

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

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.

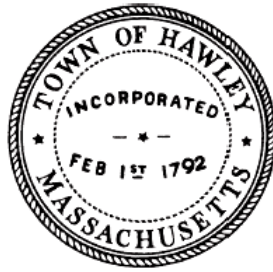
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Town Officers



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Dedication

In recognition of her dedication and service to the Town of Hawley for over 22 years, we, the Selectboard of Hawley, would like to dedicate this year's Annual Town Report to Virginia Gabert, whose wisdom and intelligence helped guide our town through the catastrophic events following Tropical Storm Irene.

We also wish, sadly, to recognize her beloved companion Jake, the dog, who for many years was our warm-hearted mascot at the Town Office. He faithfully came to work from when he was just a puppy, until he lost his battle with old age in December 2012.



(photo by Matthew Cavanaugh)

TOWN OFFICIALS – ELECTED

Selectmen/Board of Health (3-year term)

Philip Keenan, Chairman	Term expires 2016
John Sears (to fill Richard Desmarais term)	Term expires 2014
Robert MacLean (to fill Tedd White term)	Term expires 2015

Town Clerk (3-year term)

Pamela Shrimpton (to fill Lisa Turner term)	Term expires 2014
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Assessors (3-year terms)

Henry Eggert, Chairman	Term expires 2015
Jason Velazquez	Term expires 2016
Rick Kean (to fill Richard Desmarais term)	Term expires 2014

School Committee (3-year terms)

Regina Velazquez	Term expires 2015
Hussein Hamdan	Term expires 2016
(vacant)	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 2016
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Moderator

Kirby (öLarkö) Thwing	Term expires 2014
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Tree Warden (became an appointed position)

Richard Gould	Term expires 2014
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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 2014

Tax Title Custodian (1-yr term)
Charles Stetson
Term expires 2014

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

Animal Control 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 2018
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 2016
Charles Stetson	Term expires 2014
(vacant)	Term expires 2015

Conservation Commission

Robert Taylor	Term expires 2016
(vacant)	Term expires 2016
Lloyd Crawford, Chairman	Term expires 2014
Margaret Fitzpatrick	Term expires 2014
Kirby Thwing, Jr.	Term expires 2015

Historical Commission

John Sears	Term expires 2016
Bob Root	Term expires 2016
Pamela Shrimpton	Term expires 2014
Kirby Thwing, Jr.	Term expires 2015
Ray Gotta	Term expires 2015

Registrar of Voters (terms expire March 31)

Pamela Shrimpton
Melanie Poudrier
Margaret Eggert
Daniel Hoyt

Election Officers (terms expire August 31)

Gloria Decker
Melanie Poudrier
Elvira Scott
Mary Gelinas
Christine Hicks
Tammy Schofield
Juanita Clark
Jerome Sternstein
Trina Sternstein
Margaret Eggert

Lorraine McCarthy
Anne Hamilton-Kean
Susan Olsen
Paul Norcross
Shinichi Miyazaki
Beth Thwing
Lark Thwing
CourtneyAnn Hoyt
Jane Grant

Council on Aging

Joyce Charland
Cyndie Stetson
Lisa Turner

Burial Agent

Pamela Shrimpton

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
Peter Mitchell
Lisa Turner

Term expires 2016
Term expires 2014
Term expires 2015

Communications Committee

Jason Velazquez
Rick Kean
Kirby Thwing
Susan Olson
Craig Shrimpton

TOWN OFFICIALS – APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

Finance Committee:

Lloyd Crawford
Jennifer Rich
Kirby Thwing, Jr.
Jane Grant
(vacant)

Term expires 2018
Term expires 2014
Term expires 2015
Term expires 2016
Term expires 2017

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT (MAY 5, 2014)

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.

The following officers are to be elected by ballot and the following questions are to be voted on by ballot, for which purpose the polls will be open at 11:45 a.m. and close at 6:30 p.m.:

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

Question 1: Shall the Town of Hawley be allowed to exempt from the provision of Proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to purchase a new Highway Department Truck? Yes ___ No ___

Question 2: Shall the Town vote to have its elected Tree Warden become an appointed Tree Warden of the town? Yes ___ No ___

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, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries or compensation of the following officers of the Town as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$68,500.00 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	1854.00
Selectboard members	1648.00
Town Clerk	8755.00
Chairman of Assessors	1339.00
Assessors members	1133.00
Tax Collector	5562.00
Auditor	118.50
Moderator	118.50
Treasurer	7570.50

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

Snow Roads	78,800.00
Employee Vacations	8,200.00
Employee Holidays (11)	4,870.00
Employee Sick Days (5)	2,500.00
Employee Health Insurance	24,300.00
Drug and Alcohol Testing	500.00
Town Insurances	27,000.00
Massachusetts Unemployment	3,000.00
FICA/Medicare (Town's share)	4,500.00
Town Building Expenses	14,000.00
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	3,700.00
Tax Collector Expenses	2,000.00
Board of Health Expenses	250.00
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
Firefighter Stipends	2,000.00
Fire Chiefs Salary	2,500.00
EMT Equipment	2,500.00
Insect Pest Control	182.00
Veterans Benefits	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	766.00
Franklin County Retirement System	21,112.00

Total for Article 3	230,980.00
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Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$165,042.00 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 \$0.00 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 \$146,290.00 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 \$3,455.00 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 allow the Mohawk Trail Regional School District to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$542,778 to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee for repair work to the Mohawk Trail Regional Middle & High School located at 26 Ashfield Road in Buckland, Massachusetts, to include drainage upgrades, parking lot resurfacing, re-pointing/re-caulking work, floor replacements, heating, ventilation and air condition upgrades, auditorium lighting equipment upgrades and installation of a second means of egress from main electrical switchgear room totaling \$542,778. The proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required education program.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$95,000, and transfer \$40,000 from Free Cash to cover the cost of tuition 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 \$40,000.00 to cover the cost of transportation for students attending vocational schools, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 for the Tyler Memorial Library, 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, 2014, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,250.00 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 \$80,000.00 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 \$3,500.00 for the purpose, or take any other action in relation thereto.

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 \$47,000.00 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 or otherwise provide the sum of \$1,000.00 for WiredWest, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,567.00 for its share of the statutory charges (\$1,537.00); regional services assessments (\$1,930.00); and Regional Emergency Planning Committee assessment (\$100.00) of the FRCOG, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,364.34 for the Regional Health Agent Program, services provided by the Franklin Regional Council of Governments, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 28: 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 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600.00 for Blackboard Connect Notification System, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$772.22 to cover expenses relating to Emergency Communications Maintenance Assessment, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,000.00 to cover this year's payment for the purchase of the McCloud property (principal payment of \$20,000.00 and interest payment of \$____.00), or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,000.00 to cover this year's payment for the purchase of the loader (principal payment of \$23,000.00 and interest payment of \$____.00), or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide a sum or sums 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 34: 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 35: 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 FY15 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 36: To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving account pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, section 53E ½ for which revenues from fees or fines related to the licensing and care of dogs will be deposited into the fund and expended to purchase dog tags; pay for various expenses in relation to licensing, care and other related dog control expenses under the direction of the Town Clerk, and total expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 will be limited to \$1,000, with all money remaining in the fund at the end of each fiscal year, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 37: 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 38: 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 39: 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 40: 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 41: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$10,000.00 from Free Cash to make a payment on the Storm Damage loan, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 42: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$10,308.33 from Free Cash to the FY14 Snow Roads account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 43: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$2,000.00 from Free Cash to replace the propane heater at the Town Office, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 44: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum from the Highway Department Equipment Stabilization Fund for the purchase of a new Highway Department Truck, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 45: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$150,000.00 to purchase a new Highway Department Truck, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to issue any bonds or notes that may be necessary for that purpose, as authorized by General Laws Chapter 44, section 7(9), or any other general or special law, for a period not to exceed five years, provided, however, that this appropriation and debt authorization be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion referendum under General Laws Chapter 59, section 21C (i½), or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 46: To transact any other business that legally may come before the Town Meeting.

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

NOTE: There will be an informational meeting on Monday, April 28, 2014
at 7:30pm at the Hawley Town Office.

REVIEW OF TOWN MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS IN 2012

Presidential Primary (Election) March 3, 2012

Republican ó Presidential Preference	Mitt Romney
State Committee Man	Michael F. Case
State Committee Woman	Robin S. Almgren
Democrat ó Presidential Preference	Barack Obama
State Committee Man	Michael Forbes Wilcox
State Committee Woman	Mary J. Palmer
Green-Rainbow	No votes

Special Town Meeting March 22, 2012

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MODERATOR, SCOTT
PURINTON AT 7:02 P.M. 14 RESIDENTS WERE PRESENT.

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$49,800 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,666 from Free Cash to the Storm Damage account to cover Chickley River unfunded expenses, or take any other action in relation thereto. SO MOVED. SECONDED. DISCUSSION: CHARLIE STETSON JUST SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH MEMA. \$350,000 WILL BE DISPENSED FROM LEGISLATURE THROUGH MEMA. REMAINDER MUST BE PAID FROM FREE CASH. MIYA OPPOSES, FEELS LANDOWNERS SHOULD BE PAYING. VOTE WAS 10 TO 3 IN FAVOR.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000 from Free Cash to the Legal Counsel account, or take any other action in relation thereto. SO MOVED. SECONDED. DISCUSSED. VOTE WAS 9 TO 3 IN FAVOR.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:20 P.M.

**Annual Town Meeting
May 7, 2012**

The following officers are to be elected by ballot and the following question is to be voted on by ballot, for which purpose the polls will be open at 11:45 a.m. and close at 6:30 p.m.: (THERE WERE NO QUESTIONS TO BE VOTED ON THIS YEAR.)

Selectman (3-year term) ó TEDD WHITE WAS ELECTED
Assessor (3-year term) ó HENRY EGGERT WAS ELECTED
Auditor (1-year term) ó KIRBY ðLARKö THWING WAS
ELECTED
Moderator (1-year term) ó CYNTHIA STETSON WAS ELECTED
Tree Warden (1-year term) ó RICHARD GOULD WAS ELECTED
Hawlemont School Committee (3-year term)
Rep. to K-12 Committee for Mohawk Trail District (3-year term) ó
SUZANNE CRAWFORD WAS ELECTED

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

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MODERATOR, SCOTT PURINTON AT 9:17 P.M. THE MEETING WAS DELAYED DUE TO VERY HIGH VOTER TURN-OUT AND A LARGE NUMBER OF WRITING VOTES TO BE COUNTED. SIX NON-REGISTERED VOTERS WERE PRESENT. THIRTY-ONE REGISTERED VOTERS WERE PRESENT. SELECTMEN PRESENT WERE RICHARD DESMARAIS AND PHILIP KEENAN.

Article 1: To act on the reports of the Town Officers. SO MOVED BY LARK THWING. SECONDED BY TINKY WEISBLAT. PASSED, UNANIMOUS.

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 \$60,200.00 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. SO MOVED BY LARK THWING. SECONDED BY TINKY WEISBLAT. LARK SPOKE TO THE

RESIDENTS AS A FINANCE COMM. MEMBER ABOUT THE NEED TO INCREASE OUR TOWN SALARIES TO BRING THE FIGURES MORE IN LINE AND ACCURAGE WITH SURROUNDING TOWNS. PASSED AS WRITTEN, UNANIMOUSLY.

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	72,800.00
Employee Vacations	7,675.00
Employee Holidays (11)	4,545.00
Employee Sick Days (5)	2,500.00
Employee Health Insurance	24,300.00
Drug and Alcohol Testing	500.00
Town Insurances (including McNamara coverage)	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	182.00
Veterans Benefits	2,000.00
Care of Cemeteries	1,000.00
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	18,387.00

Total for Article 3 217,433.00

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$144,343.00 to cover its share of operating expenses of the Hawlemont Regional School District, or take any other action in relation thereto. SO MOVED, CHARLIE STETSON. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,237.00 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. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, ELLEN SCOTT. PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

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. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. MICHAEL B. OF THE SCHOOL ADDRESSED THE RESIDENTS, STATING THE NECESSITY OF THE MONEY. ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$122,350.00 to cover its share of the operating expenses of the

Mohawk Regional School District, or take any other action in relation thereto. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. SCOTT PURINTON NOTED THERE WAS A DECREASE OF 11/82%. ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,851.00 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. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. PASSED AS WRITTEN.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$106,300.00 to cover the cost of tuition for students attending vocational schools, or take any other action in relation thereto. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. CHARLIE STETSON NOTED THAT SEVEN STUDENTS ARE ANTICIPATED THIS YEAR. ARTICLE PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION, AKASHA JELANI.

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. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. ARTICLE PASSED.

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. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. ARTICLE PASSED.

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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, 2012, or take any other action in relation thereto. SO

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Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,092.00 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. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. ARTICLE PASSED.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$71,500.00 for the General Highways Account, or take any other action in relation thereto. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. ARTICLE PASSED.

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. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. CHARLIE STETSON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE AMOUNT OF \$181,071.00. ARTICLE PASSED AS AMENDED.

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. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. ARTICLE PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION FROM SUSAN OLSEN.

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. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. ONE VOTER OPPOSED, ONE VOTER WITH AN ABSTENTION. ARTICLE PASSED

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WEISBLAT. ARTICLE PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION FROM AKASHA JELANI.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for Machinery Maintenance, or take any other action in relation thereto. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. ONE QUESTION: WHAT MACHINERY? ARTICLE PASSED.

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. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. ARTICLE PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION FROM AKASHA JENANI.

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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. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. TEDD WHITE POINTED OUT THAT FUEL SHOULD ONLY BE USED TO COVER TOWN EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES. GREG COX, FIRE CHIEF, STATED THAT THERE WAS A LOG USED. GAS WAS USED FOR GENERATORS WHEN NEEDED. AMENDED TO READ SO. PASSED AS AMENDED.

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. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. CHARLIE STETSON STATED THAT THE INTERNET BILL \$139.98 PER MONTH. ONE VOTER ASKED THE MONTHLY COST. ARTICLE PASSED, ONE ABSTENTION.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,314.00 for its share of the statutory charges (\$1,210.00); regional services assessments (\$2,004.00); and Regional Emergency Planning

Committee assessment (\$100.00) of the FRCOG, or take any other action in relation thereto. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. ARTICLE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the Regional Health Agent Program, services provided by the Franklin Regional Council of Governments, or take any other action in relation thereto. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. ARTICLE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,880.00 to cover this year's payment for the purchase of the McCloud property (principal payment of \$20,000.00 and interest payment of \$2,880.00), or take any other action in relation thereto. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. SCOTT PURINTON ASKED IF WE HAVE FREE CASH HELD OUT FOR THIS. CHARLIE STETSON EXPLAINED THAT THIS IS THE SECOND OF FIVE PAYMENTS. ARTICLE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,271.25 to cover this year's payment for the purchase of the loader (principal payment of \$23,000.00 and interest payment of \$2,271.25), or take any other action in relation thereto. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. GREG COX ASKED HOW MANY MORE PAYMENTS? CHARLIE STETSON RESPONDED THAT THIS IS PAYMENT THREE OF FIVE. ARTICLE PASSED.

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide a sum or sums 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. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. CHARLIE STETSON ASKED TO TABLE THIS ARTICLE (29) AS WE FUNDED THIS IN SEVERAL YEARS AND WE HAVE SURPLUS. ARTICLE TABLED.

Article 30: 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. TABLED.

Article 31: 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 FY13 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. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. ARTICLE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 32: 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. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. ARTICLE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$639.00 to cover expenses relating to Emergency Communications Maintenance Assessment, or take any other action in relation thereto. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. ARTICLE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving account pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, section 53E ½ for which revenues from fees or fines related to the licensing and care of dogs will be deposited into the fund and expended to purchase dog tags; pay for various expenses in relation to licensing, care and other related dog control expenses under the direction of the Town Clerk, and total expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 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. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. ARTICLE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 for Landfill Maintenance, or take any other action in relation thereto. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. ARTICLE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$20,000.00 from Free Cash to the Fire Equipment Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. ARTICLE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$20,000.00 from Free Cash to the Highway Equipment Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. JADE MORTIMER ASKS THE DIFFERENCE FROM TOWN VEHICLES. ANSWERED BY FIRRE CHIEF GREG COX. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$12,000.00 from Free Cash to fund a municipal audit in accordance with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133 (required when expending over \$500,000 in Federal funds), or take any other action in relation thereto. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. ARTICLE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. CHARLIE STETSON STATED THAT THE TOTAL OF THE STORM DAMAGE LOAN WAS ONE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. ARTICLE PASSED.

Article 40: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$25,000.00 from Free Cash to reduce the FY13 tax rate, or take any other action in relation thereto. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. SCOTT PURINTON EXPLAINED THE FREE CASH ACCOUNT TO VOTERS. ARTICLE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 41: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$15,000 from Free Cash to replace the dump body on the Highway Department's 1995 Ford truck in FY12, or take any other action in relation thereto. SO MOVED TEDD WHITE. SECONDED TINKY WEISBLAT. CHRIS TIRONE ASKED IF CHAPTER 90 FUNDS COULD BE USED FOR THIS. ANSWER FROM CHARLIE STETSON WAS YES BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO COVER IT. CRAIG SHRIMPTON ASKED WHY WE DON'T JUST BUY A NEW TRUCK. RICHARD GOULD SAID THAT WOULD COST ABOUT \$150,000.00. ARTICLE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 42: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Zoning Bylaw amendment to create a Hawley Floodplain Overlay District, or take any other action in relation thereto. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. TEDD WHITE SPOKE FIRST, STATING THAT HE FEELS WE SHOULD VOTE IT DOWN. HE FELT IT WAS NOT WRITTEN CORRECTLY. ARTICLES WERE MISSING. (AN UPDATED VERSION WAS SET ON A TABLE FOR HANDOUTS BEFORE THE MEETING BEGAN. THEY WERE PUT ON THE TABLE EARLY MONDAY MORNING, MAY 7, 2012.) TEDD KNEW OF NO RESIDENTS THAT HAVE FLOOD INSURANCE CURRENTLY IN TOWN. CRAIG SHRIMPTON SPOKE, STATING THAT HE IS IN THE PROCESS OF REFINANCING AND THE BANK IS INSISTING HE GET FLOOD INSURANCE THAT THE TOWN COULD BE IN TROUBLE DOWN THE ROAD WITHOUT THIS. LLOYD CRAWFORD STATED THAT WE HAVE TO DO THIS BECAUSE OF A LETTER THE TOWN RECEIVED LAST MAY. LLOYD SHOWED A MAP THAT SHOWED THE PROVISIONS. PAT SMITH SAID FEMA WANTS TOWNS TO PARTICIPATE. IF WE DONOT PASS IT NOW, WE WOULD HAVE TO RE-APPLY LATER AND IT WOULD TAKE TIME. MUCH DISCUSSION ENSUED. SEVERAL COMMENTS WERE MADE BOTH WAYS ON THIS SUBJECT. MODERATOR, SCOTT PURINTON DECIDED WE HAD TO TAKE A VOTE, AND THAT WE NEEDED A TWO THIRDS MAJORITY TO PASS IT. WITH A SHOW OF HANDS, IT DID PASS BY MORE THAN TWO THIRDS. FOUR PEOPLE WERE AGAINST IT. ARTICLE PASSED WITH A TWO THIRDS VOTE.

**PROPOSED ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENTS TO
CREATE HAWLEY FLOODPLAIN OVERLAY DISTRICT**

**1) AMEND ARTICLE III – DISTRICTS AND USE
REQUIREMENTS, SECTION 31: DISTRICTS, AS
FOLLOWS:**

The entire town of Hawley is hereby designated as a Rural District.
*In addition, there shall be a Floodplain Overlay District as defined
herein in Article III, Section 36.*

2) ADD NEW SECTION 36, FLOODPLAIN OVERLAY DISTRICT TO ARTICLE III – DISTRICTS AND USE REQUIREMENTS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 36: Floodplain Overlay District

36.1 - Statement of purpose: *The purposes of the Floodplain Overlay District are to:*

- a. Ensure public safety through reducing the threats to life and personal injury;*
- b. Eliminate new hazards to emergency response officials;*
- c. Prevent the occurrence of public emergencies resulting from a reduction in water quality, contamination, and/or pollution due to flooding;*
- d. Avoid the loss of utility services which if damaged by flooding would disrupt or shut down the utility network and impact regions of the community beyond the site of flooding;*
- e. Reduce costs associated with the response and cleanup of flooding conditions;*
- f. Reduce damage to public and private property resulting from flooding waters.*

36.2 - Floodplain district boundaries and base flood elevation and floodway data:

- a. The Floodplain District is herein established as an overlay district. The District includes all special flood hazard areas designated on the Hawley Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the NFIP dated December 4, 1985 as Zone A, which indicates the 100-year regulatory floodplain. The FIRM is incorporated herein by reference and is on file with the Town Clerk, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board, Building Inspector, and Conservation Commission.*
- b. Floodway Data: In Zone A, along watercourses that have not had a regulatory floodway designated, the best available Federal,*

State, local, or other floodway data shall be used as outlined in the State Building Code to prohibit encroachments in floodways which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.

*c. **Base Flood Elevation Data:** Base flood elevation data is required for subdivision proposals or other developments greater than 3 lots or 5 acres, whichever is less, where a portion of the development activity would be located within the A zones.*

36.3 - Notification of watercourse alteration: *The Building Inspector for Hawley shall notify the following of any alteration or relocation of a river:*

- *Adjacent Communities*
- *NFIP State Coordinator*
Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation
251 Causeway Street, Suite 600-700
Boston, MA 02114-2104
- *NFIP Program Specialist*
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region I
99 High Street, 6th Floor
Boston, MA 02110

36.4 - Use regulations:

A. Reference to existing regulations

All development in the Floodplain District, including structural and non-structural activities, whether permitted by right or by special permit, must be in compliance with Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws (the Wetlands Protection Act) and with the following:

- *Section of the Massachusetts State Building Code (780 CMR) which addresses floodplain hazard areas;*
- *Wetlands Protection Regulations, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) (currently 310 CMR 10.00);*
- *Inland Wetlands Restriction, DEP (currently 310 CMR 13.00); and*

- *Minimum Requirements for the Subsurface Disposal of Sanitary Sewage, DEP (currently 310 CMR 15, Title 5).*

Any variances from the provisions and requirements of the above referenced state regulations may only be granted in accordance with the required variance procedures of these state regulations.

B. Permitted uses

The following uses with low flood damage potential and causing no obstructions to flood flows are allowed provided they are permitted in the underlying district:

1. *Agricultural uses such as farming, truck farming, horticulture, aquaculture, etc.*
2. *Forestry and nursery uses.*
3. *Outdoor recreational uses not requiring permanent structures, including fishing, boating, play areas, etc.*
4. *Conservation of water, plants, wildlife.*
5. *Wildlife management areas, foot, bicycle, and/or horse paths.*
6. *Temporary non-residential structures used in connection with fishing, growing, harvesting, storage, or sale of crops raised on the premises.*
7. *Buildings lawfully existing prior to the adoption of these provisions.*

C. Nonconforming uses

1. *Any lawful use or structure existing at the effective date of this Bylaw/Ordinance or amendments thereof and not in conformance with the provisions of this bylaw/ordinance shall be considered to be a nonconforming use or structure, subject to Article IV, Section 41: Existing Uses, Structures, and Lots, herein.*

36.5 - Enforcement:

Any violation of this section of the bylaw shall be subject to enforcement action by the Building Inspector pursuant to Article V - Administration, Section 51: Enforcement, herein.

3) AMEND ARTICLE II – DEFINITIONS, TO ADD THE FOLLOWING NEW DEFINITIONS:

Base Flood - The flood having a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (also known as the “one-hundred-year flood”).

Base flood elevation (BFE) - The elevation of the flood that has a 1 percent chance of occurring in a given year. Also known as the 1 percent annual chance flood or the 100 year flood.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - The federal agency that administers the National Flood Insurance Program. FEMA provides a nationwide flood hazard area mapping study program for communities as well as regulatory standards for development in the flood hazard areas.

Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) - An official map of a community on which FEMA has delineated both the Areas of Special Flood Hazard and the Risk Premium Zones applicable to the community.

Floodway - The channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation.

Hazardous materials - Products, wastes, or combination of substances which because of their quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical, toxic, radioactive, or infectious characteristics may reasonably pose a significant, actual, or potential hazard to human health, safety, welfare, or the environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, used, disposed or otherwise managed. Hazardous materials include, without limitation, synthetic organic chemicals, petroleum products, heavy metals, radioactive or infectious materials, and all substances defined as “toxic” or “hazardous under M.G.L. Chapters 21C and 21E, using the Massachusetts Oil and Hazardous Substance List (310 CMR 40.0000). The definition may also include acids and alkalis, solvents, thinners, and pesticides.

One-hundred-year flood - see Base flood.

Regulatory floodway - See Floodway.

River - A natural flowing body of water that empties to any ocean, lake, or other river and which flows throughout the year.

Riverine - Relating to or resembling a river, or located beside a river.

Special flood hazard area - The land in the floodplain within a community subject to a one percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year. The area is designated as Zone A.

Structure - For floodplain management purposes, a walled and roofed building, including a gas or liquid storage tank, that is principally above ground, as well as a manufactured home. For insurance coverage purposes, structure means a walled and roofed building, other than a gas or liquid storage tank, that is principally above ground and affixed to a permanent site, as well as a mobile home on foundation. For the latter purpose, the term includes a building in the course of construction, alteration, or repair, but does not include building materials or supplies intended for use in such construction, alteration, or repair, unless such materials or supplies are within an enclosed building on the premises.

Zone A - The 100-year floodplain area where the base flood elevation (BFE) has not been determined. To determine the BFE, use the best available federal, state, local, or other data as outlined in the State Building Code.

Zone C - Areas identified on the FIRM as areas of moderate or minimal flood hazard.

Article 42: To transact any other business that legally may come before the Town Meeting. THIS ARTICLE WAS RE-NUMBERED TO ARTICLE 43 ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER. SO MOVED, LARK THWING. SECONDED, TINKY WEISBLAT. ARTICLE TABLED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:44 P.M.

**State Primary (Election)
September 6, 2012**

Republican ó Senator in Congress	Scott Brown
Representative in Congress	No nomination
Councillor	Michael F. Case
Representative in General Court	No nomination
Clerk of Courts	No nomination
Register of Deeds	No votes
Senator in General Court	No nomination
 Democrat ó Senator in Congress	 Elizabeth Warren
Representative in Congress	Andrea F. Nuciforo, Jr.
Councillor	Michael Albano
Representative in General Court	Paul W. Mark
Clerk of Courts	Susan K. Emond
Register of Deeds	Scott A. Cote
Senator in General Court	Benjamin B. Downing
 Green-Rainbow ó Senator in Congress	 No nomination
Representative in Congress	No nomination
Councillor	No nomination
Representative in General Court	No nomination
Clerk of Courts	No nomination
Register of Deeds	No nomination
Senator in General Court	No nomination

REVIEW OF TOWN MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS IN 2013

Special Town Election March 12, 2013

Selectman (1 year)	John Sears
Assessor (1 year)	Richard Kean

State Primary Election/Annual Town Election April 30, 2013

Special State Primary

Senator ó Republican	Gabriel Gomez
Senator ó Democrat	Edward Markey

Annual Town Election

Selectman (3 years)	Philip C. Keenan
Assessor (3 years)	Jason Velazquez
Auditor (1 year)	Kirby Lark Thwing
Moderator (1 year)	Kirby Lark Thwing
Tree Warden (1 year)	Richard Gould
Representative/Hawlemont (3 years)	Hussain Hamdan
Non-parent LEC for Hawlemont (3 years)	Suzanne Crawford

Annual Town Meeting May 6, 2013

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. **Approved**

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. **Approved**

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:

Approved

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 Insurances	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	182.00
Veterans Benefits	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

Total corrected by Virginia Gabert: 224,888.00

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. **Approved**

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. **Approved**

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. **Approved**

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$138,833.00 (**corrected to \$139,145.00**) to cover its share of the operating expenses of the Mohawk Regional School District, or take any other action in relation thereto. **Approved**

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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. **Approved**

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. **Approved**

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. **Approved**

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. **Approved**

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. **Approved**

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. **Approved**

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. **Approved**

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. **Approved**

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. **Approved**

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. **Approved**

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. **Approved**

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. **Passed over as sum for this fund is zero.**

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. **Approved**

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.

Approved

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 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. **Approved**

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. **Approved**

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. **Approved**

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. **Approved**

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. **Tabled until the Job Description Review Committee has determined an additional sum to be discussed**

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. **Approved**

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. **Discussion ensued regarding pros and cons. Tabled until proposed amendment can be re-worded and discussed in more detail**

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 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. **Approved**

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 see if the Town will vote to change the position of Tree Warden for the Town of Hawley from an elected position to an appointed position, or take any other action in relation thereto. **Approved**

Article 46: (submitted by petition) To see if the Town will vote to combine the two jobs held by the Treasurer and Tax Collector into one job, or take any other action in relation thereto. **Tabled until reviewed by the Job Description Review Committee**

Article 47: To transact any other business that legally may come before the Town Meeting. **No other business came before the voters**

**Special State Election
June 25, 2013**

Senator in Congress TIE: Gabriel Gomez / Edward Markey

**Special Town Meeting
June 26, 2013**

At 7:30 o'clock in the evening the meeting will convene to act on the following articles:

- Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,500.00 from Free Cash to the FY13 Town Buildings Expenses account, or take any other action in relation thereto. **Approved unanimously.**
- Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,801.45 from Free Cash to the FY13 Snow Roads account, or take any other action in relation thereto. **Approved (1 opposed).**
- Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$200.00 from Free Cash to the FY13 Employee Holiday account, or take any other action in relation thereto. **Discussion ensued as to if there are any extra days not taken this year – negative. Approved unanimously.**
- Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$500.00 from Free Cash to the FY13 Town Clerk Expenses account to cover the cost of AutoMark programming, or take any other action in relation thereto. **Approved unanimously.**
- Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$200.00 from Free Cash to the Tri-Town Landfill account, or take any other action in relation thereto. **Approved (1 abstained).**
- Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,500.00 from Free Cash to the Internet Access account to cover

installation services and equipment for high speed internet at the Town Office, or take any other action in relation thereto. **Discussed – money is for equipment and not actual internet connection. Approved unanimously.**

- Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$300.00 from Free Cash to the All-Hawley River Day account, or take any other action in relation thereto. **After discussion, the article was tabled.**
- Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from Free Cash to the Highway Equipment Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto. **Approved unanimously.**
- Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from Free Cash to the Fire Department Equipment Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto. **Approved unanimously.**
- Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$100,000.00 to purchase a used Pumper for the Fire Department, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to issue any bonds or notes that may be necessary for that purpose, as authorized by General Laws Chapter 44, section 7(9), or any other general or special law, for a period not to exceed five years, provided, however, that this appropriation and debt authorization be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion referendum under General Laws Chapter 59, section 21C (i½), or take any other action in relation thereto. **Discussion ensued. Greg Cox explained that the pumper is 32 years old and parts are no longer available. This would be the first step in the possibly year long process of finding a new pumper. Approved unanimously.**
- Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize proceeding with the repair of the damage to East Road caused by Hurricane Irene, using the funds borrowed under previous authorization for storm damage repair in anticipation of reimbursement from FEMA and MEMA, provided that FEMA and DEP approve the

engineer's plans for the work, or take any other action in relation thereto. **Discussion ensued. There is no risk of not being reimbursed if the funds are approved by FEMA/MEMA. Approved unanimously.**

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize proceeding with the repair of the damage to Forge Hill Road caused by Hurricane Irene, using the funds borrowed under previous authorization for storm damage repair in anticipation of reimbursement from FEMA and MEMA, provided that FEMA and DEP approve the engineer's plans for the work, or take any other action in relation thereto. **Discussion ensued. FEMA has allotted at this point \$91,000 for the repair. The first engineering firm came up with a much higher quote, but a new firm is working on a quote which includes moving the road away from the river, which should be lower. Water bars were discussed as a way of controlling drainage. Approved unanimously.**

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to increase the Town Clerk's salary, and further vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums to fund this increase, or take any other action in relation thereto. **Rick Kean reviewed the findings of the Job Description Committee. The Committee recommends raising the Town Clerk salary from \$4200 to \$8500, based on a 15 hour work week, effective July 1, 2013. It was mentioned that the TC's responsibilities are designated by the State and that all the responsibilities should be done by the TC and not others in Town Hall. It was brought up that this 100% raise should not set a precedent for all positions. Approved (1 not in favor).**

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to support the following resolution:

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

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 the purposes of campaign-related expenditures and contributions. **Heated discussion ensued regarding this topic. A paper vote was taken. Approved (21 in favor, 17 not in favor and 7 abstained).**

**Special Town Election
July 9, 2013**

Selectman (2 years)	Robert MacLean
Town Clerk (1 year)	Pamela Shrimpton
Representative/Hawlemont (1 year)	Courtney Hoyt

Question: Shall the Town of Hawley be allowed to exempt from the provision of Proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to purchase a used Pumper for the Fire Department? Yes

REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS (FY2013)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

TOWN OFFICERS

APPROPRIATED		\$60,200.00
EXTENDED POLLING HOURS		\$357.00
EXPENDED	\$54,667.59	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$5,889.41

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

APPROPRIATED		\$24,300.00
EXPENDED	\$19,860.95	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$4,439.05

DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING

APPROPRIATED		\$500.00
EXPENDED	\$223.00	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$277.00

TOWN INSURANCE

APPROPRIATED		\$27,000.00
EXPENDED	\$20,638.62	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$6,361.38

MASS UNEMPLOYMENT

APPROPRIATED		\$3,000.00
EXPENDED	\$112.76	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$2,887.24

FICA/MEDICARE

APPROPRIATED		\$4,000.00
EXPENDED	\$4,776.09	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$223.91

TOWN BUILDING EXPENSE

APPROPRIATED		\$13,000.00
EXPENDED	\$12,886.24	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$113.76

TOWN REPORTS		
APPROPRIATED		\$1,500.00
EXPENDED	\$1,219.53	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$280.47
BONDING		
APPROPRIATED		\$500.00
EXPENDED	\$304.00	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$196.00
SELECTBOARD EXPENSES		
APPROPRIATED		\$2,000.00
EXPENDED	\$1,886.78	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$113.22
TREASURER EXPENSE		
APPROPRIATED		\$2,000.00
EXPENDED	\$2,000.00	
TAX COLLECTOR EXPENSE		
APPROPRIATED		\$2,000.00
EXPENDED	\$1,364.28	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$635.72
ASSESSORS EXPENSE		
APPROPRIATED		\$3,500.00
EXPENDED	\$2,179.57	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$1,320.43
ASSESSORS REVAL		
BALANCE FROM FY12		\$3,444.03
BALANCE TO FY14		\$3,444.03
TOWN CLERK EXPENSE		
APPROPRIATED		\$600.00
EXPENDED	\$501.28	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$98.72
OUTSIDE UTILITIES		
APPROPRIATED		\$200.00
EXPENDED	\$112.72	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$87.28

FINANCE COMMITTEE EXPENSE		
APPROPRIATED		\$250.00
EXPENDED	\$79.00	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$171.00
CONSERVATION COMMISSION EXPENSE		
APPROPRIATED		\$100.00
EXPENDED	\$72.00	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$28.00
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS EXPENSE		
APPROPRIATED		\$500.00
EXPENDED	\$31.82	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$468.18
HISTORICAL COMMISSION EXPENSE		
APPROPRIATED		\$100.00
BALANCE FROM FY12		\$2,616.89
BALANCE TO FY14		\$2,716.89
PLANNING BOARD EXPENSE		
APPROPRIATED		\$100.00
EXPENDED	\$95.46	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$4.54
BOARD OF HEALTH EXPENSE		
APPROPRIATED		\$1,000.00
EXPENDED	\$145.00	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$855.00
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
WEST FRANKLIN VETERANS SERVICE CENTER		
APPROPRIATED		\$744.00
EXPENDED	\$744.00	

CARE OF CEMETERIES		
APPROPRIATED		\$1,000.00
FROM RESERVE FUND		\$65.00
EXPENDED	\$1,065.00	
INTEREST		
APPROPRIATED		\$4,000.00
FROM FREE CASH		\$12,000.00
MCCLOUD PROPERTY		\$2,880.00
LOADER		\$2,271.25
EXPENDED		
Verizon abatement	\$2,156.27	
McCloud Property	\$2,880.00	
Loader	\$2,271.25	
Storm Damage	\$11,954.14	
TOTAL EXPENDED	\$7,640.75	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$1,889.59
FRANKLIN COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM		
APPROPRIATED		\$18,387.00
EXPENDED	\$18,045.00	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$342.00
TYLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY		
APPROPRIATED		\$1,000.00
EXPENDED	\$1,000.00	
FRANKLIN COUNTY COOP BUILDING INSPECTOR PROGRAM		
APPROPRIATED		\$3,500.00
EXPENDED	\$3,500.00	
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL		
APPROPRIATED		\$14,400.00
EXPENDED	\$14,400.00	
FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT		
APPROPRIATED		\$1,092.00
EXPENDED	\$1,032.60	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$59.40

RESERVE FUND		
APPROPRIATED (FREE CASH)		\$2,000.00
TRANSFER TO CARE OF CEMETERIES	\$65.00	
TRANSFER TO INTERNET ACCESS	\$26.78	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$1,908.22
LEGAL COUNSEL		
APPROPRIATED		\$1,500.00
TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH		\$5,000.00
BALANCE FROM FY12		\$1,781.50
EXPENDED		
MacNicol & Tombs	\$9630.00	
D.W.P.M.	\$1032.56	
TOTAL EXPENDED	\$10,662.56	
BALANCE TO FY14		\$553.94
RIGHT TO KNOW		
APPROPRIATED (FREE CASH)		\$450.00
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$450.00
FRCOG ASSESSMENTS		
APPROPRIATED		\$3,314.00
EXPENDED	\$3,314.00	
COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM		
APPROPRIATED		\$1,000.00
EXPENDED	\$977.00	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$23.00
TOWN BUILDING MAINT. & RENOVATION		
BALANCE FROM FY12		\$12,813.04
BALANCE TO FY14		\$12,813.04
HANDICAP ACCESS		
BALANCE FROM FY12		\$786.05
BALANCE TO FY14		\$786.05
COMPUTER ACCOUNT		
BALANCE FROM FY12		\$3,044.70
EXPENDED	\$1,672.89	
BALANCE TO FY14		\$1,371.81

INTERNET SERVICE EXPENSE		
APPROPRIATED		\$1,800.00
FROM RESERVE FUND		26.78
EXPENDED	\$1,826.78	
INTERNET ACCESS (INSTALLATION/EQUIPMENT)		
FROM FREE CASH		\$1,500.00
BALANCE TO FY14		\$1,500.00
COUNCIL ON AGING (TOWN)		
BALANCE FROM FY12		\$3,998.98
APPROPRIATED		\$300.00
BALANCE TO FY14		\$4,298.98
COUNCIL ON AGING (GRANT)		
RECEIVED FROM COMM OF MA.		\$3,500.00
BALANCE FROM FY12		\$3,664.28
EXPENDED	\$3,418.14	
BALANCE TO FY14		\$3,746.14
HCI GRANT		
BALANCE FROM FY12		\$3,150.94
BALANCE TO FY14		\$3,150.94
AUDIT		
BALANCE FROM FY12		\$2,941.25
APPROPRIATED		\$12,000.00
BALANCE TO FY13		\$14,941.25
LANDFILL CLOSURE/MAINTENANCE		
APPROPRIATED		\$2,000.00
BALANCE FROM FY12		\$1,057.92
FROM FREE CASH		\$200.00
EXPENDED	\$3,233.33	
BALANCE TO FY14		\$24.59
TRI-TOWN LANDFILL/MCCLLOUD PURCHASE		
BALANCE FROM FY12		\$21,765.58
BALANCE TO FY14		\$21,765.58
SURPLUS EQUIPMENT		
BALANCE FROM FY12		\$900.00
BALANCE TO FY14		\$900.00

TAX TITLE/FORECLOSURE COSTS		
BALANCE FROM FY12		\$3,530.50
APPROPRIATED		\$2,500.00
BALANCE TO FY14		\$6,030.50
LAND SALE/AUCTION		
BALANCE FROM FY12		\$2,760.11
BALANCE TO FY14		\$2,760.11
CONTINUING EDUCATION TOWN OFFICERS		
APPROPRIATED		\$1,000.00
BALANCE FROM FY12		\$1,232.00
BALANCE TO FY14		\$2,232.00
DOG FUND		
BALANCE FROM FY12		\$2,472.730
RECEIPTS		\$759.00
EXPENDED	\$64.30	
BALANCE TO FY14		\$3,167.43

POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE DEPARTMENT EXPENSE		
APPROPRIATED		\$1,250.00
EXPENDED	\$1,013.25	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$236.75
DARE GRANT		
BALANCE FROM FY12		\$929.02
BALANCE TO FY14		\$929.02
COMMUNITY POLICING GRANT		
BALANCE FROM FY12		\$4,617.26
EXPENDED	\$641.67	
BALANCE TO FY14		\$3,975.59

FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE DEPARTMENT GENERAL		
APPROPRIATED		\$10,000.00
EXPENDED	\$9,169.94	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE:		\$830.06
 FIRE CHIEF SALARY		
APPROPRIATED		\$2,500.00
EXPENDED	\$2,500.00	
 EMT EQUIPMENT		
APPROPRIATED		\$2,500.00
EXPENDED	\$561.75	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$1,938.25
 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
APPROPRIATED		\$1,200.00
EXPENDED	\$1,200.00	
 REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE		
APPROPRIATED		\$100.00
EXPENDED	\$100.00	
 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS		
APPROPRIATED		\$639.00
EXPENDED	\$638.16	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$0.84
 DRY HYDRANTS		
BALANCE FROM FY12		\$400.00
BALANCE TO FY14		\$400.00
 FIRE EQUIPMENT GRANT		
APPROPRIATED		\$1,000.00
BALANCE FROM FY12		\$1,001.43
EXPENDED	\$1,200.00	
BALANCE TO FY14		\$801.43
 NIMS EDUCATION		
BALANCE FROM FY12		\$500.00
BALANCE TO FY14		\$500.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

GENERAL HIGHWAYS

BALANCE FROM FY12		\$33,369.69
APPROPRIATED		\$71,500.00
EXPENDED		
LABOR	\$57,122.33	
MATERIAL/EQUIPMENT	\$23,682.21	
BALANCE TO FY13		\$24,065.15

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RECEIVED COMM OF MASS		\$236,149.84
EXPENDED	\$236,149.84	

SNOW ROADS

APPROPRIATED		\$72,800.00
FROM FREE CASH		\$5,801.45
EXPENDED		
LABOR	\$37,508.04	
MATERIAL/EQUIPMENT	\$41,093.41	

MACHINERY MAINTENANCE

APPROPRIATED		\$40,000.00
EXPENDED	\$37,424.13	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$2,575.87

EMPLOYEE VACATION PAY

BALANCE FROM FY12		\$70.84
APPROPRIATED		\$7,675.00
EXPENDED		
R. GOULD	\$2,049.52	
W.CLARK	\$1,539.20	
V.GABERT	\$1,443.60	
BALANCE TO FY13		\$2,713.52

EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY PAY

APPROPRIATED		\$4,545.00
EXPENDED	\$4,505.04	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$39.96

EMPLOYEE SICK PAY		
APPROPRIATED		\$2,500.00
BALANCE FROM FY12		\$13,924.88
EXPENDED		
R. GOULD	\$1,304.24	
W. CLARK	\$769.60	
BALANCE TO FY14		\$14,351.04
GASOLINE ACCOUNT		
APPROPRIATED		\$3,000.00
EXPENDED	\$686.14	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$2,313.86
TOWN GARAGE CONSTRUCTION		
BALANCE FROM FY12		\$23,798.87
BALANCE TO FY14		\$23,798.87
PURCHASE NEW HIGHWAY LOADER		
APPROPRIATED		\$23,000.00
EXPENDED(principal)	\$23,000.00	
STORM DAMAGE		
BALANCE FROM FY12	\$886,609.14	
REC. FROM FEMA		\$724,119.33
REC. FROM COMMONWEALTH		\$344,199.00
REC. FROM FHWA		\$7,083.74
EXPENDED	\$287,105.20	
BALANCE TO FY14	(\$98,312.27)	

SCHOOL DEPARTMENTS

HAWLEMONT OPERATING		
APPROPRIATED		\$144,343.00
EXPENDED	\$144,343.00	
 HAWLEMONT CAPITAL		
APPROPRIATED		\$13,237.00
EXPENDED	\$13,237.00	
 MOHAWK OPERATING		
APPROPRIATED		\$122,350.00
EXPENDED	\$122,350.00	
 MOHAWK CAPITAL		
APPROPRIATED		\$1,851.00
EXPENDED	\$1,851.00	
 VOCATIONAL TUITION		
APPROPRIATED		\$106,300.00
EXPENDED	\$49,733.00	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$56,567.00
 VOCATIONAL TRANSPORTATION		
APPROPRIATED		\$40,000.00
EXPENDED	\$18,585.96	
BALANCE TO SURPLUS REVENUE		\$21,414.04
 HAWLEMONT PRE-SCHOOL		
APPROPRIATED		\$1,800.00
EXPENDED	\$1,800.00	

ACCOUNTING OF FREE CASH FY2013

FREE CASH CERTIFIED AS OF 07-01-2012		\$147,014.00
7/1/2013 (ATM)	RESERVE FUND	\$2,000.00
	RIGHT TO KNOW	\$450.00
	INTEREST STORM DAMAGE LOAN	\$12,000.00
	HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PLOW	\$6,000.00
	FIRE EQUIPMENT STABILIZATION	\$10,000.00
	HWY EQUIPMENT STABILIZATION	\$10,000.00
6/26/13	TOWN BUILDING EXP	\$2,500.00
	SNOW ROADS EXP	\$5,801.45
	EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY PAY	\$200.00
	TOWN CLERK EXP	\$500.00
	TRI-TOWN LANDFILL	\$200.00
	INTERNET ACCESS (INSTAL/EQUIP)	\$1,500.00
	HWY EQUIPMENT STABILIZATION	\$10,000.00
	FIRE EQUIPMENT STABILIZATION	\$10,000.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS		\$71,151.45
BALANCE OF FREE CASH AS OF 6-30-13		\$75,862.55

ACCOUNTS CLOSED TO SURPLUS REVENUE FY2013

Selectboard Salary	675.00	Vocational Transportation	21,414.04
Accountant/Auditor Salary	115.00	Vocational tuition	56,567.00
Assessors Salaries	250.00	Machinery Maintenance	2,575.87
Town Clerk Salary	100.00	Gasoline	2,313.86
Other Officers Salaries	4,749.41	Solid Waste (FCSWMD)	59.40
FICA/Medicare (Town)	223.91	Outside Utilities	87.28
Town Building Exp	113.76	Insect Pest Control	182.00
Town Reports	280.47	Veterans Benefits	2,000.00
Bonding	196.00	Interest	1,889.59
Selectboard Expenses	113.22	Mass. Unemployment	2,887.24
Tax Collector Expenses	159.40	Employee Health Insurance	4,439.05
Assessors Expenses	726.17	Employee holiday pay	39.96
Town Clerk expenses	98.72	Insurance	6,361.38
Finance Committee Expenses	171.00	Franklin County Retirement	342.00
Conservation Comm. Exp	28.00	Community Health Program	23.00
Zoning Board Expenses	468.18	Reg. Emergency Plan. Comm.	0.84
Planning Board Expenses	100.00	Right to know	450.00
Board of Health Expenses	855.00	Payroll Expenses	0.24
Drug & Alcohol Testing	277.00	Other Expenses	100.00
Fire Department	830.06	Reserve Fund	1,908.22
EMT Equipment	1,938.25	Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.38
Police Department	236.75	TOTAL	116,246.03

TREASURER'S REPORT
07-01-12 THRU 06-30-13

BALANCE AS OF 7/1/2012 \$1,271,636.26

RECEIPTS:

TAX COLLECTIONS:

REAL ESTATE TAXES	716,787.57
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	23,289.95
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	32,218.51
IN LIEU OF TAXES	900.00
PENALTIES/INTEREST ON TAXES	5,774.08

PERMITS/FEES/LICENSES:

TAX COLLECTOR FEES	1,895.00
TOWN CLERK FEES	196.00
FIREARMS PERMITS	1,375.00
COPIES/FAX/ASSESSORS REPORTS	212.00
ZIPLINE PERMIT	500.00
BOARD OF HEALTH PERMITS	678.75
PLANNING BOARD FILING FEES	105.00
ZBA FILING FEES	100.00
TRASH BAGS/PERMITS	2,763.00
BUILDING PERMITS	105.00
FIRE DEPT PERMITS	130.00
BUSINESS/MARRIAGE LICENSE	290.00
DOG LICENSES	759.00
WETLAND PROTECTION FEES	760.00

PAYROLL WITHHOLDING:

FEDERAL TAX WITHHELD	17,934.00
FICA/MEDICARE WITHHELD	3,441.29
MASS TAX WITHHELD	8,017.89
COUNTY RETIREMENT WITHHELD	9,383.43
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE W/H	6,634.16

OTHER:

VOCATIONAL TRANSPORTATION	18,108.17
DISASTER ASSISTANCE	1,073,302.56
REFUNDS	128.00
SURPLUS EQUIPMENT SALE	342.00
INTEREST ON ACCOUNTS	4,683.87
TRUST FUND INTEREST	90.69
DONATIONS	375.00

GRANTS:	
FIRE DEPT GRANTS	3,750.00
COA GRANT	3,500.00
DEP RECYCLING GRANT	500.00

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS:	
-CHAPTER 70	35,202.00
-SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION	4,339.00
-EXEMPTIONS (VETERANS/BLIND)	2,963.00
-EXEMPTIONS (ELDERLY)	504.00
-UNRESTRICTED GENERAL AID	36,605.00
-SAPL12 (LIBRARY)	1,457.61
-EXTENDED POLLING HOURS	357.00
-STATE LAND	34,843.00
-CHERRY SHEET CHARGES	-606.00
CHP. 90 RE-IMBURSEMENT	236,149.84
REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES	250.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS:	2,291,094.15
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BALANCE PLUS RECEIPTS:	3,562,730.41
LESS SELECTMENS WARRANTS:	-2,194,408.26

BALANCE AS OF 6/30/13	\$1,368,322.37
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BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF 6/30/13:

GENERAL FUNDS:	
CHECKING ACCOUNTS	13,167.72
STORM DAMAGE ACCOUNT	18,216.45
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	1,153,786.02
BICENTENNIAL FUND	8,688.37

TRUST FUNDS:	
STABILIZATION ACCOUNT	167,398.90
OTHER TRUST FUNDS	7,064.91

6/30/2013	TOTAL CASH + TRUST FUNDS	\$1,368,322.37
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Respectfully submitted,
 Virginia Gabert, **Assistant Treasurer**
 On behalf of
 Charles Stetson, **Treasurer**

BALANCE SHEET

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS

General Fund		1,193,858.56
Accounts Receivable		
Personal Property Taxes		
PP Taxes fy09	888.68	
PP Taxes FY10	868.16	
PP Taxes FY11	868.16	
PP Taxes FY12	1,067.94	
PP Taxes FY13	2,012.12	
Total Personal Property Taxes	5,705.06	
Real Estate Taxes		
RE Taxes FY09	1,125.14	
RE Taxes FY10	2,450.69	
RE Taxes FY11	7,550.90	
RE Taxes FY12	11,261.03	
RE Taxes FY13	29,365.79	
Total Real Estate Taxes	51,753.55	
Total Taxes due (PP, RE)		57,458.61
Taxes due (other)		
Excise Taxes		
Motor Vehicle Excise 2005	26.25	
Motor Vehicle Excise 2006	46.25	
Motor Vehicle Excise 2007	313.96	
Motor Vehicle Excise 2008	246.04	
Motor Vehicle Excise 2009	258.75	
Motor Vehicle Excise 2010	130.83	
Motor Vehicle Excise 2011	1,656.46	
Motor Vehicle Excise 2012	714.07	
Motor Vehicle Excise 2013	4,533.66	
Total Excise Taxes	7,926.27	
Total Taxes due (other)		7,926.27
Other tax collections		
Tax Possessions	18,117.48	
Total Other tax collections		18,117.48
State Aid to Highways (a/r)		168,413.59
Grants (receivable)		
EMPG Grant FFY11	2,000.00	
Total Grants (receivable)		2,000.00
Loans Authorized (asset)		2,578,000.00
Total Current Assets		4,025,774.51

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Due to Trust(from Gen.)	16.82
Due to Stabilization(from Gen.)	88,320.52
Temporary Storm Damage Loan	750,000.00
	838,337.34

Overlay

Overlay fy09	2,495.55
Overlay fy10	4,593.49
Overlay fy11	4,159.24
Overlay fy12	8,970.80
Overlay fy13	9,366.49
Total Overlay	29,585.57

Deferred Revenue

MV deferred revenue	7,926.27
Tax Title (def. rev.)	0.00
Tax Possess. (def. rev)	18,117.48
Total Deferred Revenue	26,043.75

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	253.49
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Other continuing appropriations

Audit	14,941.25
Tax Title/Foreclos.	6,030.50
Land Sale/Auction	2,760.11
Computer Account	1,371.81
Tri-Town Landfill	24.59
McCloud purch	21,765.58
Town Bldg maint/renov	12,813.04
Handicap Access Town Bldgs	786.05
Internet Access (instal/equip)	1,500.00
Surplus Equipment	900.00
Dry Hydrants	400.00
Gen. Hwys (carry over)	24,065.15
Town Garage Construction	23,798.87
Vacation pay carry over	2,713.52
Employee Sick Pay	14,351.04
Continuing Ed. (Officers)	2,232.00
Assessors reval	3,444.03
Historical Comm Exp	2,716.89

Council on Aging	4,298.98	
Town Counsel (carry over)	553.94	
Total Other cont. appropriations	141,467.35	
Special Revenue liability funds		
Bicentennial Fund	4,016.00	
Hawley Ridge Consult. Fund	1,435.00	
Donations	276.65	
Total Special Revenue liability funds	5,727.65	
Revolving Funds		
Dog Fund	3,167.43	
Wetland Protection Fund	760.00	
Total Revolving Funds	3,927.43	
Additional State/Fed Assistance		
Disaster Assistance	-98,312.27	
Total Addit. State/Fed Assistance	-98,312.27	
State Revenue		
Chapter 90 (deferred rev.)	168,413.59	
Total State Revenue	168,413.59	
Grants		
Community Policing Grant	3,975.59	
DARE Grant	929.02	
COA Grant	3,746.14	
HCI Grant	3,150.94	
NIMS education	500.00	
Fire Dpt Grant Match	801.43	
Total Grants	13,103.12	
Insurance Reimbursement (theft)	1,021.30	
Insurance Reimbursement (flood)	12,084.10	
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,146,127.42	
Long Term Liabilities		
Loan Authorized and Unissued	2,578,000.00	
Equity		2,578,000.00
Budget of FY14	40,450.00	
Surplus revenue	261,197.09	
Total Equity		301,647.09
TOTAL LIAB & EQUITY		4,025,774.51

TRUST FUNDS

Trust Funds - cash		
Hoosac CD (Library)	3,682.41	
BWM CD (Cemetery 1)	1,752.53	
BWM CD (Cemetery 2)	1,629.97	
GSB (Stabilization)	167,398.90	
Total Trust Funds - cash		174,463.81
Due from General Fund (to Trust)		16.82
Due from General (toStabiliz)		88,320.52
Total Trust Funds - assets		262,801.15
Trust Funds (equity)		
Library fund	3,682.41	
Cemetery 1 fund	1,769.35	
Cemetery 2 Fund	1,504.97	
Stabilization Fund	105,844.42	
Hwy Equip Stabiliz. Fund	100,000.00	
Fire Equip Stabiliz. Fund	50,000.00	
Total Trust Funds (equity)		262,801.15
Total Trust Funds - liab & equity		262,801.15

DEBT

Long Term Liabilities		
Net Funded Fixed Debt	106,000.00	
		106,000.00
Note payable - Loader	46,000.00	
Note payable - McCloud land pur	60,000.00	
		106,000.00

**TAX COLLECTORS REPORT
7-01-12 THRU 6-30-13**

REAL ESTATE TAX:

FY13	COMMITTED	\$729,512.22
	COLLECTED	\$(694,813.92)
	REFUNDS	\$1,129.77
	ABATEMENTS/EXEMPTIONS	\$(6,447.81)
	INTEREST ADJUSTMENT	(14.47)
	BALANCE 6-30-2013	\$29,365.79
FY12	BALANCE 7-1-2012	\$26,798.85
	COLLECTED	\$(15,537.82)
	BALANCE 6-30-2013	\$11,261.03
FY11	BALANCE 7-1-2012	\$10,738.82
	COLLECTED	\$(3,187.92)
	BALANCE 6-30-2013	\$7,550.90
FY10	BALANCE 7-1-2012	\$5,698.60
	COLLECTED	\$(3,247.91)
	BALANCE 6-30-2013	\$2,450.69
FY09	BALANCE 7-1-2012	\$1,125.14
	COLLECTED	\$0.00
	BALANCE 6-30-2013	\$1,125.14

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX:

FY13	COMMITTED	\$24,993.16
	COLLECTED	\$(23,174.67)
	REFUNDS	\$195.58
	INTEREST REFUND	\$(1.95)
	BALANCE 6-30-2013	\$2,012.12
FY12	BALANCE 7-1-2012	\$1,154.42
	COLLECTED	\$(86.48)
	BALANCE 6-30-2013	\$1,067.94
FY11	BALANCE 7-1-2012	\$896.92
	COLLECTED	\$(28.80)
	BALANCE 6-30-2013	\$868.16

FY10	BALANCE 7-1-2012	\$868.16
	COLLECTED	\$0.00
	BALANCE 6-30-2013	\$868.16
FY09	BALANCE 7-1-2012	\$888.68
	COLLECTED	\$0.00
	BALANCE 6-30-2013	\$888.68
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX:		
FY13	COMMITMENTS # 1 THRU # 3	\$32,409.51
	COLLECTED	\$(27,120.75)
	ABATEMENTS	\$(755.10)
	BALANCE 6-30-2013	\$4,533.66
FY12	BALANCE 7-1-2012	\$2,732.00
	COMMITMENTS # 4 THRU # 7	\$3,840.66
	COLLECTED	\$(5,089.74)
	ADJUSTMENT/Exemptions	\$(768.85)
	BALANCE 6-30-2013	\$714.07
FY11	BALANCE 7-1-2012	\$1,656.46
	COLLECTED	\$0.00
	BALANCE 6-30-2013	\$1,656.46
FY10	BALANCE 7-1-2012	\$138.85
	COLLECTED	\$(8.02)
	BALANCE 6-30-2013	\$130.83
FY09	BALANCE 7-1-2012	\$258.75
	COLLECTED	\$0.00
	BALANCE 6-30-2013	\$258.75
FY08/PRIOR		
	BALANCE 7-1-2012	\$637.50
	COLLECTED	\$0.00
	BALANCE 6-30-2013	\$637.50

BOARD OF ASSESSORS REPORT

The Board of Assessors holds monthly meetings at the Town Office at 7:00pm on the first Wednesday of each month (unless otherwise posted).

A significant event that the Assessors have been contending with over the past few years is the appeal filed by the New England Forestry Foundation (NEFF) against the decision made by the Appellate Tax Board (ATB) upholding our denial of their application for a charitable property tax exemption. The NEFF vs. Hawley Board of Assessors Appellate Tax Board (ATB) decision appeal was heard by the Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) on January 6, 2014 (docket SJC-11432), and we await the final decision. Attorney Rosemary Crowley of the firm Doherty, Wallace, Pillsbury and Murphy of Springfield, spent much of the year preparing the required briefs and preparing for oral argument at the hearing. News articles have appeared in local newspapers as well as the Boston Globe and Wall Street Journal (WSJ). What started as an appeal over a \$173 tax bill has gotten regional and national attention and has been described as "the most important appeal in recent years" (by the Franklin County Assessors Association) as well as "a landmark case" (by WSJ). It has taken on a life of its own.

In June, it came to our attention that the State Owned Land (SOL) data was not accurate. We are in the process of extensive research to come up with a definitive listing of exactly how much land is within each holding. Meanwhile, based on preliminary research and a convincing argument, the Department of Revenue was willing to adjust our SOL values for FY15. Reimbursable state owned land increased from a total of 8,088.50 acres valued at \$4,539,200 in two holdings, to a total of 7,397 acres valued at \$4,938,400 in three holdings. Because the size of the holdings was changed, the discount that is applied to large holdings was reduced, and the overall value increased. Consequently, as the overall value has increased, we anticipate a larger amount of payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) from the Commonwealth.

The Assessors review approximately 1/3 of the properties in town each year, generally during the spring and summer months. To ensure most accurate assessments, they need to have access to residences in order to perform interior data collection. Any residents who would like to have the Assessors confirm or update the data on file are welcome to contact 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 be forced to make their best determination based on exterior data collection.

We will be heading into a re-evaluation (reval) year in FY15 and will be required to do in depth statistical analyses, including re-evaluating our second home value percentage. Anyone with a second home in Hawley should return a Form of List with as much detail as possible.

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

The following chart shows the overall property value of the town in recent years. This past year, the tax rate increased slightly to \$16.05. 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
2013/2014	1,522,285	46,215,500	47,737,785	16.05

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	2,500
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, KENNE	4 PUDDING HOLLOW ROAD	271,400
BEGA, KATHRYN	86 FORGET ROAD	96,900
BELLOWS, KEVIN	282 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	382,700
BENOIT, GERMAIN	136 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	176,800
BERKSHIRE EAST SKI RESORT, LLC	0 EAST ROAD	904,400
BERLINER, EDWIN	49 EAST ROAD	305,700
BERTSCH, KENNETH & BECK, R. PET	0 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	5,300
BIGELOW, MARK	390 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	173,000
BILLIEL, DARLENE	42 EAST ROAD	122,100
BIZZI, RICHARD A	0 BUCKLAND ROAD	36,300
BLAKESLEE, DUANE & LISA	20 GROUT ROAD	289,600
BOGART, MATTHEW M.	0 BUCKLAND ROAD	33,500
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
BOUFFARD, DENIS & KAREN	0 BUCKLAND ROAD	30,000
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, ELIZ	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 A.	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	5,100
CLARK, BRIAN & SUSAN	0	HAWLEY ROAD	64,700
CLARK, CLIFFORD, JR. (ESTATE)	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	84,400
CLARK, THOMAS	0	BUCKLAND ROAD	31,400
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 R (TRUSTEE)	13	HOWES ROAD	453,200
COTHEY, EDWARD & PAMELA	15	DODGE BRANCH ROAD	677,600
COX, GREGORY	0	POND ROAD	17,100
COX, GREGORY & DRAVES, SUSAN	13	POND ROAD	179,500
CRAWFORD, LLOYD & SUZANNE	64	WEST HILL ROAD	252,100
CRAWFORD, LLOYD & SUZANNE	63	WEST HILL ROAD	409,900
CROSSIN, CLARA ESTATE	0	PUDDING HOLLOW ROAD	25,000
CULVER, HARRY	0	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	46,800
CULVER, HARRY	0	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	86,600
CULVER, HARRY	0	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	30,800
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 J.	336	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	69,500
DEFOUGEROLLES, ANTONIN & PAU	61	PUDDING HOLLOW ROAD	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	178,000
DESMARAIS, RICHARD	76 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	83,600
DESROCHERS, JAMES & KATHLEEN	90 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	155,300
DONOVAN, IVAN & CYNTHIA	49 FORGET ROAD	206,100
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	3,400
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
FALWELL, RICHARD L & ANN J	74 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	88,800
FARROW, RICHARD	0 DODGE CORNER ROAD	29,000
FARROW, RICHARD & EVELYN	5 DODGE ROAD	221,500
FAUFAW, KRISTIE & SISUM, MICHA	128 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	361,200
FAY, JOHN C & GLORIA C	12 ASHFIELD ROAD	178,000
FITZROY, KIM	5 FORGE HILL ROAD	220,800
FITZROY, ROBERT & DANIEL	0 FORGE HILL ROAD	6,700
FRANKLIN LAND TRUST	3 DODGE CORNER ROAD	102,100
GARVEY, HOLLY	124 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	222,500
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 J	0 BUCKLAND ROAD	55,200
GRANT, STEPHEN & ELLEN JANE	319 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	242,400
GRIFFIN, PAUL S. & ELIZABETH H.	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. (ESTATE)	0 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	500
GWIAZDA, JOHN A. (ESTATE)	0 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	4,000
HAGEN, SUSAN & SINTIRIS, WILLIA	115 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	95,800
HANECAR, NANCY AND VIENS, JOS	128 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	105,200
HARDING, ROBERT R. & CARDWELL	86 WEST HILL ROAD	613,300
HARRIS, WILLIAM R. & CONSTANC	26 DODGE CORNER ROAD	231,600
HAY, BENJAMIN & DOUGLAS	0 ASHFIELD ROAD	86,400
HERBERT, KRING	19 LOWER FORGET ROAD	117,900

HERRSHAFT, WILLIAM & JUDITH	0 EAST ROAD	1,800
HICKS, CHRISTINE L.	240 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	184,600
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	129,500
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	223,100
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, CHRISTINE	58 EAST ROAD	188,600
KIMBALL, CHRISTINE	58 EAST ROAD	2,500
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	466,500
KOZODOY, NEAL & MAUD	0 FORGET ROAD	46,900
LABELLE, CURTIS W. & NORMA J.	0 LABELLE ROAD	2,000
LACINSKI, PAUL & KLIPPENSTEIN, A	59 FORGET ROAD	269,400
LACINSKI, PAUL M & KLIPPENSTEIN	58 FORGET ROAD	163,100
LAMOUNTAIN, ROBERT & PATRICIA	319 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	61,000
LAMOUNTAIN, ROBERT & PATRICIA	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	168,000
LAVALLEY, TANNER	0 ASHFIELD ROAD	30,000
LAWLESS, WILLIAM S	0 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	59,600
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
LOWELL, DAVID E. & TAMMY M.	0 DODGE CORNER ROAD	15,700
MACLEAN, ROBERT & JOANNE	25 MIDDLE ROAD	169,000
MACNICOLL, SAMANTHA & STEVE	200 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	99,400
MARX-SINGER, LORRAINE	213 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	174,700

MASSACHUSETTS LAND LEAGUE	0	ASHFIELD ROAD	9,800
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 ROAD	453,800
MCNERNEY, MICHAEL	0	HUNT ROAD	31,000
MENDE, ROBERT & SHIRLEY	5	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	161,600
MILT, ELLEN	0	LABELLE ROAD	11,600
MITCHELL, PETER	112	FORGET ROAD	263,500
MITIZIAK, BRUCE	0	EAST ROAD	31,200
MIZULA, MARK & SANDRA	5	ASHFIELD ROAD	134,300
MORTIMER, JADE	26	FORGET ROAD	245,000
NELSON, RONALD	101	FORGET ROAD	231,400
NEW ENGLAND FORESTRY FOUNDA	0	STETSON ROAD	148,000
NEWELL, DAVID & VIRGINIA	0	SOUTH ROAD	31,400
NGUYEN, LEIM THANH	0	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	13,000
NICOLE PATLIN MILLER REALTY TR	95	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	478,100
NIGROSH, BARRY	29	FORGET ROAD	254,100
NORCROSS, PAUL & RITA	382	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	296,200
NORCROSS, PAUL & RITA	0	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	32,500
NORCROSS, PAUL D & RITA M	380	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	126,400
OHMANN, RICHARD	53	LABELLE ROAD	250,600
OHMANN, RICHARD M.	0	LABELLE ROAD	3,400
OLEFSKY, PAUL & HAI ZHENG	153	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	262,900
OLSON, SUSAN	70	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	230,000
ONDIS, PAUL	2	STETSON ROAD	95,200
ORZECKOWSKI, PAUL & KIMBERLY	115	BUCKLAND ROAD	137,100
OVITT, BRIAN	0	SOUTH RIVER ROAD	11,500
PALMER, SHEILA	0	WEST HILL ROAD	33,000
PARENT, RICHARD F. & ELIZABETH	138	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	85,200
PARRA, PHILIP W. & PATRICIA JEAN	52	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	239,200
PASHTENKO, VALENTIN H.	0	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	36,000
POPE, O. EARL	7	WATSON ROAD	242,700
POUDRIER, RAYMOND	29	POND ROAD	392,000
PURDY, PETER & SUSAN	45	MIDDLE ROAD	154,300
PURINTON, SCOTT	0	MIDDLE ROAD	6,500
PURINTON, SCOTT & ELLEN	60	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	324,300
PURINTON, SCOTT R.	0	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	11,800
PURINTON, SCOTT R. & ELLEN S.	0	MIDDLE ROAD	5,600
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 ROAD	277,500

RICHARD, MELANIE	0 BUCKLAND ROAD	30,000
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
ROSENBAUM, LYNNEL & KIM	0 BUCKLAND ROAD	31,100
ROSENBAUM, LYNNEL & KIM	0 BUCKLAND ROAD	33,000
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
SCHOFIELD, MICHAEL	0 BUCKLAND ROAD	30,200
SCHREIBER, THOMAS & SHIRLEY	0 WATSON ROAD	1,500
SCOTT, ELLENE	79 PLAINFIELD ROAD	154,400
SCOTT, JAMES	86 PLAINFIELD ROAD	214,100
SCOTT, JOHN	11 HUNT ROAD	149,800
SEARS, JOHN F & RICHARD D	87 PUDDING HOLLOW ROAD	28,500
SEARS, JOHN F.	100 PUDDING HOLLOW ROAD	220,800
SEARS, PAUL	0 PUDDING HOLLOW ROAD	30,000
SEARS, RICHARD & ILENE	87 PUDDING HOLLOW ROAD	285,000
SEYMOUR, ROSANNE T.	2 SAVOY ROAD	164,400
SHAFFER, MARY	21 PLAINFIELD ROAD	149,000
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	236,400
SHUTTA, STEVEN	120 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	201,900
SINGING BROOK FARM TRUST	54 MIDDLE ROAD	328,800
SINGING BROOK FARM TRUST	53 MIDDLE ROAD	633,800
SINGING BROOK FARM TRUST	0 FORGE HILL ROAD	48,600
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	241,400
SPOFFORD, BEVERLY	0 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	500
SPRING, PATRICIA	168 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	98,500
STERNSTEIN, JEROME & KATHRYN	73 PUDDING HOLLOW ROAD	181,400
STETSON, CHARLES & CYNTHIA	108 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	377,700
STONE, ROBERT	339 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	94,500
STREETER, PAUL	0 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	81,600
SUMNER, STUART & DONNA	17 ASHFIELD ROAD	217,100
SWOPE, JAMES & SUSAN	254 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	167,600
SWOPE, JAMES & SUSAN	262 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	70,100
TANGUAY, EUGENE & PATRICIA	59 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	349,600
TANGUAY, WILLIAM	82 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	314,100

TAVERN TOP TRUST	0 SOUTH ROAD	5,200
TAYLOR, ROBERT	38 MIDDLE ROAD	158,800
TAYLOR, ROBERT & HOLT, PATRICI	0 MIDDLE ROAD	1,500
TEPEDINO, MICHAEL	131 EAST ROAD	495,800
THOMSON, ELAINE & RAYMOND	106 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	199,800
THWING, KIRBY & ELIZABETH	6 POND ROAD	141,300
THWING, KIRBY JR & ELIZABETH	15 POND ROAD	221,500
TRUEHART, LEROY	104 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	136,500
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 & SHE	7 PUDDING HOLLOW RD	109,600
WALCZAK, FRANK & MARGARET	0 HUNT ROAD	31,000
WALSH, JAMES & KATHLEEN	8 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	119,500
WEEKS, BARBARA	71 DODGE ROAD	97,900
WEISBLAT, JANICE & TINKY	84 MIDDLE ROAD	261,200
WHITE, DOUGLAS	0 PUDDING HOLLOW ROAD	63,100
WHITE, MARK	0 PUDDING HOLLOW ROAD	12,200
WHITE, MARK	10 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	224,200
WHITE, MARK	0 SEARS ROAD	40,500
WHITE, TEDD	0 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	43,900
WHITE, TEDD & TURNER, LISA	28 WEST HAWLEY ROAD	335,200
WILSON, PAULA	324 EAST HAWLEY ROAD	167,900
WRIGHT, MICHAEL & MEWIS, RUTH	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:	46,215,500

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

SELECTBOARD REPORT

This has been an exciting year for the Hawley Selectboard. Though it started with sadness and controversy, it has transformed into an active, engaged and involved Board ó actively attending enrichment seminars, serving on regional future planning committees, establishing job descriptions, pursuing fiber-optic connectivity, emergency management and planning, advocating with our representatives to repair the main east-west road in the forest, regional proposals to manage the forest, and trying to remain happy and optimistic as we emerge from this cold, difficult winter.

There emerges a commitment from this Selectboard to bring Hawley into the present, and plan for the future, realizing that this concentration is out best et to maintain our autonomy and preserve our very character, as the world outside changes before our eyes.

The loss of two of our longest serving Selectmen, Darwin Clark and Richard Desmarais, was difficult for our community to handle, coming simultaneously during arguably the worst natural disaster in many years. There was a period of chaos and controversy even as we tried to make sense of the struggle to put our town and its infrastructure to rights. The good news is that FEMA and MEMA have reimbursed us for the remediation one hundred percent thus far. There still remain two roads, East Road and Forge Hill Road, to be repaired. The engineering plan for East Road has been accepted by the Conservation Commission and DEP, and is being submitted to FEMA for their approval. Forge Hill Road has been more problematic, however the engineers are working closely with the DEP and Conservation Commission to quickly arrive at an acceptable solution, and we hope to get approvals shortly, allowing repair of both roads to commence this spring or early summer.

We are attempting to protect our Town Garage from further flooding impacts by armoring the bank in between it and the river. We are attempting to accomplish this through grants, and have pursued some promising paths toward that end.

High speed, fiber-optic internet service has at least made it to the Town Office. There will be a ðhot zoneö surrounding the Town Office so that, should anyone desire, high speed access will be available in the parking lot. Bringing high speed to everyone in town seems inevitable. However, just how that happens is still somewhat cloudy. We are members of the Wired

West collaboration of 47 towns and have attended meetings where the strategy of accomplishing this goal has been discussed. The State has earmarked \$50 million toward this effort and Wired West is pursuing various funding strategies to obtain the rest of the necessary funds, calculated to be another \$50 million. The folks steering the initiative have worked exceedingly hard and have demonstrated considerable savvy in this effort, and we are grateful for their outstanding commitment. Difficult and daunting as this project is, there is broad agreement that bringing fiber optic connectivity to Hawley, as well as all the other rural communities in western Massachusetts not served by cable, is not only a boon to our economy, but the engine that would drive future economic stability. Technology, through new and mysterious for some, is not going away and we, as a Selectboard, realize the huge importance of doing anything we can to facilitate the provision of this asset.

It is notable that the effort to come into the present involves a much greater commitment in time than has been necessary in the past. The Bylaws Review Committee, Job Description Committee and the Communications Committee are an example of many hours of commitment on the part of their members. The Selectboard, too, has been attending the Franklin Regional Council of Governments series of Selectboard Essentials seminars regarding such topics as open meeting law, road and bridge funding, municipal finance and planning. The FRCOG has facilitated a Regional Public Health Service Oversight Committee, which is comprised of representatives from member towns, that is bringing awareness to the community of such things as the high threat of tick-borne diseases, such as Lyme Disease, communicable disease reporting, on-line permitting for permits previously issued by the Board of Health, and many other services.

In short, the new Selectboard for Hawley has been active, highly engaged, and harmonious, and we are marching forward positively.

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

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 committee met several times in the last year. We know from Richie that we will need to replace one of the big trucks and that will be about \$160,000. We have \$110,000 in the Highway Stabilization account and we will recommend using some of this when that happens.

The Job Description Committee has been drafting job descriptions for the key town jobs and reviewing the salary that should go with them. As a result there have been some increases on these line items.

Last year we proposed a budget that was about \$13,000 below our levy limit. This year we are proposing a budget that is just under the levy limit. As costs go up for schools and other expenses that rise every year, we are going to have a harder time staying under the levy limit.

Finance Committee met with selectmen to review the town audit which had not been done for 6 years. The audit showed no major problems other than that we needed to do it more frequently. One of our greatest risks from a financial point of view is that we have only one person who controls all the money, ie he is the treasurer, tax collector and accountant. It is also recommended that we move to municipal accounting software which will make reporting to the state easier and will reduce the cost of future audits. The recommended software would cost in excess of \$20,000 to purchase and would carry annual maintenance fees of \$4-5,000. We are looking for alternatives. With high speed internet available in the town hall, cloud based software might be the solution and a much lower cost and the ability to work from anywhere. More to come.

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 the Finance Committee link or go to <http://www.townofhawley.com/?q=node/14>

Lark Thwing, **Chair**
Finance Committee

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

MARRIAGES:	1	
BIRTHS:	1 FEMALE	
DEATHS:	1 FEMALE	4 MALES
CURRENTS # OF RESIDENTS:	341	
CURRENT # OF REGISTERED VOTERS:	257	

FRANKLIN COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT

October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013

The Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority is a public body politic and corporate, created by the Massachusetts legislature in 1973 to serve the residents and communities of Franklin County. HRA has all of the powers and responsibilities of a local housing authority and a redevelopment authority in all 26 communities of Franklin County. Our services include housing education; development, ownership and management of affordable rental housing; administration of housing subsidies; programs for homeless families; homeownership and foreclosure prevention education and services; and Community Development Block Grant application and administration for Franklin County towns.

Housing Consumer Education Center

HRA is part of a statewide network of nine regional Housing Consumer Education Centers that provide information, education, counseling, and referrals to individuals, families, organizations and businesses with housing-related questions or problems. HCEC staff work closely with social and human services providers to coordinate assistance to individuals and families in need, and conduct outreach to local banks, schools and utilities to provide information on housing-related resources.

HCEC staff served more than 3,000 clients in Franklin County in FY 2013. Types of clients included:

Tenants	57%
Homeowners	28%
Homeless households	7%
Other agencies and client advocates	4%
Homebuyers	3%
Landlords	1%
Other	1%

HCEC offers educational programs on housing-related topics and financial literacy. This year's workshops included:

- First-time homebuyer series serving 90 participants
- Outreach to regional lenders providing information on housing-related programs and services.
- Two educational workshops for landlords on Fair Housing laws and tenant selection, in cooperation with the HRA Leased Housing Department, Greenfield Housing Authority and HAP Housing.
- Massachusetts Housing Partnership-sponsored Homesafe Post-Purchase Workshop, which served 14 first-time homebuyers.

HRA manages the Massachusetts HomeBASE program, which helps families avoid homelessness and provides re-housing services for families in the state's family shelter program. HomeBASE is available to families that are eligible for the state's Emergency Assistance shelter program. In FY2013, the HomeBASE program provided 14 Franklin County families with rental assistance. Due to the high demand and high cost of rental assistance, eligibility for this benefit was discontinued by the state for households entering the program after September 28, 2012. HCEC also provided up to \$4,000 in HomeBASE "household assistance" to 36 families, which allowed the recipients to stabilize their housing for twelve months. HCEC staff assisted 29 homeless families in locating new housing.

The Residential Assistance for Families in Transition Program also provides homelessness prevention and re-housing assistance to families with very low incomes. HRA assisted 76 families through the RAFT program in 2013. A total of approximately \$160,000 in RAFT funding was used to pay rent, utility and mortgage areas, security deposits, assistance with rent and

transportation. The need for assistance exceeded available funds, and some eligible families were turned away.

HRA staff also sought private donations to improve the lives of homeless children and their parents in Franklin County. Thanks to the generosity of BJ's Wholesale Club, students at Deerfield Academy and individual community members, we were able to provide holiday gifts and school backpacks to children receiving shelter in motels and to families who were recently homeless. HRA's non-profit affiliate, Rural Development, Inc., also applied for and was awarded \$10,000 per year in funding for the next four years from the United Way of Franklin County to assist homeless families.

HCEC continues to offer foreclosure prevention services to Franklin County homeowners through a partnership with the Western Massachusetts Foreclosure Prevention Center run by HAP Housing. This fiscal year, 52 homeowners at risk of foreclosure took advantage of this service. Foreclosure prevention services are most successful when homeowners seek assistance as soon as they know they are having difficulty making mortgage payments.

Sources of funding for the Housing Consumer Education Center in FY 2013 included:

- Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development
- Massachusetts Housing Partnership
- The Massachusetts Attorney General's office
- United Way of Franklin County

A special thanks to the individual donors who contributed funds HRA's non profit affiliate, Rural Development, Inc., to assist homeless children.

Asset Management

In FY 2013, HRA managed 262 units of affordable rental housing, including:

- 117 units of state-assisted public housing for elders and persons with disabilities, located in the towns of Bernardston, Gill, Montague, Northfield and Shelburne.
- 27 units of state-assisted public housing for families, located in the towns of Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Northfield and Orange.

- 48 units at the Crocker and Cutlery Block buildings in Montague.
- 26 single-room occupancy units for individuals in recovery from substance abuse at the Moltenbrey Building in Montague.
- 18 units at the Ashfield House in Ashfield.
- 16 units for men in recovery from substance abuse at the Orange Recovery House in Orange.
- 6 units for families at Prospect and Grove Apartments in Orange.
- 2 units for elders at the Smikes House in Whately.
- 2 fully-accessible units for people with disabilities at the Wisdom Way Solar Village in Greenfield.

Sources of revenue for property management include rent, subsidies and laundry income. Rent at public housing properties is set as a percentage of tenant income. At these properties, the state pays the difference between what tenants can afford and a maximum level of subsidy set by the Commonwealth each year. Unfortunately, the combination of rent and state subsidies is not sufficient to cover the costs of managing HRA's public housing properties, which results in long-term maintenance issues and strains on the agency's budget.

There were a total of 49 vacancies at properties owned or managed by HRA in 2013, excluding the Orange Recovery House. Turnover is highest at the Moltenbrey Building, and higher at properties designed for families than at elderly/disabled developments.

Capital improvements to rental properties managed by HRA in 2013 included:

Stratton Manor, Bernardston (public housing for seniors & persons with disabilities):

- Energy efficiency upgrades, including new lighting, refrigerators, hot water tanks and insulation, funded by Western Massachusetts Electric Company
- Tree trimming and removal, funded by DHCD
- Installation of an accessible shower, funded from operating income.

Stoughton Place, Gill (public housing for seniors & persons with disabilities):

- New fire alarm panel, new wiring and heat detectors, funded with operating income

- Heating system repairs, funded by DHCD
- Replacement of porch supports, funded by DHCD

Winslow Wentworth House, Montague (public housing for seniors & persons with disabilities)

- Installation of new flooring, funded by DHCD
- Replacement of stovetops, funded from operating income

Family public housing, Northfield

- Installation of new flooring, funded by DHCD

Family public housing, Orange

- Septic system replacement, funded by DHCD
- New flooring, funded by DHCD

Highland Village, Shelburne (Shelburne Housing Authority public housing for seniors & persons with disabilities)

- Repaving of driveway, new parking and sidewalk replacement with Community Development Block Grant funding awarded to the towns of Buckland and Shelburne by DHCD.
- Energy efficiency upgrades, including new lighting, refrigerators and insulation, funded by Western Massachusetts Electric Company

HRA has been managing the Ashfield House, an 18-unit privately-owned affordable rental property, since 2005. The property has been experiencing severe financial challenges attributable to a variety of factors including but not limited to high vacancy rates, high property taxes, aging building components, high utility and insurance costs and expenses inherent in managing a multifamily property in a rural area. As a result, the property is currently in debt to HRA. HRA staff is working with Rural Development, Inc. and the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Trust to secure new funds to stabilize operations, which will include replacement of the oil-fired heating system with more efficient propane boilers, siding repair and exterior painting, new washing machines and energy efficient lighting and refrigerators, additional insulation, new water-saving fixtures and replacement of an amortizing commercial loan with non-amortization zero-interest debt. Completion of the project is anticipated in October 2013.

Leased Housing

HRA administers a total of 606 federal and state subsidies that allow low-income individuals and families to rent privately-owned housing or purchase their own homes.

In 2013, HRA served 25 families through the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP). Ten of the vouchers are project-based, which means that they are connected to a particular property. These vouchers subsidize rent for clients of a program run by Franklin County DIAL/SELF, Inc. that assists young adults to become self sufficient, and the Positive Parenting Program run by the United ARC, which helps stabilize at-risk families. HRA is currently administering 17 "mobile" state vouchers, which can be used in any property statewide that meets health and safety standards. As of September 30, 88 percent of these vouchers were being used in Franklin County, with the remainder in use in Hampshire County.

HRA has 579 federal Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers. Households with Section 8 vouchers pay a minimum of 30 percent and a maximum of 40 percent of their income toward housing and utilities at initial lease-up or move-in; the program pays for the remainder. Subsidies may be used to pay rent (or a mortgage in limited cases) for apartments and homes that meet federal guidelines for affordability and safety. HRA's Section 8 program served 693 families in FY 2013. Of the agency's Section 8 vouchers,

- 454 are mobile
- 126 are project-based
- 452 are held by families where the head of household or the spouse is disabled
- 209 vouchers are held by families with children

Mobile Section 8 vouchers can be used anywhere in the United States for housing that meets health and safety standards and federal rent reasonableness regulations. In 2013, HRA's Section 8 vouchers were being used in the following areas:

- Franklin County ó 86%
- Hampshire County ó 8%
- Other MA counties ó 5%
- Outside MA ó 1%

Federal regulations require that 75 percent of vouchers be allocated to "extremely low income" households, which are defined as those whose household income is less than 30 percent of area median income. In FY 2013, more than 86 percent of HRA's federal housing vouchers were held by families with extremely low incomes. The average household income for families participating in the program in FY 2013 was \$13,817.

Federal funding for Section 8 vouchers was reduced by \$938 million in FY 2013 due to the sequester cuts mandated by the Budget Control Act of 2011. Fortunately, HRA has prior year program-restricted reserves that it can use to make up temporary shortfalls in funding. However, if funding does not increase, the agency will either need to provide less assistance, reduce the number of vouchers it releases, or a combination of these strategies to adjust to budget reductions.

HRA has a waiting list of approximately 146 families for Section 8 mobile vouchers but is not issuing new vouchers to families on its waiting list at this time. HUD regulations give priority for mobile vouchers to families who complete a year of successful tenancy in project-based units. HRA also gives priority for available Section 8 mobile vouchers to eligible veterans and to tenants in project-based MRVP apartments when landlords choose to opt out of the MRVP program.

The federal Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program is overseen by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The rules and regulations for this program are onerous, and change on a continuous basis. In FY 2013, HUD relaxed reporting requirements for annual re-certifications to help housing authorities operate the program with less funding.

In January 2013, HRA received a score of 96 percent on the HUD Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP). This entitles the agency to receive the highest level of administrative payments possible for the Section 8 program.

HRA collaborates with Greenfield Housing Authority in offering a family self sufficiency (FSS) program for Section 8 voucher holders. Holders of Section 8 vouchers are required to pay 30 percent of their income in rent. In general, when income rises, program participants are required to pay more rent. The FSS program allows participants to save increased earnings to achieve specific goals, such as earning a higher education degree, start a small business, or purchasing a home. In FY 2012, 30 of HRA's Section 8 voucher holders were enrolled in the FSS program, with 17 participants contributing to escrows on a monthly basis. HRA has 11 clients who own their own homes and use their Housing Choice Vouchers to assist with the mortgage payments.

Community Development

The HRA Community Development Department provides application preparation, program implementation and administrative services to Franklin County towns in connection with Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). CDBG is a federal funding source designed to benefit low and moderate income people. Cities and large municipalities receive CDBG funds on an entitlement basis directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Smaller communities may submit competitive applications to the Commonwealth. Eligible activities for CDBG funds include public infrastructure improvements, housing rehabilitation, social services, architectural/engineering design, architectural barrier removal and planning projects.

In FY 2013, HRA administered the following grants:

- 2013 CDBG to the Town of Bernardston for housing rehabilitation and Meals on Wheels (including funding for the towns of Conway, Shutesbury & Sunderland). Grant was awarded in July 2013; activities will begin in FY 2014.
- 2012 CDBG to the Town of Erving for housing rehabilitation and Meals on Wheels (including funding for the towns of Colrain, Deerfield & Gill)
- 2011 CDBG to the Town of Montague for improvements to Unity Park, housing rehabilitation and social services
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- 2013 CDBG to the Town of Montague for housing rehabilitation, planning projects and social services.
- 2013 grant from Massachusetts Attorney General's office to the Town of Orange for inventory and planning of strategies to address distressed properties.

In FY 2013, HRA administered CDBG-funded housing rehabilitation loan programs benefitting 30 households in five Franklin County towns. Income-eligible participants in these programs can borrow up to \$35,000 at zero interest to make health and safety improvements to their homes, including but not limited to repair or replacement of septic systems, wells, heating systems, plumbing and roofing and abatement of lead paint. Fifty percent of each loan is forgiven gradually over a 15-year period as long as the property owner remains in the home. The remainder is due and payable upon sale or transfer of the property.

In FY 2013, CDBG-funded housing rehabilitation programs loaned approximately \$686,000 to help Franklin County households comply with current building and sanitary codes. All the work is done by local contractors selected by private property owners.

CDBG-funded Housing Rehabilitation Projects, FY 2013		
Town	# units committed	Funds committed
Colrain	5	\$102,347
Deerfield	2	\$45,125
Erving	8	\$175,139
Gill	7	\$202,004
Montague (Turners Falls)	8	\$161,597
Total	30	\$ 686,212

HRA also administers a housing rehabilitation revolving loan program for many communities in Franklin County. This program receives the proceeds of previous CDBG loans when the loans are paid off. These funds are then made available for the same purpose to income-eligible households in the same town. HRA updated its agreements with towns for administration of this program in FY 2013. The following towns are currently participating in the program with new agreements: Ashfield, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Heath, Leverett, Leyden, Monroe, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Shutesbury, Sunderland, Warwick, Wendell and Whately. Fifteen homeowners in nine towns took advantage of this program in 2013.

Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Fund Projects, FY 2013		
Town	# units committed	Funds committed
Ashfield	3	\$41,468
Charlemont	1	\$32,711
Colrain	1	\$9,349
Heath	1	\$20,430
Leverett	2	\$32,620
Leyden	1	\$18,605
Northfield	1	\$40,072
Orange	3	\$32,372
Wendell	2	\$59,725
Total	15	\$287,352

The Community Development department administers several other small programs, including Get the Lead Out, Moderate Home Rehab for Disabled Homeowners and municipal septic loans.

Housing Development, in partnership with Rural Development, Inc.

HRA works to develop affordable housing in Franklin County in partnership with its nonprofit affiliate, Rural Development, Inc. HRA's Executive Director serves as the unpaid Executive Director of RDI. RDI pays HRA for other personnel and administrative services.

Home Ownership Program

Following completion of 20 homes at the Wisdom Way Solar Village in Greenfield in September 2010, RDI suspended construction of new affordable homes due to lack of funding. The final home in the Solar Village sold in November 2012. HRA maintains a waiting list of income-eligible families interested in purchasing homes built by RDI when they are offered for sale.

Orange Teen Housing

RDI has signed an agreement with Franklin County Dial/SELF to acquire and develop a property in Orange to provide ten units of housing for homeless teens and young adults. Construction is projected to begin in Spring 2014. It is anticipated that HRA will manage the property, and Dial/SELF will provide resident support and programming.

Administration and Finance

HRA commissions an independent annual audit. HRA's audited financial statements include revenue and expenses that are passed through the agency to other parties, such as the revenue that the agency receives from the federal government for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, which is paid to landlords on behalf of voucher holders. Capital assets and depreciation are also included in the audited statements. Because HRA has an October 1 fiscal year, the most recent audited financial statements are for the FY 12 fiscal year, which ended September 30, 2012.

For FY 2012, the agency's net assets totaled \$4,726,151, a decrease of \$232,100 from the previous year. Revenues for FY 2012 totaled \$7,656,770, which was \$626,686 less than the previous year, a decrease of eight percent. FY 2012 expenses totaled \$7,888,870, which was \$531,435 less than in FY 2012, a decrease of six percent. Total administrative salaries decreased by \$281,978 in FY 12, continuing a multi-year trend of reduction

in personnel costs, due in part to new employees being hired at lower costs, and vacancies that were not filled. The FY 2012 HRA audit reported no findings or deficiencies. Copies are available upon request.

In November 2012, the HRA Board of Commissioners approved a FY 2013 annual operating budget showing anticipated total revenue of \$2,736,706 and total expenses of \$2,831,474, with an overall deficit of \$90,759 to be funded through use of \$150,900 from reserves. Budgeted use of reserves exceeded the projected deficit due to the fact that surpluses in some programs could not be used to fund revenue shortfalls in others. Both the projected deficit and use of reserves was substantially smaller than in FY 2011. While operating results are not currently available for FY 2013, internal financials through August 30, 2013 suggest that the operating deficit will not exceed the deficit approved in the budget.

Many thanks are due to HRA's hard-working staff. Our employees do a great job of running programs while controlling expenses. FY 2013 marks the fourth consecutive year that the agency was unable to offer cost of living adjustments or any general increases in compensation. Some of HRA's employees have not have increases in salary or wages since 2008. The exceptions are employees who were hired at probationary rates of pay, employees who were promoted, and maintenance staff, whose compensation is set by the state. The cost of health insurance and other benefits has increased over the last several years, which means that employees' net pay has actually decreased. HRA's executive staff also took a 3.5 percent pay cut in FY 2012 and executive compensation remains at this lower level.

Board of Commissioners

HRA has an 11-member Board of Commissioners. All commissioners reside in Franklin County. Nine members are appointed by the Franklin Regional Council of Governments for five year terms; none of these appointees may be from the same community. Two commissioners are appointed by the Governor and serve until they are replaced. The Board of Commissioners meets once a month, generally on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at Greenfield Savings Bank in Turners Falls. All meetings are open to the public and are posted on HRA's Public Notice blog, www.fcrhra.blogspot.com.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Conservation Commission opened a hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by DCR for the reconstruction of Middle Road. No action was taken as design work required by DEP before a permit could be issued had not been completed by the end of the year. It is hoped that the required paperwork can be filed soon and funding is made available so that this project can finally proceed in 2014.

In conjunction with the Planning Board and Board of Selectman, the Commission started looking into the feasibility of Hawley becoming a "Green Community" as defined by the Massachusetts Green Communities Act. The main benefit of this designation would be that Hawley would become eligible for a significant grant from the state that could be used to reduce energy costs for town buildings and the Highway Dept. in the future. It is expected that planning and data collection required prior to application will take place in 2014 prior to a town meeting vote on the matter.

Many people are unaware of what constitutes a wetland or a buffer zone that is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act.

We continue to urge people to consult us informally during the initial planning phase of any work planned so that permitting issues and delays can be minimized or avoided.

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

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The Hawley Planning Board's main work in 2013 was to start the process of developing a bylaw amendment that would address commercial scale solar electric generating facilities. Currently, if a proposed project does not involve altering wetlands, there is no provision in our bylaws to regulate such developments. The board analyzed recently adopted or proposed bylaws from several other small towns in Franklin County. We are attempting to make the bylaw amendment compatible with Green Community standards so as to allow us to become eligible for state grants, if the town votes to become a "Green Community". A grant for assistance from FRCOG was applied for late in the year to help the board finish a draft to bring to a public hearing during 2014.

In other business, the Planning Board determined that land boundary changes sought by Ray Poudrier and Paul Norcross did not need approval under the Hawley Subdivision Control Regulations.

We welcome suggestions, comments, input from citizens regarding land use bylaws in Hawley. Please contact me if you'd like to be included on the agenda of a future meeting or submit something to the planning board on this topic.

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

HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPORT

The current Historical Commission is composed of Lark Thwing, John Sears, Ray Gotta, Bob Root and Pam Shrimpton. 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. Due to scheduling constraints there was no fall 2013 archaeology class, but plans are well underway for a Summer Student Archaeology Field Program to take place from Aug 4 through Aug 15. The excavation work will take place at the Sanford Tavern site and the cleaning of artifacts will take place at the Hawley Grove building. Archaeology graduate student Laura Masur, from Boston University, will be our expert and will lead the dig. Ivan Grail, Mohawk history teacher will be the instructor. John Sears is the project leader and Lark Thwing and others will assist.

Last fall, the steeple of the Meetinghouse was repaired and should last a long time. The building is now handicap accessible for public use.

We continue to try and obtain ownership of the Bozrah School House but we have been met with unresponsive heirs. We will continue to pursue it.

The Sons and Daughters have a large collection of historical material and hopes to begin sorting and archiving it this summer and fall at the Grove.

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.

Lark Thwing, **Chair**
Historical Commission

COUNCIL ON AGING REPORT

A grant from the Massachusetts Council on Aging covers the cost of events, newsletters, annual dues to the Charlemont Senior Center, and supplies for other programs. The events are free so all seniors are encouraged to attend, meet neighbors and have fun. The more the merrier ó suggestions are welcome.

It was a busy year; activities and events were as follows: a red, white and blue container of flowers delivered to all veterans of Hawley; luncheon and tour of Tregellys Farm in East Hawley; ice cream social with slide program by Dave Rich; zip line and scenic chair lift ride event at Berkshire East; fall mystery tour with lunch in the Berkshires; and an amaryllis plant delivered to many of our older or shut-in citizens of Hawley. Many of these events were combined with the Charlemont seniors. Due to the cost of postage, newsletters are sent out only every three months. New sand buckets and shovels, filled with sand from our highway department were available upon request, and those furnished in previous years were replenished. An extensive DVD library was established in the Town Office with donations from the public (we purchased 40 öusedö to expand the collection) and these are available for all citizens to utilize. The Council puts together and delivers öWelcome Bagsö to new residents, does wellness checks on shut-ins, and sends out many cards.

We continue to post and have regular meetings at the Town Office and anyone is welcome to attend. We are happy to serve our seniors in Hawley ó if you have any concerns that we may attend to, please let us know.

Hawley COA Committee

Cyndie Stetson (Chair), Lisa Turner, Joyce Charland

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Hawley Communications Committee was formed in early 2012 to build the Town website and to advise the Selectboard on matters related to the Internet and computerization. Later, the Committee was also given the charge to liaise with the Massachusetts Broadband Initiative (MBI) and WiredWest, and to bring high-speed Internet (a.k.a. "Broadband") to the Town Office. This report will present specific activities and accomplishments that related to these activities in 2013 and early 2014.

Focus in 2013 - 14

During 2013 and early 2014, the Communications Committee pursued two major objectives:

1. To continue to develop and enhance the Official Town Website, www.townofhawley.com; and,
2. To conduct the vendor evaluation process and take the steps necessary to implement high-speed Internet at the Town Office, taking advantage of the fiber-optic capabilities installed at the Office under the auspices of MBI.

Accomplishments to Date

1. The Website has been in continuous operation since 2011. It is still very much a work in progress, and is still totally supported through the contributions of time and resources of Communications Committee members. During the past year, the following features have been added to www.townofhawley.com:
 - An expanded **Hawley News** section ó updated at least once a week.
 - An expanded **Events and Meetings** section ó also updated at least once a week.
 - A section with **Office Hours**, and exceptions, for the Administrative Assistant, Town Clerk and Chief of Police.
 - An expanded **Town Office** section ó it includes lists of town officers and detailed descriptions of most key town positions.
 - A new **Town Services** section ó includes who to contact for each service listed.
 - A new **Documents** section ó includes an archive of approved Selectboard Meeting minutes going back to 2008, Town Bylaws, Chickley River documents, Annual Town Meeting and Warrants, over 250 documents in all.

- **Multiple downloads.** In addition to the Documents sections, links are laced throughout the other pages of the website to documents that can be downloaded to provide interested website users with additional information -- usually in the form of a .pdf file -- about an event or topic.
 - A **Disclaimer** page, approved by unanimous vote of the Board of Selectmen, which helps limit the Town's liability.
2. High-Speed Internet -- In early 2013, the Town asked the Communications Committee to undertake the task of selecting a vendor and investigating the costs of implementing high-speed Internet in the Town Office. This involved gathering some initial information from MBI, participating in workshops, webinars and conference calls, and contacting and evaluating vendors.
- After conducting a number of conversations and requesting a few pricing proposals, the Committee asked member Craig Shrimpton to develop a Request for Proposal document, to help us create apples-to-apples comparisons between vendors. This critical document was subsequently distributed to a list of vendors that had been secured from MBI and vetted by the Committee as offering services that were basically relevant to the Town's needs.
 - By the end of December, the proposals were in. By mid-February, we had decided on a vendor. Three days later, we received an announcement from MBI that the Town's Internet connection was finally ready to go live. All we had left to do was order the Internet service from the vendor (CornerStone Telephone), and to independently purchase a firewall and router.

As this report is being written, we are awaiting delivery of that firewall/router. The target date for going live with high-speed Internet at the Town Office has been set for March 18.

3. Liaison Activities -- While it was the initial impulse of the Committee to keep its operations distinct from those involving implementation of Broadband in Hawley, it became apparent over time that those efforts were virtually inseparable. There is so much hope, expectation and misunderstanding tied into the concept of high speed Internet in the Hilltowns that to avoid the issue would just serve to add to the confusion.

Eventually, we decided to go the other way, and get more involved with Broadband. Craig Shrimpton, whose background is in large-scale networks and computer security, is now our MBI Liaison, and Susan Olson, who has been the Town's liaison to Wired West for several years, is now a member of our Committee. The Committee receives regular reports regarding MBI and WiredWest from Craig and Susan at our meetings.

The Committee

The Hawley Communications Committee is currently comprised of five members:

Rick Kean, Chair
Susan Olson, WiredWest Liaison
Craig Shrimpton, MBI Liaison
Lark Thwing, Chief Blogger
Jason Velazquez, Webmaster

All Committee appointments are for one year, and we are, of course, open to considering new recruits.

The Future

With the introduction of high-speed Internet, we expect 2014-2015 to be a very active time for our Committee. Projects on the drawing board for the next twelve months include:

- Implementation of a Guest Broadband Network, if feasible, at the Town Office, with appropriate policies, procedures and rules;
- Evaluation and possible implementation of a VOIP phone system at the Town Office, to take further advantage of the high-speed Internet connection;
- Creation of Email Addresses for each Town officer;
- Migration of the Website to a new, user-friendlier, easier-to-maintain content management platform, with a more attractive and readable look;
- Development of a new "Licenses and Permits" section of the website, as well as some others; and,
- Implementation of a set of formal policies that will address website user privacy issues and determine the qualifying requirements for organizations that request to be listed on the Town website.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Kean

For the **Hawley Communications Committee**

<http://www.townofhawley.com/?q=node/12>

HAWLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The fire department had a busy year in 2013.

In 2013, the fire department responded to 42 calls, including 4 chimney fires, a brush fire, and 4 calls to fight fires in other towns. We responded to 23 medical emergencies in Hawley, 3 vehicle accidents including a milk truck runaway on the elbow on East Hawley Road, a search, 5 calls for wires down, and one for a carbon monoxide alarm sounding.

Besides responding to emergency calls, firefighters also held 8 work bees to repair trucks and equipment, and we replaced the dry hydrant on Plainfield Road that was destroyed by Tropical Storm Irene in 2011. Firefighters took training on Electrical Safety, Evidence Preservation, Fire Streams, and School safety. Our firefighters had 3 drills in Hawley and took part in other drills in Ashfield and Charlemont with other towns. Firefighters also assisted with a snowshoe race in March, a bike tour in August, supplied a crew with Colrain for the truck pulls at the Cummington Fair in August, and worked with Charlemont and Colrain to provide rescue support at the Bonefrog Challenge at Berkshire East in September. In November we spent a day cleaning 13 chimneys around town.

Last fall we were approved for a \$1,100 grant from the Department of Conservation & Recreation to purchase tools and equipment to fight brushfires.

In June we had all of our radios reprogrammed to meet the new Tri State Mutual Aid radio standards.

Three years ago, we recommended to the selectmen and finance committee that the town start saving to replace our 1981 pumper as parts for the 33 year old truck are increasingly hard to find and we depend upon it to provide adequate fire protection. Last May, the truck suddenly developed a serious leak in the piping between its water tank and its pump, which meant we could only keep it half full of water, reducing its effectiveness at any major fire. While we were able to replace the leaking pipe and stop the leak at least temporarily, restoring the truck to full service, it further underscored our need to purchase a younger and more reliable pumper.

After discovering the leak, we met with the selectmen and finance committee to discuss whether we could begin the process of searching for a

suitable used replacement pumper. With the \$60,000 the town had already set aside for the cost, the selectmen agreed to put bring an article to town meeting authorizing spending up to \$100,000 for a suitable replacement. After that article passed, voters subsequently approved a debt exclusion for that amount at the town election on July 9th by a 62 to 21 vote. Since then we have been diligently looking for a suitable pumper in the 1994 to 1998 range. We have found a number of trucks we were interested in, only to lose out because another department bought them before we could arrange to go test them.

We hope we'll have found a suitable truck and be in the process of purchasing it by the time of the May town meeting. Once we have the new truck here and ready for duty, we'll put it in West Hawley and move the 1981 pumper to East Hawley to serve as a backup.

If we are now making slow progress in upgrading our response capability in terms of trucks and equipment, we still need to recruit 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 many 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.

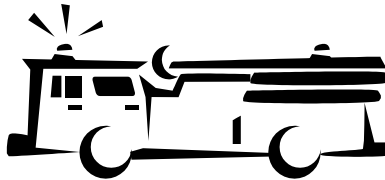
Anyone who'd like to learn more about serving as a firefighter or EMT should come to the East Hawley station on Wednesday nights at 7:30, or call me at 339-5526. Being a volunteer firefighter or EMT gives you a chance to help your neighbors when emergencies arise. It also provides young people employable job skills ó many of our alumni are employed today as EMTs, paramedics or firefighters in other towns, using skills they first learned in Hawley.

Finally, we would like to thank the voters of Hawley for showing their support for our firefighters by approving the purchase of a replacement pumper. It is never easy to vote to raise your taxes to buy something the town needs when many people have needs of their own to pay for. Thank you for your help in providing emergency response for our residents.

Respectfully submitted
Gregory Cox, Chief

FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTER
March 2014

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



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Hawley made progress in 2013 towards improving its emergency response capabilities. Here's a report on what was done:

- We repaired the fire station's emergency generator that allows the town's Emergency Operations Center to operate during emergencies, and replaced our laptop computer with a newer model, using funds from a \$2,200 Emergency Management Planning grant.
- We updated Hawley's Multi-Hazard Mitigation plan as required by FEMA after a series of meetings. This will make the town eligible for FEMA funding for preventative measures to protect the town garage or our roads from future disasters.

- We worked with Rowe, Charlemont, Heath and Monroe to put on an Emergency Dispensing Site drill and flu clinic at the Hawlemont School in November to meet the federal requirements for EDS preparedness.
- Town administrator Virginia Gabert and I attended MEMA's Emergency Operations Center training course in October to learn ways to better operate the town's EOC during emergencies.
- We received a \$1,790 grant from MEMA to pay to update the town's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and train volunteers to operate the EOC during emergencies, freeing firefighters to respond to the actual problems.

In 2014, we will be updating Hawley's CEM plan. We plan to have a town 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.

We would like to invite East Hawley residents to become trained in operating the town's EOC as they would be most able to get to it during an Irene-like disaster.

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.

Gregory Cox
Emergency Management Director

2013 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 2013 shows a growing decrease from 2012. Paper recycling was down by 200 tons compared to 2012. District residents recycled over 1,700 tons of paper and over 1,100 tons of mixed containers, which were processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility. Although market prices for recyclables were low from January through December, District towns received a total of \$62,100 in revenue for their recyclables.

In 2013, the District sponsored spring and fall òClean 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 540 households participated in these collection events.

We also held our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2013. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. A total of 257 households participated in this event. 45% of participants were using the collection for the first time.

We received an \$18,000 grant from the MA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to set up a pilot recycling collection for plastic waste generated at agricultural operations. The District is working to continue this project in 2014 because we know that many farms struggle with managing this type of plastic waste. We also helped member towns implement \$17,000 worth of small-scale initiative grants from the MA DEP.

We also continue to manage the recycling and composting program at the Franklin County Fair and assist other events with waste reduction efforts. We continue to work in each school system helping with waste management bids and with fostering sustainable waste reduction programs.

If you have questions about District programs, call us at 413-772-2438 (MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 TTY/TDD), visit 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*

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.seamlesstransition.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

FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

The Town is a comprehensive member of the CPHS, a health district based at the Franklin Regional Council of Governments. CPHS activities for the town in 2013 included:

- The Health Agent conducted 10 Title-5 (septic) related activities including Soil Evaluations for on-lot septic systems, septic system plan reviews including site visits, final inspections or re-inspections of septic system installations, and preparing Certificates of Compliance;
- Health district grant funding paid for Lyme disease prevention materials for Hawley, including a bus sign, local newspaper ads, tick identification cards and the posting of 9 trail signs in town.
- The Health Agent conducted 2 routine food inspections.
- The Public Health Nurse provided all state-mandated infectious disease case monitoring.
- The Health Agent worked with BOH to adopt a formal written Uniform Food Inspection Policy in accordance with the Food and Drug Administration's Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards;

- CPHS grant funds paid for the Town Coordinator to attend the Mass Association of Health Boards BOH Certification training, and for an annual membership to the MAHB for the town.
- The Health Agent provided technical assistance to the Board of Health in order to pass local septic regulations, private well regulations, and regulations for the hiring of outside consultants;
- The Public Health Nurse held seven monthly walk-in wellness clinics at the Charlemont Federated Church where 17 area residents made 30 visits with the nurse for health screening and health self-management services.
- The Health Agent provided technical assistance to the Board of Health in order to update their fee schedule;
- The Public Health Nurse assisted town officials who planned and implemented the Hawlemont Emergency Dispensing Site Flu Clinic, at which 82 area residents were vaccinated for flu, pneumonia and tetanus/diphtheria with the help of community volunteers and GCC nursing students.
- The Health Agent responded to requests for program and regulatory information from the Board of Health and residents, including assistance with permitting;
- The Public Health Nurse coordinated with the Council on Aging to provide a senior flu clinic which provided over 60 Charlemont and Hawley residents flu and/or pneumonia vaccine.
- The Nurse offered Hawley residents mercury thermometer exchange, sharps disposal and sharps container exchange during walk-in wellness clinics in collaboration with the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District.

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

For more information visit: www.frcog.org

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

**FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FRANKLIN COUNTY
COOPERATIVE BUILDING INSPECTION PROGRAM
2013 ANNUAL REPORT**

Dear Residents of Hawley:

As you know, your town receives building, plumbing, gas, and wiring inspection and zoning enforcement services through the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program (FCCIP), a thirty-eight 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.

2013 was a busy year for the program. We issued 2,335 permits, including a significant number of insulation upgrade, solar array and wood/pellet stove permits. 29 new dwelling units were constructed in participating towns. The number of permits and fee revenues were higher in 2013 than in the previous year.

Our new online permitting program went live on July 1, 2011 and has issued 6,858 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 2,346 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.

In 2013, the FCCIP processed the following permits for Hawley:

Residential Building Permits	19
Commercial Building Permits	3
Sheet Metal/Duct Permits	0
Electrical Permits	9
Plumbing Permits	0
Gas Permits	6
Certificates of Inspection	1

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.

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2013 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
Mohawk Trail Regional School District
Hawlemont Regional School District

The educational improvement planning of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District and Hawlemont Regional School District is aligned to the District Standards and Indicators adopted by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). This report highlights progress made by Mohawk and Hawlemont during 2013 toward achieving these performance standards.

Standard 1: Leadership, Governance, and Communication. Mohawk and Hawlemont are developing and implementing Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) at both the district and school levels. PLCs are collaborative structures used to distribute leadership and cultivate high performing school districts.

Professional Learning Communities: The districts continued their PLC initiatives. Administrative Council developed and implemented a PLC-based structure to facilitate its weekly meetings. This structure has been used to facilitate professional development in fundamental educational matters, such as educator evaluation. In their second year of implementation, Mohawk Middle-High School, Buckland-Shelburne Elementary (BSE), and Sanderson Academy made significant progress toward institutionalizing a culture of PLCs. BSE made the very important step of transitioning from administrator-led PLCs to teacher-led PLCs. Colrain Central School, Heath Elementary, and Hawlemont launched PLC initiatives.

Standard 2: Curriculum and Instruction. Mohawk and Hawlemont are re-writing their curriculums to align with the revised Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. The districts are using a common web-based platform to promote collaboration, vertical alignment and continuous improvement. The curriculum is being written according to the Understanding by Design (UbD) model, which focuses on teaching for understanding.

Curriculum: For the elementary schools, the districts purchased Houghton Mifflin Math Expressions, which will be used in grades K-5. Sixth grade teachers wrote three science units, thus completing the new Earth Science-based 6th grade curriculum. The teachers worked in coordination with

seventh and eighth grade science teachers to create a meaningful and inclusive scope and sequence. For the middle and high school, the District purchased an Algebra 1 program. The middle and high school teachers received guidelines, structured Professional Learning time, and individualized support to continue writing UbD curriculum units.

Instruction: The districts created a crosswalk document linking the new Educator Evaluation Rubric with the Characteristics for Standards-Based Teaching and Learning Continuum of Practice adopted by the MA DESE. This crosswalk provided educators with examples of evidence and observable practices of proficient teaching.

Standard 3: Assessment. Mohawk and Hawlemont are using student assessment results, local benchmarks, and other pertinent data to improve student achievement and inform all aspects of educational decision-making.

Collecting Assessment Data: Mohawk and Hawlemont established three assessment windows during the school year: fall, winter and spring. Assessments for English Language Arts include the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) and the Benchmark Assessment System. Math assessments include the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) Measures of Academic Progress (MAP).

Using Assessment Data to Inform Instruction: In all of the districts' elementary schools, data team meetings were instituted to facilitate the use of student assessment data to inform instruction. The elementary teachers focused on DIBELS, Benchmark Assessments, and NWEA MAP data. The PK-6 Curriculum Director worked with the elementary principals after the fall data collection period to deliver professional development helping the teachers to analyze student data and form intervention groupings. At the middle and high school, the teachers focused on Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) data and NWEA MAP data. PLCs were used to conduct data-based inquiry.

Standard 4: Human Resources and Professional Development. The Mohawk School Committee and the Mohawk Educator Association reached agreement on the new educator evaluation system required by MA DESE. Similarly, the Hawlemont School Committee and the Hawlemont Teachers' Association reached agreement. Both districts began implementing the new evaluation system with fidelity.

New Educator Evaluation System: Administrative Council completed administrator training for the new evaluation system and took responsibility for training all staff. Central Office purchased a software application designed to facilitate the new system electronically. Principals met with all educators to assist in self-assessment and setting goals. Educators submitted self-assessment and proposed goals. Principals met with educators to establish educator plans. Principals completed most of the educator plans and first observation of each educator. Educators have submitted some evidence supporting their performance.

Standard 5: Student Support. The districts' new Professional Learning Days structure is designed to increase educator effectiveness and thus support students. All administrators are focused on scheduling as a way to improve student learning.

Mohawk and Hawlemont recognize that teacher support is essential to student support. With this connection in mind, the districts introduced Professional Learning Days (PLDs). PLDs replaced traditional half days and focused on educator training. Within the Mohawk Middle-High School, an Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) short block was negotiated by a Joint Labor Management Committee (JLMC) and implemented. The ELO structure introduced a time frame within the school day to provide academic support to all students, including at-risk students. Some elementary schools created after-school enrichment on Wednesday early release days. Additionally, Mohawk introduced summer enrichment camps.

Standard 6: Financial and Asset Management. Mohawk and Hawlemont continued to struggle with financial sustainability. Both School Committees have charged Administration with the responsibility of proposing and operating affordable budgets that support quality education.

Chinese Tuition-Paying Students. Mohawk worked with the Department of Homeland Security to become eligible to receive international tuition-paying students. The District researched various models to develop an international program and selected a sister school model. Mohawk contracted with an intercultural consulting firm. The high school principal traveled to China with this firm and procured two sister school agreements. School Committee authorized the District to move forward with a summer program in 2014 and preparing to receive 1-2 Chinese students during the 2015-2016 school year.

Hawlemont Agricultural Program. Hawlemont applied for a \$325K Community Innovation Challenge grant. The purpose of the grant is to reconstitute and rejuvenate Hawlemont by providing an innovative elementary education through hands-on, experiential learning that combines agriculture and community involvement with traditional curriculum. A financial goal of this initiative is to increase choice-in revenues and reduce choice-out expenses, which would support the district's financial sustainability.

In 2013, the Mohawk and Hawlemont School Districts made substantial progress toward meeting and exceeding the MA DESE District Standards and Indicators. These performance standards were set higher than ever. Indeed, the more rigorous MA Curriculum Frameworks and the new educator evaluation system reflect how extraordinary times have become within public education. After having served the Mohawk and Hawlemont school districts for nine years, I am extremely optimistic about the future of our children's education within this increasingly demanding environment. There is a remarkable resilience that characterizes our communities, our educators, and our students. Mohawk and Hawlemont are ready for today's challenges and tomorrow's. On behalf of our students, I thank our entire school community for your steadfast support of our children's education. Because of you, the future remains very bright for our students!

Respectfully submitted,
Michael A. Buoniconti
Superintendent of Schools

2013 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, 2013, registered the following number of students per grade:

PK: 19	Grade 2: 9	Grade 5: 15
K: 10	Grade 3: 8	Grade 6: 13
1: 12	Grade 4: 12	

School Choice:

As of October 1, 2013, 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 thirteen. The number of students who reside in neighboring towns who chose to be educated at Hawlemont (School Choice In) totaled eight.

Achievement:

Hawlemont 2013 MCAS scores:

Grade /Subject	%Advanced	%Proficient	%Needs Improvement	%Warning	# Students Tested
3/Reading	10	40	40	10	10
3/Math	10	40	20	30	10
4/English	0	21	79	0	14
4/Math	0	36	50	14	14
5/English	36	18	36	9	11
5/Math	0	40	30	30	10
5/Science &Tech/Eng	10	20	60	10	10
6/English	10	45	20	25	20
6/Math	10	15	35	40	20

Graduates:

It is a pleasure to announce the June 2014 Sixth Grade Graduates. The following students will leave Hawlemont and continue their education adventure:

Breanna Atkins, Wyatt Bandy-Page, Ethan Bower, Xavier Delisle, Christina Deraway, Reagan Dupree, Jasmine Evans, Jeremy Forbes, Molly Hall, Nicholas Hallenbeck, Taylor Hayes, Alison Raphael, Destany Tobin, Cassidy Upton, Elizabeth Vight.

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-eighth 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 year, the after school program has occurred on Wednesdays that are early release days for students. 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 2013-2014 school year: Julia Aron, Suzanne Crawford, Carol Berliner, Evie Locke, Kimberly Orzechowski, Lynda Slocik, and Travis Yagodzinski. The goals included in the 2013-2014 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. Students' Social, Emotional, and Health Needs: To continue to provide a safe school environment, continue implementation of the social curriculum, and explore ways to utilize local resources

Reviewing and Looking Ahead:

This year, Hawlemont structured 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.

During this year, staff also continued 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.

Hawlemont staff are in their second year of implementation of the new educator evaluation system. During the year, staff received professional development about the evaluation system. This new evaluation system's goal is to support the continuous improvement of all educators.

During the year, Hawlemont began planning ways to improve students' education through teaching the state curriculum through hands-on, experiential learning that will be focused on agriculture. This program will include students visiting local farms, learning about local resources, working with and learning about farm animals, and expanding our gardening program. The plan is to begin this program in the fall of 2014.

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 continuing to welcome the Rowe students and staff to our building this year. Please know that you are always welcome in our Hawlemont community.

Respectfully submitted,
Travis Yagodzinski,
Principal

2013 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL Mohawk Trail Regional High School

Collaboration, initiative, and innovation have been major themes at Mohawk in 2013. This year our school system adopted a calendar that increased opportunities for educators to work together; students were released early on many Wednesday afternoons for a Professional Learning schedule that permitted staff time to work together for professional development, curriculum writing, and collaboration. This is the second year that Mohawk has participated in a state-wide Professional Learning Communities (PLC) initiative and our faculty are working together in new ways to support student learning and their own professional growth. With the introduction of the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) period into the high school schedule this year, students can meet with teachers to receive additional support or pursue enrichment opportunities during the school day.

The arts, athletics, and other extracurricular activities enrich students' learning experiences. This year Mohawk staff and students produced "The Hobbit" in March, a medley of short plays in June, and Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" in December. Our music program is dynamic, with the introduction of Strings Ensemble, Rock Band, and Percussion Lab courses in addition to the core vocal and instrumental courses. The Mohawk Music Association generously supports our music programming.

Mohawk student-athletes had a strong year with increasing levels of student participation. Nearly half of our student body, 246 student-athletes, participated in our fall 2013 athletic program. Through their involvement with Varsity M, our student-athletes volunteer in the elementary schools to read to younger students and serve as role models. The Mohawk Athletic Association generously supports our athletic program through their fundraising initiatives, including this year's Doug Turner Memorial Walkathon which raised over \$13,000.

Students are demonstrating initiative and leadership to make improvements for their school. Over the past two years Mohawk has established a composting program, introduced hydration station water dispensers for filling water bottles, and created a student newspaper, *The Mohawk Independent*. The Student Council, composed of representatives from all grades, is taking on a greater role in the school, serving as a forum for advocacy as well as organizing activities for the school community. Students with the Anti-Bullying Youth Council organized a number of

events within the school and the community to improve communication and strengthen the sense of community.

At the midpoint of the 2013-2014 school year, enrollment in grades 7-12 is 501. There are 89 students in the seventh grade and 89 students in the eighth grade. There are 67 students in the ninth grade, 82 in the tenth grade, 90 students in the junior class, and 79 students in the senior class. Five students are enrolled in our post-graduate program.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn R. Dole
Principal

2013 ANNUAL REPORT SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES

A three-step process determines eligibility for Special Education services. Initially, the student has to have a specific, identified disability. The student then needs to fail to make effective progress in appropriate curriculum after general education interventions have been delivered. Lastly, the student must demonstrate the need for specialized instruction or related services to access the curriculum. Related services, including speech and language therapy, occupational and physical therapy, assistive technology and counseling are provided in each of the three districts. The Mohawk Trail Regional School System has made a commitment over the last year to implement tiered instruction. Tiered instruction is a regular education service provided to all students. Teachers and staff collect and utilize data to determine intervention groups. Intervention groups are often short term and target a specific identified area of concern. Student data is tracked to determine the effectiveness of the intervention. Historically in order for students to access support they were required to be identified for special education. The Professional Learning Days have enabled teachers and staff to meet on a regular basis to analyze data and determine groupings.

The number of students receiving special education has fluctuated minimally. While the student population in our districts is on a downward decline, many factors influence special education. Our districts have a high rate of mobility for both foster children and families who struggle with housing. In addition, for the small districts one or two students can impact the percentages.

Data collected from Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education indicates the following:

	2010	2011	2012	2013
MTRSD	19.5%	20.1%	20.6%	19.7%
Hawlemont	26%	24%	26%	27%
Rowe	10%	16%	14%	17%

Rowe and Hawlemont School Districts participated in the CPR (Coordinated Program Review). CPR includes staff and teacher interviews and record reviews. Both districts received no corrective action for student related services. They were cited for excluding newly required language in their school handbooks. The changes were made in the school year 2012-2013 handbooks. In addition, all districts are required to support a Parent

Advisory Council (PAC). Please contact Leann Loomis if you are interested in participating. Mohawk Trail Regional School District will begin their CPR in March of 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Leann Loomis
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

2013 ANNUAL REPORT
THE MARY LYON FOUNDATION, INC.
Innovative Support of Local Education

This was a banner year for the Mary Lyon Foundation. The annual Community Spelling Bee raised approximately \$7,000 for the Mini-Grant program with a portion earmarked for the Harper and Paulyne Gerry Student Assistance Fund. A large gong acquired for the spelling bee was donated to the music department. This fall we funded 26 school-based mini-grants and during the year purchased various items for the schools including a reading desk and sleds for recess at the Buckland Shelburne Elementary School.

At our annual Spring Lyonnaise, a celebration of excellence in local education, school committee chairperson Bob Aeschback and superintendent Michael Buoniconti welcomed assembled guests and awards were presented as follows: Spirit of Adventure Award given to Michael McCusker, Career Award presented to Ruth Black of Mohawk Trail Concerts, Business Award given to The Optician, and the Mohawk Outstanding Alumni Award was presented to Elizabeth McGowan '79, a recent Pulitzer Prize winner. The Heath strings program provided music and a scene from the Hobbit was presented by Mohawk students led by Jonathan Diamond. The 23rd annual special education conference was once again held for 2 days in March at Deerfield Academy. In attendance were 710 educators from 31 school districts across western Massachusetts who registered for 50 concurrent workshops and listened to 2 keynote speakers.

We have two new scholarships, an art scholarship in honor of beloved K-12 itinerant art teacher Jack Shea and a scholarship sponsored by the Arms Academy class of 1963. For the first time the Mary Lyon Foundation participated in Valley Gives, an online charitable giving event, and we raised \$2,795 in one day. We are very appreciative of grants and matching gifts from the Cleveland Dodge Foundation, Myrtle Atkinson Foundation, The

Recorder, Peoples United Community Foundation, Brookfield Community Foundation and Bristol Myers Squibb.

As winter approached we purchased about \$3,000 worth of warm winter clothing for local elementary school children, and the Mary Lyon Foundation was offered participation in Warm the Children. We continue to provide grocery certificates for food at Keystone Market for families in need, especially during school vacations.

For the past 23 years the Mary Lyon Foundation has been providing innovative support for local education in the schools and in our 9 West County communities. Board members are past president Marion Taylor, president Stefan Kostka, vice president Hugh Knox, corresponding secretary Sharon Hudson, recording secretary Suzanne Conway Lagreze, treasurer Karen Fairbrother, Amy Love and Beth Bandy. Gina Sieber is the business manager and we are proud to have approximately 60 volunteers, especially Sandy Gilbert of Heath. Our volunteers are from all corners of Franklin County and help sponsor events. We thank the community for such ongoing and enthusiastic support of our programs and services.

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

2013 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.

This year the Awards subcommittee read 75 applications, 38 were from seniors and 37 from previous graduates of Mohawk. \$30,900.00 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. 28 scholarships totaling \$10,100.00 were awarded to seniors (74% of applicants). 30 scholarships totaling \$20,800.00 were given to graduates (81% of applicants). The awards committee is

Sheila Graves, Marge Porrovecchio (Charlemont), Eric Sumner (Heath), Michelle Hillman (Colrain) and Marion Scott (Buckland).

From 1991 ó 2013 a total of \$810,125.00 has been awarded in scholarships. Mohawk seniors have received \$250,575.00 and \$559,550.00 has been awarded to Mohawk graduates.

The same formula for determining what percentage of the funds should be distributed as scholarships, which has been established by the School Committee and the management firm of Bartholomew and Company, was used again this year.

The application has been revised and is now available on line to the graduates. Seniors can pick their applications up at Mohawk.

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), Jonathon Diamond from Heath and Rebecca Bradley. Susan Crawford (from Hawley) has been appointed to serve as the liaison between the School Committee and the Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Committee.

This year we were saddened by the passing of Jim Pilgrim. Jim was a very valuable person on our Committee and will be dearly missed by one and all... Our condolences to Jim's Family.

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

REPORT OF THE TYLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

FACILITY

Tyler Memorial Library (TML) is located on the first floor of the Goodnow Building, Charlemont Town Hall, 157 Main Street. The library is composed of three rooms. Facing south, the children's room is a large sunny room housing the collection for infants, toddlers, preschool, and elementary school age children. Many visitors love the large mural depicting area wildlife painted by local artist Sandi Denis. Educational toys make the children's room a fun place to play, read, and learn. The children's room is available whenever the library is open. The main room of the library holds the reference and circulation desk as well as a table and chairs for patrons to browse, gather informally, or attend library programs. Here, patrons can find the newest additions to the collection including books, audiobooks, magazines, DVDs, and CDs. The north room holds the library's permanent collection of fiction for adults and young adults. A large table and chairs provides a second venue for research, meetings, and programs. Additionally, public access computers are available to all library patrons.

During the months of July to October 2014, the library underwent a thorough cleaning. All items were removed and returned to cleaned shelves, closets were emptied and restocked, and furniture in disrepair was removed. The library is very appreciative of the dedicated volunteers who worked, often 4 or more hours each week, completing the project in record time. A new circulation/reference desk and filing cabinet was purchased and a new computer table was donated to the library.

FY 2014 is not over yet. In the coming months the library will continue to replace seating in disrepair and add seating for children and young adults. One goal for Tyler Memorial Library is to create a space that meets the needs of the community. Please stop by to see our newest improvements. And, think of the library as a meeting place for your group.

RECERTIFICATION:

At the start of each new fiscal year public libraries across Massachusetts complete the Annual Report Information Survey (ARIS). The ARIS report is submitted to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. As in past years, TML completed the detailed report and received renewed

certification and funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The library was awarded \$1295.78 on behalf of the Town of Hawley.

TECHNOLOGY

Tyler Memorial Library has had several technology upgrades during FY 2014. The Massachusetts Library System donated a new router to the library, extending the availability of wireless internet access (Wi-Fi) throughout the facility. Wi-Fi is available to all library patrons and is not password protected. Working with the Massachusetts Library System, the librarian was able to secure two donated computers. The donations made it possible to have a newer operating system and software, both much needed upgrades to replace the older and no longer supported system. Over the course of the next two years the library will upgrade the public access computers, providing patrons with up-to-date resources. The library purchased a new laptop which is available for the librarian's use for reference, circulation, and conducting all other business associated with the library. Finally, through a generous grant from the Massachusetts Library System, TML will have its own fiber optic connection. TML is in the process of contracting with Crocker Communications to be the Internet Service Provider (ISP). We very much look forward to the possibilities that high speed internet will provide for patrons.

LIBRARY RESOURCES

TML currently houses approximately 5500 items. Each year, the library seeks to expand its collection, providing access to current books, magazines, and movies for all ages. TML now has an online account with Baker and Taylor to make book purchasing easier and faster. TML is also in the process of requesting quotes from magazine subscription vendors. Over the next several months we will be subscribing to new magazines covering current events, sports, health, science, gardening, cooking, and more.

Additionally, we will be adding magazines for children and young adults to the circulating collection. TML is very excited to announce that the library has purchased museum passes for MASS MoCA, the Berkshire Museum, and Smith College Museum of Art. Museum passes are available to all library patrons.

LIBRARY POLICIES

TML Board of Trustees and the librarian have completed a policy manual. The manual covers a range of topics including borrowing, selection and weeding of library materials, computer and internet use, privacy, and child safety. A primary goal for TML is to provide a warm and inviting environment that meets the informational, educational, and recreational needs of all patrons. Policies provide an important framework to ensure that all library patrons can have a safe, comfortable experience. Policies keep TML in compliance with guidelines set forth by the American Library Association and the Massachusetts Library System. And, policies may provide a foundation for meeting requirements for grant applications and other funding opportunities. The policy manual is available to all library patrons.

PROGRAMS

TML celebrated Halloween in style with a storytelling program by We Tell Tales, mask making, and a family movie matinee showing of Monsters, Inc. We are looking forward to additional programs for children including Lego-PALOOZA during the April vacation and a summer reading program. The library has also hosted an ongoing beginning knitting workshop taught by local knitters. Anyone ages 8 and up is welcome to attend. Flyers for events are posted at Averyø, the Federated Church, and the Post Office. Or, check the calendar on Charlemontø recently updated town website.

AUTOMATION

TML has reached an important crossroad. Automation is key to maintaining our status as a full service library. Without automation, TML will be considered a òreading room.ö There is nothing wrong with being a reading room so no judgment is attached to the label. It does, however, mean that as other area libraries move forward in the digital age our patrons will be left behind.

To automate TML will need to:

- Purchase barcodes and attach them to every item in the libraryø circulating collection.
- Purchase library cards with patron barcodes.
- Purchase equipment including a bar code scanner, a receipt printer, and an additional desktop computer.

- Pay a startup fee to join a system. Currently, TML is gathering quotes from C/W MARS and a smaller, less expensive service called MassCAT.
- Pay an annual membership fee.
- Develop a website so that TML's catalog has a home.

The benefits of automation include:

- An online public access catalog (OPAC) that will be available in the library and remotely.
- An exact record of all circulating items owned by the library, preventing duplication of purchases and unnecessary Inter-library loan (ILL) requests.
- Accurate circulation statistics, an important indicator for funding from the MBLC.
- Ability for patrons to make their own ILL requests and track arrivals.
- Ability for patrons to see if a book is available at the library.
- Ability for patrons to track due dates and renew books.
- Increased ILL deliveries to TML
- Access to a broader network of resources and membership in the statewide virtual network

Automating the library will be a process that will take approximately 1-2 years. And, we will need a team of volunteers. Please contact the library if you are interested in volunteering to assist with automation or other library projects.

Respectfully submitted,
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