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Fire Department Information

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

TO REPORT A FIRE: Call 911

TO CALL AN AMBULANCE: Call 911

TO GET A BURNING PERMIT: 339-5526, 339-5592 or 339-8650

TO GET ON THE CHIMNEY CLEANING LIST: Call Greg Cox 339-5526

Police Department Information

The Police Chief holds monthly office hours at the Town Office on the second Tuesday of each month from 6-8pm (unless otherwise posted).

FOR EMERGENCIES: Call 911

Town Clerk:

The Town Clerk hours will be posted at the Town Office.

Tax Collector:

Charles Stetson: 339-4231 (by appointment only)

Board of Selectmen:

The Board of Selectmen holds meetings every other Tuesday evening at 7:30pm at the Town Office on Pudding Hollow Road.

Their assistant can be contacted at the Town Office (339-5518) on Tuesday 1:00-5:00pm, Wednesday and Friday 10:00am-5:00pm, unless otherwise posted.

Board of Assessors:

The Board of Assessors holds meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Town Office on Pudding Hollow Road.

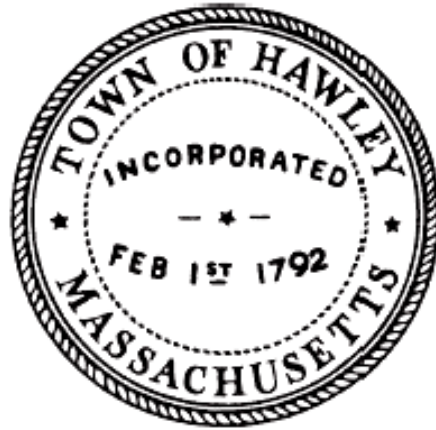
Their assistant can be contacted at the Town Office (339-5518) on Tuesday 1:00-5:00pm, Wednesday and Friday 10:00am-5:00pm, unless otherwise posted.



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Town of HAWLEY Massachusetts



2012 Annual Report



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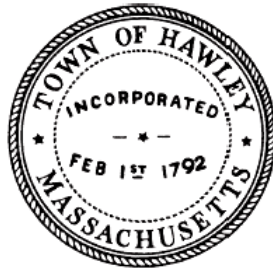
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Annual Report By the Town Officers



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Dedication



Richard G. Desmarais
January 2, 1932 ó December 24, 2012

Over the years the Selectboard has chosen from time to time to recognize and honor one of the town's special citizens for his or her dedicated service to the town and its citizens. This year the selection was not a difficult task. Dick Desmarais joined our community in 1962 when he purchased the Chickley Alps Ski Area. Dick operated the area for some time thereafter, ultimately making Hawley his permanent home in what he always described as "God's Country". He served our community throughout his time with us generously giving of his time, energy and talent. He was admired for his integrity, enthusiasm and commitment, serving in the elected offices of Assessor, Selectman, and Board of Health and on numerous committees.

Dick passed away on Christmas Eve 2012. He will be sorely missed by his family, many friends and especially by our town and community of Hawley.



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TOWN OFFICIALS – ELECTED

Selectmen/Board of Health (3-year term)

Philip Keenan, Chairman	Term expires 2013
Richard Desmarais	Term expires 2014
(John Sears elected 3/12/13 to fill term)	
Tedd White (resigned 3/28/13)	Term expires 2015

Town Clerk (3-year term)

Lisa Turner (resigned 3/12/13)	Term expires 2014
(Pamela Shrimpton appointed 3/26/13)	

Assessors (3-year terms)

Richard Desmarais	Term expires 2014
(Rick Kean elected 3/12/13 to fill term)	
Henry Eggert, Chairman	Term expires 2015
Jason Velazquez	Term expires 2013

School Committee (3-year terms)

Daphne Clark	Term expires 2013
Regina Velazquez	Term expires 2015
Hussein Hamdan (resigned 3/12/13)	Term expires 2014

Representative to K-12 Committee for Mohawk Trail District (3-year terms)

Kirby Thwing Jr.	Term expires 2014
Suzanne Crawford	Term expires 2015

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

Suzanne Crawford	Term expires 2013
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Moderator

Cyndie Stetson (resigned 3/27/13)	Term expires 2013
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Tree Warden

Richard Gould	Term expires 2013
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TOWN OFFICIALS – APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

(Unless otherwise indicated, terms are for 1 year)

Treasurer (1-yr term) Charles Stetson	Term expires 2013
Tax Title Custodian (1-yr term) Charles Stetson	Term expires 2013
Tax Collector (3-yr term) Charles Stetson	Term expires 2015
Administrative Assistant/Assistant Treasurer Virginia Gabert	
Superintendent of Streets Richard Gould	
Police Chief Stephen Deane	
Police Officer David Rich	
Fire Chief/Forest Fire Warden/Emergency Management Director Gregory Cox	
Dog Officer Chris Tirone	
Constable George Rice	
Inspectors: Franklin County Cooperative Building Inspector Program James D. Hawkins, Commissioner James Cerone, Inspector	
Franklin County Cooperative Wiring Inspector Thomas McDonald	
Franklin County Cooperative Plumbing and Gas Inspector Andrew French	

Inspector of Animals
Jason Velazquez

Representative to Veterans Service Center
Chris Tirone & Kevin Richardson

Boards and Committees:

(Unless otherwise indicated, terms are for one year)

Planning Board

Lloyd Crawford	Term expires 2013
Kathryn Sternstein	Term expires 2014
Henry Eggert	Term expires 2015
(vacant)	Term expires 2016
Margaret Fitzpatrick	Term expires 2017

Board of Appeals

Kirby Thwing, Jr.	Term expires 2013
Charles Stetson	Term expires 2014
(vacant)	Term expires 2015

Conservation Commission

(vacant)	Term expires 2013
Charles Cutler (resigned 8/12)	Term expires 2013
Lloyd Crawford, Chairman	Term expires 2014
Margaret Fitzpatrick	Term expires 2014
Kirby Thwing, Jr.	Term expires 2015

Historical Commission

John Sears	Term expires 2013
(vacant)	Term expires 2013
Pamela Shrimpton	Term expires 2014
Kirby Thwing, Jr.	Term expires 2015
Ray Gotta	Term expires 2015

Registrar of Voters (terms expire March 31)

John Sears
Jennifer Rich
Daniel Hoyt

Election Officers (terms expire August 31)

Joyce Charland	Charles Cutler
Gloria Decker	Mary Gelinas
June Gormley	Christine Hicks
Melanie Poudrier	Sally Rich (resigned 3/13)
Tammy Schofield	Elvira Scott
Pamela Shrimpton	Jerome Sternstein

Council on Aging

Joyce Charland
Cyndie Stetson
Lisa Turner

Burial Agent

Lisa Turner

Measurer of Wood and Surveyor of Lumber

Gregory Cox

Town Counsel

Donna MacNicol

Representative to LEPC

Gregory Cox

Representative to Nilman Scholarship Fund (3-year term)

(vacant) Term expires 2015

Representative to Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Philip Keenan

Representative to Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program

Philip Keenan

Representative to Mohawk Municipal Advisory Committee

Charles Stetson

Agricultural Commission

Jason Velazquez	Term expires 2013
Peter Mitchell	Term expires 2014
Lisa Turner	Term expires 2015



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Communications Committee

Jason Velazquez
Rick Kean
Kirby Thwing
Thom White (resigned 4/13)
Peter Mitchell (resigned 2/13)

TOWN OFFICIALS – APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

Finance Committee:

Lloyd Crawford	Term expires 2013
Jennifer Rich	Term expires 2014
Kirby Thwing, Jr.	Term expires 2015
Jane Grant	Term expires 2016
(vacant)	Term expires 2017



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ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION (APRIL 30, 2013)

Due to a State Primary Election scheduled for April 30, 2013, Hawley obtained permission to change the Annual Town Election for 2013 to be held on that same date. Thus, the following officers are to be elected by ballot, for which purpose the polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. as prescribed for the State Primary Election:

- Selectman (3-year term)
- Assessor (3-year term)
- Auditor (1-year term)
- Moderator (1-year term)
- Tree Warden (1-year term)
- Hawlemont School Committee (3-year term)
- Non-Parent Member LEC for Hawlemont District (3-year term)

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT (MAY 6, 2013)

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

At eight o'clock in the evening the meeting will convene to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To act on the reports of the Town Officers, and to hear a presentation by the Finance Committee, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries, compensation, or expense accounts of all elective officers of the Town as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,000.00 for payment of the same, together with such clerical and other office help as the Selectmen may approve, or take any other action relative thereto.

Salaries being voted on are as follows:

Chairman of Selectboard	1800.00
Selectboard members	1600.00
Town Clerk	4200.00
Chairman of Assessors	1300.00
Assessors members	1100.00
Tax Collector	5400.00
Auditor	115.00
Moderator	115.00
Treasurer	7350.00

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following appropriations as recommended by the Selectboard:

Snow Roads	75,800.00
Employee Vacations	8,460.00
Employee Holidays (11)	4,727.00
Employee Sick Days (5)	2,500.00
Employee Health Insurance	24,300.00
Drug and Alcohol Testing	500.00
Town	27,000.00
Massachusetts Unemployment	3,000.00
FICA/Medicare (Town's share)	4,000.00
Town Building Expenses	13,000.00
Selectboard Expenses	2,000.00
Treasurer Expenses	2,000.00
Town Clerk Expenses	600.00
Outside Utilities	200.00
Finance Committee Expenses	250.00
Conservation Comm. Expenses	100.00
Historical Comm. Expenses	100.00
Planning Board Expenses	100.00
Zoning Board of Appeal Expenses	500.00
Assessor's Expenses	3,500.00
Tax Collector Expenses	2,000.00
Board of Health Expenses	1,000.00
Town Reports	1,500.00
Bonding	500.00
Police Department	1,250.00
Emergency Management Expenses	200.00
Emergency Management Director Salary	1,000.00
Fire Department	10,000.00

Fire Chief's Salary	2,500.00
EMT Equipment	2,500.00
Insect Pest Control	2,000.00
Care of Cemeteries	2,000.00
Interest	4,000.00

The following items do not require a vote, but nevertheless represent amounts which will have to be raised:

W. Franklin Veterans Service Center	744.00
Franklin County Retirement System	20,875.00

Total for Article 3	226,388.00
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Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$153,129.00 to cover its share of operating expenses of the Hawlemont Regional School District, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,492.00 to cover its share of the capital expenses for the renovations of the Hawlemont Regional School District, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide \$1,800.00 for the purpose of paying certain costs associated with the Hawlemont preschool program or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$138,833.00 to cover its share of the operating expenses of the Mohawk Regional School District, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,480.00 to cover its share of the capital expenses for the renovations of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$57,000.00 to cover the cost of tuition for students attending vocational schools, or take any other action in relation thereto.



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Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 to cover the cost of transportation for students attending vocational schools, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the Tyler Memorial Library, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 to cover Hawley's share of the compensation for the Franklin County Cooperative Inspector Program, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,400.00 to meet the cost of solid waste disposal in the year beginning July 1, 2013, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,145.00 to cover its allocated share of the budget for the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District, including household hazardous waste, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$78,500.00 for the General Highways Account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to accept any amount available in Chapter 90 road funds available subject to conditions detailed by the Massachusetts Highway Department pursuant to Chapter ____ of the Acts of ____, with any unexpended balances to be carried forward into the next fiscal year, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to employ counsel and to defend any suit that may be brought against the Town and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose, or take any other action in relation thereto.



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Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$450.00 for the Right-to-Know budget in anticipation of reimbursement from the State for this expenditure, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 for Machinery Maintenance, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for use by the Council on Aging, such sum to help the COA qualify for a \$3,500.00 Council on Aging formula grant, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for new equipment and grant matching funds for the Fire Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for a gasoline account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800.00 for internet service expenses, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,380.00 for its share of the statutory charges (\$1,397.00); regional services assessments (\$1,883.00); and Regional Emergency Planning Committee assessment (\$100.00) of the FRCOG, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,954.00 for the Regional Health Agent Program, services provided by the Franklin Regional Council of Governments, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for Blackboard Connect Notification System, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$654.04 to cover expenses relating to Emergency Communications Maintenance Assessment, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,160.00 to cover this year's payment for the purchase of the McCloud property (principal payment of \$20,000.00 and interest payment of \$2,160.00), or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,400.00 to cover this year's payment for the purchase of the loader (principal payment of \$23,000.00 and interest payment of \$1,400.00), or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the Town Computer Account to cover periodic upgrades and repairs, with any unexpended balance to be carried into the next fiscal year, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide a sum or sums for the Town Building maintenance and renovation account, with any unexpended balance to be carried into the next fiscal year, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 33: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to cover continuing education and conferences expenses for town officers in FY14 with any remaining balance to be carried into the next fiscal year, expenditures from this account to be approved in advance by the Board of Selectmen, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500.00 to cover expenses relating to tax title and foreclosure of real estate parcels for delinquent taxes or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving account pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, section 53E ½ for which revenues from fees or fines related to the licensing and care of dogs will be deposited into the fund and expended to purchase dog tags; pay for various expenses in relation to licensing, care and other related dog control expenses under the direction of the Town Clerk, and total



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expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 will be limited to \$400, with all money remaining in the fund at the end of each fiscal year, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 for Landfill Maintenance, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$10,000.00 from Free Cash to the Fire Equipment Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$10,000.00 from Free Cash to the Highway Equipment Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 39: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$12,000.00 from Free Cash to the Interest Account to cover interest on the Storm Damage loan, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 40: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$6,000.00 from Free Cash to replace a plow for the Highway Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 41: To see if the Town will vote to hear the recommendations of the Job Description Review Committee relative to the salary for the Town Clerk and further vote to raise and appropriate an additional sum to cover any increase, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 42: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$4,435.00 from FY13 Overlay Surplus into the FY13 Legal Services account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 43: To see if the Town will vote to instruct our members of Congress to support an amendment to the United States Constitution to clarify that corporations do not have the same rights as people and that money is not speech for purposes of election-related spending, and/or take any action relative thereto.

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights are intended to protect the rights of individual human beings (öreal peopleö); and,

WHEREAS, corporations are not mentioned in the Constitution and The People have never granted rights to corporations;

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission presents a serious threat to self-government by allowing unlimited corporate spending to influence elections;

WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution empowers and obligates the people of the United States of America to use the constitutional amendment process to correct egregiously wrong decisions of the United States Supreme Court that go to the heart of our democracy;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the voters of Hawley, Massachusetts hereby instruct the Senators representing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the member of the United States House of Representatives representing this Congressional District to propose and our state legislators to ratify an amendment to the United States Constitution to provide that corporations are not entitled to the constitutional rights of real people and that money is not speech for purposes of campaign-related expenditures and contributions.

The text of the proposed amendment is as follows:

Amendment

Section 1 (A corporation is not a person and can be regulated)

The rights protected by the Constitution of the United States are the rights of natural persons only.

Artificial entities, such as corporations, limited liability companies, and other entities, established by the laws of any State, the United States, or any foreign state shall have no rights



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under this Constitution and are subject to regulation by the People, through Federal, State, or local law.

The privileges of artificial entities shall be determined by the people, through Federal, State, or local law, and shall not be construed to be inherent or inalienable.

Section 2 (Money is not speech and can be regulated)

Federal, State, and local government shall regulate, limit, or prohibit contributions and expenditures, including a candidate's own contributions and expenditures, for the purpose of influencing in any way the election of any candidate for public office or any ballot measure.

Federal, State, and local government shall require that any permissible contributions and expenditures be publicly disclosed.

The judiciary shall not construe the spending of money to influence elections to be speech under the First Amendment.

Section 3

Nothing contained in this amendment shall be construed to abridge the freedom of press.

Article 44: To see if the Town will vote on the following resolution, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Whereas, Baystate Franklin Medical Center in Greenfield is the only hospital in Franklin County, the most rural county in Massachusetts; and,

Whereas, local access to a full-service community hospital is essential to the health and well-being of the residents of Franklin County; and,

Whereas, some important services previously available at Franklin Medical Center are now only available at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield; and,

Whereas, the lack of public transportation and the long distance between parts of Franklin County and Springfield presents a challenge for many residents; and,

Whereas, it is critical for the health of Franklin County resident that they have access to the broadest range of quality health care services in Franklin County.

Therefore be it resolved that the Town of Hawley calls upon Baystate Health System to commit all necessary resources to ensure the provision of all needed services and to commit to the long-term viability of a full-service community hospital at Baystate Franklin Medical Center which will meet the health care needs of the residents of Franklin County; and,

Be it further resolved that the Town Clerk be directed to send copies of this resolution to Mark Topolsky, President and Chief Executive Officer of Baystate Health System, and to Chuck Gijanto, President of Baystate Regional Markets.

Article 45: To transact any other business that legally may come before the Town Meeting.

Philip C. Keenan, **Chairman**
John Sears
Selectboard
Town of Hawley

NOTE: There will be an informational meeting on Monday, April 29, 2013 at 7:30pm at the Hawley Town Office.



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REVIEW OF TOWN MEETINGS IN 2012

Town Clerk Lisa Turner did not submit a report prior to her resignation on March 12, 2013. The review of Town Meetings in 2012 will be included in the next Annual Town Report.

REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS (FY2012)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

TOWN OFFICERS

APPROPRIATED		\$47,500.00
EXTENDED POLLING HOURS		\$179.00
EXPENDED	\$47,243.41	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$935.59

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

APPROPRIATED		\$24,300.00
EXPENDED	\$19,906.20	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$4,393.80

DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING

APPROPRIATED		\$500.00
EXPENDED	\$290.50	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$209.50

TOWN INSURANCE

APPROPRIATED		\$27,000.00
EXPENDED	\$21,950.00	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$5,050.00

MASS EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

APPROPRIATED		\$3,000.00
EXPENDED	\$162.82	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$2,837.18

FICA/MEDICARE

APPROPRIATED		\$4,000.00
FROM RESERVE		\$124.05
EXPENDED	\$4,124.05	

TOWN BUILDING EXPENSE

APPROPRIATED		\$13,000.00
EXPENDED	\$10,150.61	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$2,849.39

CONSERVATION COMMISSION EXPENSE

APPROPRIATED		\$100.00
EXPENDED	\$70.00	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$30.00

HISTORICAL COMMISSION EXPENSE		
APPROPRIATED		\$100.00
BALANCE FORWARD		\$2,316.89
BALANCE TO FY13		\$2,416.89
PLANNING BOARD EXPENSE		
APPROPRIATED		\$100.00
EXPENDED	\$95.46	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$4.54
ASSESSORS EXPENSE		
APPROPRIATED		\$3,500.00
EXPENDED	\$2,179.57	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$1,320.43
TAX COLLECTOR EXPENSE		
APPROPRIATED		\$2,000.00
EXPENDED	\$1,364.28	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$635.72
BOARD OF HEALTH EXPENSE		
APPROPRIATED		\$1,000.00
EXPENDED	\$55.00	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$945.00
TOWN REPORTS		
APPROPRIATED		\$1,500.00
EXPENDED	\$1,354.06	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$145.94
BONDING		
APPROPRIATED		\$500.00
EXPENDED	\$304.00	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$196.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT EXPENSE		
APPROPRIATED		\$1,250.00
EXPENDED	\$1,050.22	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$199.78
INSECT PEST CONTROL		
APPROPRIATED		\$182.00
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$182.00

VETERANS BENEFITS		
APPROPRIATED		\$2,000.00
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$2,000.00
CARE OF CEMETERIES		
APPROPRIATED		\$1,000.00
CEMETERY INTEREST		\$125.00
EXPENDED	\$1,040.00	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$85.00
INTEREST		
APPROPRIATED		\$4,000.00
GARAGE		\$861.00
MCCLLOUD PROPERTY		\$3,600.00
LOADER		\$3,179.75
EXPENDED	\$7,640.75	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$4,000.00
FRANKLIN COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM		
APPROPRIATED		\$16,191.00
EXPENDED	\$15,890.00	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$301.00
TYLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY		
APPROPRIATED		\$1,000.00
RECEIVED FROM COMM OF MA		\$1,455.75
EXPENDED	\$2,455.75	
FRANKLIN COUNTY COOP BUILDING INSPECTOR PROGRAM		
APPROPRIATED		\$10,545.00
EXPENDED	\$10,545.00	
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL		
APPROPRIATED		\$14,400.00
EXPENDED	\$14,400.00	
FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT		
APPROPRIATED		\$1,125.00
EXPENDED	\$1,000.00	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$125.00

RESERVE FUND		
APPROPRIATED (FREE CASH)		\$2,000.00
TRANSFER TO FICA/MEDICARE	\$124.05	
TRANSFER TO VETERANS SERV.CTR	\$49.00	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$1,826.95
LEGAL COUNSEL		
APPROPRIATED		\$1,500.00
TRANSEFER FROM FREE CASH		\$5,000.00
EXPENDED	\$4,718.50	
BALANCE TO FY13		\$1,781.50
RGHT TO KNOW		
APPROPRIATED (FREE CASH)		\$450.00
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$450.00
REGIONAL HEALTH AGENT/REGIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM		
APPROPRIATED		\$977.00
EXPENDED	\$977.00	
FRCOG ASSESSMENTS		
APPROPRIATED		\$3,116.00
EXPENDED	\$3,116.00	
MAINTENANCE AND PAINTING OF TOWN HALL		
BALANCE FROM FY11		\$12,813.04
BALANCE TO FY13		\$12,813.04
COMPUTER ACCOUNT		
BALANCE FROM FY11		\$3,269.05
EXPENDED	\$224.35	
BALANCE TO FY13		\$3,044.70
COUNCIL ON AGING (TOWN)		
BALANCE FROM FY11		\$3,698.98
APPROPRIATED		\$300.00
BALANCE TO FY13		\$3,998.98
COUNCIL ON AGING (GRANT)		
RECEIVED FROM COMM OF MA.		\$3,500.00
BALANCE FROM FY11		\$3,948.07
BALANCE TO FY13		\$7,448.07

MISCELLANEOUS		
APPROPRIATED		\$5,550.00
EXPENDED:		
Selectmen	\$1,974.39	
Treasurer	\$1,628.67	
Finance Comm	\$79.00	
Town Clerk	\$472.53	
Conservation Comm.	\$70.00	
Planning Board	\$95.46	
Outside Utilities	\$127.29	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$1,102.66
DARE GRANT		
BALANCE FROM FY11		\$929.02
BALANCE TO FY13		\$929.02
COMMUNITY POLICING GRANT		
BALANCE FROM FY11		\$5,177.26
EXPENDED	\$560.00	
BALANCE TO FY13		\$4,617.26
GRANTS (OTHER)		
BALANCE TO FY13		\$2,638.00
HCI GRANT		
BALANCE FROM FY11		\$3,150.94
BALANCE TO FY13		\$3,150.94
WEST FRANKLIN VETERANS SERVICE CENTER		
APPROPRIATED		\$617.00
FROM RESERVE		\$49.00
EXPENDED	\$666.00	
AUDIT		
BALANCE FROM FY11		\$2,941.25
BALANCE TO FY13		\$2,941.25
INTERNET SERVICE EXPENSE		
APPROPRIATED		\$1,800.00
EXPENDED	\$1,787.21	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$12.79

DRY HYDRANTS		
BALANCE FROM FY11		\$400.00
BALANCE TO FY13		\$400.00
LANDFILL CLOSURE/MAINTENANCE		
APPROPRIATED		\$2,000.00
BALANCE FROM FY11		\$21,765.58
EXPENDED	\$699.19	
BALANCE TO FY13		\$21,765.58
SURPLUS EQUIPMENT		
BALANCE FROM FY11		\$900.00
BALANCE TO FY13		\$900.00
TAX FORECLOSURE COSTS		
BALANCE FROM FY11		\$1,493.00
APPROPRIATED		\$2,500.00
EXPENDED	\$462.50	
BALANCE TO FY13		\$3,530.50
CONTINUING EDUCATION TOWN OFFICERS:		
BALANCE FROM FY11		\$1,735.00
EXPENDED	\$503.00	
BALANCE TO FY13		\$1,232.00
DOG FUND		
BALANCE FROM FY11		\$2,006.00
RECEIPTS		\$533.00
EXPENDED	\$66.27	
BALANCE TO FY13		\$2,472.73
FIRE DEPARTMENT		
FIRE DEPARTMENT GENERAL		
APPROPRIATED		\$10,000.00
EMPG GRANT		\$2,000.00
EMERG. COMM. APPROPRIATION		\$589.01
EXPENDED	\$11,932.56	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE:		\$656.45
FIRE CHIEF SALARY		
APPROPRIATED		\$2,500.00
EXPENDED	\$2,500.00	

EMT EQUIPMENT		
APPROPRIATED		\$2,500.00
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$2,500.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
APPROPRIATED		\$1,200.00
EXPENDED	\$1,200.00	
FIRE GRANT EQUIPMENT		
BALANCE FROM FY11		\$933.31
BALANCE TO FY13		\$933.31
NIMS EDUCATION		
BALANCE FROM FY11		\$500.00
BALANCE TO FY13		\$500.00
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		
GENERAL HIGHWAYS		
BALANCE FROM FY11		\$(237.17)
APPROPRIATED		\$65,000.00
EXPENDED		
LABOR	\$26,426.32	
MATERIAL/EQUIPMENT	\$4,966.82	
TOTAL EXPENDED	\$31,393.14	
BALANCE TO FY13		\$33,369.69
CHAPTER 90		
RECEIVED COMM OF MASS		
RECEIVED FROM FEMA		
EXPENDED		
MATERIAL/EQUIPMENT	\$30,801.26	
TOTAL EXPENDED	\$30,801.26	
SNOW ROADS		
APPROPRIATED		\$70,000.00
EXPENDED		
LABOR	\$38,870.31	
MATERIAL/EQUIPMENT	\$30,775.00	
TOTAL EXPENDED	\$69,645.31	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$354.69

MACHINERY MAINTENANCE		
APPROPRIATED		\$40,000.00
EXPENDED	\$36,576.38	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$4,080.45
EMPLOYEE VACATION PAY		
BALANCE FROM FY11		\$1,304.36
APPROPRIATED		\$6,650.00
EXPENDED		
R. GOULD	\$4,836.24	
W.CLARK	\$1,480.00	
V.GABERT	\$1,567.28	
BALANCE TO FY13		\$70.84
EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY PAY		
APPROPRIATED		\$4,370.00
EXPENDED	\$3,656.80	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$713.20
SICK PAY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		
APPROPRIATED		\$2,500.00
BALANCE FROM FY11		\$13,368.96
BALANCE TO FY13		\$15,868.96
GASOLINE ACCOUNT		
APPROPRIATED		\$3,000.00
EXPENDED	\$2,343.17	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$656.83
DUMP BODY PURCHASE		
FROM FREE CASH		\$15,000.00
EXPENDED	\$15,000.00	
PURCHASE NEW HIGHWAY LOADER		
APPROPRIATED		\$26,179.75
EXPENDED(principal & interest)	\$26,179.75	
STORM DAMAGE (TS IRENE)		
EMERGENCY LOAN		\$1,500,000.00
REC. FROM FEMA		\$306,322.43
REC. FROM COMMONWEALTH		\$350,258.00
EXPENDED	\$1,586,707.05	
BALANCE TO FY13		\$569,873.40

SCHOOL DEPARTMENTS

HAWLEMONT OPERATING		
APPROPRIATED		\$130,552.00
EXPENDED	\$130,552.00	
HAWLEMONT CAPITAL		
APPROPRIATED		\$12,812.00
EXPENDED	\$12,811.68	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$0.32
MOHAWK OPERATING		
APPROPRIATED		\$138,757.00
EXPENDED	\$138,757.00	
MOHAWK CAPITAL		
APPROPRIATED		\$2,843.00
EXPENDED	\$2,843.00	
VOCATIONAL TUITION		
APPROPRIATED		\$105,000.00
EXPENDED	\$97,980.00	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$7,020.00
VOCATIONAL TRANSPORTATION		
APPROPRIATED		\$40,000.00
EXPENDED	\$19,591.49	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$20,408.51
HAWLEMONT PRE-SCHOOL		
APPROPRIATED		\$1,500.00
EXPENDED	\$1,500.00	

ACCOUNTING OF FREE CASH FY2012

FREE CASH CERTIFIED AS OF 07-01-2011		\$203,827.00
5/2/2011	RESERVE FUND	\$2,000.00
(ATM)	RIGHT TO KNOW	\$450.00
	AUDIT	\$12,000.00
	INTEREST STORM DAMAGE LOAN	\$12,000.00
	DUMP BODY FOR TOWN TRUCK	\$15,000.00
	REDUCE TAX RATE	\$25,000.00
	FIRE EQUIPMENT STABILIZATION	\$20,000.00
	HWY EQUIPMENT STABILIZATION	\$20,000.00
3/22/2012	LEGAL COUNSEL	\$5,000.00
	CHICKLEY RIVER CLEANUP	\$5,666.00
	TRANSFER TO STABILIZATION	\$49,800.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS		\$166,916.00
BALANCE OF FREE CASH AS OF 6-30-12		\$36,911.00

ACCOUNTS CLOSED TO SURPLUS REVENUE FY2012

Reserve Fund	1,826.95	Police Department	199.78
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.01	FCCIP	150.00
Accountant/Auditor Salary	100.00	Vocational Transportation	20,408.51
Other Officers Salaries	656.59	Vocational tuition	7,020.00
Extended polling hours	179.00	Snow Roads expenses	354.69
Town Building Exp	2,849.39	Machinery Maintenance	3,423.62
Town Reports	145.94	Gasoline	656.83
Bonding	196.00	Solid Waste (FCSWMD)	125.00
Selectboard Expenses	25.61	Outside Utilities	72.71
Tax Collector Expenses	635.72	Insect Pest Control	182.00
Treasurer Expenses	371.33	Veterans Benefits	2,000.00
Assessors Expenses	1,320.43	Hawlemont capital exp	0.32
Town Clerk expenses	127.47	Interest on Long-term Debt	4,000.00
Finance Committee Expenses	171.00	Massachusetts Unemployment	2,837.18
Conservation Comm. Exp	30.00	Employee Health Insurance	4,393.80
Zoning Board Expenses	500.00	Employee holiday pay	713.20
Planning Board Expenses	4.54	Insurance	5,050.00
Care of Cemeteries	85.00	Franklin County Retirement	301.00
Internet Service Expense	12.79	Right to know	450.00
Board of Health Expenses	945.00	Copier purchase	5.00
Drug & Alcohol Testing	209.50	NRCS Funded Projects	115.93
Fire Department	656.45	Budget FY12	-3.51
EMT Equipment	2,500.00	Total	66,004.78

**TREASURER'S REPORT
07-01-11 THRU 06-30-12**

BALANCE AS OF 7/1/2011	\$605,331.95
RECEIPTS:	
REAL ESTATE TAXES:	\$705,209.00
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES:	\$25,625.00
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE:	\$31,655.00
IN LIEU OF TAXES	\$900.00
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	\$1,642.00
TAX COLLECTOR FEES:	\$1,804.27
TOWN CLERK FEES:	\$123.70
TAX INTEREST	\$4,011.00
HUNTING LICENSES	\$137.50
DOG LICENSES	\$453.00
FEDERAL TAX WITHHELD:	\$17,029.00
FICA/MEDICARE WITHHELD	\$2,707.47
MASS TAX WITHHELD:	\$7,653.44
COUNTY RETIREMENT WITHHELD:	\$9,391.45
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE W/H	\$6,791.21
ROLL BACK TAXES:	\$314.74
INTEREST ON ACCOUNTS:	\$1,642.37
REFUNDS:	\$400.52
COPIES	\$174.00
LICENSES AND PERMITS	\$18,286.50
TRUST FUND INTEREST:	\$197.32
TRASH BAGS/PERMITS:	\$3,761.00
OTHER PERMITS:	\$150.00
ZIPLINE PERMIT:	\$1,000.00
FILING FEES	\$537.40
SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS:	\$600.00
LATE FEES - DOGS	\$80.00
FIREARMS PERMITS	\$975.00
BUSINESS LICENSE	\$190.00
DONATION:	\$2,080.00
BOARD OF HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,030.00
MISCELLANEOUS:	\$3,032.00
USED EQUIPMENT SALE:	\$405.00
COMMONWEALTH OF MASS:	
CHAPTER 70	\$28,079.00
EXEMPTIONS (VETERANS/BLIND):	\$3,025.00
EXEMPTIONS (ELDERLY):	\$506.00



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UNRESTRICTED GENERAL AID	\$36,605.00	
SAPL12 (LIBRARY):	\$1,455.75	
COA GRANT:	\$3,500.00	
EXTENDED POLLING HOURS:	\$179.00	
STATE LAND:	\$34,832.00	
CHP. 90 RE-IMBURSEMENT:	\$30,801.26	
REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES:	\$250.00	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$-	
FIRE SAFETY GRANT:	\$2,000.00	
PERK TESTS	\$-	
TAX TITLE RECEIPTS	\$-	
VOCATIONAL TRANSPORTATION	\$17,149.00	
NRCS PROJECTS:	\$132,338.43	
DISASTER ASSISTANCE (FEMA):	\$693,450.33	
SOLID WASTE GRANT:	\$495.95	
STORM DAMAGE LOAN:	\$1,500,000.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	\$3,334,655.61	
BALANCE PLUS RECEIPTS:	\$3,939,987.56	
LESS SELECTMENS WARRANTS:	\$(2,459,571.00)	
	\$1,480,416.56	
CHECKING ACCOUNTS:	\$3,601.89	
SAVINGS ACCOUNT:	\$915,872.72	
STORM DAMAGE ACCOUNT	\$169,147.11	
BICENTENNIAL FUND:	\$8,650.60	
STABILIZATION ACCOUNT:	\$167,315.44	
TOTAL CASH:	\$1,264,587.76	
TRUST FUNDS:	\$6,994.11	
6/30/2012	TOTAL CASH + TRUST FUNDS	\$1,271,581.87

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Stetson, **Treasurer**

BALANCE SHEET

GENERAL FUND		
ASSETS		
Checking/savings		1,097,272.32
Accounts Receivable		
Personal Property Taxes		
PP Taxes fy09	888.68	
PP Taxes FY10	868.16	
PP Taxes FY11	896.96	
PP Taxes FY12	1,154.42	
Total Personal Property Taxes	3,808.22	
Real Estate Taxes		
RE Taxes FY09	1,125.14	
RE Taxes FY10	5,698.60	
RE Taxes FY11	10,738.82	
RE Taxes FY12	26,798.85	
Real Estate Taxes	44,361.41	
Total Taxes due (PP, RE)	48,169.63	
Taxes due (other)		
Motor Vehicle Excise 05	26.25	
Motor Vehicle Excise 06	46.25	
Motor Vehicle Excise 07	313.96	
Motor Vehicle Excise 08	251.04	
Motor Vehicle Excise 09	258.75	
Motor Vehicle Excise 10	138.85	
Motor Vehicle Excise 11	1,648.44	
Motor Vehicle Excise 12	2,732.00	
Total Excise Taxes	5,415.54	
Total Taxes due (other)	5,415.54	
Other tax collections		
In Lieu of Taxes	0.00	
Proforma Tax	0.00	
Tax Titles	0.00	
Tax Possessions	18,117.48	
Total Other tax collections	18,117.48	
State Aid to Highways (a/r)	404,563.43	
Loans Authorized (asset)	2,578,000.00	
	3,000,680.91	
Total Current Assets		4,151,538.40

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

Due to Stabilization(from Gen.)	28,330.09
Temporary Storm Damage Loan	1,500,000.00
	1,528,330.09

Overlay

Overlay FY08	2,797.05
Overlay fy09	9,846.65
Overlay fy10	4,875.19
Overlay fy11	5,515.49
Overlay fy12	8,970.80
Total Overlay	32,005.18

Deferred Revenue

MV deferred revenue	5,415.54
Tax Title (defer. revenue)	0.00
Tax Possession (def. rev)	18,117.48
Total Deferred Revenue	23,533.02

Other Liab./Receipts Reserved

Sale of Cemetery Lots	2,825.00
Sale of Real Estate	1,650.00
Total Other Liab./Receipts Reserved	4,475.00

Payroll Liabilities

350.39

Other continuing appropriations

Audit	2,941.25
Tax Title/Foreclosure Costs	3,530.50
Land Sale/Auction Exp	2,760.11
Town Computer Account	3,044.70
Tri-Town Landfill	1,057.92
Landfill/McCloud purch	21,765.58
Town Bldg maint/renov	12,813.04
Handicap Access Town Bldgs	786.05
Surplus Equipment	900.00
Dry Hydrants	400.00
Gen. Hwys (carry over)	33,369.69
Town Garage Construction	23,798.87
Vacation pay carry over	70.84
Employee Sick Pay	13,924.88
Continuing Ed. (Town Officer)	1,232.00
Assessors reval	3,444.03
Historical Comm Exp	2,616.89
Council on Aging	3,998.98
Town Counsel (carry over)	1,781.50
Total Other continuing appropriations	134,236.83

Special Revenue liability funds		
Bicentennial Fund	4,016.00	
Hawley Ridge Cons. Fund	1,435.00	
Donations	1,080.00	
Total Special Revenue liability funds		6,531.00
Revolving Funds		
Dog Fund	2,472.73	
Total Revolving Funds		2,472.73
Additional State/Fed Assistance		
Disaster Assistance	-886,609.14	
Total Additional State/Fed Assistance		-886,609.14
State Revenue		
Chapter 90 (deferred rev.)	404,563.43	
Total State Revenue		404,563.43
Grants		
Community Policing	4,617.26	
DARE Grant	929.02	
COA Grant	3,664.28	
HCI Grant	3,150.94	
NIMS education	500.00	
Fire Dept Grant Match	1,001.43	
Grants ó Other	2,638.00	
Total Grants		16,500.93
Insurance Reimb. (theft)	1,021.30	
Insurance Reimb. (flood)	19,493.97	
Total Other Current Liabilities		1,286,904.73
Long Term Liabilities		
Loan Authorized & Unissued		2,578,000.00
Equity		
Surplus revenue	286,633.67	
Total Equity		286,633.67
TOTAL LIAB & EQUITY		4,151,538.40

TRUST FUNDS

ASSETS

Hoosac CD (Library)	3,673.23	
BWM CD (Cemetery 1)	1,752.53	
BWM CD (Cemetery 2)	1,622.74	
GSB (Stabilization)	167,315.44	
Total Trust Funds - cash	174,363.94	
Due from General Fund (toTrust)	28,330.09	
Total Trust Funds - assets		202,694.03

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Due to General Fund(from trust)		0.00
Trust Funds (equity)		
Library fund	3,673.23	
Cemetery 1 fund	1,762.10	
Cemetery 2 Fund	1,497.74	
Stabilization Fund	105,760.96	
Hwy Dept Equip Stabiliz.	70,000.00	
FireEquip Stabiliz. Fund	20,000.00	
Total Trust Funds (equity)	202,694.03	
Total Trust Funds - liab & equity		202,694.03

DEBT

Net Funded Fixed Debt	149,000.00	
		149,000.00
Note payable - Loader	69,000.00	
Note payable - McCloud land purchase	80,000.00	
		149,000.00

**TAX COLLECTORS REPORT
7-01-11 THRU 6-30-12**

REAL ESTATE TAX:		
FY12	COMMITTED	\$732,435.61
	COLLECTED	\$(702,371.01)
	REFUNDS	\$(9,178.55)
	TAX TITLES	\$(1,010.60)
	ABATEMENTS/EXEMPTIONS	\$6,923.40
	BALANCE 6-30-2012	\$26,798.85
FY11	BALANCE 7-1-2011	\$15,103.34
	COLLECTED	\$4,559.83
	REFUNDS	\$0.76
	BALANCE 6-30-2012	\$10,738.82
FY10	BALANCE 7-1-2011	\$6,356.21
	COLLECTED	\$(657.61)
	BALANCE 6-30-2012	\$5,698.60
FY09	BALANCE 7-1-2011	\$4,680.12
	COLLECTED	\$(3,554.98)
	BALANCE 6-30-2012	\$1,125.14
FY08	BALANCE 7-1-2011	\$538.09
	COLLECTED	\$(538.09)
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX:		
FY12	COMMITTED	\$26,020.84
	COLLECTED	\$(24,956.77)
	ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS	\$91.39
	ADJUSTMENT	\$(1.04)
	BALANCE 6-30-2012	\$1,154.42
FY11	BALANCE 7-1-2011	\$1,645.22
	REFUNDS	\$188.02
	COLLECTED	\$748.30
	BALANCE 6-30-2012	\$896.92
FY10	BALANCE 7-1-2011	\$879.96
	COLLECTED	\$(11.80)
	BALANCE 6-30-2012	\$868.16



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FY09	BALANCE 7-1-2011	\$888.68
	BALANCE 6-30-2012	\$888.68
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX:		
FY12	COMMITMENTS # 1 THRU # 3B	\$31,674.93
	COLLECTED	\$(28,745.55)
	REFUNDS	\$225.72
	ADJUSTMENT/Exemptions	\$(170.83)
	ABATEMENTS	\$(252.27)
	BALANCE 6-30-2012	\$2,732.00
FY11	BALANCE 7-1-2011	\$3,453.65
	COMMITMENTS 4 THRU 9	\$2,018.96
	COLLECTED	\$(3,345.73)
	REFUNDS	\$188.02
	ADJUSTMENT	\$(5.94)
	ABATEMENTS	\$(660.52)
	BALANCE 6-30-2012	\$1,648.44
FY10	BALANCE 7-1-2011	\$212.08
	COLLECTED	\$(81.25)
	BALANCE 6-30-2012	\$138.85
FY09	BALANCE 7-1-2011	\$258.75
	BALANCE 6-30-2012	\$258.75
FY08/PRIOR		
	BALANCE 7-1-2011	\$637.50
	BALANCE 6-30-2012	\$637.50

BOARD OF ASSESSORS REPORT

The Board of Assessors would like to thank all of the taxpayers of Hawley for their cooperation and understanding over the past year. 2012 was a tragic year ending with the loss of our longest standing member, Richard Desmarais. He was a reliable source of information and clearly cared about his work in Hawley. Rick Kean was elected in March, 2013 to fill the balance of his term.

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

After careful statistical evaluation, we were not required to do any interim year adjustments for FY13. There were a couple of new single family homes built, and several new lots created, which helped our overall value increase, and enabled the tax rate to decrease slightly.

Any townspeople with questions about their assessments, abatements, or any other related issues are welcome to contact our assistant, Virginia Gabert, at the Town Office. If she is unable to answer your inquiries, she will gather the necessary information, present it to us and contact you with our response.

To assist taxpayers in fulfilling filing requirements, we do an annual mailing early each year to most taxpayers which includes any of the following forms:

- Form of List for those required to pay personal property taxes
- Exemption Application for certain elderly; blind; veterans; and farmers
- Form 3ABC for charitable organizations

Abatement applications are mailed out as requested. The prompt filing of these forms may result in a reduction in taxes, in some cases, and may preserve your right to a full abatement in the case of overvaluation or the avoidance of penalties due to late filing. If you did not receive the correct form; if you have any questions about them; or if you think that you may

qualify for an exemption and did not receive an application, please contact Virginia in the Town Office.

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

As the chart below demonstrates, the overall property value of the town has recovered slightly after last year's decline. This allowed the tax rate to decrease this past year to \$15.95. We will continue to closely watch property values in Hawley over the next year and do interim year adjustments if warranted. With the eventual addition of payments against storm damage expenses, the tax rate will most likely increase over the next few years, so we will be keeping a very close eye on property values and any possible new growth in order to minimize the impact on taxpayers as much as possible.

	Personal Property	Real Property	Total Property	Tax Rate per \$1000
2005/2006	1,650,743	29,306,800	30,957,543	18.50
2006/2007	1,221,468	29,737,000	30,958,468	17.99
2007/2008	1,191,180	37,847,900	39,039,080	14.75
2008/2009	1,813,045	45,291,000	47,104,045	13.25
2009/2010	1,810,555	45,280,400	47,090,955	14.65
2010/2011	1,767,315	45,764,500	47,531,815	14.65
2011/2012	1,596,367	44,934,700	46,531,067	16.30
2012/2013	1,566,967	45,737,400	47,304,367	15.95

Real property valuations by landowner are listed below:

Primary Owner	Property Address	Tax Value
ABRASHKIN, WILLIAM	29 FORGET ROAD	51,900
ALBRIGHT, LINDA	43 EAST ROAD	217,100
ALEXANDER, ROBERT & LINDA	54 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	69,300
ANDERSON, DENNIS	92 MIDDLE ROAD	243,600
ANDERSON, MARI-AN	79 MIDDLE ROAD	215,900
APREA, FERDINAND & GARY	0 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	122,500
ASHFIELD ROD & GUN CLUB	0 PLAINFIELD ROAD	2,000
ATKINS, CARLOS	35 MIDDLE ROAD	229,100
AUBREY, SUZANNE	7 GROUT ROAD	160,300
AUBREY, TODD & BRIAN	19 HUNT ROAD	96,700
AUSTIN, JUDITH	102 PLAINFIELD ROAD	258,100
BEARFOOT REALITY TRUST	80 LABELLE ROAD	219,100
BECK, R. PETER & BERTSCH, KENN	4 PUDDING HOLLOW RD	271,400
BEGA, KATHRYN	86 FORGET ROAD	96,900
BELLOWS, KEVIN	282 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	382,700
BENOIT, GERMAIN	136 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	178,200

BERKSHIRE EAST SKI RESORT, LLC	0 EAST ROAD	900,500
BERLINER, EDWIN	49 EAST ROAD	305,700
BERTSCH, KENNETH & BECK, R. PE	0 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	5,300
BIGELOW, MARK	390 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	173,000
BILLIEL, DARLENE	42 EAST ROAD	122,100
BLAKESLEE, DUANE & LISA	20 GROUT ROAD	245,900
BOLAND, BRIAN	0 EAST ROAD	30,500
BONNETTE, DONALD	140 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	71,300
BONNETTE, DONALD	144 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	183,500
BOUCIAS, GREGG & JEAN	67 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	120,500
BRADLEY, DOUGLAS & DEBORAH	0 WEST HILL ROAD	42,000
BRADY, EDWARD	30 FORGET ROAD	285,300
BRISSETTE, BARBARA	7 STETSON ROAD	59,800
BROWN, LOOCIE & SOMMERS, E.	127 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	187,500
BROWNE, MARGARET	232 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	333,500
BRYANT, TANYA ZOE	35 FORGET ROAD	193,900
BURSTEIN, MERWYN	0 HUNT ROAD	31,000
BUTHMAN, NANCY	0 WEST HILL ROAD	42,000
C TO THE THIRD POWER, LLC	0 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	56,000
CAPLAN, ROBERT	74 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	232,700
CARANTIT, JEFFREY & JULIE	38 PLAINFIELD ROAD	366,500
CARLE, ROLF	91 WEST HILL ROAD	348,500
CARPENTER, PAUL S. & SHERRY	116 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	158,100
CHAFFEE, KENNETH & SHIELA	68 PLAINFIELD ROAD	277,300
CHARLAND, JOYCE M	21 SEARS ROAD	150,800
CHURCHILL, JOHN W.	5 FORGET ROAD	169,200
CHURCHILL, MICHAEL & RACHEL	26 EAST ROAD	151,500
CLARK, ANGELA	17 BOZRAH ROAD	187,400
CLARK, BRIAN & SUSAN	0 ASHFIELD ROAD	4,700
CLARK, BRIAN & SUSAN	0 HAWLEY ROAD	64,700
CLARK, CLIFFORD, JR.	133 SOUTH ROAD	157,300
CLARK, DARWIN, JR.	7 BOZRAH ROAD	210,100
CLARK, DAVID A. & CARLA C.	121 BUCKLAND ROAD	142,800
CLARK, DOROTHY	45 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	118,600
CLARK, KEVIN	22 EAST ROAD	144,400
CLARK, KYLE & DAPHNE	69 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	289,900
CLARK, MITCHELL	29 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	85,600
CLARK, TIMOTHY & ROBIN	86 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	126,000
CLARK, WAYNE & ROBIN	198 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	145,200
COLE, WILLIAM G., TRUSTEE	252 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	75,200
COOPER, PAUL	13 HOWES ROAD	453,200
COTHEY, EDWARD & PAMELA	15 DODGE BRANCH ROAD	677,600
COX, GREGORY	0 POND ROAD	16,500
COX, GREGORY & DRAVES, SUSAN	13 POND ROAD	179,500
CRAWFORD, LLOYD & SUZANNE	64 WEST HILL ROAD	247,600
CRAWFORD, LLOYD & SUZANNE	63 WEST HILL ROAD	409,200
CROSSIN, CLARA ESTATE	0 PUDDING HOLLOW RD	25,000
CULVER, HARRY	0 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	133,300

CUTLER, CHARLES	22 SAVOY ROAD	295,800
CUTLER, CHARLES	0 SAVOY ROAD	69,500
DECKER, DOUGLAS & GLORIA	335 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	72,300
DECKER, DOUGLAS G. & GLORIA.	336 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	69,500
DEFOUGEROLLES, ANTONIN & P	61 PUDDING HOLLOW RD	738,400
DEFRIESSE, GEORGETTE	15 HUNT ROAD	57,800
DEFRIESSE, GEORGETTE	13 HUNT ROAD	73,800
DEFRIESSE, GEORGETTE	0 HUNT ROAD	31,000
DELUCA, ELLEN	0 ASHFIELD ROAD	300
DESMARAIS, DAVID	214 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	37,400
DESMARAIS, DEAN F. & MARIA C.	0 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	41,000
DESMARAIS, RICHARD	76 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	83,600
DESMARAIS, RICHARD	76 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	178,000
DESROCHERS, JAMES & K.	90 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	153,300
DONOVAN, IVAN & CYNTHIA	49 FORGET ROAD	152,400
DONOVAN, IVAN & CYNTHIA	59 FORGET ROAD	247,200
DONOVAN, IVAN & CYNTHIA	49 FORGET ROAD	99,600
DREHER, SARAH	17 HUNT ROAD	67,200
DUPUIS, RONALD & SANDRA	28 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	199,100
DUPUIS, SANDRA	24 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	130,600
DWIGHT, WILLIAM & LEWIS, LIDA	36 SAVOY ROAD	111,000
EDMONSON, NANCY	98 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	113,100
EGGERT, HENRY	48 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	277,200
EICHHOLZ, MARY & TIMOTHY	0 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	2,700
ESTATE OF GEORGE RICHARDSON	0 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	2,500
ESTATE OF JOHN THOMPSON	0 PLAINFIELD ROAD	400
FAIT, HAROLD C.	29 DODGE ROAD	194,100
FARROW, RICHARD	0 DODGE CORNER ROAD	43,800
FARROW, RICHARD & EVELYN	5 DODGE ROAD	209,200
FAUFAW, KRISTIE & SISUM, M.	128 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	350,500
FITZROY, KIM	5 FORGE HILL ROAD	220,800
FITZROY, ROBERT & DANIEL	0 FORGE HILL ROAD	6,700
FRANKLIN LAND TRUST	3 DODGE CORNER ROAD	103,700
FRANKLIN WOODS INVESTMENTS	0 BUCKLAND ROAD	36,300
FRANKLIN WOODS INVESTMENTS	0 BUCKLAND ROAD	30,000
FRANKLIN WOODS INVESTMENTS	0 BUCKLAND ROAD	31,100
FRANKLIN WOODS INVESTMENTS	0 BUCKLAND ROAD	33,500
FRANKLIN WOODS INVESTMENTS	0 BUCKLAND ROAD	30,200
FRANKLIN WOODS INVESTMENTS	0 BUCKLAND ROAD	32,200
FRANKLIN WOODS INVESTMENTS	0 BUCKLAND ROAD	33,000
FRANKLIN WOODS INVESTMENTS	0 BUCKLAND ROAD	34,000
FRANKLIN WOODS INVESTMENTS	0 BUCKLAND ROAD	33,000
FRANKLIN WOODS INVESTMENTS	0 BUCKLAND ROAD	31,400
FRANKLIN WOODS INVESTMENTS	0 BUCKLAND ROAD	30,000
GARVEY, HOLLY	124 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	206,500
GELINAS, MARY	97 FORGET ROAD	346,200
GILLAN, DUNCAN & RUTH	81 MIDDLE ROAD	180,600
GORMLEY, JUNE	264 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	305,200

GORMLEY, JUNE	0 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	38,000
GOSSELIN, KENNETH & MARK	0 FORGE HILL ROAD	32,800
GOTTA, RAYMOND	235 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	119,800
GOULD, RICHARD	3 HUNT ROAD	203,400
GRANT, STEPHEN & ELLEN JANE	319 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	242,400
GRIFFIN, PAUL S. & ELIZABETH	19 BOZRAH ROAD	91,800
GRISWOLD, DANA	54 EAST ROAD	86,800
GRISWOLD, GORDON & JANICE	31 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	225,500
GRODEN, SUZY	50 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	186,200
GUILD, WILLIAM	21 FORGET ROAD	176,300
GURSKI, FRANK	0 HUNT ROAD	31,000
GWIAZDA, JOHN A.	0 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	500
GWIAZDA, JOHN A.	0 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	4,000
HAGEN, SUSAN & SINTIRIS, W.	115 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	95,800
HANECAK, NANCY AND VIENS, J	128 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	105,500
HARDING, ROBERT & CARDWEL	86 WEST HILL ROAD	613,400
HARRIS, WILLIAM R. & CONNIE	26 DODGE CORNER ROAD	231,600
HAY, BENJAMIN & DOUGLAS	0 ASHFIELD ROAD	86,000
HERBERT, KRING	19 FORGETTE ROAD	117,900
HERRSHAFT, WILLIAM & JUDITH	0 EAST ROAD	1,800
HICKS, CHRISTINE L.	240 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	187,000
HODGKINS, GUY & MARIE	337 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	90,900
HOLM, LOIS	0 EAST ROAD	57,500
HOLMES, TOBY A.O.	0 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	34,300
HOPKINS, SUSAN & BERNARD	107 FORGET ROAD	241,100
HOWE, ADAM & KELLY	112 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	187,200
HOYT, THOMAS & VIOLA	326 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	139,100
HOYT, WILLIAM	340 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	82,900
HUGHES, HELENA	0 EAST ROAD	91,200
HYYTINEN, SHIRLEY	0 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	30,000
HYYTINEN, SHIRLEY	9 HUNT ROAD	193,500
ISAACSEN, KIMBERLY TANGUAY	78 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	165,100
KAMENIDES, MARK P.	49 EAST HAWLEY RD	251,300
KAPLAN, DAVID A.	0 LABELLE ROAD	74,700
KAPSINOW, JAY	259 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	229,800
KEAN, RICHARD	117 FORGET ROAD	178,200
KEAN, RICHARD	121 FORGET ROAD	397,300
KEENAN, PHILIP	4 PLAINFIELD ROAD	217,900
KIMBALL, STEPHEN & SUSAN	13 STETSON ROAD	170,200
KIMBALL, STEPHEN & SUSAN	9 STETSON ROAD	204,900
KING, MICHAEL & EVELYN	62 LABELLE ROAD	354,700
KLAGSBRUN, EDWARD	0 EAST ROAD	190,500
KOZODOY, NEAL	90 FORGET ROAD	385,600
KOZODOY, NEAL & MAUD	0 FORGET ROAD	46,900
LABELLE, CURTIS W. & NORMA J.	0 LABELLE ROAD	1,600
LAMOUNTAIN, ROBERT & PAT	319 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	61,000
LAMOUNTAIN, ROBERT & PAT	325 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	46,900
LANOUE, NELSON & BRENDA	0 SOUTH RIVER ROAD	20,000

LARIVIERE, SUSAN	0 WEST HILL ROAD	22,000
LARIVIERE, SUSAN	120 WEST HILL ROAD	130,700
LATSHANG, EILEEN WESTON	24 BOZRAH ROAD	128,400
LAVALLEY, EUGENE & ARLENE	18 ASHFIELD ROAD	169,100
LAVALLEY, TANNER	0 ASHFIELD ROAD	30,000
LEMIEUX, JULIA	42 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	166,400
LEMOINE, DONNA	96 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	54,000
LEMOINE, DONNA	94 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	82,500
LERNER, LYNNE	298 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	291,300
LEVINE, PAUL	40 EAST ROAD	33,800
LOCKHART, CHRISTINE	74 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	92,400
MACLEAN, ROBERT & JOANNE	25 MIDDLE ROAD	167,500
MACNICOLL, SAMANTHA&STEVE	200 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	99,400
MANILLA, MARY	58 EAST ROAD	188,600
MANILLA, MARY	58 EAST ROAD	2,500
MARX-SINGER, LORRAINE	213 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	174,700
MASSACHUSETTS LAND LEAGUE	0 ASHFIELD ROAD	9,300
MCCARTHY, GERARD & LORRAINE	7 WEST HILL ROAD	208,700
MCCULLOCH, ANN	0 WATSON ROAD	600
MCGRATH, JAMES & CAROL	270 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	226,900
MCLAUGHLIN, CHRISTINE	103 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	137,900
MCMULLIN, GEORGE & MARY	12 PUDDING HOLLOW RD	453,800
MCNERNEY, MICHAEL	0 HUNT ROAD	31,000
MENDE, ROBERT & SHIRLEY	5 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	163,400
MILT, ELLEN	0 LABELLE ROAD	9,100
MITCHELL, PETER	112 FORGET ROAD	263,200
MITIZIAK, BRUCE	0 EAST ROAD	31,200
MIZULA, MARK & SANDRA	5 ASHFIELD ROAD	133,000
MOLLISON, B. & HERRINGSHAW,L.	12 ASHFIELD ROAD	178,000
MORTIMER, JADE	26 FORGET ROAD	245,000
NELSON, RONALD	101 FORGET ROAD	231,400
NEW ENGLAND FORESTRY FOUND	0 STETSON ROAD	6,100
NEWELL, DAVID & VIRGINIA	0 SOUTH ROAD	31,400
NGUYEN, LEIM THANH	0 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	13,000
NICOLE PATLIN MILLER REALTY	95 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	478,100
NIGROSH, BARRY	29 FORGET ROAD	254,100
NORCROSS, MARIAN	380 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	126,000
NORCROSS, PAUL & RITA	382 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	295,800
NORCROSS, PAUL & RITA	0 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	32,500
OHMANN, RICHARD	53 LABELLE ROAD	249,300
OHMANN, RICHARD M.	0 LABELLE ROAD	2,700
OLEFSKY, PAUL & HAI ZHENG	153 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	224,500
OLSON, SUSAN	70 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	230,000
ONDIS, PAUL	2 STETSON ROAD	95,200
ORZECKOWSKI, PAUL & KIM.	115 BUCKLAND ROAD	137,100
OVITT, BRIAN	0 SOUTH RIVER ROAD	11,500
PALMER, SHEILA	0 WEST HILL ROAD	33,000
PARENT, RICHARD F. & ELIZ.	138 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	85,200

PARRA, PHILIP W.	52 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	262,300
PASHTENKO, VALENTIN H.	0 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	36,000
POPE, O. EARL	7 WATSON ROAD	242,700
POUDRIER, RAYMOND	29 POND ROAD	387,200
PURDY, PETER & SUSAN	45 MIDDLE ROAD	150,100
PURINTON, SCOTT	0 MIDDLE ROAD	5,100
PURINTON, SCOTT & ELLEN	60 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	326,400
PURINTON, SCOTT R.	0 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	9,700
PURINTON, SCOTT R. & ELLEN S.	0 MIDDLE ROAD	4,500
PYLE, DAVID & ELIZABETH	96 MIDDLE ROAD	293,300
QUINNEHTUK COMPANY	0 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	1,000
RANDALL, CHRISTOPHER & JULIA	0 MIDDLE ROAD	80,500
RICE, GAIL	28 WEST HILL ROAD	168,200
RICE, JAMES & FLORA	54 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	321,000
RICE, WALTER & BETTY	0 WEST HILL ROAD	20,000
RICE, WALTER & GEORGE	20 WEST HILL ROAD	435,800
RICH, DAVID & SARAH	45 PUDDING HOLLOW RD	275,900
RICHARDSON, KEVIN	32 DODGE ROAD	262,100
RICHARDSON, KEVIN	0 DODGE CORNER ROAD	31,600
ROBERTS, BRYAN	201 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	244,600
ROOT, ROBERT W. & SERRA A.	0 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	62,800
ROOT, ROBERT W. & SERRA A.	330 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	125,200
ROWEHL, GREGORY	324 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	214,600
SAVOIE, JOSEPH & LINDA	40 WEST HILL ROAD	204,500
SCHMITT, MICHAEL	334 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	109,200
SCHOELZEL, HUGH	118 PLAINFIELD ROAD	354,000
SCHOELZEL, HUGH V.D.	0 PLAINFIELD ROAD	6,100
SCHOFIELD, MICHAEL	3 PLAINFIELD ROAD	209,500
SCHREIBER, THOMAS & SHIRLEY	0 WATSON ROAD	1,500
SCOTT, ELLENE	79 PLAINFIELD ROAD	154,400
SCOTT, JAMES	86 PLAINFIELD ROAD	213,700
SCOTT, JOHN	11 HUNT ROAD	149,800
SEARS, JOHN F & RICHARD D	87 PUDDING HOLLOW RD	28,000
SEARS, JOHN F.	100 PUDDING HOLLOW RD	220,400
SEARS, PAUL	0 PUDDING HOLLOW RD	30,000
SEARS, RICHARD & ILENE	87 PUDDING HOLLOW RD	284,800
SEYMOUR, ROSANNE T.	2 SAVOY ROAD	164,400
SHAFFER, MARY	21 PLAINFIELD ROAD	130,900
SHIELDS, EDWARD & GERTRUDE	0 SOUTH RIVER ROAD	14,000
SHIPPEE, MURIEL	0 STETSON ROAD	50,000
SHRIMPTON, CRAIG & PAMELA	10 FORGE HILL ROAD	55,500
SHRIMPTON, PAMELA & CRAIG	12 FORGE HILL ROAD	235,600
SHUTTA, STEVEN	120 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	185,700
SINGING BROOK FARM TRUST	54 MIDDLE ROAD	328,800
SINGING BROOK FARM TRUST	53 MIDDLE ROAD	627,600
SINGING BROOK FARM TRUST	0 FORGE HILL ROAD	47,000
SKELTON, ROBERT	0 EAST ROAD	19,800
SLOSSER, GAIUS BRANDT	23 PLAINFIELD ROAD	85,700

SMITH, WILLIAM	282 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	189,500
SOULE, PETER & CHRISTOPHER	228 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	202,700
SPOFFORD, BEVERLY	0 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	500
SPRING, PATRICIA	168 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	116,300
STERNSTEIN, JEROME & KATHRYN	73 PUDDING HOLLOW RD	181,400
STETSON, CHARLES & CYNTHIA	108 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	378,100
STONE, ROBERT	339 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	94,500
STREETER, PAUL	0 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	81,600
SUMNER, STUART & DONNA	17 ASHFIELD ROAD	212,400
SWOPE, JAMES & SUSAN	254 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	167,600
SWOPE, JAMES & SUSAN	262 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	78,000
TANGUAY, EUGENE & PATRICIA	59 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	349,600
TANGUAY, WILLIAM	82 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	314,100
TAVERN TOP TRUST	0 SOUTH ROAD	4,100
TAYLOR, ROBERT	38 MIDDLE ROAD	158,800
TAYLOR, ROBERT & HOLT, PAT.	0 MIDDLE ROAD	1,500
TEPEDINO, MICHAEL	131 EAST ROAD	495,800
THOMSON, ELAINE & RAYMOND	106 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	198,400
THWING, KIRBY & ELIZABETH	6 POND ROAD	141,300
THWING, KIRBY JR & ELIZABETH	15 POND ROAD	221,500
TOWN OF HAWLEY	0 HUNT ROAD	31,000
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TRUEHART, LEROY	104 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	152,000
ULLIAN, FRANK	7 CLARK ROAD	559,300
ULLIAN, KIT JESSE & SHARI	41 BUCKLAND ROAD	270,000
VAN BATENBURG, DEBORAH	330 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	55,700
VELAZQUEZ, JASON, REGINA & S	7 PUDDING HOLLOW RD	109,600
WALCZAK, FRANK & MARGARET	0 HUNT ROAD	31,000
WALSH, JAMES & KATHLEEN	8 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	115,500
WEEKS, BARBARA	71 DODGE ROAD	113,200
WEISBLAT, JANICE & TINKY	84 MIDDLE ROAD	255,000
WHITE, DOUGLAS	0 PUDDING HOLLOW RD	61,900
WHITE, MARK	10 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	223,400
WHITE, MARK	0 SEARS ROAD	40,100
WHITE, MARK	0 PUDDING HOLLOW RD	11,100
WHITE, TEDD	0 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	43,300
WHITE, TEDD & TURNER, LISA	28 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	335,200
WILSON, PAULA	324 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	167,900
WRIGHT, MICHAEL & MEWIS, R.	43 WEST HILL ROAD	63,000
YATES, JEFFREY	0 SOUTH ROAD	41,600
YATES, RICHARD & CHERYL	292 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	273,300
YOUMELL, DEBORAH & JAMES	197 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	31,800
	Total:	45,737,400

Respectfully submitted,
Henry Eggert, **Chairman**
Jason Velazquez
Rick Kean
Board of Assessors



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BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORT

How do we even begin to discuss the past year in Hawley? Tropical Storm Irene was a catastrophe with devastating impact on not only the town's infrastructure but the sensibility of the town itself. The disruption of the neighborly civility that had always been the hallmark of town life was truly unsettling and unfortunate. On top of that two Selectmen, Darwin Clark and Richard Desmarais, passed away. Then, early in 2013, Tedd White, who replaced Darwin, subsequently resigned. We also lost our Town Clerk, Moderator and School Committee Representative.

Though the negative impacts have been substantial, there have been many positive results as well. Most of all, the people of Hawley have stepped up and engaged in the workings of our town government. As they say "Government is run by those who show up". As the result of the calamity of Irene, many people have begun to show up. We are crafting a website; we are shortly to enjoy high speed fiber optic internet; we have a Communications Committee tasked with aiding in the transparency of the workings of town government; we have a Job Description Review Committee tasked with providing job descriptions for the various town employees; we have accepted Pam Shrimpton as the Temporary Town Clerk; and have managed to return to the conduct of town business moving forward. There is now a much larger pool of townspeople willing to serve on committees and we are beginning to assemble a very positive increase in human resource assets.

We also welcome John Sears to the Selectboard, having won his seat in the last election. His position fills the void left by Dick Desmarais's passing. John brings to the town the skill set of an experienced successful grant writer, as well as a calm, thoughtful demeanor that encourages and respects cooperation and decorum. Thank you John for assuming your responsibilities in such a complicated transitional moment in Hawley's history.

Finally, we should again recap the settlement negotiations with DEP and ET&L over the issue with the Chickley River. We hired ET&L, a large company with a great deal of experience, to perform the task of cleaning debris from and encouraging the Chickley River back to its pre-storm location so as not to further threaten the integrity of West Hawley Road.

Though the Selectboard's intention was the protection of the citizens and infrastructure, some of the decisions about dealing with the river ended up not being consistent with some environmental laws. We did not intentionally break any laws, but the fact remains that we did break them. We will all hold varying opinions about the fairness of this judgment, the aesthetic impact on the river, and the culpability of the offense, but the bottom line was that we were found to have over-stepped our bounds. In the end, we received \$350,000 via a piece of special legislation to do the initial work in the river. As a result of the negotiated settlement, we were ordered to pay ET&L \$75,000 and to place \$109,000 in an escrow account to pay for further improvements and monitoring of the river as required with any wetlands violation. So, when you do the math, the work done on the Chickley River amounted to about \$184,000 cost to the town. When you put this into perspective with the overall cost of Irene, approximately \$1.8million, the cost of the river issue is pretty small potatoes.

We are now hopefully confident that the Hawley town train is being put back on the tracks. We are hugely grateful to all who have given of their time and know-how to help us weather this gale. We look to the future, cherish the Hawley we all love, and moving to that future with a spirit of cooperation, camaraderie, positivity and dignity.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Respectfully submitted,
Philip C. Keenan, **Chairman**
John Sears
Board of Selectmen



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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Hawley Finance Committee is composed of Lloyd Crawford, Jennifer Rich, Jane Grant and Lark Thwing. We still have a vacancy if anyone is interested.

The finance committee met several times this year to discuss finances in relation to town budget and Hurricane Irene. Once the town settled with DEP and ET&L, we met to discuss the costs to the town associated with TS Irene and how the town/taxpayers will pay for them, and to make a recommendation to the Selectmen on our conclusions.

We participated in a town wide informational meeting to explain the settlement to residents. We provided a handout with the following information:

- \$350,000 to clear Chickley last fall has been fully reimbursed by State.
- \$184,000 Chickley River settlement with DEP and ET&L must be paid by town.
- To date, \$1,700,000 has been spent by town on storm damage work.
- \$1,250,000 has been reimbursed by FEMA, DOT or the state legislature. A few additional items are subject to FEMA reimbursement but have not yet been reimbursed.
- Balance owed is \$446,000 less whatever MEMA pays and the balances paid by FEMA.
- The assumption (based on past history) is that of \$1,330,000 subject to MEMA reimbursement, they will reimburse at a rate of 12.5% or \$166,250.

So, \$446,000 less \$166,250 less FEMA (outstanding of approx. \$150,000) leaves the town with something less than \$130,000 for Irene Cleanup.

In addition the town is looking at repairs to East Road and Forge Hill Road. Projected repairs (expected to be approved by FEMA and DEP) are as follows: East Road \$650,000 and Forge Hill Road at \$350,000 for a total of \$1 million. Assuming FEMA and MEMA pay 75% and 12.5%, that leaves the town with 12.5% or \$125,000.



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So the town is responsible for:

\$184,000 Settlement

\$130,000 Irene Cleanup

\$125,000 East and Forge hill repairs-not yet started

\$439,000 total to be paid by town and it can be paid with a very low interest loan over about 7-8 years (10 yrs from date we took out the original loan)

Expected cost to taxpayers is between \$52,000 and \$55,000/year for about 8 years. We expect this to be subject to Debt Exclusion if needed. Based on this year's tax rate (FY13) of \$15.95, this would add about \$1.12 to the current tax rate.

Minutes of all Finance Committee meetings are now being put onto the town website under **Finance Committee Minutes**.

The Finance Committee continues to become more involved in the town's finances. To learn more about the Role of the Finance Committee, visit the town website and click on Finance Committee link or go to <http://www.townofhawley.com/?q=node/14>

Lark Thwing, **Chair**
Finance Committee

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Town Clerk Lisa Turner did not submit a report prior to her resignation on March 12, 2013. The 2012 Town Clerk's Report will be included in the next Annual Town Report.



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FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

Calendar year 2012 was a significant year for the FRCOG. In April we moved to offices at the John W. Olver Transit Center. This marks the first time in 18 years that FRCOG staff have been housed under one roof, and the benefits of this were immediately noticeable from better collaboration between FRCOG programs to reduced administrative costs. On July 1, the FRCOG celebrated its 15th anniversary. We believe that the Charter Commission that created the FRCOG would agree that the FRCOG is meeting its mission and serving the region of Franklin County and its towns well. Provided below are highlights from each of our programs.

Administration and Special Regional Projects. In 2012 special projects included organizing the fourth annual statewide Regionalization Conference with Lt. Governor Tim Murray's office. This conference highlights the FRCOG and the towns of Franklin County for its regionalization efforts and has identified the FRCOG as the leading regionalization organization in Massachusetts.

Cooperative Public Health Service. This program was created in 2012 by combining the Regional Health and Regional Nurse Programs. The program provided public health and nursing to eight towns and will expand to 10 towns in 2013. In 2012 the program conducted: 95 food inspections, 40 septic plan reviews, 90 Title 5 inspections, 12 camp inspections, 7 pool inspections, 10 hotel/motel inspections, 40 perc tests, and administered more than 1,000 vaccines at flu clinics throughout the county.

Cooperative Purchasing Program. The Cooperative Purchasing Program provided bidding and contracting services for more than 20 highway products and services to 23 towns; fuel bidding services to 19 towns and non-profits; dog tags and licenses for 45 towns in 5 counties; and elevator maintenance services to 3 school districts and 11 towns.

Economic Development. Using a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant, over \$53,000 worth of environmental site assessment work was conducted on six properties in four Franklin County towns that were potentially contaminated brownfields sites. As the 1,300-mile MassBroadband middle mile network neared completion, the FRCOG engaged in a municipal broadband adoption project that included a municipal survey of each town's existing voice and data contracts and a



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Request for Information to all last mile service providers so that towns can compare options, services and pricing.

Emergency Preparedness. Emergency Preparedness staff assisted several municipal public health and public safety groups in Franklin County including the Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition (MAPHCO), the Franklin County Regional Emergency Planning Committee (REPC), the Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT), the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) and the Disaster Animal Response Team (DART). For each of these groups, FRCOG staff organized workshops, trainings, and exercises, analyzed past response efforts, and worked to plan a coordinated emergency response before Franklin County's next regional, emergency event.

Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program (FCCIP). The FCCIP provides building, plumbing and wiring inspection services to 16 Franklin County towns. The highlight of 2012 was implementation of a revised assessment formula that reduces town assessments and makes the assessments more predictable over time.

Homeland Security Fiduciary. The FRCOG has served as fiduciary for the Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council (WHRSAAC) since 2004. Franklin County 2012 projects included: improvements to the Route 202 corridor coverage of the Franklin County Emergency Communications System; a new emergency sheltering equipment trailer housed in Buckland; the development of a Technical Rescue Team for the Western Mass Fire Chiefs Association; and video downlink equipment, housed at the Greenfield Fire Department, which allows incident commanders to view aerial video taken by the Massachusetts State Police.

Land Use Planning. Based on socio-economic analysis, Franklin County needs to accommodate 3,500 new houses and adapt to and provide services for an aging population over the next 25 years. The FRCOG received a 3-year Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Sustainable Communities Initiative to address this. The goal of the project is to create a plan that identifies where and how new housing, including senior housing, should be built to have the least impact on prime farmland and forestland and centralize development in community service areas by using undeveloped and under-utilized parcels and buildings.



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Natural Resources Planning. The FRCOG spent the last part of 2012 focusing on the upcoming Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) relicensing of five hydroelectric facilities on the Connecticut River, two of which are located in Franklin County. The new licenses will be in effect for 30-50 years, so the FRCOG recognizes the importance of ensuring that the river, the farmland along the river, and the associated recreation facilities important to Franklin County are protected and maintained by the licenses.

Town Accounting Program. The Town Accounting Program now provides accounting services and software to 14 towns. The focus of 2012 was to provide and improve the quality of service to all participating communities.

Transportation Planning. The FRCOG, along with MassDOT and three other regional planning agencies, have been working to launch a marketing campaign for the seven designated Scenic Byways in Western Massachusetts. In Franklin County this includes Route 122, Route 2, Route 116, Route 47 and 63/10, and Route 122. The goal of the project is to brand and promote these Scenic Byways as local and regional travel destinations. To date the project has produced a family of logos and graphics for the byways, and is well underway with website development, the production of maps and brochures, and identification of a way-finding sign system.

For additional details about FRCOG programs, we encourage residents to read the FRCOG Annual Report, which will be posted on our web site, www.frcog.org, or you can receive a copy by calling 413-774-3167.

Linda Dunlavy, **Executive Director**
Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Franklin County Cooperative Public Health Service

In 2012, the Town of Hawley received the following services from the Cooperative Public Health Service, a new health district at the Franklin Regional Council of Governments:

- Response and investigation of housing complaints
- Inspection and permitting of SCA camp at Dubuque State Forest, when required
- Lead determinations and code enforcement.

- Food and temporary food inspections, including the Hawlemont School, public events, and bed and breakfast operations.
- Septic plan reviews, and witnessing of perc tests & septic inspections
- Review and permitting of private wells
- Wrote grant which will provide \$1500 in food safety supplies for Sons and Daughters of Hawley.
- Completion of all mandated annual reports to the state Department of Public Health and Department of Environmental Protection
- Walk-in clinics are available in Conway and Deerfield Town Halls assisting residents of any member town with basic health screenings, assessment and monitoring of health conditions, medication information.
- Completion of all state-mandated infectious disease surveillance, reporting and case monitoring.
- Community flu vaccination clinic ô for elders, families, and children ô at the Hawlemont School on November 3, and home vaccination available to residents in need.
- Assistance to the Hawlemont Emergency Dispensing Sites Planning Group in using flu clinic to test emergency preparedness plans
- Individual meetings are available for Hawley residents to create medication management plans.
- Mercury thermometer and sharps disposal and container exchange (collaboration with the Franklin County Solid Waste Mgmt. District).

Hawley's representatives to the CPHS Oversight Board are Virginia Gabert and Phil Keenan.

The member towns in the CPHS are: Buckland, Charlemont, Conway, Deerfield, Gill, Hawley, Heath, Leyden, Monroe

To reach the Hawley Health Agent: Glen Ayers, RS, CHO:
glenayers@frcog.org or (413) 774-3167 x 106

To reach the Hawley Public Health Nurse Lisa White, BS, RN:
lwhite@frcog.org or (413) 665-1400 x 114

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

2012 was a busy year for the Hawley Conservation Commission. Most of our work centered on permitting work relating to damage from Irene that did not get addressed in 2011. An Order of Conditions was issued to the Fire Department clearing the way to repair the damaged hydrant near the fire station. The Commission worked closely with Singing Brook Farm to issue two Orders of Conditions so as to allow for the repair of the dam and pond as well as the rebuilding of their logging ford near Alice Parker's home.

Additionally, we were involved in discussions that were held with the selectmen and officials from FEMA, DEP, etc. around permitting issues associated with possible repairs to East Road and Forge Hill Road. Unrelated to the storm, a Negative Determination was issued to the Nature Conservancy to allow them to repair portions of the boardwalk at the Hawley Bog. Similarly, permission was granted to Berkshire East for construction of a snowmaking pond.

We remind all persons contemplating work in or near wetlands to contact us well in advance of when you plan to start work. Although Conservation Commission sign-off is no longer required for the issuance of a building permit, the law still requires compliance with all wetlands-related regulations before work can begin. Most of the problems we encounter result from applicants contacting us on short notice resulting in delays. Permitting can take 1 to 3 months from receipt of completed forms. We can come out for an initial informal site visit to advise you how to proceed. For many small projects, we can assist with the paperwork and help you meet minimum filing requirements.

If you need forms or prefer to research the regulations on your own, see:

- * Text of Wetlands Protection Act:
<http://www.mass.gov/dep/water/laws/ch131s40.pdf>,
- * Regulations and procedures for WPA:
<http://www.mass.gov/dep/service/regulations/310cmr10a.pdf>
- * Forms for filing:
<http://www.mass.gov/dep/water/approvals/wwforms.htm#wetlands>

Respectfully submitted,
Lloyd Crawford, **Chairman**
Conservation Commission



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PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Most of the Planning Board's work in 2012 involved creating a zoning bylaw amendment to create a Floodplain Overlay District. The Planning Board worked with FRCOG and the Hawley Board of Selectmen to develop this bylaw amendment so as to preserve the ability of local residents to access subsidized flood insurance and to allow the town to take advantage of certain flood related disaster funding when the next big flood event occurs. A public hearing was held and a subsequent vote at the Annual Town Meeting passed.


Additionally, the Planning Board determined that several divisions of land in Hawley did not require approval under Hawley's Subdivision Regulations. These "ANR Permits" were granted to Franklin Woods Investments (Buckland Road) and R.L. Farrow (Dodge Rd.).

Respectfully submitted,
Lloyd Crawford, **Chair**
Planning Board

HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPORT

The current Historical Commission is composed of Lark Thwing, John Sears, Ray Gotta and Pam Shrimpton. We have one vacancy if anyone is interested. All of the activities of the Historical Commission are done in cooperation with the Sons and Daughters of Hawley.

The Sons & Daughters of Hawley (SDH) continue to engage students from Mohawk Trail Regional High School (MTRHS) in an archeological study of the history of the Sanford Tavern at Hawley's Old Town Common. Ivan Grail, a teacher at MTRHS, offered an elective course in the fall of 2012 that introduced students to archeological methods as a means of historical investigation. John Sears provided historical background on the history of HOTC and 19th century taverns. About sixteen students spent six weeks at the site of the Sanford Tavern conducting an archeological excavation under the supervision of Aaron Miller, an archeologist from Charlemont, who conducted the Taylor Tavern dig several years ago. Four Shovel Test Pits yielded more than 1000 artifacts, including a coin, which the students cleaned, identified and then presented to the public as part of their course.



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The project involved students in an active investigation of the history of the Sanford Tavern, and provided insights into life at the tavern. The artifacts and presentation materials have become part of SDHø's historical collection. This Archeology course will be a routine offering at MTRHS and the HOTC will be their field work site. A fall 2013 class is already filling up.

One of the main functions of a Historical Commission is to inventory the historical assets of the town and we will begin to undertake that as it has not been done in a long time, not since Harrison Parker might have done it in the 1980's.

The Sons and Daughters also completed a handicapped accessible ramp at the back of the 1846 Meetinghouse, as well as interior renovations, so that the building is now suitable for public use.

Lark Thwing, **Chair**
Historical Commission

COUNCIL ON AGING REPORT

The Council on Aging was revived in Hawley in 2012. It got a jump-start when the three current members, Cyndie Stetson, Joyce Charland and Lisa Turner stepped forward to see if the residents were interested in having get-togethers among their neighbors. We quickly learned that we had all the benefits of combining our outings with our closest neighbors in Charlemont. We do so much already with many residents there, it seemed only natural to work with their Council on Aging and be involved in more events. It was an instant hit. We had so many ideas that we could not fit them all in during one year. We picked the ones we thought would be enticing to our residents and it worked very well. We had a very nice picnic along the river at Mohawk Forest. About 40 to 50 happy, friendly, well fed, relaxed friends from Hawley and Charlemont were there. Everyone seemed to fully enjoy it. The conversations were flowing and we even had the pleasure of two young children from Hawley who came with their Aunt. Next, we hosted a picnic at the Hawley Grove building. Again, we had many residents from both towns there and sure enough; it was another nice day with a happy ending. Some food was supplied by the C. O. A. and everyone brought a dish to share, making it another happy, interesting event. After having our lunch under the pine trees, we walked just across the road a bit to the bee hive in Hawley. The charcoal kiln, of course was its original purpose. It's

always a wonder to see such a piece of history like that in our own backyard. We were fortunate to have Bob Root to not only help us set up before the picnic and after, but also give some very interesting facts and stories about the kiln. The short walk in the woods was enjoyable to all. Two babies were born in Hawley in 2012. We presented each of them with a small gift and some Hawley items and town information for them to have as a souvenir. We did this to welcome such tiny, new residents to town and we are hoping that these children would remain in Hawley and be part of what builds the character in town and hopefully raise families of their own here. We put together May baskets and left them at the door of various residents in town. The C.O.A. made little Thanksgiving bags with treats in them and hand delivered them to various Hawley residents. At Christmas, we gathered a small group of willing carolers from Hawley and Charlemont and went again to various homes and sang Christmas carols to whoever happened to be there. Nobody threw us out. They simply enjoyed it. You could see it in their faces. We left them each a sweet treat. We, as carolers enjoyed it just as much. We had a flu clinic at the Hawlemont school. It was well attended. As soon as the snow was beginning to head our way for the winter, we purchased five gallon buckets and scoops and delivered these buckets to residents who requested them. The offer was for each Hawley residence with someone 60 and older living there. About a dozen folks received them. Hawley had two new families move to town in 2012. The C. O. A. put together welcome bags that had a Hawley logo on it and put items and town information in them. Next we delivered them personally to the new residents and welcomed them to Hawley. They were happy to see us and enjoyed such a small town gesture. We are the recipients of a grant each year and we have carefully allotted the money so that everyone in town has a chance to benefit from it. We have many events coming up starting this spring. Watch for the announcements in our quarterly newsletter and via the e-mail list that Lisa is (slowly) compiling. Her e-mail address is lisaturner51@earthlink.net. Send her your e-mail address if you wish to be included in these notices. We hope to be sending activity announcements that way soon, yet we will still post events and send mailings to include everyone. This committee has been very enjoyable to Cyndie, Joyce and Lisa. It is something positive and fun in town. Let's keep it going. Come to the events. We know you will be glad.

Respectfully submitted,
Cyndie Stetson, **Chair**, Hawley Council on Aging
Joyce Charland, Member, Hawley Council on Aging
Lisa Turner, Member, Hawley Council on Aging



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COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The primary objective of the Hawley Communications Committee for 2012 has been to build the Official Website for the Town of Hawley, www.townofhawley.com. This process includes gathering, developing and editing website content information as well as providing the technical backbone for the site. All work is done subject to the review and approval of the Board of Selectmen. Once the website is complete, the task will then shift to creating and implementing a system for updating the website and keeping the information current.

The Communications Committee also gets involved in other communications- and technology-related projects, as directed by the Selectboard. Recent examples include investigation of Internet Service Provider vendors, securing digital recording media for audio recording of meeting minutes, and participation in meetings regarding the Massachusetts Broadband Initiative.

Committee Members

Current Committee members include:

- Rick Kean, Chair
- Lark Thwing
- Jason Velazquez, Webmaster

The duties of the Committee Chairperson are to organize and contribute to the work of the Committee, and to report to the Board of Selectmen on an ongoing basis.

The duties of the Webmaster embrace all configuration and technical issues regarding the Town website, including, but by no means limited to, matters involving the Drupal Content Management System (CMS) software.

All Committee appointments are for one year.

Meetings

Communications Committee meetings are held as scheduled and announced by the Committee Chair. During 2013, the Committee plans to meet once a month, prior to every other Selectboard meeting, at the Town Office. Meeting announcements will be posted on the website, and will be distributed via email as well as standard Town outlets.



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Long-Term Plans

Longer-term, the Committee will be examining and making recommendations about other ways the Town of Hawley can use low-cost electronic media to enhance the quality of life and information for its residents and reduce the workload for town officials, employees and volunteers.

For more detailed information regarding the Communications Committee, including meeting minutes and our mission statement, go to the Town of Hawley website at <http://www.townofhawley.com/?q=node/12>

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Kean
For the **Hawley Communications Committee**



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HAWLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The fire department, like the town, continued to recover from Tropical Storm Irene in 2012.

Because the damage from Irene forced the town to tear down half of the town garage including the bay used to house a fire truck, for 9 months we had no truck or equipment available in West Hawley to respond to calls. The pumper that we had based there had to be removed from service due to damage from being stored outside.

After the town garage was rebuilt, we were finally able to station a truck again in West Hawley in May. Our 1981 pumper responded to its first call from West Hawley in June when we were dispatched to help Charlemont put out a railroad car on fire.

We still have other repairs to complete from Irene ó we need to repair hydrants in Swift River in East Hawley and Mill Brook in West Hawley that were damaged by the flooding and its aftermath. We expect to get that work done in 2013 and may install a new hydrant on Forget Road also.

While 2011, with two tropical storms, was an extremely wet year with 90 inches of precipitation, 34 inches above normal, 2012 was very dry until a wet December brought moisture levels up. An unusually dry winter and unseasonably warm temperatures in mid-March created extremely hazardous conditions for wildfires for nearly 2 months. We would like to thank Hawley residents for being very careful to avoid outside fires during this dangerous period. While we helped fight two brush fires in other towns in 2012, we didn't have to put but any in Hawley.

Hawley firefighters responded to 38 calls in 2012, down from 64 in 2011, and slightly below our average of 41. There was just one fire in Hawley, but we responded to 17 medical emergencies and 6 vehicle accidents. Besides the fire in Charlemont, we went to other towns mutual aid for fires 5 times, including twice on August 4th for fires caused by lightning at the Rowe elementary school and a shed fire in Ashfield.

We prepared for severe weather problems in October from Hurricane Sandy but we thankfully were spared its full brunt and only had to deal with some downed power lines and fallen trees.

Firefighters took training on pumps & hydraulics, ethanol response, wildland fires, forcible entry, and fireground accountability. We held 5 department drills and took part in a tanker shuttle drill at the Ashfield School in July and a structure burn in Buckland in November.



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We also put on educational programs on home fire safety for seniors and fire safety for children in October. Working with trail groups, our firefighters helped show the damage in Dubuque State Forest to a group of state representatives in October.

We spent some time at the end of 2012 getting the fire department's radios compliant with the new federal narrowbanding standards.

While we got back to normal in 2012, we have a number of concerns we need to address in 2013 and coming years.

First, we soon will need to replace our first-line pumper because we can no longer get needed parts for the 32-year-old truck's engine. The 1981 Ford pumper's gas engine has a cracked manifold on one side, but we have been unable to find either a replacement manifold or a replacement for the engine head it attaches to. If the current manifold or head should crack further, it won't be possible to safely operate the truck. We have tried to get federal grants to help replace the truck but without success due to Hawley's small population. The town has set aside \$40,000 to help with this, but the ultimate cost will likely be between \$60,000 and \$100,000.

Second, while basing our pumper in West Hawley has improved fire protection there, we need another pumper in East Hawley to cover calls there that require gear the tanker can't carry. This was demonstrated by two chimney fires we put out this winter ó at the first in East Hawley, we had to wait for the pumper to arrive from West Hawley because the tanker can't carry sufficient ladders, not serious this time, but potentially a major problem at a more serious fire. At the 2nd fire in West Hawley, our crew there was able to get to work right away because all the equipment they needed was on the truck, so when our East Hawley firefighters arrived, the fire was out and they only had to help with the cleanup.

If we are able to replace the 1981 pumper with a newer truck, the 1981 could serve as a 2nd truck until we find another. Otherwise we will be on the lookout for a suitable backup truck.

Third, we also need to upgrade the East Hawley fire station to add space and comply with federal and state laws. When it was built in 1984, it was designed to hold fire trucks as were built in the 1970's. Because modern fire trucks are much longer, we now need at least one longer equipment bay to give us more options in looking for a replacement fire truck. We also need to install a bathroom and septic system, and a ground level training room. We would also like to make the building more energy efficient, and to install a

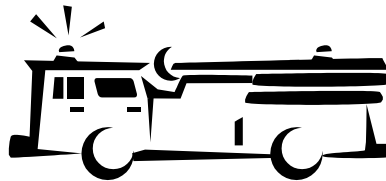
sprinkler and alarm system to protect the town's investment in the equipment.

Finally, we need some additional firefighters, particularly in East Hawley where we only have 2 qualified drivers now. Effective response depends upon having enough trained firefighters and EMTs able to respond quickly when an emergency occurs. In recent years our pool of responders has shrunk because our younger firefighters and EMTs found jobs out of town and moved. As Irene showed, in a serious emergency, Hawley must depend upon its own residents as help from other communities may be unavailable.

Anyone who'd like to serve as a firefighter or EMT should come to the East Hawley station on Wednesday nights at 7:30. Being a volunteer firefighter or EMT gives you a chance to help your neighbors when emergencies arise. It also provides young people employable job skills & many of our alumni are employed today as EMTs, paramedics or firefighters in other towns, using skills they first learned in Hawley.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTER
February 2013

Chief	Greg Cox	EMTs	Sandee Mizula
Assistant Chief	Bob Root		Justin Kimball
Captain	Chris Tirone		David Norcross
Lieutenant	Dan Hoyt		
Firefighters	Bill Hoyt		Jane Grant
	Doug Hoyt		Drew Harrison
	Justin Kimball		Mikel Norcross
	David Norcross		





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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Hawley made some progress in 2012 towards improving its emergency response capabilities. Here's a report on what was done:

- We applied for and received a \$1,750 grant for an emergency notification system which allows every resident to be notified by phone within minutes of notice of a serious emergency. We used the new system in October to warn residents to take precautions prior to the arrival of Hurricane Sandy. The system requires an annual fee to continue which will be on this year's annual meeting warrant.
- We replaced the VHF radio at the Emergency Operations Center that allows us to coordinate emergency responses with the highway department and neighboring towns in Berkshire and Hampshire counties to comply with the FCC's narrowbanding mandate. All radios for the fire department and highway department were brought into compliance also.
- With Hurricane Sandy forecast to make landfall, we held a prestorm briefing with the town departments to check on emergency arrangements and work out a strategy to deal with any repairs that might be needed ó the good news is that Sandy struck further south and brought us only wind.
- We worked with Rowe, Charlemont, Heath and Monroe to put on an Emergency Dispensing Site drill and flu clinic at the Hawlemont School in December to meet the federal requirements for EDS preparedness.
- Town administrator Virginia Gabert and I attended MEMA's Debris Management Conference in December to learn ways to better prepare beforehand for the next disaster. We also met with National Grid to discuss Emergency Response plans for disasters that knock out electric service.

In 2013, Hawley should have a discussion about how to improve emergency arrangements to be better prepared for the next disaster based on our experience from Tropical Storm Irene. We do not know when the next disaster will strike or what will be involved. We do know from experience that we will face serious emergencies in the future.

A little time invested in precautionary preparations now can save time, money and even lives the next time that destructive winds blow, streams rise or power is lost. Here are some immediate suggestions:

- Every household in Hawley should put together an emergency kit to allow them to survive for a week without assistance. Such kits should include bottled water, non-perishable food, flashlights and batteries, medical supplies, etc. Information about what home emergency kits should include can be found at www.fema.gov or by calling the fire department.
- Residents in the vulnerable areas in West Hawley, bordering Buckland, and along East Road should be prepared to be cut off from the rest of town for a minimum of two to three days until access can be restored.
- We need some residents in those vulnerable areas to volunteer for training and service as EMTs or firefighters so they are ready the next time those areas are cut off. As Irene demonstrated, relying on neighboring towns for emergency help isn't a realistic strategy during disasters.
- We need more East Hawley residents to become trained to operate the town's EOC to free up firefighters and EMTs for emergency responses during disasters.

The Town also needs to take some precautionary measures to be better prepared. Among those are:

- We need to add onto the East Hawley fire station and install a toilet and septic system so we can operate the EOC efficiently on a 24 hour basis. We have backup power and running water.
- We need ADA compliant space on the ground floor for use as a temporary overnight shelter, or in non-emergency periods, as space for training for firefighters and EMTs.
- We need a small kitchen and storage for food and water for emergency use.

Gregory Cox
Emergency Management Director



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2012 REPORT OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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

A review of recycling tonnage for 2012 shows a slight decrease from 2011. District residents recycled over 1,900 tons of paper and over 1,100 tons of mixed containers. The recyclable material was processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility. Market prices for recyclables were low from June through December. Despite the low market prices, District towns received a total of \$94,500 in revenue for their recyclables.

In 2012, the District sponsored spring and fall óClean Sweepö collections for bulky items, electronics, tires, appliances, and anything too big to fit into a trash bag. Almost 60 tons of material was recycled or disposed of from the two collections. A total of 512 households participated in these collection events.

We also held our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2012. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. A total of 324 households participated in this event. 50% of participants were using the collection for the first time.

We continue to work with public schools to improve their recycling programs and to implement programs to collect food waste for composting. The District also provides hands-on assistance to businesses and institutions that want to recycle or compost their waste. In 2012 we used a state grant to supply twenty-seven wheeled carts for bottles/cans recycling to area schools. We also helped member towns implement \$23,000 worth of small scale initiative grants from the MA Department of Environmental Protection.

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

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director* Jonathan Lagreze, Colrain - *Chair*
Chris Boutwell, Montague - *Vice-Chair* Andrea Donlon, Buckland - *Treasurer*



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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES

The Central Franklin County District was formed in 1940 and provides Veterans Services for twenty three towns within Franklin County. Currently we are providing support for 76 veterans who reside in your district. The mission of the Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) is to be the chief advocate for the nearly half-million veterans of the Commonwealth and their families.

Under Chapter 115 of Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L. ch. 115), the Commonwealth provides a uniform program of financial and medical assistance for income eligible veterans and their dependents. Qualifying veterans and their dependents receive financial assistance for food, shelter, clothing, housing supplies, and medical care in accordance with a formula which takes into account the number of dependents and income from all sources. Eligible dependents of deceased veterans are provided with the same benefits as they would were the veteran still living.

The District office is located at 190 Millers Falls Road, Turners falls, Mass.01376. Our offices are open four days a week from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM (413-863-3205), and Friday by appointment. Leo Parent is the Director of Veterans Services, Mark Fitzpatrick is your Veterans Services Officer, and Donna Bezio is our Administrative Assistant.

Leo and Mark held our first annual Job Fair for Veterans at the French King Bowling Center with great success; as well as, a Veterans Administration Health Fair.

Many Veterans have been calling looking for the VA Web Sites here are a few for you.

Educational Benefits: www.gibill.va.gov

Home Loan Guaranty: www.homeloans.va.gov

Federal Jobs: www.usajobs.opm.gov

Returning Veterans: www.seamlesstranstion.va.gov

VA Home Page: www.va.gov

Government Jobs: www.usajobs.gov/opm

Massachusetts State Veterans Services: [MassVets Advisor](#)

Leo J. Parent, Director

Mark Fitzpatrick, VSO



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**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY
COOPERATIVE INSPECTION PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR 2012**

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

2012 was a busy year for the program. We issued 2,043 permits, including a significant number of insulation upgrade, solar array and wood/pellet stove permits. 24 new dwelling units were constructed in participating towns. The number of permits and fee revenues were higher in 2012 than in the previous year.

Our new online permitting program went live on July 1, 2011 and has issued 3,472 building, electrical & plumbing/gas permits since then. The program allows you to apply, pay for, and track the progress of any permit online, saving you time and visits to our office in Greenfield. The program has 1,719 registered users. You can find it at www.frcog.org under the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program. Our website also includes helpful information on inspection requirements, permit costs, and contractor licensing.

Along with the rest of the FRCOG, at the end of April 2012 we moved our offices from the courthouse to the 2nd floor of the new John W. Olver Transit Center. If you haven't visited us at our new location yet, we hope to see you soon.

In FY 2012, the FCCIP processed the following permits for Hawley:

Residential	13	Electrical	6
Commercial	4	Plumbing	3
Sheet Metal	0	Gas	7
Cert. of Inspection	1		



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

James D. Hawkins	James Cerone	Tom McDonald	Andy French
Building Commissioner	Building Inspector	Electrical Inspector	Plumbing/Gas Inspector
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2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
Mohawk Trail Regional School District
Hawlemont Regional School District
Rowe Elementary School

INTRODUCTION

Until 2012, public school districts in Massachusetts were held accountable by a system governed by the Federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). Under that system, schools were classified as having either “Met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)” or “Not Met AYP.” In 2011, as the Federal NCLB AYP requirements in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics approached the unrealistic goal of 100%, 81% of Massachusetts schools and 90% of Massachusetts districts failed to meet AYP. These percentages made no sense, because Massachusetts is widely regarded as having one of the more rigorous public education systems in the nation. As a result, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) applied for, and received, a waiver to NCLB AYP during the winter of 2012.

NEW STATE ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM

In 2012, a new Massachusetts accountability system replaced the Federal NCLB system, including several key changes. The NCLB goal of 100 percent proficiency was replaced with a new goal of reducing proficiency gaps by half by 2017. AYP was replaced with a new performance measure (the Progress and Performance Index, or PPI) that incorporates student growth and other indicators, including science and dropout rates. Schools and districts are now classified into one of five “Levels,” with Level 1 signaling strong performance and Level 5 signaling unacceptable performance.

Student growth is now an important component of the accountability system. The Student Growth Percentile (SGP) measures how much students gain from one year to the next relative to other students statewide with similar MCAS test score histories. Science is included in the accountability system as well as ELA and Math. A new “High Needs” subgroup is tracked, which includes students in a school or district belonging to at least one of the following individual subgroups: low income students, students with disabilities, English language learners (ELL) and former ELL students.

CLASSIFICATION LEVELS

Eighty percent of schools are classified into Level 1 or 2 based on the cumulative PPI for the “All Students” and “High Needs” groups. For a school to be classified into Level 1, the cumulative PPI for both the “All

Students" group and High Needs students must be 75 or higher. The Cumulative PPI combines information about narrowing proficiency gaps, growth, and graduation and dropout rates over the most recent four-year period into a single number between 0 and 100.

Annual PPI is a measure of the improvement that a group makes toward its own targets over a two-year period using up to seven indicators: narrowing proficiency gaps (ELA, Math, and science); growth (ELA and Math); the annual dropout rate; and the cohort graduation rate. The Cumulative PPI is the average of a group's annual PPIs over four years, weighting the most recent years the most (Current Year PPI 40%, Current Year-1 30%, Current Year-2 20%, Current Year-3 10%). If a school does not meet both of these requirements, the school is classified into Level 2. A school may also be classified into Level 2 if it has low MCAS participation rates for any group (between 90 and 94%).

Schools are classified into Level 3 if they are among the lowest 20 percent relative to other schools in their grade span statewide, if one or more subgroups in the school are among the lowest performing 20% of subgroups relative to all subgroups statewide, if they have persistently low graduation rates (less than 60% for any subgroup over a four-year period), or if they have very low MCAS participation rates for any group (less than 90%).

The lowest achieving, least improving Level 3 schools are candidates for classification into Levels 4 and 5, the most serious designations in Massachusetts' accountability system. In general, a district is classified into the level of its lowest performing school, unless the district was independently classified into Level 4 or 5 as a result of action by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ACCOUNTABILITY DATA 2012

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Classification: Level 2

- Because all schools within the District, including BSE, were classified as Level 2 schools, Mohawk exited Level 3 status, which is a positive consequence of the 2012 MCAS results.
 - Within these results, there was a substantial increase in the number of students who performed at an Advanced level in ELA, Math and Science.
- Increased percentage of students Advanced in ELA from 11% to 15%.

- Increased percentage of students Advanced in Math from 21% to 26%.
- Increased percentage of students Advanced in Science from 7% to 12%.

Progress and Performance Index

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT					
ALL STUDENTS					
YEAR	1-YEAR PPI	CLASSIFICATION	WEIGHT	1-YEAR PPI x WEIGHT	4-YEAR PPI
2012	57	Level 2	0.4	23	68
2011	75	Level 1	0.3	23	
2010	79	Level 1	0.2	16	
2009	68	Level 2	0.1	7	
HIGH NEEDS STUDENTS					
YEAR	1-YEAR PPI	CLASSIFICATION	WEIGHT	1-YEAR PPI x WEIGHT	4-YEAR PPI
2012	46	Level 2	0.4	18	62
2011	75	Level 1	0.3	23	
2010	71	Level 2	0.2	14	
2009	71	Level 2	0.1	7	

Composite Performance Data (CPI)

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT						
2012 English Language Arts Proficiency Gap Narrowing						
Students	6-Year Goal	2011 CPI (Baseline)	2012 Target	2012 CPI	CPI Change	Rating
All students	93.7	87.4	88.5	87.2	-0.2	No Change
High needs	90.1	80.1	81.8	79.8	-0.3	No Change
2012 Mathematics Proficiency Gap Narrowing						
Students	6-Year Goal	2011 CPI (Baseline)	2012 Target	2012 CPI	CPI Change	Rating
All students	90.4	80.8	82.4	79.0	-1.8	No Change
High needs	85.6	71.2	73.6	70.1	-1.1	No Change
2012 Science Proficiency Gap Narrowing						
Students	6-Year Goal	2011 CPI (Baseline)	2012 Target	2012 CPI	CPI Change	Rating
All students	90.1	80.1	81.8	78.1	-2.0	No Change
High needs	86.2	72.3	74.6	66.9	-5.4	Decline

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL

Classification: Level 2

- After two years of very high performance (2011 PPI 89 and 2010 PPI 96), the Middle-High School's 2012 MCAS results declined.
- Within these disappointing results, there were some bright spots.
 - Increased percentage of students Advanced in Math from 24% to 31%.
 - Increased the Student Growth Percentile in Math from 48 to 56.

- Increased percentage of students Advanced in ELA from 14% to 18%.
- The 4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate increased from 76% to 79%.
- The Annual Drop-Out Rate declined from 4% to 2%.

Progress and Performance Index

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL					
ALL STUDENTS					
YEAR	1-YEAR PPI	CLASSIFICATION	WEIGHT	1-YEAR PPI x WEIGHT	4-YEAR PPI
2012	50	Level 2	0.4	20	72
2011	89	Level 1	0.3	27	
2010	96	Level 1	0.2	19	
2009	57	Level 2	0.1	6	
HIGH NEEDS STUDENTS					
YEAR	1-YEAR PPI	CLASSIFICATION	WEIGHT	1-YEAR PPI x WEIGHT	4-YEAR PPI
2012	36	Level 2	0.4	14	65
2011	89	Level 1	0.3	27	
2010	86	Level 1	0.2	17	
2009	68	Level 2	0.1	7	

Composite Performance Data (CPI)

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL						
2012 English Language Arts Proficiency Gap Narrowing						
Students	6-Year Goal	2011 CPI (Baseline)	2012 Target	2012 CPI	CPI Change	Rating
All students	95.5	90.9	91.7	88.2	-2.7	Declined
High needs	91.9	83.8	85.2	78.6	-5.2	Declined
2012 Mathematics Proficiency Gap Narrowing						
Students	6-Year Goal	2011 CPI (Baseline)	2012 Target	2012 CPI	CPI Change	Rating
All students	90.4	80.7	82.3	77.7	-3.0	Declined
High needs	84.6	69.1	71.7	65.5	-3.6	Declined
2012 Science Proficiency Gap Narrowing						
Students	6-Year Goal	2011 CPI (Baseline)	2012 Target	2012 CPI	CPI Change	Rating
All students	90.1	80.2	81.9	75.0	-5.2	Declined
High needs	85.6	71.2	73.6	60.7	-10.5	Declined

BUCKLAND-SHELBURNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Classification: Level 2

- BSE exited Level 3 status with a second consecutive year of strong MCAS performance (2012 PPI 80 and 2011 PPI 75), which resulted in the District exiting Level 3 status as well.
- Excellent improvements in ELA.
- All Students rating is On-Target/ High Needs rating is Above Target.

- Student Growth Percentile increased from 49 to 55.
- Outstanding performance in Science.
- All Students rating is well Above Target.
- Increased percentage of students Advanced from 16% to 26%.

Progress and Performance Index

BUCKLAND-SHELBURNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL					
ALL STUDENTS					
YEAR	1-YEAR PPI	CLASSIFICATION	WEIGHT	1-YEAR PPI x WEIGHT	4-YEAR PPI
2012	80	Level 1	0.4	32	70
2011	75	Level 1	0.3	23	
2010	55	Level 2	0.2	11	
2009	40	Level 2	0.1	4	

BUCKLAND-SHELBURNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL					
HIGH NEEDS STUDENTS					
YEAR	1-YEAR PPI	CLASSIFICATION	WEIGHT	1-YEAR PPI x WEIGHT	4-YEAR PPI
2012	75	Level 1	0.4	30	66
2011	81	Level 1	0.3	24	
2010	38	Level 2	0.2	8	
2009	38	Level 2	0.1	4	

Composite Performance Data (CPI)

BUCKLAND-SHELBURNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL						
2012 English Language Arts Proficiency Gap Narrowing						
Students	6-Year Goal	2011 CPI (Baseline)	2012 Target	2012 CPI	CPI Change	Rating
All students	91.1	82.1	83.6	84.4	2.3	On Target
High needs	86.2	72.4	74.7	76.9	4.5	Above Target
2012 Mathematics Proficiency Gap Narrowing						
Students	6-Year Goal	2011 CPI (Baseline)	2012 Target	2012 CPI	CPI Change	Rating
All students	89.2	78.4	80.2	76.0	-2.4	No Change
High needs	84.8	69.5	72.0	68.9	-0.6	No Change
2012 Science Proficiency Gap Narrowing						
Students	6-Year Goal	2011 CPI (Baseline)	2012 Target	2012 CPI	CPI Change	Rating
All students	87.0	74.0	76.2	82.1	8.1	Above Target

SANDERSON ACADEMY

Classification: Level 2

- In 2012, the students performed very well in ELA, but the Math and Science results declined.
- Outstanding performance in ELA:

- All Students rating is Above Target with a CPI of 93.3.
- Increased percentage of students Advanced from 16% to 26%.
- The Math scores declined, but the CPI is a strong 86.6.
- 67% of the students were Proficient-Advanced, greatly exceeding the State's 59%.
- The Science scores also declined, but the CPI is a very respectable 82.5.
- 55% of the students were Proficient-Advanced, exceeding the State's 54%.

SANDERSON ACADEMY					
YEAR	1-YEAR PPI	CLASSIFICATION	WEIGHT	1-YEAR PPI x WEIGHT	4-YEAR PPI
2012	55	Level 2	0.4	22	63
2011	50	Level 2	0.3	15	
2010	94	Level 1	0.2	19	
2009	69	Level 2	0.1	7	

Composite Performance Data (CPI)

SANDERSON ACADEMY						
2012 English Language Arts Proficiency Gap Narrowing						
Students	6-Year Goal	2011 CPI (Baseline)	2012 Target	2012 CPI	CPI Change	Rating
All students	95.2	90.4	91.2	93.3	2.9	Above Target
2012 Mathematics Proficiency Gap Narrowing						
Students	6-Year Goal	2011 CPI (Baseline)	2012 Target	2012 CPI	CPI Change	Rating
All students	96.2	92.3	92.9	86.6	-5.7	Declined
2012 Science Proficiency Gap Narrowing						
Students	6-Year Goal	2011 CPI (Baseline)	2012 Target	2012 CPI	CPI Change	Rating
All students	95.0	90.0	90.8	82.5	-7.5	Declined

COLRAIN CENTRAL SCHOOL

Classification: Level 2

- The ELA scores were consistent with last year's results reflecting a rating of No Change.
- The Math scores were also consistent with last year's results, including several positive notes.
 - Highest percentage of students (61%) proficient-advanced in Math in the District.
 - Increased percentage of students in the Advanced category from 17% to 22%.
 - Student Growth Percentile increased from 48 to 58.

COLRAIN CENTRAL SCHOOL						
ALL STUDENTS						
YEAR	1-YEAR PPI	CLASSIFICATION	WEIGHT	1-YEAR PPI x WEIGHT	4-YEAR PPI	
2012	50	Level 2	0.4	20	55	
2011	63	Level 2	0.3	19		
2010	44	Level 2	0.2	9		
2009	69	Level 2	0.1	7		

Composite Performance Data (CPI)

COLRAIN CENTRAL SCHOOL						
2012 English Language Arts Proficiency Gap Narrowing						
Students	6-Year Goal	2011 CPI (Baseline)	2012 Target	2012 CPI	CPI Change	Rating
All students	91.8	83.5	84.9	82.9	-0.6	No Change

COLRAIN CENTRAL SCHOOL						
2012 Mathematics Proficiency Gap Narrowing						
Students	6-Year Goal	2011 CPI (Baseline)	2012 Target	2012 CPI	CPI Change	Rating
All students	92.0	84.0	85.3	83.8	-0.2	No Change

HEATH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Classification: Level 2

- 4-Year PPI of 71 is 4 points shy of Level 1.
- Excellent improvement in ELA.
 - All Students rating is Above Target with a CPI increase of 3.8.
 - Student Growth Percentile increased substantially from 50 to 68.
 - The Math scores are On Target with a CPI increase of 2.6.
 - The Science scores reflected an impressive 76% of the students Proficient-Advanced.

Progress and Performance Index

HEATH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL						
ALL STUDENTS						
YEAR	1-YEAR PPI	CLASSIFICATION	WEIGHT	1-YEAR PPI x WEIGHT	4-YEAR PPI	
2012	106	Level 1	0.4	42	71	
2011	63	Level 2	0.3	19		
2010	50	Level 2	0.2	10		
2009	0	?	0.1	0		

Composite Performance Data (CPI)

HEATH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL						
2012 English Language Arts Proficiency Gap Narrowing						
Students	6-Year Goal	2011 CPI (Baseline)	2012 Target	2012 CPI	CPI Change	Rating
All students	89.9	79.7	81.4	83.5	3.8	Above Target
2012 Mathematics Proficiency Gap Narrowing						
Students	6-Year Goal	2011 CPI (Baseline)	2012 Target	2012 CPI	CPI Change	Rating
All students	88.7	77.3	79.2	79.9	2.6	On Target

HAWLEMONT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY DATA 2012

HAWLEMONT REGIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Classification: Level 2

- 4-Year PPI of 71 is 4 points shy of Level 1.
- In 2012, the students performed very well in Math, but the ELA results declined.
- Excellent improvement in Math.
 - All Students rating is Above Target with a CPI increase of 4.1.
 - Student Growth Percentile increased substantially from 36 to 52.

Progress and Performance Index

HAWLEMONT REGIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL					
ALL STUDENTS					
YEAR	1-YEAR PPI	CLASSIFICATION	WEIGHT	1-YEAR PPI x WEIGHT	4-YEAR PPI
2012	63	Level 2	0.4	25	71
2011	38	Level 2	0.3	11	
2010	113	Level 1	0.2	23	
2009	119	Level 1	0.1	12	
HIGH NEEDS STUDENTS					
YEAR	1-YEAR PPI	CLASSIFICATION	WEIGHT	1-YEAR PPI x WEIGHT	4-YEAR PPI
2012	13	Level 3	0.4	5	67
2011	63	Level 2	0.3	19	
2010	138	Level 1	0.2	28	
2009	150	Level 1	0.1	15	

Composite Performance Data (CPI)

HAWLEMONT REGIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL						
2012 English Language Arts Proficiency Gap Narrowing						
Students	6-Year Goal	2011 CPI (Baseline)	2012 Target	2012 CPI	CPI Change	Rating
All students	92.2	84.3	85.6	81.0	-3.3	Declined
High needs	91.3	82.6	84.1	76.7	-5.9	Declined
2012 Mathematics Proficiency Gap Narrowing						
Students	6-Year Goal	2011 CPI (Baseline)	2012 Target	2012 CPI	CPI Change	Rating
All students	85.7	71.3	73.7	75.4	4.1	Above Target
High needs	83.4	66.7	69.5	66.3	-0.4	No Change

THE YEAR AHEAD

In 2012, the Mohawk and Hawlemont School Districts made substantial progress toward achieving their educational goals, which is reflected in the new Massachusetts accountability system. As is always the case, there is room for growth. During 2013, both the District Improvement Plans and School Improvement Plans will be significantly revamped in order to facilitate this growth. Within these efforts, I look forward to the introduction of Professional Learning Communities, Learning Walkthroughs, and the New Educator Evaluation System. There is a great deal of hard but exciting work in front of us, and I am very confident that our educational teams are up for the challenge. Indeed, the future is bright for our students!

Respectfully submitted,
Michael A. Buoniconti
Superintendent of Schools

**2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL
Hawlemont Regional School**

The Hawlemont Regional School, serving students in grades preschool through sixth grade, is the vital first stage of a child’s education in the Mohawk Trail Regional School System. Hawlemont Regional School is a community of learners. We believe in the innate goodness of every child, and we recognize the right of each individual to grow in an atmosphere of caring, to love life and learning, to develop a sense of discipline and responsibility, and to interact creatively with their world. Within our small

community we practice justice and promote an allegiance to the democratic values on which our nation was founded. We affirm the right of our students to the knowledge and skills which will enable them to take their place as productive members in the larger society of which we are part. We strive to provide a safe, secure, inviting, and positive environment to support the academic, social, emotional, and physical growth of our students. We are dedicated to provide a high quality education to every child.

Enrollment:

Our state reports, submitted October 1, 2012, registered the following number of students per grade:

PK:	15	Grade 2:	7	Grade 5:	12
K:	10	Grade 3:	10	Grade 6:	19
1:	8	Grade 4:	15		

School Choice:

As of October 1, 2012, the number of elementary aged children who reside in either Hawley or Charlemont who chose to attend a school other than Hawlemont (School Choice Out) totaled seventeen. The number of students who reside in neighboring towns who chose to be educated at Hawlemont (School Choice In) totaled six.

Achievement:

Hawlemont 2012 MCAS scores:

Grade /Subject	% Advanced	% Proficient	% Needs Improvement	% Warning	# Students Tested
3/Reading	0	61	39	0	18
3/Math	11	33	44	11	18
4/English	0	54	46	0	13
4/Math	15	15	62	8	13
5/English	5	37	26	32	19
5/Math	16	26	21	37	19
6/English	6	53	41	0	17
6/Math	6	53	24	18	17



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Graduates:

It is a pleasure to announce the June 2013 Sixth Grade Graduates. The following students will leave Hawlemont and continue their education adventure: Amber Barbeau, Nathaniel Bellows, Walker Gibson, Alexander Hutchins, Caitlin Johnston, Scott Kugler, William Malone, Kayla Martin, Benjamin Orsack, Sadee Poulsen, Ashley Reynolds, Zachary Richardson, Brandon Root, Tatiyana Rosario, Elliot Sargent, Shelby Sinistore, Daniel Vega, Amber Westort, and Daniel White.

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO):

The Hawlemont Parent Teacher Organization continues to be an important link to enrichment opportunities for our community. The PTO, which is chaired by Ivy Palmer, has raised a significant amount of money. The thirty-seventh annual Hobby Horse Bazaar was extremely successful, well-attended, and a fun event. Once again, our PTO has made a commitment to offering an after school program. This program is an important part of many students' after school hours. There are choices for students in the areas of: arts, academics, and athletics. In addition, the PTO funds continue to support student scholarships, field trips, classroom materials, and student assemblies.

Local Education Council (LEC):

The Local Education Council meets regularly to discuss, create, and assess school goals, compiled into the School Improvement Plan. The following are the LEC members for the 2012-2013 school year: Julia Aron, Suzanne Crawford, Mary Boehmer, Lindsay Bridge, Evie Locke, Kimberly Orzechowski, Serra Root, Lynda Slocik, and Travis Yagodzinski. The goals included in the 2012-2013 School Improvement Plan are:

1. **Effective Instruction:** To develop a common understanding of the criteria for effective instruction
2. **Student Assessment:** To use assessment data to place students, monitor progress, and drive timely interventions as part of a system of Tiered Instruction
3. **Tiered Instruction:** To integrate Differentiated Instruction so students learn key concepts through core instruction and provide flexible tiers of instruction
4. **Social Curriculum:** To continue to provide a safe school environment by continuing to provide professional development and implementation of the social curriculum



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Reviewing and Looking Ahead:

This year, Hawlemont restructured the weekly schedule in order to improve the implementation of a Tiered Instruction model. The schedule was created in a way that made all staff available to provide interventions in order to provide instruction that best meets the needs of each student. Through the use of data, students are placed in flexible groups in order to receive extra support, practice, and enrichment. The assessment data is collected within the classroom on a regular basis, through progress monitoring, and through school-wide assessments.

Staff also received professional development throughout the year about the different programs used to promote a safe school environment. These programs include Responsive Classroom, Second Steps, and Steps to Respect.

During this year, staff also worked to align the curriculum in order to ensure that students are learning the newly adopted Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks for English Language Arts and Mathematics.

In addition to learning about reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies, students also attend weekly specials. The specials are art, music, physical education, and library.

Since there is a mandatory transition to a new educator evaluation system, staff received professional development about how this new evaluation system will work. This new evaluation system's goal is to support the continuous improvement of all educators.

In my first year as the Hawlemont principal, I appreciate all of the support I have received from the staff, students, parents, School Committee, Superintendent Buoniconti, and community. We are fortunate to have a very dedicated staff at Hawlemont. I would also like to commend staff for welcoming the Rowe students and staff to our building this year and making it a smooth transition for all. Please know that you are always welcome in our Hawlemont community.

Respectfully submitted,
Travis Yagodzinski,
Principal



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2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL Mohawk Trail Regional High School

The connection between our school and our community is vitally important. Partnerships with our community provide students with enriching and authentic learning experiences, such as the Archaeology course in which students worked with a local archaeologist on the excavation of the Sanford Tavern site at Hawley's Old Town Common.

Mohawk students demonstrate initiative, extending what they learn beyond the classroom. This past spring students launched a composting program in our school cafeteria, significantly reducing the amount of waste that enters landfills. For the first time Mohawk students participated in the Model Congress that is held each year at American International College (AIC) in Springfield and they were honored with the "School Spirit" award recognizing their active participation in the legislative sessions. Members of the Varsity M club refurbished trophy display cases throughout the building and made regular visits to the elementary schools to serve as Reading Buddies for younger students. Students in the Vocational Integration Program (VIP) work with the Meals on Wheels program every week, helping to sort and distribute food.

Community organizations support our school through their generous efforts. The tenth annual Doug Turner Walkathon was held in October; over the past decade this event has raised over \$100,000 for Mohawk athletic programs to date. In March the Mohawk Music Association organized a Mohawk Alumni Concert, with graduates from across the decades performing along with current students in a celebration of music. Through the generosity of civic and community groups as well as contributions from private citizens, Mohawk seniors were awarded scholarships totaling in excess of \$100,000 and students who have graduated from Mohawk were awarded more than \$50,000 in scholarships this year.

This year also saw important improvements to the physical plant of our school, as windows and the roof were replaced for greater energy efficiency. During this past year Mohawk completed its decennial self-assessment for NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) accreditation, culminating in a site visit by an evaluation team in late September-early October. With the addition of a Curriculum Director position, staff professional development has become a priority; faculty are increasingly collaborating through Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), which



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provide a structure for focused work such as book discussions, peer observations, and curriculum writing.

At the midpoint of the 2012-2013 school year, enrollment in grades 7-12 is 511. The seventh grade has 82 students and the eighth grade has 86. There are 85 students in the ninth grade, 93 in the tenth grade, 70 students in the junior class, and 89 students in the senior class. Six students are enrolled in our post-graduate program.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn R. Dole
Principal



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2012 ANNUAL REPORT SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES

The District Standards and Indicators adopted by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) have shaped the School Districts' Improvement Plans (DIP) and directly impact the quality of our student services.

The Districts have demonstrated proficient performance on many of the state indicators including Time on Learning, Leadership and Governance, Educational Access and Continuity, and School Safety. The Superintendent's Office has identified indicators requiring focused attention: (1) Aligned, Consistently Delivered, and Continuously Improving Curriculum and (2) Strong Instructional Leadership and Effective Instruction.

To revise and align its curriculum to the new state curriculum frameworks, the Districts have invested in a significant increase in professional development time. Full and half-day sessions for staff training are spread across the calendar so that staff can focus on the use of a web-based curriculum writing tool that will allow for a standard format and accessibility across all grade levels. By applying the Standards of Effective Instruction and principles of Universal Design, considering the needs of a diverse student body, the Districts will be poised to deliver a rich educational program to all learners.

Students identified with disabilities continue to receive the services defined by their Individual Educational Programs but interventions are not limited to that population of students. The elementary schools and the middle school are improving student learning and increasing inclusion of disabled students by providing tiered instructional delivery to all students as they need them. This starts with a rich core instruction with multiple means of learning and expressing understanding. Subsequent instructional interventions are informed by the regular collection of progress monitoring data. The high school is examining how instruction can change to support a diverse student body in all classes and provide additional time and support for students who have academic or behavioral challenges. District leaders have participated in regional DESE trainings in the use of the MA Tiered System of Supports



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which includes academic interventions and social and behavioral interventions that provide a continuum of service options based on student performance. These institutional improvements and the protections provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act will continue to complement and support our students in their educational experiences.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Bell
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

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THE MARY LYON FOUNDATION, INC.
Innovative Support of Local Education

Our Spring Lyonnaise celebrated excellence in local education with displays of student work from all schools and dramatic presentations by students from Heath and Mohawk. Awards included the Spirit of Adventure Award presented to NASA astronaut Cady Coleman by the foundation's honorary advisory board member Senator Stan Rosenberg; the Mohawk Outstanding Alumni Award was presented to Northampton Mayor David Narkewicz '84 by Mohawk Principal Lynn Dole who also presented a certificate of commendation to senior Francesca Maroney. Drama director Jonathan Diamond presented the George Needham Business Award to Mo's Fudge Factor, and the Pat Kerrins Award was given to Jean Bernhardt, Administrative Director of the MGH Charlestown Healthcare Center by Sarah Kemble, MD. School committee chairperson Bob Aeschback presented a certificate of appreciation to teacher Shelley Schieffelin.

This past year we initiated a fundraising campaign and extensive work bee for the Rowe Elementary School which was struck by lightning on August 4. Truckloads of new and used school supplies, books and equipment were donated, and countless volunteers assisted in the relocation of the Rowe School to the nearby Hawlemont Regional School. Cash and stock donations of \$5,000 were raised for the purchase of items lost in the fire.

Grants were gratefully received from the US Brookfield Foundation for the Harper Gerry Student Assistance Fund, from the Myrtle Atkinson Foundation and Recorder to support our programs in the schools and community and from MassHumanities and the Rowe, Leyden and Charlemont/Hawley cultural councils for the highly successful Hilltowns



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History Conference and Fair held October 13 at the Colrain Central School. The history conference featured humanities scholars Dr. Michael Coe and Prof. Leonard Richards, vendors, live music, children's activities, re-enactors and 17 concurrent workshops. All school district staff were given free admission and professional development credit.

The annual Community Spelling Bee held November 8 raised \$7,000 for our mini-grant program; competing for the grand championship were 25 teams of 3 adults. The grand champion winning team was the FRCOG COGitators comprised of Phoebe Walker, Rachel Stoler and Kimberly Naoke MacPhee sponsored by Blackmer Insurance Agency.

In other matters we established a Vanguard brokerage account to accept gifts of stock and launched an e-newsletter along with a revitalized web site www.marylyon.org. The annual special education conference was held in March at Deerfield Academy for 700 western Massachusetts educators, and the Gift Catalog or wish list of school supplies garnered \$4,000 in cash and in-kind donations with major support from Goodnow's Chip 'N Putt and Keystone Market.

Board members are George Dole, Marion Taylor, Hugh Knox, Karen Fairbrother, Sharon Hudson, Suzanne Conway Lagreze, Beth Bandy, Stefan Kostka, Jim Pilgrim, Amy Love, student representatives Molly Walsh Warder and Lydia Morris. Along with about 60 volunteers our part-time staff includes Sheila Damkoehler, Gina Sieber, Lynn Nichols, Josie Tetreault and Jill Connolly.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Samoriski, Ed.D.
Executive Director

2012 ANNUAL REPORT CARL H. NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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



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This year the Awards subcommittee read 81 applications, 34 were from seniors and 47 from previous graduates of Mohawk. \$29,750.00 is to be awarded using 30% for seniors and 70% for graduates. The Committee feels that seniors have multiple scholarship opportunities from other sources while graduates have far fewer resources. 24 scholarships totaling \$9,150.00 were awarded to seniors (70% of applicants). 42 scholarships totaling \$20,600.00 were given to graduates (98% of applicants.) The awards committee is Sheila Graves, Marge Porrovecchio (Charlemont), Eric Sumner (Heath), Michelle Hillman (Colrain) and Marion Scott (Buckland).

From 1991 ó 2012 a total of \$779,225.00 has been awarded in scholarships. Mohawk seniors have received \$240,475.00 and \$538,750.00 has been awarded to Mohawk graduates.

A new formula for determining what percentage of the funds should be distributed as scholarships has been established by the School Committee and the management firm of Bartholomew and Company.

Co-chairs of the Committee are Marge Porrovecchio and Robin Hartnett. The Finance Committee is composed of David Engle, Marion Taylor and Jim Pilgrim. Other members of the Committee are Paula Consolo, member at large from Buckland, Jonathan Diamond from Heath and Rebecca Bradley.

We wish to thank David Purington who has served as liaison between the School Committee and the Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Committee.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Marion E. Scott,
Secretary



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REPORT OF THE TYLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

2012 was a fantastic year at our Library! Embracing the summer reading theme “Dream Big,” many exciting activities took place. 2012 was a transitional year as well, our trusted Library Trustee, Mary Campbell finished her term, after serving twelve years. Mary Campbell was instrumental, through her diligence research at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC, in procuring the National Parks Service “Network to Freedom” designations for the two Leavitt Homesteads. There are currently fifteen sites in Massachusetts, thank you, Mary, for putting Charlemont on the map.

We currently have 532 families as members from the Towns of Charlemont, Hawley and the other Hilltowns, patron membership having grown from 299 eighteen years ago. Over 10,000 items circulated throughout the year. One hundred and seventeen children and young adults took part in the “Dream Big 2012: Nationwide summer reading program. Jaxon Palmer, Hawlemont fourth grader, won the t-shirt design competition for our library t-shirts which were distributed to summer reading participants. Thank you, Hawlemont PTO, for generously contributing to the costs of the t-shirts.

Throughout the year, the Library hosted the following activities: “Cousinsø Abolitionist Presentation” during Black History month, February vacation Fairy workshop; LCC funded “Frog Castle Tropical Holiday Quilting Bee;” Felting Evening Workshop; Hawlemont Library collaboration “UGRR Town Pride Quilt;” June class visits to Tyler Memorial Library; Pre-School Storytimes through CPC; Summer reading t-shirt art competition; “DREAM BIG” Summer reading kick-off party with storyteller, John Porcino; “Dream Weaver Workshop” with Viv Conant; “Magical Mystery Tour” field trip to the Three Sisters Sanctuary in Goshen; week-long “Frog Castle Walk Back In Time Camp,” funded through Charlemont/Hawley LCC(twenty campers , 3rd-8th graders attended)Campout at Mohawk State Forest; two amazing afternoons at The Art Garden, creating “Dream Big Frog Girl;” end of the summer creative arts party returning to the Three Sisters Sanctuary; Autumn Hawlemont Class visits to the Library; Best Ever Halloween/Pizza party with games and Madame Marie Fortune Teller; Adult Felting workshop; Megan E. LaBonte “366 Photography Presentation” and “a daylong “Festive Writing Celebration” with the creative spirit of “Pamby and the Dancing Frogs” at the Hawlemont School Library with Director, Mary Boehmer and each individual class.



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The Massachusetts Library System's inter-library loans continue to make weekly deliveries to our Library. With efficient service out of Worcester, we have consistently been able to serve our patrons with books borrowed beyond our Library's Collection. The Massachusetts Library System and the Board of Library Commissioners continue to fund State Aid for the Towns of Charlemont and Hawley towards our Library's budget, as well as provide the services for consultation, educational opportunities, automated library collections and guidance.

Our Library year would not have been as fulfilling if it were not for our Patrons. Many thanks go to each and every one of you, and to the many volunteers, over the course of the years, who have donated time, materials and financial contributions towards our collections (both books and frogs), projects and celebrations. A special thank you to the parents who take the time to walk or transport their children to our Community's Library.

Activities, displays, special events are all planned for the future. Class visits reinforce the awareness of our Community's resources, and we hope to be able to continue to spark interests and encourage a quest for knowledge through the discovery and enjoyment reading provides.

A special Thanks goes out to Ellen Miller who served as Library Trustee for eighteen years. All the successful workshops, events, Frog Castle Camps, recognitions and opportunities that took place at the Library, would not have been possible, if it weren't for this Little Lady. A very big heartfelt THANKS.

After eighteen years, as Director, I have decided to embrace future adventures. It has been one of the greatest opportunities to have served as your Town Librarian! Many Thanks for all the Memories & Happy Trails.

PLEASE NOTE OUR LIBRARY HOURS are:
Wednesday 1:00 to 4:00 - Thursday 3:00 to 7:00 - Saturday 10:00 to Noon

We look forward to being able to interest you in a good book.

Respectfully submitted,
Bambi Miller, **Library Director**

Library Trustees: Sue Williams, Chair. Ellen Miller, Esther Haskell and Hawley Representative, Jane Myers