

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
OBTAIN A BURNING PERMIT: 339-5526 or 339-5592
CHIMNEY CLEANING LIST: Greg Cox 339-5526

Town Clerk:

The Town Clerk holds weekly office hours on Wednesdays from 9am – 12noon, and is also available at Selectboard meetings, or by appointment (339-4091).

Tax Collector:

Elizabeth Nichols holds weekly office hours on Thursdays from 4-6pm.

Board of Selectmen:

The Board of Selectmen holds meetings every other Tuesday evening at 7:00pm at the Town Office on Pudding Hollow Road. The Administrative Assistant can be contacted at the Town Office (339-5518) on Tuesday afternoons, and Wednesday and Friday mornings, 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. The Assessor's Clerk, Virginia Gabert, can be contacted at the Town Office (339-5518) on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 1:00pm-5:00pm, unless otherwise posted.

During the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Hawley Town Office hours of operation and work schedules were in flux. Please call the Town Office at 413-339-5518 or consult the website www.townofhawley.com to obtain the current status, prior to planning your visit.

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∞ **RECOGNITIONS FOR 2020** ∞

This year, the Select Board wishes to extend recognition to the individuals below.



EUGENE “GENE” LAVALLEY

Gene served Hawley in many capacities for many years. He was an officer on the Fire Department, an EMT, and an Assessor at various times, including at the time of his death in 2020. He was also a veteran of the United States Air Force. It is people like Gene, who step forward and serve their community in multiple roles, generally for little to no pay and at the expense of their own time and resources, who keep places like Hawley running smoothly. Gene, through his quiet and selfless service, set an example and embodied those qualities and virtues we should all strive to exhibit in our own lives.



WILL COSBY & LLOYD CRAWFORD

Will and Lloyd have overseen Hawley’s participation in the State’s **Green Communities Program** for the past several years. This program has brought grant money to Hawley to pay for such projects as placing solar arrays at the Town Garage and Fire Station, installing a wood pellet boiler at the Town Garage, and installing an efficient heat pump at Town Hall. These projects have made a serious dent in our energy costs at a time when every penny counts. We continue to look at other projects that will achieve greater energy efficiency, such as potentially insulating the Fire Station. However, none of this happened by itself. Will and Lloyd donated countless hours of research, meetings, and paperwork drudgery, in order to secure this funding and make these projects a reality. Most of this work was behind the scenes and has been under-appreciated. We feel it is time to give some public recognition to these individuals’ contributions to Hawley. Will and Lloyd: Thank you.



CASS NAWROCKI

Most of you know or have talked to Cass at some point in time. As the Town's Administrative Assistant since March of 2016, Cass has been the go-to person at Town Hall. Most of us know about her through her office hours, fielding resident inquiries, sending out those well written, tremendously informative, e-news bulletins, and assisting the Select Board by preparing documents and meeting minutes. Some of you may not know of all the other things she has done for Hawley. For example, she has represented Hawley in regional organizations, such as the Cooperative Public Health Services. She has also been the point person in terms of identifying, applying for and overseeing a number of grants that have been enormously helpful to Hawley. She has been a part of Hawley's emergency services/local public health infrastructure, helping to coordinate communications to residents, assisting with our response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and monitoring and distributing relevant information.

As Selectmen, we know that Cass ended up taking on a lot more responsibility over the years than she probably bargained for when she signed up for this job, but that is only because we've been around for a while. The way she effectively handles the job, no one on the outside would ever be able to sense what a burden she has had to deal with.

Everyone needs to retire eventually and, with Cass, that will be happening at the end of June, 2021. We thank Cass for her years of service and wish her the best in her endeavors going forward.



MARGARET EGGERT

Margaret Eggert served as an Elections Officer and Registrar of Voters in Hawley. Her integrity, kind personality, and friendly disposition were noticed and appreciated by all. Margaret passed away in October of 2020. She leaves behind her husband, Hank, another generous individual who donated hours of his time to Hawley, including as an Assessor and Planning Board member. Margaret will be deeply missed by all who had the good fortune of knowing her.

TOWN OFFICIALS – ELECTED

Selectmen/Board of Health (3-year term)

Hussain Hamdan, Chair	Term expires 2022
Robert Root	Term expires 2023
Robert Maclean	Term expires 2021

Town Clerk (3-year term)

Pamela Shrimpton	Term expires 2023
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Assessors (3-year term)

Rick Kean, Chair	Term expires 2023
Ed Brady	Term expires 2022
Jeff Carantit (appt'd)	Term expires 2021

Hawlemont School Committee (3-year term)

Courtney Hoyt	Term expires 2021
Hussain Hamdan	Term expires 2022
Robert Root (res. 12/2020)	Term expires 2023

Representative K-12 Com for Mohawk Trail Dist. (3-year term)

Suzanne Crawford	Term expires 2021
Scott Purinton	Term expires 2023

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

Suzanne Crawford	Term expires 2022
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Moderator

Kirby (“Lark”) Thwing	Term expires 2021
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Auditor

Carla Clark	Term expires 2021
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TOWN OFFICIALS – APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

(Unless otherwise indicated, terms are for 1 year)

Treasurer & Tax Title Custodian

Virginia Gabert

Tax Collector (3-yr term)

Elizabeth Nichols	Term expires 2021
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Administrative Assistant
Cassandra Nawrocki

Highway Superintendent / Tree Warden
Gary Mitchell
Term expires 2021

Police Chief
Jared Bellows
Term expires 2021

Fire Chief / Forest Fire Warden / Emergency Management Director
Gregory Cox
Term expires 2021

Animal Control Officer
Chris Tirone
Term expires 2021

Constable
George Rice
Term expires 2021

Inspectors:
Franklin County (FC) Cooperative Building Inspector Program
James D. Hawkins
Thomas McDonald
James Cerone
Andrew French

Inspector of Animals
Chris Tirone
Term expires 2021

Representative to Veterans Service Center
Chris Tirone
Kevin Richardson
Term expires 2021
Term expires 2021

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES -APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

(Unless otherwise indicated, terms are for one year)

Planning Board (5-year term)
Vacant
Lloyd Crawford
Kathryn Sternstein
Paul Norcross
Harold Norcross
Term expires 2025
Term expires 2022
Term expires 2024
Term expires 2021
Term expires 2023

Board of Appeals (Selectboard – 3 year term)	
(vacant)	Term expires 2022
(vacant)	Term expires 2021
(vacant)	Term expires 2023
Conservation Commission (3-year term)	
Lloyd Crawford, Chair	Term expires 2021
Robert Taylor	Term expires 2022
Williams Cosby	Term expires 2021
Sarah Ohmann	Term expires 2023
Robert Root	Term expires 2022
Historical Commission (3-year term)	
Pamela Shrimpton, Chair	Term expires 2023
Lark Thwing	Term expires 2021
Suzy Groden	Term expires 2023
John Sears	Term expires 2022
Bob Root	Term expires 2022
Registrar of Voters (term expires March 31)	
Pamela Shrimpton	Daniel Hoyt
Melanie Poudrier	John Sears
Margaret Eggert	
Election Officers (term expires August 31)	
Gloria Decker	Lorraine McCarthy
Melanie Poudrier	Anne Hamilton-Kean
Elvira Scott	Susan Olsen
Mary Gelinas	Paul Norcross
Christine Hicks	Jane Grant
Tammy Schofield	Beth Thwing
Juanita Clark	Lark Thwing
Jerome Sternstein	CourtneyAnn Hoyt
Trina Sternstein	Suzy Groden
Council on Aging	
Ann Falwell	Term expires 2021
Jennifer Rich	Term expires 2021
Elaine Thomson	Term expires 2021
Sandra Dupuis	Term expires 2021
Burial Agent	
Pamela Shrimpton	Term expires 2021

Measurer of Wood and Surveyor of Lumber Gregory Cox	Term expires 2021
Agricultural Commission (3-year term)	
(vacant)	Term expires 2022
Peter Mitchell	Term expires 2021
(vacant)	Term expires 2023
Communications Committee (3-year term)	
Lark Thwing, Chair	Term expires 2021
Rick Kean	Term expires 2023
Hussain Hamdan	Term expires 2023
Connie Emmett	Term expires 2022
Pamela Shrimpton	Term expires 2021
Vacant	Term expires 2022
Personnel Committee (3-year term)	
Lark Thwing	Term expires 2021
John Sears	Term expires 2023
Rick Kean, Chair	Term expires 2022
Town Counsel - Donna MacNicol	

TOWN OFFICIALS – APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

Finance Committee: (5-year term)	
Kirby (Lark) Thwing, Jr, Chair	Term expires 2025
Lloyd Crawford	Term expires 2023
Carla Clark	Term expires 2024
Jane Grant	Term expires 2021
Tammy Schofield	Term expires 2022

If you are interested in serving the Town in some capacity, please notify the Board of Selectmen. Anyone interested in learning more can inquire at the Town Office or contact one of the Board members directly. Newcomers are always welcome. On behalf of the Town, we would like to extend our appreciation to all those who have served the Town over the years.

Town of Hawley
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION WARRANT
Monday, May 3, 2021

FRANKLIN SS:

To George A. Rice, Constable of the Town of Hawley, GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn said inhabitants of the Town of Hawley qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Hawley Town Office in said Hawley on **Monday, the third day of May, 2021.**

The following officers are to be elected by ballot, for which purpose the polls will be open at 11:45 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.:

- Selectman/Board of Health (3 year term)
- Auditor (1 year term)
- Moderator (1 year term)
- Assessor (3 year term)
- Hawlemont School Committee (3 year term)
- Hawlemont School Committee (2 year term)
- Rep K-12 Committee for MTRSD (3 year term)

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, on at the West Hawley Town Garage, one at the Hawley Town Office, and one at the Hawley Fire Station, seven days at least before time of holding said election.

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of April, 2021.

Town of Hawley
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Monday, May 10, 2021

As a precaution against COVID-19, we anticipate holding this meeting outdoors with 6ft of distance between residents. Per the guidance from the Governor's office and the Department of Public Health, attendees are requested to **wear masks or face coverings** with the exception of those suffering medical conditions which preclude wearing a mask.

FRANKLIN SS:

To George A. Rice, Constable of the Town of Hawley, GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn said inhabitants of the Town of Hawley qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Hawley Town Office in said Hawley on **Monday, the tenth day of May, 2021 at seven o'clock** in the evening to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To act on the reports of the Town Officers, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of the following offices of the Town as provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108, as amended, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Salaries to be voted on are as follows:

Chairman of Selectboard	1,900.00
Selectboard members (2)	1,700.00
Town Clerk	8,755.00
Chairman of Assessors	1,380.00
Assessors members (2)	1,175.00
Auditor	120.00
Moderator	120.00

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following non-school general operation appropriations, or take any other action in relation thereto. Total for Article 3 is **\$537,478.00**. (This budget can be voted on in its entirety; by Department; or by line. Any balances remaining in these appropriations will close to Surplus Revenue at the end of the year).

<u>line #</u>	<u>Department/Acct Name</u>	<u>FY21 Budget</u>	<u>FY22 Proposed</u>	<u>% change</u>
1	Moderator	120.00	120.00	0.00%
2	Salaries & wages	120.00	120.00	0.00%
3	Board of Selectmen	25,950.00	25,325.00	-2.41%
4	Salaries & wages	20,300.00	20,300.00	0.00%
5	Expenses	2,500.00	2,525.00	1.00%
6	Drug & Alcohol testing	500.00	500.00	0.00%

7	Legal Service	750.00	500.00	-33.33%
8	Town Reports	1,400.00	1,000.00	-28.57%
9	Board of Health expenses	500.00	500.00	0.00%
10	Finance Committee	150.00	150.00	0.00%
11	Expenses	150.00	150.00	0.00%
12	Town Auditor	120.00	120.00	0.00%
13	Salaries & wages	120.00	120.00	0.00%
14	Board of Assessors	9,080.00	10,780.00	18.72%
15	Salaries & wages	3,730.00	3,730.00	0.00%
16	Expenses	5,350.00	7,050.00	31.78%
17	Treasurer	41,700.00	40,870.00	-1.99%
18	Salaries & wages	40,000.00	39,000.00	-2.50%
19	Expenses	1,700.00	1,870.00	10.00%
20	Collector	8,677.56	8,055.00	-7.17%
21	Salaries & wages	6,202.56	6,480.00	4.47%
22	Expenses	2,475.00	1,575.00	-36.36%
23	Technology/Internet	3,550.00	2,300.00	-35.21%
24	Expenses	3,550.00	2,300.00	-35.21%
25	Town Clerk	11,155.00	10,655.00	-4.48%
26	Salaries & wages	10,255.00	9,755.00	-4.88%
27	Expenses	900.00	900.00	0.00%
28	Town Buildings	12,650.00	9,175.00	-27.47%
29	Purchased Services	1,000.00	800.00	-20.00%
30	Repairs & Maintenance	95.00	250.00	163.16%
31	Expenses	11,555.00	8,125.00	-29.68%
32	Employee Benefits	67,168.00	66,474.00	-1.03%
33	Insurance	30,500.00	26,500.00	-13.11%
34	Retirement	32,668.00	35,974.00	10.12%
35	Sick Pay fund	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00%
36	Police Department	1,450.00	1,450.00	0.00%
37	Salaries & wages	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00%
38	Expenses	250.00	250.00	0.00%
39	Fire Department	34,625.00	30,375.00	-12.27%
40	Salaries & wages	7,575.00	7,575.00	0.00%
41	Purchased Services	3,200.00	3,200.00	0.00%

42	Repairs & Maintenance	5,500.00	6,250.00	13.64%
43	Expenses	8,150.00	8,150.00	0.00%
44	EMS	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00%
45	Capital outlay	7,200.00	2,200.00	-69.44%
46	Emergency Mgmt	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.00%
47	Salaries & wages	1,050.00	1,050.00	0.00%
48	Purchased Services	150.00	150.00	0.00%
49	Expenses	100.00	100.00	0.00%
50	Franklin Reg Co of Govts	10,952.00	11,452.00	4.57%
51	FRCOG Assessments	10,952.00	11,452.00	4.57%
52	DPW - Highway	258,900.00	257,900.00	-0.39%
53	Salaries & wages	140,000.00	142,000.00	1.43%
54	Repairs & Maintenance	41,500.00	43,500.00	4.82%
55	Expenses - Roads	70,000.00	65,000.00	-7.14%
56	Expenses - Garage	5,400.00	5,900.00	9.26%
57	DPW Capital Outlay	500.00	0.00	
58	Care of Cemeteries	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00%
59	Solid Waste	26,302.00	25,752.00	-2.09%
60	Expenses	26,302.00	25,752.00	-2.09%
61	Animal Inspector	250.00	250.00	0.00%
62	Expenses	250.00	250.00	0.00%
63	Veterans Services	2,850.00	3,000.00	5.26%
64	District assessment	750.00	910.00	21.33%
65	Veterans Benefits	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00%
66	Veterans expenses	100.00	90.00	-10.00%
67	Boards, Committees	1,825.00	1,825.00	0.00%
68	Conservation Comm Expenses	125.00	125.00	0.00%
69	Planning Board Expenses	50.00	50.00	0.00%
70	Zoning Bd of Appeals Expenses	50.00	50.00	0.00%
71	Council on Aging - Grant match	400.00	400.00	0.00%
72	Tyler Memorial Library	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00%
73	Unclassified	27,200.00	29,150.00	7.17%
74	Prop & Liability insurance	19,500.00	21,000.00	7.69%
75	Surety bonds	900.00	900.00	0.00%
76 (*)	Massachusetts unemployment	1,200.00	1,750.00	45.83%
77	FICA/Medicare	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00%
78	TOTAL	\$546,874.56	\$537,478.00	-1.72%

(*) line 76 – FY21 budget figure includes the amount, if approved, in article 19 of this warrant.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following school general operation appropriations, or take any other action in relation thereto. Total for Article 4 is **\$525,880.00**. (This budget can be voted on in its entirety; by Department; or by line. Any balances remaining in these appropriations will close to Surplus Revenue at the end of the year).

line #	Department/Acct Name	FY21		FY22	%
		Budget	Proposed	Change	
79	School - Vocational	82,500.00	65,000.00	-21.21%	
80	Transportation	22,500.00	25,000.00	11.11%	
81	Tuition	60,000.00	40,000.00	-33.33%	
82	School - Hawlemont	262,041.00	258,958.00	-1.18%	
83	Operating assessment	253,770.00	250,536.00	-1.27%	
84	Capital outlay	8,271.00	8,422.00	1.83%	
85	School - MTRSD	184,532.00	201,922.00	9.42%	
86	Operating assessment	179,581.00	197,600.00	10.03%	
87	Capital outlay	4,951.00	4,322.00	-12.70%	
88	Total	\$529,073.00	\$525,880.00	-0.6%	

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$20,000 from the Vocational Stabilization Fund to the FY22 Vocational Tuition account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to carry forward any balance in the FY21 Vocational Tuition and Vocational Transportation accounts to the FY22 respective accounts, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to allow the Mohawk Trail Regional School District to borrow a sum of money, not to exceed \$665,000 for work at Mohawk Trail Regional School in Buckland, Massachusetts, to include replacement of the heating boiler control system; resealing of parking lots; replacement of the fire alarm control panel and related sensors; replacement of/upgrades to certain domestic hot water heaters, condenser units, heating system hot water control valves, and freeze prevention system; construction of a second means of egress from the main electrical switchgear room; installation of additional safety railings to sections of the outside bleachers; replacement of the movable gymnasium partition; and replacement of floor covering in the library; and including costs incidental or related thereto, which purpose of the projects swill materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve the asset capable of supporting the required educational program. Said sum is to be expended under the approval of the School Committee's Building Subcommittee, and to meet said appropriation, the District Treasurer, with the approval of the Chair, is authorized to borrow said sum under MGL Ch. 44 or any other enabling authority, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to accept \$163,535 in Chapter 90 road funds available subject to conditions detailed by Massachusetts Department of Transportation, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from Highway Department Stabilization to the Highway Department Equipment Purchase account to purchase a new power angle plow, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the Highway Department Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Fire Department Stabilization the sum of \$2,000 for Fire Station Building Improvements (to replace door opener motor in W Hawley), or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 12: To see if the Town vote to will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum up to \$7,500 to pay for ambulance service provided by Charlemont Ambulance during Fiscal Year 2022, contingent upon Charlemont signing a contract governing the terms of this relationship satisfactory to the Selectmen and Town Counsel, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,000 for the Reserve Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from Free Cash to the Highway Department Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from Free Cash to the General Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from Free Cash to the Fire Department Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from Free Cash to the Vocational Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving account pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, section 53E ½ for which revenues from fees or fines related to 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, 2021 will be limited to \$2,000, with all money remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$900 from Free Cash to the FY21 Massachusetts Unemployment account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 20: To transact any other business that legally may come before the Town Meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the West Hawley Town Garage, one at the Hawley Town Office, and one at the Hawley Fire Station, seven days at least before time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of April, 2021.

Hussain A. Hamdan, Chair

Robert W. Root
Selectboard, Town of Hawley

Robert MacLean

**Town of Hawley
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
June 8, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Lark Thwing. Twenty one Hawley registered voters were present. The meeting was held out of doors due to safety measures taken during the COVID-19 pandemic. Masks were required and residents stood six feet apart.

Lark asked Virginia Gabert, Treasurer, to make a statement regarding the hard work of the Financial Commission, Selectboard and Treasurer. Per Virginia, the group has done different alliterations of the budget and is proposing a reduction from last year and did their best to minimize operating expenses due to expectation of less government help.

The Town Clerk, Pamela Shrimpton, read the names of those voted to office from the June 1 Annual Town Election. All of the incumbents were re-elected.

Selectman/BOH:	Robert Root
Assessor:	Rick Kean
Rep K-12:	Scott Purinton
Town Clerk:	Pamela Shrimpton
Hawlemont School Committee:	Robert Root
Moderator:	Lark Thwing
Auditor:	Carla Clark

The meeting continued and the following articles were read and voted on:

Article 1: To act on the reports of the Town Officers. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of the following offices of the Town as provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108, as amended. Salaries to be voted on are as follows:

Chairman of Selectboard	1,900.00
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Selectboard members (2)	1,700.00
Town Clerk	8,755.00
Chairman of Assessors	1,380.00
Assessors members (2)	1,175.00
Auditor	120.00
Moderator	120.00

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following non-school general operation appropriations. Total for Article 3 is **\$539,974.56**. (This budget can be voted on in its entirety; by Department; or by line. Any balances remaining in these appropriations will close to Surplus Revenue at the end of the fiscal year).

line #	Department/Acct Name	FY20 Budget	FY21 proposed	% change
1	ModeratorSalaries & wages	\$120.00	\$120.00	0.00%
2				
3	Board of Selectmen	\$26,700.00	\$25,950.00	-2.81%
4	Salaries & wages	\$20,300.00	\$20,300.00	0.00%
5	Expenses	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	-16.67%
6	Drug & Alcohol testing	\$500.00	\$500.00	0.00%
7	Legal Service	\$1,000.00	\$750.00	-25.00%
8	Town Reports	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	0.00%
9	Board of Health expenses	\$500.00	\$500.00	0.00%
10				
11	Finance Committee Expenses	\$150.00	\$150.00	0.00%
12				
13	Town Auditor Salaries & wages	\$120.00	\$120.00	0.00%
14				
15	Board of Assessors	\$10,680.00	\$9,080.00	-14.98%
16	Salaries & wages	\$3,730.00	\$3,730.00	0.00%
17	Expenses	\$6,950.00	\$5,350.00	-23.02%
18				
19	Treasurer/Financial Admin.	\$41,900.00	\$41,700.00	-0.48%
20	Salaries & wages	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	0.00%
21	Expenses	\$1,900.00	\$1,700.00	-10.53%
22				
23	Collector	\$8,777.54	\$8,677.56	-1.14%
24	Salaries & wages	\$6,202.54	\$6,202.56	0.00%
25	Expenses	\$2,575.00	\$2,475.00	-3.88%
26				
27	Technology/Internet Expenses	\$3,900.00	\$3,550.00	-8.97%
28				
29	Town Clerk	\$11,255.00	\$11,155.00	-0.89%
30	Salaries & wages	\$10,255.00	\$10,255.00	0.00%
31	Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$900.00	-10.00%
32				
33	Town Buildings	\$13,005.00	\$12,650.00	-2.73%

34	Purchased Services	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
35	Repairs & Maintenance	\$95.00		
36	Expenses	\$12,005.00	\$11,555.00	-3.75%
37				
38	Employee Benefits	\$64,536.00	\$67,168.00	1.67%
39	Insurance	\$30,000.00	\$30,500.00	4.08%
40	Retirement	\$29,886.00	\$32,668.00	9.31%
41	Sick Pay fund (accrued pay)	\$4,650.00	\$4,000.00	-13.98%
42				
43	Police	\$1,450.00	\$1,450.00	0.00%
44	Salaries & wages	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	0.00%
45	Expenses	\$250.00	\$250.00	0.00%
46				
47	Fire	\$29,725.00	\$29,625.00	-0.34%
48	Salaries & wages	\$7,575.00	\$7,575.00	0.00%
49	Purchased Services	\$3,000.00	\$3,200.00	6.67%
50	Repairs & Maintenance	\$4,400.00	\$3,500.00	-20.45%
51	Expenses	\$9,550.00	\$10,150.00	6.28%
52	EMS	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	0.00%
53	Capital outlay	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	0.00%
54				
55	Emergency Mgmt	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	0.00%
56	Salaries & wages	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	0.00%
57	Purchased Services	\$150.00	\$150.00	0.00%
58	Expenses	\$100.00	\$100.00	0.00%
59				
60	Franklin Reg Council of Govts	\$10,756.00	\$10,952.00	1.82%
61	FRCOG Assessments			
62	Building Inspection Prog	\$4,500.00	\$4,600.00	2.22%
63	Cooperative Public Health	\$3,266.00	\$3,331.00	1.99%
64	Regional Services	\$2,822.00	\$2,864.00	1.49%
65	Statutory Charges	\$168.00	\$157.00	-6.55%
66				
67	DPW - Highway	\$266,400.00	\$258,900.00	-2.82%
68	Salaries & wages	\$140,000.00	\$140,000.00	0.00%
69	Repairs & Maintenance	\$46,500.00	\$41,500.00	-10.75%
70	DPW Equipment Purchase	\$500.00	\$500.00	0.00%
71	Expenses - Roads	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	0.00%
72	Expenses - Garage	\$7,900.00	\$5,400.00	-31.65%
73	Care of Cemeteries	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	0.00%
74				
75	Solid Waste	\$20,200.00	\$25,302.00	25.26%
76	Ashfield Transfer Station	\$14,400.00	\$19,152.00	33.00%
77	F. C.Solid Waste Mgt Dist	\$1,500.00	\$1,650.00	10.00%
78	Tri-Town Landfill Maint.	\$4,300.00	\$4,500.00	4.65%
79				

80	Animal Inspector Expenses	\$250.00	\$250.00	0.00%
81				
82	Veterans Services	\$2,850.00	\$2,850.00	0.00%
83	District assessment	\$750.00	\$750.00	0.00%
84	Veterans Benefits	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	0.00%
85	Veterans expenses	\$100.00	\$100.00	0.00%
86				
87	Boards, Committees	\$1,825.00	\$1,825.00	0.00%
88	Conservation Comm Expenses	\$125.00	\$125.00	0.00%
89	Planning Board Expenses	\$50.00	\$50.00	0.00%
90	Zoning Bd of Appeals Expenses	\$50.00	\$50.00	0.00%
91	Council on Aging Grant match	\$400.00	\$400.00	0.00%
92	Tyler Memorial Library	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	0.00%
93				
94	Unclassified	\$27,350.00	\$27,200.00	-0.55%
95	Prop & Liab insurance	\$19,000.00	\$19,500.00	2.63%
96	Surety bonds	\$1,000.00	\$900.00	-10.00%
97	MA Unemployment	\$350.00	\$300.00	-14.29%
98	FICA/Medicare	\$7,000.00	\$6,500.00	-7.14%
99				
100	TOTAL	\$543,249.54	\$539,974.56	-0.60%

IT WAS POINTED OUT BY HUSSAIN HAMDAN THAT THIS ARTICLE DOES NOT CONTAIN FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following school general operation appropriations. Total for Article 4 is **\$591,656.00**. (This budget can be voted on in its entirety; by Department; or by line. Any balances remaining in these appropriations will close to Surplus Revenue at the end of the fiscal year).

<u>line #</u>	<u>Department / Acct Name</u>	<u>FY20 Budget</u>	<u>FY21 proposed</u>	<u>% change</u>
101	School - Vocational	\$30,000.00	\$122,500.00	308.33%
102	Transportation	\$10,000.00	\$22,500.00	125.00%
103	Tuition	\$20,000.00	\$100,000.00	400.00%
104				
105	School - Hawlemont	\$250,385.00	\$284,954.00	13.81%
106	Operating assessment	\$241,525.00	\$276,683.00	14.56%
107	Capital outlay	\$8,860.00	\$8,271.00	-6.65%
108				
109	School - MTRSD	\$198,244.00	\$184,202.00	-7.08%
110	Operating assessment	\$193,193.00	\$179,251.00	-7.22%
111	Capital outlay	\$5,051.00	\$4,951.00	-1.98%
112				
113	TOTAL	\$ 478,629.00	\$591,656.00	23.61%

HUSSAIN CLARIFIED THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND LEADERSHIP IS NOT ASKING FOR A YES VOTE, HOWEVER THIS NEEDS TO BE ON THE WARRANT SINCE THE BUDGET WAS CREATED BEFORE THE PANDAMIC.

HUSSAIN DISCUSSED USING A 1:12 BUDGET (MONTH TO MONTH) UNTIL THE STATE COMES OUT WITH A MORE ACCURATE NUMBER, AND AT THAT POINT WE WILL VOTE AGAIN. HUSSAIN PROPOSES WE SEPARATE THE VOCATIONAL LINE ITEM AND THE HAWLEMONT/MOHAWK LINE ITEMS. VOTED TO EXCEPT THIS AMENDMENT – PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. VOTED NO REGARDING THE HAWLEMONT/MOHAWK BUDGETS. VOCATIONAL LINE ITEM PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$40,000 from the Vocational Stabilization Fund to the FY21 Vocational Tuition account. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to carry forward any balance in the FY20 Vocational Tuition and Vocational Transportation accounts to the FY21 respective accounts. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to accept \$175,120 in Chapter 90 road funds available subject to conditions detailed by Massachusetts Department of Transportation, or take any other action in relation thereto. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$3,000 for Fire Station Building Improvements. **WILL BE TAKEN OUT OF FIRE STABILIZATION FUND. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,000 for the Reserve Fund. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$15,000 from Free Cash to the Highway Department Stabilization Fund. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$15,000 from Free Cash to the General Stabilization Fund. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$15,000 from Free Cash to the Fire Department Stabilization Fund. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$15,000 from Free Cash to the Vocational Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving account pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, section 53E ½ for which revenues from fees or fines related to 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, 2020 will be limited to \$2,000, with all money remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 15: To transact any other business that legally may come before the Town Meeting.
TINKY WEISBLAT REPORTED THAT THE CHARLEMONT-HAWLEY CULTURAL COUNCIL DOES NOT KNOW WHAT THE FUNDING WILL BE FOR 2021 DUE TO THE PANDEMIC AND FUNDING CUTS.

LARK THWING REPORTED THAT MOST OF THE HOUSES IN HAWLEY WILL HAVE INTERNET BY THE END OF JULY.

HUSSAIN THANKED ALL OF HAWLEY FOR WORKING HARD TO BE SAFE AND BEING PART OF OUR VIRTUAL MEETINGS.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:24 PM.

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Hawley
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
October 19, 2020 - 7:00 PM**

The Special Town Meeting was convened at 7:00 pm by Moderator Lark Thwing and was held outside due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Masks were worn and social distancing was in place. 18 Hawley registered voters were present.

Lark read to the outdoor crowd as his voice is louder than Town Clerk Pamela's! In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn said inhabitants of the Town of Hawley qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Hawley Town Office in said Hawley on **Monday, the 19th day of October, 2020 at seven o'clock in the evening** to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to reduce the amount approved by article 4 of the June 8, 2020 Annual Town Meeting for vocational tuition from \$100,000 to \$60,000.
CORRECTING TYPO IN PREVIOUS WARRANT. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$262,041.00 for Hawlemont Regional School District (\$253,770.00 for the Operating assessment and \$ 8,271 for the Capital assessment). **BUDGET DID NOT PASS AT THE LAST MEETING DUE TO CUTS NEEDED DUE TO COVID. BUDGET IS \$100,000 LOWER THAN THE PAST. LOWER BUDGET/HIGHER ASSESSMENT. SPREADSHEET ATTACHED. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$184,532.00 for Mohawk Trail Regional School District (\$179,581.00 for the Operating assessment and \$4,951 for the Capital assessment). **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,410.00 to cover interest payment for short-term borrowing for the reclamation and paving of West Hawley Road. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional \$1,000 for expenses related to the Tri-Town Landfill. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000 from the Fire Equipment Stabilization Fund to cover costs related to radio upgrade installation. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Article 7: To see if the Town will direct the Board of Selectmen to act on behalf of the Town to join the Woodlands Partnership Program. **AFTER AN EXPLANATION FROM GREG COX, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Lark led us in a moment of silence for Margaret Eggert who recently passed and will be truly missed in our town; she was ALL HAWLEY, from her work in our historic commissions and our election committee, to recycling at the schools, and to being an always-smiling face in Hawley and Shelburne Falls. We paused to think of her and her family. Hank is also such a big presence in Hawley, and we send our thoughts to her daughters and grand children. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Shrimpton, Hawley Town Clerk

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Hawley
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
March 30, 2020 - 7:00 PM**

The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. outside of Town Hall due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Moderator, Lark Thwing, advised all 16 town voters present of the rules during this Pandemic. We took all necessary precautions and no one stood closer than six feet from one another to prevent anyone who might have the virus from spreading it. As of this date, no one in Hawley has been diagnosed with the virus.

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$40,000 from the Fire Equipment Stabilization Fund for the purchase of a 1996 Pumper and related equipment. **One memo was read – Beth Thwing who was not present gives her support for the pumper. 17 passed, 1 against. Article 1 has passed.**

Article 2: To transact any other business that legally may come before the Town Meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was convened by Lark Thwing at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Shrimpton, Hawley Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT FY20



Our budget setting process is already underway for FY22 to provide more time for review by the Finance Committee as well as the Board of Selectmen prior to coming before the voters at Annual Town Meeting. An effort is being made to minimize the tax burden while providing the services needed in town and keeping up with the changing times. A number of factors came together to cause an increase in the FY21 tax rate – and we are carefully watching those factors in an effort to reduce that impact in the future.

Financial reports on the next pages provide the following information:

- **FY21 Budget Overview:** An overview of FY20 and FY21 approved budgets – where the money is coming from and where it is going. This report has been slightly reformatted this year to reflect data that appears on the Recap Sheet – which is the financial calculation that determines the actual tax rate for the fiscal year.
- **FY21 Budget:** Shows the actual expenditures from FY19 and FY20 and approved appropriations for FY21 by Department and account category, as well as any balances carried from FY20.
- **Accounting of Free Cash FY20:** Shows the amount of Free Cash certified, how much was used, and for what purpose. Also included is Free Cash FY21 projections.
- **Treasurer's Revenues and Account Balances:** Shows the cash balance at the beginning of the year; all money that was received; minus the total of the Treasury Warrants. The balance of cash at the end of the year is verified against the bank balances.
- **FY20 Balance Sheet**

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Gabert, Treasurer/Financial Administrator

FY20 BUDGET OVERVIEW

Revenues	FY20 Budget	FY21 Budget	
Property Tax Levy	830,528	914,099	
State Aid	109,090	115,193	
Local Receipts	48,650	53,000	
Free Cash	170,200	62,000	
Transfer from General Stab.	55,000	0	
Transfer from Hwy Stab.	80,000	0	
Transfer from Fire Stabilization	0	48,000	
Transfer from Voc Stabilization	0	40,000	
Chapter 90	175,120	174,745	
	\$1,468,588	\$1,407,037	
		Levy \$ change	\$83,571
		Levy % change	10%
Appropriations			
Raise & Appropriate			
Omnibus + STM adj	1,021,879	1,071,458	
Ch 90	175,120	174,745	
Assessors Reval	1,500	0	
	1,198,499	1,246,203	
Free Cash			
Reserve	2,000	2,000	
Interest	600	0	
Truck loan	30,000	0	
Transfer to Hwy Stabilization	15,000	15,000	
Transfer to Gen. Stabilization	15,000	15,000	
Transfer to Fire Stabilization	0	15,000	
Transfer to Voc Stabilization	0	15,000	
Prior FY Free cash at ATM	60,000	0	
Engineering	2,600	0	
	125,200	62,000	
*(Free Cash to Offset tax rate	45,000)	0	
Stabilization			
Hwy Dept Capital Project	130,000	0	(FY19)
Fire Dept Capital Projects	0	40,000	(FY20)
Fire Dept Capital Project	0	8,000	(FY21)
Vocational Exp. Offset	0	40,000	
FHMS	5,000	0	
	175,000	88,000	
Other amounts to be raised			
**Cherry sheet charges/offsets	2,559	2,710	
***Allowance for overlay	7,330	8,124	
(Amt certified for Tax Title)	0	0	
	9,889	10,834	
	\$1,468,588	\$1,407,037	

*Free Cash used to offset the Tax Rate is recorded as Revenue, but is not included in the total of Appropriations.

**What are Cherry Sheet charges/offsets? State assessments (air pollution; RMV non-renewal surcharge; regional transit), and offset is for State Aid to Public Libraries (SAPL) - according to Chapter 46, Acts of 2015, this amount is to be held so that it can be "expended by the public library ... without appropriation". Essentially, SAPL is money the Town receives that the public library is able to access. Thus, it is included as a Cherry Sheet receipt, but then also as an expense (or offset) because the town cannot use the money for any other purpose. The amounts on the Cherry Sheets are estimates, and are still being worked on, but these are the most recent figures.

***What is Allowance for Overlay? It is an amount that is raised on the recap sheet when the tax rate is being set. It is to cover real estate and personal property tax abatements and exemptions. So, the amount of RE and PP taxes that are estimated to be exempted or abated is covered by Overlay.

FY21 BUDGET

The first part of this report shows the actual expenditures by Department for the past two years (FY19 and FY20). The third column is what was approved at Town Meetings as "raise and appropriate" for FY21. The fourth column shows balances carried forward into FY21 for those accounts that are able to be carried forward. The total reconciles with the "Omnibus & STM adj." line in the "FY21 Final Budget Overview" Report. The second part of this report shows other appropriations – to or from Free Cash, Stabilization, and other funds, with the total reconciling with the totals in the Overview Report.

Department Acct Name	FY19 Expended	FY20 Expended	FY21 Appropriated	Bal. Forward
Moderator				
Salaries & wages	118.50	120.00	120.00	
Board of Selectmen	22,622.80	23,522.73	25,950.00	
Salaries & wages	17,915.71	19,294.86	20,300.00	
Expenses	2,518.64	2,653.23	2,500.00	
Drug & Alcohol testing	484.00	320.00	500.00	
Continuing Ed-Town Officers	110.00	60.00	0.00	2,239.83
Legal Service	0.00	156.25	750.00	
Town Reports	1,371.50	618.75	1,400.00	
Board of Health expenses	332.95	479.64	500.00	
Finance Committee	85.00	85.00	150.00	
Dues	85.00	85.00	100.00	
Supplies	0.00	0.00	50.00	

Department Acct Name	FY19 Expended	FY20 Expended	FY21 Appropriated	Bal. Forward
Town Auditor				
Salaries & wages	118.50	120.00	120.00	
Independent Audit				14,840.00
Board of Assessors	4,856.46	8,095.53	9,080.00	
Salaries & wages	2,472.00	2,555.00	3,730.00	
Expenses	2,384.46	5,540.53	5,350.00	
Reval (5-year)	1,000.00	2,446.39	0.00	343.34
Treasurer	37,974.35	37,917.17	43,110.00	
Salaries & wages	36,659.99	36,091.71	40,000.00	
Expenses	1,314.36	1,825.46	1,700.00	
Debt Service (Interest)	1,200.00	600.00	1,410.00	
Tax Title/Foreclosure	3,527.13	6,396.64	0.00	6,396.64
Collector	8,031.06	7,186.08	8,677.56	
Salaries & wages	6,021.88	6,202.54	6,202.56	
Expenses	2,009.18	983.54	2,475.00	
Technology/Internet				
Expenses	2,570.25	2,874.31	3,550.00	3,676.31
Town Clerk	10,976.13	10,378.51	11,155.00	
Salaries & wages	10,586.50	9,685.00	10,255.00	
Expenses	389.63	693.51	900.00	
Town Buildings	11,698.82	8,060.40	12,650.00	
Purchased Services	840.00	690.00	1,000.00	
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	48.31	95.00	5,939.10
Expenses	10,858.82	7,322.09	9,055.00	
Employee Benefits	53,340.89	54,524.09	67,168.00	
Insurance	26,208.89	25,185.09	30,500.00	
Retirement	27,132.00	29,339.00	32,668.00	
SickPay fund(accrued sick pay)	0.00	4,000.00	17,630.92	
Police	1,000.00	1,200.00	1,450.00	
Salaries & wages	1,000.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Expenses	0.00	0.00	250.00	

Department Acct Name	FY19 Expended	FY20 Expended	FY21 Appropriated	Bal. Forward
Fire	25,626.59	59,686.46	29,625.00	
Salaries & wages	6,357.00	7,192.75	7,575.00	
Emergency Communication	2,924.99	2,996.08	3,200.00	
Repairs & Maintenance	4,604.23	5,690.12	5,500.00	
Expenses	7,339.24	7,917.67	8,150.00	
EMS	3,157.28	2,328.38	3,000.00	
Capital outlay	1,243.85	33,561.46	2,200.00	8,905.64
Emergency Mgmt	1,230.80	1,204.64	1,300.00	
Salaries & wages	1,000.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	
Regional Emerg. Plan. Comm.	150.00	150.00	150.00	
Expenses	80.80	4.64	100.00	
Fr Reg Co of Govts	10,957.00	10,756.00	10,952.00	
Building Inspection Program	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,600.00	
Cooperative Public Health	3,200.00	3,266.00	3,331.00	
Regional Services	3,050.00	2,822.00	2,864.00	
Statutory Charges	207.00	168.00	157.00	
School - Vocational	0.00	24,886.03	82,500.00	
Transportation	0.00	6,293.72	22,500.00	3,706.28
Tuition	0.00	18,592.31	60,000.00	1,407.69
School - Hawlemont	243,043.00	247,385.00	262,041.00	
Operating assessment	233,751.00	238,525.00	253,770.00	
Capital outlay	9,292.00	8,860.00	8,271.00	
School - MTRSD	181,414.00	198,244.00	184,532.00	
Operating assessment	176,253.00	193,193.00	179,581.00	
Capital outlay	5,161.00	5,051.00	4,951.00	
DPW - Highway	440,615.13	252,688.96	258,900.00	
Salaries & wages	153,003.05	154,661.32	140,000.00	
Repairs & Maintenance	34,640.90	33,307.41	41,500.00	
Expenses - Roads	70,417.12	60,795.50	70,000.00	
Expenses - Garage	5,184.22	2,699.73	5,400.00	
DPW Capital Outlay	175,009.00	0.00	500.00	
Care of Cemeteries	2,360.84	1,225.00	1,500.00	
Solid Waste	19,784.33	20,098.23	26,302.00	
Ashfield Transfer Station	14,400.00	14,400.00	19,152.00	
F.Cty.Solid Waste Mgt Dist	1,486.00	1,368.24	1,650.00	
Tri-Town Landfill Maint.	3,898.33	4,329.99	5,500.00	

Department Acct Name	FY19 Expended	FY20 Expended	FY21 Appropriated	Bal. Forward
Animal Inspector Expenses	0.00	0.00	250.00	
Veterans Services	633.42	747.94	2,850.00	
District assessment	633.42	729.70	750.00	
Veterans Benefits	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	
Veterans expenses		18.24	100.00	
Boards, Committees	489.00	1,691.00	1,825.00	
Conservation Comm	89.00	91.00	125.00	
Planning Board	0.00	0.00	50.00	
Zoning Bd of Appeals	0.00	0.00	50.00	
Council on Aging- Grant match	400.00	400.00	400.00	
Tyler Memorial Library	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Unclassified	24,376.33	25,833.15	27,200.00	
Prop & Liab insurance	17,361.00	18,429.00	19,500.00	
Surety bonds	870.00	870.00	900.00	
Massachusetts unemployment	231.50	485.56	300.00	
FICA/Medicare	5,913.83	6,048.59	6,500.00	
TOTAL	1,107,399.49	1,006,808.26	1,071,457.56	
Chapter 90 (Road Construction)			174,745.00	804,847.93
Engineering Rd Repair Proj.			0.00	6,594.93
Free Cash to FY21 Exp Accts		35,200.00	2,000.00	
Free Cash to Stabilization		30,000.00	60,000.00	
Stabilization to FY20 exp			40,000.00	
Stabilization to FY21 exp			48,000.00	
Cherry Sheet/Recap charges			10,834.00	
TOTAL FY21 Budget			1,407,036.56	

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Gabert, Treasurer

ACCOUNTING OF FREE CASH FY2020

FREE CASH CERTIFIED AS OF 7/1/2019		153,975.00
11/18/19 STM		
Offset tax rate	45,000.00	
TOTAL STM TRANSFERS		45,000.00
May 2020 ATM		
Reserve Fund	2,000.00	
General Stabilization	15,000.00	
Fire Dept Stabilization	15,000.00	
Hwy Stabilization	15,000.00	
Vocational Stabilization	15,000.00	
TOTAL ATM TRANSFERS		62,000.00
Balance at 6/30/2020		46,975.00

ACCOUNTING OF FREE CASH FY2021 TO DATE:

FREE CASH CERTIFIED AS OF 7/1/2020		86,857.00
May 2021 ATM Tentative requests		
Reserve Fund	2,000.00	
General Stabilization	10,000.00	
Fire Dept Stabilization	10,000.00	
Hwy Stabilization	10,000.00	
Vocational Stabilization	10,000.00	
TOTAL ATM TRANSFERS		42,000.00
Balance at 6/30/2020		44,857.00

SURPLUS REVENUE

BALANCE AS OF 7/1/2019		181,015.99
07/01/2019	FY19 grant exp. charged to exp in error	279.96
08/05/2019	Tax title pmt made	478.72
08/12/2019	Tax title pmt made	7,558.43
09/23/2019	Tax title pmt made	185.56
10/29/2019	Tax title pmt made	291.53
11/18/2019	STM voted FC offset FY20 tax rate	-45,000.00
11/29/2019	Tax title pmt made	8,370.55
12/11/2019	Tax title pmt made	113.82
01/09/2020	Tax title pmt made	270.08
03/09/2020	Tax title pmt made	148.73
06/08/2020	ATM FC to Stab articles 10-13	-60,000.00
06/08/2020	ATM FC to Reserve art 9	-2,000.00
06/11/2020	Tax title pmt made	54.05
06/30/2020	Closing vacation bal to Surp. Revenue	4,375.00
06/30/2020	Minor diff. est. levy vs Commitment	-0.10
06/30/2020	Receipts in excess of budget	13,044.82
06/30/2020	Appropriation balances	7,846.67
06/30/2020	Library offset/cherry sheet charges	2,559.00
Balance as of 6/30/2020		119,592.81

TREASURER'S REVENUES & ACCOUNT BALANCES REPORT
7/1/2019 – 6/30/2020

BALANCE AS OF 7/1/19	771,833	DCR Fire Grant	500
RECEIPTS:		DOER – Green Communities	34,230
TAX COLLECTIONS:		MassWorks – 8A Rebuild	585,503
Real Estate Taxes	773,601	FLT D2R2 Search & Rescue	500
Personal Property Taxes	34,740	COMMONWEALTH OF	
Motor Vehicle Taxes	47,310	MASSACHUSETTS:	
In Lieu of Taxes	1,000	Chapter 70	0
Tax Title payments	17,471	Exemptions	506
Penalties & Interest on Taxes	4,998	Unrestricted General Aid	45,397
Penalties & Interest Tax Titles	3,053	SAPL 12 (Library)	2,028
PERMITS/FEES/LICENSES:		State Land	57,635
Tax Collector Fees	1,005	Chp. 90 Reimbursement	0
Deputy Collector Fees	472	Registry of Motor Vehicles	306
Mark/Dup. Bill Fees	350	School Transportation	442
Town Clerk Fees	620	Extended Election Assistance	438
Police Department Fees	1,625	Veteran's Reimbursement	66
Trash Bags/Permits	2,918	TOTAL RECEIPTS:	1,640,627
Fire Department Permits	50		
Dog Licenses & Late Fees	320	BALANCE PLUS RECEIPTS:	
Class III Permit	50	2,412,440	
WPA Fees	387	LESS SELECTMEN'S WARRANTS:	
OTHER:		1,766,285	
Sale of Cemetery Lots	0		646,155
Interment Fees	300	BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES AS	
Refunds	298	OF 6/30/20:	
Earnings on Investments	1,083	GENERAL FUND:	
Trust Fund Interest	1,318	Checking Accounts	50,369
Retiree Health Insurance	2,269	Savings Accounts	288,310
Solar Credits (SREC)	2,924	TRUST FUNDS:	
Donations–Fire Department	516	Stabilization Account	277,087
Donations–Veterans Assist Fund	743	Other Trust Funds	30,389
MTRSD Refund Unused Capital	740	TOTAL:	646,155
Hawlemont Excess E&D	2,607		
Green Comm. Grant Admin.	1,553		
Unclaimed Property refund	36		
GRANTS:		Respectfully submitted,	
Fire Dept Grants (EMPG)	2,220	Virginia Gabert, Treasurer	
COA Grant	6,000		
DEP Recycling Grant	499		

BALANCE SHEET - FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

GENERAL FUND:

ASSETS

Current Assets (Bank Accts)		338,679.05	
			338,679.05
Accounts Receivable			
Personal Property Taxes			
PP Taxes FY16	230.85		
PP Taxes FY17	186.00		
PP Taxes FY18	186.00		
PP Taxes FY19	197.76		
PP Taxes FY20	397.38		
Total Personal Property Taxes		1,197.99	
Real Estate Taxes			
RE Taxes FY19	4,068.85		
RE Taxes FY20	37,469.08		
Total Real Estate Taxes		41,537.93	
Total Taxes due (PP, RE)			42,735.92
Excise Taxes			
Motor Vehicle Excise 2014	231.87		
Motor Vehicle Excise 2015	528.75		
Motor Vehicle Excise 2016	577.71		
Motor Vehicle Excise 2017	232.09		
Motor Vehicle Excise 2018	333.54		
Motor Vehicle Excise 2019	302.09		
Motor Vehicle Excise 2020	5,528.17		
Total Excise Taxes		7,734.22	
Total Taxes due (other)			7,734.22
Other tax collections			
Tax Titles	36,307.53		
Tax Possessions	38,963.19		
Total Other tax collections		75,270.72	
Due from Federal Govt			
EMPG Grant	0.00		
HMPG - Garage	0.00		
Due from Commonwealth			
DOER-Green Comm. Grant	0.00		
MassWorks - 8A Rebuild	14,496.55		
		14,496.55	
Capital Projects Receivable			
State Aid to Highways	804,847.93		
		804,847.93	
Loans Authorized (asset)		1,000,000.00	
			1,894,615.20
Total Current Assets			2,283,764.39

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

Due to Trust(from Gen.)	0.00	
Due to Stabiliz.(from Gen.)	0.00	
		0.00
Allowance for Abatements/Exempt.		28,735.46
Payroll Liabilities		0.01

Federal Grants

HMPG - Garage	0.00	
EMPG	0.00	
Total Federal Grants		0.00

State Grants

Community Policing	1,585.34	
DARE Grant	929.02	
HCI Grant	2,893.80	
DOER - Green Comm.	0.00	
IT Grant	697.57	
MassWorks - Garage	0.00	
NIMS education	500.00	
DCR Fire Grant	0.00	
Total State Grants		6,605.73

Receipts Reserved for Appopr.

Sale of Cemetery lots	0.00	
Cemetery interment fees	300.00	
Sale of Real Estate	1,650.00	
Wetland Prot. Fund	6,414.77	
Police Dept (FID/LTC)	387.50	
Collector/Dpty Coll fees	46.00	
Veterans Assistance	1,372.73	
Total Rec. Res. for Approp.		10,171.00

Revolving Funds

Dog Fund	4,365.15	
Total Revolving Funds		4,365.15

Special Rev. liability funds

Cons Comm Review	2,050.00	
Donations	2,017.65	
Total Special Rev. liability funds		4,067.65

Capital Projects

Chapter 90	804,847.93	
FHMS Network Const.	58,075.86	
FHMS Contingency	5,000.00	
Total Capital Projects		867,923.79

Deferred Revenue		
Tax Title	36,307.53	
Tax Possession	38,963.19	
MV deferred revenue	7,734.22	
Total Deferred Revenue		83,004.94
Ins Reimb - property damage		6,313.09
Tailings		1,304.08
Total Other Current Liabilities		1,012,490.90
Long Term Liabilities		
Loan Authorized and Unissued		1,000,000.00
Debt paydown auth - Pumper		0.00
		1,000,000.00
Equity		
Surplus revenue	119,592.81	
Other continuing appropriations		
Audit	14,840.00	
Cont. Ed. (Town Officer)	2,239.83	
Assessors reval	343.34	
Tax Title/Foreclosure Costs	6,396.64	
Town Building maint/renov	5,939.10	
Internet Access (instal/equip)	3,676.31	
Employee Sick Pay	17,630.92	
Special Hwy Projects	6,594.93	
Fire Station Bldg Improv.	1,701.88	
Fire Equipment	7,203.76	
Vocational Balance Carried	5,113.97	
Total Other continuing appropriations		71,680.68
Free Cash - allocated		2,000.00
Other financing sources (from Stabilization)		78,000.00
Total Equity		271,273.49
TOTAL LIAB & EQUITY		2,283,764.39

TRUST FUNDS:

ASSETS

Current Assets - cash		
Gfld Coop CD (Library)	12,211.19	
GSB General Stabilization	61,789.40	
GSB Hwy Stabilization	60,872.09	
GSB Fire Stabilization	73,278.71	
PUB Voc. Stabilization	81,146.84	
PUB Care of Cemeteries	8,902.73	
PUB Historical Comm	9,275.10	
Total Trust Funds - cash		307,476.06
Due from General Fund (to Trust)		0.00
Due from General (to Stabiliz)		0.00
Total Trust Funds - assets		307,476.06

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Due to General Fund (from Stab)	0.00	
Due to General Fund (from trust)	0.00	
		0.00
Trust Funds (equity)		
Library fund	12,211.19	
Historical Commission trust	9,275.10	
Cemetery Fund	8,902.73	
Stabilization Fund	61,789.40	
Hwy Dept Equip Stabilization Fund	60,872.09	
Fire Equip Stabilization Fund	73,278.71	
Vocational Ed. Stabilization Fund	81,146.84	
Total Trust Funds (equity)		307,476.06
Total Trust Funds - liabilities & equity		307,476.06

DEBT

Long Term Liabilities		
Net Funded Fixed Debt	0.00	0.00
Note Payable	0.00	0.00

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Gabert, Treasurer



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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR 2020
BALANCES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

	BALANCE ON 7/01/19	COMMITTED AFTER 06/30/19	COLLECTED	ABATED	EXEMPTED	REFUNDED	TAX TAKING	BALANCE
REAL ESTATE								
FY 2020	\$397,295.83	\$398,462.53	\$752,229.70	\$4,210.70	\$6,900.00	\$5,051.12	\$0.00	\$37,469.08
FY 2019	\$25,439.91	\$0.00	\$21,371.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,068.85
PERSONAL PROPERTY								
FY 2020	\$19,516.23	\$15,245.04	\$34,440.12	\$0.00		\$76.23		\$397.38
FY 2019	\$411.29	\$0.00	\$213.53	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$197.76
FY 2018	\$272.80	\$0.00	\$86.80	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$186.00
FY 2017	\$186.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$186.00
FY 2016	\$230.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$230.85
MOTOR VEHICLE								
EXCISE								
FY 2020		\$45,221.94	\$37,241.51	\$3,444.97		\$992.71		\$5,528.17
FY 2019	\$6,533.11	\$6,515.61	\$9,621.91	\$4,304.47		\$1,179.75		\$302.09
FY 2018	\$641.15	\$0.00	\$307.61	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$333.54
FY 2017	\$237.09	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$232.09
FY 2016	\$643.96	\$0.00	\$66.25	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$577.71
FY 2015	\$549.27	\$0.00	\$20.52	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$528.75
FY 2014	\$279.37	\$0.00	\$47.50	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$231.87

BOARD OF ASSESSORS REPORT – 2020

The Board of Assessors holds monthly meetings at 7:00 pm on the first Wednesday of each month (during COVID the meetings were held remotely through “freeconferencecall.com” and started at 6:45pm). The Board currently consists of Ed Brady and Rick Kean – and in February 2021 we were pleased to welcome Jeff Carantit, who was appointed to fill the vacant position.

The current Board has a combined experience of over 20 years as Assessors, plus more than that in house construction. In addition, Virginia Gabert will be entering her 24th year as Assessors’ Clerk. She provides her invaluable services and holds virtual office hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday by appointment.

The past 12 months have involved fewer site inspections due to COVID restrictions, but the Assessors were able to follow up on all building permits. Virginia has been working toward getting more adept at the new assessing software and has been ironing out a few glitches that arose. Soon we will be able to have a link on the Town’s website so that landowners, realtors, attorneys, and others can view the prior year Property Record Cards without having to contact the office.

The Assessors endeavor to review approximately 1/3 of the properties in town each year, generally during the spring and summer months (although this has been delayed due to COVID restrictions). 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 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 Assessor’s will make their best determination based on data collection from the exterior of the building or premises.

The Board will endeavor to make the next year as smooth as possible for the taxpayers of Hawley and appreciates your assistance if we require additional data.

Townpeople with questions about their assessments, abatements, or any other related issues are welcome to contact Virginia Gabert at the Town Office. If she is unable to answer your inquiries, you are invited to attend a meeting of the Board of Assessors and discuss directly with them, or Virginia will gather the necessary information, present it to the Board and contact you with the response.

To assist taxpayers in fulfilling filing requirements, early each year we do a mailing which may include any of the following forms (also available at the Town Office or on the website at <http://www.townofhawley.com/hawley-assessors/>). Abatement applications are mailed out separately, upon request :

- “Form of List” for those required to pay personal property taxes
- “Exemption Application” for certain elderly; blind; veterans; farmers

- “Form 3ABC” for charitable organizations

Timely filing of these forms may result in a reduction in taxes, in some cases; may preserve your right to a full abatement in the case of an overvaluation; and may help you avoid 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 these forms have important deadlines – 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 surprisingly increased to \$17.88/1,000 mostly due to factors other than property valuation. However, market trends have fluctuated greatly through the past year; and we will continue to keep a very close eye on market behavior and any possible new growth in order to minimize impacts on taxpayers as much as possible.

We are not sure how the market changes will affect overall values at this time, but the impact of improved internet access, and apparent interest in development possibilities is yet to be seen. We remain hopeful that these may offset the current declining values in following years – we will continue to discuss ways to stabilize the tax rate and minimize impact on tax bills.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Kean, Chairman
Ed Brady
Jeff Carantit
Board of Assessors

Five-Year Summary of Hawley Property Values:

	Personal Property	Real Property	Total Property	Tax Rate per \$1000
2016/2017	2,462,909	49,278,200	51,741,109	15.50
2017/2018	2,415,209	49,528,100	51,943,309	15.50
2018/2019	2,349,038	47,695,182	50,044,220	16.48
2019/2020	2,143,109	49,060,811	51,203,920	16.22
2020/2021	2,211,202	48,912,901	51,124,103	17.88

Real property valuations by location are listed below:

#	StreetName	OwnerName	TotalValue
0	ASHFIELD RD	HAY, BENJAMIN & DOUGLAS	235,200
0	ASHFIELD RD	MASSACHUSETTS FOREST TRUST	9,900
0	ASHFIELD RD	CLARK, BRIAN	9,600
0	ASHFIELD RD	LAVALLEY, TANNER	28,000
0	ASHFIELD RD	MASS. DEPT OF FISH & GAME ("WMA")	82,500
0	ASHFIELD RD	MISIASZEK, ANDREW	400
5	ASHFIELD RD	MIZULA, MARK & SANDRA	121,800
12	ASHFIELD RD	FAY, JOHN C & GLORIA C	177,700

13	ASHFIELD RD	DEWKETT, NANCY E. & TODD R	240,800
17	ASHFIELD RD	SUMNER, DONNA	245,000
18	ASHFIELD RD	LAVALLEY, EUGENE & ARLENE	181,400
0	BOZRAH CROSS RD	BOZRAH CEMETERY	8,800
0	BOZRAH RD	CLARK, KYLE & DAPHNE	82,300
7	BOZRAH RD	CLARK, JUANITA	220,800
17	BOZRAH RD	CLARK, ANGELA M	195,000
18	BOZRAH RD	BESHARA, DOROTHY A	30,200
19	BOZRAH RD	GRIFFIN, PAUL S. & ELIZABETH H	74,700
24	BOZRAH RD	LATSHANG, EILEEN WESTON	178,000
0	BUCKLAND RD	COMMON OF MASS./DCR (HAWLEY STATE FOREST)	399,000
0	BUCKLAND RD	BOUFFARD, DENIS & KAREN	28,000
0	BUCKLAND RD	CLARK, THOMAS	30,100
0	BUCKLAND RD	ROSENBAUM, LYNNEL & KIM	29,700
0	BUCKLAND RD	ROSENBAUM, LYNNEL & KIM	32,500
0	BUCKLAND RD	BOGART, MATTHEW M	33,200
0	BUCKLAND RD	GRANT, STEPHEN & ELLEN JANE	53,800
0	BUCKLAND RD	SCHOFIELD, MICHAEL	35,300
28	BUCKLAND RD	WOLCOTT, BRITTANY & ELLSWORTH	280,200
41	BUCKLAND RD	ULLIAN, KIT JESSE & SHARI	275,600
115	BUCKLAND RD	ORZECKOWSKI, PAUL & KIMBERLY	123,800
121	BUCKLAND RD	CLARK, DAVID A. & CARLA C	130,100
7	CLARK RD	ULLIAN, FRANK	559,800
15	DODGE BRANCH RD	COTHEY, PAMELA S	725,600
15	DODGE BRANCH RD	COTHEY, PAMELA S	30,800
0	DODGE CORNER RD	RICHARDSON, KEVIN	400
0	DODGE CORNER RD	HOWLAND, STEVEN L./PARLAND, NANCY	39,000
0	DODGE CORNER RD	LOWELL, DAVID E. & TAMMY M	23,600
3	DODGE CORNER RD	FAIT, HAROLD C	97,700
26	DODGE CORNER RD	GOREVIC, RONALD & FISHER, JULIE	252,500
5	DODGE RD	FARROW, RICHARD & EVELYN	211,900
29	DODGE RD	FAIT, HAROLD C	183,400
32	DODGE RD	RICHARDSON, KEVIN	195,600
71	DODGE RD	WEEKS, BARBARA	88,100
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	MORRISON, PATRICIA/CASWELL, BRENDA	19,500
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	TOWN OF HAWLEY	3,000
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	COBB, CHERYL/HUFF-RUCHIN, D./MAYETTE, J & N	800
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	COBB, CHERYL/HUFF-RUCHIN, D./MAYETTE, J & N	5,600
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	MCLAUGHLIN, CHRISTINE	34,100
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	FAUFAW, KRISTIE/SISUM, MICHAEL	37,000
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	TOWN OF HAWLEY	28,000
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	TOWN OF HAWLEY	45,000
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	BRYANT, TANYA ZOE & FITZPATRICK, MARGARET	63,000
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	APREA, FERDINAND & GARY	101,000
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	CULVER, HARRY/BRUCE & DANA	29,200
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	CULVER, HARRY/BRUCE & DANA	53,200
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	CULVER, HARRY/BRUCE & DANA	72,000
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	HEIRS & DIVISEES OF GEORGE RICHARDSON	2,500
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	UNIV. OF MASS. FOUND./THOMAS TROTMAN, EX DIR.	43,600
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	FIVE COLLEGES, INC	36,000

0	EAST HAWLEY RD	NATURE CONSERVANCY, INC	6,400
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	COATES, BRANDIN R & MELISSA S	35,000
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	ROOT, ROBERT W. & SERRA A	65,400
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	QUINNEHTUK COMPANY/ROCKY RIVER REALTY CO	1,600
5	EAST HAWLEY RD	MENDE, ROBERT & SHIRLEY	156,300
8	EAST HAWLEY RD	WALSH, JAMES & KATHLEEN	104,900
24	EAST HAWLEY RD	CLARK, WENDY LAURA	100,500
28	EAST HAWLEY RD	DUPUIS, RONALD & SANDRA	217,500
29	EAST HAWLEY RD	CLARK, MITCHELL	69,900
31	EAST HAWLEY RD	GRISWOLD, GORDON & JANICE	225,300
42	EAST HAWLEY RD	LEMIEUX, JULIA	179,300
45	EAST HAWLEY RD	SWOPE, WESTON J/NOLAN, ANDRES J.D	107,200
49	EAST HAWLEY RD	SWOPE, WESTON J	238,500
52	EAST HAWLEY RD	PARRA, PHILIP W. & PATRICIA JEAN	205,100
54	EAST HAWLEY RD	CLARK, TIMOTHY J. & ROBYN DEE	285,500
59	EAST HAWLEY RD	SCHAEFER, JONATHAN & MARIA LYNN	463,800
67	EAST HAWLEY RD	BOUCIAS, GREGG & JEAN	126,500
69	EAST HAWLEY RD	CLARK, KYLE & DAPHNE	306,800
74	EAST HAWLEY RD	LORENZEN, MARIANNE & R. BRUCE	219,300
78	EAST HAWLEY RD	ISAACSEN, KIMBERLY TANGUAY/TANGUAY, JODI	140,100
81	EAST HAWLEY RD	TANGUAY, WILLIAM DAVID	270,800
86	EAST HAWLEY RD	CLARK, TIMOTHY & ROBYN	114,400
95	EAST HAWLEY RD	GREEN, HAROLD F	399,700
98	EAST HAWLEY RD	STEMPER, MARGARET & BARRY	97,900
103	EAST HAWLEY RD	MCLAUGHLIN, CHRISTINE	118,100
104	EAST HAWLEY RD	GERRY, CODY	159,100
106	EAST HAWLEY RD	THOMSON, ELAINE & RAYMOND	200,300
112	EAST HAWLEY RD	HOWE, ADAM & KELLY	193,200
115	EAST HAWLEY RD	HAGEN, SUSAN & SINTIRIS, WILLIAM	70,500
116	EAST HAWLEY RD	SEGAL, YVETTE	161,200
120	EAST HAWLEY RD	SHUTTA, STEVEN	212,300
124	EAST HAWLEY RD	GRAVES, ANDREW & ADAM, ASHLEY	236,500
127	EAST HAWLEY RD	BROWN, LOOCIE/SOMMERS, ELIZABETH	200,800
128	EAST HAWLEY RD	FAUFAW, KRISTIE/SISUM, MICHAEL	356,900
153	EAST HAWLEY RD	OLEFSKY, HAI ZHENG & MAXINE M.Z	289,200
168	EAST HAWLEY RD	SPRING, PATRICIA	107,600
214	EAST HAWLEY RD	LAWLESS, WILLIAM S/MAYNARD-LAWLESS, CHERYL	342,900
235	EAST HAWLEY RD	GOTTA, DANIEL/DANIEL GOTTA, TRUSTEE	114,600
252	EAST HAWLEY RD	COLE, WILLIAM G., TRUSTEE	56,600
254	EAST HAWLEY RD	SWOPE, JAMES & SUSAN	164,400
259	EAST HAWLEY RD	KAPSINOW, JAY & TERESITA	203,900
262	EAST HAWLEY RD	SWOPE, JAMES & SUSAN	51,200
270	EAST HAWLEY RD	BILLINGS, SHAWN R. & ELIZABETH A	232,900
282	EAST HAWLEY RD	BELLOWS, KEVIN	359,500
292	EAST HAWLEY RD	YATES, RICHARD & CHERYL	223,900
319	EAST HAWLEY RD	GRANT, STEPHEN & ELLEN JANE	244,400
324	EAST HAWLEY RD	HARRISON, DREW & ASHLEY	170,200
327	EAST HAWLEY RD	SONS & DAUGHTERS OF HAWLEY INC	169,400
330	EAST HAWLEY RD	ROOT, ROBERT W. & SERRA A	113,700
332	EAST HAWLEY RD	SONS & DAUGHTERS OF HAWLEY INC	86,600

0	EAST RD	BERKSHIRE HIGHLANDS LLC	29,800
0	EAST RD	BERKSHIRE EAST SKI RESORT, LLC	1,254,200
0	EAST RD	HUGHES, HELENA	84,400
0	EAST RD	MAHA SIDDHA NYINGMAPA	3,700
0	EAST RD	KLAGSBRUN, EDWARD	149,000
0	EAST RD	HOLM, LOIS	56,900
0	EAST RD	MASS. DEPT OF FISH AND GAME ("NHA")	34,300
0	EAST RD	SKELTON, ROBERT/KLEMER, PAUL DAVID	7,500
0	EAST RD	HERRSHAFT, WILLIAM & JUDITH	1,800
0	EAST RD	MASS. DEPT OF FISH AND GAME ("NHA")	7,500
22	EAST RD	CLARK, KEVIN	142,200
26	EAST RD	PIDA, MICHAEL	39,500
40	EAST RD	LEVINE, PAUL	245,000
42	EAST RD	BILLIEL, DARLENE	112,900
43	EAST RD	ALBRIGHT, LINDA	210,400
47	EAST RD	MAHA SIDDHA NYINGMAPA/SECRETARY	352,400
49	EAST RD	SCHAEFER, JAMES & JONATHAN	323,700
54	EAST RD	GRISWOLD, DANA	95,800
58	EAST RD	KIMBALL, CHRISTINE & SPOONER, ALAN	209,500
58	EAST RD	KIMBALL, CHRISTINE & SPOONER, ALAN	3,700
131	EAST RD	TEPEDINO, MICHAEL	510,300
0	FORGE HILL RD	GOSSELIN, KENNETH & PAUL/GOSSELIN, NICOLE	68,200
0	FORGE HILL RD	FITZROY, ROBERT & DANIEL	10,100
0	FORGE HILL RD	SINGING BROOK FARM TRUST	46,000
5	FORGE HILL RD	FITZROY, KIM	226,200
10	FORGE HILL RD	SHRIMPTON, PAMELA & CRAIG	49,300
12	FORGE HILL RD	SHRIMPTON, PAMELA & CRAIG	280,700
0	FORGET RD	COMMON OF MASS./DEPT OF FISH AND GAME	65,600
0	FORGET RD	COMMON OF MASS./DEPT OF FISH AND GAME	8,000
0	FORGET RD	DOANE CEMETERY	22,200
0	FORGET RD	KOZODOY, NEAL & MAUD N	41,400
5	FORGET RD	CHURCHILL, GERTRUDE E/C/O CORBOSIERO, ANNE MARIE	128,600
21	FORGET RD	DONELSON, LAURI	176,700
26	FORGET RD	STEWART, HOLLY B	259,500
29	FORGET RD	ABRASHKIN, WILLIAM/NIGROSH, BARRY	1,200
29	FORGET RD	NIGROSH, BARRY	242,400
30	FORGET RD	BRADY, EDWARD/IVES, MARIAN	302,400
35	FORGET RD	BLOUGH, DOUGLAS/VALENTE-BLOUGH, SIENNA	188,000
49	FORGET RD	ANDERSON, EDWARD/VALENTE-BLOUGH, SIENNA	690,500
58	FORGET RD	MEADOWSWEET FARM LLC	566,900
59	FORGET RD	CRESSOTTI, KYRA MARIE/TAFEL,GUSTAV	296,400
86	FORGET RD	BEGA, KATHRYN	89,800
90	FORGET RD	KOZODOY, NEAL & MAUD N	477,700
97	FORGET RD	GELINAS, MARY	331,100
101	FORGET RD	NELSON, RONALD/FORGET RD REALTY TRUST	238,900
107	FORGET RD	HOPKINS, SUSAN & BERNARD	232,000
112	FORGET RD	MITCHELL, PETER	173,300
117	FORGET RD	KEAN, RICHARD/KEAN, POLLY	170,600
121	FORGET RD	KEAN, RICHARD/HAMILTON-KEAN, ANNE	432,100
7	GROUT RD	OLIVEIRA, NELSON	144,800

20	GROUT RD	HOFFMAN, KAREN	302,100
0	HALLOCKVILLE RD	SOUTH HAWLEY CEMETERY	1,500
0	HAWLEY RD	CLARK, BRIAN	40,900
13	HOWES RD	COOPER, PAUL R (TRUSTEE	742,800
0	HUNT RD	BURSTEIN, MERWYN/BURSTEIN, RUTH	29,500
0	HUNT RD	TOWN OF HAWLEY	4,500
0	HUNT RD	DEFRIESSE, GEORGETTE	4,500
0	HUNT RD	TOWN OF HAWLEY	4,500
0	HUNT RD	GURSKI, FRANK	4,500
0	HUNT RD	TOWN OF HAWLEY	4,500
0	HUNT RD	WALCZAK, MARGARET/ZAGORSKI, CATHERINE & CELIA	4,500
3	HUNT RD	GOULD, RICHARD	212,200
9	HUNT RD	COATES, BRANDIN R & MELISSA S	194,100
11	HUNT RD	DESROSIERS, JACOB	157,500
15	HUNT RD	DEFRIESSE, GEORGETTE	195,800
17	HUNT RD	DREHER, SARAH (HEIRS AND DIVISEES OF)	51,700
19	HUNT RD	AUBREY, TODD	85,800
0	LABELLE RD	COMMON OF MASS./DEPT OF FISH & GAME ("NHA")	173,100
0	LABELLE RD	KAPLAN, DAVID A	72,600
0	LABELLE RD	OHMANN, SARAH/COOK, RICHARD	6,300
0	LABELLE RD	MASS. DEPT OF FISH & GAME ("PROJECT AVERY")	103,500
0	LABELLE RD	LABELLE, CURTIS W. & NORMA J	3,700
0	LABELLE RD	MILT, ELLEN (TRUSTEE)/ELLEN M. MILT TRUST	21,500
53	LABELLE RD	OHMANN, SARAH/COOK, RICHARD	270,100
62	LABELLE RD	KING, MICHAEL & EVELYN	392,300
80	LABELLE RD	BEARFOOT REALITY TRUST	250,200
19	LOWER FORGET RD	EASTWOOD, BRUCE	117,900
0	MIDDLE RD	PURINTON, SCOTT R	12,100
0	MIDDLE RD	TAYLOR, ROBERT & HOLT, PATRICIA	2,200
0	MIDDLE RD	PURINTON, SCOTT R. & ELLEN S	10,100
0	MIDDLE RD	MASS. DCR (KENNETH DUBUQUE ST.FOR)	77,000
25	MIDDLE RD	MACLEAN, ROBERT & JOANNE	144,100
35	MIDDLE RD	ATKINS, CARLOS	203,200
38	MIDDLE RD	TAYLOR, ROBERT	184,000
45	MIDDLE RD	PURDY, PETER & SUSAN	149,700
51	MIDDLE RD	STEJSKAL, JIRI&MARY	73,900
54	MIDDLE RD	SINGING BROOK FARM TRUST	323,900
59	MIDDLE RD	COSBY, WILLIAMS C. & JOHNSON, LISA	497,600
79	MIDDLE RD	SMART, ELISE C & JOHN III	228,000
81	MIDDLE RD	GILLAN, DUNCAN & RUTH	316,200
84	MIDDLE RD	WEISBLAT, TINKY	271,900
92	MIDDLE RD	CLARK, LESLIE	243,600
96	MIDDLE RD	PYLE, DAVID & ELIZABETH/PYLE, ALICE PARKER	282,100
0	OLD TOWN COMMON	TOWN OF HAWLEY	22,200
0	PLAINFIELD RD	EAST HAWLEY CEMETERY	26,300
0	PLAINFIELD RD	ASHFIELD ROD & GUN CLUB	4,700
0	PLAINFIELD RD	HEIRS & DIVISEES OF JOHN THOMPSON III	600
3	PLAINFIELD RD	SCHOFIELD, MICHAEL & TAMMY	158,500
4	PLAINFIELD RD	O'CONNOR, JANE M	227,000
16	PLAINFIELD RD	TOWN OF HAWLEY/FIRE STATION	70,100

21	PLAINFIELD RD	MIZULA, MARK & SANDRA	163,100
23	PLAINFIELD RD	MCSPARRAN, CRAIG	64,000
38	PLAINFIELD RD	CARANTIT, JEFFREY & JULIE	395,700
68	PLAINFIELD RD	CHAFFEE, KENNETH & SHEILA	269,700
79	PLAINFIELD RD	SCOTT, RAYMOND	151,300
86	PLAINFIELD RD	SCOTT, JAMES	234,000
102	PLAINFIELD RD	AUSTIN, JUDITH	260,300
118	PLAINFIELD RD	MAPLESTONE, LLC/SCHOELZEL, HUGH	350,500
0	POND RD	POUDRIER, RAYMOND & MELANIE	4,500
0	POND RD	ORZECKOWSKI, PAUL & KIMBERLY	36,700
0	POND RD	COX, GREGORY	23,100
6	POND RD	THWING, KIRBY JR & ELIZABETH	174,700
13	POND RD	COX, GREGORY & DRAVES, SUSAN	182,200
15	POND RD	THWING, KIRBY JR & ELIZABETH	232,900
29	POND RD	POUDRIER, RAYMOND	433,100
0	PUDDING HOLLOW	CROSSIN, CLARA ESTATE/JOHN W. RICHARDSON	35,000
0	PUDDING HOLLOW	BERTSCH, KENNETH/BECK, PETER	46,800
0	PUDDING HOLLOW	MCDERMOTT, SEAN P. & AVA S	91,600
0	PUDDING HOLLOW	PUDDING HOLLOW CEMETERY ASSOC.	28,000
0	PUDDING HOLLOW	PUDDING HOLLOW CEMETERY ASSOC.	400
0	PUDDING HOLLOW	WHITE, MARK	18,200
0	PUDDING HOLLOW	WHITE, DOUGLAS	12,100
0	PUDDING HOLLOW	SEARS, PAUL	28,000
0	PUDDING HOLLOW	SEARS, JOHN F. TRUSTEE	5,500
6	PUDDING HOLLOW	BECK, R. PETER/BERTSCH, KENNETH	294,500
7	PUDDING HOLLOW	VELAZQUEZ, JASON, REGINA & SHEILA	100,500
8	PUDDING HOLLOW	TOWN OF HAWLEY	69,700
12	PUDDING HOLLOW	CLARK, BRYAN/O'GORMAN, KRISTIN	298,500
45	PUDDING HOLLOW	RICH, DAVID	266,600
61	PUDDING HOLLOW	DEFOUGEROLLES, ANTONIN & PAULA	834,000
73	PUDDING HOLLOW	STERNSTEIN, KATHRYN & JEROME	174,900
87	PUDDING HOLLOW	SEARS, KATHRYN	288,700
100	PUDDING HOLLOW	SEARS, JOHN F/THE JOHN F. SEARS REALTY TRUST	245,900
0	SAVOY RD	CUTLER, CHARLES	72,200
2	SAVOY RD	SCHOCH, AMY	148,100
22	SAVOY RD	CUTLER, CHARLES	323,300
36	SAVOY RD	DWIGHT, WILLIAM & LEWIS, LIDA	103,200
0	SEARS RD	WHITE, MARK	49,600
21	SEARS RD	CHARLAND, JOYCE M	144,800
17	SINGING BROOK LN	SINGING BROOK FARM TRUST	324,700
0	SOUTH RIVER RD	BERKSHIRE HIGHLANDS LLC	21,000
0	SOUTH RIVER RD	OVITT, BRIAN	17,300
0	SOUTH RIVER RD	LANOUE, NELSON & BRENDA	30,000
0	SOUTH RD	CLARK, CLIFFORD JR	49,600
0	SOUTH RD	TAVERN TOP TRUST	10,900
0	SOUTH RD	NEWELL, DAVID & VIRGINIA	30,100
0	SOUTH RD	YATES, JEFFREY & LAURA	45,300
133	SOUTH RD	CLARK, SARA & WALL, KENNETH	187,400
0	STETSON RD	NEW ENGLAND FORESTRY FOUNDATION	123,500
0	STETSON RD	SHIPPEE, MURIEL/PHELPS, HAROLD S	53,000

0	STETSON RD	MASS. DCR (KENNETH DUBUQUE ST.FO)	37,000
0	STETSON RD	MASS. DCR (KENNETH DUBUQUE ST.FO)	37,000
2	STETSON RD	TOWN OF HAWLEY	87,200
7	STETSON RD	BRISSETTE, BARBARA (HEIRS & DEVISEES)	41,800
9	STETSON RD	KELLOGG, BARBARA E	204,400
13	STETSON RD	KIMBALL, STEPHEN & SUSAN	169,100
0	WATSON RD	MCCULLOCH, DAVID J	700
0	WATSON RD	SCHREIBER, THOMAS & SHIRLEY	1,600
7	WATSON RD	POPE, BENJAMIN L. & DANIEL C	241,600
0	WEST HAWLEY RD	MASS. DCR (MOHAWK TRAIL ST. FO.)	1,255,100
0	WEST HAWLEY RD	WHITE, TEDD	53,400
0	WEST HAWLEY RD	NGUYEN, LEIM THANH	19,500
0	WEST HAWLEY RD	PURINTON, SCOTT R	20,300
0	WEST HAWLEY RD	EICHHOLZ, MARY & TIMOTHY	6,400
0	WEST HAWLEY RD	SPOFFORD, BEVERLY	800
0	WEST HAWLEY RD	HOLMES, TOBY A.O	32,300
0	WEST HAWLEY RD	GORMLEY, JUNE/GORMLEY REALTY TRUST	28,000
0	WEST HAWLEY RD	BERTSCH, KENNETH/BECK, PETER	9,800
0	WEST HAWLEY RD	STREETER, PAUL	85,600
0	WEST HAWLEY RD	NORCROSS, PAUL&RITA/NORCROSS, MIKEL	31,800
0	WEST HAWLEY RD	DESMARAIS, DEAN F. & MARIA C	19,500
10	WEST HAWLEY RD	WHITE, MARK	231,200
28	WEST HAWLEY RD	WHITE, TEDD	291,900
48	WEST HAWLEY RD	EGGERT, HENRY	293,000
50	WEST HAWLEY RD	GRODEN, SUZY Q & EMMETT, CONSTANCE	183,800
54	WEST HAWLEY RD	GRODEN, SUZY Q & EMMETT, CONSTANCE	44,300
60	WEST HAWLEY RD	PURINTON, SCOTT R. & ELLEN S	368,500
70	WEST HAWLEY RD	BROWNELL, RYAN/SEARS, ELIZABETH	232,300
74	WEST HAWLEY RD	FALWELL, RICHARD L & ANN J	78,000
76	WEST HAWLEY RD	DESMARAIS, DEAN	78,400
76	WEST HAWLEY RD	DESMARAIS, DEAN	169,900
90	WEST HAWLEY RD	DESROCHERS, JAMES & KATHLEEN	155,200
94	WEST HAWLEY RD	DONNA M. LEMOINE LIVING TRUST	59,900
96	WEST HAWLEY RD	DONNA M. LEMOINE LIVING TRUST	36,500
108	WEST HAWLEY RD	TRAVERS, GRAHAME & PEGGY	313,000
128	WEST HAWLEY RD	HANECAK, NANCY AND VIENS, JOSLYN	151,700
136	WEST HAWLEY RD	HICKS, CHRISTINE	143,100
138	WEST HAWLEY RD	PARENT, RICHARD & ELIZABETH	120,500
140	WEST HAWLEY RD	BONNETTE, DONALD	69,300
144	WEST HAWLEY RD	BONNETTE, DONALD	166,400
197	WEST HAWLEY RD	YOUMELL, DEBORAH & JAMES	37,100
198	WEST HAWLEY RD	CLARK, WAYNE & ROBIN	117,100
200	WEST HAWLEY RD	MACNICOLL, SAM	135,100
201	WEST HAWLEY RD	ROBERTS, BRYAN	283,200
213	WEST HAWLEY RD	FRIED, RICHARD G	180,500
214	WEST HAWLEY RD	DESMARAIS, DAVID	36,500
228	WEST HAWLEY RD	SOULE, PETER & CHRISTOPHER	296,400
232	WEST HAWLEY RD	BROWNE, MARGARET	323,500
240	WEST HAWLEY RD	HICKS, CHRISTINE & TIRONE, CHRISTOPHER	171,600
247	WEST HAWLEY RD	TOWN OF HAWLEY	439,000

264	WEST HAWLEY RD	GORMLEY, JUNE/GORMLEY REALTY TR.	324,900
282	WEST HAWLEY RD	WARGO, MARIE	346,100
298	WEST HAWLEY RD	SARLY, ANNA/LERNER, LYNN	271,600
319	WEST HAWLEY RD	LAMOUNTAIN, ROBERT & PATRICIA	41,000
324	WEST HAWLEY RD	ROWEHL, GREGORY	198,800
325	WEST HAWLEY RD	LAMOUNTAIN, ROBERT & PATRICIA	43,800
326	WEST HAWLEY RD	HOYT, THOMAS & VIOLA	127,800
330	WEST HAWLEY RD	VAN BATENBURG, DEBORAH	36,500
334	WEST HAWLEY RD	SCHMITT, MICHAEL	100,400
335	WEST HAWLEY RD	DECKER, DOUGLAS & GLORIA	73,300
336	WEST HAWLEY RD	DECKER, DOUGLAS G. & GLORIA J	45,500
337	WEST HAWLEY RD	HODGKINS, GUY & MARIE	85,800
339	WEST HAWLEY RD	STONE, ROBERT (ESTATE OF)	75,500
340	WEST HAWLEY RD	HOYT, WILLIAM	69,200
380	WEST HAWLEY RD	NORCROSS, PAUL D & RITA M	117,800
382	WEST HAWLEY RD	NORCROSS, PAUL D & RITA M	370,300
390	WEST HAWLEY RD	BIGELOW, MARK	172,000
466	WEST HAWLEY RD	MASS. DCR(KENNETH DUBUQUE ST.FOREST)	3,926,300
0	WEST HILL RD	MAYNARD, ADIN & LLAMA	31,700
0	WEST HILL RD	DOYLE, KAREN/RICE, BETH & RICE, BRIAN	30,000
0	WEST HILL RD	WEST HAWLEY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION	1,500
0	WEST HILL RD	BRADLEY, DOUGLAS & DEBORAH	46,000
0	WEST HILL RD	PALMER, SHEILA	32,500
0	WEST HILL RD	BUTHMAN, NANCY & WAGNER, ELEANOR	43,000
7	WEST HILL RD	MCCARTHY, GERARD & LORRAINE	208,200
20	WEST HILL RD	RICE, GEORGE/KAREN DOYLE, BETH RICE/BRIAN RICE	415,500
28	WEST HILL RD	RICE, GAIL	150,800
40	WEST HILL RD	SAVOIE, JOSEPH & LINDA	198,000
43	WEST HILL RD	WRIGHT, MICHAEL & MEWIS, RUTH	52,900
63	WEST HILL RD	CRAWFORD, LLOYD & SUZANNE	395,000
64	WEST HILL RD	CRAWFORD, LLOYD & SUZANNE	231,000
86	WEST HILL RD	JUSTICE, THOMAS&MUNIAK, CASSANDRA	664,300
91	WEST HILL RD	CARLE, ROLF	290,300
120	WEST HILL RD	MAYNARD, ADIN & LLAMA	101,100

REPORT OF THE HAWLEY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Dear Fellow Hawley Residents:

We doubt we need to remind anyone that 2020 was a rough year. The COVID-19 Pandemic swept the world, costing several hundred thousand lives in our country alone. Life was disrupted drastically. Even the act of going to the grocery store became complicated by precautions like mask wearing and social distancing; precautions we hoped would work, but with little in the way of guarantees. Businesses were shuttered. Gatherings became subject to restrictions. Our schools transitioned to remote learning for most of the 2020-2021 School Year; a fact massively complicated by the continuing limitations of communications infrastructure in our region. Budgets were effectively frozen or even cut across the board in anticipation of large-scale revenue losses. (Those losses didn't actually turn out to be as bad as we had feared). Many people and business owners faced serious economic hardships, in addition to having to

figure out how to navigate complex, sometimes inexplicable and even arbitrary, new regulatory frameworks. Meanwhile, political tensions in this great country of ours devolved to an all-time low as the 2020 elections and their aftermath became truly nasty.

Here in Hawley, we were spared the worst of it. Although, contrary to some media reports, we did have a handful of COVID-19 cases, there was no largescale outbreak. While we made a few changes, such as holding Town Meetings outdoors and some Select Board and other meetings by phone, the meetings still happened. The roads continued to be plowed. The Fire Department continued to effectively respond to incidents, accidents, and medical events, in one case responding to four calls in less than twenty-four hours. The Town Office continued to provide services to the public. And here in Hawley, we continued to practice civility, moderation, and acceptance of one another at a time when such virtues were in short supply in other places. At the end of the day, we are human beings and Americans before we are conservatives or liberals.

Now that several vaccines are being rolled out, we hope to transition our focus from simply protecting ourselves from the threat of COVID-19, to actively attacking and mitigating it. The Town and our partners at the National, State and County levels, including our much appreciated friends at the Cooperative Public Health Services, are working hard to make the vaccine roll-out effective and to make sure everyone who wants a vaccine can get one as soon as possible. Many eligible Hawley residents have already been inoculated. Hopefully, as this trend continues throughout the country, we will be able to achieve a meaningful easing of restrictions and a return to some semblance of normalcy. In the meantime, we need to continue to exercise vigilance and common sense and not let our guard down prematurely.

Financially, we regret to inform you of what you all likely already know. Taxes have gone up, largely because of factors beyond our control. This is not because we have been creating new expenses; we haven't. Services have actually remained relatively level. Town staff were put on a pay freeze in the fiscal year now ending, as were school personnel. For the coming fiscal year, we are proposing a very modest cost of living adjustment of 1.5% for paid Town employees, a figure tagged to the increase in the Consumer Price Index, (a national measure of inflation based on the cost of typical consumer goods). The effects of this on the budget are minimal and are actually offset by cuts we have made elsewhere. Nevertheless, we feel it is important to recognize the hard work of our Town employees; the alternative—another pay freeze—would, in the face of inflation, amount to a pay cut. Meanwhile, all elected, committee, and volunteer positions, including the Selectboard are remaining on the same salaries and stipends that we have been at for the last several years.

We haven't been getting as much State aid as we would like. Our Board continues to engage in advocacy to improve this situation, including advocating for more equitable reimbursement from Boston for un-taxed State-owned land. We have also seen significant costs due to additional students engaging in vocational education programs. There are active discussions about how to make vocational education more affordable; however, that is a long game and nothing is going to be resolved overnight. We are additionally responsible for the rising costs of health insurance and benefits, not only for our own employees, but also for everyone at the schools which are reflected in the school budgets we vote. Education remains one of our biggest expenses. We realize that it is crucial at this time to achieve the greatest efficiency and value possible. However, efficiency and cost cutting are not enough to control the ever-growing costs associated with doing the same things we've always done. We also need to find ways to bring revenue to Hawley. Without additional revenue, our only choices are to cut services, or place ever growing burdens upon our primarily residential tax base.

For this reason, the Select Board has decided to create an Economic Development Committee. The goal of this organization is to bring together a wide, representative, cross section of the community and advise the Board on ways we can bring (taxable) economic development to Hawley while still preserving our rural character. The Committee will also consider how we can support local businesses and entrepreneurs and keep such entities and people in our area.

To end on a positive note, the Four Town FHMS Broadband project is now being rolled out to subscribers. Many in Hawley have, as of the time of this writing, already been hooked up. More will follow. For the most part, those who have received service have been impressed. Broadband will not totally solve the problem of bringing small businesses to Hawley, but it will certainly make it a lot easier. We understand that the network offers both Internet and phone service. However, there have been a number of technical glitches that are still being worked out and so, for the time being, we recommend that people keep their copper landlines, or whatever else they use to make a critical phone call when failure is not an option.

We want to thank all our staff, volunteers, and Hawley residents for holding it together during these trying times, as we continue to push forward and keep this a great place to live. In particular, we would like to give recognition to our outstanding Administrative Assistant of many years, Cass Nawrocki, who will be retiring effective this June. Thank you for your helpful, diligent, and much appreciated service.

May God continue to bless our Nation, our Commonwealth, and our Town of Hawley.

Respectfully, **THE HAWLEY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Hussain Hamdan (Chair) Robert MacLean Robert Root

HAWLEY CONTINUES TO BE SERVED BY MULTIPLE AMBULANCE PROVIDERS

The Hawley Select Board would like to issue this statement to clarify certain misunderstandings and rumors that have recently arisen regarding ambulance service. Hawley is served by a number of ambulance providers on a mutual aid basis, both EMT basic and Paramedic level. This system exists to ensure rapid responses even if one particular ambulance is not available. We are not dependant upon a single ambulance service to ensure patient care. Regardless of how the ongoing situation with Charlemont Ambulance develops, anyone who dials 911 will still be able to get an ambulance. In the long term, we are investigating a number of possible options for developing a stable relationship with a primary provider.

The Hawley Select Board has been, and remains, willing to work with our partners in the Town of Charlemont and the Charlemont Ambulance Service to preserve and continue the long standing relationship that has existed between our two Towns. We are not necessarily opposed to making reasonable financial contributions. However, our position is, and has always been, that paying over any kind of funding is conditioned upon having a written contract that clearly defines the obligations and expectations of the parties and is based on a clear and transparent financial methodology. We have repeatedly expressed our willingness to meet with Charlemont's Select Board, Finance Committee, and Emergency Services to negotiate such an agreement. We continue to be willing to meet with our colleagues in Charlemont whenever they are willing to meet with us. **IN THE MEANTIME, PLEASE REST ASSURED THAT WHEN YOU CALL AN AMBULANCE, YOU WILL GET ONE.**

The Hawley Board of Selectmen - Hussain Hamdan, Chair . Robert MacLean . Robert Root

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Finance Committee Report-2021-Calendar Year (CY) 2020

The Hawley Finance Committee is fully staffed. It is composed of Lloyd Crawford, Jane Grant, Carla Clark, Tammy Schofield, and Lark Thwing (chair).

The committee met in person March 6, 2020 to finalize the 2021 budget, and again online with the selectboard on November 10, 2020 to discuss the higher than expected tax rate. Because of the pandemic, there were no additional online meetings held. The treasurer kept the committee up to date via emails with pertinent information. NO decisions were made via email.

Minutes for FinCom meetings can be found on the town website under Finance Committee at <http://www.townofhawley.com/finance-committee/#minutes>

As town auditor, Carla Clark reviewed the town financials and found them in order.

As of December 31, 2020, the current balances in the stabilization accounts were:

General Stabilization \$61,851.13

Highway Stabilization \$60,932.90

Fire Department Stabilization \$73,351.92

Vocational School Stabilization \$81,167.24

The tax rate for FY22 has been approved at \$17.88. Free cash as of July 1, 2020 was certified on October 27, 2020 at \$76,857.

For those who are interested, minutes of all FinCom meetings are now being posted on the town website under Finance Committee Minutes. 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
Finance Committee Chair



(left) New to Hawley this year – Ballot & Drop Boxes



& (right) Beth Thwing & Suzanne Crawfords' masks

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK - 2020

VITAL STATISTICS

Births: 2

Deaths: 6

Marriages: 1

Current number of residents: 322

Current number of registered voters: 277

2020 was a difficult year due to the COVID pandemic. We closed the office to residents in March of 2020 and internally worked scattered hours, wore masks, and took other precautions...lots of bleach spray! We received masks and hand sanitizer from various entities, and the Town Clerk's office also received a \$5,000 grant towards extra election expenses in this time of the pandemic. Hawley "seamstresses" also took to their machines to contribute to the need for masks for residents. We saw citizens by appointment since life does go on...even a couple of new babies joined Hawley during this time (one born at home), and a marriage took place. The vaccine for COVID is now available for 65 plus folks and will be available for the remainder of the population soon, we are told.

This year I would once again like to thank my hardworking Election Officers for their dedication. We moved our Annual Town Election and Meeting outside in June 2020 due to the COVID restrictions. It all went smoothly thanks to the Election Officers hard work and careful handling of ballots. Many voters chose to vote by mail and by the time election days rolled around, we were over halfway there.

Thanks to Melanie Poudrier, Suzy Groden, Christine Hicks, Gloria Decker, Elvira Scott, Lorraine McCarthy, Juanita Clark, Lark Thwing, Beth Thwing, Anne Hamilton-Kean, Mary Gelinas, Jane Grant, Paul Norcross, Trina Sternstein, Jerry Sternstein, CourtneyAnn Hoyt, Tammy Schofield, and Susan Olson. We lost one of the hardest working, long time members of our team in 2020, Margaret Eggert. She will be truly missed.

Hope everyone made it through 2020. To me it was kind of fun at first to be stranded in Hawley (in my pj's), but over time quarantine does wear on a person. Here is looking ahead to brighter days.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Shrimpton
Hawley Town Clerk

FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Services to Hawley in 2020

The FRCOG provides planning services, programming, and advocacy to all County municipalities. Our municipal service programs – Collective Purchasing, Cooperative Public Health, Cooperative Inspection, and Town Accounting – are available to any municipality. Partnership for Youth provides substance use and chronic disease prevention; the Planning Department assists with local planning and larger regional projects; and the Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security Programs prepare and train first responders and health officials.

The COVID-19 pandemic modified the ways we did business in 2020, and while the attention of some staff shifted towards pandemic response, our typical work did not stop, nor did our mission to serve the interests of citizens, municipalities, and the region as a whole. While we've included some of that work here, *FRCOG's 2020 Annual Report*, published this spring, will further summarize our regional efforts. The following pages primarily list services specific to Hawley.

COVID Response and Recovery

The FRCOG was active in regional and municipal COVID response and recovery in numerous ways, including:

- Advocated for changes to laws and regulation needed to run municipalities remotely
- Conducted a business impact survey to understand how to allocate emergency funding to protect the regional economy
- Monitored active cases and conducted contact tracing for 19 towns
- Opened the Multi-Agency Coordination Center to disseminate situation reports to municipalities, responders and other stakeholders
- Launched a weekly newsletter of resources and support for parents & guardians of school-aged children
- Facilitated the distribution of PPE to area hospitals and responders, and facilitated a collective purchase of PPE for municipalities, non-profits and businesses
- Managed and distributed emergency funding to local Boards of Health
- Assisted the Board of Health in identifying contact tracing support for COVID case management
- Secured \$5,990 in COVID emergency management funds to cover the cost of COVID case management
- Provided mask order and social distancing signage for use at town facilities and businesses

Climate Resilience

- Assisted the Administrative Assistant with completing Hawley's FY20 Green Communities Annual Report.

Economic Development

- Compiled an inventory and map of the recreational assets in the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership area.
- Coordinated a group of stakeholders to begin discussions on issues and opportunities related to outdoor recreation on the Deerfield River.

Finance and Municipal Services

- Hawley contracted with the FRCOG to receive collective bid pricing for highway products and services, including rental equipment and drone services; elevator maintenance; school district fire alarm; and dog tags and licenses.
- The Cooperative Inspections program issued 16 building permits, 23 electrical permits and 5 plumbing/gas permits for Hawley in 2020. One (1) Certificate of Inspection was issued.

Land Use and Natural Resources

- Assisted Hawley and other towns with the formation of the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership (MTWP) Board that will assume responsibility for future activities of the MTWP Partnership in accordance with the State legislation.

Public and Community Health

- Hawley is a comprehensive member of the CPHS, a health district based at the FRCOG. See the section above for COVID-related work. In other initiatives, program staff:
- Coordinated vaccine availability, supplies and staff support for flu clinics held at community sites throughout the CPHS district with the help of Medical Reserve Corps members, GCC nursing students and community volunteers. All told, CPHS flu clinics vaccinated 2,045 Franklin County residents. For Hawley, a Flu Clinic/Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) Drill held at the Charlemont Fairgrounds served 246 local residents. An additional EDS drill/clinic held in partnership with the Rowe and Heath Town Nurses at the former Heath Elementary School served 164 local residents.
- Provided nursing services to attendees of 2 monthly “Good Neighbors” food distributions and 2 “Second Tuesday” walk-in wellness clinics at the Charlemont Federated Church. Residents visited with the nurse, and those who could not were visited at home. This work paused during the pandemic.
- Completed state-mandated infectious disease surveillance and reporting for 332 communicable disease cases in district member towns. Two (2) were from Hawley.
- Assisted Hawley residents with low-cost tick tests through a local Board of Health subsidy. Staff provided tick prevention materials and helped residents access grant-funded tick testing through an on-line system.
- Conducted 2 Title-5 Inspections prior to property transfers; 3 Soil Evaluations for septic systems; and 4 septic system plan reviews that included site visits, issuing Local Upgrade Approvals and DSCP (septic) permits, completing final inspections of installations, and preparing Certificates of Compliance.
- Permitted 3 new wells, including determining compliance with Water Supply Standards, and conducted 1 retail food inspection.
- Designed a Board of Health Handbook outlining relevant BOH codes, roles and responsibilities.
- Provided a virtual training opportunity with the Mass Attorney General’s Office to learn about the Neighborhood Renewal Program, a program designed to help bring abandoned residential properties back to their intended use. The training resulted in the Hawley Board of Health’s vote to join the program. There is no cost for Hawley to participate, and any eligible property that is recommended and accepted into the program has administrative and enforcement costs provided by the Attorney General’s Office.
- Conducted a Teen Health Survey to assess teen attitudes and behavior among middle and high school students. Staff reported to Mohawk Trail Regional School administrators on results from 103 Mohawk students, representing 61% of the 8th, 10th, and 12th grade classes. Survey data meets federal

requirements for the school and is valuable for grant writing and program planning.

- Provided training, technical assistance, and evaluation for the evidence-based LifeSkills substance use prevention curriculum in the Mohawk Trail Regional School District.
- Provided materials and guidance on vaping prevention and intervention and a list of resources for advancing racial justice in school districts/schools to the Mohawk Trail Regional School District.
- Organized a community showing and discussion of the documentary *I'm Not Racist....Am I?* at which Mohawk Trail students and staff participated.
- Compiled and distributed the Coalition Connections Newsletter, which provides information and resources for families, human service providers and educators during the pandemic to support health and prevent youth substance use.

Training and Education

The following list represents the FRCOG workshops and training sessions that Hawley public officials, staff, and residents attended, and the number in attendance.

Emergency Prep & Homeland Security

Public Safety Radio Vendor Exposition - 1

Pandemic Support

Emergency Dispensing Site Exercise – 1

Municipal Officials' Continuing Education

Moderators' Roundtable – 1

Public Health & Community Awareness:

Food Safety Training Certification – 1

Additionally, staff organized and facilitated educational information meetings for members of town energy committees, including presenting information on various topics and conducting follow-up communication.

Transportation

- Worked to advance the contract for the MassTrails funded Western Massachusetts Mountain Biking Project, which includes examining trails in Dubuque State Forest and connecting trails in Charlemont.
- Conducted a traffic count on East Hawley Road for the Regional Traffic Counting Program.
- Wrote a National Scenic Byway nomination for the Mohawk Trail Scenic Byway.

FRANKLIN REGIONAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM Annual Report for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2019

To the reader:

Our fiscal year is the calendar year, therefore our annual report is not filed until May of the subsequent year, and as a consequence the information provided herein will be a year old by the time you read this.

The Franklin Regional Retirement System is a government agency that serves the 578 retirees, 55 beneficiaries, 1,044 active employees, and 611 inactive members of the towns and agencies in Franklin County. We are organized under Chapter 34b, and subject to the provisions of Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws. We receive oversight on the state level from the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC). We contract with an independent auditor to do a full audit of our system each year. We also contract with an actuary to perform a complete actuarial valuation every two years. PERAC audits our operations and financial records every three years.

The retirement benefit we provide replaces participation in the Social Security system and is described as a “defined benefit”, which means that we pay monthly retirement benefits based on the age, salary, and number of years worked at the time a member of our system retires. To be a member, an employee in one of our government units must be working in a permanent position scheduled at 20 hours or more per week and earning \$5,000 or greater annually. Funding of these benefits begins with deductions from the member, and, combined with matching funds from the employing unit, are invested in a mix of stocks, bonds, and indexed funds. Investment earnings are a large part of the funding of retirement benefits, and the allocation of those funds are spread to a variety of sectors to take advantage of positive activity as it occurs in each sector. Please make note of our investment performance percentages in the chart on the next page. Up until 1988, we were a “pay-as-you-go” system. In 1988 it was legislated that we begin saving to become “fully funded” over the ensuing 40 years. Fully funded means we have enough in reserves to pay for all the current and future potential benefits of our present membership. At the end of 2019, we are 74.4% funded at 31 years (77.5%) into the 40-year mandate.

What follows is a synopsis of our annual report, as filed with our State oversight commission, PERAC. The full PERAC report can be read on the “Finances” page of our website.

	CY 2019	CY 2018	CY 2017
<u>Balances</u>			
Cash	1,579,892	1,548,623	1,208,508
Investments	155,459,951	137,212,980	144,523,227
Receivables	73,637	99,508	207,894
Payables	2,988,090	2,460,693	2,019,479
Annuity Savings (members)	31,675,249	30,591,939	30,005,767
Retirement Reserves	125,438,231	105,808,479	113,914,384
<u>Revenues</u>			
Member's contributions	4,368,605	3,754,462	3,682,424
Towns, Schools, Agencies	6,871,971	6,506,893	6,162,964
Retirement Cost Sharing	516,330	531,674	474,821
Miscellaneous Revenue	10,781	17,971	13,725
Investment Income (net)	24,332,594	(4,375,884)	19,547,767
<u>Expenses</u>			
Retirement Benefits	11,329,395	10,451,458	9,802,088
Operating Expenses	567,347	542,267	495,399
Investment Expenses	837,388	802,542	763,190
Retirement Cost Sharing	2,262,262	1,714,774	1,636,665
Refunds to Members	390,827	443,808	314,654
<u>Investment Performance</u>			
Target	7.75%	7.75%	7.75%
Since 1984	8.47%	8.21%	8.57%
10 years	9.57%	9.60%	6.57%
5 years	7.79%	5.99%	10.59%
Current Year	17.92%	-3.13%	15.41%
<u>Demographics</u>			
	1/1/2020	1/1/2018	1/1/2016
Members' Average Age	47.50	48.30	48.30
Members' Average Service	9.20	10.10	10.50
Members' Average Salary	37,982.00	37,651.00	35,966.00
Retirees' Average Age	72.80	72.60	72.30
Retirees' Average Pension	17,171.00	16,433.00	15,274.00
Disabled Members' Average Age	60.30	58.30	58.00
Disabled Members' Average Pension	29,998.00	28,790.00	26,353.00

Dale Kowacki
Executive Director

CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2020 Annual Report

The Conservation Commission held two meetings in 2020. They were both brief and outside, due to COVID 19 protocols.

In June, the Conservation Commission issued Orders of Conditions for two projects. 1) Buckland Riders for replacement of 2 snowmobile bridges in East Hawley. The work was subsequently completed in the fall. 2) Town of Hawley for installation of a new pole in Fullerville to enable broadband coverage in that neighborhood. The pole was later installed. Also at that meeting, a Negative Determination of Applicability was issued for the Maynard property on West Hill Road concerning the construction of an auxiliary building next to an existing mobile home.

In August, the Commission issued a Negative Determination of applicability to the Hawley Highway Department allowing reclamation of pavement on 8A. Repaving subsequently occurred later in the fall. Also at that meeting, an emergency certification was issued to the Hawley Fire Department for work on the Austin property. This was to allow repair on the outlet pipe on the small dam that threatened to compromise the ability of the small fire pond located there to hold water. The pipe has now been fixed.

Work on longer term projects such as general Highway Department permitting was put on hold due to the pandemic.

Annual reminder: *Issuance of a building permit does NOT constitute permission to build in wetland resource areas without proper approval from the Conservation Commission.* If you have a project in mind, contact us EARLY in the planning process to avoid delays in permitting. A minimum of a month's lead time is required. The more, the better.

Submitted,
Lloyd Crawford
Hawley Conservation Commission

2020 PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Due to the COVID-19 emergency, the Planning Board postponed discussion of wider planning initiatives in 2020. It is hoped that meeting in person again will soon be easier in order to accommodate input from as many citizens as possible.

In July, the Planning Board issued an ANR (*Approval Not Required*) to Scott and Ellen Purinton allowing them to create two new lots on Middle Road in accordance with the provisions of Hawley's Protective Bylaws.

Submitted,
Lloyd Crawford
Acting Planning Board Chair.

HAWLEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION 2020

The current members of the Historical Commission are Pamela Shrimpton (Chair), Robert Root, John Sears, Suzy Groden, and Lark Thwing, Jr. All of the activities of the Historical Commission are conducted in cooperation with the Sons & Daughters of Hawley (SDH).

Doane Cemetery Restoration. Despite the COVID-19 lockdown, the SDH volunteers, who were trained in gravestone restoration by Jonathan Appell in 2018 with the support of a grant from the State Historic Records Advisory Board (SHRAB), again held several work days at Doane Cemetery during the 2020 season, as they had in 2018 and 2019. Since this work was outdoors, we could work at safe distances from each other and wear masks when we needed to. It was a pleasure to be able to work together during a time when we have often been isolated to protect our health. The group continued to clean stones and reset ones that were leaning over or actually fallen on the ground. The restoration crew includes Melanie Poudrier, Lark Twing, Jerry McCarthy, John Sears, Sarah Ohmann, and Grahame Travers. More work remains to be done, but the group made good progress. They plan to continue this work in 2021. When the crew has completed the work in Doane Cemetery it plans to move on to other cemeteries.

Archives Project. Since archival work is indoors, the members of the archives team (Pam Shrimpton, Suzy Groden, and John Sears) have not been able to work on any projects together. John Sears was able to make several visits to the archives to continue the organization of documents in the SDH archive, place them in acid free folders and boxes, and prepare them for cataloguing. As we get vaccinated and COVID restrictions are lifted, we plan to spend more time working on this project over the summer.

Oral History Project. Because of the COVID restrictions, we were not able to conduct the oral history interviews we had hoped to do during 2020. We plan to do so as soon as conditions permit.



Elm tree at the Meetinghouse

Renovation and Maintenance of Historic Buildings. The Historical Commission and SDH continue to maintain the East Hawley Meetinghouse and the Grove Building. In 2020 SDH received a grant from the 1772 Foundation to repaint the base of the meetinghouse steeple and the exterior walls of the meetinghouse and to repoint and paint the basement windows. SDH again hired David Noonan, who restored plaster and did some painting on the interior of the meetinghouse in 2019, to do much of the work. He painted the base of the steeple, the back wall of the meetinghouse, and the interior wall in the entrance way and the rear of the sanctuary. Because of COVID the crew from the Franklin County Jail were not able to paint the rest of the exterior walls, but we hope they will be available as soon as it is safe or them to work.

Submitted by John Sears and Pam Shrimpton

HAWLEY COUNCIL ON AGING 2020 REPORT

We are grateful to have received our annual grant from the State as well as our allotment from the Town. Unfortunately, we were unable to provide any programming or activities this year due to COVID 19 and restrictions which were necessary.

During this year, we did contribute our share of the cost for the upkeep of the Charlemont / Hawley Senior Center, where brown bags are distributed. Vouchers to Avery's and Atherton Farm were distributed to every senior, 65 and over, via our newsletter. Masks and sanitizers were purchased and made available at the Town Office. We also subsidized the copy machine upkeep which has historically alternated between the Town and the COA. During better times, activities such as luncheons, wellness, foot clinics, etc. will be offered as usual.

We sincerely hope that 2021-2022 will provide us with health and safety. Thank you all for checking on your neighbors!

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Falwell, Chair
Elaine Thomson
Sandy Dupuis
Jenn Rich

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE 2021 ANNUAL REPORT for CY 2020

The Hawley Communications Committee is composed of the following members:

Lark Thwing, Chairman
Hussain Hamdan, Member
Rick Kean, Member, Webmaster
Pamela Shrimpton, Member
Constance Emmett, Member

Our primary effort has been in regard to the buildout of the **FHMS Broadband System** (HMS) Network. In early 2020 Legate Hill proved to be unsuitable for a pole site. We began discussions with the Lawlesses about siting a pole on their property on the west side of East Hawley Road overlooking west Hawley. It became a partial replacement for Legate Hill.

Phase 1--The core Point of Presence (PoP) at SAV-CHA and a pole at HAW-BKE were made operational by **June 1, 2019**.

Phase 1A-The pole at Borden Mountain should be permitted and complete by June 2021.

A lack of poles, for a variety of reasons, set us back more than three months in the second half of 2019.

Phase 1AA-Poles at FLO-BLI, HAW-WHL and SAV-OLM were made operational by **January 30, 2020**.

Phase 1B-The purchase and installation of 18 more poles was completed by **April 1, 2020**. They were made operational over the next 9 months.

Phase II-The following 10 sites were made operational by **June 30, 2020**, FLO-FTH, FLO-NHT, FLO-VHD, FLO-WHS, HAW-FEG, MON-MTH, MON-THA, ROW-MHR, SAV-MEL, SAV-MLW.

Phase III-The following 10 sites were made operational by **December 19, 2020**, FLO-WHT, HAW-SID, HAW-FHO, HAW-WHR, HAW-STE, HAW-EHR, SAV-STH, SAV-SEH, SAV-WIN.

Phase IV-The following 7 poles have been installed HAW-HTH, HAW-LAW, HAW-PLF, HAW-EHC, SAV-MHA, SAV-MHD, FLO-SCR. HAW-LAW and HAW-HTH are operational as of **Feb 10, 2021**. The remaining 5 poles will be operational by **April 15, 2021**.

By the end of December 2020 we had a total of 192 customers connected, 41 were Hawley Customers. Surveys of Hawley people a few years ago showed interest by only a max of 92 people. We are almost halfway there. To sign up for service go to www.otelco.com/fhms or contact Kate Albert at WiValley. kate@wivalley.net or 1-603-546-7204.

For news about the project and status updates go to Townofhawley.com/Broadband/FHMS or:

<http://www.townofhawley.com/wp-content/uploads/docs/Broadband/Four-Towns/four-towns-documents-page.html>

There was a Communications Committee meeting and public info session on August 25, 2020 to keep members of the committee and the townspeople updated on the Broadband program. It was held on Freeconferencecall.com and in person in the townhall parking lot on Pudding Hollow Road.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lark Thwing

CHARLEMONT-HAWLEY ARTS COUNCIL

Report for 2020

THE CHARLEMONT-HAWLEY ARTS COUNCIL (previously “Cultural Council”)
WELCOMES YOUR FEEDBACK! If you have questions, suggestions, or comments about any of our activities, please contact any member of the council. In Charlemont, that would be Anna Otto, Andrea Santos, Kate Stevens, and Julia White; in Hawley, Peter Beck, Ryan Brownell, Pam Shrimpton, and Tinky Weisblat. Of course, Hawley residents may talk to Charlemont members and Charlemont residents may talk to Hawley members!

Meanwhile, here is a brief report on what we have been up to. The year 2020 was weird for the Charlemont/Hawley Cultural Council, as it was for just about everyone. We allocated more than \$10,000 in state funds to individuals and groups in our towns for the grant cycle.

Many of these funds had to be rolled over into 2021 because of the inability of people to gather in person. Nevertheless, several groups were able to use at least some of their funds, either because they could schedule events via Zoom or because they held events before the pandemic shut things down.

The Tyler Memorial Library was able to fund some of its Sunday educational events early on, for example, and the Charlemont Forum took place online with a phone-in option for people without good internet. The weaving program at Hawlemont School was able to lend looms to homebound students so they could continue work on this worthy project while isolated from school.

Although it is too early to say whether we will be able to schedule all of the unfinished 2020 programs in 2021, we are hopeful. We look forward to seeing you at some of them!

A full list of programs our towns have funded, as well as our local guidelines and other information, may be found at <http://www.mass-culture.org/Charlemont-Hawley#>. Our emphasis is on programs that take place in our two-town area, and we are politically neutral as required by the state: that is, we do not take politics into consideration when making decisions about grants.

Our Facebook page may be found at <https://www.facebook.com/charlemonthawleyculturalcouncil>.

We love helping our towns support the arts in our communities. We encourage all townspeople to attend as many local cultural events as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Tinky Weisblat, Chair
Charlemont-Hawley Arts Council
www.facebook.com/charlemonthawleyculturalcouncil.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

2020

While the members of the Hawley Personnel Committee remained at their posts, they have nothing to report for the past 12 months. Except, that is, to congratulate and thank the Townspeople for their general adherence to Town of Hawley, State and Federal COVID restrictions. Let's keep up the good work!

Respectfully submitted,
Lark Thwing, John Sears, and Rick Kean, Chair

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT 2020

2020 was a challenging year for the Hawley Fire Department. The COVID pandemic outbreaks seriously limited how we could train or respond to calls in order to keep our emergency personnel safe.

The onset of the COVID outbreak forced us to cancel all meetings and trainings last spring to protect the safety of our firefighters. We spent a bunch of time trying to get masks, safety gloves and sanitizer to protect emergency personnel on calls. COVID also limited the personnel we had available for medical calls and what responding personnel could do.

Despite this, we made substantial progress in upgrading some of the department's equipment, with a newer used pumper and replacement of our aging air paks.

With our 1981 pumper increasingly showing its age, our firefighters spent some time looking for a suitable used replacement to provide initial response in East Hawley, eventually finding a 1996 pumper in Plattsburgh, New York that would both meet our needs and squeeze into the short bays of the East Hawley station. After an outside special town meeting approved the \$40,000 budget for the purchase, we then bought the pumper for \$27,000 and spent much of the additional money modifying the station to allow the pumper to fit safely and updating the truck for our operating conditions. The truck went into service in August.

We also were able to replace our 20-year-old breathing apparatus and air tanks with newer used ones that Mike Poirier was able to get donated from Lee. After having them tested and serviced, they are now in service on both pumpers.

With help of a MEMA grant we were able to replace another set of turnout gear in 2020 and have another \$2,500 grant to replace another this year.

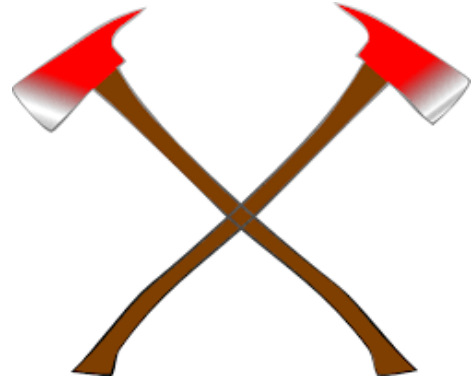
In 2020, we responded to 60 emergency calls, up from 51 in 2019, which included 2 minor fires, 27 medical calls, 8 calls for alarms, 10 calls for wires or trees down, 6 auto accidents, 2 bike accidents, a chimney issue, and 4 calls to help other towns.

While we were able to hold outside training on operating the new pumper during the warm summer season, interior training had to be restricted again in the fall under the CDC guidelines.

The COVID restrictions also meant we couldn't offer to clean chimneys for residents in the fall.

Two of our firefighters spent the summer taking the Mass Fire Academy Firefighter One training in Springfield, completing most of the course before having to stop. They hope to complete the training this year.

In 2021, we have applied for a \$8,500 state Firefighter Safety grant to replace equipment and a \$50,000 CoMIRS grant to allow us to purchase 23 new radios for the state's new 800 mhz radio network which Franklin County emergency agencies will begin using sometime in 2021.



When we are able to resume normal training later this year, we would like to recruit some additional residents to serve as firefighters. Being a volunteer firefighter or EMT gives you a chance to help your neighbors when emergencies arise, but to do so effectively requires learning how to respond and operate safely during an emergency call.

We lost two firefighters in August after the Hoyt brothers were suspended for violating a policy of the Selectmen. The Hoyt brothers have been reliable, conscientious, and practical firefighters serving the town for more than 25 years. Our department is less capable without them.

Anyone who'd like to serve as a firefighter or EMT should come to the East Hawley Fire station on Wednesday nights at 7:30 or call Greg Cox at 339-5526.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTER

As of March 2021

<i>Chief</i>	Greg Cox	
<i>EMTs</i>	Mike Poirier Yvette Segal	Hussain Hamdan
<i>Assistant Chief</i>	Bob Root	
<i>Captain</i>	Chris Tirone	
<i>Medical Training Coordinator</i>	Mike Poirier	
<i>Firefighters</i>	Hussain Hamdan Courtney Hoyt Brandon Root	Mike Poirier Paul Hoyt Christie Beaumier
<i>Junior Firefighters</i>	Brady Beckwith	Jacob Gilbert

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2020

2020 was the year of the Coronavirus, aka COVID 19, in Hawley and world-wide. There were weather hazards such as hurricanes, tornados and flooding and fires out west, but the coronavirus pandemic was the disaster that united Hawley with the state, the country, and the world. Thanks to the care of local residents to avoid contact with the virus, its impact locally hasn't ben deadly, but it totally changed how our government and schools and economy works. And in 2021 it isn't over yet, even though we all wish it would be.

We know much more now about the threat of the coronavirus and about how to minimize its outbreak. Masks and social distancing and adequate ventilation are key to preventing infections. Hawley residents have done an excellent job of doing this as to date and we've only had one resident get COVID to date. Nationally, however, more than ½ million people have died from COVID in the past year, more than 16,000 in Massachusetts as of mid-March.

We spent the initial phase of the outbreak in February and March trying to get accurate information about the precautions we should take and the equipment we needed to protect against infection. CDC guidance changed almost weekly about what we should do and what we should avoid. Do you wear a mask, do you not? First they said no, then they said yes. If the federal and state agencies didn't know how to cope with it, how could we? Schools and businesses closed, people stayed home, and the importance of reliable high-speed internet became clear.

In April and May Hawley, like the rest of the state, hunkered down. Non-essential trips to stores and services were discouraged. People sewed masks for themselves and friends. The numbers of infected, hospitalized and dead victims climbed steadily. It wasn't clear what could be done other than wait and stay away from work, school, or others. After the initial outbreak slowed and weather warmed, the state allowed a bit more interaction in small numbers and outside at social distances. Meetings could be held outside in limited numbers.

In late spring 2020, the 5-town Hawlemont Emergency Dispensing Site team that is organized to set up vaccinations in western Franklin County began biweekly conference calls to discuss how to organize vaccination sites if an effective vaccine became available. Working with reginal health officials and the state, we worked on models of how to do immunizations with maximum safety to both local residents and the nurses doing the vaccinations.

When the CDC issued guidance that flu shots were critical to provide better protection against COVID until a COVID vaccine could be developed and tested, the EDS organized two local flu clinics: one a drive-through clinic at the Charlemont Fairgrounds and a second inside clinic at the former Heath School, helping 500 West County residents get flu shots. More than 150 million Americans got flu shots last year, twice the number done in 2019. Thanks to that, and the use of face masks and social distancing, 2020 – 2021 has set a record for the fewest flu cases and deaths.

When new COVID vaccines began to be released in limited quantities in December, the EDS team began planning for how to hold vaccination clinics for the general public in the spring, when enough doses were available. Working with the state and Franklin Regional Council of Governments, EDS volunteers helped hold two clinics for the elderly at Mohawk in February 2021 with follow-up clinics scheduled for late

March. The expectation is that general public clinics will be held in April and May, when sufficient doses of vaccines are finally available.

We urge all residents to continue to take precautions (face masks, social distancing, etc) under the state guidelines. Additionally, **we strongly recommend you get vaccinated against COVID when the vaccines become available.** The more people that get vaccinated, the sooner the pandemic will be under control and normal life can resume.

While COVID dominated our lives and the headlines, weather and other potential disasters also occurred in 2020. For the first time, we had to issue a town-wide tornado warning for residents to take shelter on August 3rd after a funnel cloud was spotted south of here moving north. Luckily, it passed over Hawley without doing any damage. The next day, we had to cope with the high winds and heavy rain from Tropical Storm Isaias which brought down trees and powerlines in places and resulted in a period of power outages.

With luck, 2021 will be the year when the COVID pandemic is brought under control and life begins to return to normal. Then we can worry more about normal hazards such as floods, tornados, hurricanes, and ice storms, and less about pandemics.

Gregory Cox
Emergency Management Director

2020 REPORT OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

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

As many residents were home-bound there was an increase in trash and recycling tonnage. A review of recycling tonnage for 2020 shows an increase of 100 tons of recycling compared to 2019. District residents recycled just over 2,800 tons of paper and containers. The recyclables were processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility and sold for recycling primarily to domestic companies. This is the first year in which towns had to pay a recycling processing fee to the facility operator. However, recycling markets have rebounded at the end of 2020 and some commodities are selling at record amounts. This helps offset or reduce the processing fee for all towns.

The pandemic resulted in the cancellation of both 2020 Clean Sweep collection events. We did hold our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2020. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. We adjusted our collection protocol to account for health and safety requirements during the pandemic. A total of 440 households participated in this event. This is over a 15% increase from 2019 and most likely due to the pandemic and residents being home.

We applied for and received grants from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection worth \$115,000 for District towns. Some grant funding is a result of a town's successful waste management infrastructure. Other grants include equipment to make town transfer stations more efficient.

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 117 Main St., 2nd Floor in Greenfield.

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director*

Chris Boutwell, Montague - *Vice-Chair*

Jonathan Lagreze, Colrain – *Chair*

M.A. Swedlund, Deerfield – *Treasurer*

Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services District

Hawley Annual Report CY20

Our district has now been in operation for 5 ½ years. We are the largest district by community count and square miles covered in the state. Below are just some of the programs and services we help veterans' and their dependents with:

- M.G.L. Ch 115 benefit – Needs based program of financial and medical assistance to eligible veterans and their dependents
- Assistance to veterans and dependents to help file for VA health care, pensions, and service-connected disabilities
- Homeless prevention assistance to veterans and their families
- Employment help with job searches, resumes, and job interview skills
- Burial assistance to include government markers, flag holders, internment, and VA burial reimbursement
- Veterans' records retrieval and storage
- Referral to other public and private agencies to include housing, fuel assistance, employment, training, education
- Attend area outreach events (fairs, festivals, health care expos)

While the COVID-19 pandemic hampered our satellite location hours, our office remained opened and staffed to assist veterans. We have continued to work hard helping veterans and dependents file for VA benefits due them. Hawley now has around \$10,058.99 in monthly Federal VA payments being paid to approximately 9 Hawley residents. This is tax-free income paid due to service-connected injuries, low-income or survivor status. The Hawley Veterans Assistance Funds balance stands at \$1,392.73.

We forecast Hawley's M.G.L. Ch115 caseload to remain flat for the foreseeable future. This is the state's low income assistance program for veterans' and their dependents. Although reimbursed back to the towns at 75%, this takes over a year to get back from the state.

For the coming year we have increased our accessibility to veterans records through direct DOD access and having our Deputy become a National Service Officer. Our long term goal is to become a VA tele-health center allowing veterans to meet with VA providers in our office via the internet, saving travel time for our veterans.

Timothy Niejadlik, Director

Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services District



Public Health
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COOPERATIVE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

Services to Hawley – 2020



The Town is a comprehensive member of the CPHS, a health district based at the Franklin Regional Council of Governments. Other neighboring towns sharing the same public health staff include Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Gill, Heath, Leyden, Monroe, Rowe and Shelburne, plus the Nursing only towns of Conway, Deerfield, Erving and Northfield. The Town's regional staff include Health Agents Randy Crochier and Lisa Danek Burke and Lisa White, Public Health Nurse. During the pandemic the district scaled up significantly to meet the need for additional COVID case management and Flu and COVID vaccine clinic planning. Public Health Nurse Lisa White was joined by two additional nurses, Meg Burch and Melanie Zamojski, Contact Tracer Jeanette Voas, and vaccine clinic administrator Barbara Wroblewski. CPHS activities in Hawley during 2020 included:

The Regional Public Health Nurse coordinated vaccine, supplies and staff support for flu clinics held at community sites throughout the CPHS district with the help of Medical Reserve Corps members, GCC nursing students and community volunteers. A Flu Clinic/Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) Drill held at the Charlemont Fairgrounds served 246 local residents. An additional EDS drill/clinic held in partnership with the Rowe and Heath Town Nurses at the former Heath Elementary School served 164 local residents. Total residents vaccinated at CPHS member town flu clinics this year was a record 2,045.

CPHS Staff managed COVID Case management for the Town during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Hawley was fortunate not to have any residents diagnosed with COVID during 2020, but the nursing team checked the state reporting system many times a day on the Town's behalf and was prepared to provide support and isolation and quarantine guidance on behalf of the Board of Health.

Before the pandemic began, the Regional Public Health Nurse provided nursing services to attendees of 2 monthly "Good Neighbors" food distributions and 2 "Second Tuesday" walk-in wellness clinics at the Charlemont Federated Church. Residents visited with the nurse, and those who could not were visited at home. This work paused during the pandemic.

In addition to the COVID work, the Public Health Nurse completed state-mandated infectious disease surveillance and reporting for 332 communicable disease cases in the district member towns, 2 which were from Hawley.

- Hawley residents had access to low-cost tick tests in 2019 through a local Board of Health subsidy. The Public Health Nurse provided tick prevention materials and helped residents access grant-funded tick testing through the on-line system at www.tickreport.com.
- The Health Agent served on the Mohawk Trail Regional School District COVID-19 Task Force. The Task Force provides information/guidance to Superintendent of Schools as she determines if students will be in-person, hybrid, or remote learning. It is comprised of school members of the school administration team, teachers, the Mohawk School Committee Chair, parents of students, and public health.
- Assisted Town employees and the schools' questions/concerns around COVID related guidance.
- CPHS staff continually reviewed new guidance/executive orders to ensure up-to-date knowledge of the ever-changing COVID related restrictions on businesses and individual people

- The CPHS Staff conducted 2 Title-5 Inspections prior to property transfers; 3 Soil Evaluations for septic systems; and 4 septic system plan reviews that included site visits, issuing Local Upgrade Approvals and DSCP (septic) permits, completing final inspections of installations, and preparing Certificates of Compliance.
- The CPHS staff permitted 3 new wells, including determining compliance with Water Supply Standards.
- The CPHS staff conducted 1 retail food inspection
- CPHS staff is available to attend all regular and/or special Board of Health meetings as requested.
- Through a FDA Food Safety Grant, the district provided low-cost 4-in-1 ServSafe, Allergens Awareness, ChokeSaver, and Narcan Administration classes for Hawley residents and business owners
- CPHS staff designed a Board of Health Handbook which contains needed information on BOH responsibilities and procedures and copies of twelve of the relevant Codes Boards of Health are responsible for and provided them to the BOH.
- CPHS staff provided a virtual training opportunity with the Mass Attorney General's Office to learn about the Neighborhood Renewal Program. The program is meant to be another tool in bringing abandoned residential properties back to their intended use. As a result of this training Hawley Board of Health voted to join the program. There is no cost to Hawley and for any eligible property that is recommended and accepted to the program, the Attorney General's Office takes over the administrative and enforcement costs.

Hawley's representatives to the CPHS Oversight Board in 2020 were Cass Nawrocki, Town Coordinator and Hussain Hamdan, Board of Health and Select Board member. For more information about the Board or the district, visit www.frcog.org.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Town Report - 2020

It is a pleasure and honor to serve as your Superintendent of Schools. Beginning July 1, 2020, I have been learning as much as possible about our Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School Districts, our towns, and our community. While the COVID 19 global pandemic has certainly changed how we have been introduced to each other, I am extremely grateful for the enthusiastic and warm welcome I have received. It is clear that we share a common vision and commitment to our children, and even more so, during these challenging times.

The school districts have responded to COVID 19 by preparing remote learning for all students. Educators spent 10 days of professional development preparing new curriculum, lessons, and instruction for this new model of education. The school districts improved the technology infrastructure and provided upgraded devices for teachers and students. Significant testing and improvements to the ventilation systems in all school buildings was needed to ensure safe learning environments for all students and staff. Increased COVID 19 mitigation and health and safety protocols were developed which allowed our most vulnerable students to attend school in-person and prepare for in-person learning for January 2021. Additional personal

protective equipment was also necessary for our staff and students. We could not have done this work without collaborating with our towns and the combination of school district and municipal CARES grant funding. We are extremely appreciative and thankful for this partnership as we worked together to meet the demands of educating our children during the pandemic.

We continue to participate in the Rural Schools Coalition. Thanks to the work of the coalition, our school committees, and our legislators, we were able to secure and increase rural aid to small and rural districts throughout Massachusetts. The work of the coalition is essential in supporting the unique needs of students, families, schools, and our communities to ensure and sustain high quality, equitable education for small and rural districts.

This is our second year of implementing our Bridges Math Program at the elementary schools. The COVID 19 pandemic did not slow us down! We provided students with at home hands-on resources aligned to the math program, implemented digital math practice and support programs, and continued to provide professional development and coaching for teachers in re-thinking math teaching and learning. Our students are showing strong growth in math and perhaps more importantly about how they see themselves as capable and confident mathematicians.

A key curriculum priority in all schools is social-emotional learning - more important than ever in the context of the pandemic. We are focused on keeping students engaged in learning while building relationships with teachers and peers. We provide explicit instruction on important skills such as self-awareness, managing emotions, and responsible decision-making. And we have dedicated time in each child's day for enriching activities, individual advising and social connection, so that in these uncertain times, students know they are cared for and belong to a welcoming community.

The challenges of schooling in a pandemic have catalyzed the learning of students and all staff. There has been remarkable adaptation, particularly around technology. This shared experience has accelerated the innovation supported by the Mass Ideas grant at Mohawk Trail Regional School. Educators have taken on key leadership roles in curriculum design, professional development, and decision-making under the new Trailblazer Model. Students and community members have become integral parts of the leadership teams. With all hands on deck, we've rolled out an advisory program, mapped a school wide focus on equity and anti-racism, and offered new interdisciplinary courses and internship opportunities. And we are just getting started. These changes and the distributed-leadership approach have been professionally rewarding for educators and have grown staff morale. Moreover, students are benefiting from individualized attention, engaging academics, and meaningful learning with application beyond the "walls" of high school.

I am extremely proud of our students, families, staff, and community as we have worked together to solve the unique challenges of this year. I look forward to continuing this collaboration in the years to come.

Sheryl L. Stanton
Superintendent
Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School Districts

HAWLEMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2020 Annual Report of the Principal

Hawlemont Elementary School's vision is a community of learners where everyone will flourish. To flourish, we will work together to foster positive emotions, active engagement, strong relationships, meaning in our work, and acknowledge accomplishments. Our mission statement is: Hawlemont Elementary School provides students with high quality authentic learning experiences in partnership with families and community. Currently, our enrollment is 119 students, which includes preschool through Grade 6.

On March 13, 2020 we went fully remote due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to being remote during June 2020 our graduation looked different than the traditional Hawlemont Graduation. We worked with the Board of Health and were able to hold the graduation outside for our 2020 graduates. We remained remote through the rest of 2020 and will be waiting to see what happens moving into 2021.

This has been a very different school year as the Principal at Hawlemont. Even though it looked different we are continuing our work on building core values which are based on GRIT (Goodwill, Responsibility, Integrity and Teamwork). This work has benefited both staff and students as we work together to support children as they grow. In December 2020 we did an all school virtual read. We read the book *The Empty Pot* and then had a virtual assembly about the all-school read and showing GRIT.

The teaching assignments for the 2020-2021 school year are as follows: Preschool Full Day: Long Term Substitute - Heather McKenna, Kindergarten: Sue Mead, First Grade: Bridget Lilly, Second Grade: Margaret Miller, Third Grade: Sarah Ricko, Fourth Grade: Abby Clark, Fifth Grade: Jennifer Sinistore, Sixth Grade: Stephen Bechtel, HAY Agriculture Coordinator: Amber Tulloch, Special Education: Alyssa Collins & Valery Lively, Music Teacher: Rick Page, Art/PE/Library: Kylee Bourassa, ELL: Barbara Page and Psychologist/School Counselor: Autumn Jillson. We have many wonderful paraprofessionals who provide additional support in classrooms including one 1:1 paraprofessional. Jeffery Rau is the custodian, the nurse is Sherry Hagar, Rachel Gammell and Heather Lengieza are the cafeteria staff. Susan Annear has been Hawlemont's Secretary for the last 30 years! December was her last complete month in this role. She is looking forward to retiring in January 2021. A huge thank you to Sue for all that she has done for Hawlemont and we welcome Shannon Lovett as our new School Secretary!

Hawlemont Elementary School is fortunate to offer many afterschool options including 4-H clubs, theater, dance, fitness and seasonal sports. This year there continues to be a 5-day extended day program that runs from 8:00 – 8:30 in the morning and 3:15 to 5:00 in the afternoon. Up until March 2020 these programs continued to run. During the remote time we still had drive through events like a plant sale in May, farmer's markets, as well as cricket looms that were loaned out to students!

Hawlemont's Local Educational Council (LEC) is composed of three parents/grandparents, a community member, two teachers, and myself. Together we approved a School Improvement Plan (SIP) that focuses on the following areas: Effective Instruction focusing on Educational Space, Student Empowerment and Meaningful Assessment, Professional Learning Communities and Ongoing Communication. During professional development times, teachers are able to focus on the set goals and help to improve our school.

The H.A.Y. (Hawlemont Agricultural and You) program continues to flourish. We have kept the H.A.Y program alive throughout this remote learning time. Ms. Tulloch has continued to write grants, have farmers market, raise trout in the front hall, supported the all school read with the planting connection and pushing into the remote classes to have HAY connected to the curriculum and so much more.

I would like to thank the teachers, staff, parents, students, and community members for making this a great school where everyone shows goodwill, responsibility, integrity and teamwork. I look forward to next year and continued growth towards educational excellence at Hawlemont.

Respectfully submitted,
Lindsay Rodriguez
Principal

2020 Annual Report of the Principal MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL

In April 2020, the Mohawk Trail Regional School (MTRS) was awarded a \$375,000 Implementation Grant from Mass IDEAS, a Massachusetts non-profit organization committed to “innovating design in education for all students.” This grant allowed MTRS to implement new initiatives and curricular programming to redesign the school experience for all students. Over the course of the past year, students, staff, and community members have engaged in professional development and working groups in order to implement the new Trailblazer Model:

Mohawk Trail Regional School is tailoring the most innovative work in the field of education to fit our rural district as we design the Trailblazer Model. We are building on the best of what we have while challenging the status quo to make education relevant and meaningful for our students. They will acquire 21st century skills while pursuing their individual passions, as they blaze a trail to graduation. Students will lead their own learning, break down the boundaries of traditional classes, and learn by doing. Experiences at MTRS will move our students beyond textbook knowledge. They will use research to solve real problems, intern at local businesses, design independent projects, and take courses at local colleges. In return, our community will flourish from the increased partnership with our school. MTRS graduates will be curious, adaptable, independent, and motivated citizens who seek to do good work in the world.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, much of our 2020-2021 school year occurred remotely. However, our redesign efforts were not hindered, and we continued to engage teachers in professional development and to implement our new model. The Trailblazer Model has six key focus areas: high quality instruction, advisory and social emotions learning, communications and community outreach, distributed leadership, portfolios and equity. This model engages all stakeholders in a transformational school experience including:

- Internships and work study opportunities, on campus and off
- Interdisciplinary courses such as STEM, Bioethics, Artglish, and American Democracy
- Social Emotional Learning supports including: Advisory model for all grades 7-12, site based therapeutic services, and college and career planning
- Portfolio of student work
- Senior Capstone project culminating with a site based internship
- Community outreach including a Trailblazer Community Group comprised of staff, parents, students and community members that meets several times a year

- Community equity group comprised of staff, parents, community members and students that will support the development of anti-racism strategic plan with a focus on: curriculum, communication and policy

Through the Mass IDEAS Planning Grant, we partnered with national education organizations: Next Generation Learning Challenges (NGLC) and EL Education. NGLC and EL Education have been working with MTRS teachers and administrators to transform classrooms to be more student-centered and to develop rigorous and diverse ways in which students can demonstrate their learning. In addition, EL Education will assist teachers in the development of interdisciplinary, hands-on activities that will engage students in rigorous community-based projects. NGLC will support our Instructional Leadership Team and Portfolio Working Group to develop a comprehensive portfolio model. Teachers will help to guide students through the compilation of an individualized portfolio that demonstrates who they are as a learner and goals they set for themselves. NGLC will also work with teachers to develop assessments that connect to 21st century skills and the real world.

In addition to EL Education and NGLC, MTRS has partnered with Firefly Worldwide Inc and their founder and CEO Cheyenne E. Batista. Ms. Batista is working with the MTRS Equity Council in their development of an anti-racism strategic plan with a focus on curriculum, communication and policy. Additionally in the fall of 2020, Ms. Batista led sixteen educators through a “Laying the Foundation” training to support our anti-racism and equity work. These educators will participate in a second session in March of 2021.

Our Athletics Department had a successful 2020 fall sports season. Field Hockey, Golf, and Cross-Country teams competed against Franklin County schools. The Franklin County “sports bubble” was created to allow for competitions to take place within a limited travel zone and kept our schools from having to travel to other parts of western-mass. Coaches were able to successfully navigate daily COVID modifications and we were able to hold our athletes to the rigorous standards put forth by the state and local athletic and health associations. All three teams had enjoyable seasons and feedback from athletes was very positive, and families reported back that they were very happy that we were able to offer a fall sports season even though usual routines were modified. Our soccer and volleyball programs also held fall practices with sights on competition in the newly formed Fall II sports season which is slated to start at the beginning of March. Our football coop with Greenfield sent a handful of MTRS student-athletes to Greenfield High School for successful twice a week skills/drills workouts. Football is also scheduled to be a Fall II sport.

Since our last report 2020 spring athletics were cancelled due to the closing of school, however we did complete our 2020 winter sports season. Highlights included League Championships for our Girls Alpine Skiing team and for the first time our Girls Nordic Skiing team! Our basketball programs also had successful seasons and our wrestling program flourished with solid participation numbers and our first full season with our brand new custom wrestling mat. Our indoor track teams also competed at a high level and saw several athletes compete at the top of their events on a weekly basis at Smith College.

As we begin to navigate the current 2021 winter sports season, we have our Alpine teams out at Berkshire East with races on Thursdays which include our newly formed co-op with Frontier Regional athletes coming to MTRS to join our program. Our defending League Champion Nordic team continues its third year of a successful co-op with Hampshire Regional, and our basketball teams recently began practices with competitions beginning the week of 2/2. Other traditional winter sports have been pushed back with Indoor Track moved to Fall II and Wrestling now moved to the Spring Sports season.

At the mid-point of the 2020-2021 school year, student enrollment in grades 7-12 is 288. Current enrollment numbers for middle school include approximately 56 students in seventh grade and 68 students

in eighth grade. Enrollment for ninth grade is 38 students; 10th grade with 27 students; 42 members of the junior class, and 53 MTRS seniors. We have 4 students enrolled in our post-graduate program.

Respectfully submitted,
Marisa Mendonsa
Principal

2020 Annual Report SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES

What a year. Considering this report runs from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 - we spent only two and a half months learning, by what we now refer to as in-person. School buildings were shuttered in March of 2020, but that didn't stop the learning or the support students receive from this department. We serve students with the highest need and students who receive services to support their learning. Just like everyone, we panicked a little, and wondered how we would ever do this. It didn't take the Special Education and English Language Learner staff long to start getting creative. While there was a great deal of fear and uncertainty, folks didn't let it stop them from trying out new ways to reach students. I have to thank every one of our Special Education teachers, providers and paraprofessionals.

We spent the months of April and May trying to establish routines and consistency. The special education liaisons and I worked tirelessly on mandates that continued to come from the state. We created new digital forms, new protocols and procedures. We worked with families to offer a full level of support and supported family decisions to hold off on services.

During the Spring of 2020, we did not hold any IEP meetings, complete evaluations or provide in person learning.

During the summer months, once we received guidance from the state and were able to purchase and plan for safe and effective programs, we invited in DESE defined high needs students for in-person learning. Staff and Students learned in various settings including outdoor tents, outdoor classrooms in courtyards, meeting in local parks, and outdoors at students' homes. We extended the number of days and time we typically serve students in order to reduce the amount of potential regression.

We soon realized that the fall was not going to be typical. August was a month of planning for remote IEP meetings and identifying which students would require more in-person learning. The state provided some guidance on how to support students but left it up to individual districts to make ends meet. The district worked hard to identify what students required additional technology support and what students we would prioritize for in-person instruction. Families were permitted to make their own decision for their students even if they were invited to come for in-person. Outdoor learning continued into October, as long as the weather permitted.

Regardless of COVID and remote learning, the district maintained the following district level programs and Services

- Students requiring the support of a BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst). The program is located at BSE and currently serves six students. When the program began, students spent more than 50% of their time within the program. Currently those students are in their mainstream classes more than 80% of the time.

- Mohawk Supported Classroom, located in the Middle and High School. The program supports students with academic and social emotional needs. Students receive educational support both in the program and within the general education setting.
- Mohawk Vocational Program. Services students with Intellectual Disabilities who require a higher level of support. The program also supports those students who are eligible to remain in school until age 22. The focus is on transition and vocational skills. MVP students participate in community job sites such as Berkshire East, Charlene Manor and Aubuchon. We are grateful to the local businesses for supporting our students.
- Services provided by: Counselors, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, Speech Language Pathologist, School Psychologists, Special Education Teachers and Paraprofessionals.

Positive Outcomes from this year:

- Our students, staff, and families are resilient and learned A LOT of new technology.
- Remote-Virtual IEP meetings work and may be more convenient for families in the future.
- The amount of paperwork generated by this department may now be allowed, by DESE standards, to utilize more digital forms instead of hard copy.

Here's hoping 2021 will bring In-Person learning for all and we carry forward the new learning and new experiences while remembering that the relationships we have with our students are what carry us through hard times.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leann Loomis
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

**2020 Annual Report of the
MARY LYON FOUNDATION**
Innovative Support of Education 1990-2020

This was not a year we will want to remember, yet it is one we will never forget. The world-wide pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus not only interrupted the lives of everyone in the community, but it had a significantly disruptive effect on local education. We salute and truly admire the teachers, paraprofessionals and administrators who valiantly provided services and delivered the best possible educational outcomes under the circumstances. To the parents, grandparents and guardians who supervised remote learning, we applaud you for your enduring patience and diligence.

Despite the ravages of the pandemic, our generous and loyal donors provided unparalleled support during these unprecedented times. Of special note is the generosity of the Myrtle L. Atkinson Foundation, the Shelburne Falls Academy, the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts, and the United Way of Franklin County as well as countless individuals, businesses and organizations. We greatly appreciate our many volunteers including Sandy Gilbert and Rita Jaros; all our treasured volunteers are important assets to the organization.

It was a year that tested the strength and resiliency of the foundation, but we persevered and were able to provide unique support in unprecedented ways. Anonymous donations such as funding for home internet access for students, basic school necessities, a new mural for the Mohawk gymnasium and an improved air quality system for Hawlemont were generous, unsolicited highlights of the year.

The close of 2020 marks the beginning of our 30th anniversary. Established in the Fall of 1990 and incorporated on March 8 of 1991, the Mary Lyon Foundation has seen three decades quickly pass, but not without significant accomplishments:

- 84 Members of the community have served on the Board of Trustees; 104 Members of the community have served as volunteers -

- 2,040 backpacks filled with school supplies were distributed -

- \$54,000 worth of food vouchers was distributed -

- \$168,233 was awarded for educational grants and special projects -

- \$500,000 was received in pass-through, in-kind contributions for the schools -

- \$2,476,256 was invested in school science equipment, playgrounds, computer labs, a new track, furniture & opening day library collections.

It is with great pleasure that we, the new incoming executive director, Kristen Tillona-Baker of South Deerfield, and Susan Samoriski, the retiring executive director, plan and execute a seamless transition. Kristen, an experienced educator and highly successful leader, is an ideal match for this organization, and it is our pledge to work together to provide a platform for even stronger programs and services. We are pleased to introduce Martha Potyrala of Easthampton as the new and highly capable Administrative Assistant. Sue will remain as a volunteer for the upcoming comprehensive campaign and serve as a mentor while Kristen and Martha will conduct business as usual and explore new avenues for the foundation.

It is also our distinct pleasure to thank the partners that have helped us maintain 30 years of unparalleled success supporting the Harper Gerry Student Assistance Fund; they are Hager's Farm Market, Keystone Market, Avery's Store, The Optician and Bootlegger's. We are a community based non-profit organization devoted to the support of excellence in local education in the schools and in the West County community. Thank you one and all for an incredible three decades of tremendous support. We are sure that the outpouring of community generosity will not only continue but will flourish in perpetuity.

Members of the Board of Trustees for 2020 were Marion Taylor (Past President), Sylvia Orcutt (Past President), Laurie Benoit (Board Chair), Peter Stevens (Board Vice Chair), Katherine McKay (Secretary and Chair of the Putnam Hill Legacy Society), Joni Sessions (Treasurer), Karen Fairbrother (Assistant Treasurer), Max Fripp, John Cornman (Chair of the Search Committee), and we welcome two new incoming board members - Karen Blom from Buckland and Jana Standish of Colrain. Honorary Lifetime Board members are Sharon Hudson, Hugh Knox and former superintendent, Dr. Bruce Willard.

Our Honorary Advisory Board consists of Jane Yolen, Cady Coleman, Josh Simpson, Donald and Grace Friary, Fiona Hill, Tracy Kidder, Paul Reville, Julie Upton Wang, Willie Hill and Stanley Rosenberg.

This annual report is dedicated to Marion Taylor, whose wise guidance and amazing 30-year tenure on the Board of Trustees has helped us secure a firm foundation for the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan B. Samoriski, Ed.D.

Retiring Executive Director

Kristen Tillona-Baker

Incoming Executive Director



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FRED WELLS TRUSTEES

This trust fund was established under the Will of Fred W. Wells. Mr. Wells, a former resident of Greenfield, directed that a portion of income from the fund be used for awarding scholarships in agricultural, mechanical or professional fields. Funds available for the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 were \$247,447.00 (inclusive of unused scholarship money from previous years that was reallocated to be granted this year).

EDUCATION

The Trustees received 198 applications and approved 195 of those received. Trustees awarded a total of **\$183,664.00**. This amount includes two \$1,000 scholarships in honor of Ralph and Hilda Haskins. The Trustees worked diligently throughout the year to provide all eligible applicants an award to assist in their education.

HEALTH

Five applicants were provided grants totaling **\$53,392.05**.

The Care Collaborative	\$ 8,000.00
Community Action Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program	\$ 8,000.00
Life Path Inc. for Meals on Wheels Program	\$15,000.00
New England Learning Center for Women in Transition (NELCWIT)	\$10,000.00
Community Health Center of Franklin County (CHCFC)	\$12,392.05

AGRICULTURE

There were no applicants provided grants as these events were cancelled due to the pandemic. Grants, totaling \$12,372.00, approved prior to the cancellation of the events were as follows:

Franklin County Agricultural Society	\$6,620.00
Heath Agricultural Society	\$4,536.00
Shelburne Grange Fair	\$1,216.00

Respectfully Submitted.

CARL H. NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Annual Report for 2020

The Nilman 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. Applications were available online for graduates, and the seniors could acquire theirs at Mohawk High School.

Due to COVID 19 in 2020 our usual meetings were cancelled. However, our Awards Subcommittee met earlier in the year and were able to accept and read Scholarship applications and award applicants with available funds. The Awards Subcommittee received and read 36 applications. 11 were from seniors and 25 were from graduates. We used 30% of the money available for seniors and 70% for graduates. The Committee feels that seniors have multiple scholarship opportunities from other sources while graduates have fewer resources. 10 scholarships totaling \$11,800.00 were awarded to seniors and 25 scholarships totaling \$29,450.00 were given to graduates.

During the period from 1991 - 2020, a total of \$1,054,475 had been awarded in scholarships. Mohawk seniors were awarded \$323,275.00 and \$73,200.00 was awarded to graduates. 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. Please call the Guidance Office at Mohawk for information regarding requirements and deadlines.

Respectfully submitted,
Marion Scott, Secretary

TYLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Annual Report for 2020

The past year was marked by two major developments for Tyler Memorial Library:

First, we were confronted with adapting to strict COVID 19 protocols and with reinventing ways to continue to safely serve patrons. After being completely closed during Governor Baker's stay at home orders in the early days of the pandemic, Tyler Memorial Library was able to reopen for curbside pick up in May 2020. During the posted hours of operation, patrons are able to order books, magazines, or dvds and arrange a contactless pick up outside the building. The library added extra services like Hoopla, where patrons can stream movies and music and access e-books from home, and Wowbrary, a digital newsletter. We look forward to the day that the doors can be reopened for in person browsing, but until then we will continue to serve patrons in these ways.

The biggest development of the year was the resignation for health reasons of our beloved Library Director, Andrea Bernard. During her seven years leading the library, Andrea was instrumental in the modernization of the collection and became a valued and treasured member of the community. She did the hard work required for Tyler Memorial Library to join the CW/Mars Library consortium, making its vast catalog available to patrons. Andrea demonstrated a knack for making a small budget go far by skillful book buying and savvy grant applications. Under her direction library use expanded and became an integral part of many patron's weeks.

Recognition of Andrea goes beyond the Hilltowns. She has been a strong advocate for us in Boston and has earned respect across the state. In 2016 she was awarded the I Love My Librarian award by the American Library Association. In the company of nine other librarians, all from big cities, Andrea was picked from a pool of over 1,100 librarians across the nation and honored at a reception at the Carnegie Corporation.

We are all immensely grateful for her intense passion and dedication to the library and its patrons. Andrea Bernard showed us what Tyler Memorial Library could be. It is a better place because of her and will benefit from her tenure and leadership for years to come. We wish her all good things in the future.

The Trustees are in the process of hiring the next Library Director. Stay tuned. In the meantime, Sue Vight has stepped in to seamlessly handle the library during the hours it is open for contactless pick up of books, movies and magazines. The Trustees are extremely appreciative of her service and extend our deep appreciation and thanks to Sue.

Respectfully submitted by the Trustees of the Tyler Memorial Library,
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