingtonpolice.com, is available as a source of information which includes useful forms, frequently asked questions (FAQs) and more.
- Follow **@CUMMINGTONPD** on Twitter for information in real time (*the account is not monitored 24/7*).
- Please 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:	26
Medical Emergencies:	36
Traffic/Safety Hazards:	29
Motor Vehicle Crashes:	38
Motor Vehicle Stops/Complaints:	61
Suspicious Person/Vehicles:	17
Investigations:	124

Respectfully submitted,
 Michael Perkins
 Chief of Police

Recreation Committee

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

Cummington hosted the Junior Olympics this year that was held in Goshen. We purchased new shirts for the Cummington participants, although because of a smaller amount of kids, we teamed up with Windsor. Plainfield teamed up with Ashfield as well. Enrollment is down over the years. What can we do to encourage more Cummington kids to join in on the fun of the Olympics? We thank Nikki Wortis and Denise Forgea for representing Cummington on the Olympic committee. We thank Lisa Delisle again for being the master of ceremonies for this wonderful event. Parents, grandparents, friends and past Olympians who helped make this event a success, we are thankful for your volunteerism.

We held a rag shag parade, a visit from Santa at the gazebo and a movie night. We continue to ask for donations for the rental of the pavilion. Special rules and regulations apply. Our recreation area is open from dawn to dusk every day, unless otherwise reserved for special events. Reservations for the use of our area may be made by calling Geraldine Wilcox at 634-2136. Donations are to be sent to Donna Forgea, 6 Porter Hill Road, Cummington, MA 01026. Before your special event begins.

We like to welcome our newest member to the Recreation Committee, Eliza Dragon. We are looking forward to her new ideas. We thank Andrew Liebenow for his time on the committee, Andy has moved to warmer weather. Good luck to you Andy!

The Pioneer Women's Softball continues to have their tournaments at our field. We had it prepared by tilling the infield and raking to continue this tradition. Next year we will need more chips for the playground, and hopefully the Tennis Court will be completed next spring. We still need to repair the fence by the river. We also put new paper towel holders, soap dispensers and toilet paper holders in the bathrooms. We have replaced locks so that all locks work with one key. The bathrooms remain closed during regular hours unless reservations are made to use the area. We try to prevent damage to our area by vandals. It seems something happens each year to something. Please respect our area.

We would like to thank Chief Michael Perkins for his help with installing security cameras. A grant was given through MIAA for loss control.

The Committee thanks Dennis Forgea for opening and closing our building each year. It seems we are always dealing with leaky toilets or pipes. He's our go-to for minor repairs and fixes that are greatly appreciated.

The Recreation committee continues to sponsor the Family Center.

We are always looking for new members, who are willing to give of their time to keep this area special for our citizens. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help us is welcomed. We have been known to barter for reservations.

Keep in mind that the water is shut off and turned on in the fall and spring. We do not encourage snowmobiling or 4-wheeling anywhere. No motorized vehicles of any kind. Thank you from your committee members.

Respectfully submitted,

Your Recreation Committee

Geraldine Wilcox, Chair

Amy Gallert, Secretary

Donna L. Forgea, Treasurer

Jennifer O'Neill, Member

Laurie Fritag, Member

Nikki Wortis, Member,

Representative Hilltown Jr. Olympics

Eliza Dragon, Member

Solarize WCGW

Windsor, Cummington, Goshen and Worthington

2017 was a busy year for Solarize WCGW. On July 29, the Request for Proposals was completed and approved by MASSCEC to select a vetted installer for the four towns with responses due on 9 September. After a state-wide search, 8 proposals were received. An evaluation team was formed from members of Solarize WCGW to evaluate, interview and ultimately select our installer and partner. The team selected three highly qualified and vetted proposals with the aid of the state and interviewed them on 11 October. SunBug Solar, LLC was selected hands down on the 14th.

With the selection process completed, Team WCGW and their respective towns signed letters of agreement with SunBug Solar and set up Meet the Installer Night in Cummington on the 16th of November to kick off the signup phase of the program. Throughout the course of the next 5 months a series of Informational Forums, Lunch and Learns and media blasts were scheduled to bring renewable technology information and its impact on the environment to potential subscribers so that they might make informed decisions about their individual solar objectives. Beginning in December the first Cummington signups began and when the signup and contracting phase of the program ended on 15 May, Cummington had 90 families sign up for the free estimate and of those, 29 signed contracts with SunBug totaling 252.2 Kw of power leading the other three member towns. Solarize WCGW overall had 332 signups for the free estimate with 90 residents overall signing contracts for a total of 776.9 Kw of power. This reduces CO2 emissions equivalent to driving over 760,000 miles in an average car. Or over the 30-year life of the systems to be installed, they will avert the CO2 emissions equivalent to what nearly 9,000 acres of US forest can sequester in a year. Calculated another way, Solarize WCGW systems when finished will generate 192 Watts/resident compared to the statewide average of 25 Watts/resident. This is a remarkable accomplishment for Solarize WCGW and the families who desired to change the way they satisfied their energy needs.

Finally, SunBug has begun the install phase of the program in the WCGW member towns. Installation and connection to the grid, whether it be Eversource or National Grid will be completed by the end of the year.

Your WCGW Cummington team wishes to thank the members of this community for their vision, thirst for renewable energy and overwhelming support for the Solarize WCGW program. By any stretch of the imagination it was a complete success.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Adams, Solar Coach
Dave Gokey, Team Member
Bruce Harrison, Team Member

Brenda Arbib, Municipal Representative
Jim Wettreau, Core Team Member
Jon Bye, Team Member

Vocational School Committee

The Vocational School Committee would like to thank the Cummington Town Meeting Members for their continued support for the 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 2017:

Dylan Dextraze

Lauryl Rachmaciej

Claire Streeter

We wish them well in their chosen career.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Cunningham
Theodore Lynds
Jane Adams

Water Commissioners Report

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

Water rents have risen and upgrades have begun. We have ordered new meters for meters that are not properly working and many have been replaced, with a few more to do. This is an ongoing maintenance issue that we intend on keeping up. All hydrants have been flushed with the exception of the Housing and the Fairgrounds. We needed written permission to complete the flushing, in case of any issues that may have arisen from the flushing.

Repairs have been done to the chemical feed pump in Cummington and new alarm pads in both water buildings have been replaced. The transducer in West Cummington that measures the height of water in the well has been replaced and is in good working order. This item was difficult to determine and a choice was made to simply replace it.

We had a bacteria hit in West Cummington, additional products were used to correct the issue and additional testing was needed and requested by the DEP. It was taken care of rather quickly.

After flushing the hydrants, we discovered two that needed new parts or repairing. We purchased several parts and fixed the ones needing repair and now have extra parts for future repairs. We also had a hydrant on Fairgrounds Road hit by a motor vehicle. We will try to get reimbursed for the parts and labor for the hydrant that was damaged. The hydrant performed the way it was supposed to in the accident.

We have the funds for the inspection of the three storage tanks. This project will be done early fall. A complete report will be given to us to determine our next step in the process.

The Housatonic Basin Sampling and Testing out of Lee, MA, continues to test and monitor our system. We continue to be members of the Mass Rural Water Association and the Mass Water Works.

Our water operator Dennis Forgea continues classes as needed to stay abreast of procedures and any new issues that may arise for us. Water Operator licenses must stay updated. Dann Emerson also holds a water operator's license.

The painting of the hydrants continued this summer and only a very few hydrants are left. If you have a hydrant near your home, it would be very nice if you could mow around it and/or shovel it out to keep it accessible to the Fire Department. Seconds count, when a fire occurs.

Please pay your water rents in a timely fashion. We thank Susan Warriner for collecting all water rents due the Town of Cummington.

Delivering a high quality of water is our #1 priority as your commissioners.

Sincerely, Your Water Commissioners

Donna L. Forgea, Chair
Tomasz Jaracz, Commissioner

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

Zoning Board of Appeals

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

During FY 2017 the ZBA held only one hearing for a special permit: the application presented by SolBright Renewable Energy, 701 East Bay Street, Charleston, SC, for a Special Permit “for an other business use... namely for the development and operation of a 649 kW ground-mounted solarvoltaic facility” at 133 Plainfield Road, Assessor’s map ID 9-7-0; as provided in the Table of Uses, Paragraph B, Use 10 of the zoning bylaw. The hearing was held over the course of several days, May 18, May 25, and June 28, 2017. The permit was granted as follows:

“To grant RevEnergy C2 Franklin, LLC a Special Permit to operate a 649 kW solar photovoltaic facility at 133 Plainfield Road, Assessors’ Map ID 9-7-0, as described in the drawing prepared by Goldsmith, Prest, & Ringwall, Inc. (Job 161021) dated 05/18/17 and included as part of the application, with the following conditions:

- 1. There shall be no use of chemicals to control plant life, etc., mechanical means only shall be used (mowers, string trimmers, etc.).**
- 2. There shall be no increase in the land use area from what is shown on the aforementioned drawing.**
- 3. There shall be no further assignment of the ground lease between Ronald Wolf (landowner) and Synergy Energy, LLC (05/28/2015), then assigned to Revio Energy, Inc. (05/29/2015), then assigned to RevEnergy C2 Franklin, LLC (01/06/2017) without first having the prospective assignee apply for, and be granted a Special Permit from the Cummington Zoning Board of Appeals to operate the facility.**
- 4. The Building Permit shall not be issued until evidence that Condition 3 shall be met by filing an amendment to the ground lease, reflecting the intent of Condition 3, with the Registry of Deeds.**

All Special Permits in Cummington are granted to the Permittee, and do not ‘run with the land’.”

The Minutes, Exhibits, and all other documentation are available from the Town Clerk.

The members of the Cummington Zoning Board of Appeals are:

Carla Ness, Chair

Kenneth Howes, Member

Deborah Emerson, Member

Michael Holden, Clerk

Ernest Strong, Member

Mark Bevan, Associate Member.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Holden, Clerk

Hilltown Community Development Corporation

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

Hilltown CDC works with the community to identify and secure financial resources to serve the community development needs of the region. In 2015, Hilltown CDC helped the hilltown region care for the elderly, provided safe affordable housing to seniors and low income families, improved many hilltown homes and began initiatives that support local agriculture such as the Keep Farming 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 2017 Hilltown Business Directory, distributed to 16,000 hilltown households in 21 towns, with contact information and descriptions of 317 hilltown businesses in 94 categories. The Directory is also on-line at www.hilltowncdc.org.

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

- Westhampton Woods Senior Housing: Hilltown CDC owns and operates Westhampton Woods Senior Housing which provides 15 apartments for low-to-moderate income seniors over 60 years old.
- Rental Housing: Hilltown CDC completed the renovation of 24 units of scattered affordable rental housing in six properties located in Williamsburg, Westhampton and Chesterfield in 2016. Hilltown CDC hired a local contractor to complete this project.
- New Project Development: Hilltown CDC began construction of 10 rental units of affordable senior housing. Hilltown CDC secured \$2.6 million to develop this project. Construction should be complete and full occupancy is expected by June 2018.

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 2017:

- Hilltown CDC rehabilitated 18 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 2017 HCDC:

- Through extensive community engagement and planning, Hilltown CDC began operating the FRTA Senior Van in 2017 providing essential transportation services to seniors in the northern Hilltowns.
- Hilltown CDC entered into a fiscal sponsorship agreement to support new Art and Culture programming in the region. We helped sponsor the Hilltown Chautauqua series held at the Bryant Homestead. See <http://hilltownchautauqua.org/> for more information.

Please visit www.hilltowncdc.org for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Christopolis

Executive Director, Hilltown Community Development Corporation

HCG Annual Report

FY2017

HCG Overview

HCG supports communities by empowering local, sustainable, and efficient economies. The organization helps cities and towns, schools, nonprofits, and businesses get the most value by pooling their buying power. HCG's Hampshire Power provides electricity services, including green and locally produced electricity. The HCG Purchasing Co-op makes it easy for towns, cities, and nonprofits to save money, time, and effort on major and everyday purchases. HCG's Group Insurance Trust helps communities keep health insurance costs low. And HCG supports communities with uniquely effective service programs: RSVP of the Pioneer Valley and the Hampshire-Franklin Tobacco-Free Community Partnership. Every cent HCG earns goes back to supporting the communities of Western Massachusetts. HCG is funded by its own revenue and grants.

FY2017 - Continued program expansion and revenue growth

HCG has consistently demonstrated a high return on investment for our member communities: this year has been no exception. HCG experienced continued growth in both revenue and net results with an unaudited cash year end position of \$374,891 in excess revenue.

General Fund Net:	(\$548,328)
Electricity Fund Net:	\$923,219
Total Net Result:	\$374,891

ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS:

Hampshire Power

Hampshire Power is the only Massachusetts based nonprofit energy supplier. Hampshire Power offers fixed-rate, and green electricity. Hampshire Power facilitates a donation to the United Way of Hampshire County for every customer that signs up for local power.

Gross Revenue:	\$6,698,867
Net Result:	\$923,219

Hampshire Renewables

Hampshire Renewables net metering program is a simple way to share in locally owned and managed solar, or cow power.

1.8 MW of net metering credits sold

Energy Credits

HCG is the local choice to sell your Massachusetts Renewable Energy Credits. HCG makes it easy to maximize your energy investment. HCG has expanded its energy credit broker service to include Alternative Energy Credits (AECs) in addition to Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECs), beginning in 2018.

In the last few years, revenue has gone from \$3,437 (FY13), to \$103,574 (FY17). As of the end of FY17, HCG managed \$3.4 million worth of renewable energy credits.

HCG Purchasing Co-op

The Purchasing Co-op aggregates buying power to save money, time, and effort.

During FY2017, the Purchasing Co-op launched three new bids for Highway-related services and products. A new Tree Services bid was also developed for use by area towns. We collaborated on a program to add frozen local vegetables as part of our annual School and Cafeteria bid, and conducted research in the areas of Human Resource Services, as well as Custodial Supplies needs. New customers added in FY2017 included schools, towns, councils on aging, and other nonprofits. The Purchasing Co-op finished in the black for the first time ever in FY17 and continued to grow in terms of total value of goods and services sold.

Total value of goods and services sold:	\$10,959,550
FY17 net results:	\$12,554

HCG Group Insurance Trust

The Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust (GIT) delivers the highest possible level of health insurance benefits at the lowest consistent price.

GIT provides health and life insurance to over 10,000 individuals. The GIT's revenue increased from \$49,097,910 to \$53,770,883 over the past fiscal year: a 9.5% increase. 11 out of 15 member towns use the GIT in place of the state plan. Member towns secured \$2.9 million in savings through the GIT.

Hampshire IT

The Hampshire IT program offers Western Massachusetts the best information technology service at highly competitive rates. Hampshire IT is a partnership with the region's largest IT company, Paragus IT. By hiring Paragus through HCG, customers are able to receive a discounted rate on IT services.

Hampshire Web

Businesses, residents, and visitors look to your town website for important information. Hampshire web is a partnership between HCG and Virtual Towns and Schools. Pool resources to create professional websites for a fraction of the cost of contracting on your own.

RSVP of the Pioneer Valley

RSVP of the Pioneer Valley is the volunteer connector for people 55 and over. The volunteers use their expertise to benefit their communities and focus on helping seniors remain independent and in their own homes, increasing food security in the region, and building nonprofits' capacity to do great work through fundraising and program support.

# Partner Organizations:	56
# Volunteers:	648
Volunteer Hours Served:	100,004

RSVP trained volunteers lead free weekly Healthy Bones & Balance exercise classes, designed to increase participants' strength, mobility, flexibility, and balance.

Hampshire-Franklin Tobacco-Free Community Partnership

The Hampshire-Franklin Tobacco-Free Community Partnership has a mission to encourage and support smokers in Franklin and Hampshire County to quit. It also aims to create awareness of harmful, smokeless tobacco products that are often marketed towards young people.

# New Smoke Free Units:	937
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Regional Accounting

As part of HCG's mission to serve our smaller communities, we provide a regional accounting service to towns without municipal accountants. These financial services include town accountant services, bookkeeping, and payables.

Community

HCG also supports the community by participating in:

- The Downtown Northampton Association
- The Awesome Foundation
- Legislative Summit

Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative

FY17 Report

To 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 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 FY17 included: Joe Kearns, Chair (Middlefield); John Chandler, Vice Chair (Chesterfield); and, Paul Wetzell, Treasurer (Williamsburg).

The HRMC assists hilltown member-communities with managing their solid waste including: municipal waste hauling and disposal bid administration, recycling administration, hazardous waste disposal, and, DEP compliance and technical assistance. In FY17 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 (including free recycling of mercury thermostats and re-chargeable batteries), and Freon removal from appliances.
- 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 Coordinator group; 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 FY17, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced their Recycling Dividend Program Grants under the annual Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP). All ten HRMC member-towns were eligible for and received grants submitted for them through the HRMC. In total, the HRMC Towns received \$24,200.00 in grant funding to be used to further enhance recycling programs within their communities. Grant applications for FY18 were submitted in June 2017 for a total of more than \$42,000 in funding requests.

The HRMC has an annual operation's assessment that is approved by each Town at their annual Town meeting. The annual Assessment Budget is based on tonnage and population. In FY17, the combined assessment for all ten towns was \$49,575. The Assessments offset base operating expenses. Recycling program collection costs (other than MRF recyclables) 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 FY17, the HRMC acquired one new MRF container in an on-going plan to remove containers from the HRMC fleet (purchased 1989) that are no longer road-worthy. Cost for the new container was shared by those Towns utilizing the HRMC fleet.

During the past year, the HRMC member-Towns collectively diverted 971 tons of recyclable materials to the Springfield MRF. In addition, the Town of Plainfield diverted bulky rigid plastics; the Towns of Cummington, Plainfield, Westhampton and Williamsburg diverted EPS (Styrofoam); and, the Towns of Plainfield and Williamsburg diverted 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. In FY17, all Towns began recycling household fire extinguishers through a free program administered by HRMC in collaboration with George Propane and Pittsfield Fire.

Last year, 8 member-Towns adopted recycling goals of 50% with the intent of increasing quantity and improving the quality of materials being recycled at their transfer stations and to reduce waste being landfilled. In 2016, the Town of Cummington had a recycling rate of 33.5%; for 2017, the rate was 33%.

This past year, HRMC re-invigorated the Compost Bin distribution program and the Towns of Chesterfield, Westhampton, and Williamsburg offered special subsidized pricing to encourage at home composting for their residents.

For more information about HRMC programs, visit us online at: www.hrmc-ma.org or by emailing hrmc@hrmc-ma.org.

Kathleen A. Casey
HRMC Administrator

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