

Fire Department Information

The Fire Department holds meetings every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. 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, Liz Billings, holds weekly office hours on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and is also available by appointment.

Tax Collector:

Elizabeth Nichols holds weekly office hours at home from 3 to 6 p.m. on Mondays, and from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Thursdays. She may be reached at 413-337-6665.

Board of Selectmen:

The Board of Selectmen holds meetings every other Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. at the Town Office on Pudding Hollow Road. The Administrative Assistant can be contacted at the Town Office (413-339-5518) on Tuesday afternoons and is also available by appointment.

Board of Assessors:

The Board of Assessors holds meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Town Office on Pudding Hollow Road. The Assessors' Clerk, Virginia Gabert, can be contacted by leaving a message at the Town Office (339-5518) unless otherwise posted.

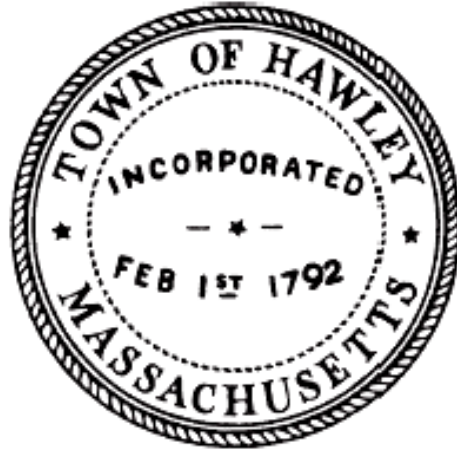
During the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Hawley Town Office hours of operation and work schedules have been in flux. Please call the Town Office at 413-339-5518 or consult the website www.townofhawley.com to obtain the current status prior to planning your visit.

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By the Town Officers



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DEDICATION

Robert Root

Selectman, Conservation Commission Member, Deputy Fire Chief

Selectmen Hussain Hamdan and Robert MacLean dedicate this Town Report to our esteemed colleague, Robert Root. Bob has been a thoughtful and major contributor to our Board during his five years of service. He is also on the Conservation Commission and on the Fire Department, where he serves as Deputy Chief. He has also been very active with the Sons and Daughters of Hawley. In March of 2022, Mr. Root announced that he would resign from the Select Board and the Conservation Commission effective on the date of the May 2022 elections. This allows an orderly transition without any vacancies in office. He intends to continue with his service on the Fire Department.

During his service on the Board, Bob has brought reasoned and thoughtful contributions to our discussions, informed by his decades of experience, including having driven trucks all around the United States and having worked with numerous kinds of business. His knowledge of heavy equipment and the transportation industry are significant as is his experience in the emergency services. We wish Bob the best in his retirement from Town boards. We hope the Fire Department will continue to benefit from his knowledge and leadership for some years to come.

The Hawley Selectboard. Outgoing Selectman Robert Root stands between his colleagues Hussain Hamdan (left) and Bob MacLean (right).



SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS OF OTHER PUBLIC SERVANTS

Rest in Peace



Kenneth "Skip" Chaffee, Jr. Hawley Volunteer Fire Department 1940-2021:

We would like to pay our respects to Skip Chaffee, a former member of Hawley's emergency services and a veteran of **three** branches of the U.S. Armed Forces: Marines, Navy, and Air Force! Mr. Chaffee passed away in December of 2021. His service to our nation and our town is appreciated, and his presence will be sorely missed by all.

Happy Retirement

Tedd Palmer, Hawley Highway Department

After three decades of service to Hawley's Highway Department, Tedd Palmer has retired. His last day on the job was March 31, 2022. He was always known to be a hard worker with a great sense of humor. We wish Tedd the best in his retirement.



Welcome Aboard

Tinky Weisblat, Hawley's New Administrative Assistant

After a vacancy materialized in the Administrative Assistant's position, Tinky Weisblat, a longtime Hawley resident, singer, and accomplished writer graciously volunteered to take on the challenge. Tinky has been Hawley's Administrative Assistant since February of 2022 and all of us are already very appreciative of and impressed by her service. Best of luck going forward!

Finally, Our Gratitude to....

Many, many thanks to **Cass Nawrocki** for filling in as administrative assistant this winter before Tinky could come on board, and for taking the time to train Tinky in the position. Cass has been a friend to Hawley for many years. We wish her well in her final retirement! And thanks to **Steve Howland**, who stepped in to help diagnose the technical issues at the Town Office. Steve spent several afternoons helping Tinky and eventually Hussain test equipment and figure out the best solution for all concerned. We know his time is valuable, and we appreciate his kindness in volunteering.

TOWN OFFICIALS – ELECTED

Selectmen/ Board of Health (3-year term)

Hussain Hamdan, Chair	Term expires 2022
Robert Root	Retiring in 2022
Robert Maclean	Term expires 2024

Town Clerk (3-year term)

Liz Billings	Term expires 2022
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Assessors (3-year term)

Rick Kean, Chair	Term expires 2023
Ed Brady	Term expires 2022
Jeff Carantit	Term expires 2024

Hawlemont School Committee (3-year term)

James Walsh	Term expires 2024
Hussain Hamdan	Term expires 2022
Susanne Crawford	Term expires 2023

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

Suzanne Crawford	Term expires 2024
Scott Purinton	Term expires 2023

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

OPEN	Term expires 2022
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Moderator

Kirby (“Lark”) Thwing	Term expires 2022
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Auditor

Carla Clark	Term expires 2022
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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 2022

Administrative Assistant
Tinky Weisblat

Highway Superintendent / Tree Warden
Gary Mitchell Term expires 2022

Police Chief
Jared Bellows Term expires 2022

Fire Chief / Forest Fire Warden / Emergency Management Director
Gregory Cox Term expires 2022

Animal Control Officer
Chris Tirone Term expires 2023

Constable
George Rice Term expires 2022

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

Inspector of Animals
Chris Tirone Term expires 2023

Representative to Veterans Service Center
Chris Tirone Term expires 2022
Kevin Richardson Term expires 2022

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES -APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

(Unless otherwise indicated, terms are for one year)

Planning Board (5-year term)

Vacant	Term expires 2025
Lloyd Crawford	Term expires 2022
Kathryn Sternstein	Term expires 2024
Paul Norcross	Term expires 2024
Harold Green	Term expires 2023

Board of Appeals (Selectboard – 3-year term)

(vacant)	Term expires 2022
(vacant)	Term expires 2024
(vacant)	Term expires 2023

Conservation Commission (3-year term)

Lloyd Crawford, Chair	Term expires 2024
Robert Taylor	Term expires 2022
Williams Cosby	Term expires 2024
Sarah Ohmann	Term expires 2023
Robert Root	Term expires 2022

Historical Commission (3-year term)

John Sears, Chair	Term expires 2022
Pamela Shrimpton	Term expires 2023
Lark Thwing	Term expires 2024
Suzy Groden	Term expires 2023
Bob Root	Term expires 2022

Registrar of Voters (term expires March 31)

Elizabeth Billings	Daniel Hoyt
Melanie Poudrier	John Sears

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 2024
Jennifer Rich	Term expires 2024
Elaine Thomson	Term expires 2024
Sandra Dupuis	Term expires 2024
Burial Agent	
Elizabeth Billings	Term expires 2022
Measurer of Wood and Surveyor of Lumber	
Gregory Cox	Term expires 2022
Agricultural Commission (3-year term)	
Elizabeth Billings	Term expires 2023
Peter Mitchell (chair)	Term expires 2024
Kimberly Orzechowski	Term expires 2025
Communications Committee (3-year term)	
Lark Thwing, Chair	Term expires 2024
Rick Kean	Term expires 2023
Hussain Hamdan	Term expires 2023
Constance Emmett	Term expires 2022
Pamela Shrimpton	Term expires 2022
Personnel Committee (3-year term)	
Lark Thwing	Term expires 2024
John Sears, Chair	Term expires 2023
Rick Kean	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
Brittany Wolcott	Term expires 2024
Jane Grant	Term expires 2026
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 2, 2022**

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 second day of May 2022**.

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)
- Selectman/ Board of Health (1-year term)
- Auditor (1-year term)
- Moderator (1-year term)
- Assessor (3-year term)
- Hawlemont School Committee (3-year term)
- Hawlemont School Committee (1-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.

Town of Hawley
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Monday, May 9, 2022

There follows a list of business to come before the Annual Town Meeting on May 9, 2022.
This is a preliminary warrant and the final warrant, as posted, may contain additions and alterations.

At seven o'clock in the evening on Monday, the ninth day of May 2022 the meeting will convene at the Town Office to act on the following:

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 **\$549,260.40**. (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>FY22 Budget</u>	<u>FY23 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	25,325.00	25,800.00	1.88%
4	Salaries & wages	20,300.00	20,750.00	2.22%
5	Expenses	2,525.00	2,550.00	0.99%
6	Drug & Alcohol testing	500.00	500.00	0.00%
7	Legal Service	500.00	500.00	0.00%
8	Town Reports	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00%

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	10,780.00	10,780.00	0.00%
15	Salaries & wages	3,730.00	3,730.00	0.00%
16	Expenses	7,050.00	7,050.00	0.00%
17	Treasurer	40,870.00	41,790.00	2.25%
18	Salaries & wages	39,000.00	40,170.00	3.00%
19	Expenses	1,870.00	1,620.00	-13.37%
20	Collector	8,055.00	10,016.40	24.35%
21	Salaries & wages	6,480.00	6,674.40	2.99%
22	Expenses	1,575.00	3,342.00	112.19%
23	Technology/Internet	2,300.00	3,050.00	32.61%
24	Expenses	2,300.00	3,050.00	32.61%
25	Town Clerk	10,655.00	11,655.00	9.39%
26	Salaries & wages	9,755.00	10,755.00	10.25%
27	Expenses	900.00	900.00	0.00%
28	Town Buildings	9,175.00	9,175.00	0.00%
29	Purchased Services	800.00	800.00	0.00%
30	Repairs & Maintenance	250.00	250.00	0.00%
31	Expenses	8,125.00	8,125.00	0.00%
32	Employee Benefits	66,474.00	66,657.00	0.28%
33	Insurance	26,500.00	26,500.00	0.00%
34	Retirement	35,974.00	38,157.00	6.07%
35	Sick Pay fund	4,000.00	2,000.00	-50.00%
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	30,375.00	30,325.00	-0.16%
40	Salaries & wages	7,575.00	7,575.00	0.00%
41	Purchased Services	3,200.00	3,100.00	-3.13%
42	Repairs & Maintenance	6,250.00	6,250.00	0.00%
43	Expenses	8,150.00	8,200.00	0.61%
44	EMS	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00%
45	Capital outlay	2,200.00	2,200.00	0.00%
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	11,452.00	10,850.00	-5.26%
51	FRCOG Assessments	11,452.00	10,850.00	-5.26%
52	DPW - Highway	258,900.00	261,400.00	0.97%
53	Salaries & wages	142,000.00	142,000.00	0.00%
54	Repairs & Maintenance	43,500.00	45,000.00	3.45%
55	Expenses - Roads	65,000.00	65,000.00	0.00%
56	Expenses - Garage	5,900.00	7,400.00	25.42%
57	DPW Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00%
58	Care of Cemeteries	1,500.00	2,000.00	33.33%
59	Solid Waste	25,752.00	25,772.00	0.08%
60	Expenses	25,752.00	25,772.00	0.08%
61	Animal Inspector	250.00	250.00	0.00%
62	Expenses	250.00	250.00	0.00%
63	Veterans Services	3,000.00	3,050.00	1.66%
64	District assessment	910.00	950.00	4.41%
65	Veterans Benefits	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00%
66	Veterans expenses	90.00	100.00	11.11%
67	Boards, Committees	1,825.00	3,900.00	213.69%
68	Conservation Comm Expenses	125.00	1,000.00	800.00%
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	2,400.00	100.00%

73	Unclassified	30,150.00	31,650.00	4.97%
74	Prop & Liability insurance	21,000.00	22,500.00	7.14%
75	Surety bonds	900.00	900.00	0.00%
76	Mass. Unemployment	1,750.00	1,750.00	0.00%
77	FICA/Medicare	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00%
78	TOTAL	\$537,478.00	\$549,260.40	2.19%

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 **\$630,857.00**. (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>FY22 Budget</u>	<u>FY23 Proposed</u>	<u>% Change</u>
79	School - Vocational	65,000.00	103,000.00	58.46%
80	Transportation	25,000.00	35,000.00	40.00%
81	Tuition	40,000.00	68,000.00	70.00%
82	**School - Hawlemont	258,958.00	321,358.00	24.10%
83	Operating assessment	250,536.00	312,958.00	24.92%
84	Capital outlay	8,422.00	8,400.00	-0.26%
85	School - MTRSD	201,922.00	206,499.00	2.27%
86	Operating assessment	197,600.00	196,789.00	-0.41%
87	Transportation		6,810.00	
88	Capital outlay	4,322.00	2,900.00	-32.90%
89	TOTAL	\$525,880.00	\$630,857.00	19.96%

****These figures are still being negotiated at the time of this writing – changes are anticipated****

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$30,000 from the Vocational Stabilization Fund to the FY23 Vocational Expenses 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 FY22 Vocational Tuition and Vocational Transportation accounts to the FY23 respective accounts, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to accept a sum in Chapter 90 road funds available subject to conditions detailed by Massachusetts Department of Transportation, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 8: 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 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Fire Department Stabilization the sum of \$10,000 for Fire Station Building Improvements (to pave the driveway at the Fire Station), or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 10: 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 during Fiscal Year 2023, or take any other action in relative thereto.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500 to the Assessors Revaluation account, to be used for the FY2025 revaluation, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 12: 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 13: 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 14: 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 15: 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 16: 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 17: 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, 2022 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 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of up to \$50,000 from Free Cash to offset the FY23 tax rate, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to ask the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee, or their designees, to act in collaboration with the Charlemont Selectboard and Finance Committee, the Hawlemont Regional School Committee, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and Community Stakeholders to explore options for making the Hawlemont Regional Elementary School financially sustainable in the long term, and if this is found to be unfeasible, to explore and make recommendations regarding alternatives to keeping Hawlemont open that ensure the children of Hawley and Charlemont receive quality education elsewhere, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$15,955 from Free Cash to fund anticipated overages in the following FY22 accounts: Highway Department Equipment Purchase (\$450); DPW Garage Repairs and Maintenance (\$2,500); Property and Liability Insurance (\$505); Vocational Tuition/Transportation (\$12,500), or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 21: To transact any other business that legally may come before the Town Meeting.

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

Annual Town Election Results: May 2, 2021

Selectman/Board of Health – 3 years	Robert MacLean
Assessor – 3 years	Jeffrey Carantit
Moderator – 1 year	Lark Thwing
Auditor – 1 year	Carla Clark
Hawlemont School Comm – 3 years	Courtney Hoyt
Hawlemont School Comm – 2 years	Suzanne Crawford
Rep K-12 – 3 years	Suzanne Crawford

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order on May 10, 2021, at 7:07 pm by Moderator Lark Thwing. The meeting was held in the parking lot of Hawley Town Hall due to COVID-19 precautions.

Article 1: To act on the reports of the Town Officers. **Unanimously approved.**

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Town Clerk	8,755.00
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Assessors members (2)	1,175.00
Auditor	120.00
Moderator	120.00

Unanimously approved.

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line #	Department/Acct Name	FY21 Budget	FY22 Proposed	% change
3	Moderator	120.00	120.00	0.00%
4	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.
Unanimously approved.

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).

<u>line #</u>	<u>Department/Acct Name</u>	<u>FY21 Budget</u>	<u>FY22 Proposed</u>	<u>% Change</u>
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%

Unanimously approved.

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. **Unanimously approved.**

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. **Unanimously approved.**

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. **Unanimously approved.**

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. **Unanimously approved.**

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. **Courtney Hoyt asked how often we purchase plows. Chris Tirone answered about once in 20 years. Unanimously approved.**

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the Highway Department Stabilization Fund. **Unanimously approved.**

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). **Unanimously approved.**

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. **Christine Hicks brought up the fact that people's insurance often covers ambulance costs. Charlemont plans to make some capital expenses. Per Hussain Hamdan we stopped paying them in 2009 per their request. No paperwork on the matter has come to us from them, so the SB will send them an agreement. Unanimously approved.**

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,000 for the Reserve Fund. **Unanimously approved.**

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. **Unanimously approved.**

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from Free Cash to the General Stabilization Fund. **Unanimously approved.**

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. **Unanimously approved.**

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from Free Cash to the Vocational Stabilization Fund. **Unanimously approved.**

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. **Unanimously approved. Unanimously approved.**

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$900 from Free Cash to the FY21 Massachusetts Unemployment account. **Unanimously approved.**

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

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Shrimpton, Hawley Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT FY21

Our new budget setting process is already underway for FY23 to provide more time for review by the Finance Committee as well as the Selectboard before coming before the voters at Annual Town Meeting. An effort is being made to continue to minimize the tax burden while providing the services needed in town and keeping up with the changing times.

Financial reports on the next pages provide the following information:

- FY22 Budget Overview: An overview of FY21 and FY22 approved budgets – where the money is coming from and where it will be going.
- FY22 Budget: Shows the actual expenditures from FY20 and FY21 and approved appropriations for FY22 by Department and account category, as well as any balances carried from FY21.
- Accounting of Free Cash FY21: Shows the amount of Free Cash certified, how much was used, and for what purpose. Also included is Free Cash FY22 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.
- FY21 Balance Sheet

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Gabert, Treasurer/Financial Administrator

FY22 FINAL BUDGET OVERVIEW

Revenues	FY21 Budget	FY22Budget
Property Tax Levy	914,099	911,300
State Aid	115,193	130,400
Local Receipts	53,000	55,850
Free Cash	62,000	42,900
Transfer from General Stab.	0	0
Transfer from Hwy Stab.	0	10,000
Transf. from Fire Stabilization	48,000	2,000
Transf. from Voc. Stabilization	40,000	20,000
Chapter 90	174,745	163,535
	1,407,037	1,335,985
		Levy \$ change -2,799
		Levy % change -0.31%
Appropriations		
Raise & Appropriate		
Omnibus + STM adj	1,071,458	1,063,358
Ch 90	174,745	163,535
Ambulance Service	0	7,500
DPW Stabilization	0	10,000
	1,246,203	1,244,393
Free Cash		
Reserve	2,000	2,000
Interest	0	0
Truck loan	0	0
Transfer to Hwy Stabilization	15,000	10,000
Transfer to Gen. Stabilization	15,000	10,000
Transfer to Fire Stabilization	15,000	10,000
Transfer to Voc. Stabilization	15,000	10,000
Prior FY Free cash at ATM	0	900
	62,000	42,900
Stabilization		
Hwy Dept Capital Project	0	10,000
Fire Dept Capital Projects	40,000 (FY20)	0
Fire Dept Capital Project	8,000 (FY21)	2,000
Vocational Exp. Offset	40,000	20,000
	88,000	32,000
Other amounts to be raised		
**Cherry sheet charges/offsets	2,710	3,124
***Allowance for overlay	8,124	8,068
(Amt certified for Tax Title)	0	5,500
	10,834	16,692
	1,407,037	1,335,985

*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.

FY22 BUDGET

The first part of this report shows the actual expenditures by Department for the past two years (FY20 and FY21). The third column is what was approved at Town Meetings for FY22. The fourth column shows balances carried forward into FY22 for those accounts that are able to be carried forward. The total reconciles with the "Omnibus & STM adj." line in the "FY22 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	FY20 Expended	FY21 Expended	FY22 Appropriated	Prior Bal. Forward
Moderator	120.00	120.00	120.00	
Salaries & wages	120.00	120.00	120.00	
Board of Selectmen	23,522.73	23,438.73	25,325.00	
Salaries & wages	19,294.86	20,010.29	20,300.00	
Expenses	2,653.23	2,284.94	2,525.00	
Continuing Ed-Town Officers	110.00	60.00	0.00	2,239.83
Drug & Alcohol testing	320.00	285.00	500.00	
Legal Service	156.25	62.50	500.00	
Town Reports	618.75	541.00	1,000.00	
Board of Health expenses	479.64	255.00	500.00	

Finance Committee	85.00	85.00	150.00	
Expenses	85.00	85.00	150.00	
Town Auditor	120.00	120.00	120.00	
Salaries & wages	120.00	120.00	120.00	
Independent Audit				14,840.00
Board of Assessors	8,095.53	8,338.50	10,780.00	
Salaries & wages	2,555.00	3,142.50	3,730.00	
Expenses	5,540.53	5,196.00	7,050.00	
Reval (5-year)	1,000.00	2,446.39	0.00	343.34
Treasurer	42,644.30	45,336.57	46,370.00	
Salaries & wages	36,091.71	36,872.01	39,000.00	
Expenses	1,825.46	1,467.92	1,870.00	
Debt Service (Interest)	1,200.00	600.00	0.00	
Tax Title/Foreclosure	3,527.13	6,396.64	5,500.00	1,171.36
Collector	7,186.08	7,350.94	8,055.00	
Salaries & wages	6,202.54	6,202.54	6,480.00	
Expenses	983.54	1,148.40	1,575.00	
Technology/Internet	2,874.31	2,887.91	2,300.00	
Expenses	2,874.31	2,887.91	2,300.00	3,796.40
Town Clerk	10,378.51	12,147.36	10,655.00	
Salaries & wages	9,685.00	11,309.15	9,755.00	
Expenses	693.51	838.21	900.00	
Town Buildings	8,060.40	8,289.71	9,175.00	
Purchased Services	690.00	735.00	800.00	
Repairs & Maintenance	48.31	1,189.98	250.00	4,954.12
Expenses	7,322.09	6,364.73	8,125.00	
Employee Benefits	54,524.09	57,878.48	66,474.00	
Insurance	25,185.09	25,210.48	26,500.00	
Retirement	29,339.00	32,668.00	35,974.00	
Sick Pay fund (accrued sick pay)	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	21,630.92
Police	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,450.00	
Salaries & wages	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Expenses	0.00	0.00	250.00	

Fire	59,686.46	29,005.10	39,875.00	
Salaries & wages	7,192.75	6,924.25	7,575.00	
Purchased Services	2,996.08	3,097.04	3,200.00	
Repairs & Maintenance	5,690.12	6,820.11	6,250.00	
Expenses	7,917.67	6,223.48	8,150.00	
EMS	2,328.38	1,605.54	3,000.00	
Ambulance Service			7,500.00	
Capital outlay	33,561.46	4,334.68	4,200.00	13,570.96
Emergency Mgmt	1,204.64	1,208.00	1,300.00	
Salaries & wages	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	
Purchased Services	150.00	150.00	150.00	
Expenses	4.64	8.00	100.00	
Fr Reg Co of Govts	10,756.00	10,952.32	11,452.00	
Coop. Inspection Program	4,500.00	4,600.00	4,600.00	
Cooperative Public Health	3,266.00	3,331.32	3,998.00	
Regional Services	2,822.00	2,864.00	2,697.00	
Statutory Charges	168.00	157.00	157.00	
School - Vocational	24,886.03	126,911.71	85,000.00	12,635.93
Transportation	6,293.72	49,572.54	25,000.00	
Tuition	18,592.31	77,339.17	60,000.00	
School - Hawlemont	247,385.00	259,498.15	258,958.00	
Operating assessment	238,525.00	251,227.15	250,536.00	
Capital outlay	8,860.00	8,271.00	8,422.00	
School - MTRSD	198,244.00	182,871.43	201,922.00	1,660.57
Operating assessment	193,193.00	177,920.43	197,600.00	
Capital outlay	5,051.00	4,951.00	4,322.00	
DPW - Highway	252,688.96	251,598.26	267,900.00	
Salaries & wages	154,661.32	144,504.22	142,000.00	
Repairs & Maintenance	33,307.41	34,396.78	43,500.00	
Expenses - Roads	60,795.50	68,185.63	65,000.00	
Expenses - Garage	2,699.73	2,336.63	5,900.00	
DPW Capital Outlay	0.00	295.00	10,000.00	
Care of Cemeteries	1,225.00	1,880.00	1,500.00	

Solid Waste	20,098.23	25,167.76	25,752.00	
Ashfield Transfer Station	14,400.00	19,152.00	19,152.00	
F. Cty Solid Waste Mgt Dist	1,368.24	1,565.76	1,600.00	
Tri-Town Landfill Maint.	4,329.99	4,450.00	5,000.00	1,000.00
Animal Inspector	0.00	0.00	250.00	
Expenses	0.00	0.00	250.00	
Veterans Services	747.94	870.17	3,000.00	
District assessment	729.70	780.89	910.00	
Veterans Benefits	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	
Veterans expenses	18.24	89.28	90.00	
Boards, Committees	1,691.00	1,633.00	1,825.00	
Conservation Comm	91.00	93.00	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	340.00	400.00	
Tyler Memorial Library	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Unclassified	25,833.15	27,661.30	30,150.00	
Prop & Liab. insurance	18,429.00	19,475.00	21,000.00	
Surety bonds	870.00	870.00	900.00	
Mass. unemployment	485.56	1,226.45	1,750.00	
FICA/Medicare	6,048.59	6,089.85	6,500.00	
TOTAL	1,077,573.76	1,075,994.00	1,108,358.00	
Chapter 90 (Road Construction)		163,535.00	134,818.92	
Engineering Rd Repair Proj.		0.00	6,594.93	
Free Cash to FY21 Exp Accts		900.00		
Free Cash to FY22 Exp Accts		2,000.00		
Free Cash to Stabilization		40,000.00		
Raise & Approp. to Stabilization		10,000.00		
Cherry Sheet/Recap charges		11,192.00		
TOTAL FY22 Budget		1,335,985.00		

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Gabert, Treasurer

ACCOUNTING OF FREE CASH FY2021:

FREE CASH CERTIFIED AS OF 7/1/2020		76,857.00
May 2021 ATM		
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	
FY21 Unemployment overage	900.00	
TOTAL ATM TRANSFERS		42,900.00
Balance at 6/30/2021		33,957.00

ACCOUNTING OF FREE CASH FY 2022 TO DATE:

FREE CASH CERTIFIED AS OF 7/1/2021		154,829.00
May 2022 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	
DPW Equipment Replacement	40,000.00	
FY22 overages	5,678.00	
TOTAL ATM TRANSFERS		87,678.00
Balance at 6/30/2022		67,151.00

SURPLUS REVENUE

BALANCE AS OF 7/1/2020	119,592.81
07/01/2020 FY21 library offset/cherry sheet charge	2,710.00
07/16/2020 Tax Title payment received	235.75
08/12/2020 Subsequent added to Tax Title	-1,133.78
08/12/2020 Subsequent added to Tax Title	-1,237.59
08/12/2020 Subsequent added to Tax Title	-72.99
08/12/2020 Subsequent added to Tax Title	-3,638.15
08/12/2020 Subsequent added to Tax Title	-676.37
08/12/2020 Subsequent added to Tax Title	-9.73
08/12/2020 Subsequent added to Tax Title	-40.55
09/17/2020 Tax Title payment received	176.22
01/07/2021 sale of 1986 Chipper	517.00
01/07/2021 sale of 1971 International (Fire Truck)	160.00
03/18/2021 surplus equip sold - hydraulic hammer	2,400.00
03/18/2021 surplus equip sold - Fire Truck	2,600.00
05/10/2021 FY22 ATM transfers from Free Cash	-42,900.00
06/30/2021 New Tax Title account	-1,625.24
06/30/2021 New Tax Title account	-1,179.89
06/30/2021 New Tax Title account	-464.70
06/30/2021 Minor diff. est. levy vs Commitment	53.14
06/30/2021 Receipts in excess of budget	7,474.66
06/29/2021 Missed FY20 appropriation balance	40,000.00
06/30/2021 Appropriation balances	60,924.91
Balance as of 6/30/2021	183,865.50

TREASURER'S REVENUES & ACCOUNT BALANCES REPORT
7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021

BALANCE AS OF 7/1/20	646,155	FHMS - Construction	2,000
RECEIPTS:		Sale of Surplus Property	5,677
TAX COLLECTIONS:		Public Records Requests	30
Real Estate Taxes	881,688	Sand Reimbursement	188
Personal Property Taxes	39,283	Note Payable - Ch 90	750,000
Motor Vehicle Taxes	45,495	GRANTS:	
In Lieu of Taxes	1,000	Fire Dept Grants (EMPG)	2,500
Tax Title payments	412	COA Grant	6,000
Penalties & Interest on Taxes	7,871	DEP Recycling Grant	500
Penalties & Interest Tax Titles	288	MassWorks - 8A Rebuild	14,497
Proforma Tax	2,874	DER Culvert Grant	29,550
PERMITS/FEES/LICENSES:		FLT D2R2 Search & Rescue	10
Tax Collector Fees	2,415	ARPA	17,480
Deputy Collector Fees	647	CTCL - Safe Elections	5,000
Mark/Dup. Bill Fees	490	COMMONWEALTH OF MASS.:	
Town Clerk Fees	393	Chapter 70	5,666
Police Department Fees	800	Exemptions	506
Trash Bags/Permits	4,320	Unrestricted General Aid	45,908
Fire Department Permits	60	SAPL 12 (Library)	2,513
Dog Licenses & Late Fees	547	State Land	59,136
Class III Permit	50	Chp. 90 Reimbursement	862,286
WPA Fees	0	Registry of Motor Vehicles	0
Filing Fees (PB/ZBA/ConCom)	170	Extended Election Assist.	1,854
Returned Check Fee	25	Veteran's Reimbursement	63
OTHER:		CARES - COVID Relief	29,624
Sale of Cemetery Lots	1,050	TOTAL RECEIPTS:	1,838,286
Interment Fees	0	BALANCE + RECEIPTS:	3,484,441
Refunds	151	LESS:	
Earnings on Investments	301	TREASURY WARRANTS	2,777,596
Trust Fund Interest	395	CTCL EXPENDITURES	4,554
Retiree Health Insurance	2,130	BANK CHARGE (NSF FEE)	25
Renewable Energy Credits	4,008	BALANCE AS OF 6/30/21:	702,266
Donations-Fire Department	225		
Donations-Veterans Assist.	20		
Donations - Other	190		

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES AS
OF 6/30/21:

GENERAL FUND:

Bank Accounts	382,976
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TRUST FUNDS:

Stabilization Account	285,465
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Other Trust Funds	33,825
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TOTAL:	702,266
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Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Gabert, Treasurer

BALANCE SHEET - FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

GENERAL FUND:

ASSETS

Current Assets (Bank Accounts)		382,976.05	
Accounts Receivable			
Taxes due (PP, RE)			
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	194.64		
PP Taxes FY21	295.37		
Total Personal Property Taxes		1,290.62	
Real Estate Taxes			
RE Taxes FY20	27,730.42		
RE Taxes FY21	-794.32		
Total Real Estate Taxes		26,936.10	
Total Taxes due (PP, RE)			28,226.72
Taxes due (other)			
Excise Taxes			
Motor Vehicle Excise 2014	231.87		
Motor Vehicle Excise 2015	523.75		
Motor Vehicle Excise 2016	511.46		
Motor Vehicle Excise 2017	149.17		
Motor Vehicle Excise 2018	210.00		
Motor Vehicle Excise 2019	105.42		
Motor Vehicle Excise 2020	1,011.32		
Motor Vehicle Excise 2021	8,749.54		
Total Excise Taxes		11,492.53	
Total Taxes due (other)			11,492.53
Other tax collections			
Tax Titles		47,616.21	
Tax Possessions		38,963.19	
Total Other tax collections			86,579.40
Due from Trust (to General)			11.11
Due from Commonwealth			
Firefighter Safety Grant (DFS)		8,500.00	
DER Culvert Grant		10,449.86	
MassWorks Grant - 8A Rebuild		0.00	
			18,949.86
Capital Projects Receivable			
State Aid to Highways (a/r)		134,818.92	
			134,818.92
Loans Authorized (asset)			1,000,000.00
Total General Fund Current Assets			1,663,054.59

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

Due to Trust (from Gen.) 1,350.00

Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions 30,184.96

Payroll Liabilities 0.00

Federal Grants

ARPA (COVID) 17,479.65

EMPG 2,075.00

Total Federal Grants 19,554.65

State Grants

Community Policing Grant 1,585.34

DARE Grant 929.02

HCI Grant 2,893.80

IT Grant 697.57

CTCL (safe elections) 528.55

DER Culvert Grant 7,640.36

Firefighter Safety Equipment 4,309.00

NIMS Education 500.00

Total State Grants 19,083.64

Receipts Reserved for Apprpr.

Sale of Real Estate 1,650.00

Wetland Protection Fund 6,414.77

Police Dept (FID/LTC) 237.50

Veterans Assistance Fund 1,392.73

Total Receipts Reserved for Apprpr. 9,695.00

Revolving Funds

Dog Fund 4,815.95

Total Revolving Funds 4,815.95

Special Revenue liability funds

Cons Comm Review Funds 2,050.00

Donations 2,432.65

Total Special Revenue liability funds 4,482.65

Capital Projects

Chapter 90 (deferred rev.) 134,818.92

FHMS Network Constr. 58,075.86

FHMS Contingency Fund 5,000.00

Total Capital Projects 197,894.78

Deferred Revenue

Tax Title (defer. revenue) 47,616.21

Tax Possession (def. rev) 38,963.19

MV deferred revenue 11,492.53

Total Deferred Revenue 98,071.93

Ins Reimb - property damage 6,313.09

Tailings 1,304.08

Total Other Current Liabilities 392,750.73

Long Term Liabilities

Loan Authorized and Unissued 1,000,000.00

1,000,000.00

Equity		
Surplus revenue	183,865.50	
Other continuing appropriations		
Audit	14,840.00	
Continuing Ed. (Town Officer)	2,239.83	
Assessors reval	343.34	
Tax Title & Foreclosure Costs	1,171.36	
Town Building maint/renov	4,954.12	
Internet Access (instal/equip)	3,796.40	
Employee Sick Pay	21,630.92	
Special Hwy Projects	6,594.93	
Fire Station Bldg Improv.	4,701.88	
Fire Equipment	8,869.08	
Vocational Balance Carried	12,635.93	
Education (other)	1,660.57	
Landfill Costs	1,000.00	
Total Other continuing appropriations	84,438.36	
Free Cash - allocated	2,000.00	
Total Equity		270,303.86
Total General Funds Liabilities & Equity		1,663,054.59

TRUST FUNDS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Current Assets (Bank Accounts)		Liabilities	
GCB CD (Library)	15,642.36	Due to Gen. Fund (from trust)	11.11
GSB General Stabilization	71,897.19	Equity	
GSB Hwy Stabilization	60,978.24	Library fund	15,631.25
GSB Fire Stabilization	81,406.64	Historical Comm. trust	9,277.41
PUB Voc. Stabilization	71,183.31	Cemetery Fund	10,254.95
PUB Care of Cemeteries	8,904.95	Stabilization Fund	71,897.19
PUB Historical Comm	9,277.41	Hwy Dept Stabiliz. Fund	60,978.24
Total Trust Funds - cash	319,290.10	Fire Equip Stabiliz. Fund	81,406.64
Due from Gen. Fund (to Trust)	1,350.00	Vocational Ed. Stabiliz.	71,183.31
Total Trust Funds - assets	320,640.10	Total Trust Funds (equity)	320,628.99
		Total Trust Funds - liab&equity	320,640.10

DEBT

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

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Gabert, Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FY 2021

REAL ESTATE	BALANCE ON BAL 07/01/20	COMMITTED AFTER 06/30/20	COLLECTED	ABATED	EXEMPTED	REFUNDED	TAX TAKINGS	BALANCE
FY 2022	\$0.00	\$436,000.06	\$794.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$435,205.74
FY 2021	\$0.00	\$874,615.56	\$849,532.17	\$262.84	\$6,075.00	\$8,984.87	\$0.00	\$27,730.42
FY 2020	\$37,469.08	\$2,873.95	\$30,264.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,078.99	(\$0.00)
FY 2019	\$4,068.85	\$0.00	\$4,068.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$0.00)
PERSONAL PROPERTY								
FY 2022	\$0.00	\$18,665.92	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$18,665.92
FY 2021		\$39,536.54	\$39,080.28	\$337.06		\$176.17		\$295.37
FY 2020	\$397.38	\$0.00	\$202.74	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$194.64
FY 2019	\$197.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$197.76
FY 2018	\$186.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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 EX								
FY 2021	\$0.00	\$47,075.78	\$36,525.53	\$2,995.39		\$1,194.68		\$8,749.54
FY 2020	\$5,528.17	\$3,787.81	\$8,252.58	\$354.12		\$302.04		\$1,011.32
FY 2019	\$302.09	\$191.88	\$388.55	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$105.42
FY 2018	\$333.54	\$0.00	\$123.54	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$210.00
FY 2017	\$232.09	\$0.00	\$82.92	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$149.17
FY 2016	\$577.71	\$0.00	\$66.25	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$511.46
FY 2015	\$528.75	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$523.75
FY 2014	\$231.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$231.87

BOARD OF ASSESSORS REPORT – 2021

The Board of Assessors held monthly meetings at 6:45pm on the first Wednesday of each month via “freeconferencecall” during 2021. The Board currently consists of Rick Kean, Ed Brady, and Jeff Carantit.

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 25th year as Assessors’ Clerk. She provides her invaluable services while working remotely and is best contacted by email (assessor@townofhawley.com) or by leaving a message for her at the Town Office.

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 software and ironing out a few glitches that arose. We now 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 to set up an appointment. Otherwise, approximately once every three years, all residents can expect a visit. If access is not available, or is denied, the Assessors will make their best determination based on exterior data collection. 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. 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/>):

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

Abatement applications are mailed out separately, upon request.

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 of 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 increased to \$17.52/1,000 mostly due to factors other than property valuation. However, market trends have fluctuated greatly through the past year; and we 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. Due to numerous sales in excess of assessed values, we anticipate an adjustment to our land schedule and residential market adjustment – which may increase most property values and decrease the actual tax. 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	2,297,562	49,717,300	52,014,862	17.52

Real property valuations by location are listed below:

HAY, BENJAMIN & DOUGLAS	0	ASHFIELD ROAD	244,200
MASSACHUSETTS FOREST TRUST	0	ASHFIELD ROAD	9,600
CLARK, BRIAN	0	ASHFIELD ROAD	9,200
LAVALLEY, TANNER	0	ASHFIELD ROAD	30,000
COMM. OF MA - DFG (WMA)	0	ASHFIELD ROAD	82,500
MISIASZEK, ANDREW W.	0	ASHFIELD ROAD	400
MIZULA, MARK & SANDRA	5	ASHFIELD ROAD	123,700
FAY, JOHN C & GLORIA C	12	ASHFIELD ROAD	179,700
DEWKETT, NANCY E. & TODD R	13	ASHFIELD ROAD	242,800
SUMNER, DONNA	17	ASHFIELD ROAD	247,000
LAVALLEY, EUGENE & ARLENE	18	ASHFIELD ROAD	183,400
BOZRAH CEMETERY	0	BOZRAH CROSS ROAD	10,800
CLARK, KYLE & DAPHNE	0	BOZRAH ROAD	84,300
CLARK, JUANITA	7	BOZRAH ROAD	222,800
CLARK, ANGELA M	17	BOZRAH ROAD	197,000

BESHARA, DOROTHY A	18	BOZRAH ROAD	32,200
GRIFFIN, PAUL S. & ELIZABETH H	19	BOZRAH ROAD	76,700
LATSHANG, EILEEN WESTON	24	BOZRAH ROAD	179,700
COMM. OF MA - DCR (HAWLEY STATE FOREST)	0	BUCKLAND ROAD	399,000
BOUFFARD, DENIS & KAREN	0	BUCKLAND ROAD	30,000
CLARK, THOMAS	0	BUCKLAND ROAD	32,100
ROSENBAUM, LYNNEL & KIM	0	BUCKLAND ROAD	31,700
ROSENBAUM, LYNNEL & KIM	0	BUCKLAND ROAD	34,500
BOGART, MATTHEW M	0	BUCKLAND ROAD	35,200
GRANT, STEPHEN & ELLEN JANE	0	BUCKLAND ROAD	55,800
SCHOFIELD, MICHAEL	0	BUCKLAND ROAD	37,300
WOLCOTT, BRITTANY & ELLSWORTH	28	BUCKLAND ROAD	282,200
ULLIAN, KIT JESSE & SHARI	41	BUCKLAND ROAD	277,600
ORZECKOWSKI, PAUL & KIMBERLY	115	BUCKLAND ROAD	125,800
CLARK, DAVID A. & CARLA C	121	BUCKLAND ROAD	132,100
ULLIAN, FRANK	7	CLARK ROAD	561,800
COTHEY, PAMELA S	15	DODGE BRANCH ROAD	727,600
COTHEY, PAMELA S	15	DODGE BRANCH ROAD	30,800
RICHARDSON, KEVIN	0	DODGE CORNER ROAD	400
HOWLAND, STEVEN L. & PARLAND, NANCY M	0	DODGE CORNER ROAD	39,000
LOWELL, DAVID E. & TAMMY M	0	DODGE CORNER ROAD	23,600
FAIT, HAROLD C	3	DODGE CORNER ROAD	99,700
GOREVIC, RONALD/FISHER, JULIE	26	DODGE CORNER ROAD	254,500
FARROW, RICHARD & EVELYN	5	DODGE ROAD	216,100
FAIT, HAROLD C	29	DODGE ROAD	185,400
RICHARDSON, KEVIN	32	DODGE ROAD	197,300
WEEKS, BARBARA	71	DODGE ROAD	89,800
MORRISON, PATRICIA ANN/CASWELL, BRENDA LEE	0	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	19,500
TOWN OF HAWLEY	0	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	3,000
COBB, CHERYL/HUFF-RUCHIN, D./MAYETTE, J. & N.	0	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	800
COBB, CHERYL/HUFF-RUCHIN, D./MAYETTE, J. & N.	0	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	5,600
MCLAUGHLIN, CHRISTINE	0	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	36,100
FAUFAW, KRISTIE/SISUM, MICHAEL	0	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	39,000
TOWN OF HAWLEY	0	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	30,000
TOWN OF HAWLEY	0	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	45,000
FAUFAW, KRISTIE/SISUM, MICHAEL	0	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	65,000
APREA, FERDINAND & GARY	0	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	103,000
LAWLESS, WILLIAM & CHERYL	0	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	31,200
LAWLESS, WILLIAM & CHERYL	0	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	55,200
LAWLESS, WILLIAM & CHERYL	0	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	74,000
HEIRS & DIVISEES OF GEORGE RICHARDSON	0	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	2,500
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS FOUNDATION	0	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	45,600
FIVE COLLEGES, INC	0	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	36,000
NATURE CONSERVANCY, INC	0	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	6,400
COATES, BRANDIN R & MELISSA S	0	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	37,000
ROOT, ROBERT W. & SERRA A	0	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	67,400
QUINNEHTUK COMPANY/ROCKY RIVER REALTY CO.	0	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	1,600
MENDE, ROBERT & SHIRLEY	5	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	158,300
WALSH, JAMES & KATHLEEN	8	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	106,900
CLARK, WENDY LAURA	24	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	102,500
DUPUIS, RONALD & SANDRA	28	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	219,500
CLARK, MITCHELL	29	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	71,900
GRISWOLD, GORDON & JANICE	31	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	227,300
LEMIEUX, JULIA	42	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	181,300
SWOPE, WESTON J NOLAN, ANDRES J. D	45	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	94,500

SWOPE, WESTON J	49	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	240,500
PARRA, PHILIP W. & PATRICIA JEAN	52	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	206,900
CLARK, TIMOTHY J. & ROBYN DEE	54	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	289,500
SCHAEFER, JONATHAN & MARIA LYNN	59	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	465,800
BOUCIAS, GREGG & JEAN	67	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	128,200
CLARK, KYLE & DAPHNE	69	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	308,700
LORENZEN, MARIANNE & R. BRUCE	74	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	221,300
ISAACSEN, KIMBERLY TANGUAY/TANGUAY, JODI	78	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	144,100
TANGUAY, WILLIAM DAVID	81	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	272,800
CLARK, TIMOTHY & ROBYN	86	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	116,400
GREEN, HAROLD F	95	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	401,700
STEMPER, MARGARET & BARRY	98	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	99,400
MCLAUGHLIN, CHRISTINE	103	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	120,100
GERRY, CODYC/O LESPERANCE, JENNIFER	104	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	161,100
THOMSON, ELAINE & RAYMOND	106	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	201,800
HOWE, ADAM & KELLY	112	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	195,200
HAGEN, SUSAN & SINTIRIS, WILLIAM	115	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	72,500
SEGAL, YVETTE	116	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	163,200
SHUTTA, STEVEN	120	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	214,300
GRAVES, ANDREW & ADAM, ASHLEY	124	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	238,500
BROWN, LOOCIE SOMMERS, ELIZABETH	127	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	202,800
FAUFAW, KRISTIE SISUM, MICHAEL	128	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	358,900
OLEFSKY, HAI ZHENG & MAXINE M.Z	153	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	290,800
SPRING, PATRICIA	168	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	109,600
LAWLESS, WILLIAM/MAYNARD-LAWLESS, CHERYL	214	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	647,200
GOTTA, DANIEL	235	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	116,600
COLE, WILLIAM G.	252	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	58,400
SWOPE, JAMES & SUSAN	254	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	166,100
KAPSINOW, JAY & TERESITA	259	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	205,900
SWOPE, JAMES & SUSAN	262	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	53,200
BILLINGS, SHAWN R. & ELIZABETH A	270	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	234,900
BELLOWS, KEVIN	282	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	361,500
YATES, RICHARD & CHERYL	292	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	225,900
GRANT, STEPHEN & ELLEN JANE	319	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	246,400
HARRISON, DREW & ASHLEY	324	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	172,200
SONS & DAUGHTERS OF HAWLEY INC	327	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	171,400
ROOT, ROBERT W. & SERRA A	330	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	115,400
SONS & DAUGHTERS OF HAWLEY INC	332	EAST HAWLEY ROAD	88,700
BERKSHIRE HIGHLANDS LLC	0	EAST ROAD	31,800
BERKSHIRE EAST SKI RESORT, LLC	0	EAST ROAD	1,267,200
HUGHES, HELENA	0	EAST ROAD	86,400
MAHA SIDDHA NYINGMAPA	0	EAST ROAD	3,700
KLAGSBRUN, EDWARD	0	EAST ROAD	151,000
HOLM, LOIS	0	EAST ROAD	58,900
COMM. OF MA - DFG (NHA)	0	EAST ROAD	34,300
SKELTON, ROBERT KLEMER, PAUL DAVID	0	EAST ROAD	7,500
HERRSHAFT, WILLIAM & JUDITH	0	EAST ROAD	1,800
COMM. OF MA - DFG (NHA)	0	EAST ROAD	7,500
CLARK, KEVIN	22	EAST ROAD	144,200
PIDA, MICHAEL	26	EAST ROAD	41,500
LEVINE, PAUL	40	EAST ROAD	246,900
BILLIEL, DARLENE	42	EAST ROAD	114,700
ALBRIGHT, LINDA	43	EAST ROAD	212,400
MAHA SIDDHA NYINGMAPA	47	EAST ROAD	354,400
SCHAEFER, JAMES & JONATHAN	49	EAST ROAD	325,700

GRISWOLD, DANA	54	EAST ROAD	97,300
KIMBALL, CHRISTINE & SPOONER, ALAN	58	EAST ROAD	211,500
KIMBALL, CHRISTINE & SPOONER, ALAN	58	EAST ROAD	3,700
TEPEDINO, MICHAEL	131	EAST ROAD	512,300
GOSSELIN, KENNETH & PAUL/GOSSELIN, NICOLE	0	FORGE HILL ROAD	70,200
FITZROY, ROBERT & DANIEL	0	FORGE HILL ROAD	10,100
SINGING BROOK FARM TRUST	0	FORGE HILL ROAD	47,400
FITZROY, KIM	5	FORGE HILL ROAD	228,200
SHRIMPTON, PAMELA & CRAIG	10	FORGE HILL ROAD	50,700
SHRIMPTON, PAMELA & CRAIG	12	FORGE HILL ROAD	282,400
COMM. OF MA - DFG (UNNAMED SITE)	0	FORGET ROAD	65,600
COMM. OF MA - DFG (UNNAMED SITE)	0	FORGET ROAD	8,000
DOANE CEMETERY	0	FORGET ROAD	23,900
KOZODOY, NEAL	0	FORGET ROAD	43,400
CORBOSIERO, ANNE MARIE	5	FORGET ROAD	130,600
DONELSON, LAURI	21	FORGET ROAD	178,700
NEIPP, HOLLY & GOODHIND, CHRISTOPHER	26	FORGET ROAD	261,500
ABRASHKIN, WILLIAM/NIGROSH, BARRY	29	FORGET ROAD	1,200
NIGROSH, BARRY	29	FORGET ROAD	244,300
BRADY, EDWARD/IVES, MARIAN	30	FORGET ROAD	304,400
BLOUGH, DOUGLAS/VALENTE-BLOUGH, SIENNA	35	FORGET ROAD	190,000
ANDERSON, EDWARD/VALENTE-BLOUGH, SIENNA	49	FORGET ROAD	692,500
MEADOWSWEET FARM LLC	58	FORGET ROAD	575,800
CRESSOTTI, KYRA MARIE & TAFEL, GUSTAV	59	FORGET ROAD	298,400
BEGA, KATHRYN	86	FORGET ROAD	91,300
KOZODOY, NEAL	90	FORGET ROAD	479,700
GELINAS, MARY	97	FORGET ROAD	333,100
NELSON, RONALD	101	FORGET ROAD	240,900
HOPKINS, SUSAN & BERNARD	107	FORGET ROAD	234,000
MITCHELL, PETER	112	FORGET ROAD	177,600
KEAN, RICHARD/KEAN, POLLY	117	FORGET ROAD	172,600
KEAN, RICHARD/HAMILTON-KEAN, ANNE	121	FORGET ROAD	434,100
OLIVEIRA, NELSON R.	7	GROUT ROAD	146,800
HOFFMAN, KAREN	20	GROUT ROAD	304,100
SOUTH HAWLEY CEMETERY	0	HALLOCKVILLE ROAD	1,500
CLARK, BRIAN	0	HAWLEY ROAD	40,800
COOPER, PAUL R	13	HOWES ROAD	744,800
BURSTEIN, MERWYN/BURSTEIN, RUTH	0	HUNT ROAD	31,500
TOWN OF HAWLEY	0	HUNT ROAD	4,500
DEFRIESSE, GEORGETTE	0	HUNT ROAD	4,500
TOWN OF HAWLEY	0	HUNT ROAD	4,500
GURSKI, FRANK	0	HUNT ROAD	4,500
TOWN OF HAWLEY	0	HUNT ROAD	4,500
WALCZAK, MARGARET/ZAGORSKI, CATHERINE & CELIA	0	HUNT ROAD	4,500
GOULD, RICHARD	3	HUNT ROAD	214,200
COATES, BRANDIN R & MELISSA S	9	HUNT ROAD	196,100
DESROSIERS, JACOB	11	HUNT ROAD	159,500
DEFRIESSE, GEORGETTE	15	HUNT ROAD	197,800
YODER, MICHAEL T & REGINA L	17	HUNT ROAD	53,700
AUBREY, TODD/AUBREY, BRIAN & BARBARA	19	HUNT ROAD	87,800
COMM. OF MA - DFG (NHA)	0	LABELLE ROAD	173,100
KAPLAN, DAVID A	0	LABELLE ROAD	74,600
OHMANN, SARAH/COOK, RICHARD	0	LABELLE ROAD	6,100
COMM. OF MA - DFG (PROJECT AVERY)	0	LABELLE ROAD	103,500
LABELLE, CURTIS W. & NORMA J	0	LABELLE ROAD	3,500

MILT, ELLEN (TRUSTEE)ELLEN M. MILT TRUST	0	LABELLE ROAD	20,600
OHMANN, SARAH/COOK, RICHARD	53	LABELLE ROAD	271,600
KING, MICHAEL & EVELYN	62	LABELLE ROAD	394,300
BEARFOOT REALITY TRUST	80	LABELLE ROAD	252,200
EASTWOOD, BRUCE	19	LOWER FORGET ROAD	119,900
PURINTON, SCOTT R	0	MIDDLE ROAD	11,600
TAYLOR, ROBERT & HOLT, PATRICIA	0	MIDDLE ROAD	2,200
PURINTON, SCOTT R. & ELLEN S	0	MIDDLE ROAD	43,500
THORSSON, MAGNUS/SHELDRIK, RADLEY CHRISTOPHER	0	MIDDLE ROAD	49,400
COMM. OF MA - DCR (KENNETH DUBUQUE STATE FOREST)	0	MIDDLE ROAD	77,000
MACLEAN, ROBERT & JOANNE	25	MIDDLE ROAD	146,100
ATKINS, CARLOS	35	MIDDLE ROAD	205,200
TAYLOR, ROBERT	38	MIDDLE ROAD	186,000
PURDY, PETER & SUSAN	45	MIDDLE ROAD	151,700
STEJSKAL, JIRI & MARY	51	MIDDLE ROAD	40,800
SINGING BROOK FARM TRUST	54	MIDDLE ROAD	327,900
COSBY, WILLIAMS C. & JOHNSON, LISA	59	MIDDLE ROAD	501,600
SMART, ELISE C & JOHN III	79	MIDDLE ROAD	230,000
GILLAN, DUNCAN & RUTH	81	MIDDLE ROAD	318,200
WEISBLAT, TINKY	84	MIDDLE ROAD	273,900
CLARK, LESLIE	92	MIDDLE ROAD	245,600
PYLE, DAVID & ELIZABETH/PYLE, ALICE PARKER	96	MIDDLE ROAD	285,800
TOWN OF HAWLEY	0	OLD TOWN COMMON	23,900
EAST HAWLEY CEMETERY	0	PLAINFIELD ROAD	27,800
ASHFIELD ROD & GUN CLUB	0	PLAINFIELD ROAD	4,500
HEIRS & DIVISEES OF JOHN THOMPSON III	0	PLAINFIELD ROAD	600
SCHOFIELD, MICHAEL & TAMMY	3	PLAINFIELD ROAD	153,800
O'CONNOR, JANE M	4	PLAINFIELD ROAD	229,000
TOWN OF HAWLEY - FIRE STATION	16	PLAINFIELD ROAD	71,600
MIZULA, MARK & SANDRA	21	PLAINFIELD ROAD	165,100
MCSPARRAN, CRAIG	23	PLAINFIELD ROAD	66,000
CARANTIT, JEFFREY & JULIE	38	PLAINFIELD ROAD	395,700
CHAFFEE, KENNETH & SHEILA	68	PLAINFIELD ROAD	271,700
SCOTT, RAYMOND ATTN: JAMES SCOTT	79	PLAINFIELD ROAD	153,200
SCOTT, WILLIAM	86	PLAINFIELD ROAD	236,800
AUSTIN, JUDITH	102	PLAINFIELD ROAD	262,300
MAPLESTONE, LLC SCHOELZEL, HUGH	118	PLAINFIELD ROAD	352,500
POUDRIER, RAYMOND & MELANIE	0	POND ROAD	4,500
ORZECKOWSKI, PAUL & KIMBERLY	0	POND ROAD	36,700
COX, GREGORY	0	POND ROAD	23,000
THWING, ELIZABETH	6	POND ROAD	176,700
COX, GREGORY & DRAVES, SUSAN	13	POND ROAD	184,200
THWING, KIRBY JR	15	POND ROAD	234,900
POUDRIER, RAYMOND	29	POND ROAD	435,100
PUDDING HOLLOW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION	0	PUDDING HOLLOW RD	400
VELAZQUEZ, JASON, REGINA & SHEILA	7	PUDDING HOLLOW RD	102,500
CROSSIN, CLARA ESTATE C/O JOHN W. RICHARDSON	0	PUDDING HOLLOW RD	35,000
BERTSCH, KENNETH/BECK, PETER	0	PUDDING HOLLOW RD	48,800
MCDERMOTT, SEAN P. & AVA S	0	PUDDING HOLLOW RD	93,600
PUDDING HOLLOW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION	0	PUDDING HOLLOW RD	30,000
WHITE, MARK	0	PUDDING HOLLOW RD	18,600
WHITE, DOUGLAS	0	PUDDING HOLLOW RD	11,600
SEARS, JOHN F.	0	PUDDING HOLLOW RD	5,300
BECK, R. PETER/BERTSCH, KENNETH	6	PUDDING HOLLOW RD	296,500
TOWN OF HAWLEY	8	PUDDING HOLLOW RD	71,200

CLARK, BRYAN	12	PUDDING HOLLOW RD	300,500
RICH, DAVID	45	PUDDING HOLLOW RD	268,600
DEFOUGEROLLES, ANTONIN & PAULA	61	PUDDING HOLLOW RD	836,000
STERNSTEIN, KATHRYN & JEROME	73	PUDDING HOLLOW RD	176,900
SEARS, KATHRYN E.	87	PUDDING HOLLOW RD	290,700
SEARS, PAUL	88	PUDDING HOLLOW RD	49,900
SEARS, JOHN F	100	PUDDING HOLLOW RD	247,700
CUTLER, CHARLES	0	SAVOY ROAD	74,200
SCHOCH, AMY	2	SAVOY ROAD	150,100
CUTLER, CHARLES	22	SAVOY ROAD	325,300
DWIGHT, WILLIAM & LEWIS, LIDA	36	SAVOY ROAD	104,800
WHITE, MARK	0	SEARS ROAD	51,800
CHARLAND, JOYCE M	21	SEARS ROAD	148,300
SINGING BROOK FARM TRUST	17	SINGING BROOK LANE	330,600
BERKSHIRE HIGHLANDS LLC	0	SOUTH RIVER ROAD	21,000
OVITT, BRIAN	0	SOUTH RIVER ROAD	17,300
LANOUE, NELSON & BRENDA	0	SOUTH RIVER ROAD	30,000
CLARK, CLIFFORD JR	0	SOUTH ROAD	51,600
TAVERN TOP TRUST	0	SOUTH ROAD	10,500
STROGANOW, MELISSA ANN & PETER PAUL	0	SOUTH ROAD	32,100
YATES, JEFFREY & LAURA	0	SOUTH ROAD	47,300
CLARK, SARA & WALL, KENNETH	133	SOUTH ROAD	189,400
NEW ENGLAND FORESTRY FOUNDATION INC	0	STETSON ROAD	125,500
SHIPPEE, MURIEL/PHELPS, HAROLD S	0	STETSON ROAD	55,000
COMM. OF MA - DCR (KENNETH DUBUQUE STATE FOREST)	0	STETSON ROAD	37,000
COMM. OF MA - DCR (KENNETH DUBUQUE STATE FOREST)	0	STETSON ROAD	37,000
TOWN OF HAWLEY	2	STETSON ROAD	88,900
BRISSETTE, BARBARA (HEIRS & DEVISEES)	7	STETSON ROAD	43,800
KELLOGG, BARBARA E	9	STETSON ROAD	206,400
KIMBALL, STEPHEN & SUSAN	13	STETSON ROAD	171,100
MCCULLOCH, DAVID J	0	WATSON ROAD	700
SCHREIBER, THOMAS D. & KRISTEN R.	0	WATSON ROAD	1,600
POPE, BENJAMIN L. & DANIEL C	7	WATSON ROAD	243,600
COMM. OF MA - DCR (MOHAWK TRAIL STATE FOREST)	0	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	1,255,100
WHITE, TEDD	0	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	55,200
NGUYEN, LEIM THANH	0	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	19,500
PURINTON, SCOTT R	0	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	19,700
EICHHOLZ, MARY & TIMOTHY	0	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	6,100
SPOFFORD, BEVERLY	0	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	800
HOLMES, TOBY A.O	0	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	34,300
GORMLEY, JUNE	0	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	30,000
BERTSCH, KENNETH/BECK, PETER	0	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	9,800
STREETER, PAUL	0	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	87,600
NORCROSS, PAUL & RITA/NORCROSS, MIKEL A	0	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	33,800
DESMARAIS, DEAN F. & MARIA C	0	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	19,500
WHITE, MARK	10	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	232,700
WHITE, TEDD	28	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	294,800
EGGERT, HENRY	48	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	295,000
GRODEN, SUZY Q & EMMETT, CONSTANCE	50	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	185,800
GRODEN, SUZY Q & EMMETT, CONSTANCE	54	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	46,300
PURINTON, SCOTT R. & ELLEN S	60	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	370,400
BROWNELL, RYAN SEARS, ELIZABETH	70	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	234,300
FALWELL, RICHARD L & ANN J	74	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	79,700
DESMARAIS, DEAN	76	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	80,400
DESMARAIS, DEAN	76	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	173,200

DESROCHERS, JAMES & KATHLEEN	90	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	157,200
LEMOINE, DONNA & WAYNE	94	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	61,900
LEMOINE, DONNA & WAYNE	96	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	38,500
TRAVERS, GRAHAME & PEGGY	108	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	314,900
HANECAK, NANCY AND VIENS, JOSLYN	128	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	153,700
HICKS, CHRISTINE	136	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	145,100
PARENT, RICHARD & ELIZABETH	138	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	122,500
BONNETTE, DONALD	140	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	71,300
BONNETTE, DONALD	144	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	168,400
YOUMELL, JOHN	197	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	39,100
CLARK, WAYNE & ROBIN	198	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	119,100
MACNICOLL, SAM	200	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	137,100
ROBERTS, BRYAN & MILLER, JACQUELYN	201	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	285,200
FRIED, RICHARD G	213	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	164,700
LAMA, SAVATORE & CHINLOO	214	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	38,500
SOULE, PETER & CHRISTOPHER	228	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	298,400
BROWNE, MARGARET	232	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	325,500
HICKS, CHRISTINE & TIRONE, CHRISTOPHER	240	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	173,600
TOWN OF HAWLEY	247	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	440,700
GORMLEY, JUNE	264	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	326,900
WARGO, MARIE	282	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	348,100
SARLY, ANNA/LERNER, LYNN	298	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	273,600
LAMOUNTAIN, ROBERT & PATRICIA	319	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	43,000
ROWEHL, GREGORY	324	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	200,800
LAMOUNTAIN, ROBERT & PATRICIA	325	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	45,500
HOYT, THOMAS & VIOLA	326	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	129,800
VAN BATENBURG, DEBORAH	330	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	38,000
SCHMITT, MICHAEL	334	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	102,200
DECKER, DOUGLAS & GLORIA	335	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	75,300
DECKER, DOUGLAS G. & GLORIA J	336	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	47,500
HODGKINS, GUY & MARIE	337	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	86,500
STONE, ROBERT (ESTATE OF)	339	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	77,500
HOYT, WILLIAM	340	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	70,900
NORCROSS, PAUL D & RITA M	380	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	119,600
NORCROSS, PAUL D & RITA M	382	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	372,200
BIGELOW, MARK	390	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	174,000
COMM. OF MA – DCR (KENNETH DUBUQUE ST FOREST)	466	WEST HAWLEY ROAD	3,926,300
MAYNARD, ADIN & LLAMA	0	WEST HILL ROAD	7,900
DOYLE, KAREN/RICE, BETH & RICE, BRIAN	0	WEST HILL ROAD	30,000
WEST HAWLEY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION	0	WEST HILL ROAD	1,500
BRADLEY, DOUGLAS & DEBORAH	0	WEST HILL ROAD	48,000
PALMER, SHEILA	0	WEST HILL ROAD	34,500
BUTHMAN, NANCY & WAGNER, ELEANOR	0	WEST HILL ROAD	45,000
MCCARTHY, GERARD & LORRAINE	7	WEST HILL ROAD	210,200
RICE, GEORGE/KAREN DOYLE, BETH RICE, BRIAN RICE	20	WEST HILL ROAD	417,500
RICE, GAIL	28	WEST HILL ROAD	152,800
SAVOIE, JOSEPH & LINDA	40	WEST HILL ROAD	200,000
WRIGHT, MICHAEL & MEWIS, RUTH	43	WEST HILL ROAD	54,300
CRAWFORD, LLOYD & SUZANNE	63	WEST HILL ROAD	396,600
CRAWFORD, LLOYD & SUZANNE	64	WEST HILL ROAD	231,300
JUSTICE, THOMAS S. & MUNIAK, CASSANDRA M	86	WEST HILL ROAD	666,300
CARLE, ROLF	91	WEST HILL ROAD	292,300
MAYNARD, ADIN & LLAMA	120	WEST HILL ROAD	65,200

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

2021 was a challenging year. The COVID-19 pandemic that was “supposed” to be over in two weeks back in 2020 persisted, with new variants. Precautions were loosened and then tightened again. Fortunately, vaccines and the fact that many have now recovered from COVID mean that the situation now, though still requiring vigilance, is less serious than two years ago.

Economically, our country also faces major challenges with significant inflation and rising costs for fuel, energy, and many consumer items. These rises in cost affect all of us. Regrettably, many Americans are not seeing commensurate rises in wages. We will just need to keep a positive attitude, tighten our belts a little, and ride this out. Not one of our elected officials in Hawley is taking a pay raise this year. We know the taxpayers have enough of a burden already and that there are many more pressing concerns on which to spend our budget.

On the other hand, situations like the catastrophe in Ukraine remind us of how blessed we are to live in a place like Hawley.

In the past year, Hawley and its partners in the towns of Florida, Monroe, and Savoy have made progress rolling out our wireless broadband project. Work continues, and we realize that not everyone has been hooked up and that some issues remain to be worked out. Nevertheless, substantial progress has been made, and we urge continued patience as the process continues.

Hawley is also working to update its Hazard Mitigation Plan (a document that makes us eligible for FEMA funding for various infrastructure projects). We have chosen to proceed with this update in conjunction with drafting a Municipal Vulnerability Plan (MVP), which we are doing for the first time, funding being provided via a state grant. The Municipal Vulnerability Program is a state initiative that is very similar to the hazard mitigation planning process, inasmuch as both involve proactive measures to assess and mitigate natural hazards. However, whereas the Hazard Mitigation Plan addresses natural hazards generally, the MVP process emphasizes natural hazards connected to the effects of climate change. A single document can address both planning requirements. A benefit of participating in the MVP program is that we become eligible for additional funding streams, which can be directed toward projects like culvert replacement and improvement. One culvert in dire need of replacement is the one on Route 8A at King Corner. These projects need to happen, one way or another. Having the ability to do as much as possible with grants and funding streams beyond our limited residential tax base is a top priority, especially now. Our thanks to Springfield-based vendor GZA, the members of Hawley’s MVP planning workgroup, and our state partners in helping this process go forward.

The schools, especially Hawlemont, have also faced serious challenges. With declining enrollment and an impending loss of tuition revenue as a result of Heath’s students transitioning to Colrain with the 2022-2023 school year, we can expect significant assessment increases associated with keeping the school open. (Heath students were part of the Mohawk Trail District, but were sent to Hawlemont under a tuition agreement for the past several years. A regionalization process meant to bring Heath into the Hawlemont District at the pre-K through 6th grade levels fell through due to unresolved political and financial issues, including the continuing obligations Heath would have had to the Mohawk Trail District concerning

retirement benefits.) There has been some talk that Hawley and Charlemont should go the same route Heath did and close Hawlemont and send the children to another area school. The Charlemont Select Board and Finance Committee have spoken in favor of this. This would obviously save money, but it is also difficult for many of us to consider closing the oldest regional school in Massachusetts and, one that has been with us since 1952. Nevertheless, at this point in time, we cannot escape the reality of persistently declining enrollments throughout our area, even as costs continue to rise. These unsustainable trends are decades long, are not abating, and are related to many factors. The long and short of it is that our population is aging on average. Having fewer students does not commensurately reduce the cost of what it takes to run a school. Mohawk Trail's Regional Middle and High School faces challenges too. It once had over one thousand students. Now there are less than three hundred. In fact, there is now sufficient capacity in this one building alone to educate every single student in the district at all grade levels!

If these trends continue, we are going to face inevitable changes to the current model of education, and consolidation will likely be one of them. Another important step is our continued advocacy for the State to reconsider the way in which it funds rural education, given the fundamental differences and inequities that geographically large but population-sparse areas face. Creative approaches such as sharing services between the schools and towns and shared use of school buildings will also play a role. We give accolades to the work of the Rural Schools Coalition, which has worked diligently with local leaders and legislators over the past few years to advocate for our area and the challenges it faces.

Speaking of our Legislators, we would like to express our gratitude to Representative Paul Mark for his years of service to his district, which has historically included Hawley but no longer will because of redistricting. Those of us who have worked with Paul know how much he has done for our area, including being instrumental in securing funding to rebuild the roads in the State Forest. We also appreciate the contributions of Representative Natalie Blais, who will now have Hawley in her district. She has also been an advocate for the rural areas and has recently reached out to us about how to support our community. And we thank Senator Adam Hinds, who has also done a great deal for our area over the years.

Two members of this Board would like to close by thanking our colleague, Robert Root, for his years of service to Hawley. Mr. Root has been a Selectman since 2017 and chose to step down with the May election, thereby allowing a smooth transition. He has also served on the Conservation Commission and as Deputy Chief of the Fire Department. He plans to continue in the latter role for the time being. Bob Root is a true statesman and has brought immeasurable amounts of experience and perspective to our Board's discussions. We thank him for that and wish him the best in his years of (semi) retirement.

Despite the challenges we face, we look with hope and optimism toward the future. May God bless our Nation, our Commonwealth, the Town of Hawley, and all of you.

Respectfully,

Hussain A. Hamdan (Chairman)
Robert MacLean
Robert Root

Finance Committee Report - Calendar Year (CY) 2021

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

Carla Clark resigned in April of 2021, due to personal commitments, and was replaced by Brittany Wolcott.

The committee met online on March 3, 2021, to work on the FY22 budget; on March 26 at the Hawley Grove to finalize the budget and again online with the Selectboard on August 3, 2021 to discuss and recommend a financing term for MTRSD Capital debt and to determine if we would agree to a different term if other towns wished it.

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.

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

As of December 31, 2021, the balances in stabilization accounts were:

General Stabilization \$72,105

Highway Stabilization \$61,154

Fire Department Stabilization \$81,642

Vocational School Stabilization \$71,194

The tax rate for FY22 was approved on November 13 at \$17.52. Free cash as of July 1, 2021 was certified on November 16, 2021 at \$154,829.

For those who are interested, minutes for Finance Committee meetings can be found on the town website under Finance Committee at <http://www.townofhawley.com/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

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK - 2021

VITAL STATISTICS

Births: 0

Deaths: 4

Marriages: 1

Current number of residents: 307

Current number of registered voters: 258

COVID-19 continues to be a challenge. We are careful with cleaning and sanitation in the Town Office.

This year we saw Pamela Shrimpton retire from the town clerk position. She will be missed. Thankfully she is a phone call away if I need help while I get my footing in this new position. I look forward to a good 2022 and getting to know my fellow residents.

Liz Billings
Town Clerk of Hawley

Franklin Regional Council of Governments Services to Hawley in 2021

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 continued to shape the ways we did business in 2021, and while the attention of some staff remained focused on 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. We've included some of that work here, and *FRCOG's 2021 Annual Report*, published this spring, will further summarize our regional efforts. The following pages list services specific to Hawley.

COVID Response and Recovery

FRCOG engaged in regional and municipal COVID response and recovery in numerous ways, including:

- Maintained up-to-date regional websites; developed and distributed community education messages; provided mask order and social-distancing signage for use at town facilities, non-profits, and businesses.
- With partners in the Franklin County Regional Vaccination Collaborative, coordinated 140 regional vaccination clinics administering nearly 32,000 doses of vaccine.
- Advocated for the needs of rural communities and local public health; facilitated information sharing on COVID case trends, new state guidance and initiatives, and sharing of best practices.

Economic Development

- Inventoried and mapped the recreational assets in the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership area.
- Assisted with developing the Shelburne Falls/West County Initiative grant program for businesses, nonprofits, artists and farmers.
- Continued to coordinate a group of stakeholders to discuss issues and opportunities related to outdoor recreation on the Deerfield River. Received a state earmark from Sen. Hinds to conduct planning related to outdoor recreation on the Deerfield River corridor.

Finance and Municipal Services

- Hawley contracted with the FRCOG to receive collective bid pricing for highway products and services, including rental equipment, school district elevator maintenance and fire extinguisher service bids, and dog tags and licenses.
- The Cooperative Inspections program issued 18 building permits, 19 electrical permits and 9 plumbing/gas permits for Hawley in 2021. 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. Hawley was eligible for and received a \$20,000 MTWP town grant for emergency responder equipment.
- Assisted the administrative assistant with completing Hawley's FY21 Green Communities Annual Report.

Public and Community Health

Hawley is a comprehensive member of the CPHS, a health district based at the FRCOG CPHS received a Public Health Excellence grant and an Epidemiology, Laboratory and Health Info Systems grant in 2021. These grants funded a program manager and increased a part-time health agent position to full-time, bringing the number of district agents to 3. The grants also afforded the district a second, full-time nurse to serve our communities, and a full-time contact tracer. As the region moves past the pandemic, this ladder position will help analyze data to better understand our district response to COVID-19. CPHS Staff:

- Gave 897 Flu and 77 COVID vaccinations at CPHS flu clinics, COVID pop ups, and home visits. Among these, 5 Hawley residents received flu vaccines and 2 residents received COVID vaccines.
- Completed state-mandated infectious disease surveillance and reporting for communicable disease cases in district member towns, including 3 Hawley cases.
- Offered tick prevention materials and help for residents accessing tick tests. Assisted 2 Hawley residents with access to low-cost tick tests through a district program and Department of Public Health subsidy, a value of \$40. One of the ticks from Hawley tested positive for the Lyme disease and one for Anaplasmosis pathogens.
- Provided support for Age- and Dementia-Friendly community initiative, including planning for a needs assessment survey distributed early in 2022.
- Conducted Title-5 (septic) code enforcement for the town. This included witnessing 9 soil evaluation/percolation tests; reviewing 1 septic system plan, visiting that site, conducting a final installation inspection and preparing a Certificate of Compliance; and issuing 1 local upgrade approvals.
- Permitted 1 new well and determined compliance with water supply standards.
- Conducted 1 retail food inspection.

- Kept permitted Hawley businesses abreast of COVID-related guidance via email and telephone.
- 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 117 Mohawk students, representing 79% 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 school district.
- Provided resources for advancing racial justice in school districts/schools to the school district.
- Provided training, materials, and technical assistance for the new, evidence-based PreVenture substance use prevention and mental health promotion program in the school district

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:

Hazardous Materials Tabletop Exercise -1

Public Health & Community Awareness:

Three-In-One 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

- Completed update of the Mohican-Mohawk Trail Map.
- Administered a state Recreational Trails Grant for improvements to the Mohican-Mohawk Trail.
- Wrote an application to the MassTrails Program for trail improvements and information kiosks on the Mohican-Mohawk Trail.
- Worked on the MassTrails-funded Western Massachusetts Mountain Biking Project, which includes examining the trails in Dubuque State Forest and connecting trails in Charlemont.

FRANKLIN REGIONAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
Annual Report for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2020

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 611 retirees, 55 beneficiaries, 1,066 active employees, and 625 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 2020, we are 85.6% funded at 32 years (80%) into the 40-year mandate.

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. Current reports and information can be found on our website:

www.FRRSMA.com.

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 2020	CY 2019	CY 2018
<u>Balances</u>			
Cash	1,492,254	1,579,892	1,548,623
Investments	174,179,165	155,459,951	137,212,980
Receivables	101,506	73,637	99,508
Payables	2,209,591	2,988,090	2,460,693
Annuity Savings (members)	32,662,132	31,675,249	30,591,939
Retirement Reserves	140,901,202	125,438,231	105,808,479
<u>Revenues</u>			
Member's contributions	3,955,793	4,368,605	3,754,462
Towns, Schools, Agencies	7,268,256	6,871,971	6,506,893
Retirement Cost Sharing	565,436	516,330	531,674
Miscellaneous Revenue	11,867	10,781	17,971
Investment Income (net)	20,436,491	24,332,594	(4,375,884)
<u>Expenses</u>			
Retirement Benefits	12,010,238	11,329,395	10,451,458
Operating Expenses	590,757	567,347	542,267
Investment Expenses	820,937	837,388	802,542
Retirement Cost Sharing	1,956,450	2,262,262	1,714,774
Refunds to Members	409,606	390,827	443,808
<u>Investment Performance</u>			
Target	7.75%	7.75%	7.75%
Since 1984	8.59%	8.47%	8.21%
10 years	9.31%	9.57%	9.60%
5 years	10.14%	7.79%	5.99%
Current Year	12.65%	17.92%	-3.13%
<u>Demographics</u>			
	1/1/2020	1/1/2020	1/1/2018
Members' Average Age	47.50	47.50	48.30
Members' Average Service	9.20	9.20	10.10
Members' Average Salary	37,982.00	37,982.00	37,651.00
Retirees' Average Age	72.80	72.80	72.60
Retirees' Average Pension	17,171.00	17,171.00	16,433.00
Disabled Members' Average Age	60.30	60.30	58.30
Disabled Members' Average Pension	29,998.00	29,998.00	28,790.00

Dale Kowacki, , Executive Director, Franklin Regional Retirement System

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2021 Annual Report

The Hawley Conservation Commission approved an extension of the Order of Conditions for Singing Brook Farm to allow for continued annual maintenance of the dam and pond located on Mill Brook.

The Commission also issued a Certificate of Compliance to Pam Shrimpton to certify that the work done adjacent to her house on Forge Hill Road had taken place in accordance with the Order of Conditions.

The Hawley Conservation reminds residents that issuance of a building permit does not constitute approval for a project with regards to the Wetlands Protection Act. If you are contemplating work on your property of any sort that will disturb the ground near a wet area, please contact us for advice on how to proceed.

Submitted,
Lloyd Crawford
Hawley Conservation Commission.

2021 PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The Hawley Planning Board's sole meeting in 2021 was to approve an "ANR" request filed by Peter Mitchell for his property on Forget Road. As the new lot he was creating conformed to the requirements of Hawley's Protective Bylaws with respect to acreage and frontage, the Planning Board certified "Approval Not Required" under Hawley's subdivision regulations.

Submitted,
Lloyd Crawford, Acting Chair

HAWLEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION 2021

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

Chair of Commission

Pam Shrimpton served as chair during 2021. Since she has moved away from Hawley, she will no longer serve in that position, but she will remain a member. The commission will select a new chair at its first meeting in 2022.

Cemeteries

Burials. At the meeting of the Historical Commission on April 21, 2021, the members revised the definition of the duties of the burial agent (the town's administrative assistant) and the town clerk related to burials in the town cemeteries. The revised division of responsibilities has been posted on the Hawley Town website.

In addition, the members of the Historical Commission agreed that if the administrative assistant were not available to attend a burial or it would be difficult for her/him to do so, a member of the commission would volunteer to be present instead.

Mapping the Graves. The Historical Commission decided to explore further ways (including radar scanning) of determining in each town-owned cemetery where vacant burial sites remain. Virginia Gabert has informed the HHC that there are some funds available for this purpose left over from a grant, in the Historical Commission Trust Fund, and in the HHC's "Care of Cemeteries" account. Later, Lark Thwing purchased a ground-penetrating radar tool to detect the presence or absence of buried bodies in the cemeteries. In May and June he scanned Doane and East Hawley Cemeteries, but by July the device was not effective in the wet clay soil. He will try again in 2022 when the ground dries out.

Tree Pruning and Removal. On June 24, the members of the HHC voted to authorize Grahame Travers, in coordination with Kevin Richardson, to prune the smaller, more easily accessible trees in the East Hawley Cemetery. The pruning will be completed in 2022.

Lark described to the HHC the need to hire a professional arborist to prune the heavy boughs and, in some cases, take down the larger trees in East Hawley, Bozrah, and Doane cemeteries so that they do not fall into the cemeteries. Lark then solicited estimates from several arborists for the work that needed doing. The bids varied greatly in amount. Lark recommended Jonathan Winfisky who happened to be the low bidder with \$7500. The HHC will consider this recommendation in March at its first meeting in 2022 and verify the availability of funds.

Signage. The members of the HHC agreed that each cemetery should have a simple sign identifying its name and the date the cemetery was founded. Suzy and John each took a photo of a sign in a nearby town that they felt was suitable in style. The HHC plans to have signs designed, fabricated, and installed during 2022.

Gravestone Cleaning and Restoration. On April 25, Melanie Poudrier led a team of volunteers in a spring cleanup of East Hawley Cemetery. Lark and Grahame did a gravestone cleaning in East Hawley Cemetery in June. Lark also led a gravestone cleaning crew at Doane Cemetery on July.

Archives Project.

Suzy Groden continues to catalogue the documents, photos, and artifacts in the Sons & Daughters archives related to the history of the town and its citizens.

Renovation and Maintenance of Historic Buildings.

East Hawley Meetinghouse. The Historical Commission and SDH continue to maintain the East Hawley Meetinghouse and the Grove Buildings. A crew from the Franklin County Jail completed the painting of the exterior walls of the East Hawley Meetinghouse during the summer of 2021, and Dave Noonan completed the painting of the walls and ceiling of the Meetinghouse in the fall. Funds for the entire project came from a grant from the 1772 Foundation, a generous gift from Maurice Chasse, a Go Fund Me Drive for the ceiling, and the SDH building fund. The entire building has now been painted inside and out.

Grove Building. Ed Brady replaced the external door to the archives room in the Grove. The SDH has lined up Dave Noonan to paint the floor, ceiling, and walls of the archive room in the spring or summer of 2022.

Submitted by John Sears

HAWLEY COUNCIL ON AGING

2021 REPORT

We received our \$6,000 grant from the State in 2021, in addition to the allocation from the town. We distributed the funds via vouchers of twenty dollars to Averys and Atherton Farm to all seniors in Hawley aged sixty years plus.

We contributed to the Hawley/Charlemont Senior Center, which afforded those who wished inclusion in the foot clinic a reduced cost. All other activities at the Center were cancelled due to COVID-19. We were unable to plan any luncheons or outings, also because of the pandemic.

We sincerely hope that we will be able to get up and going again next year.

Respectfully submitted

Ann Falwell
Elaine Thomson
Sandy Dupuis
Jennifer Rich

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE 2021

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

The Communications Committee did not meet in 2021, but all attention was devoted to the expansion of the FHMS Broadband Network buildout in Hawley and elsewhere.

Phase IV is now complete. The infrastructure was completed in July of 2021 and as of Jan 21, 2022, we have connected the required 50 homes to Phase IV sites.

Phase 1A, Borden Mountain, is complete for the temporary installation, going live with limited service in December of 2021. We expect the Article 97 legislation to be signed by the governor by February 28, 2022, and a needed DCR Construction Access Permit issued for the permanent Borden Mountain site. Once snow is off the mountain we expect to install the permanent site with the 75-foot pole. Once operational, we will remove the temporary site. Because the temporary mast is 35 feet rather than the 75-foot permanent pole, very few customers can actually be connected to the temporary Borden site. Most of the 200-plus customers scheduled to be connected to Borden will have to wait until late spring.

CBRS is being implemented, but we have run into an equipment-design problem that is causing problems in very cold, high humidity conditions like those this winter.

WiValley has been busy balancing traffic loads on the various links. It has also implemented software that allows it to shift link traffic and see its effect on the entire network instantly. Before, a change in one link's traffic might cause a problem on another link but was not readily known.

WiValley has made some changes to improve data capacity but for reasons unknown it is still nowhere near what it should be. It continues to work on this with equipment vendors.

Lark has been responding to issues he sees raised on both the Savoy and the Florida Facebook sites and to everyone who reaches out to me with problems and issues. WiValley is addressing these on a more timely basis now that the infrastructure is complete. If you have a problem/question please reach out to Lark at 413-339-0124 or kthwingjr@gmail.com.

Once we begin the permanent Borden site in the spring, we will also be installing a new pole on Tilton Road in Savoy, possibly a new pole near the center of the eastern half of Hawley, and most likely a new pole near Moores Road in Florida.

WiValley is already beginning to plan for possible expansion when new money is available from the newly passed infrastructure bill. We are told it will be two to four years before that money is available locally.

As of Jan 13, 2022, we have 329 customers (Florida 82, Hawley 102, Monroe 31, Savoy 114). Lark is beginning to reach out to homes that are not customers but appear to have a good signal. WiValley has shared with him a software that shows every home in our four towns and what signals reach them. It also shows different types of trees that might block the signal. It does not show signal strength.

We'd love to have testimonials from customers who are very happy with their service. Usually, we only hear from unhappy customers.

Charlemont-Hawley Arts Council Report for 2021

THE CHARLEMONT-HAWLEY ARTS COUNCIL WELCOMES YOUR FEEDBACK! If you have questions, suggestions, or comments about any of our activities, please contact any member of the council. In Hawley, that would be Peter Beck, Ryan Brownell, and Tinky Weisblat; in Charlemont, Anna Otto, Andrea Santos, Kate Stevens, and Julia White. 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. We hoped to get back to normal in 2021. That didn't quite happen. But there was some progress. We allocated more than \$10,000 in state funds to individuals and groups in our towns for the grant cycle.

We also used some of the leftover funds from 2020 as individuals and groups were finally able to present some of their programs, either via Zoom or in person.

We funded such programs as a trip to the Hicks corn maze and weaving work for Hawlemont students, concerts in Charlemont, and the Charlemont Forum.

Although it is too early to say whether we will be able to schedule all of the unfinished 2020 and 2021 programs in 2022, 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.

Tinky Weisblat for the Charlemont-Hawley Arts Council

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE 2021

During 2021, Hawley's Personnel Committee completed its revision of the town's Personnel Policy and submitted the revised document to the Selectboard for its approval. After an initial review at an SB meeting, it was agreed that the SB chair, Hussain Hamden, and personnel committee chair, John Sears, would review the document in detail and report back to the SB early in 2022.

In November 2021, PC chair, John Sears, participated with Hussain Hamden in a performance review of Abigail Drew, Hawley's administrative assistant. After Abigail's resignation, John assisted in recruiting Cass Nawrocki, the former administrative assistant, to temporarily fill the position and train Tinky Weisblat in her responsibilities as the new administrative assistant.

Respectfully submitted,
John F. Sears, Chairman; Rick Kean; Lark Thwing

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT 2021

2021 was another challenging year for the Hawley Fire Department. The continuing COVID pandemic seriously limited how we could train or respond to calls in order to keep our emergency personnel safe. When we were able to get emergency personnel vaccinated, some of our concerns diminished, but then the Delta variant again raised the level of threat to those responding to emergency calls.

Thanks to state and federal programs we have abundant supplies of face masks, gloves and other protective equipment. And clearly, the precautions have worked as we haven't had any emergency personnel get COVID yet. But I am sure we all will be happy if the pandemic became a historic problem and not a current one.

In 2021, we responded to 62 emergency calls, up from 60 in 2020, including 2 fires, 30 medical calls, 10 calls for alarms, 5 calls for wires or trees down, 7 auto accidents, 2 bike accidents, a chimney issue, 2 rescues, and 3 calls to help other towns. Our most dramatic call came one March night to rescue two elderly residents whose vehicle went off the road and ended up upside down in a brook swollen with snowmelt.

In 2021 we also issued 50 burning permits to town residents without having to respond to any out-of-control brush fires.

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

In 2021, we received a \$8,500 state Firefighter Safety grant that let us buy new thermal imagers and replace turnout gear and fittings. We also received COMIRS funding 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 late 2021 or 2022.

While the new 800 radios work OK in East Hawley and on the mountain down to Charlemont, they work only marginally (if at all) in West Hawley and the state forest. We have pointed out the radio problems to the state but nothing thus far has been done to improve our reception.

With Hawley now part of the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership, we also applied for a state grant available to towns in the Partnership region and were approved for \$17,000 to purchase a new ATV with tracks for off road rescues.

This winter we again applied for a \$8,500 state Firefighter Safety grant to buy new turnout gear and air pack masks, a \$1,100 brush fire grant to buy brushfire gear and replace two hydrant heads, and a \$2,500 grant to buy a new defibrillator.

We have also been exploring options for adding space onto the rear of the East Hawley fire station for a bathroom to replace the outside portable toilet we now have to use. We have requested funding to pave the driveways and parking area of the East Hawley station when the town repaves Plainfield Road later this year.

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.

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2021

In 2021, Hawley residents, much like that of the rest of world, endured the rollercoaster ride of the coronavirus (COVID 19) pandemic. Just as the virus seemed to be brought under control, a new variant would develop and remind us that we needed to continue to stay vigilant with protective measures (mask wearing and social distancing). The Omicron variant increased positive COVID 19 test results, fortunately, those infected were able to manage infection with less severe symptoms. We need to continue to watch the virus with hope that the world can develop the immunities needed to put this disease behind us.

In September of 2021, Hawley, in cooperation with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, updated the town's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. The Hawley Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) provides a framework for a community-wide emergency management system to ensure a coordinated response to emergencies and coordinated support of certain pre-planned events. The CEMP addresses the roles and responsibilities of all community departments, agencies, government organizations, volunteers, and community partners that may be involved in response operations. It identifies how regional, state, federal, private-sector, and other resources may be activated to address disasters and emergencies in the community.

This past year, Hawley was the recipient of a grant through the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency. This Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) will provide funding for an electric backup generator for the town office. The generator, although portable, will be dedicated to providing electrical power to the town office building during power-outage events. Being housed at the town office with the electrical system retrofitted to accept connection, this generator will be ready to provide electrical power quickly to the entire building including but not limited to lights, computers, emergency radios, internet, refrigeration, and the charging of mobile devices.

Hawley has begun the process of getting key personnel the ability of Priority Telecommunications during large-scale events. During large events, when communication phone lines and cellular networks become overwhelmed with traffic, these key personnel will have the ability to enter an authorized code that will give their calls priority over other traffic. This is especially important to areas such as Hawley. Due to Hawley's topography, radio communication can have areas of difficulty.

Finding any and all ways for emergency personnel and town services to communicate better during emergency events has and continues to be a top priority.

During 2021, Hawley was fortunate that major storms and hurricanes avoided our area. As town residents know well, that is not always the case. With that in mind, the Fire Chief and his department worked with the Highway Department, the Selectboard, and Emergency Management to monitor these potential events and prepare for the possible impact on the town. We will continue to assess the town's vulnerabilities and work toward developing best practices to minimize the negative impact to the community.

Dean Desmarais
Emergency Management Director

HAWLEY EMERGENCY SERVICES YEARBOOK



Greg Cox
Fire Chief



Bob Root
Deputy Fire Chief



Capt. Chris Tirone
FF/First Responder



Lt. Brandon Root
FF/First Responder



Lt. Mike Poirier
FF/Paramedic



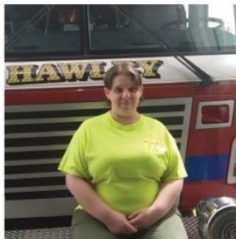
Lt. Hussain Hamdan
FF/FFT-2/EMT



Christie Beaumier
FF/EMT



Yvette Segal
EMT



Courtney Hoyt
FF/First Responder



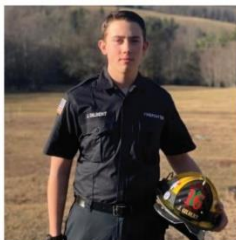
Paul Hoyt
FF/First Responder



Shawn Billings
FF/FFT-2/First Responder



Malik Johnson
FF/First Responder



Jacob Gilbert
*Junior Firefighter
(Aspiring Hot Shot)*



Kenny Segarra Velez
Junior Firefighter



**William "Liam"
Hillenbrand**
Junior Firefighter



Jane Grant
*Fire Association
Treasurer*



Dean Desmarais
Emergency Management Director

ACRONYMS KEY:
EMT-Emergency Medical Technician
FF-Firefighter
FFT-2-Credentialed Wildland
Firefighter (aka "Red Card")

Jared Bellows
Chief of Police



2021 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 to 21 member towns through administrative support, professional consultation, trainings, and outreach to residents and businesses.

A review of recycling tonnage for 2021 shows a decrease of 100 tons of recycling compared to 2020. District residents recycled just over 2,700 tons of paper and containers. The recyclables were processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility and sold for recycling primarily to domestic companies. For six months, the market revenue exceeded the processing fee so towns received revenue for their recycling tonnage.

The pandemic resulted in the cancellation of both 2021 Clean Sweep collection events.

We did hold our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2021. 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 420 households participated in this event.

We applied for and received grants from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection worth \$94,000 for District towns. This grant funding is a result of a town's successful waste management infrastructure.

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 Annual Report CY21

Mission Statement: To advocate for veterans, their spouses, dependents, widows or widowers for Veterans' Benefits on the Local, State and Federal levels

2021 was a trying year for many. Our office remained fully open and fully staffed during all of 2021. We felt we would see more veterans and their dependents due to other services being closed or restricted and this proved true. We filed more VA claims and more VA health care applications than any other year that we have been in existence. The following are some brief highlights for the district during the past year:

- District now brings in \$1,793,282.18 in Federal and State money **per month** from all sources (VA, State Reimbursements, State Annuities and sales). Compare this to \$58,000 in expenses per month.
- Our office requested and sponsored a COVID vaccine clinic courtesy of the VA and Kringle Candle in Bernardston
- We created the State's first dedicated VA Telehealth Center for veterans to use for their Telehealth appointments if they do not wish to travel far or do not have the skill set or technology to do at home. This is being emphasized by the VA after lessons learned from COVID.
- VSA Laura Thorne has maintained her SHINE certification and is helping veterans and their dependents, taking some of the load off the Senior Centers. Deputy Chris Demars is now a Certified National Service Officer, allowing us to directly submit VA paperwork, helping to speed up these claims. Finally, Brian Brooks, Veteran Service Officer, is currently the Massachusetts Marine Corps League Commandant, representing Marine Veterans across Massachusetts.
- As District Town Halls and Senior Centers are slowly re-opening we are returning to our normal outreach locations (call for latest times and places)
- We project a level funded Fiscal Year 23 budget while continuing to expand services in 2023

Timothy Niejadlik, Director
Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services District



Cooperative Public Health Service Services to Hawley – 2021



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:

- CPHS Staff managed COVID Case management for the Town during the Coronavirus pandemic. 15 residents were diagnosed with COVID during 2021 and received support and isolation guidance from the public health nursing team. Many additional people were identified as close contacts of cases and were supported to quarantine. Staff notified the Board of Health and Emergency Dispatch about each case.
- 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, 6 which were from Hawley, including Anaplasmosis, Lyme Disease, and Babesiosis.

- Hawley residents had access to low-cost tick tests in 2021 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.
- 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 serving Heath residents 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.
- 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 3 Title-5 Inspections prior to property transfers; 6 Soil Evaluations for septic systems; and 1 septic system plan review that included site visits, issuing Local Upgrade Approvals and the DSCP (septic) permit, completing final inspections of installations, and preparing Certificates of Compliance.
- The CPHS staff permitted 2 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 an 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

Hawley's representatives to the CPHS Oversight Board in 2021 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 - 2021

It is a pleasure and honor to continue serving as your Superintendent of Schools. We have completed our strategic plan and are excited to move the work of both districts forward. Even though COVID 19 continues to dominate our landscape, shape our interactions, and sense of “normal,” we have worked together to make our schools and our community as safe as possible throughout the lingering pandemic. I am thankful for the empathy our community shares as this has allowed us to traverse the many challenges of both districts while remaining focused on providing the most outstanding educational experience for our students.

We returned to part-time in-person learning in the spring and full-time in-person learning this fall. With additional protocols and safety measures, staff welcomed students, and our collective enthusiasm was overwhelming! It was amazing to have our students back in the buildings and hear their laughter and joy fill the hallways. The school districts have continued to focus on improving our technology infrastructure for in-person instruction. Our capital improvement projects have begun, including upgrades and repairs to ventilation and heating systems that have been long overdue. Thank you to the Capital Improvement Working Group for their time and thoughtful approach to ensuring that our schools receive the needed attention and repairs, especially during COVID-19. We are extremely appreciative and thankful for this work and look forward to additional projects that will be completed next summer.

MTRSD planned and facilitated the Rural Schools Round Table this fall. Senator Adam Hinds and Representative Natalie Blais, both key legislators on the Student Opportunity Act Rural Commission, presented and participated. Our neighboring districts attended and shared with the rest of the Rural Commission the long-standing concerns and issues inherent in educating students in rural communities. Significant rural aid has been added to the state budget; however, we continue to pursue legislative changes to create permanent funding for schools in rural communities. Thank you to the community members who attended, participated, and advocated passionately and effectively during the Rural Round Table event. Our work 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.

In addition to continuing our implementation of the Bridges Math Program, literacy is a key focus for both districts. We are working with the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to choose a scientifically, evidence-based literacy curriculum. Our District Literacy Leadership Team has been working hard to pilot curriculum, participate in professional development, and collaborate as a district to ensure literacy instruction is consistent throughout the district. We are very thankful for our partnership with the Mary Lyon Foundation in sharing our work with the community as well. Our partnership has included providing a literacy basket for any newborn in our towns as well as books for every preschool student in our district. These are exciting initiatives that bring our community together around the importance of literacy for everyone in our learning community.

A third key curriculum priority in all schools continues to be social-emotional learning. Our ESSER II and III funding has been allocated to additional support personnel and community engagement and enrichment programming. These are essential in developing and sustaining positive relationships with staff and peers as students return to in-person learning. Much of what students know about school has changed over the past year so now, more than ever, it is critical that students know they are cared for and belong to a welcoming community.

Our strategic plan outlines four key priority areas for moving our districts forward. These priority areas include building community, innovating, investing in our shared future, and fostering an inclusive community of learners. As trailblazers, we are unique, and our educational paths are filled with exploration, curiosity, individualized learning, community involvement, and deep connections. This is evident in many areas of our districts. I encourage you to witness or reflect upon the work of our seniors and their amazing capstone projects, our community service-learning work at Colrain Central School, our HAY program at Hawlemont, the amazing mindfulness and outdoor learning at Sanderson Academy, and the inclusive work of our HUB staff and students at Buckland Shelburne Elementary. While the challenges of teaching and learning during COVID 19 have been ever present, I continue to be extremely proud of our students, families, staff, and community as we have worked together to overcome them. I look forward to continuing this collaboration in the years to come.

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

2021 Annual Report of the Principal – Hawlemont Elementary School

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.

Although we started the school year in a remote model, we were able to offer an internet hotspot for all community members and limited in-person support with paraprofessionals in the school building for at-risk students. On March 29, 2021, we began our transition to in-person learning for all students by inviting PK-2 in for half days. 3rd and 4th graders followed suit on March 31st and 5th and 6th on April 1st. April 5th marked our first full in-person learning for the whole school and we have all been grateful for that day and every in-person day since. Over April break, we were able to offer an acceleration academy for K-6 to address lost learning. We had 15 students attend. At the same time the Friends of HAY organization donated 110 cubic yards of playground-grade wood chips, adding a 3-to-4-inch layer across our playground.

Back in-person did not mean back to normal. We navigated social distancing challenges by measuring and marking desks and moving large classes to spaces that could accommodate them. 4th grade used our cafeteria for the spring, while lunch was served in the gym. Physical education classes were required to be outside, and classes were highly encouraged to work outside, using our tents, field, picnic tables, and benches, whenever possible. This spring we welcomed Duane Graves in as our new custodian. While Lindsay Rodriguez and Autumn Jillson were out on maternity leave (congratulations to both!), Amber Tulloch and Jill Soucie filled in as principal and psychologist respectively. Barbara Manley filled in as HAY teacher during that time. A success for us during this time was organizing and hosting a split Hawlemont Talent Show, with K-3 students having a morning show and 4-6 having an afternoon show, both held outside. We again worked with the Board of Health to coordinate a graduation outside for our 2021 graduates.

Over the summer, we offered a number of supports to our students, including to go meals, a K-2 social-emotional focused camp, summer tutoring, an ELA academy, and a math academy. Hawlemont students were also able to participate in the Mohawk Trail summer camp.

Fortunately, we were able to offer transportation for students, increasing our participation rates. All expenses associated with these offerings were covered through grants.

The teaching assignments for the 2021-2022 school year are as follows: Preschool Full Day: Heather Butyniski. Kindergarten: Sue Mead. First Grade: Heather Looman. 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 and Valery Lively. Music Teacher: Rick Page. Art/PE/Library: Kylee Bunker. ELL: Barbara Page. Psychologist/School Counselor: Autumn Jillson. We have many wonderful paraprofessionals who provide additional support in classrooms. Duane Graves is the custodian, the nurse is Sherry Hager, and Rachel Gammell and Heather Lengieza are the cafeteria staff. On December 1, 2021, Lindsay Rodriguez left the Hawlemont community. Amber Tulloch stepped in as acting principal and was hired as interim principal shortly afterward.

We were happy to start our 2021-2022 school year in person, with health and safety precautions. Our students participated in a day of tie-dying Hawlemont shirts with the help of Mrs. Bunker. We showed Hawlemont pride wearing our school shirts on our all-school hike on the Riddell Road trails. Open House took place in person as well and included an outdoor BBQ dinner cooked by the wonderful Long family.

Hawlemont Elementary School is fortunate to offer many after school options including 4-H clubs around baking, weaving, farm animal science, and outdoor adventure as well as seasonal sports like basketball, tennis, and baseball. Many of these programs are run by our staff and some by community members. All leaders volunteer their time to enrich the lives of our students with these great extracurricular activities.

Hawlemont's Local Educational Council (LEC) is composed of four family members, a community member, one teacher, and me. 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. This fall and winter, we have geared meetings around family engagement, starting with concerns around behaviors. We've noted a marked decrease in behaviors as a result of tightening expectations around appropriate language and recess.

During professional development times, teachers are able to focus on the set goals and help to improve our school. These include deep learning around early literacy skill development, continuing our math work through AVMR multiplication and division coursework, and gaining familiarity with our new ELA curriculum. In the summer, three teachers took an intensive multi-day professional-development on EL curriculum and organized and led a one-day professional-development session for our remaining classroom teachers.

The H.A.Y. (Hawlemont Agricultural and You) program continues to flourish. Ms. Tulloch has continued to write grants, teach connected lessons, raise trout in the front hall, and keep our gardens growing. We were all so happy to welcome back our barnyard animals this fall and enjoy the company of our chickens, sheep, goats, pig, donkey, and cow. Wilbur, our pig, absolutely loves her belly rubs during recesses. Students have been able to get hands-on learning making pies, exploring animal adaptations, and weaving. During the month of December, Sheila Litchfield and Jeanne Bruffee volunteered to plan and teach HAY classes to ensure rigorous and meaningful learning in the HAY program.

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. We are so fortunate to have such a committed staff and community to work with us through these challenging times. I look forward to next year and continued growth towards educational excellence at Hawlemont.

Respectfully submitted,
Amber Tulloch
Interim Principal

Please note that due to a change in personnel, there is no report this year from the principal at Mohawk Trail Regional High School. The new principal promises to provide us with one next year.

2021 Annual Report Special Education and Pupil Services

The Mohawk Trail Regional and Hawlemont Regional Special Education Department serves students in the Sanderson, Colrain, Hawlemont, Buckland-Shelburne, and Mohawk Trail Regional Schools. The primary function is to ensure that students with an IEP (Individual Education Plan) or a 504 are being serviced at a level required to make effective progress with supports outlined in their IEP or 504. According to state data, during the 2020-21 school year, the Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont districts have about 24.1% and 28% students respectively of their student populations receiving special education services. Those services are in several areas: speech and language, occupational therapy (OT), physical therapy (PT), counseling, and academics. Every school has at least one special education teacher. The OT and PT people spend about one day in each school. All schools have a full-time Speech Language Pathologist vs sharing a SLP and an assistant. This model has increased consistency and support for our students while being cost effective. With an increased need for counseling services for all students, each school has begun to increase this level of support. BSE, Colrain, and Sanderson have a full-time school psychologist. Hawlemont has a full-time School Psychologist. The Middle and High School have a full time Adjustment Counselor and School Psychologist. The level of services in each building is based on population, need, and level of services legally required by an IEP.

During the school year 2020-21, all students with an IEP were offered their direct services and received them based on their in-person or remote status. Students with higher needs were prioritized to receive in-person learning from September of 2020. As IEP meetings occurred through the year, we were required to hold conversations with the caregivers and the IEP team as to whether a student demonstrated substantial regression due to COVID and required compensatory services. A small number of students required compensatory services. The district is legally obligated to support a SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee). A small core group of parents began the process in the spring of 2021 to reinvigorate the SEPAC. They have held monthly meetings with an average of four parents attending. We are grateful for their work and look forward to the continued progress.

The district continues to support several substantially separate programs for students.

- Students requiring the support of a BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst): The program is located at BSE and currently serves seven students. When the program began, students spent more than 50 percent of their time within the program. Currently those students are in their mainstream classes more than 80 percent of the time.
- Mohawk Supported Classroom, located in the Middle and High School: The program supports students with 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 and focuses on transition and vocational skills. 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.

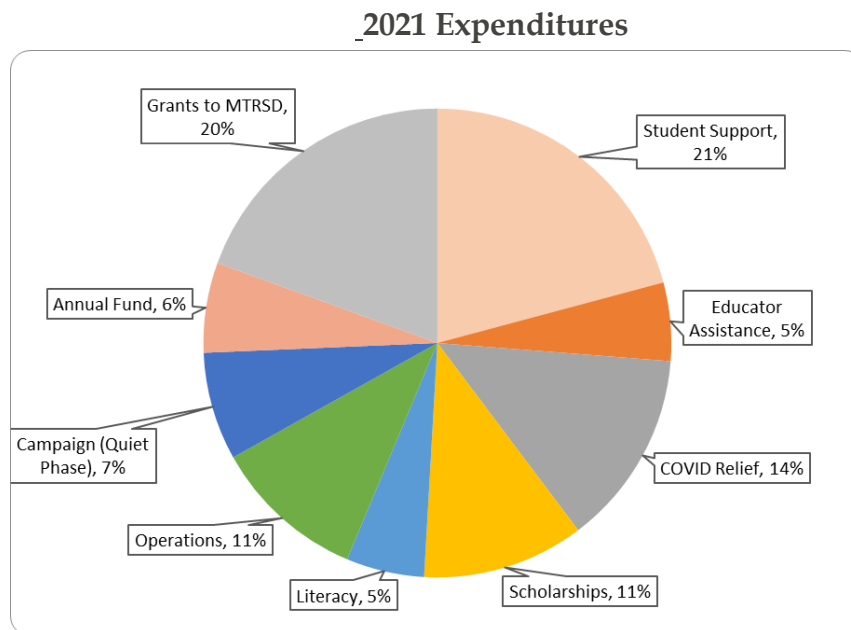
Respectfully Submitted,
Leann Loomis
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Annual Report of the Mary Lyon Foundation

FY 21 was a year of transition and expansion at the Mary Lyon Foundation. After thirty years, Sue Samoriski, Founding Executive Director, retired in December, and Kristen Tillona-Baker began her tenure as Executive Director in early January 2021.

While the Pandemic continued to have impact on the way we did our business in FY 21, the Foundation remained steadfast in its resolve to fulfill its vision that all students come to school ready to learn; succeed academically, socially, and emotionally; and thrive in the wider world.

The Foundation experienced 23-percent growth in FY 21, from October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021. The Foundation's total revenue for FY 21 was \$465,608, all of which supported our current programs, endowed funds, and expansion via newly created programs.



New Programs:

A Grant Funding Agreement with the Mohawk Trail School District was created to develop and support funding for grants in the following areas:

- a. Before- and after-school programming to help provide innovative learning and enrichment opportunities for students
- b. Summer programming to provide innovative learning and enrichment opportunities for students
- c. “Wrap-around” student services, i.e., a Health and Wellness Center, including but not limited to medical, psychological, optical, and dental services for students
- d. Superintendent’s Discretionary Fund in support of student and educator programs and services

The Foundation also continued the implementation of its strategic priorities. One priority that is underway is the creation of partnerships with our community to enhance the delivery of services and programs for our families and educators.

The Foundation partnered with the Ashfield Food Pantry in the spring of 2021 and began delivering groceries to our families in July. In 2021 we provided 74 people with fresh groceries every other Tuesday with the help of a strong corps of Foundation volunteer drivers. This partnership will continue to expand in 2022 as more families sign up for the delivery of groceries, which will continue to benefit our families and the community greatly.

During the summer of 2021 the Foundation partnered with the School District, It Takes a Village, and the CFCE to launch our first Literacy Night and clothing pop-up.

The evening targeted Pre-K-through-2nd graders, and families had the opportunity to select gently used clothing, engage in literacy activities and games, and bring home a new book. Before Thanksgiving, all Pre-K children in the district received a new book from the Foundation.

The Foundation partnered with the district to provide all families with newborn babies a gift supporting literacy.

In December, the Foundation partnered with the Shelburne Falls Branch of Greenfield Savings Bank to launch the Adopt-a-Child Program. Thirty-four children in the district received gifts under their tree through the generosity of community members who support the Foundation.

The Foundation supported the Capstone Students at Mohawk by awarding grants, which provided them with the funding to purchase the supplies for their projects.

Ongoing Programs:

In February the Foundation supported Supper for Six through its partnership with the United Way by delivering twenty bags of canned goods, which fed multiple families in the district.

Through the Warm the Children Program, the Foundation secured funding to purchase winter coats, hats, and boots for 150 children in the district.

Our programming supported our youth, families, and educators through the Guardian Angel Fund, the Student Assistant Fund, the Educator Assistance Fund (mini-grants), the COVID Relief Fund, and our Scholarship Funds.

In FY 22, the Foundation will continue to expand its programming and services for our youth, families, and educators through community engagement and fundraising via our Comprehensive Campaign, *"Calling Our Community to Action for Student Success,"* which will go public in FY 22.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristen Tillona-Baker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kristen Tillona-Baker
Executive Director

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FRED WELLS TRUSTEES 2021

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 2021/2022 were \$227,977 (inclusive of unused scholarship money from previous years that was reallocated to be granted this year).

EDUCATION

The Trustees received 168 applications and approved 167 of those received. Trustees awarded a total of **\$166,550**. 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 with an award to assist in their education. Hawley had one scholarship application awarded for \$1000.

HEALTH

Four applicants were provided grants totaling \$72,000.

The Care Collaborative	\$20,000
Community Action Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program	\$10,000
Life Path Inc. for Meals on Wheels Program	\$30,000
New England Learning Center for Women in Transition (NELCWIT)	\$12,000.

Eight applicants were provided with COVID Support Grants totaling \$33,000.

Greenfield Senior Center/Council on Aging	\$15,400.
Shelburne Falls Senior Center	\$5000.
Charlemont Senior Center	\$1500.
Conway Council on Aging	\$1800.
South County Senior Center	\$4600
Heath Council on Aging	\$1000
Leyden Council on Aging	\$1000
Northfield Council on Aging	\$2700

Total Health Grants awarded came to \$105,000.

AGRICULTURE

Two applicants were provided grants totaling \$14,391.

Franklin County Agricultural Society	\$8203
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Heath Agricultural Society	\$6188
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Respectfully Submitted,

Dot Lyman

CARL H. NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Annual Report for 2021

The Fund was established under the provisions of the will of Carl H. Nilman for the purpose of providing scholarships. Recipients must 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.

In 2021, the Awards Subcommittee read 24 applications, 10 from seniors and 14 from graduates. We used 30 percent of our allotted monies for seniors and 70 percent for graduates. The Committee feels that seniors have multiple scholarship opportunities from other sources while graduates have fewer resources.

Ten scholarships totaling \$12,200 were awarded to seniors, and 14 scholarships totaling \$28,150 were awarded to graduates.

From 1991 to 2021 a total of \$ 1,094,825 has been awarded in scholarships. Mohawk seniors have received \$335,475, and \$759,350 has been awarded to graduates.

Applications were available either online or at Mohawk School.

The Mohawk community owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Nilman for his foresight in supporting higher education for the students of 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 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 Student Services at Mohawk, 413-625-9811, extension 503, for information regarding requirements and deadlines.

Respectfully submitted,
Marion E Scott, Secretary

TYLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Library Hours: Tuesday 1 PM - 5 PM, Thursday 3 PM - 7 PM, Saturday 10 AM - 3 PM

--A Message from the Library Trustees

The Trustees of the Tyler Memorial Library wish to thank Sue Vight for holding down the fort through July 2021, helping patrons with book selections and requests, handling interlibrary loans and cataloging new acquisitions and for her support during the transition to a new Library Director. Sue indicates that she will remain available as a Library Substitute as the need arises.

The Trustees completed their search for a new Library Director in April and by mid-July Kim Gabert was successfully installed in the position. Kim has returned to Franklin County after a library career in other parts of New England, most recently in New Hampshire. Despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic and the many restrictions surrounding it, Kim has done a magnificent job of getting established in her new role.

Access to Library Materials

Tyler Memorial Library belongs to the C/W MARS consortium, a network of libraries in Central and Western Massachusetts with an online catalog of thousands of books, movies, magazines, and more. The online library catalog is available as a link from the Library's web page at <<https://charlemont-ma.us/p/25/Tyler-Memorial-Library>> or directly at <www.cwmars.org>.

A Tyler Memorial Library card provides access to everything available at Tyler Memorial Library **and** everything available at any of the other libraries participating in the C/W MARS consortium. A library card also provides access to the Commonwealth Catalog and out-of-state Interlibrary Loan. In the rare instance that an item is not available to borrow, the Library will attempt to add the item to the collection.

Books, DVDs, or audio-books can be ordered and delivered to the Library. Digital books, magazines, and audio-books are also available for download. The Libby app and the Hoopla app enable patrons to borrow digital items on their own device(s), using their library card number. Patrons can pick up and return items from other libraries to Tyler Memorial Library. The Tyler Memorial Library library card opens many doors for Charlemont residents.

Library Certification

Tyler Memorial Library has completed the FY2021 Annual Report Information Survey (ARIS) and the FY 2021 State Aid to Public Libraries Financial Report for the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Tyler Memorial Library has been re-certified by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. In FY 2021 Hawley received \$2,512.87 in State Aid to Public Libraries.

Library Statistics

Patron visits are defined as use of the Library during open hours to obtain resources. The Wi-Fi provider corrected an issue on their end to make reporting more accurate, which explains the jump in numbers from FY2020 to FY2021. Due to the limits placed by the pandemic on in-person services in FY2021, which covers July 2020 through June 2021, the number of patron visits to the Library is down significantly for FY2021, as is circulation.

	Number of Patron Visits to Library	Number of Library Program Participants	Number of Wi-Fi Sessions
FY 2019	2,182	119	374
FY 2020	1,363	122	394
FY 2021	569	0	1,583

Circulation	Adults	Young Adults	Children	Totals
FY2019	3,748	127	314	4,189
FY2020	3,917	63	272	4,252
FY2021	2,417	21	69	2,507

Collection Development

Tyler Memorial Library strives to meet the needs of patrons for information, education, and entertainment. Each year the Library purchases items for patrons of all ages. The Library seeks to purchase books and magazines recommended by patrons. Please talk to the librarian about your requests.

Tyler Memorial Library subscribes to 35 magazines featuring: science, technology, travel, health, cooking, home improvement, regional interest, arts, fashion, sports, and current events. All magazines can be borrowed.

Tyler Memorial Library is pleased to announce the receipt of a generous donation in the amount of \$1000.00. The Library plans to use the funds to purchase new books for the Children's Room.

Programming

Due to the ongoing pandemic and the inability to gather together, library programming has been suspended for the past year. Once broadband is more widely available, the Library will explore the use of remote programming for "at home" programs with a wide variety of presenters.

Tyler Memorial Library Board of Trustees

The Library thanks Tyler Memorial Library Trustee Chair Evie Locke, Trustees Esther Haskell and Andrea Santos, and Hawley Representative Lisa Johnson for their dedication to the Library in these trying times. Meeting every four to six weeks the Trustees have provided guidance and assistance in all areas of library function.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Gabert
Library Director