

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 certain training will be required.

TO REPORT A FIRE: Call 911
TO CALL AN AMBULANCE: Call 911
TO OBTAIN A BURNING PERMIT: Call 339-5526 or 339-5592
TO GET ON THE CHIMNEY CLEANING LIST: Call Greg Cox 339-5526

Town Clerk:

The Town Clerk, Donna Lemoine, holds weekly office hours on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is also available by appointment.

Tax Collector:

Elizabeth Nichols holds weekly office hours from 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and is also available by appointment.

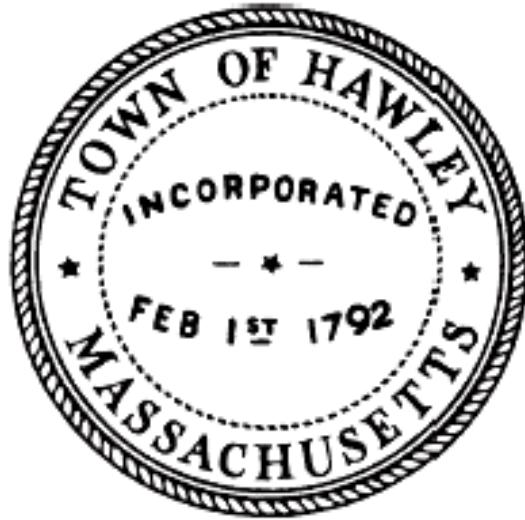
Board of Selectmen:

The Board of Selectmen meets every other Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. at the Town Office on Pudding Hollow Road. Gal Friday Tinky Weisblat holds office hours at the Town Office (413-339-5518) on Tuesday afternoons from noon to 4 and is also available by appointment.

Board of Assessors:

The Board of Assessors meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Town Office on Pudding Hollow Road. The Assessors' Clerk, Virginia Gabert, may be contacted by leaving a message at the Town Office (339-5518). She is often at the office on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is also available by appointment or email (treasurer@townofhawley.com).

Town of
HAWLEY
Massachusetts



2023
Annual Town Report

Annual Town Report
By the Town Officers



◆ 2023 ◆

Town of
HAWLEY

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Dedication	3
Town Officials.....	4
Annual Election & Meeting Warrants (May 6 & 13, 2024)	8
Review of Town Meetings in 2023.....	16
Financial Reports	
Treasurer's Report - FY23	24
Budget FY24.....	24
Accounting of Free Cash.....	29
Surplus Revenue FY23	29
Treasurer's Revenues and Account Balances Report	30
Balance Sheet	31
Tax Collector's Report	35
Board of Assessors Report	36
Administrative Reports	
Board of Selectmen	45
Town Clerk and Election Results 2023.....	47
Franklin Regional Council of Governments.....	49
Franklin Regional Retirement System.....	52
Boards and Committees / Public Safety & Public Health	
Conservation Commission	53
Planning Board.....	54
Historical Commission.....	55
Personnel Committee.....	56
Council on Aging.....	57
Communications Committee	58
Arts Council.....	59
Hawley Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Personnel.....	60
Franklin County Solid Waste Management District.....	62
Department of Veterans' Services.....	63
Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority.....	64
Schools - Hawlemont/Mohawk Trail Regional School Districts	
Report of Principal -Hawlemont Reg. Elementary School	65
Report of Principal -Mohawk Trail Regional High School	67
Special Education Department.....	72
Vocational Education Advisory Committee	74
Mary Lyon Foundation	75
Fred Wells Scholarships	77
Nilman Scholarship Fund.....	78
Tyler Library.....	79

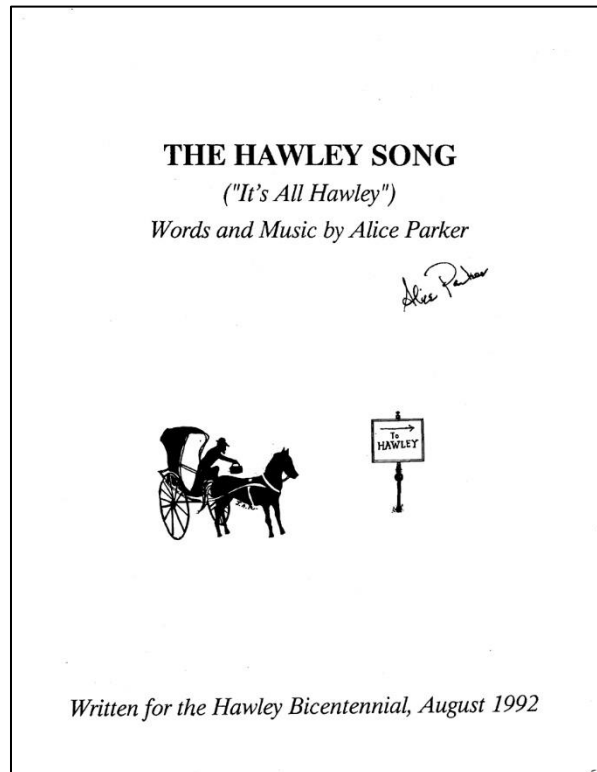
DEDICATION

Selectmen Will Cosby, Hussain Hamdan, and Bob MacLean would like to dedicate this Town Report to the memory of Alice Parker Pyle, who died on December 24, 2023.



Alice was a world-renowned composer who brought fame and luminaries to Hawley.

She was also a beloved relative, neighbor, and friend to many of us. She participated enthusiastically in town events and wrote the music for our bicentennial pageant, *Home to Hawley*, which included "The Hawley Song." Not many (if any!) other small New England towns have their own anthem. Thank you, Alice, for the music and the memories.



TOWN OFFICIALS – ELECTED

Selectmen/Board of Health (3-year term)

Williams Cosby, Chair	Term expires 2026
Hussain Hamdan	Term expires 2025
Robert MacLean	Term expires 2024

Town Clerk (3-year term)

Donna Lemoine	Term expires 2026
---------------	-------------------

Assessors (3-year term)

Ed Brady, Chair	Term expires 2025
Wayne Lemoine	Term expires 2026
Jeff Carantit	Term expires 2024

Hawlemont School Committee (3-year term)

Ken Bertsch	Term expires 2026
Peggy Travers	Term expires 2024
Liz Billings	Term expires 2025

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

Suzanne Crawford	Term expires 2025
Scott Purinton	Term expires 2026

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

Suzanne Crawford	Term expires 2025
------------------	-------------------

Moderator

Scott Purinton	Term expires 2024
----------------	-------------------

Auditor

Ashley Harrison	Term expires 2024
-----------------	-------------------

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 2026
-------------------	-------------------

Administrative Assistant/Gal Friday

Tinky Weisblat

Highway Superintendent /Tree Warden Gary Mitchell	Term expires 2024
Police Chief Jason Pelletier Ben Duga	Term expires 2024 (interim while JP is away)
Fire Chief/ Forest Fire Warden Gregory Cox	Term expires 2024
Animal Control Officer Chris Tirone	Term expires 2025
Constable George Rice	Term expires 2024
Inspectors: Franklin County (FC) Cooperative Building Inspector Program Jim Hawkins Dana Spring	Jeff Gougeon Andy French
Inspector of Animals Chris Tirone	Term expires 2025
Representative to Veterans Service Center Chris Tirone	Term expires 2024

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES -APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

(Unless otherwise indicated, terms are for one year)

Planning Board (5-year term)

Kim Orzechowski, Chair	Term expires 2024
Lloyd Crawford	Term expires 2025
Kathryn Sternstein	Term expires 2024
Peter Beck	Term expires 2025
VACANT	Term expires 2026

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 2025
Williams Cosby	Term expires 2024
Gerald McCarthy	Term expires 2025
Ashley Harrison	Term expires 2026

Historical Commission (3-year term)

John Sears, Chair	Term expires 2025
Brandon Root	Term expires 2026
Lark Thwing	Term expires 2025
Suzy Groden	Term expires 2026
VACANT	

Registrar of Voters (term expires March 31)

Donna Lemoine	Daniel Hoyt
Melanie Poudrier	John Sears

Election Officers (term expires August 31)

Gloria Decker	Courtney Hoyt
Melanie Poudrier	Juanita Clark
Paul Norcross	Suzy Groden
Tammy Schofield	Kristie Faufaw
Christine Hicks	Tinky Weisblat
Beth Thwing	Ken Bertsch
Susan Olson	Peter Beck
Lorraine McCarthy	Peggy Travers
Anne Hamilton-Kean	Williams Cosby
Lark Thwing	

Council on Aging	
Jennifer Rich, Chair	Term expires 2024
Ann Fallwell	Term expires 2024
Nicole Polier	Term expires 2024
Susan Draves	Term expires 2024

Burial Agent (1-year term)	
Donna Lemoine	Term expires 2024

Measurer of Wood and Surveyor of Lumber	
Gregory Cox	Term expires 2024

Agricultural Commission (3-year term)	
Peter Mitchell, Chair	Term expires 2026
Liz Billings	Term expires 2025
Kimberly Orzechowski	Term expires 2024
Gus Tafel	Term expires 2026

Communications Committee (3-year term)	
Wayne Lemoine, Chair	Term expires 2024
Peter Beck	Term expires 2026
Hussain Hamdan	Term expires 2026
Tinky Weisblat	Term expires 2026

Personnel Committee (3-year term)	
John Sears, Chair	Term expires 2026
Lark Thwing	Term expires 2024
VACANT	

Town Counsel - Donna MacNicol

TOWN OFFICIALS - APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

Finance Committee: (5-year term)	
Lloyd Crawford, Chair	Term expires 2026
Ken Bertsch	Term expires 2025
Brittany Wolcott	Term expires 2024
Jane Grant	Term expires 2025
VACANT	

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
May 6, 2024

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 sixth day of May, 2024.

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 p.m.:

Selectman/ Board of Health (3 year term)
Auditor (1 year term)
Assessor (3 year term)
Hawlemont Regional School Committee (1 year, remainder of Liz Billings' term)
Hawlemont Regional School Committee (3 year term)
Moderator (1 year term)

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

Given under our hands this ninth day of April, 2024

The Hawley Selectboard

Town of Hawley
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Monday, May 13, 2024

There follows a list of business to come before the Annual Town Meeting on May 13, 2024. **This is a preliminary warrant and the final warrant may contain additions and alterations.**

At seven o'clock in the evening on Monday, the thirteenth day of May 2024, 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	2,060.00
Selectboard members (2)	1,845.00
Town Clerk	9,475.00
Chairman of Assessors	1,495.00
Assessors members (2)	1,275.00
Auditor	135.00
Moderator	135.00

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 **\$614,292.45**. (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>FY24 Budget</u>	<u>FY25 Proposed</u>	<u>% change</u>
1	Moderator	130.00	135.00	3.85%
2	Salaries & wages	130.00	135.00	3.85%
3	Board of Selectmen	26,840.00	26,890.00	0.19%
4	Salaries & wages	21,030.00	21,665.00	3.02%
5	Expenses	3,560.00	3,575.00	0.42%
6	Drug & Alcohol testing	500.00	400.00	-0.20%
7	Legal Service (see art. 10)	500.00		
8	Town Reports	750.00	750.00	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	130.00	135.00	3.85%
13	Salaries & wages	130.00	135.00	3.85%

14	Board of Assessors	13,530.00	14,145.00	4.55%
15	Salaries & wages	3,930.00	4,045.00	2.93%
16	Expenses	9,600.00	10,100.00	5.21%
17	Treasurer	45,090.00	46,350.00	2.79%
18	Salaries & wages	42,180.00	43,450.00	3.01%
19	Expenses	2,910.00	2,900.00	-0.34%
20	Collector	10,408.01	11,292.00	8.49%
21	Salaries & wages	7,010.00	7,220.00	3.00%
22	Expenses	3,398.01	4,072.00	19.83%
23	Technology/Internet	6,000.00	3,100.00	-48.33%
24	Expenses	6,000.00	3,100.00	-48.33%
25	Town Clerk	11,100.00	13,975.00	25.90%
26	Salaries & wages	10,200.00	12,475.00	22.30%
27	Expenses	900.00	1,500.00	66.67%
28	Town Buildings	8,775.00	8,875.00	1.14%
29	Purchased Services	750.00	750.00	0.00%
30	Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00%
31	Expenses	8,025.00	8,125.00	1.25%
32	Employee Benefits	73,539.00	77,968.00	6.02%
33	Insurance	33,237.00	36,200.00	8.91%
34	Retirement	40,302.00	41,768.00	3.64%
35	Sick Pay fund	0.00	0.00	0.00%
36	Police Department	1,510.00	1,550.00	2.65%
37	Salaries & wages	1,260.00	1,300.00	3.17%
38	Expenses	250.00	250.00	0.00%
39	Fire Department	38,160.00	43,790.00	14.75%
40	Salaries & wages	7,710.00	7,940.00	2.98%
41	Purchased Services	3,100.00	3,100.00	0.00%
42	Repairs & Maintenance	7,750.00	9,750.00	25.81%
43	Expenses	8,200.00	8,300.00	1.22%
44	EMS	10,500.00	13,500.00	28.57%
45	Capital outlay	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00%
46	Emergency Mgmt	1,355.00	1,390.00	2.58%
47	Salaries & wages	1,105.00	1,140.00	3.17%
48	Purchased Services	150.00	150.00	0.00%
49	Expenses	100.00	100.00	0.00%

50	Franklin Reg Co of Govts	11,014.00	10,838.00	-1.60%
51	FRCOG Assessments	11,014.00	10,838.00	-1.60%
52	DPW - Highway	274,900.00	279,550.00	1.69%
53	Salaries & wages	147,700.00	153,000.00	3.59%
54	Repairs & Maintenance	48,000.00	47,000.00	-2.08%
55	Expenses - Roads	72,500.00	72,500.00	0.00%
56	Expenses - Garage	4,700.00	5,050.00	7.45%
57	DPW Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00%
58	Care of Cemeteries	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00%
59	Solid Waste	26,852.00	28,402.00	5.77%
60	Expenses	26,852.00	28,402.00	5.77%
61	Animal Inspector	200.00	200.00	0.00%
62	Expenses	200.00	200.00	0.00%
63	Animal Control Officer	100.00	100.00	0.00%
64	Expenses	100.00	100.00	0.00%
65	Veterans Services	3,050.00	3,157.45	3.52%
66	District assessment	950.00	1,007.45	6.05%
67	Veterans Benefits	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00%
68	Veterans expenses	100.00	150.00	50.00%
69	Boards, Committees	4,350.00	3,400.00	-21.84%
70	Conservation Comm Expenses	500.00	150.00	-70.00%
71	Planning Board Expenses	1,000.00	400.00	-60.00%
72	Zoning Bd of Appeals Expenses	50.00	50.00	0.00%
73	Council on Aging - Grant match	400.00	400.00	0.00%
74	Tyler Memorial Library	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00%
75	Unclassified	35,650.00	38,900.00	9.12%
76	Prop & Liability insurance	27,500.00	30,000.00	9.09%
77	Surety bonds	900.00	900.00	0.00%
78	Mass. Unemployment	750.00	500.00	-33.33%
79	FICA/Medicare	6,500.00	7,500.00	0.00%
80	TOTAL	\$592,833.01	614,292.45	3.62%

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 **\$606,958.00**. (This budget can be voted on in its entirety; by Department; or by line. Any balances remaining in these appropriations will close to Surplus Revenue at the end of the year).

line #	Department/Acct Name	FY24 Budget	FY25 Proposed	% Change
79	School - Vocational	96,000.00	104,500.00	-6.80%
80	Transportation	46,000.00	40,000.00	-13.04%
81	Tuition	60,000.00	64,500.00	7.50%
	(note: additional \$20,000 from Stabilization for tuition)			
82	School - Hawlemont	291,668.00	255,999.00	-12.23%
83	Operating assessment	282,969.00	255,999.00	-12.23%
84	Transportation	8,699.00		
84	Capital outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00%
	(note: Transportation included in FY25 Operating)			
85	School - MTRSD	206,950.00	246,459.00	19.09%
86	Operating assessment	188,477.00	241,551.00	19.53%
87	Transportation	13,603.00		
88	Capital outlay	4,870.00	4,908.00	0.78%
	(note: Transportation included in FY25 Operating)			
89	TOTAL	\$594,618.00	\$606,958.00	2.08%

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$20,000 from the Vocational Stabilization Fund to the FY25 Vocational Expenses account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide \$773 for capital projects at Mohawk Trail Regional School, such funds to be used to upgrade telephone infrastructure to support enhanced 911 emergency communications at such school, including costs incidental or related thereto. Said sum is to be expended under the approval of the School Committee's Building Subcommittee.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to carry forward any balance in the FY24 Vocational Tuition and Vocational Transportation accounts to the FY25 respective accounts, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the Legal Services account, with any balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year to be carried into future years, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the Continuing Education for Town Officials account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 to the Assessors Revaluation account, to be used for the FY2025 revaluation, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150 for the Internet Access (installation and equipment) account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the Town Building Repair and Maintenance account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the Accrued Sick Pay Fund account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 14: 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 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the sum of \$10,000 from the Highway Department Stabilization Fund to the DPW Equipment Purchase account for the purchase of a rotary mower, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 16: 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 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,000 for the Independent Audit account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 18: 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 19: 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 20: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$20,000 from Free Cash to the Highway Department Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$20,000 from Free Cash to the Vocational Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 22: 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, 2023 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 23: 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 24: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue or grant reimbursement for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, section 4, and to renew any note or notes for the period of less than two years in accordance with provisions of MGL Chapter 44, section 17, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Articles 25-27: The Mohawk Trail Regional School District is presenting three amendments to the district agreement. The purpose of the amendments, in aggregate, is to alter the way each member town's enrollment is counted for the purpose of calculating operating and capital assessments. Currently, assessments are based, in general, on the number of town students who are attending District schools. The proposed amendments would instead use each town's Foundation Enrollment, which includes all students for whom the town is financially responsible under Massachusetts law. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education uses Foundation Enrollment for the purpose of determining all types of enrollment-based education funding, including c.70 state aid to education. Foundation enrollment is also used by many other regional districts as the basis for town assessments. For the full text of these amendments, see the town website or ask for copy at the Town Office.)

The first proposed amendment would base the five-year rolling average enrollment calculation on Foundation Enrollment for the purposes of both operating and capital assessments. It also sets forth the mechanics of the five-year transition period. The second proposed amendment would apply the switch to the Foundation Enrollment methodology to formulas for determining tuitions paid to the Mohawk Trail District for students attending Mohawk Trail schools under tuition agreements. The final proposed amendment simply states the effective date for these changes.

Article 28: (Requested by voter petition.) To see if the Town will adopt the following Resolution in Support of Changing the Flag and Seal of Massachusetts:

Resolution in Support of Changing the State Flag & Seal of Massachusetts

Whereas the symbolism of the flag and seal of Massachusetts, which show a settler's hand holding a Colonial sword over the head of an Indigenous person, with a Latin motto commonly translated as "She seeks a Quiet Peace under the Sword, but Peace with Liberty" has long been the subject of concern by Indigenous leaders of Massachusetts, who for centuries suffered from wars of conquest, the appropriation of their cultural symbols, loss of their ancestral lands and the encroachment of their lifeways;

Whereas the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Colonists at Plymouth, which gave rise to the long chain of warfare and deliberate government policies of cultural destruction against Native Nations of this continent, occurred in the year 2020, affording every citizen of the Commonwealth a chance to reflect upon this history and come to an appreciation of the need for better relations between the descendants of the Colonial immigrants and the Native Nations of the Commonwealth;

Whereas the Special Commission on the Official Seal and Motto of the Commonwealth, established by a Resolve of the General Court in 2021 and appointed by the Governor, which for the first time brought together Indigenous leaders of the Commonwealth to consult with legislators, historians, and representatives of the Secretary of State and recommend changes to the current flag and seal of

Massachusetts, issued its final report in November of 2023, finding that our current flag, seal and motto are causing harm today and need to be totally revised;

Whereas the land area now known as the Town of Hawley shares a rich Native history with modern tribal nations such as the Abenaki, the Mohawk and the Nipmuc, who inhabited this area long before the first colonial settlers arrived, in 1760;

Now, therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Hawley hereby adopts this resolution in support of the work of the aforementioned Special Commission on the Official Seal and Motto of the Commonwealth, and **in support of a new flag and seal for the Commonwealth** that may better reflect our aspirations for harmonious and respectful relations between all people who now call Massachusetts home. The town clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to Sen. Nick Collins and Rep. Antonio Cabral, co-chairs of the Joint Committee on State Administration, and Sen. Paul Mark and Rep. Natalie Blais, with the request that they strongly support the work of the aforementioned Special Commission and advocate for a new flag and seal for the Commonwealth.

Article 29: To transact any other business that legally may come before the Town Meeting.

Town of Hawley
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 8, 2023



TOWN OF HAWLEY
MASSACHUSETTS 01339

TOWN OFFICE:
8 PUDDING HOLLOW ROAD
TELEPHONE: 413-339-5518
FAX: 413-339-4959

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Hawley
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 8, 2023

THE MEETING WAS CONVENED AT 7 P.M. BY MODERATOR SCOTT PURINTON.

FRANKLIN SS:

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

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby 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 eighth day of May 2023, at seven o'clock in the evening to as on the following articles.

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

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. APPROVED.

Salaries to be voted on are as follows:

Chairman of Selectboard	2,000.00
Selectboard members (2)	1,790.00
Town Clerk	9,200.00
Chairman of Assessors	1,450.00
Assessors members (2)	1,240.00
Auditor	130.00
Moderator	130.00

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 **\$592,833.01**. (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). APPROVED.

line #	Department/Acct Name	FY23 Budget	FY24 Proposed	% change
3	Moderator	120.00	130.00	8.33%
4	Salaries & wages	120.00	130.00	8.33%
3	Board of Selectmen	25,800.00	26,840.00	4.03%
4	Salaries & wages	20,750.00	21,030.00	1.35%
5	Expenses	2,550.00	3,560.00	39.61%
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	750.00	-25.00%
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	130.00	8.33%
13	Salaries & wages	120.00	130.00	8.33%
14	Board of Assessors	10,780.00	13,530.00	25.51%
15	Salaries & wages	3,730.00	3,930.00	5.36%
16	Expenses	7,050.00	9,600.00	36.17%
17	Treasurer	41,790.00	45,090.00	7.90%
18	Salaries & wages	40,170.00	42,180.00	5.00%
19	Expenses	1,620.00	2,910.00	79.63%
20	Collector	10,016.40	10,408.01	3.91%
21	Salaries & wages	6,674.40	7,010.00	5.03%
22	Expenses	3,342.00	3,398.01	1.68%
23	Technology/Internet	2,800.00	6,000.00	114.28%
24	Expenses	2,800.00	6,000.00	114.28%
25	Town Clerk	11,655.00	11,100.00	-4.76%
26	Salaries & wages	10,755.00	10,200.00	-5.16%
27	Expenses	900.00	900.00	0.00%
28	Town Buildings	8,925.00	8,775.00	-1.68%
29	Purchased Services	800.00	750.00	-6.25%
30	Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00%
31	Expenses	8,125.00	8,025.00	-1.23%

32	Employee Benefits	68,657.00	73,539.00	10.32%
33	Insurance	26,500.00	33,237.00	25.42%
34	Retirement	38,157.00	40,302.00	5.62%
35	Sick Pay fund	4,000.00	0.00	-100.00%
36	Police Department	1,450.00	1,510.00	4.14%
37	Salaries & wages	1,200.00	1,260.00	5.00%
38	Expenses	250.00	250.00	0.00%
39	Fire Department	36,825.00	38,160.00	3.63%
40	Salaries & wages	7,575.00	7,710.00	1.78%
41	Purchased Services	3,100.00	3,100.00	0.00%
42	Repairs & Maintenance	6,250.00	7,750.00	24.00%
43	Expenses	8,200.00	8,200.00	0.00%
44	EMS	10,500.00	10,500.00	0.00%
45	Capital outlay	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00%
46	Emergency Mgmt	1,300.00	1,355.00	4.23%
47	Salaries & wages	1,050.00	1,105.00	5.24%
48	Purchased Services	150.00	150.00	0.00%
49	Expenses	100.00	100.00	0.00%
50	Franklin Reg Co of Govts	10,850.00	11,014.00	1.51%
51	FRCOG Assessments	10,850.00	11,014.00	1.51%
52	DPW - Highway	261,400.00	274,900.00	5.16%
53	Salaries & wages	142,000.00	147,700.00	4.01%
54	Repairs & Maintenance	45,000.00	48,000.00	6.67%
55	Expenses - Roads	65,000.00	70,000.00	7.69%
56	Expenses - Garage	7,400.00	7,200.00	-2.70%
57	DPW Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00%
58	Care of Cemeteries	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00%
59	Solid Waste	26,772.00	26,852.00	0.30%
60	Expenses	26,772.00	26,852.00	0.30%
61	Animal Inspector	250.00	200.00	-20.00%
62	Expenses	250.00	200.00	0.00%
63	Animal Control Officer	0.00	100.00	
64	Expenses	0.00	100.00	
65	Veterans Services	3,050.00	3,050.00	0.00%
66	District assessment	950.00	950.00	0.00%
67	Veterans Benefits	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00%
68	Veterans expenses	100.00	100.00	0.00%

69	Boards, Committees	3,900.00	4,350.00	11.54%
70	Conservation Comm Expenses	1,000.00	500.00	-50.00%
71	Planning Board Expenses	50.00	1,000.00	2,000.00%
72	Zoning Bd of Appeals Expenses	50.00	50.00	0.00%
73	Council on Aging - Grant match	400.00	400.00	0.00%
74	Tyler Memorial Library	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00%
75	Unclassified	31,650.00	35,650.00	12.64%
76	Prop & Liability insurance	22,500.00	27,500.00	22.22%
	-P&L insurance	24,000.00		
	-Empl.Pract.Liability(new)	500.00		
	-Deductibles(new)	3,000.00		
77	Surety bonds	900.00	900.00	0.00%
78	Mass. Unemployment	1,750.00	750.00	-57.14%
79	FICA/Medicare	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00%
80	TOTAL	\$556,260.40	\$592,833.01	6.57%

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 **\$604,659.00**. (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). APPROVED.

line #	Department/Acct Name	FY23 Budget	FY24 Proposed	% Change
79	School - Vocational	103,000.00	106,000.00	2.91%
80	Transportation	35,000.00	46,000.00	31.43%
81	Tuition	68,000.00	60,000.00	-26.47%
	(note: additional \$20,000 from Stabilization for tuition)			
82	School - Hawlemont	312,935.00	291,709.00	-6.76%
83	Operating assessment	295,953.00	282,010.00	-4.37%
84	Transportation	8,560.00	8,699.00	1.62%
84	Capital outlay	8,422.00	0.00	-100.00%
85	School - MTRSD	206,499.00	206,950.00	0.22%
86	Operating assessment	196,789.00	188,477.00	-4.22%
87	Transportation	6,810.00	13,603.00	100.00%
88	Capital outlay	2,900.00	4,870.00	67.93%
89	TOTAL	\$622,434.00	\$604,659.00	-2.86%

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$20,000 from the Vocational Stabilization Fund to the FY24 Vocational Expenses account, or take any other action in relation thereto. APPROVED.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to carry forward any balance in the FY23 Vocational Tuition and Vocational Transportation accounts to the FY24 respective accounts, or take any other action in relation thereto. APPROVED.

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. APPROVED.

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. APPROVED.

Article 9: 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. APPROVED.

Article 10: 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. APPROVED.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$15,000 for DPW Equipment Purchase (brush mower), or take any other action in relation thereto. APPROVED.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$30,000 from Free Cash to the Highway Department Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto. APPROVED.

Article 13: 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. APPROVED.

Article 14: 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. APPROVED.

Article 15: 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. APPROVED.

Article 16: 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, 2023, 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. APPROVED.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of up to \$50,000 from Free Cash to offset the FY24 tax rate, or take any other action in relation thereto. APPROVED.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to accept the fourth paragraph of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, which allows the dedication, without further appropriation, of all, or a percentage not less than 25 percent, of particular fees, charges or receipts to a stabilization fund

established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, to be effective for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2022, or take any other action relative thereto. APPROVED.

Article 19: To see if the Town will dedicate all or a percentage, which may not be less than 25 percent, of the Opioid Settlement Funds to the Opioid Stabilization Fund established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, effective for fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2022, or take any other action relative thereto. APPROVED.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$42,865 from Free Cash to fund anticipated overages in the following FY23 accounts, or take any other action in relation thereto.: APPROVED.

Legal Services (Town Counsel)	\$1,000
Treasurer software	\$1,000
Town Clerk expenses	\$750
Workers Compensation Insurance	\$115
DPW Salaries & Compensation	\$10,000
DPW Fuel (gas/diesel)	\$10,000
DPW Snow Roads expenses	\$20,000

Articles 21-23: (The Mohawk Trail Regional School District is presenting amendments to the District agreement. The main purpose of the amendments is to change the way the District counts student enrollment for purposes of calculating operating and capital assessments. Currently, it only counts students from a town who attend District schools. This leaves out students who use school choice to another district or who attend out-of-district special-education schools. The district must pay tuition for these students, but they are not allocated to any town for assessment purposes - which means all towns pay for them. The change would be rolled out over 5 years. For the full text of these amendments, see the town website or ask for copy at the Town Office.) APPROVED.

Article 24: (Requested by voter petition.) To see if the Town will adopt the following Resolution in Support of Changing the Flag and Seal of Massachusetts. DEFEATED 14-9.

Whereas the 400th anniversary of the landing of the colonists at Plymouth Plantation, in the year 2020, afforded every citizen of the Commonwealth a chance to reflect upon our history and come to an awareness of the possibility of a better relationship between the descendants of the Colonial immigrants and the Native Nations of the Commonwealth;

Whereas Native Americans have long suffered the many abuses of racism, the loss of their ancestral lands and the encroachment of their cultural lifeways;

Whereas the current flag and seal of the Commonwealth, with a white hand holding a sword over the head of the figure of an Indigenous person, and the Latin motto beneath commonly translated, "Peace Under the Sword, but Peace with Liberty," has long been the subject of protest from Indigenous leaders of the Commonwealth;

Whereas the land area now known as the Town of Hawley shares a rich Native history with modern tribal Nations like the Mohican and the Abenaki, who lived in this area for thousands of years before the first colonial settlers arrived, in 1760;

Now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Hawley hereby adopts this resolution in support of the work of the Special Commission on the Official Seal and Motto of the Commonwealth, created by a Resolve of the legislature in 2021 and appointed by then Governor Charles Baker to recommend changes to the current flag and seal of Massachusetts, and in support of a new flag, seal and motto for the Commonwealth that may better reflect our aspirations for harmonious and respectful relations between all the people who now call Massachusetts home. The town clerk shall be advised to forward a copy of this resolution to Sen. Nick Collins and Rep. Antonio Cabral, co-chairs of the Joint Committee on State Administration, and to Sen. Paul Mark and Rep. Natalie Blais, with the request that they continue their strong support for the work of the aforementioned special commission, and advocate for a new flag, seal and motto for the Commonwealth.

Article 25: To transact any other business that legally may come before the Town Meeting.

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

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of April, 2023.

Williams Cosby, Hussain Hamdan, Robert E. MacLean Posted by George Rice, Constable.
Selectboard, Town of Hawley

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Lemoine, Town Clerk



TOWN OF HAWLEY
MASSACHUSETTS 01339

TOWN OFFICE:
8 PUDDING HOLLOW ROAD
TELEPHONE: 413-339-5518
FAX: 413-339-4959

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Hawley
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 2, 2023**

THE MEETING WAS CONVENED AT 7 P.M. BY MODERATOR SCOTT PURINTON.

FRANKLIN SS:

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

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby 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 October, 2023, at seven o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$45,000 to fund in part the purchase of a new one-ton plow truck with sander (to replace the 2015 Silverado). **APPROVED.**

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum not to exceed \$45,000 from the Highway Department Stabilization Fund to fund the balance of the purchase of a new one-ton plow truck with sander (to replace the 2015 Silverado). **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH 15 IN ATTENDANCE**

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the West Hawley Town Garage, one at the Hawley Town Office, and one at the Hawley Fire Station, 14 days at least before time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of April, 2023.

Williams Cosby, Hussain Hamdan, Robert E. MacLean Posted by George Rice, Constable.
Selectboard, Town of Hawley

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Lemoine, Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT 2023

Our new budget setting process is underway for FY25 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:

- **FY24 Budget Overview:** An overview of FY23 and FY24 approved budgets – where the money is coming from and where it will be going.
- **FY24 Budget:** Shows the actual expenditures from FY22 and FY23 and approved appropriations for FY24 by Department and account category, as well as any balances carried from FY23.
- **Accounting of Free Cash FY23:** Shows the amount of Free Cash certified, how much was used, and for what purpose. Also includes Free Cash certified for FY24 and any known proposed uses.
- **Surplus Revenue FY23:** Shows changes in Surplus Revenue through the fiscal year. Surplus Revenue is the largest contributor to Free Cash for the next fiscal year.
- **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, and confirmed on the balance sheet.
- **FY23 Balance Sheet**

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Gabert, Treasurer/Financial Administrator

FY24 BUDGET OVERVIEW

Revenues	FY23 Budget	FY24 Budget
Property Tax Levy	1,039,426	1,014,242
State Aid	151,569	156,588
Local Receipts	56,050	57,700
Free Cash	67,955	119,865
Free Cash to offset tax rate	50,000	50,000
Transfer from General Stabilization	0	0
Transfer from Highway Stabilization	0	45,000
Transfer from Fire Stabilization	10,000	0
Transfer from Voc Stabilization	30,000	20,000
Chapter 90	163,159	162,549
Balances carried forward	94,562	129,193
	1,662,721	1,755,137
Appropriations		
Fiscal Year Budget	1,414,121	1,473,963
Prior Year Overages	25,955	42,865
Chapter 90	163,159	162,549

To Stabilization	40,000	60,000
	1,643,235	1,729,899
Other amounts to be raised		
Amt Certified for Tax Title	6,500	10,000
*Cherry sheet charges/offsets	4,028	4,869
**Allowance for overlay	8,958	10,369
	19,486	25,238
Total Budget	1,662,72	1,755,137
difference (revenue - approp.)	0	0

NOTES:

Overall budget \$ change	92,416	Levy \$ change	-25,184
Overall budget % change	5.56%	Levy % change	-2.42%

*Cherry Sheet charges/offsets are 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".

**Allowance for Overlay is to cover real estate and personal property tax abatements and exemptions. The amount is raised on the recap sheet when the tax rate is being set.

FY24 BUDGET

The first part of this report shows the actual expenditures by Department for the past two years (FY22 and FY23). The third column is what was approved at Town Meetings for FY24. The fourth column shows balances carried forward into FY24 for those accounts that can be carried forward. The total reconciles with the "Omnibus & STM adj." line in the "FY24 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	FY22 Expended	FY23 Expended	FY24 Appropriated	Prior Bal. Forward
Moderator	120.00	120.00	130.00	
Salaries & wages	120.00	120.00	130.00	
Board of Selectmen	19,028.99	22,163.24	26,840.00	
Salaries & wages	16,142.98	17,351.04	21,030.00	
Expenses	2,035.59	2,373.95	3,560.00	
Drug & Alcohol testing	285.00	359.00	500.00	
Legal Service	15.42	1,156.25	500.00	
Town Reports	495.00	523.00	750.00	
Board of Health expenses	55.00	400.00	500.00	
Continuing Ed-Town Officers	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,224.41

Department Acct Name	FY22 Expended	FY23 Expended	FY24 Appropriated	Prior Bal. Forward
Finance Committee	85.00	87.00	150.00	
Expenses	85.00	87.00	150.00	
Town Auditor	120.00	120.00	130.00	
Salaries & wages	120.00	120.00	130.00	
Independent Audit	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,840.00
Board of Assessors	10,301.59	10,539.89	14,030.00	
Salaries & wages	3,730.00	3,730.00	3,930.00	
Expenses	6,571.59	6,809.89	9,600.00	
Reval (5-year)	0.00	0.00	500.00	843.34
Treasurer	43,136.99	47,855.01	45,090.00	
Salaries & wages	38,701.18	40,171.04	42,180.00	
Expenses	1,700.05	2,352.67	2,910.00	
Tax Title/Foreclosure	2,735.76	5,331.30	10,000.00	10,104.30
Collector	7,594.28	9,982.81	10,408.01	
Salaries & wages	6,480.00	6,674.40	7,010.00	
Expenses	1,114.28	3,308.41	3,398.01	
Technology/Internet	1,501.87	3,972.46	6,000.00	
Expenses	1,501.87	3,972.46	6,000.00	12,646.50
Town Clerk	9,966.70	11,786.41	11,100.00	
Salaries & wages	9,410.50	10,266.09	10,200.00	
Expenses	556.20	1,520.32	900.00	
Town Buildings	9,043.52	10,014.16	8,775.00	
Purchased Services	645.00	570.00	750.00	
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	69.99	0.00	5,384.13
Expenses	8,398.52	9,374.17	8,025.00	
Employee Benefits	60,819.95	67,043.53	73,539.00	
Insurance	25,504.95	28,886.53	33,237.00	
Retirement	35,315.00	38,157.00	40,302.00	
Sick Pay fund (accrued sick pay)	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,630.92
Police	1,385.00	1,443.77	1,510.00	
Salaries & wages	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,260.00	
Expenses	185.00	243.77	250.00	

Department Acct Name	FY22 Expended	FY23 Expended	FY24 Appropriated	Prior Bal. Forward
Fire	22,375.52	32,151.08	38,460.00	
Salaries & wages	4,696.75	6,034.38	7,710.00	
Purchased Services	3,097.04	3,038.56	3,100.00	
Repairs & Maintenance	4,541.38	6,596.97	7,750.00	
Expenses	5,150.53	4,958.35	8,200.00	
EMS	2,968.21	2,038.42	3,000.00	
Ambulance Service		7,080.00	7,500.00	
Capital outlay	1,921.61	2,404.10	1,200.00	27,570.96
Emergency Mgmt	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,355.00	
Salaries & wages	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,105.00	
Purchased Services	150.00	150.00	150.00	
Expenses	0.00	0.00	100.00	
Fr Reg Co of Govts	10,851.62	10,850.00	11,014.00	
Coop. Inspection Program	4,600.00	4,600.00	4,600.00	
Cooperative Public Health	3,397.62	3,534.00	3,684.00	
Regional Services	2,697.00	2,567.00	2,600.00	
Statutory Charges	157.00	149.00	130.00	
School - Vocational	105,964.61	117,721.07	126,000.00	
Transportation	37,516.42	38,668.57	46,000.00	
Tuition	68,448.19	79,052.50	80,000.00	23,118.18
School - Hawlemont	251,409.03	304,336.89	291,709.00	
Operating assessment	242,987.03	295,776.89	283,010.00	
Transportation		8,560.00	8,699.00	
Capital Outlay	8,422.00	0.00	0.00	
School - MTRSD	203,689.57	206,499.00	206,950.00	
Operating Assessment	199,367.57	196,789.00	188,477.00	
Transportation		6,810.00	13,603.00	
Capital Outlay	4,322.00	2,900.00	4,870.00	
DPW - Highway	267,599.59	275,347.11	389,900.00	
Salaries & Wages	153,186.85	151,883.98	147,700.00	
Repairs & Maintenance	38,672.65	52,807.33	48,000.00	
Expenses - Roads	56,244.31	66,028.89	70,000.00	
Expenses - Garage	7,672.78	2,861.88	7,200.00	
DPW Capital Outlay	10,450.00	115.03	115,000.00	
Care of Cemeteries	1,373.00	1,650.00	2,000.00	

Department Acct Name	FY22 Expended	FY23 Expended	FY24 Appropriated	Prior Bal. Forward
Solid Waste	24,457.00	24,857.00	26,852.00	
Ashfield Transfer Station	19,152.00	19,152.00	19,152.00	
F. Cty Solid Waste Mgt Dist	1,592.00	1,528.00	1,700.00	
Tri-Town Landfill Maint.	3,713.00	4,177.00	6,000.00	1,000.00
Animal Inspector	0.00	0.00	200.00	
Expenses	0.00	0.00	200.00	
Animal Control Officer			100.00	
Expenses			100.00	
Veterans Services	956.47	1,052.40	3,050.00	
District Assessment	905.53	917.04	950.00	
Veterans Benefits	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	
Veterans Expenses	50.94	135.36	100.00	
Boards, Committees	1,523.00	2,879.43	4,350.00	
Conservation Comm	93.00	95.00	500.00	
Planning Board	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	
Zoning Bd of Appeals	0.00	0.00	50.00	
Council on Aging Grant match	230.00	384.43	400.00	
Tyler Memorial Library	1,200.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	
Unclassified	28,880.62	30,603.57	35,650.00	
Prop & Liab. Insurance	21,505.00	22,492.00	27,500.00	
Surety Bonds	870.00	870.00	900.00	
Mass. Unemployment	847.02	241.01	750.00	
FICA/Medicare	5,658.60	7,000.56	6,500.00	
TOTAL	1,082,010.92	1,192,625.83	1,333,292.01	125,362.74
Chapter 90 (Road Construction)			162,549.48	
Engineering Rd Repair Proj.			0.00	3,829.95
Free Cash to FY23 Exp Accts			42,865.00	
Free Cash to FY24 Exp Accts			2,000.00	
Free Cash to Stabilization			60,000.00	
Cherry Sheet/Recap charges			25,238.00	
TOTAL FY24 Budget			1,755,137.18	

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Gabert, Treasurer

ACCOUNTING OF FREE CASH FY2023:

FREE CASH CERTIFIED AS OF 7/1/2022 178,164.00

May 2023 ATM (FY24)

Reserve Fund	2,000.00	
General Stabilization	10,000.00	
Fire Dept Stabilization	10,000.00	
Hwy Stabilization	30,000.00	
Voc Stabilization	10,000.00	
To offset FY24 tax rate	50,000.00	
DPW Equipment (mower)	15,000.00	
FY23 overages	42,865.00	
TOTAL ATM TRANSFERS		169,865.00

FREE CASH BALANCE AS OF 6/30/2023 8,299.00

PRELIMINARY ACCOUNTING OF FREE CASH FY2024:

FREE CASH CERTIFIED AS OF 7/1/2023 94,404.00

SURPLUS REVENUE

BALANCE AS OF 7/1/2022 194,020.45

09/21/2022	Cobb (lot 17) into tax title	-14.30
09/21/2022	Cobb (lot 18) into tax title	-100.14
10/27/2022	Cobb (lot 17) subsequent FY22	-14.02
10/27/2022	Cobb (lot 18) subsequent FY22	-98.12
12/27/2022	2016 abated MVE collected	35.00
02/08/2023	2008 post abatement MVE collection	31.25
02/28/2023	ARPA funds - to offset tax rate as a way to offset lost revenue to all taxpayers	38,917.44
03/14/2023	Minor tax refunds - checks not issued	0.09
03/21/2023	2014 MVE collected after abatement	76.04
03/21/2023	2015 MVE collected after abatement	305.00
03/21/2023	2016 MVE collected after abatement	202.50
05/08/2023	ATM art -- FC to General Stabilization	-10,000.00
05/08/2023	ATM art -- FC to Highway Stab.	-30,000.00
05/08/2023	ATM art -- FC to Fire Dept Stab.	-10,000.00
05/08/2023	ATM art -- FC to Vocational Stab.	-10,000.00
05/08/2023	ATM art 20 - FC to cover FY23 overages	-42,865.00
05/08/2023	ATM art 17 FC to Offset FY24 tax rate	-50,000.00
05/08/2023	ATM art 10 FC to FY24 Reserve Fund	-2,000.00
05/08/2023	ATM art 11 FC for roadside mower	-15,000.00
06/20/2023	Decker (336 W Hawley) tax title FY22	-628.81
06/20/2023	Hicks (136 W Hawley) tax title FY22	-718.80
06/27/2023	Brissette subsequent FY23	-729.72
06/27/2023	Clark subsequent FY23	-1,807.62

06/27/2023	Coates subsequent FY23	-616.42
06/27/2023	Cobb/Huff-Ruchin/Mayette (lot 17) FY23	-6.32
06/27/2023	Cobb/Huff-Ruchin/Mayette (lot 18) FY23	-44.24
06/27/2023	Decker (336 W Hawley Rd) FY23	-791.36
06/27/2023	Richardson Heirs - subsequent FY23	-41.66
06/27/2023	Thompson Heirs - subsequent FY23	-10.00
06/27/2023	Hicks - subsequent FY23	-2,610.62
06/27/2023	Hoyt - subsequent FY23	-1,114.56
06/27/2023	Stone - subsequent FY23	-1,291.16
06/27/2023	Walczak - subsequent FY23	-74.98
06/30/2023	Closing small balance in closed grants	-6.04
06/30/2023	Minor diff. between commitment and recap	1.95
06/30/2023	Receipts in excess of budget	2,151.10
06/30/2023	Tax Coll minor adjustments in FY23	0.19
06/30/2023	FY23 TT pmts and redemptions	7,700.68
06/30/2023	FY23 TT pmts returned NSF	-374.74
06/30/2023	Balance of approp. in excess of exp.	50,037.90
06/30/2023	Library offset/CS charges raised on recap	4,028.00
BALANCE AS OF 6/30/2023		116,548.96

TREASURER'S REVENUES & ACCOUNT BALANCES REPORT
7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023

BALANCE AS OF 7/1/22	746,513	Cons. Comm. Review fees	2,640
RECEIPTS:		Bank Fees/NSF collected	37
TAX COLLECTIONS:		OTHER:	
Real Estate Taxes	907,413	Sale of Cemetery Lots	1,100
Personal Property Taxes	44,451	Interment Fees	250
Motor Vehicle Taxes	44,556	Earnings on Investments	1,580
In Lieu of Taxes	1,000	Trust Fund Interest	1,971
Tax Title payments	7,620	Retiree Health Insurance	1,869
Penalties & Interest on Taxes	6,150	Renewable Energy Credits	3,792
Penalties & Interest Tax Titles	1,290	Donations-Veterans Assist.	0
Proforma Tax	2,883	Donations - Historical Comm.	1,000
PERMITS/FEES/LICENSES:		Donations- Fire Dept.	200
Tax Collector Fees	2,075	Insurance - Property Damage	4,919
Deputy Collector Fees	956	Workers Comp Refund	289
Mark/Dup. Bill Fees	705	Other refunds	345
Tax Title Expenses collected	312	GRANTS:	
Town Clerk Fees	409	EMPG Grant	1,435
Police Department Fees	1,225	DFS Firefighter Safety Grant	10,500
Trash Bags/Permits	4,076	VFA Grant	1,130
Fire Department Permits	40	CONNECT	496
Dog Licenses & Late Fees	443	MassWorks - Sears Rd	52,563
WPA Fees	2,500	COA Grant	6,000
Filing Fees (PB/ZBA/ConCom)	70		

ARPA	49,917	TREASURY WARRANTS	1,501,674
		BALANCE AS OF 6/30/23:	784,189
COMMONWEALTH OF MASS.:			
Chapter 70	12,735		
Exemptions	3,592	BANK BALANCES AS OF 6/30/23:	
Unrestricted General Aid	50,130	GENERAL FUND:	
SAPL 12 (Library)	3,469	Bank Accounts	414,336
State Land	81,576	TRUST FUNDS:	
Chp. 90 Reimbursement	78,600	Stabilization Accounts	338,514
WRAP	137,765	Other Trust Funds	31,339
Extended Polling Hours	1,276	TOTAL:	784,189
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	1,539,350		
BALANCE + RECEIPTS:	2,285,863	Respectfully submitted,	
LESS:		Virginia Gabert, Treasurer	

BALANCE SHEET - FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

GENERAL FUND:

ASSETS

Current Assets

General Fund	414,335.70	
		414,335.70

Accounts Receivable

Taxes due (PP, RE)

Personal Property Taxes

PP Taxes FY21	14.65
PP Taxes FY22	52.56
PP Taxes FY23	2,597.93
PP Taxes FY24	-813.44

Total Personal Property Taxes 1,851.70

Real Estate Taxes

RE Taxes FY23	19,479.53
RE Taxes FY24	-23,227.52

Total Real Estate Taxes -3,747.99

Total Taxes due (PP, RE) -1,896.29

Taxes due (other)

Excise Taxes

Motor Vehicle Excise 2017	122.92
Motor Vehicle Excise 2018	108.75
Motor Vehicle Excise 2019	51.25
Motor Vehicle Excise 2020	85.73
Motor Vehicle Excise 2021	160.22
Motor Vehicle Excise 2022	729.29
Motor Vehicle Excise 2023	2,319.19

Total Excise Taxes		3,577.35	
Total Taxes due (other)			3,577.35
Other tax collections			
Tax Titles	51,902.76		
Tax Possessions	38,963.19		
Total Other tax collections		90,865.95	
Due from Federal Govt		0.00	
Due from Commonwealth			
Firefighter Safety Grant (DFS)	10,500.00		
DER Culvert Grant	109,400.00		
MassWorks Grant - Sears Rd	747,436.93		
		867,336.93	
Capital Projects Receivable			
State Aid to Highways (a/r)	92,276.34		
		92,276.34	
			1,050,479.22
Total Current Assets			1,466,495.98

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

Due to Trust(from Gen.) 2,093.27

Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions 28,582.66

Federal Grants

 EMPG 678.54

Total Federal Grants 678.54

State Grants

 DARE Grant 929.02

 COA Grant 577.50

 HCI Grant 2,893.80

 IT Grant 467.58

 DER Culvert Grant 92,470.00

 MassWorks - Sears Rd 743,383.61

 NIMS Education 500.00

Total State Grants 841,221.51

Receipts Reserved for Appropriations

 Sale of Real Estate 1,650.00

 Wetland Protection Fund 9,302.27

 Police Dept (FID/LTC) 375.00

 Collector/Dpty Coll fees 29.00

 Veterans Assistance Fund 1,997.73

 CONNECT (post-opioid) 496.22

Total Receipts Reserved for Appropriations 13,850.22

Revolving Funds

 Dog Fund 5,500.76

Total Revolving Funds 5,500.76

Special Revenue liability funds

Cons Comm Review Funds	3,237.50	
Donations	3,426.39	
Total Special Revenue liability funds		6,663.89
Capital Projects		
Chapter 90 (deferred rev.)	92,276.34	
WRAP (Winter Recovery)	48,045.05	
FHMS Network Constr.	10,480.04	
FHMS Contingency Fund	5,000.00	
Total Capital Projects		155,801.43
Deferred Revenue		
Tax Title (defer. revenue)	51,902.76	
Tax Possession (def. rev)	38,963.19	
MV deferred revenue	3,577.35	
Total Deferred Revenue		94,443.30
Insurance Reimbursement (prop. damage)	4,918.75	
Total Other Current Liabilities		1,153,754.33

Equity

Surplus revenue 116,548.96

Other continuing appropriations

Audit	14,840.00
Continuing Ed. (Town Officer)	2,224.41
Assessors Reval	843.34
Tax Title & Foreclosure Costs	10,104.30
Town Building maint/renov	5,384.13
Internet Access (instal/equip)	4,146.50
Website Design & Maint	8,500.00
Employee Sick Pay	27,630.92
Special Hwy Projects	3,829.95
Fire Station Bldg Improv.	16,701.88
Fire Equipment	10,869.08
Vocational Balance Carried	23,118.18
Landfill Costs	1,000.00

Total Other continuing appropriations 129,192.69

Free Cash Reserved for FY24 67,000.00

Total Equity 312,741.65

TOTAL LIAB & EQUITY 1,466,495.98

TRUST FUNDS:

ASSETS

Trust Funds - cash

ACB Restricted Funds	328,603.37
(Stabilization Funds	297,265.08)
(Other Trust Funds	31,338.29)
M&T Voc. Stabilization	41,249.38

Total Trust Funds - cash 369,852.75

Due from General Fund (to Trust) 2,093.27

Total Trust Funds - assets		371,946.02
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Trust Funds (equity)		
Library fund	14,153.33	
Historical Commission Trust	9,280.12	
Cemetery Fund	9,998.11	
Stabilization Fund	92,923.26	
Hwy Dept Equip Stabilization Fund	111,860.79	
Fire Equip Stabilization Fund	92,481.03	
Vocational Ed. Stabilization Fund	41,249.38	
Total Trust Funds (equity)		371,946.02
Total Trust Funds - liabilities & equity		371,946.02

DEBT:

Net Funded Fixed Debt	0.00
-----------------------	------

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Town of Hawley

BALANCES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

REAL ESTATE	BALANCE 07/01/2022	COMMITTED IN FY 2023	COLLECTED	ABATED	EXEMPTED	REFUNDED	TAX TAKING	BALANCE 06/30/2023
FY 2024		\$448,764.08	\$23,227.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$425,536.56
FY 2023	\$0.00	\$905,560.84	\$874,650.61	\$0.00	\$10,574.59	\$8,282.55	\$9,138.66	\$19,479.53
FY 2022	\$10,724.00	\$0.00	\$9,386.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$1,347.61	\$0.00
PERSONAL PROPERTY								
FY 2024		\$23,124.18	\$813.44	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$22,310.74
FY 2023	\$0.00	\$46,002.76	\$43,466.07	\$0.00		\$61.24		\$2,597.93
FY 2022	\$327.64	\$0.00	\$84.98	\$190.10		\$0.00		\$52.56
FY 2021	\$295.37	\$0.00	\$86.72	\$194.00		\$0.00		\$14.65
FY 2020	\$194.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$194.64		\$0.00		\$0.00
FY 2019	\$197.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$197.76		\$0.00		\$0.00
FY 2018	\$186.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$186.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
FY 2017	\$186.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$186.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
FY 2016	\$230.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$230.85		\$0.00		\$0.00
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE								
FY 2023	\$0.00	\$38,925.13	\$35,981.59	\$1,242.40		\$618.05		\$2,319.19
FY 2022	\$3,494.29	\$5,271.75	\$7,894.23	\$700.44		\$557.92		\$729.29
FY 2021	\$413.80	\$0.00	\$372.77	\$0.00		\$119.19		\$160.22
FY 2020	\$259.55	\$0.00	\$173.82	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$85.73
FY 2019	\$74.17	\$0.00	\$22.92	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$51.25
FY 2018	\$108.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$108.75
FY 2017	\$122.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$122.92

BOARD OF ASSESSORS REPORT - 2023

The Board of Assessors holds monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of each month, with Zoom participation available. The Board currently consists of Ed Brady, Jeff Carantit, and Wayne Lemoine. Virginia Gabert will be entering her 27th year as Assessors' Clerk.

The Assessors endeavor to review approximately a third of the properties in town each year, generally during the spring and summer months. As this had been delayed due to COVID restrictions, the Assessors designed a questionnaire to go out to property owners with parcels that had not been updated within the past three years. These questionnaire responses were compared to the current data on file, and then were reviewed at a meeting. If there were no questions, they were accepted in lieu of inspection. Parcels with questions were divided among the Assessors so that they could contact owners to either answer questions or set up a time for inspection. 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. However, if access is necessary but is not available or is denied, the Assessors will make their best determination based on exterior data collection.

Aside from cyclical inspections, any property owner who has questions or would like to have the Assessors confirm or update the data on file is welcome to contact Virginia Gabert to set up an appointment. Otherwise, approximately once every three years, all residents can expect a visit or a questionnaire. Property Record Cards can be accessed from the Public Access Database on the Town website at <http://www.townofhawley.com/hawley-assessors/>.

Townsppeople 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 them directly with the group, 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 also available on the website or can be 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 the forms, or if you think that you may qualify for an exemption and did not receive an application, please contact Virginia in the Town Office.

All these forms have important deadlines – many of which the 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. As predicted in last year’s report (“Due to numerous sales in excess of assessed values, we anticipate an adjustment to our land schedule and residential market adjustment”) this past year’s statistical analysis of sales in Hawley confirmed that the market adjustment on single family homes needed to increase as well as the value of secondary lots. These changes, along with new growth, caused the overall value of the town to increase by almost 10 percent. With the increase in valuation, the tax rate decreased to \$16.66/1,000 valuation. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Brady, Chairman
 Jeff Carantit
 Wayne Lemoine
 Board of Assessors

Five-Year Summary of Hawley Property Values:

	Personal Property	Real Property	Total Property	Tax Rate per \$1000
2019/2020	2,143,109	49,060,811	51,203,920	16.22
2020/2021	2,211,202	48,912,901	51,124,103	17.88
2021/2022	2,297,562	49,717,300	52,014,862	17.52
2022/2023	2,761,245	54,355,301	57,116,546	16.66
2023/2024	3,015,463	57,356,101	60,371,564	16.80

Real property valuations by location are listed below:

#	StreetName	OwnerName	Land Value	Building Value	Total Value
0	ASHFIELD ROAD	HAY, BENJAMIN & DOUGLAS	152,400	112,000	264,400
0	ASHFIELD ROAD	MASSACHUSETTS FOREST TRUST, INC.	8,600	0	8,600
0	ASHFIELD ROAD	CLARK, BRIAN	7,900	0	7,900
0	ASHFIELD ROAD	LAVALLEY, TANNER	25,000	0	25,000
0	ASHFIELD ROAD	COMMONWEALTH OF MA DFG	82,500	0	82,500
0	ASHFIELD ROAD	MISIASZEK, ANDREW W.	400	0	400
5	ASHFIELD ROAD	MIZULA, MARK & SANDRA	38,500	97,500	136,000
12	ASHFIELD ROAD	FAY, JOHN C & GLORIA C	40,900	154,500	195,400
13	ASHFIELD ROAD	DEWKETT, NANCY E. & TODD R	49,400	217,800	267,200
17	ASHFIELD ROAD	SUMNER, D. C/O DEADY, ANDREW	63,600	205,400	269,000
18	ASHFIELD ROAD	LAVALLEY, ARLENE	51,200	150,400	201,600
0	BOZRAH CROSS RD	BOZRAH CEMETERY	23,800	0	23,800
0	BOZRAH ROAD	SWOPE, WESTON J	54,800	0	54,800
0	BOZRAH ROAD	CLARK, KYLE & DAPHNE	95,300	0	95,300
7	BOZRAH ROAD	CLARK, JUANITA	91,500	145,200	236,700

17	BOZRAH ROAD	MCNAUGHTON, JAMES	60,400	165,200	225,600
18	BOZRAH ROAD	BESHARA, DOROTHY A	52,200	0	52,200
19	BOZRAH ROAD	GRIFFIN, PAUL S. & ELIZABETH H	50,000	40,700	90,700
24	BOZRAH ROAD	LATSHANG, EILEEN & DECHEN (CO-TRUSTEES)			
		THE LATSHANG FAMILY TRUST	43,900	165,200	209,100
0	BUCKLAND ROAD	COMMONWEALTH OF MA DCR	399,000	0	399,000
0	BUCKLAND ROAD	WOLCOTT, BRITTANY & ELLSWORTH	35,000	0	35,000
0	BUCKLAND ROAD	CLARK, THOMAS	37,100	0	37,100
0	BUCKLAND ROAD	ROSENBAUM, LYNNEL & KIM	36,700	0	36,700
0	BUCKLAND ROAD	ROSENBAUM, LYNNEL & KIM	39,500	0	39,500
0	BUCKLAND ROAD	BOGART, MATTHEW M	40,200	0	40,200
0	BUCKLAND ROAD	GRANT, STEPHEN & ELLEN JANE	64,800	0	64,800
0	BUCKLAND ROAD	SCHOFIELD, MICHAEL	50,300	0	50,300
28	BUCKLAND ROAD	WOLCOTT, BRITTANY & ELLSWORTH	50,000	272,500	322,500
41	BUCKLAND ROAD	ULLIAN, KIT JESSE & SHARI	84,000	230,200	314,200
115	BUCKLAND ROAD	ORZECZOWSKI, PAUL & KIMBERLY	90,300	48,500	138,800
121	BUCKLAND ROAD	CLARK, DAVID A. & CARLA C	62,000	92,500	154,500
7	CLARK ROAD	ULLIAN, FRANK	164,900	497,800	662,700
15	DODGE BRANCH RD	COTHEY, PAMELA S	72,400	676,300	748,700
15	DODGE BRANCH RD	COTHEY, PAMELA S	30,800	0	30,800
0	DODGE CORNER RD	RICHARDSON, KEVIN (TRUSTEE)			
		32 DODGE RD TRUST	400	0	400
0	DODGE CORNER RD	HOWLAND, STEVEN & PARLAND, N.	39,000	0	39,000
0	DODGE CORNER RD	LOWELL, DAVID E. & TAMMY M	23,600	0	23,600
3	DODGE CORNER RD	FAIT, HAROLD C (ESTATE)			
		C/O THOMAS BAKEY, PERSONAL REP	56,300	65,500	121,800
26	DODGE CORNER RD	GOREVIC, RONALD & FISHER, JULIE	117,900	159,100	277,000
5	DODGE ROAD	FARROW, RICHARD & EVELYN	82,000	158,200	240,200
29	DODGE ROAD	FAIT, HAROLD C (ESTATE)			
		C/O THOMAS BAKEY, PERSONAL REP	50,300	153,500	203,800
32	DODGE ROAD	RICHARDSON, KEVIN (TRUSTEE)			
		32 DODGE RD TRUST	53,800	163,500	217,300
71	DODGE ROAD	FRANO, VINCENT & WANG, ISA	62,600	51,300	113,900
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	MORRISON, P. & CASWELL, B	23,500	0	23,500
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	TOWN OF HAWLEY	200	2,800	3,000
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	COBB, C/HUFF-RUCHIN, D/MAYETTE, J	800	0	800
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	COBB, C/HUFF-RUCHIN, D/MAYETTE, J	800	4,800	5,600
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	FREMERMAN, JONATHAN SCHROEDER	41,100	0	41,100
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	FAUFAW, KRISTIE & SISUM, MICHAEL	44,000	0	44,000
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	TOWN OF HAWLEY	35,000	0	35,000
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	TOWN OF HAWLEY	45,000	0	45,000
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	FAUFAW, KRISTIE & SISUM, MICHAEL	72,000	0	72,000
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	VALENTE-BLOUGH/BLOUGH/ANDERSON	108,000	0	108,000
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	LAWLESS, W & MAYNARD-LAWLESS, C	36,200	0	36,200
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	LAWLESS, W & MAYNARD-LAWLESS, C	60,200	0	60,200
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	LAWLESS, W & MAYNARD-LAWLESS, C	79,000	0	79,000
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	HEIRS & DIVISEES OF GEO. RICHARDSON	2,500	0	2,500
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	U. MASSACHUSETTS FOUNDATION	50,600	0	50,600
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	FIVE COLLEGES, INC	36,000	0	36,000
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	NATURE CONSERVANCY, INC	6,400	0	6,400
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	COATES, BRANDIN R & MELISSA S	50,000	0	50,000
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	QUINNEHTUK COMPANY	1,600	0	1,600
5	EAST HAWLEY RD	MENDE, ROBERT (TRUSTEE)	74,500	115,500	190,000
8	EAST HAWLEY RD	WALSH, JAMES & KATHLEEN	67,000	60,600	127,600
24	EAST HAWLEY RD	PETERSON, ERIK & MICHELLE	50,000	71,500	121,500

28	EAST HAWLEY RD	DUPUIS, RONALD & SANDRA	56,400	196,700	253,100
29	EAST HAWLEY RD	CLARK, MITCHELL	55,000	25,900	80,900
31	EAST HAWLEY RD	GRISWOLD, GORDON & JANICE	120,000	130,000	250,000
42	EAST HAWLEY RD	LEMIEUX, JULIA	60,000	153,600	213,600
45	EAST HAWLEY RD	SWOPE, WESTON & NOLAN, ANDRES	60,000	52,800	112,800
49	EAST HAWLEY RD	SWOPE, WESTON J	55,100	221,000	276,100
52	EAST HAWLEY RD	PARRA, PHILIP W. & PATRICIA JEAN	73,700	159,900	233,600
54	EAST HAWLEY RD	CLARK, TIMOTHY J. & ROBYN DEE	177,100	149,500	326,600
59	EAST HAWLEY RD	SCHAEFER, JONATHAN & MARIA	64,600	512,400	577,000
67	EAST HAWLEY RD	BOUCIAS, GREGG & JEAN	43,900	106,400	150,300
69	EAST HAWLEY RD	CLARK, KYLE & DAPHNE	47,600	299,500	347,100
74	EAST HAWLEY RD	LORENZEN, MARIANNE & R. BRUCE	55,000	202,200	257,200
78	EAST HAWLEY RD	ISAACSEN, KIMBERLY/TANGUAY, J	100,500	76,200	176,700
81	EAST HAWLEY RD	TANGUAY, WILLIAM DAVID	100,100	208,600	308,700
86	EAST HAWLEY RD	CLARK, TIMOTHY & ROBYN	75,500	58,900	134,400
95	EAST HAWLEY RD	GREEN, HAROLD F	85,400	368,100	453,500
98	EAST HAWLEY RD	STEMPER, MARGARET & BARRY	40,800	81,100	121,900
103	EAST HAWLEY RD	FREMERMAN, JONATHAN SCHROEDER	61,400	80,800	142,200
104	EAST HAWLEY RD	LESPERANCE, JENNIFER	50,000	146,500	196,500
106	EAST HAWLEY RD	THOMSON, ELAINE	61,800	164,200	226,000
112	EAST HAWLEY RD	HOWE, ADAM & KELLY	56,000	169,100	225,100
115	EAST HAWLEY RD	HAGEN, SUSAN & SINTIRIS, WILLIAM	79,500	0	79,500
116	EAST HAWLEY RD	SEGAL, YVETTE	55,500	133,900	189,400
120	EAST HAWLEY RD	SHUTTA, STEVEN	57,400	188,700	246,100
124	EAST HAWLEY RD	VUONG, LIEN	55,300	219,600	274,900
127	EAST HAWLEY RD	BROWN, LOOCIE & SOMMERS, E.	55,600	147,400	203,000
128	EAST HAWLEY RD	FAUFAW, KRISTIE & SISUM, MICHAEL	53,700	339,300	393,000
153	EAST HAWLEY RD	OLEFSKY, HAI ZHENG & MAXINE M.Z	101,300	230,000	331,300
168	EAST HAWLEY RD	SPRING, PATRICIA	98,000	21,800	119,800
214	EAST HAWLEY RD	LAWLESS, W & MAYNARD-LAWLESS, C	98,800	783,000	881,800
235	EAST HAWLEY RD	GOTTA, DANIEL (TRUSTEE)			
		F/B/O PETER M. GOTTA	88,900	53,700	142,600
252	EAST HAWLEY RD	COLE, WILLIAM G., TRUSTEE			
		WILLIAM G. COLE LIVING TRUST	46,900	24,500	71,400
254	EAST HAWLEY RD	SWOPE, JAMES & SUSAN	43,900	150,800	194,700
259	EAST HAWLEY RD	KAPSINOW, TERESITA	119,100	98,800	217,900
262	EAST HAWLEY RD	SWOPE, JAMES & SUSAN	60,400	5,800	66,200
270	EAST HAWLEY RD	BILLINGS, SHAWN R. & ELIZABETH	90,600	171,900	262,500
282	EAST HAWLEY RD	BELLOWS, KEVIN	160,800	239,300	400,100
292	EAST HAWLEY RD	HAWLEY PRESERVE LLC	218,500	55,100	273,600
319	EAST HAWLEY RD	GRANT, STEPHEN & ELLEN JANE	104,000	175,900	279,900
320	EAST HAWLEY RD	ROOT, BRANDON C.	52,900	27,500	80,400
324	EAST HAWLEY RD	HARRISON, DREW & ASHLEY	53,100	145,300	198,400
327	EAST HAWLEY RD	SONS & DAUGHTERS OF HAWLEY INC	50,600	133,800	184,400
330	EAST HAWLEY RD	ROOT, ROBERT W. & SERRA A	43,900	99,100	143,000
332	EAST HAWLEY RD	SONS & DAUGHTERS OF HAWLEY INC	52,500	49,800	102,300
0	EAST ROAD	BERKSHIRE HIGHLANDS LLC	26,800	0	26,800
0	EAST ROAD	SCHAEFER, JAMES & JONATHAN	121,700	0	121,700
0	EAST ROAD	BREWER, WILLIAM & TIMOTHEA	91,600	0	91,600
0	EAST ROAD	SEAVER, IAN & CHRISTINE	101,800	0	101,800
0	EAST ROAD	BERKSHIRE EAST SKI RESORT, LLC	755,000	535,700	1,290,700
0	EAST ROAD	HUGHES, HELENA	47,900	4,600	52,500
0	EAST ROAD	MAHA SIDDHA NYINGMAPA	3,700	0	3,700
0	EAST ROAD	KLAGSBRUN, EDWARD (ESTATE)	146,000	0	146,000
0	EAST ROAD	HOLM, LOIS	61,900	0	61,900

0	EAST ROAD	COMMONWEALTH OF MA DFG	34,300	0	34,300
0	EAST ROAD	SKELTON, ROBERT/KLEMER, PAUL	7,500	0	7,500
0	EAST ROAD	HERRSCHAFT, WILLIAM & JUDITH	1,800	0	1,800
0	EAST ROAD	COMMONWEALTH OF MA DFG	7,500	0	7,500
22	EAST ROAD	CLARK, KEVIN	50,200	122,200	172,400
26	EAST ROAD	PIDA, MICHAEL	50,000	25,900	75,900
40	EAST ROAD	LEVINE, PAUL	47,700	235,800	283,500
42	EAST ROAD	BILLIEL, DARLENE	46,900	88,800	135,700
43	EAST ROAD	ALBRIGHT, LINDA	52,300	186,800	239,100
47	EAST ROAD	MAHA SIDDHA NYINGMAPA	61,000	382,400	443,400
49	EAST ROAD	BLOUGH/VALENTE-BLOUGH/ANDER.	111,700	268,900	380,600
54	EAST ROAD	GRISWOLD, DANA	40,800	75,600	116,400
58	EAST ROAD	KIMBALL, CHRISTINE/SPOONER, ALAN	47,000	185,900	232,900
58	EAST ROAD	KIMBALL, CHRISTINE/SPOONER, ALAN	3,700	0	3,700
131	EAST ROAD	TEPEDINO, MICHAEL	114,800	444,300	559,100
0	FORGE HILL ROAD	GOSSELIN, KENNETH/PAUL/NICOLE	54,300	10,900	65,200
0	FORGE HILL ROAD	FITZROY, ROBERT & DANIEL	10,100	0	10,100
0	FORGE HILL ROAD	SINGING BROOK FARM TRUST	39,400	600	40,000
5	FORGE HILL ROAD	FITZROY, KIM	58,000	203,400	261,400
10	FORGE HILL ROAD	LITTMAN, ADAM & KELLENBERGER, K.	39,300	25,300	64,600
12	FORGE HILL ROAD	LITTMAN, ADAM & KELLENBERGER, K	81,600	247,500	329,100
0	FORGET ROAD	COMMONWEALTH OF MA DFG	65,600	0	65,600
0	FORGET ROAD	COMMONWEALTH OF MA DFG	8,000	0	8,000
0	FORGET ROAD	DOANE CEMETERY	30,700	0	30,700
0	FORGET ROAD	KOZODOY, NEAL (TRUSTEE)			
		NEAL KOZODOY 2020 LIVING TRUST	52,400	0	52,400
5	FORGET ROAD	CORBOSIERO, ANNE MARIE & MICHAEL	135,100	22,300	157,400
21	FORGET ROAD	DONELSON, LAURI	53,000	154,000	207,000
26	FORGET ROAD	NEIPP, HOLLY/GOODHIND, CHRISTOPH	67,000	232,800	299,800
29	FORGET ROAD	ABRASHKIN, KAREN&JOHN/NIGROSH, BARRY & ELLEN			
			1,000	0	1,000
29	FORGET ROAD	NIGROSH, BARRY	59,200	223,500	282,700
30	FORGET ROAD	BRADY, EDWARD & IVES, MARIAN	95,200	248,400	343,600
35	FORGET ROAD	BLOUGH/VALENTE-BLOUGH	75,000	153,900	228,900
49	FORGET ROAD	ANDERSON/VALENTE-BLOUGH	140,600	630,400	771,000
58	FORGET ROAD	MEADOWSWEET FARM LLC	36,600	544,400	581,000
59	FORGET ROAD	CRESSOTTI, KYRA MARIE/TAFEL, G.	69,400	265,100	334,500
86	FORGET ROAD	BEGA, KATHRYN	42,300	68,800	111,100
90	FORGET ROAD	KOZODOY, NEAL (TRUSTEE)			
		NEAL KOZODOY 2020 LIVING TRUST	135,200	408,200	543,400
97	FORGET ROAD	GELINAS, MARY (TRUSTEE)			
		TRUST OF MARY M GELINAS	113,300	286,700	400,000
101	FORGET ROAD	NELSON, RONALD			
		FORGET ROAD REALTY TRUST II	73,100	196,300	269,400
107	FORGET ROAD	HOPKINS, SUSAN & BERNARD	55,800	211,800	267,600
112	FORGET ROAD	MITCHELL, PETER	103,500	95,300	198,800
117	FORGET ROAD	KEAN, RICHARD/KEAN, POLLY	71,100	124,700	195,800
121	FORGET ROAD	KEAN, RICHARD/HAMILTON-KEAN, A.	50,000	437,800	487,800
7	GROUT ROAD	OLIVEIRA, NELSON R.	66,000	117,400	183,400
20	GROUT ROAD	NORTHROP, GREG/JUSTICE, JACQUELINE			
			61,200	281,700	342,900
0	HALLOCKVILLE RD	SOUTH HAWLEY CEMETERY	1,500	0	1,500
0	HAWLEY ROAD	CLARK, BRIAN	23,100	17,400	40,500
13	HOWES ROAD	COOPER, PAUL R (TRUSTEE)			
		PAUL R COOPER 2012 TRUST	112,000	726,100	838,100

0	HUNT ROAD	PERELLA, CARL & LORI A.	26,500	0	26,500
0	HUNT ROAD	TOWN OF HAWLEY	4,500	0	4,500
0	HUNT ROAD	DEFRIESSE, GEORGETTE	4,500	0	4,500
0	HUNT ROAD	TOWN OF HAWLEY	4,500	0	4,500
0	HUNT ROAD	GURSKI, FRANK	4,500	0	4,500
0	HUNT ROAD	TOWN OF HAWLEY	4,500	0	4,500
0	HUNT ROAD	WALCZAK, M./ZAGORSKI, C & C	4,500	0	4,500
3	HUNT ROAD	GOULD, RICHARD	50,000	196,700	246,700
9	HUNT ROAD	COATES, BRANDIN R & MELISSA S	50,600	174,000	224,600
11	HUNT ROAD	DESROSIERS, JACOB	51,500	128,700	180,200
15	HUNT ROAD	DEFRIESSE, GEORGETTE	51,400	177,100	228,500
17	HUNT ROAD	YODER, MICHAEL T & REGINA L	41,500	16,900	58,400
19	HUNT ROAD	COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT CORP.	41,500	54,000	95,500
0	LABELLE ROAD	COMMONWEALTH OF MA DFG	172,500	600	173,100
0	LABELLE ROAD	KAPLAN, DAVID A	69,600	2,000	71,600
0	LABELLE ROAD	POLIER, A. NICOLE	5,200	0	5,200
0	LABELLE ROAD	COMMONWEALTH OF MA DFG	103,500	0	103,500
0	LABELLE ROAD	LABELLE, CURTIS W. & NORMA J	3,000	0	3,000
0	LABELLE ROAD	MILT, ELLEN (TRUSTEE)			
		ELLEN M. MILT TRUST	17,800	0	17,800
53	LABELLE ROAD	POLIER, A. NICOLE	72,600	217,600	290,200
62	LABELLE ROAD	TURNER, KILEY E. & HEROUX, JAMES	90,400	340,500	430,900
80	LABELLE ROAD	BEARFOOT REALTY TRUST	55,700	222,700	278,400
19	LOWER FORGET RD	EASTWOOD, BRUCE	85,300	52,800	138,100
0	MIDDLE ROAD	PURINTON, SCOTT R	10,000	0	10,000
0	MIDDLE ROAD	TAYLOR, ROBERT & HOLT, PATRICIA	2,200	0	2,200
0	MIDDLE ROAD	PURINTON, SCOTT R. & ELLEN S	7,500	0	7,500
0	MIDDLE ROAD	DUNCAN & RUTH GILLAN, TRUSTEES	1,200	0	1,200
0	MIDDLE ROAD	COMMONWEALTH OF MA DCR	77,000	0	77,000
17	MIDDLE ROAD	DIXON, LAWRENCE/COLLINS, JESSICA	40,000	0	40,000
21	MIDDLE ROAD	THORSSON, MAGNUS	54,900	23,500	78,400
25	MIDDLE ROAD	MACLEAN, ROBERT & JOANNE	50,800	200,500	251,300
35	MIDDLE ROAD	ATKINS, CARLOS	137,500	102,800	240,300
38	MIDDLE ROAD	TAYLOR, ROBERT	94,500	121,100	215,600
45	MIDDLE ROAD	PURDY, PETER & SUSAN			
		PURDY FAMILY REALTY TRUST	53,800	120,200	174,000
51	MIDDLE ROAD	STEJSKAL, JIRI & MARY			
		JIRI & MARY STEJSKAL REALTY TRUST	53,800	646,900	700,700
54	MIDDLE ROAD	SINGING BROOK FARM TRUST	135,100	267,800	402,900
59	MIDDLE ROAD	COSBY, WILLIAMS & JOHNSON, LISA	116,700	447,600	564,300
79	MIDDLE ROAD	SMART, ELISE C & JOHN III			
		79 MIDDLE ROAD TRUST	59,500	203,900	263,400
81	MIDDLE ROAD	DUNCAN & RUTH GILLAN, TRUSTEES	62,100	296,300	358,400
84	MIDDLE ROAD	WEISBLAT, TINKY	50,000	260,100	310,100
92	MIDDLE ROAD	LESLIE CLARK, TRUSTEE			
		LESLIE E. CLARK REVOCABLE TRUST	55,500	223,500	279,000
96	MIDDLE ROAD	PYLE, DAVID & ELIZABETH	56,000	270,100	326,100
0	OLD TOWN COMMON	TOWN OF HAWLEY	30,700	0	30,700
0	PLAINFIELD ROAD	EAST HAWLEY CEMETERY	40,800	0	40,800
0	PLAINFIELD ROAD	ASHFIELD ROD & GUN CLUB	3,900	0	3,900
0	PLAINFIELD ROAD	HEIRS & DIVISEES OF JOHN THOMPSON	600	0	600
3	PLAINFIELD ROAD	SCHOFIELD, MICHAEL	107,100	78,100	185,200
4	PLAINFIELD ROAD	O'CONNOR, JANE M	52,900	210,900	263,800
16	PLAINFIELD ROAD	TOWN OF HAWLEY FIRE STATION	40,800	43,800	84,600
21	PLAINFIELD ROAD	MIZULA, MARK & SANDRA	68,800	123,900	192,700

23	PLAINFIELD ROAD	MCSPARRAN, CRAIG	53,000	27,900	80,900	
38	PLAINFIELD ROAD	CARANTIT, JEFFREY & JULIE	69,000	384,300	453,300	
68	PLAINFIELD ROAD	CHAFFEE, SHEILA	83,000	237,500	320,500	
79	PLAINFIELD ROAD	SCOTT, JAMES	48,500	130,800	179,300	
86	PLAINFIELD ROAD	SCOTT, WILLIAM	97,000	168,000	265,000	
102	PLAINFIELD ROAD	AUSTIN, JUDITH	105,700	193,700	299,400	
118	PLAINFIELD ROAD	MAPLESTONE, LLC SCHOELZEL, HUGH	99,600	331,200	430,800	
0	POND ROAD	POUDRIER, RAYMOND & MELANIE	4,500	0	4,500	
0	POND ROAD	ORZECZOWSKI, PAUL & KIMBERLY	36,700	0	36,700	
0	POND ROAD	COX, GREGORY	6,400	21,100	27,500	
6	POND ROAD	THWING, ELIZABETH	50,000	151,800	201,800	
13	POND ROAD	COX, GREGORY & DRAVES, SUSAN	50,200	174,500	224,700	
15	POND ROAD	THWING, KIRBY JR	58,600	229,600	288,200	
29	POND ROAD	POUDRIER, RAYMOND	56,000	434,700	490,700	
0	PUDDING HOLLOW	PUDDING HOLLOW CEMETERY ASSN		400	0	400
7	PUDDING HOLLOW	VELAZQUEZ, JASON, REGINA & SHEILA	90,000	30,800	120,800	
0	PUDDING HOLLOW	CROSSIN, CLARA ESTATE	35,000	0	35,000	
0	PUDDING HOLLOW	BERTSCH, KENNETH & BECK, PETER	53,800	0	53,800	
0	PUDDING HOLLOW	MCDERMOTT, SEAN P. & AVA S	115,600	0	115,600	
0	PUDDING HOLLOW	PUDDING HOLLOW CEMETERY ASSN	35,000	0	35,000	
0	PUDDING HOLLOW	WHITE, MARK	18,900	0	18,900	
0	PUDDING HOLLOW	WHITE, DOUGLAS	10,000	0	10,000	
0	PUDDING HOLLOW	SEARS, PAUL	40,000	14,400	54,400	
0	PUDDING HOLLOW	SEARS, JOHN F. (J.F. SEARS REALTY TRUST)				
		PUDDING HOLLOW LLC	3,800	1,000	4,800	
6	PUDDING HOLLOW	BECK, R. PETER & BERTSCH, KENNETH	67,200	271,500	338,700	
8	PUDDING HOLLOW	TOWN OF HAWLEY	40,800	48,300	89,100	
12	PUDDING HOLLOW	BEHRINGER, JILL RICH	50,100	290,700	340,800	
45	PUDDING HOLLOW	RICH, JENNIFER & LOUD, VICTORIA	112,500	187,300	299,800	
61	PUDDING HOLLOW	DEFOUGEROLLES, ANTONIN & PAULA	128,500	805,600	934,100	
73	PUDDING HOLLOW	STERNSTEIN, KATHRYN & JEROME				
		TRUSTEES OF KATHRYN S. STERNSTEIN	60,000	158,500	218,500	
87	PUDDING HOLLOW	PUDDING HOLLOW LLC	67,300	254,400	321,700	
100	PUDDING HOLLOW	SEARS, JOHN F				
		THE JOHN F. SEARS REALTY TRUST	48,900	223,800	272,700	
0	SAVOY ROAD	CUTLER, CHARLES	86,200	0	86,200	
2	SAVOY ROAD	SCHOCH, AMY & MOJALLALI, DANIEL	42,300	131,000	173,300	
22	SAVOY ROAD	CUTLER, CHARLES	62,000	298,400	360,400	
36	SAVOY ROAD	DWIGHT, WILLIAM & LEWIS, LIDA	47,800	124,500	172,300	
0	SEARS ROAD	WHITE, MARK	63,400	1,300	64,700	
21	SEARS ROAD	CHARLAND, JOYCE M	63,800	110,300	174,100	
17	SINGING BROOK LN	SINGING BROOK FARM TRUST	195,600	102,800	298,400	
0	SOUTH RIVER RD	BERKSHIRE HIGHLANDS LLC	21,000	0	21,000	
0	SOUTH RIVER RD	OVITT, BRIAN	17,300	0	17,300	
0	SOUTH RIVER RD	LANOUE, NELSON & BRENDA	30,000	0	30,000	
0	SOUTH ROAD	CLARK, CLIFFORD JR	62,600	0	62,600	
0	SOUTH ROAD	TAVERN TOP TRUST	9,000	0	9,000	
0	SOUTH ROAD	STROGANOW, MELISSA & PETER PAUL	42,100	6,900	49,000	
0	SOUTH ROAD	YATES, JEFFREY & LAURA	42,300	0	42,300	
133	SOUTH ROAD	CLARK, SARA & WALL, KENNETH	38,900	212,500	251,400	
0	STETSON ROAD	NEW ENGLAND FORESTRY FOUND. INC	138,500	0	138,500	
0	STETSON ROAD	SHIPPEE, MURIEL/PHELPS, HAROLD S	72,000	0	72,000	
0	STETSON ROAD	COMMONWEALTH OF MA DCR	37,000	0	37,000	
0	STETSON ROAD	COMMONWEALTH OF MA DCR	37,000	0	37,000	
2	STETSON ROAD	TOWN OF HAWLEY	45,400	51,900	97,300	

7	STETSON ROAD	TOWN OF HAWLEY	50,000	6,000	56,000
9	STETSON ROAD	KELLOGG, BARBARA E	89,300	144,600	233,900
13	STETSON ROAD	KIMBALL, STEPHEN & SUSAN	60,700	132,600	193,300
0	WATSON ROAD	MCCULLOCH, DAVID J	700	0	700
0	WATSON ROAD	SCHREBER, THOMAS D. & KRISTEN R.	1,600	0	1,600
7	WATSON ROAD	POPE, BENJAMIN L. & DANIEL C	63,000	217,300	280,300
0	WEST HAWLEY RD	COMMONWEALTH OF MA DCR	1,255,100	0	1,255,100
0	WEST HAWLEY RD	NGUYEN, LEIM THANH	19,500	0	19,500
0	WEST HAWLEY RD	PURINTON, SCOTT R. & ELLEN SC/O	17,800	0	17,800
0	WEST HAWLEY RD	EICHHOLZ, MARY & TIMOTHY			
		TRUSTEES OF OAKWOOD FARM TRUST	5,300	0	5,300
0	WEST HAWLEY RD	DESMARAIS, DEAN F	800	0	800
0	WEST HAWLEY RD	HOLMES, TOBY A.O	39,300	0	39,300
0	WEST HAWLEY RD	GORMLEY, JUNE			
		GORMLEY REALTY TRUST	3,000	0	3,000
0	WEST HAWLEY RD	BERTSCH, KENNETH & BECK, PETER	9,800	0	9,800
0	WEST HAWLEY RD	STREETER, PAUL	98,600	0	98,600
0	WEST HAWLEY RD	PAUL D. & RITA M NORCROSS, TRUSTEES			
		R AND P FAMILY TRUST	38,800	0	38,800
0	WEST HAWLEY RD	DESMARAIS, DEAN F. & MARIA C	19,500	0	19,500
10	WEST HAWLEY RD	WHITE, MARK	72,300	183,500	255,800
28	WEST HAWLEY RD	WHITE, TEDD	61,300	264,100	325,400
48	WEST HAWLEY RD	EGGERT, HENRY	67,500	263,200	330,700
50	WEST HAWLEY RD	GRODEN, SUZY/EMMETT, CONSTANCE	50,500	164,200	214,700
54	WEST HAWLEY RD	GRODEN, SUZY/ EMMETT, CONSTANCE	59,300	0	59,300
60	WEST HAWLEY RD	PURINTON, SCOTT R. & ELLEN S	59,800	354,200	414,000
70	WEST HAWLEY RD	BROWNELL, RYAN/SEARS, ELIZABETH	53,800	214,000	267,800
74	WEST HAWLEY RD	FALWELL, ANN J	43,900	52,500	96,400
76	WEST HAWLEY RD	DESMARAIS, DEAN	86,300	7,100	93,400
76	WEST HAWLEY RD	DESMARAIS, DEAN	54,500	144,500	199,000
90	WEST HAWLEY RD	DESROCHERS, JAMES & KATHLEEN	50,300	133,400	183,700
94	WEST HAWLEY RD	DONNA M. LEMOINE LIVING TRUST			
		DONNA & WAYNE LEMOINE, TRUSTEES	51,400	27,500	78,900
96	WEST HAWLEY RD	DONNA M. LEMOINE LIVING TRUST			
		LEMOINE, DONNA & WAYNE, TRUSTEES	51,500	0	51,500
108	WEST HAWLEY RD	TRAVERS, GRAHAME & PEGGY	65,100	288,800	353,900
126	WEST HAWLEY RD	WHITE, TEDD	55,300	12,100	67,400
128	WEST HAWLEY RD	HANECAK, NANCY & VIENS, JOSLYN	61,400	107,300	168,700
136	WEST HAWLEY RD	HICKS, CHRISTINE	51,000	118,700	169,700
138	WEST HAWLEY RD	RICHARD & ELIZABETH PARENT, TRUSTEES			
		WEST HAWLEY RD REALTY TRUST	81,200	54,300	135,500
140	WEST HAWLEY RD	BONNETTE, DONALD	78,300	0	78,300
144	WEST HAWLEY RD	BONNETTE, DONALD	54,500	141,000	195,500
197	WEST HAWLEY RD	YOUMELL, JOHN	51,000	1,100	52,100
198	WEST HAWLEY RD	CLARK, WAYNE & ROBIN	61,700	63,600	125,300
200	WEST HAWLEY RD	MACNICOLL, SAM	75,700	90,100	165,800
201	WEST HAWLEY RD	ROBERTS, BRYAN & MILLER, JACQUELYN			
		ROBERTS-MILLER NOMINEE TRUST	56,000	269,100	325,100
213	WEST HAWLEY RD	FRIED, RICHARD G	59,700	148,300	208,000
214	WEST HAWLEY RD	LAMA, SALVATORE & CHINLOO	41,000	2,400	43,400
228	WEST HAWLEY RD	SOULE, CHRISTOPHER	80,000	259,000	339,000
232	WEST HAWLEY RD	BROWNE, MARGARET	115,300	247,800	363,100
240	WEST HAWLEY RD	HICKS, C./TIRONE, CHRISTOPHER	50,000	149,800	199,800
247	WEST HAWLEY RD	TOWN OF HAWLEY	45,100	408,600	453,700
264	WEST HAWLEY RD	GORMLEY, JUNE			

	GORMLEY REALTY TRUST	84,000	276,600	360,600
282 WEST HAWLEY RD	WARGO, MARIE	86,400	296,600	383,000
298 WEST HAWLEY RD	SARLY, ANNA/LERNER, LYNN	126,500	178,000	304,500
319 WEST HAWLEY RD	CONLEY, JOHN F & KATHY A	33,000	0	33,000
324 WEST HAWLEY RD	ROWEHL, GREGORY/GABRIELA/AMELIE	67,600	161,400	229,000
325 WEST HAWLEY RD	CONLEY, JOHN F & KATHY A	21,900	15,600	37,500
326 WEST HAWLEY RD	HOYT, THOMAS & VIOLA	82,500	68,800	151,300
330 WEST HAWLEY RD	VAN BATENBURG, DEBORAH	40,800	10,200	51,000
334 WEST HAWLEY RD	SCHMITT, MICHAEL	46,900	75,900	122,800
335 WEST HAWLEY RD	DECKER, DOUGLAS & GLORIA	25,000	42,000	67,000
336 WEST HAWLEY RD	DECKER, DOUGLAS G. & GLORIA J	50,200	10,300	60,500
337 WEST HAWLEY RD	HODGKINS, GUY & MARIE	19,600	81,300	100,900
339 WEST HAWLEY RD	STONE, ROBERT (ESTATE OF)	29,500	34,200	63,700
340 WEST HAWLEY RD	HOYT, WILLIAM	43,900	36,000	79,900
380 WEST HAWLEY RD	PAUL D. & RITA M NORCROSS, TRUSTEES R AND P FAMILY TRUST	79,000	70,200	149,200
382 WEST HAWLEY RD	PAUL D. & RITA M NORCROSS, TRUSTEES R AND P FAMILY TRUST	59,000	358,100	417,100
390 WEST HAWLEY RD	BIGELOW, MARK	50,000	160,200	210,200
466 WEST HAWLEY RD	COMMONWEALTH OF MA DCR	3,832,700	96,100	3,928,800
0 WEST HILL ROAD	SUZANNE S. CRAWFORD (TRUSTEE) SUZANNE S. CRAWFORD REV. TRUST	7,900	0	7,900
0 WEST HILL ROAD	DOYLE, K/RICE, BETH & RICE, BRIAN	30,000	0	30,000
0 WEST HILL ROAD	WEST HAWLEY CEMETERY ASSN	1,500	0	1,500
0 WEST HILL ROAD	BRADLEY, DOUGLAS & DEBORAH	43,000	0	43,000
0 WEST HILL ROAD	COMMONWEALTH OF MA DCR	29,500	0	29,500
0 WEST HILL ROAD	O'REILLY, TIMOTHY	42,000	0	42,000
7 WEST HILL ROAD	MCCARTHY, GERARD & LORRAINE MCCARTHY FAMILY IRREVOC. TRUST	79,500	164,200	243,700
20 WEST HILL ROAD	RICE, GEORGE/K.DOYLE/B.RICE/B.RICE	267,500	192,000	459,500
28 WEST HILL ROAD	RICE, GAIL	64,700	112,200	176,900
40 WEST HILL ROAD	SAVOIE, JOSEPH & LINDA	61,500	168,000	229,500
43 WEST HILL ROAD	WRIGHT, MICHAEL & MEWIS, RUTH	39,300	31,100	70,400
63 WEST HILL ROAD	LLOYD W. CRAWFORD (TRUSTEE) LLOYD W. CRAWFORD REVOC. TRUST	83,900	350,000	433,900
64 WEST HILL ROAD	SUZANNE S. CRAWFORD (TRUSTEE) SUZANNE S. CRAWFORD REVOC.TRUST	93,600	161,600	255,200
86 WEST HILL ROAD	JUSTICE, THOMAS/MUNIAK, CASSANDRA	113,000	626,600	739,600
91 WEST HILL ROAD	CARLE, ROLF	181,000	102,100	283,100
120 WEST HILL ROAD	MAYNARD, ADIN & LLAMA	49,200	11,600	60,800

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR 2023

The year 2023 was a busy one for Hawley's town government. Here are a few highlights.

On Roads, the Highway Department, and Driveways

A major focus in 2023 was our roads and culverts. We saw the project at Sears Road almost completed. (Weather and a wait for utility poles to be moved delayed the onset, requiring paving to occur this coming summer) Our engineering firm, GZA, has been working on plans for a separate culvert replacement project on King Corner. Hawley was also awarded a grant of one million dollars from the State to make improvements to Ashfield Road. These improvements will lead to better drainage and hopefully resolve the mud issues which have been a recurring problem and have forced closure of the road during the winter and spring months. We hope the Ashfield Road work will be completed in 2024.

In October, we held a special town meeting to help pay for a new truck for the Highway Department. It seems to be working beautifully.

The Highway Department also brought on a new part-time road crew member, Brandon Reynolds. We appreciate his contributions.

The Select Board, which also serves as the Zoning Board of Appeals, has recently considered a couple of applications for shared driveways; one on East Road and another on Middle Road. Shared driveways are allowed under Hawley's bylaws, but there can be a somewhat technical approval process. Those considering installing a shared driveway, or any other building project, should be familiar with local bylaws and state statutes and regulations (such as those concerning wetlands) and are strongly encouraged to reach out to the building inspector, Town Hall, and the Conservation Commission (where applicable) in advance of commencing any work.

A New Town Website

We used American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to pay for a redesign of our website in 2023. The new website is up to date and easier to view on mobile devices (which are used for surfing the web today far more than when the original website was designed). We thank the Communications Committee and Tuman Design for doing a great job on the new website, which was named the best website for a town of fewer than 5000 people by the Massachusetts Municipal Association. We particularly thank committee members Tinky Weisblat and Peter Beck, for taking point on the time-consuming redesign and editing process. Appreciation is also extended to the members of the Volunteer Fire Department, who took time to produce content for the site about the emergency services and useful safety tips.

We would finally like to take a moment to thank our former webmaster, Rick Kean, who put years of dedicated service into maintaining the prior Hawley website, at many times single handedly.

Broadband Plans

Hawley is presently being considered by the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) for funding to improve Internet access in Town. While the existing four town FHMS wireless network brought us

forward, we (and MBI), recognize that access to true broadband speeds continues to be a major challenge, both for many residents in Hawley, and throughout Massachusetts. Charter Communications applied late last year for state managed federal grant funding to provide fiber optic service throughout Hawley. We are awaiting news as to whether this application was successful. If not, Hawley can apply for one or more future grant funding rounds to build a fiber optic network of its own, possibly in cooperation with Plainfield and Charlemont, who have network infrastructure we could tie into. Preliminary outreach in this regard has been made to both of our counterpart Select Boards. We will keep you updated.

Recognizing our new Town Clerk

Donna Desmarais Lemoine was appointed as temporary Town Clerk in January of 2023 and began training immediately. She then successfully ran in the May 2023 election and has been working hard to learn the intricacies of the job.

It's All Hawley

We continue to be grateful Town employees (whether compensated or volunteer), our schools, and the volunteer spirit that keeps our many committees and commissions working. Thank you for keeping our tiny town active. We encourage all Hawleyites to attend our Selectboard meetings, which take place every other Tuesday at the Town Office. And, if you have access to email and haven't signed up for our e-newsletter, we encourage you to do so. A subscription form appears at the bottom of our website, townofhawley.com.

We are proud of our small town and hope you are, too.

Respectfully submitted,

The Hawley Board of Selectmen,

Williams Cosby, Chair
Hussain Hamdan
Robert MacLean

Report of the Town Clerk and Election Results 2023

In 2023, we changed from Interim Town Clerk Pamela Shrimpton to yours truly, newly Elected Clerk Donna Lemoine. My 35 years of business administration experience will be a big help in this position. Pam offered to train me and inform me on procedures and duties. **Thank you, Pam.**

A Great Big **Thank You** to Melenie Poudrier, Danny Hoyt, and John Sears, who continue to serve as Registrars for our town. Also to Juanita Clark, Peggy Travers, Christine Hicks, Ann Hamilton Kean, Tinky Weisblat, and Peter Beck for helping with the May 2023 Election. I couldn't have done it without you, and your service to the town is **greatly appreciated.**

With our aging community, we lost nine residents this past year, I would like to encourage all Hawleyites to think about getting more involved with their town, please. We have openings on several committees. Please come join one, and try to make a difference for all.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve you. I look forward to a great 2024 and to getting to know all my fellow Hawleyites. I wish a very happy spring to all.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna M. Lemoine
Your Town Clerk

Vital Statistics

Births = 2 7-11-23 Robert George Billings
 9-20-23 Maya Lily Neipp

Deaths = 9 2-21-23 May Kay Hoffman Tanner LaValley 9-2-23
 4-16-23 Jay Kapsinow Paul Griffin 11-10-23
 5.17.23 Raymond Thomson Tammy Schofield 12-22-23
 5-30-23 Gloria Fay Alice Parker Pyle 12-24-23
 8-31-23 William Cole

Marriages = 2 12-2-23 Jonathan Fremerman to Sylvia Terlecki
 12-28-23 Harold Green to Jennifer Lesperance

Current Number of Residents: 327

Current numbers / Registered Voters: 266

May 2023 Election Results

	Total Votes		Total Votes
SELECTMAN 3 YRS		Hawlemont SCHOOL COM 3 YRS	
Williams Cosby	41	BLANK	14
BLANK	8	WRITE-IN	
WRITE-IN		Ken Bertsch	33
Chris Tirone	1	Scott Purinton	6
Scott Purinton	1		
		REP K-12 MTRSD 3 YRS	
Ashley Harrison	1	BLANK	16
Dean Desmarais	1	WRITE-IN	
		Scott Purinton	31
CLERK 3 YRS		Ken Bertsch	6
Donna Lemoine	50		
BLANK	3	AUDITOR 1 YR	
WRITE-IN	0	BLANK	24
		WRITE-IN	
ASSESSOR 3YRS		Ashley Harrison	27
BLANK	11	Wayne Lemoine	1
WRITE-IN		PeggyTravers	1
Wayne Lemoine	27		
Ashley Harrison	15		
Ed Brady	2		
Bob McClain	1		
MODERATOR 1 YR			
BLANK	15		
WRITE-IN			
Scott Purinton	36		
Grahame Travers	2		



FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS SERVICES TO HAWLEY IN 2023

The FRCOG provides planning services, programming, and advocacy to all Franklin County municipalities. Our municipal service programs – Collective Purchasing, the Cooperative Public Health District, Cooperative Building, Plumbing, and Electrical Inspection, and Town Accounting – are available to any municipality. The Community Health Department gathers data and works to improve the factors that impact health in the region; 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 local officials. The following pages list services specific to Hawley.

Climate Resilience, Land Use, and Housing

- Assisted the administrative assistant with completing Hawley’s FY23 Green Communities Annual Report.
- Engaged with town officials and residents about building climate resiliency in the Clesson Brook watershed, as a part of Buckland’s Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant.
- Prepared a memo summarizing known short-term rental numbers in Franklin County, revenues for towns that have opted in to the lodging tax, and existing bylaws across the state related to short-term rentals. Towns can use that info to develop policies and bylaws, if desired.

Community Health

- Conducted the annual student health survey to assess teen attitudes and behavior among middle and high school students. Staff reported to Mohawk Trail Regional School District (MTRSD) administrators on results from 101 Mohawk students, representing 81% 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.
- Worked with MTRSD administration and staff to implement Restorative Practices school climate improvements.
- Provided training, materials, and technical assistance for the evidence-based PreVenture substance use prevention and mental health promotion program in the school district.
- Supported town officials with information and technical assistance on spending opioid settlement funds.
- Worked with town officials to recruit residents to fill out the Massachusetts Community Health Survey, to better understand local needs and encourage state investment in improving health outcomes.
- Provided funding and facilitation support to the Mary Lyon Foundation for the creation of the West County People Supporting People Network, which hosted a resource fair to bring the county’s healthcare and human service agencies to West County.

Shared Municipal Services

- Hawley contracted with the FRCOG to receive collective bid pricing for highway products and services, including rental equipment, and dog tags and licenses. Staff facilitated a bid for culvert replacement on Sears Road. Staff also conducted a Collective five-year bid for student transportation encompassing 9 Franklin County School Districts, including the Franklin County Technical School.
- The Franklin County Cooperative Inspections program issued 19 building permits, 21 electrical permits, 9 plumbing/gas permits, and 5 certificates of inspection for Hawley in 2023.
- FRCOG staff organized and facilitated educational meetings for members of town energy committees, including presenting information on various topics and conducting follow-up communication.
- FRCOG staff organized and facilitated educational meetings for members of town energy committees, including presenting information on various topics and conducting follow-up communication.
- Hawley is a comprehensive member of the Cooperative Public Health Service (CPHS), a regional health district based at the FRCOG. CPHS Staff:
 - Facilitated COVID-19 and flu vaccine clinics between state mobile vendors and local schools, libraries, and senior centers. Town clinics served 726 individuals, providing 1075 doses of vaccine.
 - Hosted drop-in nursing hours at Charlemont Federated Church Senior Lunches and Good Neighbors monthly, serving 87 different people in 168 separate contacts.
 - Gave 259 Flu and 257 COVID vaccinations at drop-in nursing hours and home visits. Hawley residents received 5 vaccines, including 1 during an at-home visit.
 - Completed state-mandated infectious disease surveillance and reporting for communicable disease cases in district member towns, checking state disease-tracking system daily, and following up as required, including for 5 Hawley cases.
 - Offered sharps collection and box exchange in collaboration with Franklin County Solid Waste Management District at all drop-in nursing hours: 69 boxes exchanged.
 - Collaborated with local libraries on a West County community training on how to identify and respond to an opioid overdose.
 - Supported the Franklin County Age- and Dementia- Friendly Communities initiative by working with the steering committee, subcommittees, and community partners to write and publish a five-year action plan in response to local priorities identified from the needs survey data.
 - Offered tick-bite prevention outreach by providing educational materials and co-hosting 7 pyrethrum “shoe spraying” events with district boards of health. Helped residents access the tick-testing program.
 - Began hosting district “Train the Trainer” events: The first taught community members to train their peers on recognizing and responding to opioid overdose.
 - Assisted businesses, organizations, and individuals with the CPHS on-line public health permitting system. Evaluated and made determinations on a total of 24 applications for Hawley, and on an additional 14 applications for regional permits.
 - Conducted 9 soil evaluation/percolation tests; reviewed 3 septic system plans, visited sites, conducted final installation inspections, prepared and certificates of compliance; and witnessed 5 title-5 inspections prior to property transfer.
 - Reviewed 2 applications for food establishment permits, and conducted 3 inspections.
 - Provided guidance to the Board of Health, as needed.

Training and Education

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

USDA Rural Development Grant Info
Session – 1

Emergency Prep & Homeland Security
Assault and Battery Response – 1

Public Health & Community Awareness

Age and Dementia-Friendly Community

Talk – 1

Beaver Trapping Permitting – 1

Municipal Officials' Continuing Education
Grants Info Session – 1

Transportation

- Administered a state MassTrails grant for trail improvements and information kiosks on the Mohican-Mohawk Trail. Facilitated the design of kiosk panels at trailheads.
- Created a large-scale map including parcels with identification and road names for selectboard.
- Engaged in contract to install Franklin County Bikeway wayfinding signs in spring 2024.
- Conducted a traffic count on Ashfield Road.
- Created a temporary traffic control plan for one-lane closure of Route 8A over Chickley River Bridge.

Initiated a project to gather public input to discuss potential improvements to the Dugway section of Route 8A.

Franklin Regional Retirement System Annual Report for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2022

Note: The retirement system's fiscal year is behind ours so unfortunately this is the most accurate information it can offer to date.

To the Reader:

The Franklin Regional Retirement System is a government agency that serves the 682 retirees, 52 beneficiaries, 1,063 active employees, and 685 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 more annually. Funding of these benefits begins with deductions from the member, which, 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 is spread to a variety of sectors to take advantage of positive activity as it occurs in each sector.

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 2022, we are 78.4% funded at 34 years (85%) 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 may be found on our website, <https://frsma.com/>.

Kristine Mathis
Executive Director, Franklin Regional Retirement System

HAWLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2023

The Hawley Conservation Commission was involved with permitting on several projects during 2023.

Following site visits and on the advice of a wetlands consultant, an "Order of Resource Area Delineation" was issued to Hawley Preserve confirming the location of wetlands resources on the former Yates property in East Hawley.

The Commission noted the satisfactory completion of the snowmobile bridge over Mill Brook on Singing Brook Farm property as per permits issued previously.

The Conservation Commission was involved with design work for the eventual replacement of a large culvert near King Corner in anticipation of the filing of a Notice of Intent for this project in 2024.

Similarly, monitoring of work permitted previously for the replacement of the culvert on 8A was undertaken during the main construction phase late in 2023.

A Negative Determination of Applicability was issued to the Town relating to work planned for the reconstruction of Ashfield Road.

An Order of Conditions was issued to Berkshire East in conjunction with the construction of a Common Driveway accessing lots on East Road.

Ongoing communications with the owners of lots on Middle Road resulted in the filing of a Notice of Intent late in 2023 for the construction of a Common Driveway at 21 Middle Road. Permitting for this project was not completed during 2023.

Finally, Lloyd Crawford and Will Cosby participated in an ongoing conversation with 6 towns in the area about the possibility of hiring a shared Conservation Agent that would assist towns with the increasing workload and increasingly technical nature of wetlands permitting.

Submitted,

Lloyd Crawford
Hawley Conservation Commission Chair

HAWLEY PLANNING BOARD in 2023

The Hawley Planning Board ended 2022 with the intention of becoming a more active board. The members include Kimberly Orzechowski, chair; Peter Beck, secretary; Lloyd Crawford; and Trina Sternstein. We encourage any citizen who is interested in serving the town to contact one of the members or the Town of Hawley directly.

The Board was approached by Gary Mitchell, head of the Hawley Road crew, about the need to cut and trim the trees along Ashfield Road. The road is a designated scenic byway and therefore needed the approval of the Planning Board before any removal or cutting of trees could take place. The Board ultimately approved the road crew's plan for the removal of the trees. The wood was moved to the town property at the Devil's Elbow on East Hawley Road and made available to any town resident who wanted wood.

The Board had many discussions about the lack of a solar bylaw in town. We were concerned that if a large-scale project were proposed by a commercial entity, it could potentially cause serious harm to the town. The discussion was tabled because of the possible complications with the State's existing laws pertaining to solar energy. The board decided to concentrate on adding a site-plan review to the existing Special Permit Application. The site plan review would offer input and protection to the town from any large-scale developments while having no impact on any by-right or no-permit-required projects. A site plan review was drafted by the board and presented to the Zoning Board of Appeals by the Planning Board chair, Kimbelry Orzechowski. It was unanimously approved and added to the Special Permit Application.

The Board plans to continue to look through the existing bylaws and update them to meet its mission to preserve the rural nature of the town.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kimberly Orzechowski, Planning Board Chair

HAWLEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPORT 2023

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

Cemeteries

Cemetery Clean-Ups. In April Melanie Poudrier organized volunteers to clean up the Bozrah, Doane, and East Hawley Cemeteries.

Tree Pruning and Removal. This was performed in 2022 but not in 2023. In 2024, the Commission plans to assess what still needs to be done and what funds are available for the work.

Gravestone Cleaning and Restoration. We did not do any gravestone cleaning during the summer of 2023. The project is on the agenda for 2024.

Mapping the Graves in the Hawley Cemeteries. No mapping was carried out this year. We are considering reviving this project in 2024.

Burials. The following people were buried in town cemeteries in 2023: Jay Kapsinow, 5/20 in East Hawley Cemetery; William Roseberry, 9/4 (approximate date) in Doane; Harold Fait, 10/27 in Doane; Paul Griffin, 11/17 in Bozrah.

Old Town Common

Old Town Common Clean Up. On June 3, Mel and Ray Poudrier, Elizabeth Sears, Bob Root, and John Sears cleared the trails and cellar holes at Hawley's Old Town Common historic site, removing dead branches on the paths, cutting up a few fallen trees, and trimming back the branches growing into the trails.

Archives at the Grove Building

Archives Room. Ed Brady built shelves in the room in 2023. The boxed documents related to the history of Hawley and the history of families who have resided here are now arranged and accessible on the new shelves. More documents will be filed once the temperature in the room is warm enough for work. Serra Root and Suzy Groden plan to buy a horizontal file cabinet in 2024 that will hold a lot of the documents and will also provide an additional flat surface. Suzy plans to file more documents and start cataloguing as soon as the building is warm enough to sit in the room. Ruth Gillan has offered to help when she is in town.

Inquiries about Hawley History

Suzy Groden has responded to several inquiries about the history of Hawley families: Debbie Windoloski wrote, seeking information about the burial site of a Hawley forebear, Simon Howard, and Suzy provided her with an extensive history of the Howard family in Hawley, although she was unable to determine the location of the

Howard family burial site. Luke Forbes wrote asking for help in finding out what happened to the Zebedee Wood house in Bozrah. Suzy provided him with the information she was able to find. She plans to pursue her search further when it warms up in the spring by going through the “Old Houses” file in the archives room.

Suzy also plans to find an answer to Lark’s question about who (Hawley or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts) owns the South Hawley cemetery located in on Hallockville Road in Dubuque Memorial State Forest.

John Sears guided two avid hikers, James Thorne from Washington, Mass., and Tom Hoffman, a member of the Town of Washington Historical Commission, into Dubuque Memorial State Forest to find the old cemetery located along the snowmobile trail that runs south from the Abraham Parker cellar hole. Although the site has become overgrown, they succeeded. The Historical Commission will plan to clean up that site in 2024.

John Sears, Chair

Personnel Committee Report 2023

Since Hawley did not hire any new employees in 2023, the Personnel Committee was not active in any hiring process.

In the spring of 2023, the Personnel Committee proposed to the Hawley Selectboard that the town hire a mediator to help improve the working relationships within the Highway Department. After interviewing Jonathan Eisler, vice president of Perspectives, a firm that specializes in team development and mediation, the committee recommended to the SB that it hire a mediator from that firm to work with Gary Mitchell and Chris Tirone on achieving a more harmonious and productive working environment. The SB hired Perspectives for \$2500, and the firm sent Che Tarah, a leadership development consultant, to conduct the mediation.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Sears, Chairman

HAWLEY COUNCIL ON AGING in 2023

The Hawley Council on Aging has four members. Elaine Thomson and Sandy Dupuis resigned from the committee at the end of 2023. At this time, a request was put out for volunteers, and two new people, Nicole Polier and Susan Draves, came forward to fill the vacancies. We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to Elaine and Sandy for their dedication and service to the seniors of town. Additionally, we extend a warm welcome to Nicole and Susan. Thank you for stepping up to serve!

As in previous years, we received a grant from the State of Massachusetts in the amount of \$6,000, with a matching grant from the Town of Hawley for \$400. The Council met twice in 2023. Once on May 18th, and once on August 3rd.

On May 18, members met to discuss allocation of the grant funds. It was unanimously voted to:

1. Pay Hawley's dues for membership in the Councils on Aging
2. Pay dues for Hawley's participation in the Charlemont/Hawley Senior Center
3. Purchase vouchers and gift cards for distribution to Hawley seniors. (Each senior received a \$10 voucher to Atherton Farm and a Big Y Gift Card in the amount of \$20.)
4. Use the remaining funds for sponsoring senior summer activities. (These activities included the Third Annual Hawley/Charlemont Senior Barbeque and an additional event not yet determined as of the May 18 meeting.) The Third Annual Hawley/Charlemont Senior Barbeque was held on July 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Charlemont Fairgrounds.

On August 3, Council members met to discuss hosting an additional summer event. A picnic/concert was planned for September. On September 6, "A Summer Finale Picnic and Concert" was held at the Charlemont Fairgrounds. The event took place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with musicians Steve and Tom providing entertainment.

Submitted, Jennifer Rich (chair), Ann Falwell, Susan Draves, Nicole Polier

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE 2023 REPORT

Our current members are Peter Beck, Hussain Hamdan, Tinky Weisblat, and Wayne Lemoine (chair).

In 2023, four members resigned from the committee: Constance Emmett, Rick Kean, Pamela Shrimpton, and Lark Thwing. We want to thank them all for the hard work and service that they provided to the Town of Hawley.

In January, the committee discussed redesigning the town's website to make it more user friendly for cell phones and home computers. We then spoke to several companies about the job: Anne Campbell Designs, Holy Cow Marketing, the Creative Counter, Tuman Design, and Alias Solutions.

We compared their proposals and services in the following months. In May, we recommended Tuman Design. The Selectboard members voted their approval and signed a contract with Bill Tuman, the owner. The redesign and implementation of the website took several months. In October, the new website went live. Thank you, Tinky and Peter, for all your efforts in making the website succeed.

In March we started looking into different options for providing high-speed internet to every residence in town. The Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) was offering grants to pay 80 percent of the cost of doing this. We spoke with two commercial companies, WiValley Communications and Spectrum (Charter), as well as with Whip City, which might partner with the town (meaning that the town would have to pay the matching funds). The first deadline for applying for MBI grants was in December. Charter was the only entity that applied. We will learn sometime in 2024 whether its application has been accepted. (There are other upcoming deadlines to help us in case it is not.)

We are also talking to MBI about possible grants to help us with funding. As of December, we are still working toward our goals, and we are confident that one day broadband will become a reality for the Town of Hawley.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Lemoine

Charlemont-Hawley Arts Council Report for 2023

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, Joanne MacLean, and Tinky Weisblat; in Charlemont, Zorah Miller, Anna Otto, Andrea Santos, 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 allocated more than \$10,500 in state funds to individuals and groups in our towns for the 2023 grant cycle.

We continued to place a priority on education, funding events at Hawlemont School such as the weaving program and a music-education workshop. We also gave the Pioneer Valley Symphony funding for an education concert that included Charlemont and Hawley students. And we awarded money to the Hilltown Youth Recovery Theater.

We helped fund local concerts, including the Mohawk Trail Concerts summer season and Heath Fair music. We followed through on our commitment to diversity through grants to Indigenous Voices in the Berkshires, Racial Justice Rising, the Nolumbeka Project, and KlezCummington.

We supported poetry, theater, the creation of visual art, and the discussion of social issues.

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.

Fire Department Report 2023

The year 2023 saw change for the Hawley Fire Department. Some firefighters moved on, and others joined us.

In 2023 we responded to 54 emergency calls. These included 31 calls for medical emergencies, four auto accidents, two bike accidents, one chimney issue, three for trees and wires down, one rescue, one lightning strike, seven alarms, and four calls to help other towns. The only actual fire was a vehicle that burned due to a short. We also issued 38 brush fire burning permits in 2023, with none getting out of control and requiring a fire department response.

We added three firefighters in 2023 and will have two junior firefighters graduate to active firefighters in 2024.

We used a \$10,500 grant to purchase two new sets of turnout gear for firefighters in 2023 and are using a similar grant to buy two more sets in 2024. State training policy requires that to participate firefighters must have gear less than 10 years old.

We are working with Cummington Fire to apply for a federal Assistance to Firefighters grant to replace the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus we use to supply firefighters with clean air in fighting fires. If we are successful, we will replace 13 Air-Paks and 26 bottles with new ones to match those now in use in nearby towns, getting \$146,000 worth of equipment at a cost of just \$8,000 to the town.

Three of our firefighters completed the six-week Basic Six course offered by Tri State Mutual Aid last fall, and two more plan to take it this spring. Firefighters also took training in CPR, woods rescue, lithium-battery fires, ladders, and other skills.

In November firefighters cleaned 10 chimneys for residents, and in August we sent a pumper and four firefighters to protect against fires at the truck pulls at Cummington Fair.

While we have added some excellent firefighters in the past two years, we would be happy to add a couple more. 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 Brandon Root at 339-5592.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES ROSTER
AS OF MARCH 2023**

Fire & EMS

Fire Chief Greg Cox	Firefighter/First Responder
Deputy Fire Chief Bob Root	Firefighter/First Responder
Capt. Chris Tirone	Firefighter/First Responder
Lt. Hussain Hamdan	Firefighter/EMT
Lt. Brandon Root	Firefighter/First Responder
Shawn Billings	Firefighter/First Responder
Jacob Desrosiers	Firefighter/First Responder
Malik Johnson	Firefighter/First Responder
Scott Kugler	Firefighter/First Responder
Benjamin Vargas	Firefighter/First Responder
Jacob Gilbert	Junior Firefighter
William Hillenbrand	Junior Firefighter
Yvette Segal	EMT
Jane Grant	Fire Association Treasurer

Police

Police Chief: Jason Pelletier
Interim Chief: Benjamin Duga

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director: Dean Desmarais

FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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 twenty-one member towns through administrative support, professional consultation, trainings, and outreach to residents and businesses.

A review of recycling tonnage for 2023 shows that it was almost identical to 2022 recycling tonnage. District residents recycled just over 2,500 tons of paper and containers through their town programs. The recyclables were processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility and sold, primarily to domestic companies, to be recycled.

We held a May and October Clean Sweep bulky waste collection in 2023. Events were held at Mohawk Trail Regional High School, Northfield highway garage, and Whately transfer station. Combined, the events served 500 households and collected over 45 tons of bulky waste, scrap metal, appliances, electronics, propane tanks, tires, and other items.

We held our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2023 at Greenfield Community College and Orange transfer station. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. A total of 360 households participated in this event. Residents have access every year to other hazardous waste collection events in the Pioneer Valley.

We applied for and received grants from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection worth \$107,100 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. in Greenfield.

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director*
Terry Narkewicz, Shelburne - *Vice-Chair*

Chris Boutwell, Montague - *Chair*
M.A. Swedlund, Deerfield - *Treasurer*

Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' District Annual Report CY23

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

The office has maintained continued outreach operations across the district. We have dramatically increased the number of VA claims we have been completing due to increased VA Presumptive diseases for numerous eras of service:

- District now brings in over \$1,850,500.00 in Federal and State money **per month** from all sources (VA, State Reimbursements, State Annuities and sales).
- District hired a new Deputy Director, Stacey Geneczko, who has completed all her National Certifications for the VA.
- District hired new Veteran Service Officer (VSO) Jeffrey Cochran, who has completed all his National Certifications for VA. This brings the office from one to three VA Certified VSOs now in the office.
- VSA Laura Thorne has maintained her SHINE certification and is helping veterans and their dependents, taking some of the load off the Senior Centers.
- Director Chris Demars conducted a Chapter 115 presentation with GCTV for outreach.
- We expect a significant increase to Chapter 115 benefits for all City and Towns due to inflation and cost of living adjustments by the State of Massachusetts.
- We project a slight increase of the overall operational budget Fiscal Year 25 budget while continuing to expand services in 2024.
- The Office has produced 143 claims and 46 appeals with VA for Veterans and their Dependents this year.

Christopher Demars, Director
Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services District

**FRANKLIN COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY**

October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023

HRA is a public body politic and corporate, created by the Massachusetts legislature in 1973 to serve the residents and communities of Franklin County. HRA has all the powers and responsibilities of a local housing authority and a redevelopment authority in all 26 communities of Franklin County.

Services include housing education; development, ownership, and management of affordable rental housing; administration of housing subsidies; programs for homeless families; homeownership and foreclosure prevention counseling and education; and Community Development Block Grant application and administration for Franklin County towns.

If you need help finding a home, advice about repairing your home, or advice about foreclosure, call the HRA at 413-863-9781 or visit its website, <https://fcrhra.org/get-assistance/>.

Between October 1, 2022, and September 30, 2023,, two Hawley homeowners participated in the Housing Rehabilitation Program administered by HRA, receiving a total of \$107,922 in loans to make improvements to their homes.

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, and meaning in our work--and to acknowledge accomplishments. This year, the Hawlemont community demonstrated our teamwork and persistence in a year of transition. I am grateful to say that we are fully staffed; committed to our school improvement goals; and providing authentic, engaging, and student-centered learning to our students.

Our school staff maintains the momentum in science of reading professional development and increasing our familiarity with the EL curriculum. The ILT (instructional leadership team) has led professional development dissecting high-leverage instructional practices, such as employing total participation techniques and using learning targets throughout lessons. We conduct learning walkthroughs to assess progress towards our goals and gear future pd to meet staff needs.

We were fortunate to return to our tradition of Winter Enrichment, spending a half day for five Fridays in mixed age groups, student chosen programs: Berkshire East skiing and snowboarding, outdoor adventure, bowling, and arts and crafts. This community-building opportunity gives staff and students time to shine and support outside of academic learning and classroom boundaries.

This summer, we again offered the Summer Eats program, providing breakfasts and lunches free of charge to any child, 0-18, for five weeks. We also held two summer programs, one for K-2 students to continue strengthening their social skills and the other, for grades 3-6, focused on specific literacy and math skills.

These programs support students who benefit from additional time on learning or thrive with the routines of school.

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

We returned for the 2022-2023 school year with 94 students enrolled in PK-6.

This fall, we celebrated Sue Mead's retirement and outstanding career impact at Hawlemont. The teaching assignments for the 2022-2023 school year are as follows: Preschool Full Day: Olivia Baron, Kindergarten: Daphne Clark, First Grade: Renee Spizz, Second Grade: Alecia Briggs, Third Grade: Sarah Ricko, Fourth Grade: Abby Clark, Fifth Grade: Jennifer Sinistore, Sixth Grade: Stephen Bechtel, HAY Agriculture Coordinator: Sienna Laire, Special Education: Emily Eller, Paula MacLean, Music Teacher: Rick Page, Art/PE/Library: Kylee Bunker, ELL: Barbara Page and Psychologist/School Counselor: Devon Kelleher.

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.

Every fall, Hawlemont completes an all-school hike, this year at Mohawk State Forest. We learn that together we can do hard things. At our open house we invited community organizations, such as Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Mary Lyons, and Good Neighbors Food Pantry to join us. The community toured classrooms and enjoyed a BBQ dinner catered by the Long family. In November, Hawlemont held a readathon. Our students read over 12,000 minutes and raised \$1300+ dollars for new library books!

Hawlemont's 4H programming expanded to include hand-sewing for our Clovers and knitting for our older students alongside weaving, baking, outdoor adventure, and animal science. Extracurricular activities, like baseball, basketball, and dance, teach our students teamwork and good sportsmanship.

Hawlemont's Local Educational Council (LEC) is composed of family members, community members, staff, 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 and academic growth.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Amber Tulloch, Principal

2023 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL

Culture Building

We continue to build from our core focus on community. This intent is personified through the three slogans in the entry lobby at MTRS:

- I am part of this community.
- I can contribute in a positive way.
- I will be accountable for my words and actions.

Peer relationships and student-staff relationships continue to strengthen through our daily advisory program in Grades 7-12 as well as regular student-led whole-school assemblies on Wednesday mornings. In addition, our focus on providing opportunities for student voice and for students to lead their own learning authentically are apparent through our prioritizing student-led conferences, standards-based teaching and learning, and a concentration on a mastery and application of curricular skills beyond MTRS.

Feedback and Communication

A key part of culture building is that transparent communication continues to be important to MTRS. There are numerous ways in which the community can provide continuous feedback to MTRS as a way of improving the student and family experience. These include bimonthly drop-in hours; a student advisory group' and quarterly *How are we doing?* surveys to students, families, and staff. These ongoing structures continue to provide opportunities for community members to give immediate feedback on what goes on at the school. In addition, the Local Educational Council this year assimilated the Outdoor Advisory Committee, in order to provide input into both the school and district improvement plans.

Barr Funding and Innovation

In December of 2023 MTRS was awarded a two-year, \$450,000 grant from the BARR Foundation to support phase two of our unique Trailblazer model. This payment will allow us to continue to implement new initiatives and curricular programming to redesign the school experience for all students. It will give students, staff, and community members the opportunity to engage in professional development, working groups, and site visits in order to continue to implement and refine our Trailblazer Model. The second phase of the Trailblazer Model continues to build on the existing key focus areas: high-quality instruction, advisory and social-emotions learning, restorative practices and equitable educational experiences for all students, communications and community outreach, distributed leadership, portfolios, and student-led-conferences.

Working with a variety of nationally recognized organizations, students, families, and staff will be supported in a developing and refining a unique transformational school experience. That experience includes:

- Internships and work-study opportunities, on campus and off
- Social Emotional Learning supports, including an advisory model for all grades 7-12, site-based therapeutic services, and college and career planning
- Pedagogical supports for staff as the school shifts toward competency-based education through a standards-based teaching and learning approach
- Building a portfolio of student work and student-led-conferences
- Senior Capstone project, culminating in a site based internship
- Continued community outreach, including a Trailblazer Community Group comprised of staff, parents, students, and community members that meets several times a year
- Opportunities for teacher leadership in continuing to develop elements of our Trailblazer model

Distributed Leadership and District-Wide Structures

A number of staffing changes have been made in service of continuing to promote and support the Trailblazer model of distributed leadership, opportunities for student voice, and increased Social and Emotional Learning student need. The school admin team was reconfigured to provide greater student culture support through a Dean of Culture, who continues to provide opportunities for student voice and ownership in and around school. The best example of this is the regular Wednesday whole-school student meetings, which are student planned and led. The District Athletic Director continues to focus on the growth and promotion of sports in the district, as well on helping retain students at the end of Grades 6 and 8.

Distributed leadership continues to be evident through the work of the teacher-based Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) and the team's work in designing and delivering staff professional development on Standards-Based Teaching and Learning Development, as well as on piloting Student-led Conferences in June of 2023. At the time of writing, as a result of this pilot, we are about to start the school-wide, student-led conferences at the end of Semester 1.

In addition, the district literacy and numeracy coaches have helped create and support data-driven grade level numeracy and literacy teams in Grades 7 and 8 to help strengthen the student learning experience.

College and Career Supports

MTRS continues to focus on supporting students in taking their learning beyond the classrooms. In addition to providing opportunities for students to participate in dual-enrolment classes at GCC, the guidance team has focused on providing Grade 12 students with the opportunity, as part of their schedule, to extend their Capstone projects into work-based learning and internship opportunities with businesses and organizations in the community.

Field Trips

We have been incredibly lucky to have been able to utilize the two new district minibuses for local trips as we continue to innovate in providing students with learning experiences outside of the classroom. To date this year, teachers have led field trips to Smith College, GCC, UMass Amherst, Springfield College, Amherst Art Museum, Boston Aquarium, Clark Art Institute, Shelburne Falls, and numerous other locations linked to classroom activities.

Community Involvement

We continue to be thankful to parents and care providers for their active involvement in MTRS life through the Local Education Council (LEC), which incorporated the Outdoor Advisory Committee (OAC) as a subcommittee in February of 2023. The former is a great way to have family input and feedback on school improvement planning, and the latter has been instrumental in providing community input on how we continue to seek to use teaching and learning spaces and the environment as effectively as possible. The OAC has been vital in developing our outdoor classroom and in helping the district with its solar panel project at MTRS.

Other community-wide opportunities such as Open House, the Celebration of Learning, and the Mohawk Trail Athletic Association (MTAA)-organized Spring Fling continue to imbibe MTRS with positive community spirit. Additionally, graduation took place indoors in the MTRS auditorium in June of 2023 and we are planning for it to be the venue for graduation for the Class of '24 on Friday, May 31, 2024.

Music and Theatre

We are pleased with the continued resurgence of music and drama at MTRS in the past year. As well as a spring musical in 2023, *Guys and Dolls*, and a district Spring concert, the fall of 2023 saw two performances of *Gracie's Place*, our Winter play. The district concert took place at MTRS due to rain in the spring of 2023, and December brought us the MTRS Winter Concert. In addition to the district concert scheduled for late May, we are looking forward to an additional event, the Spring MTRS Concert, planned for April 2024.

Athletics

The Mohawk Trail Athletic Department has gone through a restructuring process in FY23 by hiring Ashfield's Greg Lilly to assume the role of District Athletic Director. In contrast to previous Athletic Directors, Mr. Lilly is now responsible for overseeing Mohawk Trail's athletic programs district wide, K-12. This change was made to ensure the health of our high-school programs by investing time and resources into the sustainability of our youth and feeder programs.

This past fall, our West County Youth Soccer program had 187 participants from Grades K-6 from our elementary schools. These are unprecedented numbers for a youth sports program in our district. Much of the credit for these high numbers goes to Ashfield's Tina Miller and Buckland's Jake Thurber, along with dozens of other coaches and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to give our students every opportunity to succeed on the pitch.

This winter also saw unprecedented participation in our Hilltown Basketball League! The district was able to field a total of 15 teams, drawing on our three elementary schools, Hawlemont, and New Hingham Elementary. All told, we had 158 elementary students playing hoops this past season. Also, for the first time in four years, Mohawk Trail was able to field a 5th and 6th Grade suburban travel team, coached by Shelburne's Fred Redeker and Buckland's Tim Budrewicz. This group had the opportunity to travel all over Western Massachusetts and face a high level of competition.

At the Middle and High School levels, our athletes and teams have been struggling with low enrollment numbers. However, this has not prevented them from succeeding at the highest level! Participation levels for athletics at Mohawk Trail are WELL above state and national averages and should remain that way for the foreseeable future.

This past fall, our Middle School Football team enjoyed an UNDEFEATED season while also getting the opportunity to play night games under the lights on Pollard Field for the first time ever. In addition to this, our Volleyball, Girls Cross Country, and Boys Cross Country teams all qualified for the MIAA state tournament. All told, seven of our eight fall teams came away with winning records!

This winter is also shaping up to be one for the record books. Both our Boys and Girls Alpine Ski teams are looking to continue a 40-year tradition of dominance on the slopes. The Boys are well on their way to another league championship, while our Ladies are poised to repeat as STATE CHAMPIONS!

Another bright spot for the Mohawk Trail Athletic Department is the Girls Middle School Basketball team! They suffered only two losses on the season while playing a schedule against high school competition! The future is very bright for our ladies.

With the end of the pandemic, the Mohawk Trail Athletic Association has also seen a resurgence. It is always looking for volunteers to help coordinate its many fundraising efforts. The MTAA is the district's primary athletic booster and aids our student athletes by purchasing uniforms, athletic equipment, and anything else that our teams need to help them succeed! The future of Mohawk Trail Athletics is very bright, and our entire athletic family is working tirelessly to ensure it stays that way.

Student Numbers

At the mid-point of the 2023-2024 school year, student enrollment in Grades 7-12 was 313. Current enrollment numbers for middle school include approximately 85 students in Seventh Grade and 75 students in Eighth Grade. Enrollment for Ninth Grade is 45 students. The 10th Grade has 34 students. There are 34 members of the Junior Class and 38 MTRS Seniors. We have two students enrolled in our post-graduate program.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Buckland
Principal

2023 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 Middle and High Schools. The primary function is to ensure that students with an IEP (Individual Education Plan) or a 504 are being served at a level required to make effective progress with supports outlined in their IEP or 504. According to state data, During the 2022-23 school year:

Mohawk Trail Regional School District

Title	% of School	% of District	% of State
First Language not English	1.5	1.5	25.0
English Language Learner	0.4	0.8	12.1
Low-income	44.3	43.7	42.3
Students With Disabilities	28.8	23.3	19.4
High Needs	57.2	54.2	55.1

Hawlemont Regional School District

Title	% of School	% of District	% of State
First Language not English	5.5	5.5	25.0
English Language Learner	5.5	5.5	12.1
Low-income	59.3	59.3	42.3
Students With Disabilities	25.3	25.3	19.4
High Needs	68.1	68.1	55.1

Services that students with disabilities receive could be speech and language, occupational therapy (OT), physical therapy (PT), counseling, and/or academics. Every school has at least one special education teacher. The OT and PT 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. Historically, each elementary school had a full-time school psychologist who could conduct assessments and provide counseling services. Over the past two years, as folks have retired or left a position, it has been difficult to hire a school psychologist for each building. However, each school does have an adjustment counselor to provide counseling services and support, and a school psychologist is contracted to provide the necessary assessments. The level of services in each building is based on population, need, and level of services legally required by an IEP. 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. All the original parents have moved on, but they did recruit several new parents to take over, and the SEPAC continues to meet monthly and attempt to increase parent participation. We are grateful for their work and look forward to 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.
- 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. Serves 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 focus 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

Vocational Education Advisory Committee (VEAC) 2022 Report

The members of VEAC are:

John Sears, Chairman, Hawley

David Newell, Co-Clerk and Secretary

Bing Waldsmith, Co-Clerk representing MTRSD Administration

Suzanne Crawford, Representing MTRSD School Committee

Paul McLatchy, Ashfield

Bonnie Phillips, Plainfield

Jared Bellows and Bill Harker, Charlemont

The Vocational Education Advisory Committee (VEAC) serves the towns of Charlemont, Hawley, Plainfield, and Ashfield. Each town is represented on the committee. In addition, a member of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District (MTRSD) School Committee serves on the committee as a voting member. The committee currently has a non-voting co-clerk who also serves as secretary (David Newell) and a non-voting co-clerk who represents the MTRSD administration (Bing Waldsmith). At the end of June, 2023, Bing Waldsmith will become sole clerk, and David Newell will remain secretary.

VEAC's mission is to facilitate cooperation among the four towns represented on the committee in arranging transportation for their vocational students who go to Franklin Tech or Smith Vocational. The committee plans the routes of the vans and, sometimes, minibuses that carry students to the two schools with an eye to keeping costs low and limiting the amount of time that students must ride on a van or minibus. The VEAC clerk works closely with the Superintendent and her staff to keep track of the students applying or already attending one of the vocational schools and on billing the towns for the cost of transporting them. The VEAC clerk also communicates regularly with the bus company (KuzTravel) about van routes, number of riders, pick up locations, and other details.

VEAC also advocates for equitable reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the cost of transporting vocational students who live in towns that are not part of a vocational school district (like the four towns on the committee). With the help of our State representative and State senator we have tried each year to secure a larger appropriation from the Massachusetts legislature to cover this cost. So far we have been unsuccessful, but this year promises to be different. We are greatly encouraged by the substantial increase in the Healy-Driscoll administration's budget for the reimbursement of out-of-district vocational school transportation. That line in the budget is \$5.2 million, an increase of \$4.9 million and an increase in the reimbursement rate from less than 5% to 90% of local costs. That would be a big boost for small towns like Hawley and the other towns VEAC represents. VEAC will urge the legislature to retain this increase in the budget they eventually pass.

Submitted by John Sears, Chairman, VEAC

Mary Lyon Foundation Annual Report Fiscal Year 2023 October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023

Our community, made up of the nine towns that feed the Mohawk Trail Regional School District, has growing needs, and our programs and services have expanded to meet those needs, thanks to the generosity of our donors in these nine towns. The Mary Lyon Foundation aims to provide families and educators with the necessary resources to ensure all children in our community can learn, succeed, and thrive.

The Mary Lyon Foundation has raised \$3,573,765.62 since the inception of the Comprehensive Campaign in October 2020. The campaign committee is laser-focused on raising the remaining \$1,426,234.38 of the \$5,000,000.00 goal over the next two years to meet the following objectives:

1. Guarantee the future of the Mary Lyon Foundation,
2. Fund for our essential programs, and
3. Help more students and families through the Annual Fund.

Program Highlights

Student and Family Assistance

The food scarcity program is currently at its capacity. We deliver four bags of groceries and milk to fifty families every other Tuesday. This program would not be possible without our partnership with Hilltown Church's Food Pantry or our volunteers who pack and deliver the groceries. We are always looking for more volunteers to support this program.

We supplied books, blankets, and stuffed animals to all PK Students in the Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont School Districts in partnership with The Learning Knoll, Community Action, It Takes a Village, and Montague Catholic Ministries. The total value of these packages was \$2,352.

We provided \$9,352.96 in books to support literacy in the school libraries, district classrooms, and homes.

We partnered with the MTRHS Key Club and opened the Caring is Sharing Clothing Closet in the high school.

The Foundation contributed \$35,000 to meet the needs of our local families. This included fuel assistance, grocery assistance, clothing, internet needs, eyeglasses, driver's education, childcare needs, and much more.

We supported 175 children in the district with gift cards to purchase warm winter clothing through the Warm the Children Program sponsored by the Greenfield Recorder.

With the help of our community, we gave holiday cheer to 115 children through the holiday giving tree and our partnership with Greenfield Savings Bank.

Community Partners and Volunteers:

The Foundation supplied school children and families with new backpacks, school supplies, dried goods, warm winter gear, and books through our partnership with the United Way and their programs Blooming Backpacks, Supper for Six, and Busloads of Blessings.

Through our partnership with the Brickhouse, the Foundation stocked the Caring is Sharing Clothing Closet with brand-new shorts, flip-flops, winter coats, and t-shirts.

We worked with the Salvation Army to provide new backpacks, food vouchers, clothing vouchers, heating vouchers, and much more.

Special thanks to all our community partners: Berkshire East, Bittersweet Café, Bridge Street Bazaar, Brickhouse, Buckland Pizza, Community Action, Foxtown Diner, FRCOG, Greenfield Savings Bank, Greenfield Medical and Dental, Good Neighbors Food Pantry, Hager's Market, Hilltown Church's Food Pantry, Hope and Comfort, Individual Donors and Volunteers, It Takes a Village, Keystone Market, Mocha Maya's, Mohawk Trail Regional High School, Moldavite Dreams, Montague Catholic Ministries, Mo's Fudge Factor, Opioid Task Force, the Salvation Army, Shelburne Fall Coffee Roasters, Sweet Lucy's, the Optician, Trinity Church, and United Way.

Community Outreach:

We organized the first Community Resource Fair, which included 30 vendors, dinner, ice cream, and FRCOG's Vaccine Clinic. Three hundred people attended, and the feedback was highly positive.

Educator Assistance and Scholarships:

The Foundation gave \$10,000 to educators to support reimagination and innovation in the classroom. Our scholarship program awarded \$55,000 to students who reside in West County in 2023. For a complete list of the scholarships we administer, please go to www.marylyonfoundation.org/scholarships.

District Support:

We supported multiple programs in the Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont School Districts with funding totaling \$112,000.

The Mary Lyon Foundation is grateful for the community's support. The generosity of our donors allows us to live our mission to promote student success by mobilizing community investment in services and programs that create positive educational outcomes. As we look forward, we will continue to focus on our campaign and raising the funds necessary to expand our programming and realize our vision: ensuring all

students have the resources to be ready to learn, to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally, and to thrive in the wider world.

Should you want to volunteer or discuss donating to the Mary Lyon Foundation, don't hesitate to contact Kristen Tillona Baker at kbaker@marylyonfoundation.org or (413) 625.2555.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kristen Tillona Baker
Executive Director

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FRED WELLS TRUSTEES

This trust fund was established under the Will of Fred W. Wells. 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 2023/2024 were \$263,772.69 (inclusive of unused scholarship money from previous years that was reallocated to be granted this year).

EDUCATION

The Trustees received 190 applications and approved 186 of those received. Trustees awarded a total of \$203,997. This amount includes two \$1,000.00 scholarships in honor of Ralph and Hilda Haskins. The Trustees worked diligently throughout the year to provide all eligible applicants an award to assist in their education.

HEALTH

Eight applicants were provided grants totaling \$39,566.

Bernardston Senior Center	\$1000
Charlemont Council on Aging	\$1000
Conway Council on Aging	\$1000
Life Path, Inc.	\$15,250
Northfield Senior Center	\$1000
South County Senior Center	\$1000
The Care Collaborative	\$15,250
The Senior Center/ West County Consortium	\$2066

CARL H. NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND ANNUAL REPORT 2023

This fund was established under the provisions of the will of Carl H. Nilman for the purpose of providing scholarships. Recipients shall reside in the nine Town 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 need funds.

Each one of the nine Towns has a representative on the Committee:

Ashfield	Jennifer Pease	Buckland	Marion Scott
Charlemont	Marge Porrovecchio	Colrain	Michelle Hillman
Hawley	Lisa Johnson.	Heath	Robert Gruen
Plainfield	Allen Irvine	Rowe	Carol Lively
Shelburne	Sherry Taylor		

Other members are:

Chairman of the School Committee.	Martha Thurber
Past School Committee Member	Robin Hartnett

Members At Large:

Pamela Guyette, Donald Purington, and Angel Bragdon

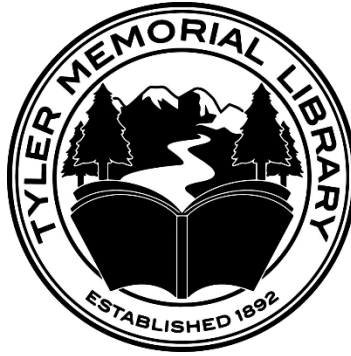
Election of Officers were held at our meeting September 12, 2023. Marge Porrovecchio and Robin Hartnett remain as Co- chairman. Pamela Guyette replaces Marion Scott as Secretary, and Bing Waldsmith is our Treasurer.

This year (2023) the Awards Committee read 18 applications. Eight were from seniors, and 10 were 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. Eight scholarships totaling \$11,275 were awarded to seniors and 10 scholarships totaling \$26,400 were awarded to graduates. The total amount of scholarships given to both seniors and graduates for 2023 was \$37,675.

Carl Nilman will long be remembered for his generosity and foresight in supporting higher education for the students of Mohawk Trail Regional High School. Our 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. Applications are available either online or at Mohawk School. Completed applications must be returned to Mohawk Trail Regional High School by April 1, 2024. Please call Student Services at Mohawk 413-625-9811, extension 1503 for further information on requirements and deadlines.

Respectfully submitted,
Marion E. Scott, Secretary



TYLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Library Hours Tuesday 1–5 p.m. Thursday 3–7 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Access to Library Materials

Tyler Memorial Library belongs to the CW MARS consortium, a network of 150+ libraries in Central and Western Massachusetts, with access to large catalog of books, movies, magazines, and more. Please visit the library's new webpage at www.charlemontrlibrary.org to start your search.

Books, DVDs, or audiobooks can be requested from any CW MARS library and delivered to the library of your choice. Patrons can also return items from other libraries to Tyler Memorial Library. Downloadable books, audiobooks and magazines are available from the Libby app and the Hoopla app. The Tyler Memorial Library Card opens many doors for Charlemont and Hawley residents.

Library Certification

Tyler Memorial Library has completed the FY24 Annual Report Information Survey (ARIS) and the FY24 State Aid to Public Libraries Financial Report for the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). Tyler Memorial Library has been re-certified by MBLC for FY24 and will continue to receive State Aid to Public Libraries. Because the Library is certified, Charlemont received \$4,296 and Hawley received \$3,469.27 in Library State Aid for FY23.

Library Programs

The Hawlemont Summer Camp visited the library twice a week during the four weeks of the program. The library offered in-person activities for adults (Ukulele, Open House, Local Authors, Organizing), for children (Baby Lapsit and Family Storytimes), and for All Ages (Wingmasters Birds of Prey, Crafting Programs) in 2023. Please look for announcements of events on Facebook, by email through Wowbrary and town and school emails, as well as on posters at Avery's and the Post Office. Sign up for weekly emails to find out what's new at the library each week at wowbrary.org.

Collection Development

Tyler Memorial Library strives to meet the needs of community members 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.

Library Statistics

Patron visits are defined as use of the library during open hours to obtain resources. The Library Statistics below reflect usage of the library for the Fiscal Year 2023, which ended June 30, 2023. When looking at these numbers please note that the Wi-Fi provider has reported an issue with collecting statistics, which explains the jump in numbers in 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 and FY2022, as is circulation.

	Number of Patron Visits to Library	Number of Library Program Participants	Number of Wi-Fi Sessions
FY 2020	1,363	122	394
FY 2021	569	0	1,583
FY 2022	833	0	241
FY 2023	1,147	187	301

Circulation	Adults	Young Adults	Children	Totals
FY 2020	3,917	63	272	4,252
FY 2021	2,417	21	69	2,507
FY 2022	2,637	49	222	2,908
FY 2023	3,839	76	397	4,312

Friends of the Library Group

A group of Charlemont and Hawley residents has written bylaws and begun to submit an application for 501(c)(3) status for a Friends of the Tyler Memorial Library. Contact the Library Director, Kim Gabert, at charlemont.hawley.library@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the Friends of the Tyler Memorial Library.

Tyler Memorial Library Board of Trustees

Tyler Memorial Library Trustee Chair Evie Locke, Trustees Esther Haskell and Andrea Santos, and Hawley Representative Lisa Johnson meet every four to six weeks and provide guidance and assistance in all areas of library function.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Gabert
Library Director