

## **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, Elizabeth Van Iderstine, is often in the office on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 339-5518 first if you wish to see her then. Otherwise, she is 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 (414-339-5518). She is also available by appointment or email ([treasurer@townofhawley.com](mailto:treasurer@townofhawley.com)).



Town of  
HAWLEY  
Massachusetts



2025  
Annual Town Report



Annual Town Report  
By the Town Officers



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## DEDICATION



Selectmen Will Cosby, Hussain Hamdan, and Bob MacLean would like to dedicate this Town Report to the memory of lifelong Hawley resident George Rice (1941-2025).

George was Hawley's longtime constable and helped the town out myriad times, perhaps most memorably after the Ice Storm of 2008 and Tropical Storm Irene in 2011. For years he mowed town roads using his John Deere tractor and cutter bar. He worked for Hawley with his backhoe and excavator in numerous capacities. And, as his daughter Carla remembered, "He was always on hand to offer the highway crew advice, solicited or not."

George had a sly sense of humor and an unbeatable work ethic. He loved his family, his friends, his fields, and his machinery. Toward the end of his life he had trouble walking, but once he got on a tractor he rode through Hawley once more with energy and pride. We miss him.

## **TOWN OFFICIALS – ELECTED**

### Selectmen/Board of Health (3-year term)

Williams Cosby, Chair	Term expires 2026
Hussain Hamdan	Term expires 2028
Robert MacLean	Term expires 2027

### Town Clerk (3-year term)

Ellie Van Iderstine, interim	Term expires 2026
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### Assessors (3-year term)

Ed Brady, Chair	Term expires 2028
Wayne Lemoine	Term expires 2026
Jeff Carantit	Term expires 2027

### Hawlemont School Committee (3-year term)

Ken Bertsch	Term expires 2026
Peggy Travers	Term expires 2027
Kiley Turner	Term expires 2028

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

Suzanne Crawford	Term expires 2028
Robert Sears	Term expires 2026

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

Suzanne Crawford	Term expires 2028
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### Moderator

Scott Purinton	Term expires 2026
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### Auditor

Ashley Harrison	Term expires 2026
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**TOWN OFFICIALS - APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN**

(Unless otherwise indicated, terms are for 1 year)

Treasurer & Tax Title Custodian

Virginia Gabert

Tax Collector (3-yr term)

Elizabeth Nichols

Term expires 2026

Administrative Assistant/Gal Friday

Tinky Weisblat

Highway Superintendent /Tree Warden

Gary Mitchell

Term expires 2026

Police Chief

Jason Pelletier

Term expires 2026

Fire Chief/ Forest Fire Warden

Gregory Cox

Term expires 2026

Animal Control Officer

Chris Tirone

Term expires 2027

Constables

Chris Tirone

Term expires 2026

Tinky Weisblat

Term expires 2026

Inspectors:

Franklin County (FC) Cooperative Building Inspector Program

Inspector of Animals

Chris Tirone

Term expires 2027

Representative to Veterans Service Center

Chris Tirone

Term expires 2026

**BOARDS AND COMMITTEES -APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN**

(Unless otherwise indicated, terms are for one year)

Planning Board (5-year term)

Kimberly Orzechowski, Chair	Term expires 2027
Lloyd Crawford	Term expires 2028
Kathryn Sternstein	Term expires 2027
Peter Beck	Term expires 2028
Brittany Wolcott	Term expires 2026

Board of Appeals (Selectboard - 3-year term)

(vacant)	Term expires 2028
(vacant)	Term expires 2027
(vacant)	Term expires 2026

Conservation Commission (3-year term)

Lloyd Crawford, Chair	Term expires 2027
Charlie MacLean	Term expires 2028
Williams Cosby	Term expires 2027
Gerard McCarthy	Term expires 2028
Ashley Harrison	Term expires 2026

Historical Commission (3-year term)

John Sears, Chair	Term expires 2028
Brandon Root	Term expires 2026
Hussain Hamdan	Term expires 2028
Suzy Groden	Term expires 2026

Registrar of Voters (term expires March 31)

Elizabeth Van Iderstine	Chris Tirone
Melanie Poudrier	Christine Kimball

Election Officers (term expires August 31)

Peter Beck	Ken Bertsch	Juanita Clark
Will Cosby	Gloria Decker	Maria Desmarais
Laura Fau	Suzy Groden	Anne Hamilton-Kean
Christine Hicks	Joanne MacLean	Lorraine McCarthy
Paul Norcross	Melanie Poudrier	Robert Sears
Alyssa Tanner	Peggy Travers	Beth Thwing
Lark Thwing	Marie Wargo	Tinky Weisblat

<p>“ Council on Aging</p> <p>Jennifer Rich, Chair</p> <p>Nicole Polier</p> <p>Susan Draves</p>	<p>Term expires 2026</p> <p>Term expires 2026</p> <p>Term expires 2026</p>
<p>Burial Agent (1-year term)</p> <p>Elizabeth Van Iderstine</p>	<p>Term expires 2026</p>
<p>Measurer of Wood and Surveyor of Lumber</p> <p>Gregory Cox</p>	<p>Term expires 2026</p>
<p>Agricultural Commission (3-year term)</p> <p>Peter Mitchell, Chair</p> <p>Liz Billings</p> <p>Kimberly Orzechowski</p> <p>Gus Tafel</p>	<p>Term expires 2026</p> <p>Term expires 2028</p> <p>Term expires 2027</p> <p>Term expires 2026</p>
<p>Communications Committee (3-year term)</p> <p>Wayne Lemoine, Chair</p> <p>Peter Beck</p> <p>Hussain Hamdan</p> <p>Tinky Weisblat</p>	<p>Term expires 2027</p> <p>Term expires 2026</p> <p>Term expires 2026</p> <p>Term expires 2026</p>
<p>Personnel Committee (3-year term)</p> <p>John Sears, Chair</p> <p>Robert Sears</p> <p>Will Cosby</p>	<p>Term expires 2026</p> <p>Term expires 2027</p> <p>Term expires 2028</p>

Town Counsel - Donna MacNicol

**TOWN OFFICIALS - APPOINTED BY MODERATOR**

<p>Finance Committee: (5-year term)</p> <p>Lloyd Crawford, Chair</p> <p>Ken Bertsch</p> <p>Brittany Wolcott</p> <p>Jane Grant</p> <p>Hussain Hamdan</p>	<p>Term expires 2026</p> <p>Term expires 2028</p> <p>Term expires 2027</p> <p>Term expires 2028</p> <p>Term expires 2027</p>
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*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.*



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**Town of Hawley  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION WARRANT  
May 4, 2026**

FRANKLIN SS:

To Chris Tirone & Tinky Weisblat, Constables 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 4th day of May 2026.

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 (3-year term)  
Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee (3-year term)  
Moderator (1 year term)

The following question is to be voted upon:

Shall the town vote to have its elected TOWN CLERK become an appointed TOWN CLERK of the town?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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.



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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**Town of Hawley**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**Monday, May 11, 2026**

There follows a list of business to come before the Annual Town Meeting on May 11, 2026. **This is a preliminary warrant, and the final warrant, as posted, may contain additions and alterations.**

A seven o'clock in the evening on Monday the eleventh day of May 2026 the meeting will convene at the Town Office to act on the following articles:

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

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

Salaries to be voted on are as follows:

Chairman of Selectboard	2,180.00
Selectboard members (2)	1,953.00
Town Clerk	10,016.00
Chairman of Assessors	1,578.00
Assessors' Members (2)	1,347.00
Auditor	144.00
Moderator	144.00

**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 **\$714,896**. (This article will be voted on by Department, or by line. Any balances remaining in these appropriations will close to Surplus Revenue at the end of the year).

<b>line #</b>	<b>Department/Acct Name</b>	<b>FY26 Budget</b>	<b>FY27 Proposed</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Moderator</b>	<b>140.00</b>	<b>144.00</b>
2	Salaries & wages	140.00	145.00
<b>3</b>	<b>Board of Selectmen</b>	<b>28,330.00</b>	<b>28,979.00</b>
4	Salaries & wages	22,280.00	22,904.00
5	Expenses	4,400.00	4,325.00
6	Drug & Alcohol testing	400.00	500.00
7	Town Reports	750.00	750.00
8	Board of Health expenses	500.00	500.00
<b>9</b>	<b>Finance Committee</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>150.00</b>
10	Expenses	150.00	150.00
<b>11</b>	<b>Town Auditor</b>	<b>140.00</b>	<b>144.00</b>
12	Salaries & wages	140.00	144.00
<b>13</b>	<b>Board of Assessors</b>	<b>14,505.00</b>	<b>29,527.00</b>
14	Salaries & wages	4,155.00	19,577.00
15	Expenses	10,350.00	9,950.00
	(Assessors salaries and wages will now include the compensation for the Assessors Clerk - previously covered by the Treasurer.)		
<b>16</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>47,665.00</b>	<b>33,910.00</b>
17	Salaries & wages	44,665.00	30,610.00
18	Expenses	3,000.00	3,300.00
	(Treasurer salaries and wages will no longer include the compensation for the Assessors Clerk.)		
<b>19</b>	<b>Collector</b>	<b>12,102.00</b>	<b>12,455.00</b>
20	Salaries & wages	7,422.00	7,630.00
21	Expenses	4,680.00	4,825.00
<b>22</b>	<b>Technology/Internet</b>	<b>2,675.00</b>	<b>2,675.00</b>
23	Expenses	2,675.00	2,675.00
	(Includes proposed changes to website/ domain hosting/ email server.)		
<b>24</b>	<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>10,494.00</b>	<b>10,766.00</b>
25	Salaries & wages	9,744.00	10,016.00
26	Expenses	750.00	750.00
	(Election compensation and expenses are in a separate article.)		
<b>27</b>	<b>Town Buildings</b>	<b>8,775.00</b>	<b>9,775.00</b>
28	Purchased Services	750.00	750.00
29	Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00

30	Expenses	8,025.00	9,025.00
<b>31</b>	<b>Employee Benefits</b>	<b>85,000.00</b>	<b>96,307.00</b>
32	Insurance	42,450.00	52,000.00
33	Retirement	42,550.00	44,307.00
<b>34</b>	<b>Police Department</b>	<b>1,586.00</b>	<b>1,624.00</b>
35	Salaries & wages	1,336.00	1,374.00
36	Expenses	250.00	250.00
<b>37</b>	<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>48,918.00</b>	<b>49,598.00</b>
38	Salaries & wages	10,568.00	10,648.00
39	Purchased Services	3,100.00	3,000.00
40	Repairs & Maintenance	9,750.00	10,250.00
41	Expenses	7,500.00	7,700.00
42	EMS	13,000.00	13,000.00
43	Capital outlay	5,000.00	5,000.00
<b>44</b>	<b>Emergency Management</b>	<b>1,820.00</b>	<b>1,902.00</b>
45	Salaries & wages	1,170.00	1,202.00
46	Purchased Services	150.00	200.00
47	Expenses	500.00	500.00
<b>48</b>	<b>Franklin Reg Co of Govts</b>	<b>11,193.00</b>	<b>11,783.00</b>
49	FRCOG Assessments	11,193.00	11,783.00
<b>50</b>	<b>DPW - Highway</b>	<b>308,360.00</b>	<b>339,150.00</b>
51	Salaries & wages	171,000.00	194,600.00
52	Repairs & Maintenance	57,500.00	62,000.00
53	Expenses - Roads	74,500.00	77,500.00
54	Expenses - Garage	5,360.00	5,050.00
55	DPW Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00
<b>56</b>	<b>Solid Waste</b>	<b>28,652.00</b>	<b>27,852.00</b>
57	Expenses	28,652.00	27,852.00
<b>58</b>	<b>Animal Inspector</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>
59	Expenses	200.00	200.00
<b>60</b>	<b>Animal Control Officer</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>
61	Expenses	200.00	200.00
<b>62</b>	<b>Veterans Services</b>	<b>3,300.00</b>	<b>3,400.00</b>
63	District Assessment	1,100.00	1,200.00
64	Veterans Benefits	2,000.00	2,000.00
65	Veterans Expenses	200.00	200.00
<b>66</b>	<b>Boards, Committees</b>	<b>4,650.00</b>	<b>8,150.00</b>

67	Conservation Comm Expenses	1,400.00	3,300.00	
68	Planning Board Expenses	400.00	2,000.00	
69	Zoning Bd of Appeals Expenses	50.00	50.00	
70	Council on Aging - Grant match	400.00	400.00	
71	Tyler Memorial Library	2,400.00	2,400.00	
<b>72</b>	<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>41,200.00</b>	<b>41,200.00</b>	
73	Prop & Liability insurance	33,000.00	33,000.00	
74	Surety bonds	900.00	900.00	
75	Mass. Unemployment	500.00	300.00	
76	FICA/Medicare	7,000.00	7,000.00	
<b>87</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>661,055.00</b>	<b>714,896.00</b>	<b>8.14%</b>

**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 **\$676,165**. (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>FY26 Budget</u>	<u>FY27 Proposed</u>	
<b>88</b>	<b>School - Vocational</b>	<b>70,000.00</b>	<b>190,000.00</b>	
89	Transportation	20,000.00	55,000.00	
90	Tuition	50,000.00	135,000.00	
<b>91</b>	<b>School - Hawlemont</b>	<b>256,079.00</b>	<b>234,221.00</b>	
92	Operating assessment	243,531.00	222,941.00	
93	Transportation	12,548.00	11,280.00	
94	Capital outlay	0.00	0.00	
<b>95</b>	<b>School - MTRSD</b>	<b>243,681.00</b>	<b>251,944.00</b>	
96	Operating assessment	217,164.00	227,045.00	
97	Transportation	21,811.00	20,395.00	
98	Capital outlay	4,706.00	4,504.00	
	(note: Transportation included in FY25 Operating)			
<b>99</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>569,760.00</b>	<b>676,165.00</b>	<b>18.68%</b>

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to carry forward any balance in the FY26 Vocational Tuition and Vocational Transportation accounts to the FY27 respective accounts, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 6:** 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 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the Legal Services account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 to the Assessors Revaluation account, to be used for the FY2030 revaluation, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 for the Internet Access (installation and equipment) account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for the Website/Domain Hosting account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,225 for Election Expenses (\$3,500 for Election Officers Compensation; \$725 for Election Expenses) 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 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750 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 \$1,000 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 \$220 for the Accrued Vacation Pay Fund account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums for the Fire Station Building Improvements account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the DPW Employment Expenses 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 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for the Care of Cemeteries Account, under the oversight of the Historical Commission, with any balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year to be transferred into the Care of Cemeteries Trust, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 18:** To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of up to \$36,000 from Highway Stabilization Fund to cover FY26 Snow Roads overage, and to return any sum unexpended back to Highway Stabilization, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum for the Highway Department Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 20:** 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 21:** 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 22:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$10,000 from the General Stabilization Fund, to be spent at the discretion of the Selectboard for the purposes of grant match or procurement of services to aid in the development of grant proposals, with any funds unexpended or uncommitted by contractual agreement as of June 30 to be returned to the General Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 23:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$20,000 from the General Stabilization Fund to cover interest expenses on short term borrowing, with any unexpended funds to be returned to the General Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 24:** 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, 2026, 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 25:** 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 26:** 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, 2026, 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.

**Article 27:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$4,069 from Free Cash to cover the overage in FY26 Health Insurance account, or take any other action in relations thereto.

**Article 28:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of up to \$10,000 from Fire Stabilization Fund to cover the heater replacement at the Fire Station, or take any other action in relation thereto.

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



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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Town of Hawley  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, May 12, 2025**

**Annual Town Election Results: May 5, 2025**

Selectmen/Board of Health – 3 years	Hussain Hamdan
Assessor – 3 years	Ed Brady
Auditor – 1 year	Ashley Harrison
Moderator – 1 year	Scott Purinton
Town Clerk – 3 years	<i>Invalid – Non-Resident</i>
Hawlemont School Committee – 3 years	Kiley Turner
Hawlemont Non-Parent Rep – 1 year	Suzanne Crawford
Mohawk K-12 Rep – 3 years	Suzanne Crawford
Mohawk K-12 Rep – 1 year	Robert Sears

**The Annual Town Meeting was called to order on May 12, 2025 at 7:00 pm by Moderator Scott Purinton. 21 voters were in attendance, as well as 5 non-residents. The meeting was held in the parking lot of Hawley Town Offices.**

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

**Unanimously 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.

Salaries to be voted on are as follows:

Chairman of Selectboard	2,120.00
Selectboard members (2)	1,900.00
Town Clerk	9,744.00
Chairman of Assessors	1,535.00
Assessors' Members (2)	1,310.00
Auditor	140.00
Moderator	140.00

**Unanimously Approved.**

**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 **\$661,055.** (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).

<b>line #</b>	<b>Department/Acct Name</b>	<b>FY25 Budget</b>	<b>FY26 Proposed</b>	<b>% change</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Moderator</b>	<b>135.00</b>	<b>140.00</b>	<b>3.85%</b>
4	Salaries & wages	135.00	140.00	3.85%
<b>3</b>	<b>Board of Selectmen</b>	<b>26,890.00</b>	<b>28,330.00</b>	<b>5.36%</b>
4	Salaries & wages	21,665.00	22,280.00	2.84%
5	Expenses	3,575.00	4,400.00	23.08%
6	Drug & Alcohol testing	400.00	400.00	0.00%
7	Town Reports	750.00	750.00	0.00%
8	Board of Health expenses	500.00	500.00	0.00%
<b>9</b>	<b>Finance Committee</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
10	Expenses	150.00	150.00	0.00%
<b>11</b>	<b>Town Auditor</b>	<b>135.00</b>	<b>140.00</b>	<b>3.70%</b>
12	Salaries & wages	135.00	140.00	3.70%
<b>13</b>	<b>Board of Assessors</b>	<b>14,145.00</b>	<b>14,505.00</b>	<b>2.55%</b>
14	Salaries & wages	4,045.00	4,155.00	2.72%
15	Expenses	10,100.00	10,350.00	2.48%
<b>16</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>46,350.00</b>	<b>47,665.00</b>	<b>2.84%</b>
17	Salaries & wages	43,450.00	44,665.00	2.80%
18	Expenses	2,900.00	3,000.00	3.45%
<b>19</b>	<b>Collector</b>	<b>11,292.00</b>	<b>12,102.00</b>	<b>7.17%</b>
20	Salaries & wages	7,220.00	7,422.00	2.80%
21	Expenses	4,072.00	4,680.00	14.93%
<b>22</b>	<b>Technology/Internet</b>	<b>3,100.00</b>	<b>2,675.00</b>	<b>-13.71%</b>
23	Expenses	3,100.00	2,675.00	-13.71%
<b>24</b>	<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>10,225.00</b>	<b>10,494.00</b>	<b>2.63%</b>
25	Salaries & wages	9,475.00	9,744.00	2.84%
26	Expenses	750.00	750.00	0.00%
	(Election compensation and expenses moved to separate article.)			
<b>27</b>	<b>Town Buildings</b>	<b>8,875.00</b>	<b>9,775.00</b>	<b>10.14%</b>
28	Purchased Services	750.00	750.00	0.00%
29	Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00%
30	Expenses	8,125.00	9,025.00	11.08%

<b>31</b>	<b>Employee Benefits</b>	<b>77,968.00</b>	<b>85,000.00</b>	<b>9.02%</b>
32	Insurance	36,200.00	42,450.00	17.27%
33	Retirement	41,768.00	42,550.00	1.87%
<b>34</b>	<b>Police Department</b>	<b>1,550.00</b>	<b>1,586.00</b>	<b>2.32%</b>
35	Salaries & wages	1,300.00	1,336.00	2.77%
36	Expenses	250.00	250.00	0.00%
<b>37</b>	<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>43,790.00</b>	<b>48,918.00</b>	<b>11.71%</b>
38	Salaries & wages	7,940.00	10,568.00	33.10%
39	Purchased Services	3,100.00	3,100.00	0.00%
40	Repairs & Maintenance	9,750.00	9,750.00	0.00%
41	Expenses	8,300.00	7,500.00	-9.64%
42	EMS	13,500.00	13,000.00	-3.7%
43	Capital outlay	1,200.00	5,000.00	416.66%
<b>44</b>	<b>Emergency Management</b>	<b>1,390.00</b>	<b>1,820.00</b>	<b>30.94%</b>
45	Salaries & wages	1,140.00	1,170.00	2.63%
46	Purchased Services	150.00	150.00	0.00%
47	Expenses	100.00	500.00	500.00%
<b>48</b>	<b>Franklin Reg Co of Govts</b>	<b>10,838.00</b>	<b>11,193.00</b>	<b>3.28%</b>
49	FRCOG Assessments	10,838.00	11,193.00	3.28%
<b>50</b>	<b>DPW - Highway</b>	<b>277,550.00</b>	<b>308,360.00</b>	<b>11.10%</b>
51	Salaries & wages	153,000.00	171,000.00	11.76%
52	Repairs & Maintenance	47,000.00	57,500.00	22.34%
53	Expenses - Roads	72,500.00	74,500.00	2.76%
54	Expenses - Garage	5,050.00	5,360.00	6.14%
55	DPW Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00%
	(Care of Cemeteries moved to separate article)			
<b>56</b>	<b>Solid Waste</b>	<b>28,402.00</b>	<b>28,652.00</b>	<b>0.88%</b>
57	Expenses	28,402.00	28,652.00	0.88%
<b>58</b>	<b>Animal Inspector</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
59	Expenses	200.00	200.00	0.00%
<b>60</b>	<b>Animal Control Officer</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
61	Expenses	100.00	200.00	100.00%
<b>62</b>	<b>Veterans Services</b>	<b>3,157.45</b>	<b>3,300.00</b>	<b>4.51%</b>
63	District assessment	1,007.45	1,100.00	9.19%
64	Veterans Benefits	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00%
65	Veterans expenses	150.00	200.00	33.33%
<b>66</b>	<b>Boards, Committees</b>	<b>3,400.00</b>	<b>4,650.00</b>	<b>36.76%</b>
67	Conservation Comm Expenses	150.00	1,400.00	933%
68	Planning Board Expenses	400.00	400.00	0.00%

69	Zoning Bd of Appeals Expenses	50.00	50.00	0.00%
70	Council on Aging - Grant match	400.00	400.00	0.00%
71	Tyler Memorial Library	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00%
<b>72</b>	<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>38,900.00</b>	<b>41,200.00</b>	<b>5.91%</b>
73	Prop & Liability insurance	30,000.00	33,000.00	11%
74	Surety bonds	900.00	900.00	0.00%
75	Mass. Unemployment	500.00	300.00	-40.00%
76	FICA/Medicare	7,500.00	7,000.00	-0.07%
<b>87</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>608,542.45</b>	<b>661,055.00</b>	<b>8.63%</b>

**Unanimously Approved.**

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following school general operation appropriations, or take any other action in relation thereto. Total for Article 4 is **\$569,760**. (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>FY25 Budget</u>	<u>FY26 Proposed</u>	<u>% Change</u>
88	<b>School - Vocational</b>	<b>104,500.00</b>	<b>70,000.00</b>	<b>-33.00%</b>
89	Transportation	40,000.00	20,000.00	-50.00%
90	Tuition	64,500.00	50,000.00	-22.40%
<b>91</b>	<b>School - Hawlemont</b>	<b>255,999.00</b>	<b>256,079.00</b>	<b>0.03%</b>
92	Operating assessment	242,753.00	243,531.00	0.32%
93	Transportation	13,246.00	12,548.00	-0.53%
94	Capital outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00%
<b>95</b>	<b>School - MTRSD</b>	<b>247,232.00</b>	<b>243,681.00</b>	<b>-0.14%</b>
96	Operating assessment	216,579.00	217,164.00	0.03%
97	Transportation	24,972.00	21,811.00	-12.66%
98	Capital outlay	5,681.00	4,706.00	-17.16%
	(note: Transportation included in FY25 Operating)			
<b>99</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$607,731.00</b>	<b>569,760.00</b>	<b>-6.2%</b>

**Unanimously Approved.**

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to carry forward any balance in the FY25 Vocational Tuition and Vocational Transportation accounts to the FY26 respective accounts, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Unanimously Approved.**

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the Continuing Education for Town Officials account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Unanimously Approved.**

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 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.

**Unanimously Approved.**

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 to the Assessors Revaluation account, to be used for the FY2030 revaluation, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Unanimously Approved.**

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$160 for the Internet Access (installation and equipment) account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Unanimously Approved.**

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,725 for Election Expenses (\$3,000 for Election Officers Compensation; \$725 for Election Expenses) 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.

**Unanimously Approved.**

**Article 11:** 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.

**Unanimously Approved.**

**Article 12:** 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.

**Unanimously Approved.**

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,300 for the Fire Station Building Improvements account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Unanimously Approved.**

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 for the Care of Cemeteries Account, to be under the oversight of the Historical Commission, with any balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year to be transferred into the Care of Cemeteries Trust, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Unanimously Approved.**

**Article 15:** 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.

**Unanimously Approved.**

**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.

**Unanimously Approved.**

**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.

**Unanimously Approved.**

**Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from Free Cash to a fund to be spent at the discretion of the Selectboard for the purposes of grant match or procurement of services to aid in the development of grant proposals, with any funds unexpended or uncommitted by contractual agreement as of June 30 are to be added to the General Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Unanimously Approved.**

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$25,000 from Free Cash to the Fire Department Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Unanimously Approved.**

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$45,000 from Free Cash to the Highway Department Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Unanimously Approved.**

**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.

**Unanimously Approved.**

**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, 2025, 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.

**Unanimously Approved.**

**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.

**Unanimously Approved.**

**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. **The article was moved & seconded, and an amendment moved and seconded to correct the wording to July 1, 2025. The amended article passed unanimously.**

**Article 25:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt and enact the amendments to the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) Charter, said amendment(s) having been proposed by a two-thirds majority of the weighted vote of the full membership of the FRCOG Council and a majority vote of the FRCOG Executive Committee, with said amendment(s) taking full effect immediately upon adoption by two-thirds of the member towns unless a later effective date is otherwise specified; or take any action relative thereto. A two-thirds majority vote by this town meeting is required for adoption and enactment of this article. (Amendments will be available at the Town Office and on the website).

**Unanimously Approved.**

**Article 26:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide \$1,324 for Hawley's portion of a capital project at the Mohawk Trail Regional School District (the emergency replacement of the hot water heater at Mohawk Trail Regional School in November 2024), or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Unanimously Approved.**

**Article 27:** To transact any other business that legally may come before the Town Meeting. **There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Elizabeth Van Iderstine  
Interim Hawley Town Clerk**

**Town of Hawley**  
**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, June 23, 2025**

A Special Town Meeting was called to order on Monday June 23, 2025, at 7 p.m. by Moderator Scott Purinton. 15 voters were in attendance, as well as 3 non-residents. The meeting was held inside Hawley Town Offices.

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$3041.60 from Free Cash to the FY25 Propane/Pellets-Garage account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**The motion was moved and seconded, followed by brief rationale behind the transfer: an extra sand delivery over the winter. The motion passed unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum not to exceed \$25,000 from the Vocational Stabilization Fund to the FY26 Vocational expenses accounts, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**The motion was moved and seconded. A motion was made by the Town Treasurer to amend the article to remove the line "not to exceed" and replace with "of." The motion to amend was seconded and approved unanimously. The amended motion "To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$25,000 from the Vocational Stabilization Fund to the FY26 Vocational expenses accounts, or take any other action in relation thereto." was unanimously approved.**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum not to exceed \$48,300 from available funds to offset FY25 Snow Roads overages, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**The motion was moved and seconded. Discussion occurred over the "available funds" and where in the budget they would be located. A motion was made and seconded to transfer \$16000 to the Snow Roads budget line: \$8000 from Free Cash, and \$8000 from stabilization. The motion to approve the transfers passed unanimously. A motion was made and seconded to amend the article to reflect the approved transfers. The motion to amend passed unanimously. A motion was made and seconded to move the article as amended "To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$8000 from free cash, and \$8000 from stabilization to offset FY25 Snow Roads overages, or take any other action in relation thereto." The article as amended was unanimously approved.**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Elizabeth Van Iderstine, Interim Hawley Town Clerk**

## Tax Collector's Report

	BALANCE 07/01/24	COMMITTED AFTER 06/30/24	COLLECTED	ABATED	EXEMPTED	REFUNDED	TAX TAKINGS	BALANCE
REAL								
ESTATE								
FY 2026		\$488,386.35	\$4,267.92					\$484,118.43
FY 2025		\$976,541.97	\$907,070.14	\$0.00	\$14,429.86	\$6,419.08	\$8,399.21	\$53,071.84
FY 2024	\$35,068.91	\$0.00	\$34,494.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$574.20	\$0.00
PERSONAL								
PROPERTY								
FY 2026		\$31,112.52	\$133.80					\$30,978.72
FY 2025		\$54,593.98	\$54,660.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$133.35
FY 2024	\$11,305.18	\$0.00	\$11,305.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
FY 2023	\$104.34	\$0.00	\$104.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
FY 2022	\$52.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$52.56
FY 2021	\$14.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$14.65
MOTOR								
VEHICLE								
EXCISE								
FY 2025	\$0.00	\$39,536.92	\$33,451.30	\$1,146.68		\$398.35		\$5,337.29
FY 2024	\$3,249.88	\$3,015.15	\$5,338.85	\$116.03		\$116.03		\$926.18
FY 2023	\$844.98	\$0.00	\$567.15	\$0.00		\$215.98		\$483.81
FY 2022	\$673.31	\$0.00	\$245.88	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$427.43
FY 2021	\$18.56	\$0.00	\$18.56	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
FY 2020	\$80.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$80.73
FY 2019	\$51.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$51.25

## Treasurer's Report

Our budget-setting process is well underway for FY27. Whereas an effort has been made to continue to minimize the tax burden while providing the services needed in town and keeping up with the changing times, as we are nearing the end of FY26 we are seeing increased expected expenses and reduced reserves along with a reduction in Free Cash.

Financial reports on the next pages provide the following information:

- **FY26 Budget Overview:** An overview of FY25 and FY26 approved budgets – where the money is coming from and where it is going.
- **FY25 Budget:** Shows the actual expenditures from FY23 and FY24 and approved appropriations for FY25 by Department and account category, followed by a report showing the funding sources for each item, including any balances carried from FY24.
- **Accounting of Free Cash FY25:** Shows the amount of Free Cash certified, how much was used, and for what purpose.
- **Surplus Revenue FY25:** 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.
- **FY25 Balance Sheet**

Respectfully submitted,  
Virginia Gabert, Treasurer/Financial Administrator

## Hawley FY26 Budget Overview

Revenues	FY25 Approved Budget	FY26 Proposed Budget
Property Tax Levy	1,027,241	1,034,397
State Aid	166,137	172,428
Local Receipts	59,450	59,500
Free Cash	64,000	104,000
Free Cash to offset tax rate	0	0
Transfer from General Stabilization	0	0
Transfer from Highway Stabiliz.	10,000	0
Transfer from Fire Stabilization	0	0
Transfer from Voc Stabilization	20,000	0
Chapter 90	160,000	298,690
Balances carried forward	154,720	134,403
	1,661,548	1,803,418
 Appropriations		
Fiscal Year Budget	1,266,781	1,259,625
To Stabilization	60,000	100,000
Prior Year Overages	0	0
Balances carried forward	154,720	134,403
Chapter 90	160,000	298,690
	1,641,501	1,783,240
 Other amounts to be raised (Not on Proposed Budget)		
Amt Certified for Tax Title	5,000	5,000
*Cherry sheet charges/offset	5,186	5,178
**Allowance for overlay	9,861	10,000
	20,047	20,178
	1,661,548	1,803,418

\$ change:	overall	141,870	levy	7,156
% change:	overall	8.54%	levy	0.70%

difference (revenue - appropriations) 0 0

\*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.

## FY26 BUDGET

The first part of this report shows the actual expenditures by Department for the past two years (FY24 and FY25) followed by the FY26 budget as approved at the May 2025 Annual Town Meeting. The second part shows the funding sources.

Town of Hawley		FY24	FY25	FY26
Department	Acct Name	Expended	Expended	Budget
Moderator	Salaries & wages	130.00	135.00	140.00
<b>Board of Selectmen</b>				
	Salaries & wages			
	Selectboard chair	2,000.00	2,060.00	2,120.00
	Selectboard member (2)	3,580.00	3,690.00	3,800.00
	Administrative Assistant	14,421.92	14,480.10	16,360.00
	<b>Expenses</b>			
	Dues (MMA; FCSA)	554.00	589.00	600.00
	Supplies	349.76	498.46	750.00
	Gen. Town Office supplies	155.95	250.94	750.00
	Building supplies	0.00	151.62	250.00
	School Committee expenses	500.00	500.00	1,300.00
	Office Equipment Maintenance	340.00	340.00	750.00
	<b>Drug &amp; Alcohol testing</b>	<b>333.00</b>	<b>382.10</b>	<b>400.00</b>
	<b>Legal Service**</b>	<b>225.00</b>	<b>475.00</b>	<b>2,318.45</b>
	<b>Town Reports</b>	<b>494.00</b>	<b>597.00</b>	<b>1,300.00</b>
	<b>Board of Health expenses</b>	<b>470.64</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>750.00</b>
	<b>Continuing Ed**</b>	<b>1,355.96</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>
	Grant Match (balance to Stabilization)			10,000.00
<b>Finance Committee</b>				
	<b>Expenses</b>			
	Dues	90.00	93.00	100.00
	Supplies	0.00		50.00
	Reserve Fund **			2,000.00
<b>Town Auditor</b>				
	Salaries & wages	130.00	135.00	140.00
	Independent Audit**			18,840.00
<b>Board of Assessors</b>				
	Salaries & wages			

	Assessors Chair	1,450.00	1,495.00	1,535.00
	Assessor member (2)	2,480.00	2,550.00	2,620.00
	<b>Expenses</b>			
	Dues	3,264.60	340.00	350.00
	Supplies/mapping	340.00	511.66	5,000.00
	Software	4,018.14	8,649.05	4,500.00
	Assessors Training/seminars			500.00
	Assessors Reval**	229.27	3,310.91	2,000.00
<b>Treasurer</b>				
	<b>Salaries &amp; wages</b>			
	Financial Administrator	39,937.48	37,989.00	44,665.00
	<b>Expenses</b>			
	Dues	100.00	345.17	750.00
	Supplies	410.42	110.00	200.00
	Software	1,891.11	2,478.07	2,050.00
	Tax Title & Foreclosure Exp**	2,801.35	1,636.76	23,666.19
<b>Collector</b>				
	<b>Salaries &amp; wages</b>	<b>7,010.00</b>	<b>7,220.00</b>	<b>7,422.00</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>			
	Supplies	908.82	60.00	80.00
	Dues	70.00	987.00	1,100.00
	Software	2,438.01	2,511.15	2,750.00
	Computer replacement/IT Support		410.47	750.00
<b>Technology/Internet</b>				
	<b>Expenses</b>			
	Internet Service	659.40	659.40	675.00
	Internet Access (instal/equip)**	149.90	159.90	4,146.70
	Computer purchase	7,524.80	401.72	1,000.00
	Website/Domain hosting	462.17	755.16	4,220.04
	IT Support	212.50	360.00	500.00
<b>Town Clerk</b>				
	<b>Salaries &amp; wages</b>			
	Town Clerk	9,200.00	9,654.92	9,744.00
	Election officers	1,002.43	3,132.27	3,000.00
	<b>Expenses</b>			<b>0.00</b>

	Supplies	826.23	681.01	750.00
	Election expenses	140.47	331.62	1,143.38
<b>Town Buildings</b>				
	Purchased Services			750.00
	Repairs & Maintenance**	2,888.67	686.85	2,808.61
	<b>Expenses</b>			
	Propane			
	- office	409.63	350.55	600.00
	- garage (propane/pellets)	2,854.38	8,041.60	6,000.00
	Electricity			
	- office	0.00	0.00	200.00
	- garage	155.01	260.03	200.00
	Telephone			
	- office	740.02	738.70	800.00
	- garage	706.18	703.55	750.00
	Security	300.00	300.00	300.00
	Radio & maintenance			
	Street Lighting	160.69	174.88	175.00
<b>Employee Benefits</b>				
	<b>Insurance</b>			
	Health	23,847.00	25,980.00	31,200.00
	-Retiree Health	2,300.00	2,356.00	2,750.00
	Workers Comp	7,243.00	6,394.00	8,500.00
	Retirement	39,609.00	41,050.00	42,550.00
	Sick Pay fund (accrued sick pay) **			28,630.92
	Vacation time carried			4,373.52
<b>Police</b>				
	<b>Salaries &amp; wages</b>	1,260.00	1,300.00	1,336.00
	<b>Expenses</b>	234.86	138.88	250.00
<b>Fire</b>				
	<b>Salaries &amp; wages</b>			
	Chief	2,710.00	2,790.00	2,868.00
	Firefighters - call response	3,165.00	4,110.00	5,200.00
	Firefighters - mtgs/approv.training			2,500.00
	<b>Purchased Services</b>			
	Emergency Communication	3,047.68	2,998.90	3,100.00
	<b>Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>			

	Vehicles	7,504.85	2,154.65	7,500.00
	Equipment	382.95	811.83	1,000.00
	Building/hydrants	1,322.06	1,956.38	750.00
	Radio/pager costs	467.91		500.00
	<b>Expenses</b>			
	Propane	2,079.40	1,352.49	2,500.00
	Electricity	0.00		
	Telephone	322.29	322.16	350.00
	Technology	659.40	659.40	750.00
	Training	274.56		500.00
	Administration	730.46	568.96	400.00
	Operations	1,225.28	1,423.80	1,000.00
	Equipment replacement		347.04	2,000.00
	<b>EMS</b>			
	EMT equipment & supplies	1,363.95	1,697.73	10,000.00
	EMT education & certification	442.94	200.00	1,500.00
	Ambulance assessment	3,540.00	9,300.00	1,500.00
	<b>Capital outlay</b>			
	New equipment**			10,869.08
	Fire Station Building Improvements**		118.88	19,883.00
	Vehicle purchase			
	Grant match		243.56	5,000.00
	<b>Emergency Management</b>			
	<b>Salaries &amp; wages</b>	1,105.00	1,140.00	1,170.00
	<b>Purchased Services</b>			
	Regional Emerg. Planning Comm.	150.00	150.00	150.00
	<b>Expenses</b>			
	Emergency Management	-139.01	0.00	500.00
	<b>Fr Reg Co of Govts</b>			
	<b>FRCOG Assessments</b>			
	Building Inspection Program	4,600.00	4,600.00	4,873.00
	Cooperative Public Health	3,684.00	3,684.00	3,780.00
	Statutory Charges	150.00	140.00	140.00
	Regional Services	2,580.00	2,414.00	2,400.00
	<b>DPW - Highway</b>			
	<b>Salaries &amp; wages</b>			

	General Highways	101,787.15	95,849.74	114,000.00
	Snow & Ice (Snow Roads)	60,755.54	75,296.52	57,000.00
	<b>Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>			
	Fuel (gas; diesel)	22,521.45	15,938.87	25,000.00
	Machinery & Equipment	16,016.65	12,202.15	20,000.00
	Equipment repair - major	2,565.59		12,500.00
	<b>Expenses - Roads</b>			
	General Highways	9,702.44	11,415.87	20,000.00
	Snow & Ice (Snow Roads)	36,797.08	74,034.35	52,000.00
	Small Road Projects bal forw		1,259.79	2,570.16
	Tree maintenance			2,500.00
	<b>Expenses - Garage</b>			
	General building supplies	915.18	705.05	1,000.00
	Dues	1,270.00	1,195.00	1,310.00
	Technology	539.40	539.40	550.00
	Garage rep/maint	1,073.04	465.61	2,500.00
	<b>DPW Capital Outlay</b>			
	Surplus equipment			
	Equipment purchase	104,175.25	9,175.87	
	DPW building improvements			
	Stabilization	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
	<b>Historical Commission</b>			
	<b>Care of Cemeteries</b>	<b>2,540.00</b>	<b>3,508.92</b>	<b>3,500.00</b>
	<b>Solid Waste</b>			
	<b>Expenses</b>			
	Ashfield Transfer Station		38,304.00	19,152.00
	Franklin Cty Solid Waste Mgt District	1,700.00	1,769.96	2,000.00
	Tri-Town Landfill Maintenance	5,590.66	5,566.67	8,500.00
	<b>Animal Inspector</b>			
	Expenses		200.00	200.00
	<b>Animal Control Officer</b>			
	Expenses		100.00	200.00
	<b>Veterans Services</b>			
	<b>District assessment</b>	922.33	1,007.45	1,100.00
	<b>Veterans Benefits</b>			2,000.00

	<b>Veterans' expenses</b>	139.68	139.68	200.00
<b>Boards, Committees..</b>				
	<b>Conservation Comm</b>	268.77	140.21	1,400.00
	<b>Planning Board</b>			400.00
	<b>Zoning Bd of Appeals</b>			50.00
	<b>Council on Aging</b>	230.00	400.00	400.00
	<b>Tyler Memorial Library</b>	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
<b>Unclassified</b>				
	<b>Prop &amp; Liab insurance</b>	25,607.00	30,159.00	33,000.00
	<b>Surety bonds</b>	870.00	870.00	900.00
	<b>Massachusetts unemployment</b>	245.04	255.62	300.00
	<b>FICA/Medicare</b>	6,083.81	6,443.80	7,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		651,450.55	642,369.81	816,825.05
<b>EDUCATION</b>				
<b>School - Vocational</b>				
	<b>Transportation</b>	21,217.66	16,436.95	68,345.39
	<b>Tuition</b>	83,402.16	43,256.36	135,959.66
<b>School - Hawlemont</b>				
	<b>Operating assessment</b>			
	Hawlemont	283,010.00	245,403.20	243,531.00
	Transportation	8,699.00	10,596.80	12,548.00
	<b>Capital outlay</b>			
<b>School - MTRSD</b>				
	<b>Operating assessment</b>	188,477.00	216,578.00	217,164.00
	<b>Transportation</b>	13,603.00	24,972.00	21,811.00
	<b>Capital outlay</b>	4,870.00	5,637.00	6,030.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		603,278.82	562,880.31	705,389.05
	<b>Transfers to Stabilization Funds</b>	60,000.00	60,000.00	90,000.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		1,314,729.37	1,265,250.12	1,612,214.10

<b>Funding Sources FY26</b>							
<b>Town of Hawley</b>		<b>FY26 Budget</b>	<b>PriorBal Forward</b>	<b>Raise &amp; Approp.</b>	<b>Stabiliz. Funds</b>	<b>Free Cash</b>	<b>Recap</b>
<b>Dept.</b>	<b>Acct Name</b>						
<b>Moderator</b>	<b>Salaries &amp; wages</b>	140.00		140.00			
<b>Board of Selectmen</b>							
	<b>Salaries &amp; wages</b>						
	Selectboard chair	2,120.00		2,120.00			
	Selectboard member (2)	3,800.00		3,800.00			
	Administrative Assistant	16,360.00		16,360.00			
	<b>Expenses</b>						
	Dues (MMA; FCSA)	600.00		600.00			
	Supplies	750.00		750.00			
	Gen. Town Office supplies	750.00		750.00			
	Building supplies	250.00		250.00			
	School Committee expenses	1,300.00		1,300.00			
	Office Equipment Maintenance	750.00		750.00			
	<b>Drug &amp; Alcohol testing</b>	<b>400.00</b>		<b>400.00</b>			
	<b>Legal Service**</b>	<b>2,318.45</b>		<b>500.00</b>			
	<b>Town Reports</b>	<b>1,300.00</b>	<b>800.00</b>	<b>750.00</b>			
	<b>Board of Health expenses</b>	<b>750.00</b>		<b>500.00</b>			
	<b>Continuing Ed**</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>1,318.45</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>			
	Grant Match (bal to Stabilization)	10,000.00				10,000.00	
<b>Finance Committee</b>							
	<b>Expenses</b>						
	Dues	100.00		100.00			
	Supplies	50.00		50.00			
	Reserve Fund **	2,000.00				2,000.00	
<b>Town Auditor</b>							
	Salaries & wages	140.00		140.00			
	Independent Audit**	18,840.00	16,840.00			2,000.00	
<b>Board of Assessors</b>							
	<b>Salaries &amp; wages</b>						
	Assessors Chair	1,535.00		1,535.00			
	Assessor member (2)	2,620.00		2,620.00			

	<b>Expenses</b>					
	Dues	350.00		350.00		
	Supplies/mapping	5,000.00		5,000.00		
	Software	4,500.00		4,500.00		
	Assessors Training/seminars	500.00		500.00		
	Assessors Reval**	2,000.00		2,000.00		
<b>Treasurer</b>						
	<b>Salaries &amp; wages</b>					
	Financial Administrator	44,665.00		44,665.00		
	<b>Expenses</b>					
	Dues	750.00		750.00		
	Supplies	200.00		200.00		
	Software	2,050.00		2,050.00		
	Tax Title & Foreclosure Exp**	23,666.19	20,666.19			3,000.00
<b>Collector</b>						
	<b>Salaries &amp; wages</b>	<b>7,422.00</b>		<b>7,422.00</b>		
	<b>Expenses</b>					
	Supplies	80.00		80.00		
	Dues	1,100.00		1,100.00		
	Software	2,750.00		2,750.00		
	Computer replacement/IT Support	750.00		750.00		
	<b>Technology/Internet</b>					
	<b>Expenses</b>					
	Internet Service	675.00		675.00		
	Internet Access (instal/equip)**	4,146.70	3,986.70	160.00		
	Computer purchase	1,000.00		1,000.00		
	Website/Domain hosting	4,220.04	3,720.04	500.00		
	IT Support	500.00		500.00		
	<b>Town Clerk</b>					
	<b>Salaries &amp; wages</b>					
	Town Clerk	9,744.00		9,744.00		
	Election officers	3,000.00		3,000.00		
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>				
	Supplies	750.00		750.00		
	Election expenses	1,143.38	418.38	725.00		

<b>Town Buildings</b>							
	Purchased Services	750.00		750.00			
	Repairs & Maintenance**	2,808.61	2,308.61	500.00			
	<b>Expenses</b>						
	Propane						
	- office	600.00		600.00			
	- garage (propane/pellets)	6,000.00		6,000.00			
	Electricity						
	- office	200.00		200.00			
	- garage	200.00		200.00			
	Telephone						
	- office	800.00		800.00			
	- garage	750.00		750.00			
	Security	300.00		300.00			
	Radio & maintenance						
	Street Lighting	175.00		175.00			
<b>Employee Benefits</b>							
	<b>Insurance</b>						
	Health	31,200.00		31,200.00			
	-Retiree Health	2,750.00		2,750.00			
	Workers Comp	8,500.00		8,500.00			
	Retirement	42,550.00		42,550.00			
	Sick Pay fund (accrued sick pay) **	28,630.92	28,130.92	500.00			
	Vacation time carried	4,373.52	4,373.52				
<b>Police</b>							
	<b>Salaries &amp; wages</b>	1,336.00		1,336.00			
	<b>Expenses</b>	250.00		250.00			
<b>Fire</b>							
	<b>Salaries &amp; wages</b>						
	Chief	2,868.00		2,868.00			
	Firefighters - call response	5,200.00		5,200.00			
	Firefighters - mtgs/ approv.training	2,500.00		2,500.00			
	<b>Purchased Services</b>						
	Emergency Communication	3,100.00		3,100.00			
	<b>Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>						

	Vehicles	7,500.00		7,500.00			
	Equipment	1,000.00		1,000.00			
	Building/hydrants	750.00		750.00			
	Radio/pager costs	500.00		500.00			
	<b>Expenses</b>						
	Propane	2,500.00		2,500.00			
	Electricity						
	Telephone	350.00		350.00			
	Technology	750.00		750.00			
	Training	500.00		500.00			
	Administration	400.00		400.00			
	Operations	1,000.00		1,000.00			
	Equipment replacement	2,000.00		2,000.00			
	<b>EMS</b>						
	EMT equipment & supplies	10,000.00		10,000.00			
	EMT education & certification	1,500.00		1,500.00			
	Ambulance assessment	1,500.00		1,500.00			
	<b>Capital outlay</b>						
	New equipment**	10,869.08	10,869.08				
	Fire Station Bldg Improvements**	19,883.00	16,583.00	3,300.00			
	Vehicle purchase						
	Grant match	5,000.00		5,000.00			
	<b>Emergency Mgmt</b>						
	<b>Salaries &amp; wages</b>	1,170.00		1,170.00			
	<b>Purchased Services</b>						
	Regional Emerg. Planning Comm.	150.00		150.00			
	<b>Expenses</b>						
	Emergency Management	500.00		500.00			
	<b>Fr Reg Co of Govts</b>						
	<b>FRCOG Assessments</b>						
	Building Inspection Program	4,873.00		4,873.00			
	Cooperative Public Health	3,780.00		3,780.00			
	Statutory Charges	140.00		140.00			
	Regional Services	2,400.00		2,400.00			
	<b>DPW - Highway</b>						

	<b>Salaries &amp; wages</b>					
	General Highways	114,000.00		114,000.00		
	Snow & Ice (Snow Roads)	57,000.00		57,000.00		
	<b>Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>					
	Fuel (gas; diesel)	25,000.00		25,000.00		
	Machinery & Equipment	20,000.00		20,000.00		
	Equipment repair - major	12,500.00		12,500.00		
	<b>Expenses - Roads</b>					
	General Highways	20,000.00		20,000.00		
	Snow & Ice (Snow Roads)	52,000.00		52,000.00		
	Small Road Projects bal forw	2,570.16	2,570.16			
	Tree maintenance	2,500.00		2,500.00		
	<b>Expenses - Garage</b>					
	General building supplies	1,000.00		1,000.00		
	Dues	1,310.00		1,310.00		
	Technology	550.00		550.00		
	Garage rep/maint	2,500.00		2,500.00		
	<b>DPW Capital Outlay</b>					
	Surplus equipment					
	Equipment purchase					
	DPW building improvements					
	Stabilization	10,000.00		10,000.00		
	<b>Historical Commission</b>					
	<b>Care of Cemeteries</b>	<b>3,500.00</b>		<b>3,500.00</b>		
	<b>Solid Waste</b>					
	<b>Expenses</b>					
	Ashfield Transfer Station	19,152.00		19,152.00		
	Franklin Cty Solid Waste Mgt Dist	2,000.00		2,000.00		
	Tri-Town Landfill Maintenance	8,500.00	1,000.00	7,500.00		
	<b>Animal Inspector</b>					
	Expenses	200.00		200.00		
	<b>Animal Control Officer</b>					
	Expenses	200.00		200.00		

<b>Veterans Services</b>							
	District assessment	1,100.00		1,100.00			
	Veterans Benefits	2,000.00		2,000.00			
	Veterans' expenses	200.00		200.00			
<b>Boards, Committees..</b>							
	Conservation Comm	1,400.00		1,400.00			
	Planning Board	400.00		400.00			
	Zoning Bd of Appeals	50.00		50.00			
	Council on Aging	400.00		400.00			
	Tyler Memorial Library	2,400.00		2,400.00			
<b>Unclassified</b>							
	Prop & Liab insurance	33,000.00		33,000.00			
	Surety bonds	900.00		900.00			
	Massachusetts unemployment	300.00		300.00			
	FICA/Medicare	7,000.00		7,000.00			
<b>TOTAL</b>		816,825.05	113,585.05	686,240.00	0.00	14,000.00	3,000.00
<b>EDUCATION</b>							
<b>School - Vocational</b>							
	Transportation	68,345.39	48,345.39	20,000.00			
	Tuition	135,959.66	85,959.66	50,000.00			
<b>School - Hawlemont</b>							
	Operating assessment						
	Hawlemont	243,531.00		243,531.00			
	Transportation	12,548.00		12,548.00			
	Capital outlay						
<b>School - MTRSD</b>							
	Operating assessment	217,164.00		217,164.00			
	Transportation	21,811.00		21,811.00			
	Capital outlay	6,030.00		6,030.00			
<b>TOTAL</b>		705,389.05	134,305.05	571,084.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Transfers to Stabilization Funds	90,000.00				90,000.00	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		1,612,214.10	247,890.10	1,257,324.00	0.00	104,000.00	3,000.00

## ACCOUNTING OF FREE CASH

FREE CASH CERTIFIED AS OF 7/1/2024		126,327.00
May 2025 ATM (FY26)		
Reserve Fund	2,000.00	
Audit	2,000.00	
General Stabilization	10,000.00	
Fire Dept Stabilization	25,000.00	
Hwy Stabilization	45,000.00	
Voc Stabilization	20,000.00	
TOTAL ATM TRANSFERS	104,000.00	
June 2025 STM (FY25)		
DPW Propane/Pellets	3,041.60	
Snow Roads overage	8,000.00	
TOTAL ATM TRANSFERS	11,041.60	
Projected balance at 6/30/2025		11,285.40

## SURPLUS REVENUE

<b>BALANCE AS OF 7/1/2025</b>		<b>172,873.39</b>
07/01/2024	FY24 R&A to Hwy Stab. closed to SR in error	-10,000.00
05/12/2025	ATM transfer from FC to Hwy Stabilization	-45,000.00
05/12/2025	ATM transfer from FC to Fire Stabilization	-25,000.00
05/12/2025	ATM transfer from FC to Voc Stabilization	-20,000.00
05/12/2025	FY25 free cash allocated for FY26 budget	-14,000.00
06/23/2025	STM FC for FY25 overage DPW Propane/pellets	-3,041.60
06/23/2025	STM FC for FY25 overage in Snow Rds	-8,000.00
06/24/2025	Schmitt new acct FY24 tax	-574.20
06/24/2025	Coates FY25 subsequent	-817.50
06/24/2025	Cobb (17) FY25 subsequent	-13.08
06/24/2025	Cobb (18) FY25 subsequent	-91.56
06/24/2025	Richardson FY25 subsequent	-40.88
06/24/2025	Thompson FY25 subsequent	-9.81
06/24/2025	Hicks FY25 subsequent	-2,871.06
06/24/2025	Hoyt FY25 subsequent	-1,322.72
06/24/2025	Schmitt FY25 subsequent	-2,138.58
06/24/2025	Stone FY25 subsequent	-1,010.44
06/24/2025	Walczak FY25 subsequent	-73.58
06/30/2025	Bal in FY25 Sterling insurance claim	4,918.75
06/30/2025	FY25 TT payments and redemptions	6,426.74
06/30/2025	FY21-FY23 tailings closed to Surplus Rev	297.78
06/30/2025	RE/PP commitments in excess of recap	2.68
06/30/2025	Balance in receipts in excess of budget	15,018.91
06/30/2025	Balance in appropriation accounts	35,124.75
06/30/2025	Library offset/cherry sheet charge	5,186.00
06/30/2025	FY24 appropriation from Stabil. FY25 ATM	-30,000.00
<b>BALANCE AS OF 6/30/2025</b>		<b>75,843.99</b>

**TREASURER'S REVENUES & ACCOUNT BALANCES REPORT**  
**7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025**

<b>BALANCE AS OF 7/1/24</b>	<b>718,611</b>		
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>		<b>GRANTS:</b>	
<b>TAX COLLECTIONS:</b>		EMPG Grant	2,007
Real Estate Taxes	942,131	DFS Firefighter Safety Grant	10,500
Personal Property Taxes	65,910	CONNECT	496
Motor Vehicle Taxes	39,901	MassWorks - Ashfield Rd	915,370
In Lieu of Taxes	1,000	DER Culvert - King Corner	77,800
Tax Title payments	6,427	COA Grant	7,500
Penalties & Interest on Taxes	12,351	IT Grant	24,993
Penalties & Interest Tax Titles	2,357		
		<b>COMMONWEALTH OF MASS.:</b>	
<b>PERMITS/FEES/LICENSES:</b>		Chapter 70	12,594
Tax Collector Fees	2,620	Exemptions	12,093
Deputy Collector Fees	792	Exemption FY23 VBS	5,290
Mark/Dup. Bill Fees	420	Unrestricted General Aid	53,286
RMV Civil Infractions	48	SAPL (Library)	4,468
Tax Title Expenses collected	5,111	State Land	86,787
Town Clerk Fees	462	Ch 90 Reimbursement	0
Police Department Fees	1,225	Ch 90 Fair Share FY24	109,262
Trash Bags/Permits	4,912	Extended Polling Hours	957
Fire Department Permits	240		
Dog Licenses & Late Fees	338	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS:</b>	<b>2,436,357</b>
WPA Fees	67	<b>BALANCE + RECEIPTS:</b>	<b>3,154,968</b>
Filing Fees (PB/ZBA/ConCom)	0	<b>LESS:</b>	
Cons. Comm. Posting reimb.	80	<b>TREASURY WARRANTS</b>	<b>2,238,913</b>
Zipline Permit (FY25)	0	<b>BALANCE AS OF 6/30/25:</b>	<b>916,055</b>
<b>OTHER:</b>		<b>BANK BALANCES AS OF 6/30/25:</b>	
Sale of Cemetery Lots	0	<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>	
Interment Fees	0	Bank Accounts	541,348
Earnings on Investments	4,997	<b>TRUST FUNDS:</b>	
Stabilization Funds Interest	9,157	Stabilization Accounts	274,734
Restricted Funds Interest	916	Other Trust Funds	99,973
Retiree Health Insurance	2,356	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>916,055</b>
Renewable Energy Credits	2,273		
Donations - Fire Department	1,820		
Sale of Surplus Equipment	0		
Workers Comp Refund	1,310		
Other refunds (sand)	171		
Insurance claim (DPW)	3,562		

Respectfully submitted,  
 Virginia Gabert, Treasurer

**BALANCE SHEET - FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**

**GENERAL FUND:**

**ASSETS**

Current Assets

General Fund	541,348.48	
		541,348.48

Accounts Receivable

    Taxes due (PP, RE)

        Personal Property Taxes

PP Taxes FY21	14.65	
PP Taxes FY22	52.56	
PP Taxes FY25	133.35	
PP Taxes FY26	-133.80	

Total Personal Property Taxes	66.76	
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        Real Estate Taxes

RE Taxes FY25	53,071.84	
RE Taxes FY26	-4,267.92	

Total Real Estate Taxes		48,803.92
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Total Taxes due (PP, RE)		48,870.68
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    Taxes due (other)

        Excise Taxes

Motor Vehicle Excise 2019	51.25	
Motor Vehicle Excise 2020	80.73	
Motor Vehicle Excise 2022	427.43	
Motor Vehicle Excise 2023	483.81	
Motor Vehicle Excise 2024	926.18	
Motor Vehicle Excise 2025	5,337.29	

Total Excise Taxes		7,306.69
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Total Taxes due (other)		7,306.69
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Other tax collections

Tax Titles	45,641.28	
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Tax Possessions	51,916.17	
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Total Other tax collections		97,557.45
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Due from Federal Govt

EOC Grant	0.00	
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EMPG Grant	2,500.00	
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HMPG - Garage (a/r)	0.00	
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		2,500.00
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Due from Commonwealth

Firefighter Safety Grant (DFS)	12,297.98	
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DER Culvert Grant	10,925.00	
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Rural Roads - Ashfield Rd	317,000.00	
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MassWorks Grant - Ashfield Rd	3,107.00	
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		343,329.98
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Capital Projects Receivable		
State Aid to Highways (a/r)	515,757.81	
	515,757.81	
Loans Authorized (asset)	0.00	
Due from Stabilization (toGen)	33,000.00	
Due from Trust (toGen)	440.00	
	992,585.24	
Total Current Assets		1,590,111.09

## LIABILITIES & EQUITY

### Liabilities

#### Other Current Liabilities

Due to Trust(from Gen.)	4,467.51	
Due to Stabilization(from Gen.)	110,000.00	
	114,467.51	

Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions 20,156.09

Payroll Liabilities 0.00

#### Federal Grants

    ARPA (COVID) 0.00

    EMPG 2,652.69

    2016 EMPG 0.00

Total Federal Grants 2,652.69

#### State Grants

    DARE Grant 929.02

    COA Grant 2,511.89

    HCI Grant 2,893.80

    IT Grant 467.46

    Rural Dev. - Ashfield Rd 314,488.65

    MassWorks - Ashfield Rd 0.00

    Firefighter Safety Equipment 268.67

    NIMS Education 500.00

Total State Grants 322,059.49

#### Receipts Reserved for Appopr.

    Sale of Cemetery lots 0.00

    Cemetery interment fees 0.00

    Sale of Real Estate 1,650.00

    Wetland Protection Fund 9,757.27

    Police Dept (FID/LTC) 200.00

    Collector/Dpty Coll fees 80.00

    Veterans Assistance Fund 1,997.73

    CONNECT (Post Opioid OD Funds) 496.22

    TNC (Transportation Network Co.s) 0.10

Total Receipts Reserved for Appopr. 14,181.32

#### Revolving Funds

    Dog Fund 5,728.82

Total Revolving Funds 5,728.82

Special Revenue liability funds

Cons Comm Review Funds	597.50	
Donations	4,648.99	
Total Special Revenue liability funds		5,246.49
Capital Projects		
Chapter 90 (deferred revenue)	625,019.81	
WRAP (Winter Recovery Asst.)	22,520.60	
FHMS Network Construction	10,480.04	
FHMS Contingency Fund	5,000.00	
Total Capital Projects		663,020.45
Deferred Revenue		
Tax Title (defer. revenue)	45,641.28	
Tax Possession (def. rev)	51,916.17	
MV deferred revenue	7,306.69	
Total Deferred Revenue		104,864.14
Tailings		0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities		1,252,377.00
Long Term Liabilities		
Loan Authorized and Unissued		0.00
Debt paydown auth		0.00
Equity		
Surplus revenue	75,843.99	
Free Cash Reserved for next fiscal year	14,000.00	
Other continuing appropriations		
Audit	16,840.00	
Continuing Ed. (Town Officer)	1,318.45	
Assessors reval	0.00	
Tax Title & Foreclosure Costs	20,666.19	
Town Building maint/renov	2,308.61	
Internet Access (instal/equip)	3,986.70	
Website Design & Maintenance	3,720.04	
Election Expenses	418.38	
Vacation Pay Carried	4,373.52	
Employee Sick Pay	28,130.92	
Legal Services	800.00	
Special Hwy Projects	2,570.16	
Fire Station Building Improvements	16,583.00	
Fire Equipment	10,869.08	
Vocational Balance Carried	134,305.05	
Landfill Costs	1,000.00	
Transfer Station assessment	0.00	
Total Other continuing appropriations		247,890.10
Other financing sources allocated		0.00
Total Equity	337,734.09	
TOTAL LIAB & EQUITY		1,590,111.09

**TRUST/RESTRICTED FUNDS:****ASSETS**

Current Assets - cash		
ACB Restricted Funds	79,268.75	
ACB Stabilization CD	232,915.39	
ACB Restricted CD	20,703.61	
GCB Voc. Stabilization	41,819.10	
Total Trust Funds - cash		374,706.85
Due from General Fund (to Stabilization)		110,000.00
Due from General (to Trust)		4,467.51
Total Trust Funds - assets		489,174.36

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

Due to General Fund(from Stab)		33,000.00
Due to General Fund(from trust)		440.00
Trust Funds (equity)		
Library fund	23,130.58	
Historical Commission trust	9,583.00	
Cemetery Fund	10,093.29	
Stabilization Fund	98,911.78	
Hwy Dept Equip Stabiliz. Fund	145,735.82	
FireEquip Stabiliz. Fund	131,460.79	
Vocational Ed. Stabiliz. Fund	36,819.10	
Total Trust Funds (equity)		455,734.36
Total Trust Funds - liab & equity		489,174.36

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS REPORT - 2025

The Board of Assessors holds monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. The board currently consists of Ed Brady, Jeff Carantit, and Wayne Lemoine. In addition, Virginia Gabert will be entering her 29th year as Assessors' Clerk.

The Assessors endeavor to review approximately one third of the properties in town each year, generally during the spring and summer months. During the COVID years, 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 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 either to answer questions or to 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. If access is necessary but is not available or is denied, however, 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/>.

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

To assist taxpayers in fulfilling filing requirements, early each year we do a mailing that 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 them, or if you think that you may qualify for an exemption and did not receive an application, please contact Virginia in the Town Office.

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

The following chart shows the overall property value of the town in recent years. Each year, the Assessors review building permits to capture “new growth” as well as perform statistical sales analyses to confirm that the assessed values reflect fair market value. In fluctuating markets, small town-wide valuation adjustments are often warranted. 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
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
2024/2025	3,339,055	57,727,200	63,066,255	16.35

Real property valuations by location are listed below:

#	Street Name	Owner Name	Land Value	Building Value	Total Value
0	ASHFIELD ROAD	HAY, BENJAMIN & DOUGLAS	213,800	109,600	323,400
0	ASHFIELD ROAD	MASSACHUSETTS FOREST TRUST, INC.	7,600	0	7,600
0	ASHFIELD ROAD	CLARK, BRIAN	6,600	0	6,600
0	ASHFIELD ROAD	LAVALLEY, TANNER	25,000	0	25,000
0	ASHFIELD ROAD	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPT OF FISH AND GAME (WMA)"	82,500	0	82,500
0	ASHFIELD ROAD	MISIASZEK, ANDREW W.	400	0	400
5	ASHFIELD ROAD	MIZULA, MARK & SANDRA	38,500	98,300	136,800
12	ASHFIELD ROAD	FAY, JOHN C & GLORIA C	40,900	159,400	200,300
13	ASHFIELD ROAD	DEWKETT, NANCY E. & TODD R	49,400	233,900	283,300
17	ASHFIELD ROAD	DEADY, ANDREW	63,600	215,900	279,500
18	ASHFIELD ROAD	LAVALLEY, ARLENE	51,200	154,700	205,900
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	BOZRCLARK, JUANITA	ANGELA CLARK, ET AL, REMAINDERMEN	99,000	143,900	242,900
17	BOZRAH ROAD	MCNAUGHTON, JAMES	75,400	235,000	310,400
18	BOZRAH ROAD	BESHARA, DOROTHY A	52,200	0	52,200
19	BOZRAH ROAD	GRIFFIN, PAUL S. & ELIZABETH H	50,000	39,900	89,900
24	BOZRAH ROAD	LATSHANG, EILEEN & DECHEN (CO-TRUSTEES) THE LATSHANG FAMILY TRUST	43,900	172,100	216,000
0	BUCKLAND ROAD	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DCR (KENNETH DUBUQUE STATE FOREST)	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	296,200	346,200
41	BUCKLAND ROAD	ULLIAN, KIT JESSE & SHARI	91,500	236,800	328,300
115	BUCKLAND ROAD	ORZECZOWSKI, PAUL & KIMBERLY	90,300	47,300	137,600
121	BUCKLAND ROAD	CLARK, DAVID A. & CARLA C	62,000	94,600	156,600
7	CLARK ROAD	ULLIAN, FRANK	179,900	497,900	677,800
15	DODGE BRANCH RD	COTHEY, PAMELA S	87,400	688,200	775,600
15	DODGE BRANCH RD	COTHEY, PAMELA S	30,800	0	30,800
0	DODGE CORNER RD	RICHARDSON, KEVIN (TRUSTEE) 32 DODGE RD TRUST	300	0	300
0	DODGE CORNER RD	HOWLAND, STEVEN & PARLAND, NANCY	39,000	0	39,000
0	DODGE CORNER RD	LOWELL, DAVID E. & TAMMY M	23,600	0	23,600
3	DODGE CORNER RD	POWERS, DREW	56,300	69,700	126,000
26	DODGE CORNER RD	GOREVIC, RONALD & FISHER, JULIE	125,400	165,700	291,100
5	DODGE ROAD	FARROW, RICHARD & EVELYN	82,000	164,600	246,600
29	DODGE ROAD	POWERS, DREW	50,300	160,800	211,100
32	DODGE ROAD	RICHARDSON, KEVIN (TRUSTEE) 32 DODGE RD TRUST	52,900	166,800	219,700
71	DODGE ROAD	FRANO, VINCENT & WANG, ISA	62,600	50,000	112,600
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	CASWELL, BRENDA/BRODEUR, REBECCA	23,500	0	23,500
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	TOWN OF HAWLEY	200	2,800	3,000

0	EAST HAWLEY RD	COBB, CHERYL/HUFF-RUCHIN, DARRYL/ MAYETTE, JOHN & NANCY	800	0	800
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	COBB, CHERYL/HUFF-RUCHIN, DARRYL/ MAYETTE, JOHN & NANCY	800	4,800	5,600
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	FREMERMAN, JONATHAN SCHROEDER & SYLVIA	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, SIENNA; BLOUGH, DOUGLAS ANDERSON, EDWARD	108,000	0	108,000
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	LAWLESS, WILLIAM S/ MAYNARD-LAWLESS, CHERYL	36,200	0	36,200
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	LAWLESS, WILLIAM S/ MAYNARD-LAWLESS, CHERYL	60,200	0	60,200
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	LAWLESS, WILLIAM S/ MAYNARD-LAWLESS, CHERYL	79,000	0	79,000
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	HEIRS & DIVISEES OF GEO. RICHARDSON	2,500	0	2,500
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS FOUNDATION THOMAS TROTMAN, EXECUTIVE DIR.	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	ROOT, BRANDON C.	52,900	27,500	80,400
0	EAST HAWLEY RD	QUINNEHTUK COMPANY ROCKY RIVER REALTY COMPANY	1,600	0	1,600
5	EAST HAWLEY RD	MENDE, ROBERT H (TRUSTEE)	74,500	115,600	190,100
8	EAST HAWLEY RD	WALSH, JAMES & KATHLEEN	67,000	62,600	129,600
24	EAST HAWLEY RD	PETERSON, ERIK & MICHELLE	50,000	45,700	95,700
28	EAST HAWLEY RD	DUPUIS, RONALD & SANDRA	56,400	201,600	258,000
29	EAST HAWLEY RD	CLARK, MITCHELL	62,500	28,100	90,600
31	EAST HAWLEY RD	GRISWOLD, GORDON & JANICE SWOPE, SUSAN	127,500	134,800	262,300
42	EAST HAWLEY RD	LEMIEUX, JULIA	75,000	161,200	236,200
45	EAST HAWLEY RD	SWOPE, WESTON J	75,000	0	75,000
49	EAST HAWLEY RD	SWOPE, WESTON J	62,600	230,200	292,800
52	EAST HAWLEY RD	PARRA, PHILIP W. & PATRICIA JEAN	88,200	158,400	246,600
54	EAST HAWLEY RD	CLARK, TIMOTHY J. & ROBYN DEE	184,600	147,900	332,500
59	EAST HAWLEY RD	SCHAEFER, JONATHAN & MARIA LYNN	79,600	529,900	609,500
67	EAST HAWLEY RD	BOUCIAS, GREGG & JEAN	43,900	108,400	152,300
69	EAST HAWLEY RD	CLARK, KYLE & DAPHNE	47,600	303,500	351,100
74	EAST HAWLEY RD	LORENZEN, MARIANNE & R. BRUCE	62,500	217,100	279,600
78	EAST HAWLEY RD	ISAACSEN, KIMBERLY TANGUAY TANGUAY, JODI	100,500	82,600	183,100
81	EAST HAWLEY RD	TANGUAY, WILLIAM DAVID	100,100	224,400	324,500
86	EAST HAWLEY RD	CLARK, TIMOTHY & ROBYN	75,500	60,800	136,300
95	EAST HAWLEY RD	GREEN, HAROLD F	92,900	380,400	473,300
98	EAST HAWLEY RD	STEMPER, MARGARET & BARRY	40,800	82,400	123,200
103	EAST HAWLEY RD	FREMERMAN, JONATHAN SCHROEDER & SYLVIA	61,400	81,300	142,700
104	EAST HAWLEY RD	LESPERANCE, JENNIFER	50,000	137,300	187,300
106	EAST HAWLEY RD	THOMSON, ELAINE	60,200	167,100	227,300
112	EAST HAWLEY RD	HOWE, ADAM & KELLY	56,000	176,700	232,700
115	EAST HAWLEY RD	HAGEN, SUSAN & SINTIRIS, WILLIAM	79,500	0	79,500

116 EAST HAWLEY RD	SEGAL, YVETTE	55,500	141,600	197,100
120 EAST HAWLEY RD	SHUTTA, STEVEN	57,400	195,800	253,200
124 EAST HAWLEY RD	124 E. HAWLEY RD LLC	67,800	255,800	323,600
127 EAST HAWLEY RD	BROWN, LOOCIE (TRUSTEE)			
	SOMMERS, ELIZABETH (TRUSTEE)	55,600	155,000	210,600
128 EAST HAWLEY RD	FAUFAW, KRISTIE/SISUM, MICHAEL	53,700	360,300	414,000
153 EAST HAWLEY RD	OLEFSKY, HAI ZHENG & MAXINE M.Z	99,800	243,500	343,300
168 EAST HAWLEY RD	SPRING, PATRICIA	98,000	20,200	118,200
214 EAST HAWLEY RD	LAWLESS, WILLIAM S			
	MAYNARD-LAWLESS, CHERYL	113,800	837,900	951,700
235 EAST HAWLEY RD	GOTTA, DANIEL (TRUSTEE) REVOC. INDENTURE OF TRUST			
	F/B/O PETER M. GOTTA	88,900	58,100	147,000
252 EAST HAWLEY RD	MORIN, JANICE E. & PAUL J.			
	JEFFERSON, REBECCA, ET AL (REMAIND.)	46,900	24,400	71,300
254 EAST HAWLEY RD	SWOPE, JAMES & SUSAN	43,900	154,200	198,100
259 EAST HAWLEY RD	KAPSINOW, TERESITA	119,100	102,100	221,200
262 EAST HAWLEY RD	SWOPE, JAMES & SUSAN	60,400	5,800	66,200
270 EAST HAWLEY RD	BILLINGS, SHAWN R. & ELIZABETH A	90,600	174,400	265,000
282 EAST HAWLEY RD	BELLOWS, KEVIN	160,800	244,200	405,000
292 EAST HAWLEY RD	HAWLEY PRESERVE LLC			
	DAVID O'SULLIVAN	218,500	59,900	278,400
319 EAST HAWLEY RD	GRANT, STEPHEN & ELLEN JANE	104,000	191,600	295,600
324 EAST HAWLEY RD	HARRISON, DREW & ASHLEY	53,100	158,400	211,500
327 EAST HAWLEY RD	SONS & DAUGHTERS OF HAWLEY INC	50,600	131,300	181,900
330 EAST HAWLEY RD	ROOT, ROBERT W. & SERRA A	43,900	100,600	144,500
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	BREWER, WILLIAM & TIMOTHEA	91,600	0	91,600
0 EAST ROAD	SEAVER, IAN & CHRISTINE	116,800	0	116,800
0 EAST ROAD	SHERIDAN, MATTHEW J.	81,600	0	81,600
0 EAST ROAD	OLLAND, STEPHANE H. & ANDREA M.	94,600	0	94,600
0 EAST ROAD	BERKSHIRE EAST SKI RESORT, LLC	753,500	533,200	1,286,700
0 EAST ROAD	HUGHES, HELENA	46,700	4,500	51,200
0 EAST ROAD	MAHA SIDDHA NYINGMAPA	3,700	0	3,700
0 EAST ROAD	SASLOW, JOAN	146,000	0	146,000
0 EAST ROAD	HOLM, LOIS	61,900	0	61,900
0 EAST ROAD	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS			
	DEPT OF FISH AND GAME (WMA)"	34,300	0	34,300
0 EAST ROAD	SKELTON, ROBERT/KLEMER, PAUL DAVID	7,500	0	7,500
0 EAST ROAD	HERRSCHAFT, WILLIAM & JUDITH	1,800	0	1,800
0 EAST ROAD	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS			
	DEPT OF FISH AND GAME (WMA)"	7,500	0	7,500
22 EAST ROAD	CLARK, KEVIN	50,200	128,700	178,900
26 EAST ROAD	PIDA, MICHAEL	50,000	25,400	75,400
40 EAST ROAD	LEVINE, PAUL	47,700	250,800	298,500
42 EAST ROAD	BILLIEL, DARLENE	46,900	88,800	135,700
43 EAST ROAD	ALBRIGHT, LINDA	52,300	189,100	241,400
47 EAST ROAD	MAHA SIDDHA NYINGMAPA	61,000	394,700	455,700
49 EAST ROAD	BLOUGH, DOUGLAS F., & VALENTE-BLOUGH, SIENNA			
	ANDERSON, EDWARD	126,700	291,000	417,700
54 EAST ROAD	GRISWOLD, DANA	40,800	75,200	116,000
58 EAST ROAD	KIMBALL, CHRISTINE & SPOONER, ALAN (TRUSTEES)			
	SPOONER-KIMBALL INVESTMENT TRUST	47,000	193,400	240,400
58 EAST ROAD	KIMBALL, CHRISTINE & SPOONER, ALAN (TRUSTEES)			
	SPOONER-KIMBALL INVESTMENT TRUST	3,700	0	3,700

131	EAST ROAD	TEPEDINO, MICHAEL C/O JOHN TEPEDINO	129,800	459,000	588,800
	EAST ROAD	SCHAEFER, JAMES & JONATHAN	122,500	0	122,500
0	FORGE HILL ROAD	GOSSELIN, KENNETH & PAUL			
		GOSSELIN, NICOLE	54,300	10,500	64,800
0	FORGE HILL ROAD	FITZROY, ROBERT & DANIEL	10,100	0	10,100
0	FORGE HILL ROAD	SINGING BROOK FARM TRUST	37,600	600	38,200
5	FORGE HILL ROAD	FITZROY, KIM	58,000	211,000	269,000
10	FORGE HILL ROAD	LITTMAN, ADAM/KELLENBERGER, KRISTIN	39,300	25,300	64,600
12	FORGE HILL ROAD	LITTMAN, ADAM/KELLENBERGER, KRISTIN	80,600	256,200	336,800
0	FORGET ROAD	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS			
		DEPT OF FISH AND GAME (WMA)"	65,600	0	65,600
0	FORGET ROAD	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS			
		DEPT OF FISH AND GAME (WMA)"	8,000	0	8,000
0	FORGET ROAD	DOANE CEMETERY	30,700	0	30,700
0	FORGET ROAD	KOZODOY, NEAL (TRUSTEE)			
		THE NEAL KOZODOY 2020 LIVING TRUST	52,400	0	52,400
5	FORGET ROAD	CORBOSIERO, ANNE MARIE & MICHAEL	135,100	24,400	159,500
21	FORGET ROAD	DONELSON, LAURI	53,000	161,600	214,600
26	FORGET ROAD	NEIPP, HOLLY/ GOODHIND, CHRISTOPHER	67,000	239,500	306,500
29	FORGET ROAD	ABRASHKIN, KAREN & ABRASHKIN, JOHN			
		NIGROSH, BARRY & ELLEN	800	0	800
29	FORGET ROAD	NIGROSH, BARRY	66,400	227,100	293,500
30	FORGET ROAD	BRADY, EDWARD	102,700	261,000	363,700
35	FORGET ROAD	BLOUGH, DOUGLAS			
		VALENTE-BLOUGH, SIENNA	82,500	161,100	243,600
49	FORGET ROAD	ANDERSON, EDWARD			
		VALENTE-BLOUGH, SIENNA	155,600	689,700	845,300
58	FORGET ROAD	MEADOWSWEET FARM LLC	39,900	532,700	572,600
59	FORGET ROAD	CRESSOTTI, KYRA MARIE/TAFEL, GUSTAV	84,400	265,900	350,300
86	FORGET ROAD	BEGA, KATHRYN	42,300	69,200	111,500
90	FORGET ROAD	KOZODOY, NEAL (TRUSTEE)			
		THE NEAL KOZODOY 2020 LIVING TRUST	135,200	430,400	565,600
97	FORGET ROAD	GELINAS, MARY (TRUSTEE) REVOC. INDENTURE OF TRUST			
		OF MARY M GELINAS	113,300	287,700	401,000
101	FORGET ROAD	NELSON, RONALD (TRUSTEE)			
		FORGET ROAD REALTY TRUST II	73,100	206,300	279,400
107	FORGET ROAD	HOPKINS, SUSAN & BERNARD	63,300	223,100	286,400
112	FORGET ROAD	MITCHELL, PETER	121,600	93,300	214,900
117	FORGET ROAD	KEAN, POLLY/HAMILTON-KEAN, ANNE	71,100	128,800	199,900
121	FORGET ROAD	HAMILTON-KEAN, ANNE	50,000	467,300	517,300
7	GROUT ROAD	TANNER, ALYSSA JANE & IZAKI, ANN	66,000	139,500	205,500
20	GROUT ROAD	NORTHROP, GREG/JUSTICE, JACQUELINE	61,200	295,300	356,500
0	HALLOCKVILLE RD	SOUTH HAWLEY CEMETERY	1,500	0	1,500
0	HAWLEY ROAD	CLARK, BRIAN	22,900	16,700	39,600
13	HOWES ROAD	COOPER, PAUL R (TRUSTEE)			
		PAUL R COOPER 2012 TRUST	127,000	751,000	878,000
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, MARGARET			
		ZAGORSKI, CATHERINE & CELIA	4,500	0	4,500
3	HUNT ROAD	GOULD, RICHARD	50,000	205,200	255,200

9	HUNT ROAD	COATES, BRANDIN R & MELISSA S	50,600	177,000	227,600
11	HUNT ROAD	DESROSIERS, JACOB	51,500	127,500	179,000
15	HUNT ROAD	DEFRIESSE, GEORGETTE	51,400	189,200	240,600
17	HUNT ROAD	YODER, MICHAEL T & REGINA L	41,500	17,500	59,000
19	HUNT ROAD	COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT CORP.	41,500	60,000	101,500
0	LABELLE ROAD	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPT OF FISH AND GAME (NHA")"	172,500	600	173,100
0	LABELLE ROAD	KAPLAN, DAVID A	69,600	1,900	71,500
0	LABELLE ROAD	POLIER, A. NICOLE	4,400	0	4,400
0	LABELLE ROAD	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPT OF FISH & GAME (PROJECT AVERY)	103,500	0	103,500
0	LABELLE ROAD	LABELLE, CURTIS W. & NORMA J	2,600	0	2,600
0	LABELLE ROAD	MILT, ELLEN (TRUSTEE) ELLEN M. MILT TRUST	15,000	0	15,000
53	LABELLE ROAD	POLIER, A. NICOLE	78,600	231,800	310,400
62	LABELLE ROAD	TURNER, KILEY E. & HEROUX, JAMES T.	90,400	352,300	442,700
80	LABELLE ROAD	BEARFOOT REALITY TRUSTC/O	55,700	233,700	289,400
19	LOWER FORGET RD	EASTWOOD, BRUCE	85,300	53,700	139,000
0	MIDDLE ROAD	PURINTON, SCOTT R	8,400	0	8,400
0	MIDDLE ROAD	TAYLOR, ROBERT	2,200	0	2,200
0	MIDDLE ROAD	PURINTON, SCOTT R. & ELLEN S	6,400	0	6,400
0	MIDDLE ROAD	DIXON, LAWRENCE G.&COLLINS, JESSICA	40,000	0	40,000
0	MIDDLE ROAD	GILLAN, DUNCAN & RUTH (TRUSTEES) GILLAN FAMILY TRUST	1,200	0	1,200
0	MIDDLE ROAD	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DCR (KENNETH DUBUQUE STATE FOREST)	77,000	0	77,000
21	MIDDLE ROAD	THORSSON, MAGNUS	54,900	22,100	77,000
25	MIDDLE ROAD	MACLEAN, ROBERT & JOANNE	50,800	194,700	245,500
35	MIDDLE ROAD	ATKINS, DANIEL	137,500	111,600	249,100
38	MIDDLE ROAD	TAYLOR, ROBERT	94,500	131,200	225,700
45	MIDDLE ROAD	PURDY, PETER & SUSAN	53,800	125,100	178,900
51	MIDDLE ROAD	STEJSKAL, JIRI & MARY JIRI & MARY STEJSKAL REALTY TRUST	53,800	698,100	751,900
54	MIDDLE ROAD	SINGING BROOK FARM TRUST	150,100	285,300	435,400
59	MIDDLE ROAD	COSBY, WILLIAMS C. & JOHNSON, LISA	131,700	477,800	609,500
79	MIDDLE ROAD	SMART, ELISE C & JOHN III 79 MIDDLE ROAD TRUST	67,000	219,900	286,900
81	MIDDLE ROAD	GILLAN, DUNCAN & RUTH (TRUSTEES) GILLAN FAMILY TRUST	62,100	304,600	366,700
84	MIDDLE ROAD	WEISBLAT, TINKY	50,000	268,000	318,000
92	MIDDLE ROAD	CLARK, LESLIE (TRUSTEE) LESLIE E. CLARK REVOCABLE TRUST	63,000	227,800	290,800
96	MIDDLE ROAD	PYLE, DAVID & ELIZABETH	56,000	283,000	339,000
0	OLD TOWN COMMON	TOWN OF HAWLEY	30,700	0	30,700
2	PENOBSCOT ROAD	STROGANOW, MELISSA ANN&PETER PAUL	42,100	6,700	48,800
0	PLAINFIELD ROAD	EAST HAWLEY CEMETERY	40,800	0	40,800
0	PLAINFIELD ROAD	ASHFIELD ROD & GUN CLUB	3,300	0	3,300
0	PLAINFIELD ROAD	HEIRS & DIVISEES OF JOHN THOMPSON III	600	0	600
3	PLAINFIELD ROAD	SCHOFIELD, MICHAEL	107,100	83,200	190,300
4	PLAINFIELD ROAD	O'CONNOR, JANE M	52,900	226,200	279,100
16	PLAINFIELD ROAD	TOWN OF HAWLEY FIRE STATION	40,800	40,500	81,300
21	PLAINFIELD ROAD	MIZULA, MARK & SANDRA	68,800	129,100	197,900
23	PLAINFIELD ROAD	MCSPARRAN, CRAIG	53,000	28,500	81,500
38	PLAINFIELD ROAD	CARANTIT, JEFFREY & JULIE	69,000	403,300	472,300
68	PLAINFIELD ROAD	CHAFFEE, SHEILA	83,000	248,100	331,100

79	PLAINFIELD ROAD	SCOTT, JAMES	48,500	136,300	184,800
86	PLAINFIELD ROAD	SCOTT, WILLIAM	97,300	175,700	273,000
102	PLAINFIELD ROAD	AUSTIN, JUDITH	105,700	200,400	306,100
118	PLAINFIELD ROAD	MAPLESTONE, LLC - SCHOELZEL, HUGH	99,600	339,600	439,200
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	6,000	20,300	26,300
6	POND ROAD	THWING, ELIZABETH	50,000	157,900	207,900
13	POND ROAD	COX, GREGORY & DRAVES, SUSAN	50,400	180,400	230,800
15	POND ROAD	THWING, KIRBY JR	58,600	235,400	294,000
29	POND ROAD	POUDRIER, RAYMOND	56,000	435,400	491,400
0	PUDDING HOLLOW RDP	PUDDING HOLLOW CEMETERY ASSN	400	0	400
7	PUDDING HOLLOW RD	VELAZQUEZ, JASON, REGINA & SHEILA	97,500	32,200	129,700
0	PUDDING HOLLOW RDC	CROSSIN, CLARA ESTATE JOHN W. RICHARDSON	35,000	0	35,000
0	PUDDING HOLLOW RDB	BERTSCH, KENNETH & BECK, PETER	53,800	0	53,800
0	PUDDING HOLLOW RDM	CDERMOTT, SEAN P. & AVA S	115,600	0	115,600
0	PUDDING HOLLOW RDP	PUDDING HOLLOW CEMETERY ASSN	35,000	0	35,000
0	PUDDING HOLLOW RD	WHITE, MARK	18,600	0	18,600
0	PUDDING HOLLOW RD	WHITE, DOUGLAS	8,400	0	8,400
0	PUDDING HOLLOW RDP	PUDDING HOLLOW LLC SEARS, JOHN F. (J.F. SEARS REALTY TRUST)	3,200	1,000	4,200
6	PUDDING HOLLOW RD	BECK, R. PETER & BERTSCH, KENNETH	74,700	299,700	374,400
8	PUDDING HOLLOW RD	TOWN OF HAWLEY	40,800	53,900	94,700
12	PUDDING HOLLOW RDB	BEHRINGER, JILL RICH/O	50,100	366,900	417,000
45	PUDDING HOLLOW RDR	ICH, JENNIFER & LOUD, VICTORIA	112,500	191,800	304,300
61	PUDDING HOLLOW RD	DEFOUGEROLLES, ANTONIN & PAULA	143,500	852,800	996,300
73	PUDDING HOLLOW RD	STERNSTEIN, KATHRYN & JEROME TRUSTEES OF KATHRYN S. STERNSTEIN	75,000	164,400	239,400
87	PUDDING HOLLOW RDP	PUDDING HOLLOW LLC	82,100	258,800	340,900
88	PUDDING HOLLOW RD	SEARS, PAUL C/O SEARS, BENJAMIN (TRUSTEE)	40,000	13,500	53,500
100	PUDDING HOLLOW RD	SEARS, JOHN F THE JOHN F. SEARS REALTY TRUST	56,000	235,100	291,100
0	SAVOY ROAD	CUTLER, CHARLES	86,200	0	86,200
2	SAVOY ROAD	SCHOCH, AMY/MOJALLALI, DANIEL	42,300	135,600	177,900
22	SAVOY ROAD	CUTLER, CHARLES	62,000	307,600	369,600
36	SAVOY ROAD	DWIGHT, WILLIAM & LEWIS, LIDA	46,600	122,900	169,500
0	SEARS ROAD	WHITE, MARK	62,300	1,300	63,600
21	SEARS ROAD	CHARLAND, JOYCE M	78,800	112,100	190,900
17	SINGING BROOK LANES	SINGING BROOK FARM TRUST	188,800	101,900	290,700
0	SOUTH RIVER ROAD	BERKSHIRE HIGHLANDS LLC	21,000	0	21,000
0	SOUTH RIVER ROAD	OVITT, BRIAN	17,300	0	17,300
0	SOUTH RIVER ROAD	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	7,600	0	7,600
0	SOUTH ROAD	YATES, JEFFREY & LAURA	42,300	0	42,300
133	SOUTH ROAD	CLARK, SARA & WALL, KENNETH	38,900	221,300	260,200
0	STETSON ROAD	NEW ENGLAND FORESTRY FOUNDATION INC C/O KEITH ROSS	138,500	0	138,500
0	STETSON ROAD	SHIPPEE, MURIEL/PHELPS, HAROLD S	72,000	0	72,000
0	STETSON ROAD	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DCR (KENNETH DUBUQUE STATE FOREST)	37,000	0	37,000
0	STETSON ROAD	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DCR (KENNETH DUBUQUE STATE FOREST)	37,000	0	37,000

2	STETSON ROAD	TOWN OF HAWLEY	45,400	56,500	101,900
7	STETSON ROAD	TOWN OF HAWLEY	50,000	5,700	55,700
9	STETSON ROAD	KELLOGG, BARBARA E	96,800	152,900	249,700
13	STETSON ROAD	KIMBALL, STEPHEN & SUSAN	68,200	140,300	208,500
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	70,500	230,800	301,300
0	WEST HAWLEY RD	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS - DCR (KENNETH DUBUQUE STATE FOREST)	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	15,700	0	15,700
0	WEST HAWLEY RD	EICHHOLZ, MARY & TIMOTHY (TRUSTEES) OAKWOOD FARM TRUST	4,500	0	4,500
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 (TRUSTEE) 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	NORCROSS, PAUL D. & RITA M. (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	78,700	182,400	261,100
28	WEST HAWLEY RD	WHITE, TEDD	62,200	266,700	328,900
48	WEST HAWLEY RD	LEWIS, ROY & SPEIER, MAGGIE	82,500	272,900	355,400
50	WEST HAWLEY RD	GRODEN, SUZY Q & EMMETT, CONSTANCE EMMETT-GRODEN INVESTMENT TRUST	50,500	169,900	220,400
54	WEST HAWLEY RD	GRODEN, SUZY Q & EMMETT, CONSTANCE EMMETT-GRODEN INVESTMENT TRUST	59,300	0	59,300
60	WEST HAWLEY RD	PURINTON, SCOTT R. & ELLEN S	59,000	355,400	414,400
70	WEST HAWLEY RD	BROWNELL, RYAN & SEARS, ELIZABETH	53,800	213,600	267,400
74	WEST HAWLEY RD	FALWELL, ANN J	43,900	55,400	99,300
76	WEST HAWLEY RD	DESMARAIS, DEAN	86,300	7,100	93,400
76	WEST HAWLEY RD	DESMARAIS, DEAN	54,500	142,300	196,800
90	WEST HAWLEY RD	CLARK, WAYNE & ROBIN	50,300	137,300	187,600
94	WEST HAWLEY RD	LEMOINE, DONNA & WAYNE (TRUSTEES) DONNA M. LEMOINE LIVING TRUST	51,400	27,400	78,800
96	WEST HAWLEY RD	LEMOINE, DONNA & WAYNE (TRUSTEES) DONNA M. LEMOINE LIVING TRUST	51,500	0	51,500
108	WEST HAWLEY RD	TRAVERS, GRAHAME & PEGGY	64,500	291,400	355,900
126	WEST HAWLEY RD	WHITE, TEDD	54,100	11,800	65,900
128	WEST HAWLEY RD	HANECAK, NANCY AND VIENS, JOSLYN	61,400	112,500	173,900
136	WEST HAWLEY RD	HICKS, CHRISTINE	51,000	124,600	175,600
138	WEST HAWLEY RD	PARENT, RICHARD & ELIZABETH (TRUSTEES) WEST HAWLEY RD REALTY TRUST	81,200	51,000	132,200
140	WEST HAWLEY RD	BONNETTE, DONALD	78,300	0	78,300
144	WEST HAWLEY RD	BONNETTE, DONALD	54,500	146,500	201,000
197	WEST HAWLEY RD	YOUMELL, DEBORAH & JAMES C/O AMY YOUMELL	51,000	1,000	52,000
198	WEST HAWLEY RD	LEH, MAX & CROWNINGSHIELD, JOCELYN	61,700	204,100	265,800
200	WEST HAWLEY RD	MACNICOLL, SAM	75,700	94,900	170,600
201	WEST HAWLEY RD	ROBERTS, BRYAN & MILLER, JACQUELYN C/O MILLER, JACQUELINE	56,000	284,500	340,500
213	WEST HAWLEY RD	FRIED, RICHARD G	66,200	161,100	227,300
214	WEST HAWLEY RD	LAMA, SALVATORE & CHINLOO	41,000	2,100	43,100

228 WEST HAWLEY RD	SOULE, CHRISTOPHER	80,000	269,400	349,400
232 WEST HAWLEY RD	BROWNE, MARGARET	115,300	259,800	375,100
240 WEST HAWLEY RD	HICKS, CHRISTINE/TIRONE, CHRISTOPHER	50,000	153,500	203,500
247 WEST HAWLEY RD	TOWN OF HAWLEY	45,100	326,300	371,400
264 WEST HAWLEY RD	GORMLEY, JUNE (TRUSTEE)			
	GORMLEY REALTY TRUST	84,000	286,600	370,600
282 WEST HAWLEY RD	WARGO, MARIE	86,400	301,600	388,000
298 WEST HAWLEY RD	SARLY, ANNA/LERNER, LYNN	134,000	186,300	320,300
319 WEST HAWLEY RD	CONLEY, JOHN F & KATHY A	33,000	0	33,000
324 WEST HAWLEY RD	ROWEHL, GREGORY & GABRIELA			
	ROWEHL, AMELIE	67,600	165,400	233,000
325 WEST HAWLEY RD	CONLEY, JOHN F & KATHY A	21,900	17,500	39,400
326 WEST HAWLEY RD	HOYT, THOMAS & VIOLA	82,500	75,200	157,700
330 WEST HAWLEY RD	VAN BATENBURG, DEBORAH	40,800	10,200	51,000
334 WEST HAWLEY RD	SCHMITT, MICHAEL	46,900	83,900	130,800
335 WEST HAWLEY RD	DECKER, DOUGLAS & GLORIA	25,000	42,900	67,900
336 WEST HAWLEY RD	DECKER, DOUGLAS G. & GLORIA J	50,200	10,300	60,500
337 WEST HAWLEY RD	HODGKINS, GUY & MARIE	19,600	82,400	102,000
339 WEST HAWLEY RD	STONE, ROBERT (ESTATE OF)	29,500	32,300	61,800
340 WEST HAWLEY RD	HOYT, WILLIAM	43,900	37,000	80,900
380 WEST HAWLEY RD	NORCROSS, PAUL D. & RITA M. (TRUSTEES)			
	R AND P FAMILY TRUST	86,100	74,700	160,800
382 WEST HAWLEY RD	NORCROSS, PAUL D. & RITA M. (TRUSTEES)			
	R AND P FAMILY TRUST	66,000	375,200	441,200
390 WEST HAWLEY RD	BIGELOW, MARK	50,000	166,300	216,300
466 WEST HAWLEY RD	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS - DCR			
	(KENNETH DUBUQUE STATE FOREST)	3,832,700	97,400	3,930,100
	WEST HAWLEY RD			
0	WEST HILL ROAD	OWNER UNKNOWN	6,800	0
	SUZANNE S. CRAWFORD (TRUSTEE)			6,800
	SUZANNE S. CRAWFORD REVOC. TRUST	7,900	0	7,900
0	WEST HILL ROAD	DOYLE, KAREN/RICE, BETH/RICE, BRIAN	30,000	0
0	WEST HILL ROAD	WEST HAWLEY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION	1,500	0
0	WEST HILL ROAD	BRADLEY, DOUGLAS & DEBORAH	43,000	0
0	WEST HILL ROAD	COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS		
	DCR	29,500	0	29,500
0	WEST HILL ROAD	O'REILLY, TIMOTHY	15,000	0
7	WEST HILL ROAD	MCCARTHY, GERARD & LORRAINE		
	MCCARTHY FAMILY IRREVOC. TRUST	79,500	170,600	250,100
20	WEST HILL ROAD	RICE, GEORGE	275,000	205,400
28	WEST HILL ROAD	RICE, GAIL	79,700	114,200
40	WEST HILL ROAD	SAVOIE, JOSEPH & LINDA	76,500	173,600
43	WEST HILL ROAD	WRIGHT, MICHAEL & MEWIS, RUTH	39,300	34,600
63	WEST HILL ROAD	LLOYD W. CRAWFORD (TRUSTEE)		
	LLOYD W. CRAWFORD REVOC. TRUST	97,600	358,200	455,800
64	WEST HILL ROAD	SUZANNE S. CRAWFORD (TRUSTEE)		
	SUZANNE S. CRAWFORD REVOC. TRUST	103,200	166,500	269,700
86	WEST HILL ROAD	KITH AND KIN PROPERTIES LLC	120,500	646,000
91	WEST HILL ROAD	CARLE, ROLF	196,000	103,400
120	WEST HILL ROAD	TREE SPRITES INC	49,200	11,600
				60,800

## Report of the Board of Selectmen For 2025

The Hawley Selectboard offers the following review of 2025.

### *Road Updates*

The reconstruction project on Ashfield Road has largely been completed. Although the road still gets a little muddy in the spring months, it is in much better shape than in years past. Work continues on engineering a replacement for the aging King Corner culvert. On this project we have been at the mercy of the sometimes competing schedules and requirements of multiple state agencies, including the Department of Ecological Restoration and the Department of Transportation. In early 2026, we learned that the Department of Transportation had completed its review and signed a permit. We are applying for two grants to complete this project. The State has also provided a STRAP (small-town road-improvement) grant for preliminary survey and design work on the stretch of Route 8A known as the Dugway. This is the first step in what promises to be a multi-year, multi-million-dollar construction project to overhaul this narrow passageway: to straighten, expand, and improve lines of sight; enhance motorist, pedestrian, and cyclist safety; and address the very tired and rapidly degrading retaining walls. We know this project has come up multiple times over the decades and is long overdue. We hope this time we'll get it done! We are also talking about further assessing and working toward the replacement of aging culverts on Labelle Road.

With respect to equipment, the Highway Department used Chapter 90 funds to obtain a new wood chipper as well as a mini-loader that can mount a variety of accessories, including a mower attachment. This replaces the John Deere tractor we recently retired.

We also erected improved warning signage at prominent entrances to the State Forest and at other sites where we have had a persistent problem with motorists and even large trucks following GPS directions onto unsuitable roads and becoming lost or stuck, occasionally damaging the roads in the process. Though we doubt we need to say this to our own residents, we urge everyone to use common sense when coming across muddy dirt roads, gates, and snowbanks while driving. If it doesn't look suitable for your car, it isn't the best way to get to the nearest interstate or grocery store.

Speaking of the State Forest, a part of Middle Road just below Hunt Road was washed out over the summer and resulted in closure of that segment. The Department of Conservation and Recreation is aware of the problem, and we are in regular communication with them about it. We understand that between resource availability and the complex internal permitting process surrounding projects near brooks and wetlands, the fix will not be forthcoming overnight, however. We thank you for your patience. Unfortunately, this is not an issue over which the town has much control.

The winter of 2025-2026 was rough in terms of snow and storms and caused the snow-roads account to go well over budget. This is legally allowed and more common than you might think, although the frequency of storms and the amount of snow we have had to deal with this past year has been particularly challenging. We thank our road crew – Gary Mitchell, Chris Tirone, and Brandon Reynolds – for their diligent efforts in keeping up with the storms, equipment breakdowns, and long hours. We know it isn't easy, and we know that all Hawleyites, as well as all who pass through this great little town of ours, depend on their 24/7 service.

### *Broadband*

We continue to work with the Massachusetts Broadband Institute and Charter Communications to bring fiberoptic broadband to Hawley residents with State funding. This process is painfully drawn out as there is significant make-ready work that requires evaluating and sometimes replacing existing utility poles. Both Verizon and National Grid are involved in this process. Slowly but surely, progress is being made. In the meantime, the existing vendor on the four-town wireless FHMS network, Gonetspeed, has been offering many customers optional upgrades to faster communications technologies such as Starlink and in some cases cellular- or cable-based alternatives. We are closely monitoring this situation to make sure the vendor continues to live up to its contractual obligations through the end of the 10-year contract to which its predecessor, WiValley, agreed.

### *Public Safety*

In 2025, Hawley and Cummington were jointly awarded more than a quarter of a million dollars via a federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) through FEMA. This allowed both communities to replace their Fire Departments' aging self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBAs), also known as airpacks. These are a vital life-safety technology for firefighters operating in hazardous smoke- and heat-filled environments. They will replace equipment that is in many cases over 20 years old and does not meet modern safety standards. The airpacks arrived in March 2026, shortly before this report was drafted. They have an expected service life of 15 years. This was a major achievement for our Volunteer Fire Department and makes our first responders and the residents of both communities that depend on them safer.

We are presently working on two other public-safety-related projects. One is continued advocacy for state and federal funding to upgrade our 1980s-era Fire Station, which presently lacks a bathroom, ADA compliant meeting space, and adequate storage for our equipment. Ideally, we would also like the state DCR to cede us the field behind the current station to make room for a septic system and allow us to keep it mowed and preserved as a helicopter-landing area.

The other project is a collaboration with other communities in western Franklin County, as well as the Franklin Regional Council of Governments and the Colrain, Shelburne Falls, and Charlemont Ambulance Services. to work toward the potential creation of a regionalized, full-time paramedic-level West County Ambulance Service. This is a long process, but several preliminary meetings have already occurred, and the attitude overall has been positive.

#### *Possible Transitions Affecting Our Schools*

As residents may be aware, the Mohawk and Hawlemont School Districts have been exploring measures to increase their overall efficiency and keep costs down. The studies they have conducted with a consultant have resulted in the recommendation that we consolidate all elementary and high-school students onto a single campus located at the Mohawk Trail Regional School campus in Buckland. Everything we know so far is preliminary. Financial and governance information must be reviewed, agreements must be drafted, and funding must be secured before anything can happen. We do not expect any kind of voting until the Fall of 2026 at the earliest and possibly 2027.

#### *Changing the Town Clerk to an Appointed Role and Tax Payment Agreements*

Last year, we appointed Ellie Van Iderstine, who lives in Pittsfield, to fill a vacancy in the Town Clerk's position. She has done incredibly well and we hear that Hawley residents are very fond of her. So are we. The Clerk's position has traditionally been an elected one in Hawley, requiring that the elected candidate be a Hawley resident.

State law allows a town to change the role to an appointed one, with no residency requirement. At a Special Town Meeting in March 2026, cognizant of the recent lack of interested local candidate, voters voted to do just that. The question must also be presented as a ballot measure at the upcoming May election. If the ballot vote is consistent with the Town Meeting vote, we expect to have Ellie with us for a while to come.

At the same March Special Town Meeting, voters formalized their acceptance of a state law that allows what has already been a long time local practice in Hawley: enabling the Treasurer to enter into payment agreements with individuals who are delinquent on their property taxes.

This is not a major change; Hawley has entered into such agreements for years. Nevertheless, it wrapped up some loose ends, inasmuch as we had actually never taken the requisite vote required by the Legislature.

#### *Emergency Preparedness*

We said this last year. We will say it every year.

Recent storms and power outages remind us that life in a rural area necessitates being ready for anything. We encourage residents to take the steps necessary to be prepared for such events, including having extra food, water, and medication on hand and owning a working generator or back-up battery (in both cases taking into account appropriate fire-safety measures). Keep a first-aid kit on hand, have multiple ways to communicate, and have a contingency plan worked out in advance. Keep your car gassed up (or charged in some cases these days).

We also encourage anyone who hasn't yet done so to fill out the confidential resident Emergency Needs Survey through the Fire Department so the town knows which residents may be in dire straits during a long term emergency.

*It's All Hawley*

We continue to be grateful to all of our 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 Hawleyites to attend our Selectboard meetings, which take place every other Tuesday at the Town Office and to consider getting involved with other boards and committees or the Volunteer Fire Department. We could use your help.

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](http://townofhawley.com).

Respectfully submitted,

The Hawley Board of Selectmen,

Williams Cosby, Chair  
Hussain Hamdan  
Robert MacLean

## Town Clerk Annual Report 2025

### *Vital Statistics:*

Births: 0	Residents: 319
Marriages: 0	Registered Voters: 251
Deaths: 13	

### *In Memoriam:*

**Donna Mae Sumner (Webster)** – Daughter of Ruth Hammond and Paul A. Webster. Born February 13, 1940, in Hartford, Connecticut. Date of Death, March 16, 2025, in Hawley.

**Richard W. Kean, Jr.** – Son of Marybelle Perkins and Richard W. Kean, Sr. Born January 4, 1945, in Jackson Heights, New York.. Date of Death, March 30, 2025, in Pittsfield.

**Jane Marie O'Connor** – Daughter of Patrick O'Connor and Mary Elizabeth Ness. Born September 15, 1952, in Cleveland, Ohio. Date of Death: May 9, 2025, in Springfield.

**William J. Hoyt** – Son of Jennie L. Pervere and Charles L. Hoyt. Born August 9, 1947, in Greenfield. Date of Death, May 29, 2025, in Greenfield.

**John Clarence Fay** – Son of Alicia Anna Lacasse and William John Fay. Born May 24, 1964, in Hawley. Date of Death, May 30, 2025, in Hawley.

**Wayne Veber** – Son of Blanche Sifton and Ellsworth Veber. Born May 15, 1947, in Greenfield. Date of Death, June 19, 2025, in Greenfield.

**Linda Kay Albright** – Daughter of Virginia M. Addison and Clyde J. Albright. Born September 23, 1949, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Date of Death, July 24, 2025, in Hawley.

**Rebecca Schaefer (Bricker)** – Daughter of Winifred Diller and Carleton Bricker. Born November 22, 1941, in Sylvania, Ohio. Date of Death, September 1, 2025, in Hawley.

**Gordon Griswold** – Son of Eunice Crocker and Lewis Griswold. Born December 5, 1939, in Greenfield. Date of Death, September 3, 2025, in Northampton.

**George Arthur Rice** – Son of Lida Maynard and David S. Rice. Born September 15, 1941, in Adams. Date of Death, November 24, 2025, in Hawley.

**Jerome L. Sternstein** – Son of Anna Levine and Benjamin Sternstein. Born July 7, 1933, in Elizabeth, New Jersey. Date of Death, November 29, 2025, in Hawley.

**Also: Mary and Richard Gelinas.**



## Franklin Regional Council of Governments Services to Hawley in 2025

The FRCOG provides planning services, programming, and advocacy to all Franklin County municipalities. Our municipal service programs – Collective Purchasing, the Cooperative Public Health District, the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program – 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 helps municipalities plan for the future regarding transportation, livability, economic development, climate resilience and land use, while working on regional-scale projects as well; the Emergency Preparedness Programs prepare and train first responders and local officials.

FRCOG reports highlights of regional effort and impacts each year with an organizational annual report; recent years' reports can be found at <https://frcog.org/publications/frcog-annual-report/>. The 2025 Annual Report will be available in March 2026. Find the most extensive list of current and past projects and services on the FRCOG web site.

The following pages list services specific to Hawley.

### **Climate Resilience, Land Use, and Housing**

- Assisted the administrative assistant with completing Hawley's FY25 Green Communities Annual Report.

### **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 administrators on results from 130 Mohawk students, representing 76% of the 8th, 10th, and 12th grade classes. Survey data is valuable for grant writing and program planning. The 2025 survey includes the Prevention Needs Assessment.
- Met with Mohawk/Hawlemont school district administrators and staff to present their individual district's 2025 survey results, share custom written reports, provide assistance with interpretation and ad hoc analyses, and discuss how the district might use their survey results.
- Staff supported the Town in spending its opioid settlement funds regionally to bring addiction recovery supports to local residents and hosted a regional listening session to ensure compliance with the state settlement agreement.
- Supported the Mohawk Trail Regional School District in obtaining professional development in anti-bias education for middle and elementary school staff

- Collaborated with the Mohawk district's restorative practices coordinator on implementing 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 Mohawk school district.
- To help the Town meet mandated Massachusetts workforce standards, staff mentored and provided training opportunities to CPHS public health inspectors who serve Hawley. They gave technical assistance, reviewed documents, developed and distributed job aids, maintained resource and lending libraries, and taught multi-session courses leading to certification.
- Supported two events coordinated by the town's administrative assistant to reduce isolation and increase civic engagement among residents: the Hawley Spring Fling and Good Neighbor Day.

### **Shared Municipal Services**

- Collective Purchasing program staff facilitated a bid for a culvert replacement project on Ashfield Road.
- The Franklin County Cooperative Inspections program issued 30 building permits, 17 electrical permits, 14 plumbing/gas permits, and 4 certificates of inspection for Hawley in 2025.
- Hawley is a member of the CPHS, a regional health district based at the FRCOG, which conducts the town's public health work. In 2025, CPHS staff:
  - Staff gave 288 Flu and 285 COVID vaccinations at district drop-in nursing hours, at Hawlemont Regional School, and home visits. Hawley residents received 21 vaccines at these visits and were served by a regional clinic at Mohawk Trail as well.
  - Hosted drop-in nursing hours at the Senior Center at Charlemont Federated Church serving 47 different people in 95 separate contacts.
  - Made 2 home visits to Hawley residents.
  - Attended the CFCE of Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School District Trinity Church Playgroup monthly, connecting with 24 west county parents in 54 contacts.
  - Staff provided screenings, referrals, and vaccines to 35 west county residents in 81 client contacts at Good Neighbors Food Pantry.
  - Staff provided screenings referrals and vaccines to 48 west county residents in 131 client contacts at Hilltown Churches Food Pantry.
  - Completed state-mandated infectious-disease surveillance and reporting for cases in district member towns, checking state infectious disease system daily and following up as required, including for 4 Hawley cases.
  - Harm Reduction: Distributed Naloxone overdose reversal medication through the Good Neighbors Food Pantry.
  - Reviewed a total of 16 Hawley permit applications, including 1 for a food establishment, and 11 related to septic systems.
  - Responded to complicated health- and safety-related housing complaints in Hawley and worked with owners, occupants, Housing Court, and community resources to resolve them.

## **Training and Education**

The following list represents the FRCOG workshops, roundtables, and training sessions offered to public officials, staff, and residents of all Franklin County municipalities in 2025.

### **Emergency Preparedness & Homeland Security**

- WRHSAC De-escalation Training
- SkyWarn Weather Watch (REPC)

### **Healthy Youth Partnership**

- Active Bystander Training
- Youth Substance Misuse Prevention

### **Local Official Continuing Education Series**

- State Contracts & Available Services
- Selectboard 101
- Highway Program Roundtable
- Accessory Dwelling Unit Presentation

### **Planning, Conservation & Development**

- Floodplain Maps Workshop

### **Transportation**

- Provided on-going support for Route 8A Dugway improvements, including recommendations and comments on the contract for the project assessment study that is being funded with a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness grant.
- Wrote an application to the Federal Fiscal Year 2025 Rural and Tribal Assistance Program for funding to complete preliminary design and engineering work for the Route 8A Dugway Improvement Project.

- Resilient Watershed Association Tour/Training

### **Public Health & Community Awareness**

- Age-Friendly Symposium
- Dementia Friendly Communities
- Narcan Training
- Budget Advocacy Workshop
- Legislative Advocacy workshop
- ServSafe Training
- BESS (Battery Energy Storage System) Safety Workshop
- Mass in Motion
- Addressing Hate in Schools and Communities
- Community Health Needs Assessment Overview

**Services to Franklin Regional Retirement System**  
**Annual Report for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2024**

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

The Franklin Regional Retirement System is a government agency that serves the 653 retirees, 45 beneficiaries, 1102 active employees, and 833 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. The Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC) oversees us at the state level. PERAC audits our operations and financial records every three years. We contract with an independent auditor annually to complete a full audit of our system. We also contract with an actuary to perform a complete actuarial valuation every two years.

The retirement benefit we provide replaces participation in the Social Security system. We are a Defined Benefit plan that pays a lifetime retirement benefit based on the age, salary, and years of creditable service earned at the time a member of our system retires. Membership eligibility requires permanent employment in one of our governmental units working a minimum of 20 hours or more per week and earning \$5,000 or more annually. The funding of these benefits includes deductions from our members combined with matching funds from the employing unit. These funds are invested in a mixture of stocks, bonds, and indexed funds. Investment earnings are a large part of the funding of the retirement benefits, and the allocation of those funds is spread to a variety of sectors. Our fiscal year is the calendar year, from January to December. Current reports and more information can be found on our website: [www.FRRSMA.com](http://www.FRRSMA.com).

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristine Mathis, Executive Director

## Hawley Conservation Commission Report 2025

The year 2025 was a quiet one for the Hawley Conservation Commission. No Notices of Intent were received. Four Requests for Determination of Applicability were filed. A "RDA" is a free and simple process by which a person can request that the Conservation Commission make a determination as to whether they need to file a Notice of Intent. Commonly, this process is utilized for those seeking permission to work within the 100 foot buffer zone of a wetland. A "NOI" is a somewhat more complicated process that involves fees and usually requires professional assistance to prepare. It is normally required when work is proposed in a wetland resource area such as a stream, stream bank, swamp, floodplain area or what is known as the "Riverfront Area." Riverfront Areas are lands within 200 feet of a permanent stream. "Negative Determinations" were issued in response to each of the four RDAs, meaning that the applicants were not required to file a NOI for their projects, sometimes with minor conditions attached.

The four RDAs were for the McDermott driveway on Pudding Hollow Road, construction of a new home along the newly constructed shared driveway on East Road on lands now or formerly owned by Berkshire East, tree planting on the bank next to the Town Garage, and replacement of the culvert on Ashfield Road.

The Conservation Commission reminds residents that just because you have been issued a building permit, you are not permitted to build or do site work for your project if it will occur within areas subject to the Wetlands Protection Act until you receive permission from the Conservation Commission. To avoid delays, plan ahead and contact us early. Informal conversations and preliminary site visits are welcomed and encouraged.

Hawley joined a shared Conservation Agent Program and now has the services of a shared Conservation Agent, Kelly Kowal, to assist the commission with filings. It is expected that in 2026 she will assume a larger role in administrating Conservation Commission functions.

Submitted,  
Lloyd Crawford  
Conservation Commission Chair

## **Hawley Planning Board in 2025**

The Planning Board has spent most of this past year updating our bylaws and navigating new legislation passed by the state that has a direct impact on the town. The board will be working with the Franklin Regional Council of Governments to update the floodplain maps and bylaw. We are also working to add language to the town's protected bylaws to include Accessory Dwelling Units. The State Legislation has also passed new laws around solar and battery storage facilities. The town currently has no bylaws that include these areas; therefore, the Planning Board will need to create ones that reflect the needs of our town while still complying with the new regulations. The goal of the board is to try to get all of this accomplished and ready for voters' approval at the May Town Meeting in 2027. The Planning Board also issued an Approval Not Required decision for the 292 East Hawley Road property. The Planning Board meetings are posted on the town website and are usually held on the third Wednesday of the month.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kimberly Orzechowski Planning Board Chair

## **Personnel Committee Report for 2025**

The members of the Personnel Committee are John Sears, Chairman; Will Cosby; and Robert Sears. The Personnel Committee was not active in any hiring process in 2025.

The Personnel Committee has nearly completed the process of revising Hawley's Personnel Policy Manual. The Personnel Committee and the Selectboard are currently reviewing the revised manual to determine whether the changes we have made will add any significant costs to Hawley's budget.

Respectfully submitted,  
John F. Sears, Chair

## Historical Commission Report for 2025

The current members of the Historical Commission are John Sears (Chairman), Brandon Root, Suzy Groden, and Hussain Hamdan. All the activities of the Historical Commission are conducted in cooperation with the Sons and Daughters of Hawley (SDH).

### Cemeteries

*Mowing of Grass in Town Cemeteries.* The FY2025 allowance (\$2000) for mowing the grass in the town cemeteries, which is now part of the Historical Commission budget, was inadequate. The FY2026 budget is \$3500, and it appears that will be adequate. The members of the commission asked Mike Schofield to mow less often to stay within the budget for the rest of the growing season, which he did. Also, the drought this past summer lowered normal expenses. The Historical Commission will meet in the winter of 2026 to make a mowing plan and propose a budget for FY2027. We expect to ask Mike again to mow less frequently than he has done in the past and may try to recruit some volunteer labor to do some of the work. Juanita Clark continues to take care of mowing the grass in Bozrah Cemetery on a volunteer basis. Elaine Thomson does the mowing in the South Hawley Cemetery, also on a volunteer basis. We thank them both.

#### *Cemetery Clean-Ups.*

Melanie Poudrier organized volunteers to spring clean ups in the Bozrah, Doane, and East Hawley cemeteries.

#### *Tree Pruning and Removal.*

Managing the dying trees (mostly old sugar maples) in the cemeteries continues to be a challenge. In 2025 a large limb broke off a maple on the north edge of the Bozrah Cemetery and got hung up on the branches below, threatening to fall onto some of the gravestones. We received two bids for its removal. We chose the lower one from Woody Lanoue, who advised that we take down the whole tree. After Woody's unexpected death, Nelson Lanoue took down the tree on January 8, 2026. With Juanita Clark's permission, he left the trunk and large limbs in her pasture adjacent to the cemetery. He chipped the branches. The total cost was \$4,800.

We expect that further tree work in the cemeteries will be necessary in the near future. Given the high cost of this work, the members of the Historical Commission proposed the creation of a cemetery fund to supplement the cemetery budget and cemetery trust fund. People concerned about the maintenance of the town cemeteries will be encouraged to contribute voluntarily to this fund. The Selectboard approved the proposal.

In 2024, Hussain Hamden removed a tree that had fallen into the South Hawley Cemetery and damaged two stones. He poured concrete bases on which to mount the broken stones and plans to glue the stones to their bases when warm weather returns in 2026.

*Clearing brush and ferns from Brynn Cemetery.*

John Sears obtained permission from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to clear brush and ferns that have grown up in Brynn Cemetery, which is located in the State forest west of Hallockville Pond. Hussain plans to carry out the work in 2026 on a volunteer basis.

*Gravestone Cleaning and Restoration.*

We did not do any gravestone cleaning during the summer of 2025. In 2026 we plan to assess what needs the most work and try to recruit volunteers.

*Mapping the Graves in the Hawley Cemeteries.*

No mapping was carried out in 2025. Here again we plan to review whether further mapping is needed and what resources we have for carrying it out.

*Burials.*

There were ten deaths in Hawley in 2025, but only one burial in a town cemetery: Rebecca Schaefer in Bozrah Cemetery.

***Old Town Common***

On June 14, 2025, a group of volunteers, including Liz Sears, Robin Clark, Cheri (Robin's friend), Peter Gotta, Mike Gotta, Felicia Gotta, Chuck Churchill, 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. The clean-up was paired with a walk out to Big Rock (a glacial erratic in the State forest). Juanita Clark brought baked goods for the participants after the walk.

*Archives at the Grove Building*

*Cataloguing.* When it was warm enough for Suzy Groden to sit in the Archive Room, she catalogued the following documents:

- Inventory of Old Houses (using a folder with notes created by members of the Historical Commission in the 1980s).
- *Longley Family of the Annapolis Valley, Nova Scotia*, compiled by Wayne Morgan, a document donated by Maida Riggs

- A 1901 hardbound diary (there is no name of a creator anywhere in the book, but it contains a year's worth of a woman's notes about the doings of her Hawley household).
- *Catalog of the Hawley Public Library, 1912.*

Since the Grove building is unheated, cataloguing can only be done during the warm months. The work is very labor intensive. The Historical Commission would welcome volunteers who are able to contribute a few hours a week to assist Suzy with cataloguing the documents and artifacts in the archives.

#### *Roving Archivist.*

In the fall of 2025, Suzy wrote an account of the work that has been done on the archives over the past 10 years in an application for the services of a "Roving Activist," a resource supplied to community groups like ours by the Massachusetts State Archives. The woman who responded noted that the SDH had worked with a Roving Archivist in 2014 named Rachel Onuf. As a result, the SDH did not need to apply to the program again but could simply ask for follow-up help. She referred Suzy to John Warner, who said that 2014 was too long ago to warrant a simple follow-up. What the SDH needed to do was apply for a new Roving Archivist grant. He said there would be five grants in the coming year, and we seemed a good candidate for one. He also explained that the program was on hiatus at the moment. He promised to contact Suzy when the new application form is ready so that she can apply. As of this date, he hasn't been in touch.

#### *Inquiries about Hawley History.*

Bill Sweet continued to write to Suzy about his search for information about Herbert Blanchard, a colorful but mysterious character who grew up in West Hawley in the 19th century and about whom he is writing. At his request, Suzy met Bill and spent an afternoon with him in the Archives in September. Suzy forwarded to Virginia Gabert his subsequent request to examine old Hawley tax records, but she has not heard whether he was able to get the information he was after.

Submitted by John Sears  
Chairman

## Hawley Council on Aging 2025 Report

The Hawley Council on Aging currently has three members: Jennifer Rich, Susan Draves, and Nicole Polier

In 2025 the Council on Aging received a grant from the State of Massachusetts in the amount of \$7,500, with the Town of Hawley providing a matching grant in the amount of \$400.

Funding received by the Council was used 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 gift cards for distribution to Hawley seniors. (Each eligible senior received a \$30.00 gift card to Big Y in the spring mailing, and a \$15.00 gift card to Big Y in the holiday mailing.)
4. Sponsor senior activities. These activities included a Spring Fling, the Fifth Annual Hawley/Charlemont Senior Barbeque, and a Fiddle and Griddle Senior Services Symposium. (The last had to be cancelled due to scheduling difficulties. We hope to reschedule this event in 2026.)

The COA met five times during 2025 (not including mailings and events) to discuss budget expectations, allocate resources, work on the annual newsletter, send mailings, meet with county officials, and plan out sponsored events.

The Spring Fling, which the COA co-sponsored with the Town of Hawley with support from the Community Health Improvement Network, took place at the Charlemont Federated Church on May 17. Residents were invited to reminisce about how they came to be in Hawley and to share memories of their lives here. They were also encouraged to participate in the timeless tradition of making May Baskets for friends and neighbors. A pizza lunch followed the activities.

The Hawley/Charlemont Senior Barbeque took place at the Charlemont Fair Grounds on July 23, featuring live music by Dusti Dufresne.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Rich (chair), Susan Draves, and Nicole Polier

## Charlemont-Hawley Arts Council 2025

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, Joanne MacLean, Maggie Speier, and Tinky Weisblat; in Charlemont, Colleen Champ, Zorah Miller, Anna Otto, Andrea Santos, Kate Stevens, and Julia White. Of course, Hawley residents may talk to Charlemont members and Charlemont residents may talk to Hawley members.

Meanwhile, here is a brief report on what we have been up to. We allocated more than \$12,000 in state funds to individuals and groups in our towns for the 2025 grant cycle.

We continued to place a priority on education, funding events at Hawlemont School such as the weaving program and an astronomy program. 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, Plainfield's Concerts at 7, and Heath Fair music. We followed through on our commitment to diversity through grants to Indigenous Voices in the Berkshires, Racial Justice Rising, Franklin County Pride, 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.

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

## Hawley Fire Department 2025 Report

In 2025 Hawley firefighters responded to 54 emergency calls, including 5 fires in Hawley: 2 chimney fires, 2 structure fires, and a brush fire. We also responded 9 times to emergencies in other towns. Firefighters responded to 25 medical calls, 3 auto accidents, 4 calls for wires down, and 6 calls for alarms, including a dangerous carbon monoxide call with 12 people in the house..

We added five new firefighters in 2025, greatly strengthening our department. Four more of our firefighters completed the six-week Tri-State Basic Six Training in the spring and fall. All our firefighters have been trained in CPR and defibrillation, and we are holding a first-responder training this spring.

We were able to replace two complete sets of firefighters' turnout gear to meet the 10-year state standard with a \$10,500 state grant, and are doing the same again this year. We also were awarded a small wildfire grant to replace brush-fire gear. We received a donation of a Lucas machine in 2025, which helps responders do CPR.

Last fall Cummington and Hawley were notified they had been approved for a major federal grant to replace 26 airpacks and bottles in the two towns. This grant will save Hawley alone more than \$100,000 and bring our airpacks up to date with modern standards.

As in years past, in November Hawley firefighters cleaned chimneys for Hawley residents, and in August our firefighters helped with fire protection for the truck pulls at the Cummington Fair.

Two of our former firefighters passed away in 2025: Bill Hoyt and Buster Tanguay. Both were active when the department was formed in 1984 and served many years as firefighters here. We thank them for the time and effort they gave to the town.

The prolonged period of heavy snowcover this winter has prevented many residents from burning brush. We expect to get many requests for burning permits in the spring. Please be careful with heat sources outside in the spring, and make sure to get a permit if you want to burn brush.

The Fire Department has a Facebook page. Follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/HawleyVFD>.

# *FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTER*

*March 2026*



<i>Chief</i>	<i>Greg Cox</i>	<i>EMTs</i>
		Yvette Segal
Assistant Chief	Bob Root	
Captain	Chris Tirone	
Lieutenants	Brandon Root	
	Hussain Hamdan	Hussain Hamdan
Firefighters	Jacob Desrosiers	Ben Vargas Reyes
	Mila De Fougerolles	Mila De Fougerolles
	Megan Perry	Megan Perry
	Jason Valazquez	Jacob Gilbert
	Nicole Polier	Malik Johnson
	Sam Hungate	Theodore Barnhart
	Jeffrey Hoyt	
Junior Firefighter	Melisa Barnhart	

## Hawley EMD Report

In 2024 former Hawley Emergency Management Director Dean Desmaris stepped down, and I was asked to step in. I have been involved with Hawley's emergency services for over 10 years, acting as a Lieutenant on the Fire Department and now as EMD. This has been a new role for me as I'm learning my way through the position. I'm honored to live in this small community where people are always willing to help one another.

EMPG: The EMPG is a federal grant program administered by FEMA that provides funding to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments to enhance their all-hazards emergency management capabilities and support the National Preparedness Goal. Hawley is fortunate to be a part of the EMPG opportunities. Monitoring them is one of the many roles of the EMD.

This year we decided to purchase and apply for several GPS Satellite Communication units, road signage and cones, and firefighter structural helmet lights. Hawley lacks reliable cellular coverage on a good day. Many areas in our forests don't have service so it is difficult to communicate during emergencies. During a crisis like Irene, our existing radios and cellular coverage may either fail or become overwhelmed with traffic. These satellite units allow transmission of vital information as well as the precise GPS location of the sender during searches, natural disasters, and other situations that we may encounter.

The February 2025 windstorm had everyone frustrated from long-duration power outages, roads blocked with numerous downed trees and powerlines, and lack of communications. The Highway Department worked long hours to open roads and get power to keep municipal buildings functioning. The Hawley Fire Department did its best to perform wellness checks and distribute potable water throughout town. Much was learned, and we are better prepared for any future events.

As Emergency Management Director, I will build on what was learned through this past year and focus on helping our town become more resilient in any future emergencies.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Brandon C. Root  
Emergency Management Director*

## Franklin County Solid Waste Management District 2025 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 assist 21 member towns through administrative support, hauling contracts, trainings, and educational outreach to residents and businesses.

A review of recycling tonnage for 2025 shows a 300-ton decrease from 2024. District residents recycled just over 2,300 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 2025. Events were held at Mohawk Trail Regional High School, Erving Highway Garage, and Whately Transfer Station. Combined, the events served 636 households and collected over 60 tons of bulky waste, scrap metal, appliances, electronics, propane tanks, tires, and other items.

We held our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2025 at Greenfield Community College and the Orange Transfer Station. This event allows residents to dispose properly of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. A total of 380 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 \$146,000 for District towns. This grant funding is a result of successful waste-management infrastructures and programs.

We also held our first Fix-It Clinic at the Franklin County Tech School in May. Residents brought in broken items and almost everything was repaired by students and teachers from the Tech School as well as resident volunteers. A \$7,500 DEP grant will help us expand this program to more towns in 2026.

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](http://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' Services District

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

Our office has maintained continued outreach operations across the district. We have recently started to see a slowdown in the number of VA claims we have completed due to the record number of claims we processed after the PACT Act signing of August 2022.

- District now brings in \$2,186,859.54 in Federal money per month from the VA in Disability Compensation, Veteran Pension, DIC Compensation and Death Pension. This is an increase of \$126,234.11 from CY24.
- District has three qualified National Veteran Service Officers. We are now covering outreach in the following towns once a month: Ashfield (Town Hall), Bernardston (Senior Center), Erving (Senior Center), Deerfield (Town Hall), Leverett (Leverett Co-op), Montague (Senior Center), Northfield (Town Hall/Senior Center), Shelburne (Senior Center), and Wendell (Town Offices)
  - Office attended the mandatory Executive Office of Veteran Services for Massachusetts training and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers annual training.
  - VSA Laura Thorne has maintained her SHINE certification and is helping veterans and their dependents, taking some of the load off the Senior Centers.
  - We expect a much smaller increase to Chapter 115 due to inflation coming back under control. We project a slight increase from the overall operational budget Fiscal Year 26 budget while continuing to expand services in 2027. The main increase will be retiree and employee health-insurance costs.
  - We have increased the number of VA Healthcare applications since the change in eligibility for VA Healthcare.

*Christopher Demars, Director Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services District*

## Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority

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; home ownership 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/>.

## Superintendent of Schools Report 2025

### Where are We Focusing?

These are areas where specific attention has been paid to improving and strengthening performance, results, and communication across our schools and grades.

#### *Instructional Leadership Focus*

- Learning walks tied to ILT school-based planning guides;
- Principal coaching cycles with Focus Schools;
- Monthly DLT meetings with professional development in instructional leadership; and
- Accountability to district-wide assessment systems, data cycles, and curriculum implementation

#### *District-wide Targeted Learning Focus: Writing*

- Established a district-wide targeted learning focus;
- Supported school-based targeted learning focus development;
- Aligned current resources and initiatives to support writing across all content and grade levels; and
- Looking at local student work to compare with state student work exemplars

#### *Culturally Responsive Teaching Practices*

- Continued work with CES and the Joy and Justice team;
- Training for all paraprofessionals;
- Creation of a teacher toolkit to address incidents of bias in our schools; and
- Communication Tools

#### *Area in development*

Monthly newsletters to include:

- Curriculum, assessment, and instruction areas of growth; and
- Shared district-wide student achievement data for areas of celebration and growth

### Enough Abuse Partnership

The Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School Districts have pursued a partnership with [Enough Abuse](#), an organization dedicated to preventing sexual abuse of children in school districts across Massachusetts. The District Leadership Team (DLT) has worked with Enough Abuse to create a plan of action that includes: 1.) professional development to educate all staff about ensuring the safety of all students in our care; 2.) requiring all staff to complete a course created by the Enough Abuse organization to establish clear and consistent expectations for appropriate relationships between all adults and students in our school districts; and 3.) review of our policies, procedures and protocols by Enough Abuse to identify ways to recognize and stop boundary-crossing behaviors (staff texting students beyond school hours, for example) which can lead to inappropriate relationships between adults and students.

What we have done:

- The DLT has participated in the Enough Abuse screening tool and professional development (PD).
- With Jetta Bernier from Enough Abuse, we have developed PD content for the entire staff.
- Staff have completed the PD training and an online module, for which they must earn a score of 85%. A certificate of completion is then awarded. The module takes staff through a typical situation and guides trainees on how to respond appropriately. The final test confirms what the staffer has learned and offers the confidence to come forward in any instance of suspected or confirmed abuse.
- We now include Enough Abuse content in our annual staff training, in addition to the mandatory 51A training.
- We have updated our hiring policies and protocols to ask specific questions about prior DCF findings and former work experience where a resignation was taken in lieu of termination.
- We conducted building walkthroughs and surveyed students about unsafe spaces in our schools.
- We are working to bring family resources and student curriculum to identify boundary-crossing behaviors and ways to keep our children safe.

Ensuring the safety and well-being of our students and staff is our highest priority. Please know that when individuals are hired in the Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont School Districts, they must be fingerprinted and are subject to both a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) review and a Sexual Offender Registry Information (SORI) review. In addition, our employee handbook, policies, and procedures specifically outline the professional conduct we expect of all adults in our employment.

### **Curriculum Check: Assessing and Adjusting Toward Achievement**

In our districts, with nearly 900 students and 200 staff, implementing practices and understanding how those changes affect learning takes time. As we watch for change to reveal itself, we collect and use data to inform ourselves about student learning and make decisions about instruction to best meet student needs. Continued data collection and review help the administration remain responsive to students throughout the school year, ensuring they are learning and growing in their skill sets and that we are pushing them to their potential. Some of the ways we collect information include:

- informally in the classroom through observation and discussion;
- regularly in small and ongoing assessments like quizzes, interviews, and exit tickets; and
- more formally through standardized assessments like DIBELS, unit tests, projects, and papers.

Tests like MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System), Advanced Placement (AP) exams, and SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) scores provide much broader measures that offer a sense of the big picture. We are also working within a framework set by DESE for improvement targets. (Categories and descriptions [may be found here.](#))

While our districts' schools, like those across the nation, still show learning loss from the pandemic, overall our districts are classified as making "moderate progress" toward targets. All schools are performing at this level except for Colrain Central, which has an achievement level of "Substantial Progress" toward targets. And last year, Hawlemont Regional earned a "School of Distinction" recognition for its improvement efforts.

Addressing the concerns in science, the middle school and high school (specifically biology) are seeing a new science curriculum. We've added concentrated blocks of time for math practice and implemented smaller, more frequent ways of testing understanding (and are seeing concrete evidence of growth from the Fall to the Spring). As for literacy, we've seen steady improvement, with students starting the school year reading at or above their grade level, as a result of work done the previous spring. Additionally, we are doing a better job addressing and helping students who have been identified as needing more support.

We continue to shift toward more meaningful teaching and learning strategies (like Standards-Based Teaching and Learning (SBTL)) that result in content mastery and the application of skills in the classroom, as well as measurable success on standardized state assessments.

### **Student Voice**

Student-Led Conferences (SLCs) continue to be our version of a parent-teacher conference in which students take a leadership role and are held twice a year. To prepare for the conference, students have reflection time and mini-work sessions during their advisory block. A template is provided to ensure that students analyze their progress toward academic standards, what they are most proud of, what can be celebrated, areas for growth, and what teachers and families can do to support their goals.

An additional forum in which MTRS high school students were encouraged was a summit focused on the theme "Your Voice. Your School. Your Future." The event provided a platform for students to share their experiences and play a key role in reimagining the future of Mohawk Trail Regional School. Our students heard from special guest Gaelin Elmore, who presented on themes of belonging, trusted environments, and vulnerable authenticity. Students then moved into small work groups led by students to discuss big ideas and practical actions related to what matters most to them at Mohawk Trail Regional School. This work will continue into 2026-2027.

### **Smithsonian Institute in District**

How fortunate we were at Mohawk Trail Regional to have hosted the Smithsonian Institute's Museum on Main Street traveling exhibit from April 17 through May 29. The small but mighty exhibit became part of our everyday life, bringing knowledge, cause for consideration, new friends, and a renewed sense of community to the space and beyond. NEPM's *Fabulous 413* came by; have a listen to the interview and tour here: <https://podcasts.apple.com/.../may-27.../id1669577464...>

Students from classrooms around the building and district visited with assignments in hand, allowing the exhibit to enrich their learning. Visitors from the community discovered the richness of the content that only the Smithsonian can provide. Events hosted around the topic of Voices and Votes: Democracy in America demonstrated our appreciation for the depth and breadth of the topic and offered a forum for learning, sharing, and growth.

We offer our thanks to: Mass Humanities for making it possible for the Museum on Main Street exhibit to travel to Mohawk Trail Regional School; the Mass Cultural Council and other local cultural councils for their part in supporting the initiative and related events; local historical societies and organizations for donating items for the display of local artifacts related to democracy; the Mary Lyon Foundation for their support of the events; the Charlemont Forum, Center for New Americans, the League of Women Voters of Franklin County, the Art Garden, and all speakers, panelists, and special guests; Falls Cable TV for broadcasting events and making recordings available; the group of dutiful volunteer docents; students and teachers who fortified their knowledge through the exhibit; all the visitors who made time to attend events and view the exhibit; and the planning committee. Special kudos to Hawley for lending us Tinky Weisblat to serve as the project coordinator.

### **Sustainability Study**

The Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School Districts acknowledge that the trends of declining enrollment, rising operational costs, relatively flat state aid, and increasing needs of our student body have made the districts' current operations financially unsustainable. These trends are national and directly affect our communities, creating financial concerns for our school districts, our member towns, and their taxpayers. During 2025, in Phases I and II of the 2 Districts 8 Towns sustainability project, community conversations, meetings with town leaders, and extensive research and reporting took place. The project has moved into Phase III with consultant BERK12. Most recently, the Educational Visioning group has met to preserve what our community values most, expand opportunities for all learners, and enhance our schools with new possibilities that reflect the needs of today's students and families. Also, community members are self-selecting to participate in field trips to gather first-hand information to make solid decisions about the future of our own school districts. Site visits have been to schools in the Berkshires and Gateway Regional, where volunteer representatives asked a variety of questions to gain a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities when taking on a consolidation.

### **Rural Advocacy**

In June, the Superintendent traveled to the State House with 4 students to lobby for increased rural aid. They participated in a hearing by sharing their personal stories on the floor. We are aligned with Rural Schools Advocacy in Massachusetts to create a movement to increase rural aid. As a rural school district, we struggle with bridging financial and other resource gaps. The 38 rural school districts that educate 38,000-plus Massachusetts students need and deserve rural aid that addresses our needs. Our advocacy has been and will continue to be around these three issues:

- Reinstating \$4 million in rural aid removed from the FY26 Massachusetts budget; the original proposed amount was \$16 million, but was later reduced to \$12 million.
- Ensuring that the legislature honors Governor Maura Healey's FY27 rural aid proposal of \$20 million.
- Since the Commission on the Fiscal Health of Rural School Districts report was released in July 2022, the State was recommended to appropriate \$60 million in rural school aid annually. Our voices will continue to advocate for that recommended amount.

In November we took part in then-Massachusetts State Representative Natalie Blais’s office hours held at the Elmer’s Community Center/Wicked Good Cafe in Ashfield, where Buz Eisenberg of WHMP’s Talk the Talk broadcast live as guests, including Superintendent Stanton, who spoke on the topic of rural aid and food access. (Listen for Stanton at the 19:20 mark.) At that same time, we partnered with the Mary Lyon Foundation on a twice-a-week food distribution program when SNAP benefits were defunded. Mary Lyon Foundation secured the food donations, and District Nurse Leader Donna Weber, with the help of volunteers, coordinated the school-based program at the school buildings.

**Green Initiatives**

Schools in the Mohawk Trail Regional School District are starting 2026 off with a renewed commitment to our composting program. We are partnered with the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District, which visits to present on composting and recycling in the school setting, which is an initiative that has been running since 2012 at Mohawk Trail Regional School.

**Wrapping Up**

It is a pleasure and an honor to continue serving as your Superintendent of Schools. I look forward to our work together.

Sheryl L. Stanton  
 Superintendent  
 Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School Districts  
*Where Learning and Growth is our Focus and Community, and Courage is our Path*

## **2025 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 continues building momentum in literacy skill-building and instructional practices. I am grateful that our amazing staff stays committed to our school improvement goals and to providing authentic, engaging, and student-centered learning.

Our school staff maintains the momentum increasing our familiarity with the EL curriculum and making connections with our writing curriculum. The Instructional Leadership Team focuses on accountable talk and writing and increasing student ownership and pride in work. We conduct learning walkthroughs to assess progress toward our goals and meet staff needs.

We ended the 2024-2025 school year celebrating student growth, with 55% of students meeting literacy benchmarks and 72% more students exceeding grade level expectations at the end of the school year. The celebration continued when we learned our MCAS scores increased. Hawlemont met or exceeded 54% of the goals DESE set! We received accolades and a certificate of recognition from DESE for raising our ELA MCAS achievement above our pre-pandemic records. Well done, Hawlemont students! Hawlemont continues to grow.

This summer, we partnered with Mohawk Trail Regional School District elementary schools to create a larger summer program to build community, confidence, and continued skill work in academics, speech, and fine and gross motor skills. This program supported students who benefit from additional time on learning or thrive with the routines of school. Highly qualified educators designed and implemented a curriculum geared to individual student needs and offered recreational and enrichment opportunities.

We currently have 77 students enrolled in PK-6 for the 2025-2026 school year. Though small, we are mighty. The teaching assignments for the 2025-2026 school year are as follows: Preschool Full Day: Ann Hallenbeck, Kindergarten: Daphne Clark, First Grade: Michelle Gajda and Jennifer Sinistore, Second Grade: Alecia Briggs, Third Grade: Sarah Ricko, Fourth Grade: Abby Clark, Fifth Grade: Amy Quist, Sixth Grade: Stephen Bechtel, HAY Agriculture Coordinator: Jennifer Sinistore, Special Education: Emily Eller, Paula MacLean, Music Teacher: Janet Ryan, Art/PE/Library: Kylee Bunker, and Psychologist/School Counselor: Devon Kelleher. We have many wonderful paraprofessionals who provide additional support in classrooms; our nurse is Julie Senecal, and Rachel Gammell and Heather Lengieza are the cafeteria staff.

At our open house we invited community organizations, such as Mary Lyons and Good Neighbors Food Pantry to join us. The larger community toured classrooms, worked on art projects, and enjoyed a soup and salad dinner made by staff.

We continue to build relationships with our families and within our community. We partnered with Mary Lyons, Good Neighbors, and Hilltown Food Pantry to provide grocery bags going to households experiencing food hardships during the temporary hold of SNAP benefits. We also welcomed the Hawley and Charlemont senior citizens for lunch in November and December and will continue to invite them in. More than 20 residents joined our students, enjoying the good company and the good food.

Hawlemont's 4H programming includes novice and advanced weaving, craft, rabbit, baking, and animal science. Extracurricular activities like baseball, basketball, and dance teach our students teamwork and good sportsmanship. We are always looking for community members with a passion or expertise to run after-school programs.

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 community engagement and connections and centered student voice by sharing each student's reflections of their learning and goals and highlighting a piece of work they are proud of.

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

## **Annual Report of the Principal, Mohawk Trail Regional School**

### ***Culture Building***

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

We continue to emphasize student autonomy through the three main pillars, which greet everyone in our main lobby:

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

This past year, thanks to our ongoing relationship with Suffolk Centre for Restorative Practices, 28 unit A staff received tier 1 RJ training. Building administrators and counselors received tier 2 training.

A new Assistant Principal, hired at the end of the 24-25 school year, will continue to work with the building and district restorative initiatives in the 25-26 school year.

### ***Schedule Changes***

Unit A staff worked with building and district staff to plan and implement a new schedule to be implemented at the start of the 25-26 school year. This marks a move away from a block schedule, more typically used in a larger school, to a daily schedule and trimesters rather than semester-long classes. The intention was to provide more options and opportunities for students and a more equitable distribution of class sizes from 7 to 12. As well as providing more opportunities for ELA and Math interventions and support, this new schedule design has provided opportunities for teachers to engage with students in all grade levels, rather than a traditional MS or HS setting. Additionally, through the Flex block, there are opportunities for students to continue to participate in clubs as well as take advantage of academic support blocks during the day.

### ***Feedback and Communication***

A key part of culture building is that transparent communication continues to be important to MTRS. There are numerous ways for the community to 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 an annual "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 MTRS.

In addition, the Local Educational Committee continues to provide input into both the school and district improvement plans.

### ***Barr Funding and Innovation***

In January 2024 MTRS received the first of two annual \$450,000 grants from the Barr Foundation to support phase two of our unique Trailblazer Model. This payment will allow us to continue implementing new initiatives and curricular programs to redesign the school experience for all students. This will provide students, staff, and community members with 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 through a shift to standards-based teaching and learning; advisory and social-emotional learning; restorative practices; equitable educational experiences for all students; communications and community outreach; distributed leadership; and student-led conferences.

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

- Internships and work study opportunities, on campus and off
- Social Emotional Learning supports, including: EL 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 portfolios of student work and student-led conferences
- Senior Capstone projects culminating with 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 the service of continuing to promote and support the Trailblazer Model of distributed leadership, opportunities for student voice, and increased Social and Emotional Learning. Lead teachers continue to work with EL in order to provide leadership for staff and support with rolling out Standards-Based Teaching and Learning (SBTL) in grades 7-12. The District Athletic Director also continues to focus on the growth and promotion of sports in the district, as well as 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 its work in designing and delivering staff PD on Standards-Based Teaching and Learning development, as well as our successful adaptation of twice yearly Student-led Conferences. Finally, 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 classroom. 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.

Our guidance team continues to define pathways and early college/dual enrollment opportunities beyond MTRS for all of our students. Additionally, the team is working with Masshire and other partners to look at ways to provide students with the opportunity to obtain certification for CPR, First Aid, ServeSafe, and Driver's Ed.

### ***College Preparedness and Student Retention***

The guidance team held a second annual alumni college conversation with students in December. This is a great opportunity for returning students to talk to current MTRS students about life and college experience beyond Mohawk Trail.

In addition to the alumni event, the guidance team helped provide Grade 8 students with an information morning as well as the opportunity to experience a day in high school. Admin will visit grade 6 classes later in the winter/spring to talk with students about life and opportunities at MTRS.

### ***Field Trips***

We have been incredibly lucky to have been able to utilize the two new district mini-buses 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 the following locations: Smith College, GCC, UMASS Amherst, Springfield College, Amherst Art Museum, Boston Aquarium, the Clark Museum, 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 Committee (LEC). Other community-wide opportunities such as Open House, the Celebration of Learning, and the Mohawk Trail Athletic Association (MTAA)-organized Spring Fling, continue to fill MTRS with positive community spirit.

Graduation took place indoors in the MTRS auditorium in May of 2025, and we are planning for this to be the venue for a combined graduation and scholarship event for the Class of '26 in May 2026.

### ***Communications and Outreach***

Communications and Outreach Coordinator Carol Foote continues to support all schools in the Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School Districts through internal and external coverage of school- and community-related news and events.

She serves as a resource and point of contact for and to district staff, students, caregivers, community members, the Mary Lyon Foundation, school- and town-based newsletter editors, reporters from the *Greenfield Recorder*, town officials, legislators, organizations, and businesses. Her design and writing work may be seen around our buildings and towns, as well as on our websites and on social media.

Communications and outreach are also part of the planning, creating, and implementation work of the communications subcommittee of the MTRSD school committee and the 2 Districts 8 Towns sustainability study. Budget season keeps this office particularly busy as we strive for transparency for the taxpayers in presenting the numbers and process.

### ***Music and Theatre***

We are really pleased with the continued resurgence of music and drama at MTRS in the past year. As well as a spring musical in 2024, *Charlie Brown*, a winter play, *And then there was one*, took place in early January 2025. Our annual Winter Concert took place on December 18, and our Spring school concert and district concerts are scheduled for later in 2026.

### ***Athletics***

The year 2025 was another incredible one for Mohawk Trail athletics! While continuing to offer programming for grades K-12, our athletic department benefited from record-breaking participation numbers in every athletic season. All told, over HALF of Mohawk Trail students participate in Mohawk Trail athletics EVERY season, well above both the state and national averages. Also, to quickly shine a light on some notable news in the Mohawk Trail Athletics world, we are proud to share that after a 5-year hiatus, Boys Varsity Basketball is back! In addition to this, for the first time in nearly a decade, our boys' basketball program is able to field a team at all three levels: middle school, junior varsity, and varsity! To conclude, we wouldn't want to forget to mention that for the third time in four years, our girls' alpine ski team was able to bring home a State Championship! A truly dynastic run by our flagship program!

### ***Youth Athletics***

As in years past, Mohawk Trail has continued to work closely with West County Baseball, West County Soccer, and the Hilltown Basketball League to offer seasonal athletic opportunities to our district students in grades K-6.

In addition to these programs, summer offerings through the Mohawk Trail Athletic Department include both the Summer Track Series and youth field-hockey clinics. Both are held weekly throughout the summer months. All these programs are run by community volunteers, as well as Mohawk Trail coaches and athletes. We cannot thank these contributors enough for all the hard work and dedication they have put into ensuring the sustainability of our district's athletic programs.

### *Middle School Athletics*

Mohawk Trail continues to have incredibly high participation rates amongst our 7th and 8th-Grade students. More than 77% of our Mohawk Trail middle school students participate in at least one athletic season, while many participate in as many as three! Middle school students have the ability to choose from 14 different athletic offerings, spread out over three seasons. Middle school students account for nearly half of the total athletes in Grades 7 through 12, and continue to play a huge role in the success and sustainability of our varsity programs.

### *Cooperative Programs*

In order to ensure the continued success and sustainability of athletic programs in rural areas, the MIAA (Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association) has continued to allow smaller schools in rural areas to join forces in order to field teams that they would not be able to field on their own. Currently, the Mohawk Trail Regional School District is involved in eight separate cooperative programs. They include...

Varsity Golf - Host School (w/ Greenfield High School)  
Wrestling - Host School (w/ Greenfield High School)  
Football - Guest School ( w/ Greenfield High School)  
Boys and Girls High School Soccer - Guest School (w/ Greenfield High School)  
High School Baseball - Guest School (w/ Greenfield High School)  
Nordic Skiing - Host School (w/ Hampshire Regional)  
Hockey - Guest School (w/ Greenfield High School)  
Boys Tennis - Guest School (w/ Greenfield High School)

Our district has developed great working relationships with both the Greenfield Public School System and Hampshire Regional. By the start of FY27, Mohawk Trail should be able to offer as many athletic opportunities to its students as a school that is three or four times our size. With enrollment essentially stagnant and budgets becoming tighter, the Mohawk Trail Athletic Department will continue to prioritize giving our students every opportunity to compete in the sport of their choice, at the absolute highest level. Go Warriors!

### *Get Involved!*

Curious as to how you can help facilitate the success of the Mohawk Trail Athletic Department? Please reach out to District Athletic Director Greg Lilly at [glillyAD@mtrsd.org](mailto:glillyAD@mtrsd.org) or Mohawk Trail Athletic Association President Jenn Pease at [jpease@admin.umass.edu](mailto:jpease@admin.umass.edu) to see how you can lend a helping hand!

*Student Numbers*

At the December mid-point of the 2025-2026 school year, student enrollment in Grades 7 through 12 is 297. Current enrollment numbers for middle school include approximately 73 students in 7th Grade and 74 students in 8th Grade. Enrollment for 9th Grade is 36 students, 10th grade has 41 students, 44 members are in the Junior Class, and there are 29 MTRS Seniors. We have one student enrolled in our post-graduate program.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Buckland  
Principal

## 2025 Annual Town Report Special Education and Pupil Services

The Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School Districts provide special education and related services to students in five buildings: Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School, Colrain Central School, Sanderson Academy, Hawlemont Regional School, and Mohawk Trail Regional School. The primary function of special education is to ensure that students with disabilities who are eligible for an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) are provided with a *free, appropriate, public education* (FAPE) in the *least restrictive environment* (LRE). Students with disabilities who are not eligible for an IEP may qualify for a Section 504 Plan. A 504 plan provides accommodations for students in general education settings in order to ensure access to instruction among their peers. An IEP provides specialized instruction that is evidence-based and designed to meet the unique needs of the student, in addition to accommodations in general education settings. Under both plans, student progress is regularly monitored by teachers and specialists to ensure that students with disabilities are making effective progress given the necessary supports and services.

In addition to specialized academic instruction, special education provides related services in other areas that are critical to learning. The table below includes related services that are provided by school-based employees or for which we contract with outside providers.

Related Service	Licensed Professional
Speech and/or language (S/L)	Licensed Speech/Language Pathologist (CCC-SLP)
Reading	DESE Reading Specialist Licensure
Occupational Therapy (OT)	Licensed Occupational Therapist (MS, OTR/L)
Physical Therapy (PT)	Physical Therapist (PT) or Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)
Counseling	Adjustment Counselor (MSW, LMHC) or School Psychologist (NCSP)
Behavior Support	Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)
Vision	Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments (TVI)
Hearing	Audiologist (CCC-A)
Orientation & Mobility (O&M)	Certified Orientation & Mobility Specialist (COMS)

The Mohawk Trail District currently employs four full-time Speech/Language Pathologists, who provide services to students attending Buckland-Shelburne, Colrain, and the Mohawk Trail School. Speech and language service needs at Hawlemont and Sanderson Academy are met through contracted providers. The districts share one Physical Therapist (PT), and the equivalent of 1.5 Occupational Therapists (OTs): one OT is full-time, and one OT has a 0.5-time contract. In addition, to meet the rising needs of students with fine and gross motor limitations in the classroom, as well as sensory challenges, Mohawk Trail contracts with an outside provider for an additional 0.4-time OT. We employ two full-time school psychologists. Every school building has an assigned mental health counselor, and there are three counselors providing services to middle and high school students at Mohawk Trail. The number of service providers in each building is based on student population, student needs, and the legal requirements of the IEP.

Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont share one Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC). This is a small group of volunteer parent leaders, in conjunction with the Director of Pupil Services, who work to build effective parent-school partnerships specifically designed for families of students with disabilities. Massachusetts state law assigns both an advisory and participatory function to SEPACs. Membership is offered to all parents of children with disabilities and other interested parties. Meetings are held monthly and are open to the public.

Buckland-Shelburne is our largest elementary school campus. On-site, we provide a substantially separate setting for students with cognitive and behavioral challenges that prevent them from being fully included in grade-level classrooms. This program, known as the HUB, is available to students across our two districts. The HUB is overseen by a special-education teacher with expertise in severe-needs programming, as well as our Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). Students access this separate setting to varying degrees according to their individual learning needs. On the Mohawk Trail campus, we offer two substantially separate classrooms for students in Grades 7 and above.

The Mohawk Trail Supported Classroom (MTSC) provides a full-time clinician and two special education teachers for students with social-emotional challenges that prevent them from obtaining grade-level instruction independently. The MTSC has both a middle school classroom, for 7th and 8th Graders, and a high school program, for those in 9th Grade and above. Additionally, the Mohawk Trail Vocational Program (MVP) provides life skills training and academic instruction that is modified to meet the needs of students who are working on common core curriculum standards below grade level. Students within the MVP program may receive educational services at Mohawk Trail until they are 22. All of our substantially separate programs for students with unique learning needs are designed to improve outcomes for students and promote their inclusion in classrooms among their peers to the greatest extent possible. These programs also enable our districts to meet students' needs in their local schools.

The tables below include data reflecting special populations within our school districts. These data were provided by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in Massachusetts (DESE) and were last updated on January 8th, 2026.

### Mohawk Trail Regional School District

Selected Populations: 2025-2026	% of the District	% of the State
First Language Not English	1.4%	27.3%
English Language Learner	0.5%	13.4%
Low-income <sup>1</sup>	41.8%	41.1%
Students with Disabilities	25.1%	21.1%
High Needs <sup>2</sup>	54.1%	55.4%

### Hawlemont Regional School District

Selected Populations: 2025-2026	% of the School/District	% of the State
First Language Not English	1.4%	27.3%
English Language Learner	0.0%	13.4%
Low-income	54.8%	41.1%
Students with disabilities	37.8%	21.1%
High Needs	67.6%	55.4%

<sup>1</sup> Low-income status is calculated based on a student's participation in one or more of the following state-administered programs: the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); the Transitional Assistance for Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC); the Department of Children and Families' (DCF) foster care program; expanded MassHealth (Medicaid) up to 185% of the federal poverty level; students that are homeless

<sup>2</sup> High Needs status is calculated based on the number of high needs students, divided by the adjusted enrollment. A student is high needs if he or she is designated as either low income (prior to 2015, and from 2022 to present), economically disadvantaged (from 2015 to 2021), El/former El, or a student with disabilities. A former El student is a student not currently an El, but had been at some point in the four previous academic years.  
data as of: October 1, March 1, End of Year

Demographic trends in special populations across both districts have largely mirrored trends at the state level, with the exception of the enrollment rate of English Language Learners and students for whom English is not their first language. Compared to the previous school year, in 2025-2026 schools within the Mohawk Trail Regional District observed a slight increase in students with disabilities, while the state observed a slight decrease. In the Hawlemont Regional School District, there is a greater percentage of students with disabilities enrolled compared to the state average. However, given the small size of the overall student body in Hawlemont, this increased percentage reflects a relatively small number of students. As a district, Hawlemont serves a larger population of students identified as High Needs compared to the state. The percentage of students identified as High Needs within the Mohawk Trail district is very near the state-wide average.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Lignori, Ed.S.  
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

**Vocational Education Advisory Committee 2025**  
Serving the towns of Charlemont, Hawley, Plainfield, and Ashfield

The Vocational Education Advisory Committee (VEAC) is composed of representatives from the four towns in the Mohawk Trail Regional School District (MTRSD) that are not members of a vocational school: Ashfield, Charlemont, Hawley, and Plainfield. A MTRSD school committee representative and the district treasurer serving as our clerk are also members of the Committee. Robert Sears joined as Hawley's town representative after John Sears, who served in that role for many years, resigned in November 2025. Suzanne Crawford serves as the school district representative and is the current chair of VEAC.

Our primary responsibility is to arrange transportation for all of our vocational students in as efficient and cost-effective a manner as possible. During the 2025-26 school year, Hawley has six students attending vocational schools, three at Franklin County Technical School and three at Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School. In all during this school year the four towns have 41 students total, 24 at Franklin Tech and 17 at Smith Voc.

Robin Pease, MTRSD Director of Facilities and Transportation, and Dawn Brown of Travel Kuz (Kuzmeskus Bus Service) do an excellent job of designing the most efficient routes to pick up the students in our four towns. Occasionally VEAC is able to assist students from other towns in the Mohawk Trail District who are attending Smith Voc, benefiting those towns as well as spreading the cost out over more students.

Suzanne Crawford

## Mary Lyon Foundation 2025



# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

2025 was a banner year for the Mary Lyon Foundation. We completed our \$5,000,000 Campaign for Student Success, surpassing our goal by \$100,000. This success highlights the strong support from our donors and partners, reinforcing their vital role in our progress. Our ongoing goals remain the same: stabilizing operations, securing funding, and expanding our support to more students, families, and educators. For example, we supported 1,100 students and families, demonstrating our tangible community impact.

Our vision for the future is to ensure that:

1. All students have the resources they need to be ready to learn, to succeed in school, and to thrive in the wider world.
2. All families have access to the services needed to foster a healthy and stable learning environment at home and school.
3. All educators have the tools and resources they need to give their students the very best education possible.

We have realized this vision through newly created programs, collaborations with other agencies, and the use of your fundraising dollars, which directly enable us to expand services like wrap-around support and community hubs, making you an essential part of our progress and impact.

Over the last year, our programs continued to expand, and we found ourselves in need of a Program Director. Liza Manchester joined our team in late July, and with her help, we were able to successfully supplement food to the students in the districts throughout the SNAP crisis.

As we enter 2026, we are focused on supporting families and educators today while planning for the future, reinforcing our commitment to community growth and shared success.

We enter 2026 inspired and motivated to continue offering, building, and creating a sustainable community resource in West County and continue to expand our help throughout Franklin County and areas of Hampshire County.

Total raised in 2025 in cash and pledges: \$1,134,266.74. This strong financial support enables us to sustain current programs and invest in new initiatives, such as expanding wrap-around services and community hubs, ensuring long-term impact and stability for the foundation's mission.

The Mary Lyon Foundation depends on your generosity and grant funding to fulfill our mission. Your continued support enables us to grow our endowments and provide essential care and programs to those who need us most, fostering a sense of shared purpose and trust.

Thank you for all the support and generosity in 2025, and we hope you will continue to join us in 2026.

Sincerely yours,

**Kristen Tillona Baker**  
CEO/Executive Director

## Annual Report of the Fred Wells Trustees

This trust fund was established under the Will of Fred W. Wells. Mr. Wells, a former resident of Greenfield, directed that a portion of income from the fund be used for awarding scholarships in agricultural, mechanical or professional fields. Funds available for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 were \$343,207.22 (inclusive of unused scholarship money from previous years that was reallocated to be granted this year).

### *EDUCATION*

The Trustees received 180 applications and approved 178 of those received. Trustees awarded a total of **\$271,520.00**. 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*

Ten applicants were provided grants totaling \$51,481.08.

Bernardston Senior Center	\$ 2,000.00
Conway Council on Aging	\$ 2,000.00
Greenfield Council on Aging	\$10,000.00
Heath Council on Aging	\$ 1,000.00
Leyden Council on Aging	\$ 1,000.00
Life Path, Inc.	\$12,481.08
Northfield Senior Center	\$ 2,000.00
South County Senior Center	\$ 5,000.00
The Care Collaborative	\$ 10,000.00
The Senior Center - West County Consortium	\$ 6,000.00

### *AGRICULTURE*

Three applicants were provided grants totaling \$17,160.00.

Franklin County Agricultural Society	\$7,722.00
Heath Agricultural Society	\$7,722.00
Shelburne Grange Fair	\$1,716.00

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dot Lyman

## Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Fund Annual Report 2025

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

Recipients shall reside in the 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 financial assistance.

*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	Vacant*	Rowe	Carol Lively
Shelburne	Sherry Taylor		

*Additional members:*

Chairperson of the School Committee:	Martha Thurber
School Committee Member:	Suzanne Crawford
Past School Committee Member:	Robin Hartnett
Members at Large:	Pamela Guyette, Donald Purington & Angel Bragdon

Elections of Officers were held at our meeting on September 9, 2025. Marge Porrovecchio and Robin Hartnett remain as Co-chairs. Pamela Guyette is Secretary, and Bing Waldsmith is Treasurer.

In 2025 the Awards Committee read 35 applications. Sixteen applications were from Seniors and nineteen applicants were from students continuing their higher education. The total funds awarded was \$45,800. Seniors received \$13,740, and \$32,060 was awarded to continuing ed students.

From 1991 to 2025 a total of \$1,254,275 has been awarded in scholarships. Mohawk Seniors have received \$383,565 ,and Mohawk graduates have received \$870,710.

Mr. 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 Mr. Nilman's 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 at the guidance office at Mohawk Trail Regional High School.



## Tyler Memorial Library 2025 Annual Report

**Library Hours** Tuesday 1 to 5 p.m. \*\* Thursday 3 to 7 p.m. \*\* Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Highlights for 2025:

- A Digital Equity Grant started in September of 2025. Technical Support hours staffed by a local teen have been popular, and classes on various subjects such as Google Drive, Artificial Intelligence, and Digital Privacy have been offered, among others.
- The Trustees have begun work on a new five-year Strategic Plan for the library.
- The Friends of the Tyler Memorial Library continue to support the library with volunteer hours and outreach to the community.

### Access to Library Materials

Tyler Memorial Library belongs to the CWMARS consortium, a network of 150-plus libraries in Central and Western Massachusetts, with access to a large catalog of books, movies, magazines, and more. Visit the library's website at [charlemontrlibrary.org](http://charlemontrlibrary.org) to start your search.

Books, DVDs, or audio books can be requested from any CWMARS library and delivered here. For your convenience, items from other libraries can be returned here. Downloadable books, audio books, and magazines are available from the Libby app and the Hoopla app. Your Tyler Memorial Library card opens many doors for Charlemont and Hawley residents.

### Library Certification

The Tyler Memorial Library has completed the FY26 Annual Report Information Survey (ARIS) and the FY26 State Aid to Public Libraries Financial Report for the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). The library has been re-certified by MBLC for FY26 and will continue to receive State Aid to Public Libraries. Because the library meets the standards for certification, Charlemont received \$5,617.09 and Hawley received \$4,467.51 in Library State Aid for FY25.

### Library Programs & Events

Please look for announcements of events on Facebook, by email through Wowbrary, emails from the towns of Charlemont and Hawley and from the schools, 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](http://wowbrary.org). The library offered six programs for adults, four programs for children, and four programs for all ages in 2025.

### 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 materials 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 2025, which ended June 30, 2025. The increase in circulation reflects a significant jump in the circulation of downloadable materials as well as a smaller increase in physical materials.

	Number of Patron Visits to Library	Number of Library Program Participants	Number of Wi-Fi Sessions
FY 2023	1,147	187	301
FY 2024	1,059	174	288
FY 2025	1,224	235	256

Circulation	Adults	Young Adults	Children	Totals
FY 2023	3,839	76	397	4,312
FY 2024	3,717	72	672	4,461
FY 2025	4,549	208	1,216	6,866

### The Friends of the Tyler Memorial Library

The Friends of the Tyler Memorial Library hosted an Open House at the library to celebrate National Library Week in April. Highlights of other activities in 2025 include a Library Cookbook Potluck and a Tea Party. The annual meeting was held in June.

Contact the Library Director, Kim Gabert, at [charlemont.hawley.library@gmail.com](mailto:charlemont.hawley.library@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining the Friends of the 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.

Kim Gabert  
Library Director