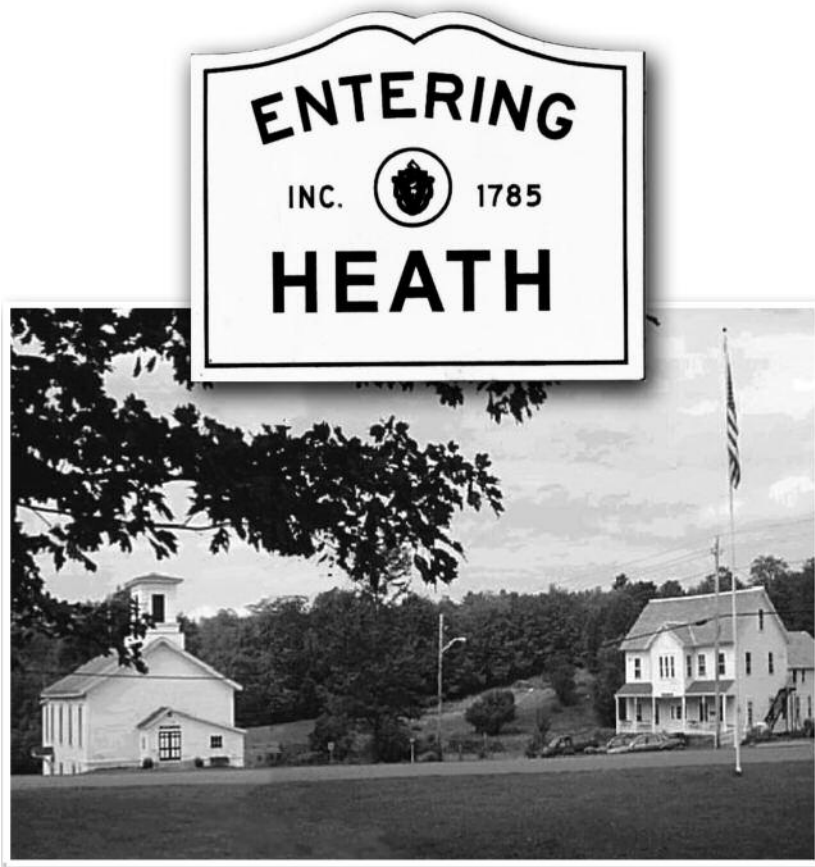


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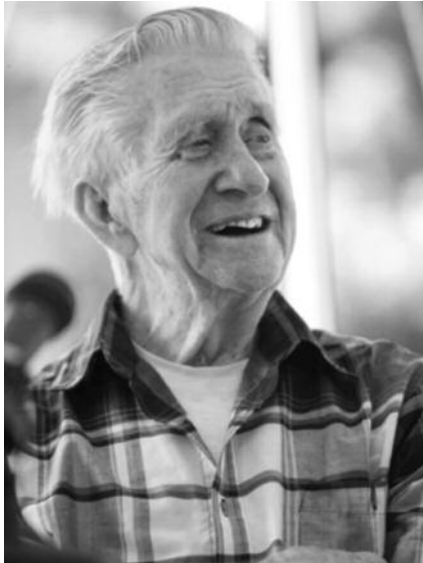
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The Board of Selectmen is honored to dedicate this report to the memory of Howard E. Dickinson, whose recent passing is mourned by the many whose lives were enriched by his friendship.

Sheila M. Litchfield, Chair  
 Brian DeVriese, Member  
 Robyn Provost-Carlson, Member

**HOWARD DICKINSON**  
**December 10, 1923 - March 8, 2018**



Although he would shy away from playing in town roles that placed him in the public eye, and hated political talk, Howard Dickinson was always a leader and a central town figure influencing the direction and character of the town. Along with his brother Ralph, who raised thousands of chickens and his sister Esther, who served for many years as Heath Postmaster, his gathering of people at the Dickinson Farm kitchen table and on the front porch led to respectful, caring and influential discussions of policy and people.

Howard was an icon of the 20th Century character of the self-sufficient Heath Farmer. He gave of himself to the town in many ways. He served on the Volunteer Fire Department. He worked to put on the Heath Fair (many of which were held on the Dickinson Farm over the last hundred years). He supported the Heath Church. He sold and delivered milk, butter, eggs and maple syrup produced on his farm to many of his neighbors and helped keep the farm productive. He was an active town meeting participant who was known to stand at the back with his good friend Howard Thompson, and offer calming and distracting action when discussions were getting out of hand. Perhaps his most important contribution to the people of Heath was his personal example of how life and participation in a small farming community can be.

Howard's dedication to the town, his knowledge of the personal histories of his friends and neighbors, his unusually quick wit and dry sense of humor, his overt honesty and his penchant for empathy and caring for those who were in need will be long remembered. He said that all he wanted for an epitaph was, "Good Friends, Good Life, That's It."

Art Schwenger, 2018

**TOWN OFFICERS 2017**

	<b>Term Ends</b>
<b>Selectmen (3)</b>	
Sheila Litchfield, Chair	2018
Brian DeVriese	2020
Robyn Provost-Carlson, Secretary	2019
<b>Assessors (3)</b>	
Heather Hathwell	2020
Robyn Provost-Carlson	2018
Heidi Griswold (resigned)	2019
<b>Moderator (3)</b>	
Eric Sumner	2020
<b>Constables</b>	
Robert Bourke	2018
Steve Thane	2018
<b>School Committee</b>	
Budge Litchfield	2018
Bob Gruen	2018
<b>Planning Board (5)</b>	
Calvin Carr, Chair	2021
Robert Viarengo	2020
Douglas Mason	2018
Jo Travis	2019
Bill Gran	2022
<b>Finance Committee (3)</b>	
Edwin Wolf, Chair	2018
Jeff Simmons	2019
Gloria Fisher	2018
Janis Carr	2018
Kathy Inman	2020
<b>Library Trustees (3)</b>	
Deborah Porter, Chair	2018
Emily Cross	2020
Janis Carr	2019
<b>Fence Viewer</b>	
Assessors	2018
<b>Tree Warden</b>	
Alanson Nichols	2018

<b>Town Officers</b> (continued)	<b>Term Expires</b>
<b>Measurers of Wood &amp; Bark</b>	
William Clark	2018
Alanson Nichols	2018
<b>Field Drivers</b>	
Christine O'Brien	2018
Michelle Howe	2018
David Freeman	2018
Jonathan Diamond	2018
<b>Sexton</b>	
Matthew Lively	2018
<b>Burial Agent</b>	
Hilma Sumner, Town Clerk	2018

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### TOWN BOARDS APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

<b>Board of Health (3)</b>	
Betsy Kovacs	2020
Armand Clavette	2018
Henry Godek	2020
Tucker Jenkins	2018
Susan Gruen	2019
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals (5)</b>	
Dennis Peters	2017
Robert Gruen	2018
Alanson Nichols	2020
Pam Porter	2019
Robert Bourke	2022

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### SELECTMEN'S APPOINTMENTS

\*\*Hired + Stipend

<b>Chairman, Select Board</b>	Sheila Litchfield
<b>Secretary, Select Board</b>	Robyn Provost-Carlson
<b>Town Coordinator**</b>	Kara Leistyna
<b>Office Assistant**</b>	Margo Newton, Lorena Loubisky
<b>Board of Health Clerk**</b>	Melissa Durrin, Mary Sumner
<b>Treasurer**</b>	Kristi Nartowicz
<b>Accountant**</b>	Tracey Baronas (3 year term to 2019)
<b>Tax Collector**</b>	Elizabeth Nichols
<b>Americans w/Disabilities Rep.</b>	Maya Jalbert
<b>Animal Inspector+</b>	Ken Erho (exp. April 30, 2017)
<b>Animal Inspector (Rabies)+</b>	Ed Grinnell (exp. April 30, 2017)
<b>Animal Control Officer +</b>	Ed Grinnell, Melinda Herzig
<b>Building Maintenance Coordinator**</b>	Timothy Lively

<b>Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Rep.</b>	Eric Sumner
<b>Emergency Management Director+</b>	Timothy Lively
<b>E 911 Coordinator</b>	Ken Gilbert
<b>FRCOG Representative</b>	Brian DeVriese
<b>FRCOG Planning Board Rep.</b>	David Travers
<b>FRCOG Alternate Planning Board Rep.</b>	Brian DeVriese
<b>Franklin County Regional Dog Kennel Rep.</b>	Melinda Herzig
<b>Franklin County Regional Dog Kennel Rep. Alternate</b>	vacant
<b>Three-Town Landfill Committee Rep.</b>	Sheila Litchfield
<b>FCCIP Representative</b>	Brian DeVriese
<b>Fire Chief+</b>	Kenneth Gilbert
<b>Forest Fire Warden</b>	Kenneth Gilbert
<b>Franklin Regional Transit Authority Rep.</b>	Brian DeVriese
<b>Franklin County Solid Waste Mgmt Dist. Rep.</b>	Kara Leistyna
<b>Highway Superintendent**</b>	Michael Shattuck
<b>Highway Department Liaison</b>	Robyn Provost-Carlson
<b>Building Inspector</b>	James Cerone
<b>Inspector, Electrical</b>	Tom McDonald
<b>Inspector, Plumbing &amp; Gas</b>	Andrew K. French
<b>Licensing Board</b>	Sheila Litchfield
<b>Local Emergency Planning Committee Rep.</b>	Sheila Litchfield
<i>LEPC consists of: Fire Chief, Police Chief Highway Supt., Select Board Member, and Emergency Mgmt. Director</i>	
<b>Officer in Charge**</b>	Melinda Herzig
<b>Police Officers**</b>	Lee Lively, Tucker Jenkins
<b>Detail Officers</b>	Julie Shippee, Melinda Herzig, Tucker Jenkins, Kyle Shippee, Holland Herzig
<b>Post Office Manager**</b>	Charlene Reynolds
<b>Post Office Substitute**</b>	Margo Newton, Art Schwenger, John Oelson Victoria Burrington
<b>Election Workers+</b>	Nancy Thane Don Dekker Margo Newton Gloria Fisher Eileen McVay-Lively Tracy Schott
<b>Alternate Election Workers+</b>	Jenna Day, Ruth Ayers
<b>Senior Center Coordinator+</b>	Eileen McVay-Lively
<b>Select Board Correspondent to Heath Herald</b>	Brian DeVriese
<b>Tax Title Attorney</b>	Berenson & Bloom, Esquires
<b>Town Counsel</b>	KP Law
<b>Town Nurse**</b>	Claire Rabbitt
<b>Town Nurse Substitute**</b>	Victoria Burrington
<b>Veterans' Agent</b>	Brian Brooks
<b>Veterans' Graves Officer</b>	Dennis Peters
<b>Veterans' Representative</b>	Dennis Peters
<b>Fred G. Wells Trustee</b>	Dianne Grinnell
<b>Transfer Station Attendant **</b>	Ken Erho
<b>Highway Personnel **</b>	Dohn Sherman, Jason Lively, Jeffrey Johnston

**Town Committees / Appointments**

**Agricultural Commission**  
 Doug Mason  
 Jessica Van Steensburg  
 Nina Marshall  
 Sean Neill  
 Haynes Turkle

**Broadband Committee**  
 Sheila Litchfield  
 Al Canali (resigned)  
 Janis Carr  
 Kara Leistyna  
 Erich Holan  
 David Muenkel  
 Heather Row  
 Art Schwenger

**Cemetery Commission**  
 Claire Rabbitt  
 Jerry Gilbert  
 Eric Sumner

**Community Hall Committee**  
 Margo Newton  
 Delores Churchill  
 Ruth Corey  
 Don Dekker  
 Tracy Schott

**Conservation Commission**  
 Dennis Peters  
 Brian DeVriese  
 Ellen Jenkins  
 Buck (Bernard) Den Ouden  
 Bill Lattrell, Consultant

**Council on Aging**  
 Margo Newton  
 Alli Thane-Stetson  
 Teresa Peters  
 Jean Lamothe  
 Jane DeLeeuw (resigned 6/16)  
 Eileen Lively

**Cultural Council (3 year)**  
 Robert Gruen 2018  
 Susan Draxler 2018  
 Suzanne Hannay 2019  
 Jayne Dane 2020  
 Jean Gran 2020  
 Lorena Loubsky 2018, Ex Officio

**Energy Advisory Committee**  
 Peter Row  
 Steve Ryack  
 Bob Schultz  
 Heather Row  
 Scott Peterson

**Heath Veteran’s Memorial Committee**  
 David Howland  
 Robert Bourke  
 Jerry Gilbert  
 Dennis Peters  
 Peter Smith

**Heath Education Initiative Task Force**  
 Budge Litchfield  
 Gloria Fisher  
 Mary Sumner  
 Deb Porter  
 Ken Rocke  
 Brian DeVriese  
 Robyn Provost-Carlson

**Historical Commission**  
 Margaret Freeman  
 Scott Peterson  
 Heather Hathwell

**Parks and Recreation Committee**  
 Bob Bourke  
 Robin Jenkins  
 Mary Holan  
 Lyra Johnson-Fuller  
 Shahid Jalil

**School Building Transition Team**  
 Brian DeVriese  
 Steve Thane  
 Lisa Wexler (resigned)  
 Alice Wozniak  
 Hilma Sumner  
 Jonathan Diamond  
 Tom Carlson

**Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Advisory Committee (FRCOG)**  
 Art Schwenger

**Community Economic Development Strategy Representative (FRCOG) (3 year)**  
 Art Schwenger 2020

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**Committees Appointed by Moderator**

**F. C. Technical School Rep.** Arthur Schwenger

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**Appointments by Library Trustees**

**Library Director** Donald J. Purington  
 Assistant Library Director Lyra Johnson



**TOWN OF HEATH FY 2017  
General Fund Revenue Report**

as of: 06/30/2017

<b><u>Taxes and Excises</u></b>	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-110-000 Personal Property Taxes		229,990.81		229,990.81	228,119.36	1,871.45
01-4-120-000 Real Estate Taxes		1,675,574.80		1,675,574.80	1,615,112.23	60,462.57
01-4-120-002 Add RE Tax/Possession Sold				0.00	774.37	-774.37
01-4-130-000 Allow. for Ates & Exempt		-8,210.24		-8,210.24		-8,210.24
01-4-142-000 Tax Liens Redeemed				0.00	44,747.11	-44,747.11
01-4-143-000 Sale of Tax Foreclosures				0.00	12,800.00	-12,800.00
01-4-146-000 Proforma Tax				0.00	287.58	-287.58
01-4-150-000 Motor Vehicle Excise		70,000.00		70,000.00	79,247.35	-9,247.35
01-4-170-000 Penalties and int. taxes		16,000.00		16,000.00	84.75	15,915.25
01-4-171-000 Interest on Property Tax				0.00	9,632.52	-9,632.52
01-4-172-000 Interest on Motor Veh Ex				0.00	650.31	-650.31
01-4-173-000 Interest on Tax Titles				0.00	11,711.08	-11,711.08
Taxes and Excises Totals:		1,983,355.37		1,983,355.37	2,003,166.66	-19,811.29
<b><u>Charges for Services</u></b>	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-235-000 Transfer station stickers/bag		18,000.00		18,000.00	19,061.00	-1,061.00
Charges for Services Totals:		18,000.00		18,000.00	19,061.00	-1,061.00

<b><u>Fees</u></b>	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-320-001 Police Fees				0.00	21.00	-21.00
01-4-320-004 RMV Marking Fees		3,000.00		3,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
01-4-322-000 Fees Retained -Tax Collec				0.00	3,379.00	-3,379.00
01-4-329-000 Town Clerk Fees				0.00	22.00	-22.00
<b>Fees Totals:</b>		3,000.00		3,000.00	4,422.00	-1,422.00
<b><u>Licenses and Permits</u></b>	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-420-000 Police gun Licenses				0.00	425.00	-425.00
01-4-456-007 Raffle Permits				0.00	40.00	-40.00
01-4-459-000 Permits - Other		475.00		475.00		475.00
<b>Licenses and Permits Totals:</b>		475.00		475.00	465.00	10.00
<b><u>Federal Revenue</u></b>	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-540-000 USPS Contract Revenue		20,500.00		20,500.00	20,642.04	-142.04
<b>Federal Revenue Totals:</b>		20,500.00		20,500.00	20,642.04	-142.04
<b><u>State Revenue</u></b>	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-611-000 State Owned Land		4,730.00		4,730.00	4,730.00	0.00
01-4-667-000 Veterans Benefits				0.00	108.00	-108.00
01-4-671-000 Unrestricted General Gov't.		80,447.00		80,447.00	80,447.00	0.00

<b>State Revenue Totals:</b>		85,177.00		85,177.00	85,285.00	-108.00
<b><u>Other Intergovernmental Revenue</u></b>	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-770-001 CMVI Fines				0.00	40.00	-40.00
01-4-770-003 Library Fines		250.00		250.00		250.00
<b>Other Intergovernmental Revenue Totals:</b>		250.00		250.00	40.00	210.00
<b><u>Miscellaneous Revenue</u></b>	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-820-000 Interest on Investments		500.00		500.00	700.58	-200.58
01-4-840-004 Excess Coll. on Tax Sales				0.00	125.00	-125.00
01-4-840-005 Sale of Street Lists				0.00	25.00	-25.00
01-4-840-006 Copier Receipts				0.00	78.00	-78.00
01-4-841-000 Prior Year Refunds				0.00	895.45	-895.45
01-4-841-003 Sale of Surplus Equipment				0.00	6,645.00	-6,645.00
01-4-841-006 Tax Title Costs				0.00	1,042.38	-1,042.38
01-4-841-007 Tax Possession Costs/Fees				0.00	1,150.00	-1,150.00
01-4-841-008 Tax Auction Deposits				0.00	1,750.00	-1,750.00
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue Totals:</b>		500.00		500.00	12,411.41	-11,911.41
<b><u>Other Financing Sources</u></b>	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-970-083 Trans.from Stabilization			55,000.00	55,000.00	55,000.00	0.00
01-4-999-900 Free Cash to Bal.Budget		50,000.00		50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	36,234.23			36,234.23	36,234.23	0.00
01-4-999-902 Funded by Encumbrance	3,700.33			3,700.33	3,700.33	0.00
01-4-999-903 Funded with "Free Cash"			102,000.00	102,000.00	102,000.00	0.00
01-4-999-905 Funded by Overlay Surplus		23,414.75		23,414.75	23,414.75	0.00
Other Financing Sources Totals:	39,934.56	73,414.75	157,000.00	270,349.31	270,349.31	0.00
Grand Totals:	39,934.56	2,184,672.12	157,000.00	2,381,606.68	2,415,842.42	-34,235.74

**General Fund Expenditure Report**

as of: 06/30/2017

<b>General Government</b>						
	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-114-000 Moderator Stipend		100.00		100.00		100.00
01-5-122-000 Selectmen's Stipend-Membe		2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
01-5-122-001 Selectmen's Stipend-Chair		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
01-5-122-003 Selectmen Oper. Expenses		3,000.00		3,000.00	2,988.05	11.95
01-5-123-004 Salary Town Coordinator		50,644.44		50,644.44	50,616.72	27.72
01-5-123-005 Salary Office Assistant		910.00		910.00	346.50	563.50
01-5-124-000 Office Supplies		1,700.00		1,700.00	1,612.78	87.22
01-5-131-000 Finance Committee Expense		250.00		250.00	129.00	121.00
01-5-132-000 Reserve Fund		5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00		5,000.00
01-5-135-000 Salary Town Accountant		12,751.44		12,751.44	12,751.44	0.00

01-5-135-005 Town Accountant Expense		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,398.36	101.64
01-5-135-013 Accountant's Support		300.00		300.00	300.00	0.00
01-5-141-000 Assessors Stipend-Chair		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
01-5-141-001 Assessors Stipend-Members		4,000.00		4,000.00	3,708.33	291.67
01-5-141-002 Assessor's Expenses		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,038.39	461.61
01-5-141-003 Assessor's Software		2,750.00		2,750.00	2,600.00	150.00
01-5-141-004 Assessor's Mapping		1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
01-5-141-007 Assessor's Consultant Exp		3,000.00		3,000.00	1,200.00	1,800.00
01-5-141-008 Salary Assistant Assessor		12,448.80		12,448.80	11,471.71	977.09
01-5-145-000 Treasurer's Salary		11,554.29		11,554.29	11,554.29	0.00
01-5-145-002 Treasurer's Expense		4,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
01-5-145-004 Treas. Tax Taking & Coll		15,000.00	854.77	15,854.77	15,692.55	162.22
01-5-146-000 Salary Tax Collector		15,075.00		15,075.00	15,075.00	0.00
01-5-146-003 Tax Collector Expense		6,280.00		6,280.00	5,683.33	596.67
01-5-146-004 Tax Taking/Liens		2,600.00		2,600.00	1,016.80	1,583.20
01-5-151-000 Legal Fees		11,331.64	6,240.32	17,571.96	10,794.22	6,777.74
01-5-157-001 Salary Post Office Manage		21,309.04	85.10	21,394.14	21,394.14	0.00
01-5-157-004 Post Office Oper. Expense		200.00	-85.10	114.90	67.18	47.72
01-5-157-005 Salary Post Office Substi		1,320.00		1,320.00	1,122.00	198.00
01-5-161-000 Salary Town Clerk		14,632.80		14,632.80	14,632.80	0.00
01-5-161-001 Town Clerk's Expense		3,000.00		3,000.00	2,285.74	714.26
01-5-162-000 Election Workers Stipend		960.00		960.00	960.00	0.00



	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-171-000		350.00		350.00	231.45	118.55
01-5-171-001		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
01-5-175-001		650.00		650.00	83.51	566.49
01-5-176-000		200.00		200.00		200.00
01-5-180-000		500.00		500.00	94.86	405.14
01-5-182-000		425.00		425.00	144.56	280.44
01-5-183-000		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
01-5-191-000		1,800.00		1,800.00	1,254.60	545.40
01-5-192-000		13,992.21		13,992.21	12,160.57	1,831.64
01-5-192-001		18,900.00		18,900.00	15,770.30	3,129.70
01-5-192-002		18,000.00		18,000.00	14,709.58	3,290.42
01-5-192-004		2,555.40		2,555.40	2,198.90	356.50
01-5-192-005		16,800.00		16,800.00	11,718.27	5,081.73
01-5-192-006		6,300.00		6,300.00	6,055.00	245.00
01-5-192-011		1,320.00		1,320.00	1,319.40	0.60
01-5-192-012		650.00		650.00	599.40	50.60
01-5-193-000		38,736.46	783.48	39,519.94	39,519.94	0.00
01-5-195-000		1,050.00		1,050.00	1,006.15	43.85
01-5-199-000		9,460.70		9,460.70	7,952.70	1,508.00
		349,507.22	7,878.57	357,385.79	319,958.52	37,427.27
		<b>General Government Totals:</b>				

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
<b>Public Safety</b>						
01-5-210-000		22,149.35		22,149.35	21,276.36	872.99
01-5-210-001		200.00		200.00	200.00	0.00
01-5-210-004		1,000.00		1,000.00	761.10	238.90
01-5-210-005		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,270.59	229.41
01-5-220-000		5,240.00		5,240.00	5,240.00	0.00
01-5-220-001		7,000.00		7,000.00	6,999.89	0.11
01-5-220-002		14,000.00	-1,500.00	12,500.00	11,747.46	752.54
01-5-220-003		8,000.00	1,000.00	9,000.00	8,608.30	391.70
01-5-220-004		7,685.00	-1,783.48	5,901.52	4,665.38	1,236.14
01-5-220-005		2,500.00		2,500.00	1,100.45	1,399.55
01-5-220-006		1,500.00	4,500.00	6,000.00	5,782.86	217.14
01-5-241-000		4,500.00		4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00
01-5-291-000		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
01-5-291-001		400.00		400.00		400.00
01-5-291-003		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
01-5-292-000		500.00	1,500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
01-5-292-001		1,500.00		1,500.00		1,500.00
01-5-292-002		350.00		350.00	350.00	0.00
01-5-292-003		100.00		100.00		100.00
01-5-292-004		2,000.00	-1,500.00	500.00		500.00
01-5-292-005		500.00		500.00	500.00	0.00

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-292-006 Wildlife Damage Control Ex		1,500.00	-390.00	1,110.00	1,110.00	0.00
01-5-294-000 Tree Removal Expense		1,700.00	-771.87	928.13	928.13	0.00
Public Safety Totals:		87,324.35	1,054.65	88,379.00	80,540.52	7,838.48
<b><u>Education</u></b>						
01-5-301-000 School Comm. Stipend	Carryover	1,098.00		1,098.00	1,067.50	30.50
01-5-301-001 School Committee Expenses		500.00		500.00	137.16	362.84
01-5-303-000 MTRS Assessment		795,523.00		795,523.00	795,523.00	0.00
01-5-304-000 FCTS Assessment		108,142.00		108,142.00	108,142.00	0.00
01-5-306-000 MTRS Capital Project		7,027.00		7,027.00	7,027.00	0.00
Education Totals:		912,290.00		912,290.00	911,896.66	393.34
<b><u>Public Works and Facilities</u></b>						
01-5-421-000 Salary Highway Dept. Wage	Carryover	164,153.60		164,153.60	159,798.97	4,354.63
01-5-421-004 Preventative Maintenance		20,000.00	-3,005.00	16,995.00	14,719.76	2,275.24
01-5-421-005 Highway Misc Expenses		2,000.00		2,000.00	1,862.38	137.62
01-5-422-000 Machinery Maint./Supplies		43,816.00	51,003.52	94,819.52	91,529.28	3,290.24
01-5-422-002 Vehicle Gas & Oil		40,000.00	-14,612.97	25,387.03	24,616.82	770.21
01-5-422-003 Hired Equipment/Services		5,000.00	-1,000.00	4,000.00	3,698.11	301.89
01-5-422-005 Highway Dept. Materials		24,000.00	-3,888.00	20,112.00	17,520.48	2,591.52

01-5-422-006 Roadside Mowing		5,500.00	-5,137.65	362.35	362.35	0.00
01-5-422-008 Uniforms		2,114.08	390.00	2,504.08	2,302.24	201.84
01-5-422-009 License Renewals/DOT Phys		400.00	5.00	405.00	405.00	0.00
01-5-423-000 Salary Winter Hwy. Wages		20,126.05	309.59	20,435.64	20,435.64	0.00
01-5-423-001 Winter Equip. Maint/Repr		8,000.00		8,000.00	7,444.01	555.99
01-5-423-002 Winter Salt/Sand & Other		127,200.00	-41,272.31	85,927.69	85,927.69	0.00
01-5-423-003 Winter Hired Services		3,500.00	2,500.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
01-5-423-009 Salary Winter Temp. Help		1,309.00	515.69	1,824.69	1,824.69	0.00
01-5-423-010 Salary Summer Temp. Help		3,656.00	-381.00	3,275.00	3,273.21	1.79
01-5-424-000 Street Lights		1,300.00		1,300.00	1,230.93	69.07
01-5-430-000 Franklin Cty Solid Waste		2,349.00		2,349.00	2,349.00	0.00
01-5-431-000 Salary Transfer Station Atten		10,264.32		10,264.32	10,224.92	39.40
01-5-433-002 Dump Transportation/Tippin		27,500.00	3,000.00	30,500.00	30,500.00	0.00
01-5-433-003 Hazardous Waste Disposal D		400.00		400.00	305.00	95.00
01-5-433-004 Transfer Sta. Maint/Repr		500.00		500.00	500.00	0.00
Public Works and Facilities Totals:		513,088.05	-11,573.13	501,514.92	486,830.48	14,684.44
<b><u>Human Services</u></b>						
01-5-511-000 Bd of Health-Chair Stipnd	Carryover	844.00		844.00	324.62	519.38
01-5-512-000 Bd of Health-Mem. Stipend		1,688.00		1,688.00	1,412.08	275.92
01-5-512-001 Bd of Health Clerk Salary		3,640.00		3,640.00	3,353.00	287.00
01-5-512-002 FRCOG Health Agent		6,500.00		6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-513-000	Bd of Health Expenses	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,470.39	29.61
01-5-522-000	Salary Town Nurse	9,746.88		9,746.88	8,487.53	1,259.35
01-5-522-001	Town Nurse's Expense	1,925.00		1,925.00	1,149.38	775.62
01-5-523-000	Foot Care Clinic	2,233.11		2,233.11	930.00	1,303.11
01-5-541-000	Senior Ctr. Coordinator Stipe	500.00		500.00		500.00
01-5-541-001	Senior Center Oper. Acct.	500.00		500.00	461.91	38.09
01-5-542-000	COA Expense	1,000.00		1,000.00	218.00	782.00
01-5-543-000	Veterans Service Center	1,074.23		1,074.23	1,074.23	0.00
01-5-544-000	Veterans Benefit	1,500.00		1,500.00	293.10	1,206.90
01-5-545-000	Heath Veterans Memorial Co	500.00		500.00		500.00
	Human Services Totals:	33,151.22		33,151.22	25,674.24	7,476.98
	<b><u>Culture and Recreation</u></b>					
01-5-610-000	Salary Library Director	25,610.00		25,610.00	25,610.00	0.00
01-5-610-001	Salary Library Assistant	5,824.00		5,824.00	5,404.00	420.00
01-5-610-002	Salary Library Substitute	1,020.00		1,020.00	280.00	740.00
01-5-611-000	Library Operating Expense	6,954.00		6,954.00	6,954.00	0.00
01-5-611-001	CW Mars Library Annual	2,794.00		2,794.00	2,794.00	0.00
01-5-613-000	Parks & Rec. Comm. Expens	250.00		250.00	132.09	117.91
01-5-690-000	Historical Comm. Expense	250.00		250.00		250.00
	Culture and Recreation Totals:	42,702.00		42,702.00	41,174.09	1,527.91

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-710-002	2015 Police Cruiser Loan	7,161.00		7,161.00	7,161.00	0.00
01-5-710-011	2015 Police Cruiser Interest	214.83		214.83	214.83	0.00
01-5-752-000	Int.Temp. Loans/Rev. Anti	1,000.00	-854.77	145.23		145.23
01-5-753-000	Highway Garage Door Loan	4,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
01-5-753-011	Highway Garage Doors Inter	44.00		44.00	6.76	37.24
01-5-758-000	3 Town Liability Waiver	10,630.00		10,630.00	10,630.00	0.00
01-5-758-011	3 Town Liability Waiver Int.	2,391.75		2,391.75	2,391.75	0.00
01-5-759-000	2011 Highway Truck Princip	22,000.00		22,000.00	22,000.00	0.00
01-5-759-011	2011 Hwy. Truck Interest	151.80		151.80	151.80	0.00
01-5-760-011	TS Irene Bond Interest	1,105.00		1,105.00	1,101.93	3.07
01-5-761-000	2013 Dump Body Prin.	10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
01-5-761-011	2013 Dump Body Int.	200.00		200.00	200.00	0.00
01-5-762-000	Safety Complex Land Purcha	5,500.00		5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00
01-5-762-011	Safety Complex Land Interest	1,380.50		1,380.50	1,380.50	0.00
	Debt Service Totals:	65,778.88	-854.77	64,924.11	64,738.57	185.54
	<b><u>Intergovernmental Expenditures</u></b>					
01-5-822-000	St Assmnt Air Pollution	213.00		213.00	213.00	0.00
01-5-824-000	Reg Transit Authority Asm	53.00		53.00	53.00	0.00
01-5-827-000	RMV Non-Renewla Surcharg	740.00		740.00	1,200.00	-460.00
	Intergovernmental Expenditures Totals:	1,006.00		1,006.00	1,466.00	-460.00

**Miscellaneous**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-911-000 Fran. Regional Retirement Sy		49,159.00		49,159.00	49,159.00	0.00
01-5-913-000 Unemployment Compensatio		1,000.00		1,000.00	445.72	554.28
01-5-914-000 Health Insurance		67,415.40		67,415.40	67,415.40	0.00
01-5-915-000 Life Insurance		400.00		400.00	191.76	208.24
01-5-916-000 FICA/Medicare Empl. Match		15,000.00		15,000.00	12,586.25	2,413.75
01-5-994-039 Trans. To Fund 39-compacto			60,560.00	60,560.00	60,560.00	0.00
01-5-996-039 Trans. To Fund 39			45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00
01-5-996-966 Trans.to Stabilization			47,000.00	47,000.00	47,000.00	0.00
01-5-999-902 Encumb. Listed in 02	3,700.33			3,700.33	3,700.33	0.00
01-5-999-903 Special Projects in 03	36,234.23	46,850.00	7,934.68	91,018.91	91,018.91	0.00
Miscellaneous Totals:	39,934.56	179,824.40	160,494.68	380,253.64	377,077.37	3,176.27
	39,934.56	2,184,672.12	157,000.00	2,381,606.68	2,309,356.45	72,250.23

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**Other Funds Revenue Report**

**Fund: 21**

**Cultural Council**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
21-4-680-000 State Cultural Council		4,400.00		4,400.00	4,400.00	0.00
21-4-820-000 rInterest			39.87	39.87	39.87	0.00

**Fund: 23**

**Highway Grants**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
23-4-422-000 Chapter 90 Revenue		211,433.00		211,433.00	149,442.31	61,990.69
23-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	115,918.49			115,918.49		115,918.49
Totals:	115,918.49	211,433.00		327,351.49	149,442.31	177,909.18

**Fund: 24**

**Septic Grants**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
24-4-820-000 rSeptic Bank Interest			10.35	10.35	10.35	0.00
24-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	20,883.17			20,883.17		20,883.17
Totals:	20,883.17		10.35	20,893.52	10.35	20,883.17

**Fund: 26**

**Revolving Funds (44 53E1/2)**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
26-4-176-000 rHearings Deposit Revolving			60.00	60.00	60.00	0.00
26-4-292-000 rAnimal Control r Rev.			1,565.00	1,565.00	1,565.00	0.00
26-4-293-000 rBOH Revolving			1,194.00	1,194.00	1,194.00	0.00
26-4-433-000 rRecycling Program Revolvin			2,376.53	2,376.53	2,376.53	0.00
26-4-522-000 rVaccine Program			925.66	925.66	925.66	0.00
26-4-541-000 rCOA Meals Revolving			1,359.50	1,359.50	1,359.50	0.00

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
26-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	24,991.80			24,991.80		24,991.80
Totals:	24,991.80		7,480.69	32,472.49	7,480.69	24,991.80
<b>Fund: 27</b>						
<b><u>Available for Appropriation</u></b>						
27-4-192-000 Sale of Real Estate	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
27-4-491-000 Sale of Lots			34,050.00	34,050.00	34,050.00	0.00
27-4-999-000 Offset to Free Cash		179,534.00	325.00	325.00	325.00	0.00
27-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	8,324.70			179,534.00	166,000.00	13,534.00
Totals:	8,324.70	179,534.00	34,375.00	222,233.70	200,375.00	21,858.70
<b>Fund: 29</b>						
<b><u>Miscellaneous Special Revenue</u></b>						
29-4-161-000 extended polling hours	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
29-4-192-002 rCommunity Hall Functions			736.00	736.00	736.00	0.00
29-4-192-004 rComm. Compact IT Grant 2			498.00	498.00	498.00	0.00
29-4-192-007 Fin Pln/Cap Plan TA Grant			2,375.00	2,375.00	2,375.00	0.00
29-4-220-001 Emer. Vehicle Donation FFA			32,114.10	32,114.10	32,114.10	0.00
29-4-220-002 FD Insurance Reimb 2017		7,104.76		7,104.76	7,104.76	0.00
29-4-220-216 Comm. Security TrustGrant-		11,939.00		11,939.00	10,088.71	1,850.29
29-4-220-217 AFG Award 2017 PPE		88,343.00		88,343.00	78,000.00	10,343.00

29-4-291-207 rEMPG All Years				0.00	1,036.00	-1,036.00
29-4-291-216 r2016 EMPG		2,220.00		2,220.00		2,220.00
29-4-292-000 rLibrary Dog Fund			1,436.02	1,436.02	1,436.02	0.00
29-4-433-003 rIns. Reimb. Transfer Station			1,310.00	1,310.00	1,310.00	0.00
29-4-434-000 DEP Small Scale Initiative G		500.00		500.00	500.00	0.00
29-4-491-001 rCemetery Donations			50.00	50.00	50.00	0.00
29-4-541-136 Flu Clinic Donations Rev.			30.00	30.00	30.00	0.00
29-4-541-780 rCOA Grant			5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
29-4-541-783 r Foot Care Grant		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
29-4-541-784 rFoot Care Clinic Donations			859.00	859.00	859.00	0.00
29-4-545-000 rHeath Veterans Mem. Fund			940.00	940.00	940.00	0.00
29-4-610-000 rLibrary State Grant			2,226.34	2,226.34	2,226.34	0.00
29-4-610-001 Library Donations			701.74	701.74	701.74	0.00
29-4-610-006 Friends CW Mars Donation			1,241.72	1,241.72	1,241.72	0.00
29-4-630-820 Int. Recreation			0.73	0.73	0.73	0.00
29-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	101,760.62			101,760.62		101,760.62
Totals:	101,760.62	111,606.76	49,518.65	262,886.03	202,748.12	60,137.91
<b>Fund: 33</b>						
<b><u>Tropical Storm Irene</u></b>						
33-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
Totals:	-170,000.00			-170,000.00		-170,000.00
	-170,000.00			-170,000.00		-170,000.00

**Fund: 39****Large Capital Items**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
39-4-422-218 rHwy Trk 2018		39,366.24		39,366.24		39,366.24
39-4-970-000 Tran. From G/F compactor			60,560.00	60,560.00	60,560.00	0.00
39-4-970-001 Trans. From GF/Hwy Trk			45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00
39-4-970-027 Trans. From Fund 27-Hwy Tr			37,633.76	37,633.76	37,633.76	0.00
39-4-999-901 Funded by carryovers	#####	-4,000,000.00		1,570,940.00		1,570,940.00
Totals:	5,570,940.00	-3,960,633.76	143,193.76	1,753,500.00	143,193.76	1,610,306.24

**Fund: 82****Expendable Trusts**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
82-4-300-820 rInt.Read/Carpenter Award			50.30	50.30	50.30	0.00
82-4-491-820 rInt Cemetery			24.60	24.60	24.60	0.00
82-4-510-820 rInt.Hands X Heath-Nurse			81.74	81.74	81.74	0.00
82-4-610-820 rInt. Library Trust			12.72	12.72	12.72	0.00
82-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	27,695.80			27,695.80		27,695.80
Totals:	27,695.80		169.36	27,865.16	169.36	27,695.80

**Fund: 83****Stabilization**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
83-4-820-000 Stabilization Interest			540.03	540.03	540.03	0.00
83-4-820-001 Capital Town Vehicle Interes			195.93	195.93	195.93	0.00

83-4-820-002 Town Building Stab Interest			106.09	106.09	106.09	0.00
83-4-820-003 Parks & Rec Stab interest			18.27	18.27	18.27	0.00
83-4-820-004 Audit Stabilization Interest			75.57	75.57	75.57	0.00
83-4-820-005 Asses. Prop. Tax Mapping St			238.21	238.21	238.21	0.00
83-4-820-007 Int. Asses Stab			23.67	23.67	23.67	0.00
83-4-820-008 Int. Tax Collector Software			11.83	11.83	11.83	0.00
83-4-999-001 Trans. Frm GF/Building			45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00
83-4-999-004 Trns. From GF/Audit			2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
83-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	411,731.66			411,731.66		411,731.66
Totals:	411,731.66		48,209.60	459,941.26	48,209.60	411,731.66

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**Other Funds Expense Report****Fund: 02****Encumbrances**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
02-5-146-003 Enc Tax Coll Exp	111.44			111.44	111.44	0.00
02-5-191-000 Enc. Tech Support Town Hall	60.00			60.00	60.00	0.00
02-5-192-002 Enc. TGM	14.00			14.00	14.00	0.00
02-5-210-000 Enc. Police Salaries	175.34			175.34	175.34	0.00
02-5-220-003 Enc. Pers. Prot. Equip. Repl.	2,176.00			2,176.00	2,176.00	0.00
02-5-220-004 Enc. FE Maint/Util	423.68			423.68	423.68	0.00

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
02-5-220-003 Enc. Pers. Prot. Equip. Repl.	2,176.00			2,176.00	2,176.00	0.00
02-5-220-004 Enc. FE Maint/Util	423.68			423.68	423.68	0.00
02-5-220-005 Enc. Em. Medical Services	86.93			86.93	86.93	0.00
02-5-512-000 Enc. BOH Member Stipend	633.00			633.00	633.00	0.00
02-5-541-000 Enc Sn Ctr Operating	19.94			19.94	15.17	4.77
Totals:	3,700.33			3,700.33	3,695.56	4.77

**Fund: 03**

**Special Projects**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
03-5-141-004 Assessors' Deed Project Consulta	2,953.55			2,953.55		2,953.55
03-5-145-001 Tax Poss. Property Mgmt			30,000.00	30,000.00		30,000.00
03-5-192-004 Mitigate Frozen Pipes-Comm Ha	2,200.00			2,200.00		2,200.00
03-5-192-005 Insulation-Sawyer/Comm Hall		10,000.00	-2,135.16	7,864.84	7,864.84	0.00
03-5-192-216 Land Easement/Sadoga	3,200.00		-2,132.50	1,067.50	1,067.50	0.00
03-5-192-230 Remedy Inspection Items Comm	4,900.00		2,135.16	7,035.16	849.60	6,185.56
03-5-193-216 Land Easement/8A	21,000.00		-19,932.82	1,067.18	1,067.18	0.00
03-5-300-212 Pre School Support		15,000.00		15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
03-5-422-002 Repairs/2001 Grader		16,850.00		16,850.00		16,850.00
03-5-439-000 Dump Closing	1,980.68			1,980.68	1,980.68	0.00
03-5-440-000 Landfill Expenses		5,000.00		5,000.00	2,219.65	2,780.35
Totals:	36,234.23	46,850.00	7,934.68	91,018.91	30,049.45	60,969.46

**Fund: 21**

**Cultural Council**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
21-5-214-014 Mem. Hall/Opera	100.00		-100.00	0.00		0.00
21-5-215-001 Heath Elem/Landscape	1,000.00			1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
21-5-215-002 Piti Theatre/End. Species	400.00			400.00	400.00	0.00
21-5-215-009 Collected Poets/Season	50.00			50.00		50.00
21-5-215-011 MTRS/Oklahoma!	200.00			200.00		200.00
21-5-216-001 HFPL Summer Crafts	125.00		-53.27	71.73	71.73	0.00
21-5-216-005 FLT/Day on River	80.00			80.00	80.00	0.00
21-5-216-007 Heath Fair Music	800.00			800.00	800.00	0.00
21-5-216-008 Heath Herald	250.00			250.00		250.00
21-5-216-009 Hilltown Families Play	50.00			50.00	50.00	0.00
21-5-216-011 Hallman/Heath Artists	250.00			250.00	250.00	0.00
21-5-216-012 Mohawk Trail Concerts	50.00			50.00	50.00	0.00
21-5-216-013 Mem. Hall Assoc./Swim	200.00			200.00	200.00	0.00
21-5-216-015 Charlemont Forum/Horizons	100.00			100.00	100.00	0.00
21-5-216-016 Art Garden/Exhibits	100.00			100.00	100.00	0.00
21-5-216-017 Art Garden/Draw-Around	100.00			100.00	100.00	0.00
21-5-216-018 Collected Poets	25.00			25.00		25.00
21-5-216-020 Dole-It's Your Story	200.00		-200.00	0.00		0.00
21-5-216-021 Diamond-Summer Theatre	500.00			500.00		500.00
21-5-217-001 Pothole Pictures Film Series		150.00		150.00	150.00	0.00

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
21-5-216-021 Diamond-Summer Theatre	500.00			500.00		500.00
21-5-217-001 Pothole Pictures Film Series		150.00		150.00	150.00	0.00
21-5-217-002 Heath Library/Summer Reading		150.00		150.00		150.00
21-5-217-003 Root/Music Gaslight Era		200.00		200.00		200.00
21-5-217-004 FCTS Spring Play		225.00		225.00	225.00	0.00
21-5-217-005 Hilltown Familes Suggest		50.00		50.00	50.00	0.00
21-5-217-006 MTCS/2017 Summer Festival		50.00		50.00		50.00
21-5-217-007 Hannay/Howard Dickenson		400.00		400.00		400.00
21-5-217-008 Heath Agricultural Society/Musi		900.00		900.00		900.00
21-5-217-009 Charlemont Forum		150.00		150.00		150.00
21-5-217-010 Pioneer Valley Symphony/Educa		30.00		30.00	30.00	0.00
21-5-217-011 Nancy Thane/Heath Herald		300.00		300.00		300.00
21-5-217-012 Mem. Hall Assoc./Footlights at t		150.00		150.00		150.00
21-5-217-013 The Art Garden/Comm. Exhibits		120.00		120.00		120.00
21-5-217-014 Double Edge Theatre/Hilltown S		100.00		100.00	100.00	0.00
21-5-217-015 The Art Garden/Hilltown Draw		100.00		100.00	100.00	0.00
21-5-217-016 Health School/Strings		500.00		500.00		500.00
21-5-217-017 Leventhal/History Alive		200.00		200.00	200.00	0.00
21-5-217-018 Pitti Theatre/Just This		150.00		150.00		150.00
21-5-217-019 Collected Poets		50.00		50.00		50.00
21-5-217-020 Eileen Lively/Mosaic Project		600.00		600.00		600.00

21-5-217-021 Hallman/2017 Heath Artists Exhi		175.00		175.00		175.00
21-5-300-000 Available Local Funds	149.24		43.14	192.38		192.38
Totals:	4,729.24	4,750.00	-310.13	9,169.11	4,056.73	5,112.38

**Fund: 23**

**Highway Grants**

23-5-422-090 Chapter 90 Expenses						
Totals:	115,918.49	211,433.00		327,351.49	150,208.68	177,142.81
Totals:	115,918.49	211,433.00		327,351.49	150,208.68	177,142.81

**Fund: 24**

**Septic Grants**

24-5-175-000 Planning-Visioning Grant	158.02			158.02		158.02
24-5-440-002 Available for Septic Loan	20,725.15		10.35	20,735.50		20,735.50
Totals:	20,883.17		10.35	20,893.52		20,893.52

**Fund: 26**

**Revolving Funds (44 53E1/2)**

26-5-176-000 Hearings Deposit Revolving	664.28	1,000.00	-940.00	724.28	61.78	662.50
26-5-292-000 Animal Control Revol.	2,000.00	2,000.00	-435.00	3,565.00	1,567.40	1,997.60
26-5-293-000 BOH Revolving	5,000.00	5,000.00	-3,806.00	6,194.00	2,041.55	4,152.45
26-5-294-000 Senior Center Revolving	896.14	1,000.00	-1,000.00	896.14	218.92	677.22
26-5-433-000 Recycling Program Revolving	10,000.00	10,000.00	-7,623.47	12,376.53	9,736.20	2,640.33



	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
26-5-480-000 Small Business Loans Avl.	1,071.67			1,071.67		1,071.67
26-5-522-000 Vaccine Program Revolving	2,448.85	3,500.00	-2,574.34	3,374.51	1,005.76	2,368.75
26-5-541-000 COA Meals Revolving	2,910.86	3,000.00	-1,640.50	4,270.36	2,216.81	2,053.55
Totals:	24,991.80	25,500.00	-18,019.31	32,472.49	16,848.42	15,624.07

**Fund: 27**

**Available for Appropriation**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
27-5-192-000 Sale of Real Estate	3,500.00		-3,500.00	0.00		0.00
27-5-420-000 Road Machinery Fund	83.76		-83.76	0.00		0.00
27-5-491-000 Sale of Lots	4,740.94		325.00	5,065.94		5,065.94
27-5-996-039 Trans. To Fund 39			37,633.76	37,633.76	37,633.76	0.00
27-5-999-000 Available Free Cash		179,534.00		179,534.00	166,000.00	13,534.00
Totals:	8,324.70	179,534.00	34,375.00	222,233.70	203,633.76	18,599.94

**Fund: 29**

**Miscellaneous Special Revenues**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
29-5-161-000 Extended Polling Hours			736.00	736.00	736.00	0.00
29-5-171-000 Wetlands Protection	1,057.78			1,057.78		1,057.78
29-5-192-001 Community Hall Donations	25.00			25.00		25.00
29-5-192-002 Comm. Hall Committee Func	3,557.82		498.00	4,055.82	824.76	3,231.06
29-5-192-004 Comm. Compact IT Grant 2016	55,000.00			55,000.00	35,500.00	19,500.00

29-5-192-006 MA Tech. Collab. Grt. 10	56.07			56.07		56.07
29-5-192-007 Fin Pln/Cap Plan TA Grant			2,375.00	2,375.00	2,375.00	0.00
29-5-216-000 Big Yellow School Bus	59.19			59.19	59.19	0.00
29-5-220-001 Emer. Vehicle Donation FFA			32,114.10	32,114.10	32,114.10	0.00
29-5-220-002 FD Insurance Reimb. 2017		7,104.76		7,104.76	7,104.76	0.00
29-5-220-216 Comm. Security Trust Grant-Pag		11,939.00		11,939.00	10,088.71	1,850.29
29-5-220-217 AFG Award 2017 PPE		88,343.00		88,343.00	86,635.25	1,707.75
29-5-291-207 EMPG All Years	1,184.00			1,184.00		1,184.00
29-5-291-211 Ice Storm Donations 2008	428.59			428.59		428.59
29-5-291-216 2016 EMPG		2,220.00		2,220.00	183.97	2,036.03
29-5-292-000 Library Dog Fund		733.51	702.51	1,436.02	733.51	702.51
29-5-293-000 Heath Animal Fund gift	100.00			100.00		100.00
29-5-301-000 Mackie Memorial	390.00			390.00		390.00
29-5-433-003 Ins. Reimb. Transfer Station 201			1,310.00	1,310.00		1,310.00
29-5-434-000 DEP Small Scale Initiative Grant	500.00			1,000.00	681.20	318.80
29-5-491-000 North Cemetery Maint.	800.00			800.00		800.00
29-5-491-001 Cemetery Donations	1,204.03		50.00	1,254.03		1,254.03
29-5-541-136 Flu Clinic Donations	559.50		30.00	589.50		589.50
29-5-541-780 COA Grant			5,000.00	5,000.00	4,654.38	345.62
29-5-541-782 Senior Cntr donations	40.05			40.05	40.05	0.00
29-5-541-783 Foot Care Grant		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
29-5-541-784 Foot Care Clinic Donations	561.14		859.00	1,420.14	712.95	707.19
29-5-545-000 Heath Veterans Memorial Fund	13,790.34		940.00	14,730.34	2,459.95	12,270.39

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
29-5-610-000 Library State Grant	8,665.15		2,226.34	10,891.49	85.35	10,806.14
29-5-610-001 Library Donations	4,050.69		701.74	4,752.43	679.37	4,073.06
29-5-610-004 Library Construction Gift	8,273.00			8,273.00		8,273.00
29-5-610-006 Friends CW Mars Donation			1,241.72	1,241.72	1,241.72	0.00
29-5-630-000 Recreation Fund	1,458.27		0.73	1,459.00		1,459.00
Totals:	101,760.62	112,340.27	48,785.14	262,886.03	188,410.22	74,475.81
<b>Fund: 33</b>						
<b><u>Tropical Storm Irene</u></b>						
33-5-433-000 TS Irene Exp 2011	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
	-170,000.00			-170,000.00		-170,000.00
Totals:	-170,000.00			-170,000.00		-170,000.00
<b>Fund: 39</b>						
<b><u>Large Capital Items</u></b>						
39-5-192-000 Broadband Network Borrowing	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
	1,450,000.00			1,450,000.00		1,450,000.00
39-5-192-216 Land Purchase	55,000.00			55,000.00	55,000.00	0.00
39-5-420-420 Public Safety Facility	4,000,000.00	-4,000,000.00		0.00		0.00
39-5-422-218 Hwy Trk 2018		39,366.24	82,633.76	122,000.00	46,822.00	75,178.00
39-5-430-000 Compactor Replacement	65,940.00		60,560.00	126,500.00		126,500.00
Totals:	5,570,940.00	-3,960,633.76	143,193.76	1,753,500.00	101,822.00	1,651,678.00

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
82-5-300-000 Read/Carpenter Award	2,010.42		50.30	2,060.72		2,060.72
82-5-491-000 Cemetery	11,013.08		24.60	11,037.68		11,037.68
82-5-510-000 Hands X Heath-Nurse	6,189.81		81.74	6,271.55		6,271.55
82-5-610-000 Library Trust	8,482.49		12.72	8,495.21		8,495.21
Totals:	27,695.80		169.36	27,865.16		27,865.16
<b>Fund: 82</b>						
<b><u>Expendable Trusts</u></b>						
83-5-000-000 Available Stabilization	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
	239,263.25		-19,459.97	219,803.28		219,803.28
83-5-135-000 Audit Stabilization	8,018.14		2,075.57	10,093.71		10,093.71
83-5-141-000 Asses. Property Tax Mapping St	30,007.15		-29,761.79	245.36		245.36
83-5-141-218 Assess. Stab. 2018			20,023.67	20,023.67		20,023.67
83-5-146-218 Tax Coll. Software Stab.			10,011.83	10,011.83		10,011.83
83-5-192-000 School/Building Cap. Improv. St	45,159.22		45,106.09	90,265.31		90,265.31
83-5-220-216 Rescue Vehicle Donation Supple			1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
83-5-422-000 Equip/Vehicle Stab. Fund	87,275.49		-35,804.07	51,471.42		51,471.42
83-5-630-000 Parks & Recreation Stabilization	2,008.41		18.27	2,026.68		2,026.68
83-5-993-001 Trans. To Fund 01			55,000.00	55,000.00	55,000.00	0.00
Totals:	411,731.66		48,209.60	459,941.26	55,000.00	404,941.26
Report Totals:	6,156,910.04	-3,380,226.49	264,348.45	3,041,032.00	753,724.82	2,287,307.18

**Town of Heath Balance Sheet FY2017**

<u>ASSETS</u>	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUES	TRUST & AGENCY	LONG-TERM DEBT
Cash, Pooled	\$261,347.98	\$201,946.19	\$433,425.42	
2017 Personal Property	-			-
2016 Personal Property	-			
2015 Personal Property	-			
2014 Personal Property	-			
Prior Years Personal Property	-			
Total Personal Property	-			
2017 Real Estate	53,512.14			
2016 Real Estate	-			
2015 Real Estate	-			
2014 Real Estate	-			
Prior Years Real Estate	-			
Total Real Estate	53,512.14			
Total Allow. for Abate. & Exempt.	(14,843.71)			
Tax Liens	59,719.67			
Tax Foreclosures	146,591.02			
2017 Motor Vehicle Excise	9,074.41			
2016 Motor Vehicle Excise	1,981.18			
2015 Motor Vehicle Excise	1,067.39			
2014 Motor Vehicle Excise	386.67			
Prior Years Motor Vehicle Ex.	432.09			
Total Motor Vehicle Excise	12,941.74			
Forest Products	-			

Small Business Loans Receivable		555.97		
B/A Compactor Replacement				65,940.00
B/A Highway Trk				39,366.24
B/A Regional Broadband Network				1,450,000.00
Amt. to be Provided-McCloud Prop				42,520.00
Amnt. To be Provided-Safety Complex Land Purchase				49,500.00
Amt. To Be Provided-Police Cruiser				21,483.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>519,268.84</b>	<b>\$202,502.16</b>	<b>\$433,425.42</b>	<b>\$1,668,809.24</b>

<u>LIABILITIES</u>	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUES	TRUST & AGENCY	LONG-TERM DEBT
Warrants Payable	\$0.00			
Tailings				
Payroll Withholdings Payable	76.21			
Def.Rev.- Property & Real Estate Taxes	38,668.43			
Def.Rev.Tax Liens	59,719.67			
Def.Rev. Tax Foreclosures	146,591.02			
Def.Rev.- Motor Vehicle Excise	12,941.74			
Def.Rev.- Forest Products	-			
Def.Rev. Small Business Loans		555.97		
Rev. Ant. Notes Payable		170,000.00		
Collector's Fees			-	
Deputy Collector's Fees			94.00	
Clerk's Fees			-	
Off Duty Police			-	
Due to State - Firearms			525.00	
Perc Inspections				

<b>LIABILITIES</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>SPECIAL REVENUES</b>	<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY</b>	<b>LONG-TERM DEBT</b>
CDBG Pass Through			-	
Unissued Regional Broadband Network				1,450,000.00
Unissued Highway Trk				39,366.24
Unissued Cmpactor Replacement				65,940.00
Bonds Payable, McCloud Prop				42,520.00
Bonds Payable, Garage Doors				-
Bonds Payable, Safety Complex Land				49,500.00
Bonds Payable, Safety Complex Land Purchase				-
Bonds Payable, Highway Trk Body FY13				-
Bonds Payable, Police Cruiser				21,483.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>257,997.07</b>	<b>170,555.97</b>	<b>619.00</b>	<b>1,668,809.24</b>

<b>FUNDEQUITY</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>SPECIAL REVENUES</b>	<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY</b>	<b>LONG-TERM DEBT</b>
Reserve for Encumbrances	20.28			
Free Cash to Balance Budget	30,000.00			
Overlay to Balance Budget	-			
Reserve for Carryovers	60,969.46			
Undesignated Fund Balance	170,282.03			
FB reserved for Approp. Deficits	-			
FB reserved for Overlay Deficit	-			

Cultural Council		5,112.38		
State Highway (Ch. 90)		-		
Septic Grant Repayments		20,735.50		
Planning Grant		158.02		
ZBA Revolving		662.50		
Dog Officer Revolving		1,997.60		
Small Business		1,071.67		
BOH Permitting		4,152.45		
Senior Center Revolving		677.22		
Solid Waste Revolving		2,640.33		
Vaccine Program Revolving		2,368.75		
COA Meal Revolving		2,053.55		
Machinery Earnings		-		
Sale of RE		-		
Sale of Lots		5,065.94		
Extended Polling		-		
Wetlands Protection		1,057.78		
Community Functions		3,231.06		
Comm. Hall Donations		25.00		
MA Tech. Collaborative Grant 2010		56.07		
Comm. Compact IT Grant		19,500.00		
AFG 2017 PPE		(8,635.25)		
2008 Ice Storm Donations		428.59		
2016 EMPG		(183.97)		
Library Dog Fund		702.51		
Mackie Memorial		390.00		
Heath Animal Fund Gift		100.00		
TS Ins Reimb		1,310.00		
DEP Small Scale Initiative		318.80		
Cemetery Donations		1,254.03		
North Ememtery Maint		800.00		
Flu Clinic Donations		589.50		

**FUND EQUITY**

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUES	TRUST & AGENCY	LONG-TERM DEBT
COA Grant		345.62		
COA Foot Care Grant		-		
COA Foot Care Donations		707.19		
Veteran's Memorial Fund		12,270.39		
Library State Grant		10,806.14		
Library Donations		4,073.06		
Library Building Donation		8,273.00		
Parks and Recreation		1,459.00		
TS Irene		(170,000.00)		
Compactor Replacement Project		60,560.00		
2018 Hwy Trk		35,811.76		
Stabilization			219,803.28	
School/Town Build Stab			90,265.31	
Equipment/Vehicle Stab			52,471.42	
Audit Stabilization			10,093.71	
Parks and Rec Stab			2,026.68	
Asses. Prop Tax Mapping Stab			245.36	
Assessor General Stabilization			20,023.67	
Tax Collector Software Stab			10,011.83	
Cemetery			11,037.68	
Read Carpenter			2,060.72	
Library Trust			8,495.21	
Hands Across Health			6,271.55	
B/A Regional Broadband Network				(1,450,000.00)
Unissued Regional Broadband Network				1,450,000.00
B/A Hwy Trk				39,366.24
Unissued Hwy Trl				(39,366.24)
B/A Compactor Replacement				65,940.00
Unissued Compactor Replacement				(65,940.00)

TOTAL FUND EQUITY

261,271.77 31,946.19 432,806.42 -

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY**

**\$519,268.84 \$202,502.16 \$433,425.42 \$1,668,809.24**

**Tax Collector's Report**

REAL ESTATE	BALANCE ON BAL 01/01/17	COMMITTED AFTER 12/31/16	COLLECTED	ABATED	EXEMPTED	REFUNDED	TAX TAKINGS	BALANCE
FY 2018	\$0.00	\$1,742,465.92	\$854,404.11	\$0.00	\$4,775.00	\$615.66	\$0.00	\$883,902.47
FY 2017	\$867,668.60	\$0.00	\$824,618.41	\$3,202.22	\$5,875.00	\$9,395.58	\$19,421.89	\$23,946.66
FY 2016	\$22,658.13	\$0.00	\$13,091.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,566.72	\$0.00
PERSONAL PROPERTY								
FY 2018	\$0.00	\$225,032.67	\$116,790.14	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$108,242.53
FY 2017	\$62,969.56	\$0.00	\$62,969.56	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
MOTOR VEHICLE EX	BALANCE ON BAL 01/01/17	COMMITTED AFTER 12/31/16	COLLECTED	ABATED	EXEMPTED	REFUNDED	TAX TAKINGS	CALCULATED
FY 2017	\$0.00	\$83,578.15	\$77,788.65	\$927.98		\$812.89		\$5,674.41
FY 2016	\$5,268.62	\$612.72	\$4,820.98	\$50.00		\$118.60		\$1,128.96
2015	\$1,391.87	\$0.00	\$388.02	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$1,003.85
2014	\$391.67	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$386.67
2013	\$432.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$432.09
2012	\$336.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$336.46		\$0.00		\$0.00

## TREASURER'S REPORT OF TRUSTS & OTHER FUNDS

### Cemetery Trust

Sarah H. Symonds	50.00	The Whipples	250.00
Ellen N. Fiske	50.00	Elsom Elderidge	250.00
Chenery Fund	500.00	Nelle Porter	250.00
Lucy M. Gale	100.00	Jane Gribbin	100.00
Edwain Chapin	140.00	Barbara Wolf	250.00
Cliford J. Hager	100.00	Ralph Riddle	500.00
Walter S. Benson	200.00	Frances Malone	200.00
William Dickinson	200.00	Richard Hatch	50.00
George H. Gribbin	1,000.00	Michael Peters	250.00
Leon B. Stewart	25.00	Robert & Delores	
Ruth Whipple	250.00	Viarengo	400.00
Truman H. Safford	100.00	Joan & Gerald Gilbert	200.00
Joseph & Pamela Gilbert	200.00	Johs Clausen	225.00
Albert Burkhardt	200.00	Steven Wolf	250.00
Charles Mackie	250.00	Unknown	100.00
<b>Total Cemetary Bequests</b>	<b>7,040.00</b>		

Trust CD's	6,365.95
Trust Checking	4,695.22
Balance 12/31/2010	<b>11,061.17</b>

### Library Trust

Felicia Welsh	500.00	Ralph Riddle	165.00
Hugh Maxwell	500.00	Leon Stewart	100.00
Charles Miller	176.00	Helen Nichols	75.00
Elizabeth Wilson	350.00	Thelma Meadon	200.00
Cultural Council Grant	88.36	Harriet Read	702.37
Building Needs - Wilmeth	50.00	Building Needs - Stein	100.00
Mildred Burrington Memorial	50.00		
<b>Total Library Bequests</b>	<b>3,056.73</b>		

Money Market Account	<b>8,501.57</b>
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### Other Funds

Cultural Council (Arts Lottery)	1,710.33
Hands Across Heath	6,313.48
Heath General Funds	644,491.82
Park & Recreation Department	1,459.36
Read Carpenter Scholarship	2,062.80
Septic Fund	20,740.67
Stabilization Funds	395,692.53
Last Mile Broadband	380,000.00

**Total Other Funds 1,452,470.99**

**Total of All Funds 1,472,033.73**

### Tax Title Accounts

Account Balance	
1/1/2017	44,363.01
Taxes Added	43,909.45
Payments Received	46,107.25
Town Acquired	
Property	4,111.61
Remove Tax title error	
Account Balance	
12/31/2017	<b>38,053.60</b>

## TOWN CLERK'S ANNUAL REPORT

### 2017 VITAL RECORDS

The following is the number of vital records that have been recorded within the town during 2017.

**Births - 6    Marriages - 0    Deaths - 7**

### 2016 DOG LICENSES SOLD

Male Dogs	10 @ \$10	\$100
Female Dogs	19 @ \$10	\$190
Neutered Male Dogs	71 @ \$5	\$355
Spayed Female Dogs	56 @ \$5	\$280
Kennel (4-10 dogs)	1 @ \$25	\$25
Service Dogs	1 @ no cost	

Total:	157 Single Licenses	\$960.00
	Less Fees Retained	-157.00
	Less License & Tag Expense	- 92.32
		<u>          </u>
	Paid to Revolving Dog Fund	\$700.68





# Town Reports

## AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

This year the agricultural commission presented the results of our survey at a booth at the Heath Fair. We are working on a directory of local farms and producers which will publicize availability of farm produce. Grant money received from FRCOG was used for technical support and to create a graphic printed material for outreach. We partnered with Charlemont and Colrain to broaden our network and options and are continuing to pursue grants to protect and develop our food security.

Doug Mason  
 Jessica Van Steensburg  
 Nina Marshall  
 Sean Neill  
 Haynes Turkle

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The New Year started out with the Assessors processing abatements for Fiscal Year 2017. As spring came, our office began conducting inspections of building permits, demolitions and properties on the town's cyclical inspection list. The Department of Revenue (DOR) requires the Assessors of Massachusetts to visit every property in each town once every ten years.

The year of 2017 brought more change to the Assessors Office. In May, Heather Hathwell was elected to the 3rd seat on the Board, previously she was appointed to fill out an open term. August brought the Annual Assessing School at UMass and Heather Hathwell went to Course 101, while Alice Wozniak taught Course 5; Mass Appraisal.

Education is so important in the Assessing field as the laws under which we operate continually changes. The Board of Assessors is the only elected board that the state requires its members to successfully complete a 30 hour course and examination within two years of taking office. Failure to do so jeopardizes the DOR approval of the town's tax rate.

In Fiscal Year 2017, the office granted 4 abatements totaling \$139,700 of value which translates into \$2,932.31 of tax dollars. There is currently one appeal filed at the Appellate Tax Board. As we inspect properties in town, our property record card accuracy continues to improve which promotes fair and equitable assessments. We encourage all residents to check the information on their property record cards periodically, especially after any building permit or demolition work has been completed.

With fall nearing, the office readied to set the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 tax rate. This year was a revaluation year which entails much more work than an interim year. By October 31st, the Town of Heath set their tax rate, almost 3 weeks earlier than FY17 and 6 weeks earlier than FY16.

The Heath tax rate for Fiscal Year 2018 was \$21.81/per \$1,000.00 of valuation. The Town of Heath's parcel count, total assessed values for each major class of properties and their percentage of the Levy Limit is as follows:

Classification	Valuation	%
Residential [995 parcels]	\$ 78,652,500	87.3101
Commercial [97 parcels]	\$ 1,013,733	1.1253
Industrial [1 parcel]	\$ 100,000	0.1110
Personal Property [7 accounts]	\$ 10,317,866	11.4536

Total amount of 2018 Property Tax Levy	\$ 90,084,099	100.00%
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The Town of Heath has completed phase one of a major remapping project that we began in 2016. This includes maps that are renumbered, updated and compatible with GIS (geographic information system) which our emergency services use. We are hopeful to have these available to everyone in early 2018. A second part of this project will be getting our property card information available online. Most communities have this already and it is helpful for property owners, realtors, etc. especially since our office is open only one day a week.

There are several statutory property tax exemptions for the elderly varying in amounts from \$175 to \$500. Each exemption is based on income guidelines and as economic times become more difficult, the elderly are encouraged to contact the Assessors' office to see whether they may qualify. Any information that is provided to qualify for these exemptions is strictly confidential and is not available to the general public. Also available are exemptions for the blind and veterans.

We want the general public to know that assessing is a very complicated field and the DOR sets forth very strict guidelines with which our office must comply. That said, our office is open to the public for any questions Wednesdays 9:00-3:00 p.m. Our board meets typically on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Assessor's office but this can change due to scheduling conflicts. If you would like to set up an appointment to meet with the Board, please call the office at 337-4934 Ext. 3.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robyn Provost-Carlson, Chair  
Heidi Griswold  
Heather Hathwell  
Alice Wozniak, MAA and Assistant Assessor

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## BOARD OF HEALTH

The Heath Board of Health (BoH) monitored compliance with various public health regulations and issued warnings for violations. These included residing in a property without a septic system or in a camper/trailer without a temporary occupancy permit; having more than one trailer on a lot. Heath is a comprehensive member of the CPHS, a health district based at the Franklin Regional Council of Governments. We are fortunate to have the support and expertise of the FRCOG staff and are especially grateful for the work of Glen Ayers, Regional Health Agent, and Lisa White, Public Health Nurse as well as Phoebe Walker who provides guidance to our work. Our membership in the CPHS expands the expertise of our Board way beyond what it would be if we had to rely on our BoH members alone.

FRCOG Regional Health Agent approved perc tests; witnessed Title V inspections; issued well permits and food service permits and B&B inspections. He conducted 23 Title-V (septic) related activities including Soil Evaluations for on-lot septic systems, septic system plan reviews including site visits, issuing Local Upgrade Approvals and DSCP (septic) permits, completing inspections of septic system installations, and preparing Certificates of Compliance permits.

Health Agent, on behalf of the BoH, held 14 food inspections, issued permits for a B&B, and two Air BnBs.

The BoH added a requirement that water quality be tested at the time of transfer of ownership of properties.

With Board of Selectmen approval, the BoH had a Phase I Brownfield's report prepared for one property in town.

Through an FDA Food Safety Grant, FRCOG offered low-cost food safety training to six town residents, including Allergen Awareness, Choke Saver and ServSafe certifications.

21 Heath residents took advantage of the low-cost tick tests offered through a district special rate which the BoH subsidizes 50% for a total savings of \$735 to our Town. Town residents pay \$15 with the Board of Health paying the remainder. 24% of tick tests locally tested positive for the Lyme pathogen and an additional 5% tested positive for either Anaplasmosis, Miyamotoi, or Babesiosis. The FRCOG Public Health Nurse provided tick prevention materials which were distributed to residents at the Town Hall.

Board of Health Chairman participated in planning and facilitating two "Planning Together for Healthy Aging" community conversations for FRCOG Boards of Health, Councils on Aging, LifePath, Inc. and other local and regional representatives. BoH members participated as well.

The BoH published articles on public health issues in The Heath Herald; included information on mosquito control; tick testing and protecting against Lyme disease. Chairman serves on FRCOG Cooperative Public Health Service Oversight Board, Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition Steering Committee; as well as many other public health informational and management meetings.

Our Town Nurse, Claire Rabbitt, provided prevention services and some monitoring services to town residents and gave flu vaccinations and held a flu clinic and a shingles vaccine clinic.

The BoH held joint meetings with the Planning Board, Regional Health Agent, Building Inspectors to review Zoning Bylaws, Town bylaws and Board of Health regulations with regard to temporary occupancy dwellings and unregistered vehicles. As a result, the two Boards recommitted to enforcing the rules and only minor editorial changes were made after hearings. The Boards agreed on enforcement procedures. In 2018, the Board of Health will focus its work on ensuring that residents understand and comply with the rules.

FRCOG Nurse, Lisa White, continued her support of Heath Town Nurse, Claire Rabbit, to assist in reporting data on-line and prevention services.

For the coming year, the BoH members are focused on maintaining a safe and healthy environment for our residents and visitors. A primary focus will be on managing dilapidated and abandoned housing using the newly issued ToolKit provided by FRCOG.

We have relied heavily on the expertise of Glen Ayers for the past ten years. He is retiring this summer and we wish him well. BoH Chairman is participating on a committee to select the next Health Agent.

In partnership with the Planning Board, we will enforce compliance with zoning and BoH regulations including septic, food service, short-term occupancy, temporary occupancy, unregistered vehicles and others. By cooperating together as Heathans,



we can continue to enjoy the richness and beauty of our Town. We will also provide information on tips for staying healthy and preventing disease. We welcome suggestions and requests for keeping Heath healthy and safe.

Members: Betsy Kovacs, Chairman, Armand Clavette, Henry Godek, M.D.,  
Susan Gruen, Tucker Jenkins, Claire Rabbit, Town Nurse,  
Margo Newton, Clerk January – September

And ongoing support as needed: Mary Sumner, Clerk November -December,  
Glen Ayers, FRCOG Regional Health Agent, Lisa White, FRCOG Public  
Health Nurse

Submitted by Betsy Kovacs

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

2017 was another busy year of work on the part of employees, elected officials, volunteers and citizens committed to ensure effective town services for residents. Some highlights follow:

### Improvements to Town Buildings:

We've been struggling with frozen pipes at the Community Hall and during a recent repair it was noted that old pipes were at risk of rupture; replacement of pipes has recently been completed and additional insulation will be installed around pipes where it is possible to do so. Installation of ice guards at the Fire Station bays is complete as is repair of damaged columns at the front of that building. Upgrade to computer data back-up/security system for all Town computers and hard drives has been in process for many weeks and is nearing completion. Both Community Hall and Sawyer Hall were insulated in 2017. Additional special projects continuing into 2018 include the Community Hall emergency egress stairs at the back of the building, scheduled for the spring.

### Transfer Station and PAYT:

The significant upgrade and renovation to the transfer station will soon include a shed for gently used reusable items and the addition of plastic bag recycling container. Pay-as-you-throw (PAYT) program has been extremely successful and exceeded income projected for the year by \$2,312. Also, trash hauling expenses have reduced by 37 tons or 39% for additional savings to the Town. We continue to monitor the upcoming closure of the landfill that trash is currently hauled to in anticipation of an increase in trash hauling costs to a facility that's further away. When this happens, recycling will be ever more critical to manage costs.

### Heath Elementary School/Regional Agreement with Hawlemont

Heath elementary students started attending Hawlemont Regional Elementary school in September 2017. The next steps in exploring all aspects of Heath joining the Hawlemont district have been initiated, including a feasibility study. A School Building Transition Team has been exploring options for use of the Heath school building and will provide a summary report at the May 2018 ATM. Assuming the feasibility study outcome recommends Heath joining Hawlemont, voters will see the question at ATM in 2019.

### Bridges

Sadoga bridge replacement was completed this year. Bridge on Route 8A in Dell is scheduled.

### Shared Services Exploration

The Select Board has been exploring the possibly sharing certain municipal services with neighboring towns, particularly Police and Fire services. The purposes behind the exploration included an overall reduction in volunteer availability, and increases in training and regulatory requirements that are challenging for small-town forces. We received a Local Technical Assistance grant that will enable FRCOG facilitation in the process as well as development of Memoranda of Understanding, if agreements are reached between towns. Work is ongoing between Charlemont and Heath exploring a shared police services where each town would retain their chief while the departments would function jointly under one insignia with common job descriptions and procedures.

### Municipal Safety Building Project

The need for different housing for highway and fire vehicles and personnel continues to be a challenge. Rep. Paul Mark and Sen. Adam Hinds are working hard to keep state financial aid to Heath on the table. At this writing state financial aid is unresolved. An exploratory committee will be appointed if state assistance comes to fruition.

### Community Choice Power Supply Program

At a presentation by Colonial Power Group in the fall, residents learned about the cost-saving options available in municipal aggregation for purchasing residential electric supply services. Municipal aggregation enables a town to combine the purchasing power of its residents and businesses to provide them with an alternative to the cost of supply services through National Grid. Participation does not affect the delivery of service, which will continue through National Grid. Residents present demonstrated near unanimous consent for Heath to participate in the program, so the Select Board signed an agreement to accept and lock in rates for a 1-year bid for service by Verde Energy USA. Heath residents can "opt-out" if they choose to not participate. Homes that previously switched to a competitive supplier may "opt-in" to the Heath's consumer choice program by calling Colonial Power Group at 508-485-5858, ext.1, or go to the community page at [www.colonialpowergroup.com/heath/](http://www.colonialpowergroup.com/heath/) and click the opt-in button, then fill out and submit the Opt-In Form; OR Call Verde at (800) 241-0295 and ask to opt-in to Heath's Program. For all of the above, the customer will need to have their National Grid bill handy for their account number.

### Town Website

Kara Leistyna, Town Coordinator, and Erich Holan designed and launched the new Town of Heath website which is not only beautiful and user-friendly, but enables online tax bill payment through the Tax Collectors webpage. The web address is [www.townofheath.org](http://www.townofheath.org).

Heath Selectboard  
Sheila Litchfield, Chair  
Brian De Vriese  
Robyn Provost-Carlson

## **BROADBAND COMMITTEE**

The Heath Select Board functions as Heath Municipal Light Plant Board. The Town received \$820,000 in a grant from the Massachusetts Executive office of Housing and Economic Development (EOHED), acting as agent of the Massachusetts Broadband Institute for the state's share of the "Last Mile Municipally-owned broadband network". The grant amount is to be used for professional services (\$380,000) and Construction (\$440,000) of the towns broadband network.

Heath contracted with Westfield Gas & Electric (WG&E) to function as project manager and oversee the design and engineering, make-ready and construction phases of the broadband buildout in Heath. Technicians completed field work and route mapping. At the 2016 ATM Heath voters approved \$1.45 million as the Town's share for the project. The estimated target date for completion and "go live" is spring of 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sheila Litchfield

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## **CEMETERY COMMISSION**

Progress was made in 2017 in the repair and straightening of several grave stones in each of the cemeteries funded by private donations and facilitated by the Cemetery Commission.

For information on purchasing lots or other questions see the Town Cemetery Rules and Regulations incorporated in the Town Bylaws on the Town of Heath website. For any other questions regarding burials or to purchase a lot call Sexton, Matthew Lively or one of the Cemetery Commissioners.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Claire Rabbitt, Chairman  
Jerry Gilbert, Secretary  
Eric Sumner

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## **COMMUNITY HALL COMMITTEE**

The Community Hall is still in continuous demand for weekly and monthly events. It is also being rented for many private parties.

Rental fees and donations have continued to help maintain the building. Future plans for the hall include hopefully replacing and repairing windows to continue to make it more energy efficient.

If you would like to rent the hall, please contact Margo Newton at 413-339-8580. A Community Hall Use Form can also be obtained on the Town of Heath website, [www.townofheath.org](http://www.townofheath.org). The forms can also be picked up at Heath Town Hall.

Members: Dolly Churchill, Ruth Corey, Don Dekker, Tracy Schott

Respectfully Submitted,  
Margo Newton, Chair

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Conservation Commission has been meeting on an as needed basis over the past year. In 2017, the ConCom reviewed two Notices of Intent (NOI) for work at the Crowningshield Conservation Area on West Branch Road. One was for invasive vegetative species control filed by Franklin Land Trust and the other was for aquatic habitat restoration filed by Trout Unlimited. An extension of an order of conditions for invasive aquatic species control at Papoose Lake was approved by the Commission. Several building and septic system sites were reviewed for the presence of wetland or other resource areas as part of the required official sign-offs for building and septic permit applications. Bill Lattrell continues to serve as a consultant to the Commission and does most of the permit reviews for the FCCIP building inspection sign-off requirement. The FCCIP online permitting system allows the Conservation Commission to access and sign off on permit online. The comments may also be posted on the permit application regarding the status of the ConCom review. This system has greatly reduced the turnaround time for signing off on permit applications. All other Town officials required to sign off are able to use the online system.

Ellen Jenkins resigned after serving for several years. We are grateful for her participation in the past year and wish her well. Pam Porter was appointed by the BOS to fill the vacancy. We still have one vacancy to fill this year for a full 5 member board.

Current members of the Commission are Buck DenOuden, Pam Porter, Dennis Peters and Brian De Vriese.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian De Vriese - Chair

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## **COUNCIL ON AGING**

We continue to have excellent turnouts for our monthly senior meals. Sharon Call has made this event a great success.

The formula grant received from the state this year has helped us to obtain many additions for the seniors. We were able to give donations to the Library for the purchase of books and movies, the Foot Clinic, Art Program and Town Nurse. Also purchased was a large screen television and DVD player which will continue to be of good use.

New outside signs were also purchased for the Community Hall and they have been met with great enthusiasm.

The Council on Aging (COA) is always looking for ideas and suggestions that would benefit our seniors. If there are some functions that you would like the COA to consider, please let us know.

Members: Alli Thane-Stetson, Teresa Peters, Jean LaMothe, Eileen Lively

Respectfully submitted,  
Margo Newton, Chair

## CULTURAL COUNCIL

For 2017-2018, the Heath Cultural Council (HCC) awarded grants totaling \$4,890, of which \$4,400 was this year's allocation, and \$490 was unused funds from prior grants. Our main goal has always been to fund applications that directly affect as many Heath citizens as possible. To that end, this year we provided assistance to Sara Campbell for her lecture on the Colmans, early 1800 residents of Heath, to John Root for his Edible Plants Walk here in town, to the Heath Agricultural Society for music at the Fair, and to Harry Hallman for the Heath Artist's Exhibition. We hope Heathens will also enjoy valuable projects outside of town. That led us to fund these other valuable projects: Pioneer Valley Symphony, The Da Camera Singers, Mohawk Trail Concerts, Pothole Pictures, Franklin County Technical School's Drama Club, Franklin Land Trust, The Charlemont Forum, Hilltown Families, The Art Garden, Double Edge Theatre, and PITI Theatre Company. Please visit our webpage at <https://www.mass-culture.org/Heath> for more information.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful members of this year's Council. Sue Draxler, Suzanne Hannay, Jayne Dane, Jean Gran and Lorena Loub-sky all pitched in to do the things, large and small, that make it possible to keep these worthwhile art colonies buzzing with creativity. We would also like to thank Kara Leistyna for the knowledge she shared and the explanations she doled out to those who were sometimes "lost in the desert."

Finally, you may have seen copies of our survey around town this spring. Please take a moment to fill it out AND hand it in. Your input will help guide us as we seek out, and choose, many worthy projects bubbling up to the surface in the active artistic community we live in!

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Gruen, Chairman

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## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Aside from attending regional meetings, I attended a shelter drill that was held at Mohawk Regional High School so this area could practice and experience what using the High School as a shelter would look like and see our strengths and weaknesses.

Again a \$2,220.00 EMPG grant was applied for and received and was used for partial payment of our Reverse 911 alert system and cots /supplies.

I attended a workshop in the fall on the state's new Public assistance online program which would be used to assist us for documentation and reimbursement of storm damage.

We had two storm incidents which required MEMA notification: The March 13-15th Blizzard which had us open the EOC for a few hours, then the Rainstorm (6") on October 29, 2017, that caused road damage to Rt.8A North and Rowe Road.

Respectfully submitted,  
Timothy Lively, Emergency Management Director

## ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

During 2017 the Energy Advisory Committee (EAC) focused its efforts on the Green Community Act. It considered the costs and benefits of joining the Green Community Act, with a particular focus on the implications of the implementation of the Stretch Building Code, the Vehicle replacement policy, consistency with the Town's existing by-laws, and methodology for administrating the terms of the Program.

During the year, work was done to gather data on energy usage by the town for all town buildings and vehicles and this data was entered into an online module. The committee also arranged for an electrical energy audit of the Heath Town buildings. The EAC met twice with the Town of Heath Planning Board on the Green Communities Act and invited local builders to attend a meeting to provide feedback on the stretch code to the MA Department of Environmental Resources and the Town of Heath Planning Board.

The EAC also worked with the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) and in November 2017 obtaining a \$12,500 grant for a consulting company to perform an ASHRAE Level II audit of the town, which would then be used to devise an energy reduction plan. FRCOG/BOS requested bids for this work, with a 3/12/18 deadline, contract signing by 3/31/2018 and an April 2018 thermal audit work start date. FRCOG is drafting an Energy Reduction Plan for Heath which will be submitted to EAC and BOS shortly for review, with finalization after audit results are available.

The EAC also made information available at the All Boards Committee meeting on November 14, 2017 to any town residents with low income to be eligible for weatherization of their homes and other energy efficiency benefits provided by the State.

Committee Members: Heather Row, Chair, Steve Ryack, Robert Schultz,  
Peter Row, Scott Peterson

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee continues to work with the Selectboard to monitor the Town's finances with the goal of having tax dollars used as wisely as possible. At the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) May 6th Don Freeman was recognized with a standing ovation for his 9 years of service as chair of the Finance Committee. That same day the committee welcomed the election of Kathy Inman, who had previously served on the committee, to a new 3 year term. At the May 30th meeting the committee approved Ned Wolf's leaving the job of secretary to become chair. The job of secretary will be shared. Gloria Fisher served many hours as the Finance Committee's representative on the Heath Education Task Force. Jan Carr has represented the Finance Committee on the Heath Broadband Committee. Jeff Simons has been the committee's liaison to the Highway Department.

The Finance Committee recommended the passage of the seven articles on the Warrant of the March 7th Special Town Meeting (STM). They involved transfers of funds into the Machinery Maintenance Account, the Compactor Account, the Legal Fees Account, and the Reserve Fund. In 4 articles the funds being transferred came from Land Easement accounts for bridge work being done on 8A and

on Sadoga Road. The source of the \$1783.48 transferred into the Reserve Fund was the Fire Department Maintenance/Utilities account.

Through the early months of 2017 the Finance Committee worked with the Selectboard to recommend a budget that was approved by the voters at the ATM on May 6, 2017. The Fiscal Year 2018 tax rate of \$21.81, which was certified by the state in December 2017, is \$0.19 higher than our \$21.62 estimate in May. The Fiscal Year 2018 tax rate of \$21.81 is a 3.9% increase over the Fiscal Year 2017 rate of \$20.99.

Voters examined each line of Article 3. There were 2% COLA's. There was a 4% increase in the Insurance/Property/Casualty/ Workman's Compensation line. Health Insurance through the Hampshire Group increased by 9.4%, the line for the County Retirement System by 8%, and the FRCOG Assessment by 11%. A new line was created in Article 3 for Fire Department Vehicle Maintenance so that fire vehicle maintenance is now separate from Highway Department maintenance. The Special Projects in Article 3 included a backup and security system for all work stations (\$5,000), the replacement of a column in the Fire Department garage and ice guards for fire/highway buildings (\$2,100), and repair of the front columns of the Sawyer Hall porch (\$2,000). The voters approved Article 3 as recommended by the Selectboard and Finance Committee.

Article 4 was to pay for the Mohawk Trail Regional School District (MTRSD) assessment of \$815,652, an increase of \$20,129 from the previous year. Article 5 was to pay for the MTRSD Capital Assessment of \$26,360, an increase of \$19,333 from the year before. The Town voted for these articles as well as for Article 8 to raise and appropriate \$136,257 for the Franklin County Technical School assessment, an increase of \$28,115 from the previous year due to an increase in the number of students to 13.

In Article 7 changes were proposed to the MTRSD Agreement to allow the tuitioning of Heath students to Hawlemont. The Finance Committee noted the low enrollment (31 students with 26 being Heath residents), rising costs (tuition currently being \$37,000 per child with a total \$1.1 million school budget), and a decline in choice option students. With the recommendations of the Selectboard and the Finance Committee the Town approved Article 7. The maintenance costs for the Heath School during FY2018 are being funded by the MTRSD up to \$80,000 as will be the case in FY2019 and FY2020. It is hoped that within 3 years if the experience of Heath students in the Hawlemont School has gone well, Heath will withdraw Pre K-6 from the MTRSD to join the Hawlemont District. This withdrawal could occur either by votes of approval from all the other towns or solely by the approval of Heath voters provided that Heath has no outstanding debts to the MTRSD. At this time those debts are strictly for capital expenses and amount to less than \$50,000.

The Finance Committee recommended the purchase of a new highway truck in Article 13 which was to raise and appropriate \$122,000 using \$45,000 from Free Cash, \$83.76 from The Road Machinery Fund, \$37,550 from the Sale of Real Estate account, and the borrowed sum of \$39,366.24. Voters approved Article 13 as well as the recommended transfer of \$16,850 from the Overlay Surplus account for the payment of repairs to the 2001 grader.

The Finance Committee continues to favor the use of stabilization funds and recommended Articles 15-18 which were approved by the voters. Article 15 was to transfer from Free Cash to the Audit Stabilization Account \$2,000 bringing the total in that account to \$10,174.63. Article 16 was to transfer \$45,000 from Free Cash into the School/Building Capital Improvement Stabilization account bringing the total in that account to \$90,424.94. Article 17 was to establish an Assessor's Stabilization Account the purpose of which is to purchase assessing services or goods; and further, to transfer from Assessor Property Tax Mapping Stabilization account \$20,000 to be deposited in the Assessor's Stabilization account. Finally, Article 18 was to establish a Tax Collector Software Stabilization Account the purpose of which is to purchase and implement new tax collector software ; and further to transfer from Assessor Property Tax Mapping Stabilization account the sum of \$10,000 to be deposited into the Tax Collector Stabilization Account.

As the Finance Committee has done in previous years, it recommended that a sum of money from Free Cash be used to reduce taxes. The amount in Article 19 to be used to reduce taxes in Fiscal Year 2018 was \$30,000, a \$20,000 decrease from the amount so used the preceding year. The Finance Committee is mindful of the fact that in the fall of 2016 Heath's Levy Limit hit its Levy Ceiling. This means that unless the Town's total valuation increases, in 4 or 5 years the Town will be unable to raise sufficient taxes to pay for ever increasing costs for such things as the schools, utilities, and health insurance without serious cuts. To be better prepared, the Finance Committee is shifting from using Free Cash to reduce taxes to putting it into stabilization funds. Part of the explanation for the certified 2018 tax rate exceeding our estimate by \$0.19 is that the DOR's value for Heath's Total Assessed Value (TAV) dropped during 2017 by close to \$700,000. Much of this drop (about \$600,000) was due to a drop in the assessed value of the power line towers and associated equipment. While the reasons for this drop are not entirely clear, it appears to have been due to a combination of the depreciation of the towers and the electric companies' putting several hundred thousand dollars into a reserve fund for maintenance. In doing so the electric company, which does the assessing, is allowed to lower the assessed value of its properties. Consequences of the drop in Heath's TAV are a higher tax rate and a lower Levy Ceiling. The Finance Committee will be watching the TAV, how it may be affected by the assessment of 'personal property' which includes the electric company holdings, and how close the tax levy is getting to the Levy Ceiling.

A final ATM Article related to Heath's potential debt was Article 26 to rescind the action taken at the ATM on May 9, 2015 which authorized the Town to appropriate \$4,000,000 for the construction of a Public Safety Facility. With the support of the Selectboard and Finance Committee voters approved this Article.

On June 27th there was a Special Town Meeting at which the Finance Committee recommended Articles 1-6 which were approved by the voters. The first article provided the funding for the Compactor Replacement account to which \$65,940 had already been appropriated at the 2015 ATM and an additional \$10,000 at the STM on March 7, 2017. Article 1 added \$50,560 to that account with transfers from the Winter Salt/Sand & Other and the Vehicle Gas & Oil accounts. Several factors caused the large increase in the cost of this Transfer Station project: Students from the Franklin County Technical School were not available as had been hoped to build the shed; a widening to 2 lanes of traffic and various FRCOG specifications;

and improving the approach of trucks to the container in order to reduce the chances of an accident as the truck lifts the container. Both bids came in at close to \$125,000. Other STM Articles involved smaller transfers to replenish depleted accounts. The total amount transferred out of Winter Salt/Sand & Other was \$53,885. The Finance Committee will be looking at whether this line item should be lowered.

July 1st of 2017 was the rollout of pay-per-bag as the replacement of buying a \$75 sticker for the year. The sticker payments did not come close to covering the cost of disposing of solid waste. The new cost of a sticker was set at \$15 and the cost of each bag at \$1.50. The Finance Committee will be looking at whether the new system comes closer to covering the cost of disposing of solid waste while increasing the amount of recycling.

Finally, the Finance Committee participated in discussions about the vitally important effort to bring fiber optic, high speed internet to Heath residents. In December of 2017 Heath was among the towns in Wired West. The Selectboard had chosen Westfield Gas & Electric, a company with 20 years of experience in providing high speed internet, to begin the design and engineering phase to be followed in early 2018 by the preparation of the poles. Heath voters at the 2016 ATM approved the borrowing of up to \$1.45 million for Broadband. The Town has received \$800,000 from the Massachusetts Broadband Institute. The Finance Committee looks forward to challenges of Fiscal 2019.

Ned Wolf, Chair  
Jan Carr, Gloria Fisher, Kathy Inman, Jeff Simmons

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Heath Fire Department processed 3 grants received last fiscal year. This included the purchase of new self-contained breathing apparatus and personal protective equipment, new pagers for alerting department personnel for 911 calls and wildland firefighting equipment. These grants provided the town of Heath with over \$100,000 in equipment.

The 2017 Rescue truck is in service and provides both medical and fire support. It has been outfitted with medical equipment, portable radios, firefighting equipment and safety gear. Our thanks go out to all those that made the acquisition of this important piece of apparatus possible.

The Department continues to actively recruit in attempt to have a stronger team of dedicated volunteers. It is extremely hard to find volunteers that can make the time commitment as an active member, plus attend trainings necessary to stay compliant to regulations. Adjacent towns are experiencing the same challenges so we all rely heavily on each other for mutual aid for man power. That may be why you see so many fire trucks at what may seemingly be a small fire. If you have the time and interest, please call the department as we need more members that can fill these requirements.

We especially invite the youth of Heath to join the department, and encourage anyone to become a member of the association. You do not need to be a member of

the department to be an association member. Everyone is welcome. On the first Thursday of the month at 6 P.M. we meet for the Association meeting followed by training and every Tuesday of the month at 6 P.M for fire department training.

We continue do our best to provide a safe and workable environment for our volunteers serving Heath, its residents, and the mutual aid communities.

December of 2017 also saw Ken Gilbert retire from his role as chief and as an active member of the fire department. Ken has served the town of Heath for many years, with the last few years of his career as chief. He worked diligently to secure grants for the department, keep the apparatus in service and department personnel trained and ready to respond to any emergency. Ken will continue to serve the town as the 911 coordinator and assist the fire department with inspections and permit applications. Thank you for your dedication to the fire department and to the people of Heath. I also would like to thank Ken for assistance in my transition to the position of chief. He has years of knowledge and information about the fire department and most importantly, lots of patience.

Lastly, but certainly not least, again I want to thank all of the members (firefighters, EMTs and association members) for their contributions in helping to keep the Fire Department functioning and ready to respond to help those in need!

Respectfully submitted,  
Nicholas Anzuoni, Interim Fire Chief

Incident type	Total by type
Building fires	3
Chimney fires	1
Fire in mobile home	1
Passenger vehicle fire	3
Natural vegetation fire	1
Forest, woods or wildland fires	1
Brush, or brush and grass mixture fire	5
Medical assist, assist EMS crews	30
Emergency medical service incidents, other	6
Vehicle accident with injuries	24
Vehicle accident without injuries	4
Water rescue/recovery	1
Gas leak (LPG)	1
Heat from short circuit wiring	1
Power lines down	4
Vehicle accident, general cleanup	3
Cover assignment, other fire stations	2
Dispatched & cancelled enroute	1
False alarm	3
Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	1
Smoke detector activation, no fire unintentional	1
Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1
Citizen complaint	1
<b>Total number of incidents</b>	<b>99</b>

## HEATH EDUCATION TASK FORCE

In December, 2015, the Heath Education Task Force was charged with the task of studying the issue of low enrollment at the Heath Elementary School, and the adverse effect it had had on both the education and finances of the school. After identifying the cause of the low enrollment, the Task Force examined several ways to solve the problem. From this work the Heath Education Task Force came to the sad conclusion that in order to provide a quality and sustainable education program for our children, it was time to seriously consider sending them to school in a neighboring town. It was felt that the most feasible option was to tuition our children to the Hawlemont Elementary School in the town of Charlemont.

Under the direction of the select board and with the support of the finance committee, the Education Task Force began in early 2017 to meet with representatives of the Mohawk School Committee to negotiate a plan by which Heath could remain in the Mohawk District but tuition our elementary students to the Hawlemont Elementary School in the Hawlemont School District. It was felt that this type of district-to-district tuition agreement would be mutually beneficial because the Mohawk District would still be obligated to insure a place for our children should a tuition agreement not work out. At the same time the Mohawk District would realize some of the savings that they desperately needed, and the Hawlemont School would be assured of a viable student population with increased revenue. Such an agreement had never been done before, but the Task Force had been assured by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education that such an agreement would be supported by the State.

From late December 2016 to the 2017 annual meeting, the Task Force met weekly with an Ad Hoc committee from the Mohawk District and subsequently with the Hawlemont School Committee to come to a mutually agreeable plan. For Heath this meant having compensation for the maintenance of the school while we figured out what to do with the building, an assurance that Hawlemont would guarantee a place all of our students and that in the future Heath would have an option to join the Hawlemont District.

In the end, the Ad Hoc committee brought three articles to the Annual Town Meetings of all the member towns of the Mohawk District. The first was to amend the original Regional Agreement to say that the Heath children would be educated in the town of Charlemont. The second was a Memorandum of Agreement that defined the commitment of the Mohawk District to support a tuition arrangement for the Heath children at Hawlemont and to provide for the maintenance of the Heath School for a limited time in exchange for Heath closing its school. The last article was a tuition agreement with the Hawlemont School committee to tuition our students to the Hawlemont Elementary School.

All three articles were passed in all member towns including Heath who voted 90 to 10 in favor of the measures. This completed the work of the Heath Education Task Force and the committee was disbanded in May of 2017.

Members: Budge Litchfield, Robert Gruen, Mary Sumner, Rebecca Johnston, Gloria Fisher, Robin Provost and Kenneth Rocke

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah Porter  
Chair of the Heath Education Task Force

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## HEATH FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Have you been to the library lately to work on a jigsaw puzzle? Our visitors have completed more than twenty of them in the last year, most of them 500 piece, 18" x 24". Stay for a few minutes to add a piece or two, or spend a relaxing hour chatting

with your neighbors as you work together on the latest challenge. Most people that come to puzzle leave with some entertainment for home: books, audio books, DVDs, music CDs, and magazines. If we don't have what you are looking for we will request a copy from another library and have it delivered here, or show you how to do it yourself with your library card. Visit our website [www.heathlibrary.org](http://www.heathlibrary.org) to find the online library catalog, information about current library events, and links to other online resources. Use your smartphone, tablet, e-reader, or computer and download e-books, audio books and videos.

We have museum passes to save on the admission fee for the Clark Art Institute and MASS MoCA, or plan an outdoor adventure and use one of the two parking passes valid at many of the Massachusetts State Parks.

The library has a desktop computer, two laptop computers and a printer available for use by patrons. People may also bring their own laptops, tablets, or smartphones and use the Wi-Fi provided by the town from a wireless router in Sawyer Hall.

"Build a Better World" was the theme of the 2017 summer reading program. Twenty-six children signed up, read, and turned in their reading logs at the end of the summer to receive a \$10 gift certificate to World Eye Bookshop and were entered into the raffle for t-shirts and other prizes. The library had four LEGO building sessions for children and their families, led by Lyra Johnson-Fuller. Thank you to the Friends of the Library and the Heath Cultural Council for providing the program funding. Children and their families also participated in planting flowers in beds on the Town Common and near Community Hall. Beautiful! The theme for the summer of 2018 is Music and the children's program slogan is "Libraries Rock!" Look for an earlier than usual kick-off this year with ukulele lessons in April or early May for young children, funded by the Mohawk Trail Regional CFCE Program which is funded through a grant from the MA Department of Early Education and Care.

Preschool Story Hour meets two or three times per month from September through early June. Lyra Johnson-Fuller reads stories to the children, then works on a craft project with them. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for funding preschool story hour this year.

The library hosted two art exhibits again this year by the Heath Senior Art Class. Thank you to Eileen McVay-Lively for hanging the artwork and coordinating the receptions.

Material circulation figures: FY2017 – 14,959, FY2016 – 16,172, FY2015 – 16,403. Inter-library loans received from other libraries: FY2017 – 2,697, FY2016 – 3,016, FY2015 – 3,100. Inter-library loans provided to other libraries: FY 2017 - 2,158, FY2016 – 2,382, FY2015 – 2,585. Patron visits averaged 96 per week. Twenty-two children's programs and three adult programs were held.

I thank the Board of Library Trustees, library assistant Lyra Johnson-Fuller, the Friends of the Heath Free Public Library for their help and support this year.

Library hours are Mondays from 3 PM to 7 PM, Wednesdays from Noon to 7 PM, and Saturdays from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donald J. Purington  
Library Director

Board of Library Trustees:

Emily Cross (term expires May 2020)  
Janis Carr (term expires May 2019)  
Deborah Porter, Chair (term expires May 2018)

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## HEATH VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

2017 was a rewarding year for the committee. The names of Heath veterans and designs to be cast on the bronze plaques were finalized and completed. The plaques were then affixed to the large quartz stones that were carved out to accept them. The existing stone mounted Veterans plaque was cleaned and repaired. The landscaping of the site was finished. A new flagpole was purchased and installed. On a clear, cool Saturday, November 4th, the dedication of the Memorial took place. It was well attended. Bob Bourke oversaw the ceremony. Hilma Sumner started with a blessing. Dave Howland presented the town with a plaque listing all the donors and workers for the project. It is planned to be displayed in the Community Hall. The donors were responsible for all the funding. Many of the workers reduced their costs as a way to help with the financing. Mike Smith then spoke about having his relations including his father, himself, and his son on the memorial.

A donated national flag, which was flown over the U.S. Capitol, along with a donated POW/MIA flag, was raised by attending veterans. This was accompanied by the playing of Taps by Mohawk School students, as well as a rifle salute from members of the South Deerfield American Legion. Afterwards, refreshments were served in the Community Hall.

The Shelburne Falls Independent, Greenfield Recorder, and Heath Herald all carried stories of the event in more detail.

In December, Dave Howland, Chair and founder of the committee, stepped down, after overseeing over five years of planning and development. All of us on the committee wish him well, and realize this new town gathering place on the common would never have come about without his vision and dedication. Thank-you, David.

A few last items are planned to be completed in the spring of 2018, including lighting, benches, a small amount of fencing, and better drainage. The committee then sees its work as completed and plans to disband and turn over its oversight to the Town and the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Bourke, Chair  
Jerry Gilbert, Secretary  
Dennis Peters, Veterans Agent  
Peter Smith, Veteran's names researcher

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

During the 2017 season, the highway dept. worked on ditching and drainage along various roads in town. We cracked sealed Number Nine Road and a small section of Route 8A as well as lower end of Branch Hill Road. Gravel road maintenance (Grading) was also completed.

It was nice to help out with retrieving and setting the stones for the Heath Veterans Memorial. We also put our attention on Avery Brook Road with patching holes, brush cutting with the assistance from the Sheriff's Department Community Service workers in preparation for 2.8 miles of paving.

During the summer we started to add/update our street signs and I'm hoping to have all updated in the next couple of years. The big project was the transfer station compactor replacement project. This was completed and I was very pleased with how patient the people of Heath were during construction and for that, I thank you.

The winter of 2017 was an icy one from the start but then changed into a typical New England winter with some storms producing significant snow fall. It didn't last long when February came around. With a week of above average temperatures which resulted in a rapid snow melt, South Road washed out in areas. But all and all it was a manageable winter for the crew.

For this upcoming construction season my plan is to get more aggressive with tree and brush cutting. Also, we will focus on ditching, grading, road side mowing and preparation for the full depth reclamation of West Branch Road. It should prove to be a busy one!

Sincerely,  
Michael Shattuck, Highway Superintendent

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## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Heath Center Historic District Boundary Increase was accepted by the National Register on August 24. The Historic District now includes the Fairgrounds, the Seth Temple House at 55 South Road, the Samuel Hunt Home at 59 South Road, and the Stephen Barker House at 44 West Hosmer Road. The Commission thanks Betsy Friedan of the Massachusetts Historical Commission for shepherding our application through the registration process, and for all the property owners for assisting us in providing the needed documentation. Individual certificates of registration are currently being prepared.

With the resignation of Margaret Freeman at the end of the year, the Heath Historical Commission is now out of compliance with the minimum required membership. The Commonwealth recommends a local Commission of seven members. Please consider joining us in continuing our work to record and document Heath's history.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret H. Freeman (Chair)  
Heather Hathwell  
Scott Peterson

## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

2017 was a productive year for the Committee. Ongoing yoga classes were held at the Community Hall. A spring clean-up party was held in April. The basketball court was cleaned, new netting installed, and new lines painted. A new “toy box” was constructed for equipment storage. At the Center playground, swings were installed, and some plastic play equipment was donated. A state grant provided us with two bike racks, which were placed in the town triangle and near the playground. With the help of Lorena Loubsky and Benson Farm, a grant provided money to purchase pollinator plants and fertilizer, and a well-attended planting day around the town center and community hall was held. It was planted in honor of long time town volunteer, Eileen Tougas. An article of the event was published in the Shelburne Falls Independent.

Committee members met with the Franklin Land Trust, to discuss mapping and trail marking for town land. We envision a comprehensive pamphlet of all the recreational opportunities Heath has to offer, including both private and public lands. We submitted a grant for a Forest Stewardship Plan regarding the town owned “Shapiro” land located off of Flagg Hill Rd. This is a large (over 300 acres) plot which is underdeveloped. As of this writing (Feb 2018), we received approval for funding, and will hire a forester to assess the land for timber, vegetation, and bird habitat. Once we know what the land can offer, a plan to develop the land for public use will be implemented.

Plans for 2018 include an Everest vertical bike challenge, where bicyclists follow a map which all vertical climbs up hills are added up to equal the height of Mt. Everest - over 29,000 feet! Other plans include a movie night in the summer and possibly a skating rink built over the basketball court. Additional play equipment for the Community Hall Playground is also planned. Possibly, workshops on various skills and crafts will be held at the Community Hall during the year. As always, new ideas and monetary contributions are always welcomed.

Members: Lyra Johnson-Fuller, Mary Holan-Secretary, Shahid Jalil, Kate Peppard,

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Bourke, Chair

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## **PLANNING BOARD**

This year we reviewed quite a few Solar installation proposals. We continue to work on clarification of the bylaw wording and refining the bylaw book. We created new forms, including an outline to follow for building and bylaw issues. We also proposed a Temporary Marijuana Moratorium, as of this writing we have not voted on it.

We are proposing bylaw changes and have drafted wording for the following bylaws: Easing solar bylaws that are too restrictive and to keep up with the technology. Changing wording for mobile home bylaws to be more clear and consistent.

Planning Board Members: Calvin Carr - Chair, Doug Mason, Bob Viarengo,  
Jo Travis, Bill Gran

## **HEATH POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Calendar year 2017 was a busy year for the Police Department with 163 calls for service, representing a 55% increase in total call volume from 2016. We continue to develop and learn as a small police department in a world that has become more complex, complicated and dangerous. With the appointment of Melinda Herzig as the Officer-in-Charge, we have strived to continue in the tradition of providing community-based policing and promoting a more rigorous and consistent level of progressive training and education to better serve our town. This has included training with other Police, Fire and EMS personnel to better understand each other’s roles during a multi-casualty event and how we could work together to provide a better outcome for all involved. Melinda continues to serve the town routinely as a volunteer EMT with Colrain Ambulance.

With only two officers currently on the force we expect to add additional personnel to better serve you going forward.

As a reminder, remember that the Police Department is only open to the public on Tuesdays from 6:30pm to 8:30pm or by appt. In an Emergency dial 911, For non-emergency situations, please call Shelburne Control at 413 625-8200.

Respectively,  
Melinda Herzig, OIC  
Heath Police Dept.

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## **SCHOOL BUILDING TRANSITION TEAM**

The School Building Transition Team (SBTT) held its first meeting in September and has held monthly meetings at the school since then. The team is comprised of Tom Carlson, Brian DeVriese, Jonathan Diamond, Bill Latrell, Larry Sampson, Hilma Sumner, Steve Thane and Alice Wozniak. The initial directive given to the team from the Board of Selectmen is to research possible future uses for the property and make recommendations back to the BOS for their consideration.

At the initial team meeting the members brainstormed ideas for any possible future use, large or small, sensible or outlandish. The possibilities were then divided into areas of commonality: creative arts center/education; municipal/public office and recreation; housing; solar/agricultural; or sell the property. Sub-teams are fact-gathering outside of meetings and bringing reports back to the entire group. SBTT members have agreed that future use will likely be diverse and include more than one function. Meeting time has also included listening to and asking questions of invited professionals such as realtors and contractors.

During 2018 the team will continue to do information gathering and analysis of the different possible usage. A primary focus is moving forward on options for solar funding and installation to supply the building’s (and possibly additional) electric needs. Community members are welcome to attend meetings or to speak with team members with suggestions or questions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hilma Sumner, Chair



## TOWN NURSE

My biggest challenge for this year was revalidation for Medicare reimbursement, which comes up every 5 years and having received the notification letter late, I was late getting it done. I had applied for a waiver of the \$560 fee, but was refused which added to the delay. When I submitted the remaining claims I was then informed that they would no longer accept handwritten forms and it would have to be done electronically. Because that is beyond my capabilities I applied for change of billing agent so that UMass Medical will process those claims as well as the insurance claims. Reimbursement of \$417.01 was received before this in early January. I also received \$388.34 for insurance claims in June. These checks were deposited in the revolving vaccine account which was used to pay for flu vaccine for the 2017-2018 season, which was \$898.50. Our current balance in the vaccine account is \$1875.81 before receiving reimbursement for the 2017-2018 season. I saved money by purchasing vials of epinephrine, (\$27.49) instead of an epi pen, (>\$500.00), which I need to have available in case someone has an allergic reaction to vaccine.

A flu clinic was held in October and vaccine was also given at Senior Luncheons, office visits and home visits, for a total of 45 doses given, as of February 1st. Although the vaccine was not as effective as hoped, the CDC still recommends it as the best protection from influenza. In 2017 an average of 16 people were seen in the Nurses office and home visits for blood pressure checks, INR tests, B12 injections, tick bites, injuries, and disposal of sharps. There is a wheelchair and walker that may be borrowed if needed.

The Healthy Bones and Balance exercise class is ongoing at the Community Hall/Senior Center on Tuesdays from 11-12 and Thursdays from 10-11. It is a free federally funded program for anyone 55 and over to strengthen bones and muscles, and improve balance, by using hand held weights and ankle weights.

My office hours are Tuesdays 12-1 and Thursdays 11-1, or appointment. The office phone is 337-4847. Messages may be left at 337-4934 ex 109 or 337-8309.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Claire Rabbitt, RN

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## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals meets and schedules hearings on an as needed basis to consider matters related to the allowance of zoning variances and exceptions, use variance, and hearing of denials of Special Permits and licenses, but excluding the granting Special Permits, which is under the jurisdiction of the Planning Board. (Adapted from the *Heath Zoning Bylaw*)

During 2017 the ZBA met three times to consider three applications for variances. Of these, one was continued at the applicant's request until June, 2018. In addition, ZBA members have welcomed the opportunity to meet with the Board of Health, Planning Board and Town Clerk to improve communication between the boards and to clarify and streamline the process for acquiring permits, applying for variances and hearings.

Contact the Board Chair at 337-4014 or Town Clerk for further information or assistance. Members: Dennis Peters - Chair, Robert Bourke, Robert Gruen, Alan-son Nichols, Pamela Porter



# School Reports



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT HAWLEMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Hawlemont Elementary School is a community of learners where everyone is supported and encouraged to flourish in their own unique ways. To flourish, we will work together to foster positive emotions, active engagement, strong relationships, meaning in our work, and acknowledge accomplishments. Our mission is Hawlemont Elementary School provides students with high quality authentic learning experiences in partnership with families and community. Currently, our enrollment is 164 students, which includes preschool through Grade 6. This year's enrollment is the highest in 11 years and up by 62% from the previous two years. Much of the increase is due to the closure of the Heath school as well as the large percentage of school of choice students.

We are pleased to announce that the following students will be graduating from Hawlemont Elementary School in June of 2018: Brady Beckwith, Isabel Canon, Christian Eastman, Jacob Gilbert, Rachel Hayes, Madison Lent, Jacob Martin, Auriel Nalbandian, Rosco Palmer, Gabby Ryder, Hanna Sharaf, Sidney Sookey, Sierra Upton, Aiden Weis, Umi Burnes, Kaylin Sumner, Abigail Hawk-Wickline, Madison Gorrell and Kennyel Sequerra-Velez.

This is my first year as your principal. Our core goal at Hawlemont this year is to create a community of learners recognizing the right of each individual to grow in a caring supportive environment. Together we will prepare our students for the lead role they will eventually play in their educational process. This year I focused on working closely with the students, staff, families and community of Hawlemont to improve communication and recognize staff strengths while providing consistency and shared decision making.

The teaching assignments for the 2017-2018 school year are as follows: Preschool 3/4: Preschool 4/5: Holly Taylor, Kindergarten: Sue Mead, First Grade: Samantha Baker, Second Grade: Michelle Gajda, Third Grade: Sarah Sookey, Fourth Grade: Amber Tulloch, Fifth Grade: Jennifer Sinistore, Sixth Grade: Stephen Bechtel, Agricultural Coordinator: Jeanne Bruffee, Special Education: Marge Gilbert & Valery Lively, Music Teacher: Rick Page, Art/PE: Kylee Bourassa, ELL: Phil Bragdon and School Counselor: Anne Kaplan. We have paraprofessionals who provide additional support in every classroom including two 1:1 paraprofessionals in grade 2. Susan Annear is our secretary, Paul Dinicolantonio is the custodian, the nurse is Sherry Hagar, and Rachel Gammell and Heather Lengieza are the cafeteria staff. Mary Boehmer is our librarian.

Hawlemont Elementary School is fortunate to offer many after school options including 4-H clubs, theater, dance, fitness and seasonal sports. This year there continues to be a 5-day extended day program that runs from 8:00 – 8:30 in the morning and 3:15 to 5:00 in the afternoon.

Hawlemont believes strongly in nature based experiential learning at all grade levels. Six grade students have continued to research local Forests and will take part in an air quality study in partnership with UMass Amherst. The fifth grade toured the Western Massachusetts Recycling Center and the Charlemont Sewer District as part of their recycling project. In the spring fifth graders will also travel to Bear Path farm to learn about the composting business. Fourth grade continued their study of renewable and nonrenewable energy with a hike to Berkshire East's Wind Turbine and solar field. The third grade spent the day at Magical Wings in Deerfield, MA to further their study of migration and insect life cycles. Second grade learned about erosion building models indoors and out. Our first graders have learned about season changes along with the position of the sun in the sky. Kindergarten and preschool classes continue to explore nature on a daily basis. All classes have enjoyed our brand new outdoor classroom which was constructed over the summer as a place for students to learn and reflect.

Hawlemont's Local Educational Council (LEC) is comprised of three parents, two teachers, one community representative and myself. Together we approved a school improvement plan that focused on the following areas: Effective Instruction focusing on Educational Space, Student Empowerment and Meaningful Assessment, Professional Learning Communities and Ongoing Communication. During early release Wednesdays teachers focus on one more of the areas of our school improvement plan by defining SMART goals and working collaboratively on shared initiatives.

The H.A.Y. (Hawlemont Agricultural and You) program continues to flourish with many new and exciting initiatives this year. One new program is our fiber arts and

history unit including the shearing of our sheep, weaving and other woolen activities. Our gardens have been expanding each year and now include a three sisters crop. Over the summer H.A.Y. initiated a very successful summer camp where day campers from around the hilltowns participated in many different agricultural activities. The H.A.Y. program continues to be financially stable by selling goods we grow and prepare at our Thursday farmers market, holding fundraisers like our Apple Cider Day and Mother's Day flower sale and through very generous donations from local community members and charitable foundations supporting agricultural initiatives. The H.A.Y. program allow us to provide an authentic, innovative and dynamic science-based education to all Hawlemont Elementary students. We would also like to express tremendous amount of gratitude for your continued community support.

Once again, I would like to thank the teachers, staff, parents, students, and community members for making this a great school. I look forward to 2018 and continued growth towards educational excellence.

Respectfully submitted,  
Samantha Rutz, Principal

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## CO-PRINCIPAL'S REPORT MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Over the course of this year, Mohawk faculty, students, and members of the Local Education Council (LEC), which is composed of parents, faculty, students, and community members, have been engaged in developing a graphic representation of our shared vision for a Mohawk graduate. Our evolving vision document features habits of mind such as perseverance, creativity, curiosity and self-reflection, as well as habits of the heart such as openness, integrity, kindness, and empathy, in addition to skills for college and career readiness, such as reasoning, problem-solving, research and evaluation of information, and effective written and oral communication. Through a series of conversations and professional collaboration, our school community has been examining how the curriculum and instruction can prepare students for the future and provide opportunities for all students to hone these skills.

Mohawk's middle school is located in its own wing of the school, providing a supportive environment for students making the transition from elementary school. Middle school students spend most of their day in classes taught by a team of educators who have a common planning time and who work together to support and challenge students. Each middle school team is composed of teachers of core courses as well as a Learning Specialist with expertise in Special Education and instructional strategies. Adjustments to the middle school schedule this year provided for a daily homeroom/advisory period, as well as a body break for physical activity and social interaction. Middle school students also explore a variety of enrichment topics through the Related Arts programming that introduces them to subjects they can study in more depth in high school, including Spanish, French, woodshop, art, band, and chorus.

In the high school students have a variety of choices as they fulfill graduation requirements, including ten Advanced Placement (AP) offerings: Biology, Calculus

AB, Calculus BC, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, Physics, U.S. History, and World History. Many students take numerous Advanced Placement courses over their time at Mohawk, and the Class of 2017 had nine students who earned the designation of AP Scholar with Distinction, awarded to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 (out of 5) on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. Educators innovate by developing new courses and increasingly work together to support the needs of diverse learners.

As part of Mohawk’s ongoing commitment to strong STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education, this year the school is partnering with Greenfield Community College to offer a Robotics course at Mohawk that students can take for college credit. The STEM curriculum in 8th grade emphasizes engineering design and cross-disciplinary applications through project-based learning. All middle school students take a Digital Literacy course, assuring that they have a foundation of computer skills and critical literacy. High school students can take the Exploring Computer Science course which uses a national curriculum developed through university and industry collaboration with the National Science Foundation. Mohawk educators across disciplines frequently use Google Classrooms applications and Chromebooks in their instruction. Over the past few years we have shifted to a math curriculum that emphasizes inquiry and problem-solving, and we work closely with faculty from Westfield State University and neighboring school districts to support our teachers in the use of inquiry-based learning approaches.

Expanding our arts offerings, Mohawk introduced an Arts Integration position in the middle school this year. In addition to teaching a studio art course as part of the middle school Related Arts rotation, our Arts Integration teacher partners with classroom educators in the 7th and 8th grade on projects that integrate the arts with core curriculum, such as the 8th grade math lessons associated with the work of Sol LeWitt, the artist whose colorful mural graces Mohawk’s front foyer. The Mohawk Arts and Education Council, composed of faculty and staff who are passionate about the arts, continues to provide leadership for our drama programming and other interdisciplinary artistic endeavors at our school, including the all-school musical “Shrek” that featured performances by students from elementary through high school.

This year we introduced two new programs that will become annual traditions. In March Mohawk hosted its first Interactive Open House, featuring presentations and student work from students throughout our district, from elementary to high school. This event brought students, parents and community members into our school to experience the curriculum and participate in learning activities. Another innovation this year was the expansion of the annual Step Up Day activities in early June. Traditionally Step Up Day has focused on providing 6th grade students with an opportunity to visit the middle school in preparation for their experience as incoming 7th graders. This year we used the day as a Step Up Day for all grades. Current 7th grade students visited the 8th grade team of educators, 8th grade students visited high school classes, 9th and 10th graders all went on college visits (choosing among Westfield State University, the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Williams College, and MCLA [Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts]) and the juniors began their planning for the Senior Capstone project they complete as a graduation requirement. On another day in June a team of educators led a field trip to

visit a number of colleges in Boston, introducing students to more post-secondary options. Activities like the Interactive Open House and the expanded Step Up Day strengthen connections between our school and the community.

Mohawk’s diverse athletic programming offers many opportunities for students in grades 7-12 to participate. In the 2016-2017 school year, 60% of Mohawk students (259) participated in at least one afterschool sport. This is a summary of the varsity sports offered over the course of the year:

	Varsity Sports	# of Varsity Sports	Teams (HS-JV-MS)
Winter 2016-2017	girls basketball, boys basketball, girls alpine skiing, boys alpine skiing, boys nordic skiing, girls nordic skiing, boys indoor track, girls indoor track, wrestling	9	13
Spring 2016-2017	boys track, girls track, softball, baseball, girls tennis, boy tennis, girls lacrosse coop	7	11
Fall 2017-2018	golf, boys cross country, girls cross country, boys soccer, girls soccer, volleyball, field hockey, football	8	13

At the mid-point of the 2017-2018 school year, enrollment in grades 7-12 is 398. The seventh grade has 55 students and the eighth grade has 82 students. There are 64 students in grade 9, 57 in 10th grade, 67 juniors, and 66 seniors. Seven students are enrolled in our post-graduate program.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn R. Dole and Marisa Mendonsa  
Co-Principals

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### Mohawk Trail Regional & Hawlemont Regional School Districts

During 2017, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (MA DESE) launched a celebration campaign to share the performance of MA public schools relative to the rest of the nation and the world. The big picture message put forth by MA DESE was that our public school students are performing at a very high level, which includes the Mohawk Trail Regional School District and the Hawlemont Regional School District.

MA public schools and students are #1 in the U.S. in reading and math according to the 2015 NAEP exam (National Assessment of Educational Progress), which is a national assessment of student knowledge in various subject areas. MA public schools are also #1 in the nation for the 4th straight year in the Education Week Research Center’s annual Quality Counts 2018 report.

MA public schools and students are #1 in the world in reading according to the 2016 PISA exam (Program for International Student Assessment), which is an international assessment that measures 15-year-old students’ reading, mathematics, and science literacy every three years.

MA public schools and students are #1 in Advanced Placement (AP) success in the country (2017), which is measured by the percentage of students who scored

3 or higher on college level AP exams. Approximately 44.1% of the students in the Massachusetts' class of 2016 took at least one AP exam while they were in high school, and 31% of these students scored 3 or higher out of a possible 5. Many colleges and universities grant credit for scores of 3, 4 or 5 on AP exams.

The results of the 2017 MA Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) indicate that Mohawk students continued to meet the high bar reflected in Massachusetts' several #1 academic performance rankings being touted by MA DESE. In order to graduate from high school, Mohawk students must demonstrate proficiency on the MCAS in three subject areas: (1) English Language Arts, (2) Mathematics and (3) Science, Technology and Engineering. In 2017, Mohawk high school students scored within 2 points, plus or minus, of the state average in all three subject areas. In terms of college readiness, 70 Mohawk students took a total of 107 AP exams last year. These tests ranged from English to Math to Science to Social Studies. Of the 107 AP exams taken, 67.3% achieved a grade of 3 or higher, which was also within 2 percentage points of the state average. With regard to the SAT college entrance exam, Mohawk has outperformed the state in reading, writing and math over the past 5 years. Each year, approximately 80% of Mohawk graduates attend either a 4-year or 2-year college. Examples of colleges attended by Mohawk students in 2017 include George Washington University, Mount Holyoke College, Clarke University, Franklin Pierce University and UMASS Amherst (Commonwealth Honors College).

2017 also marked the closing of Heath Elementary School, which was a recommendation that resulted from the 2016 strategic planning process entitled Building Educational Sustainability and Trust (BEST) led by the Mohawk School Committee. Ultimately, the voters of Heath decided that enrollment in their local school was too low and that their children would receive a higher quality education in nearby Hawlemont Regional Elementary School. In the fall of 2017, over 30 Heath students attended Hawlemont through a tuition agreement reached by the Mohawk and Hawlemont School Committees. This school building restructuring saved the Mohawk District approximately \$400,000 in expenses while simultaneously benefitting Hawlemont approximately \$350,000 in tuition revenues. Most importantly, the Heath elementary students are now attending a vibrant school and are receiving a high quality education.

Hawlemont Regional Elementary School is in the midst of a renaissance that has been driven largely by the school's transition to a hands-on, agriculturally-based curriculum, which is informally referred to as the HAY Program (Hawlemont, Agriculture and You). Since the introduction of the HAY Program just 2 years ago, enrollment at Hawlemont has increased dramatically from 102 students to 164 students! Approximately half of this growth is from families outside of the district choosing Hawlemont through School Choice, and the other half is from the tuitioning of Heath students to Hawlemont after the closure of Heath Elementary. All of this enrollment growth, however, is connected to the overwhelmingly positive community response to the HAY Program. Additionally, the influx of tuition revenues has strengthened both educational programming and the financial sustainability of Hawlemont.

Other highlights from 2017 include (1) the Mohawk District revised its vision, mission and core values; (2) preschool enrollment increases at Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School and Sanderson Academy are driving long-term growth in both

schools; (3) Colrain Central School is exploring the creation of a service learning educational program; (4) Mohawk and Greenfield Community College collaborated to create a new high school Robotics course to be offered in the spring of 2018; (5) Mohawk began exploring the potential move of 6th grade to Mohawk in the fall of 2019; (6) the Mohawk and Hawlemont school communities expressed interest in exploring an alternative structured learning program more informally referred to as a Blizzard Bag program; (7) the Mohawk School Committee and the Mohawk District Education Association reached agreement on a new 3-year contract; (8) half of the BSE asbestos removal project was completed; and (9) the Mohawk and Hawlemont districts supported the MA Rural Schools Coalition efforts to advocate on behalf of rural public schools across the Commonwealth.

While every school year is chock-full of activity, I do wish to take a moment to express our collective sincere gratitude to our townspeople for making all of this important work possible. On behalf of our students, I thank the entire Mohawk and Hawlemont school communities for your dedicated support of our children's education. THANK YOU!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael A. Buoniconti, Superintendent of Schools

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## FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

We submit this annual report for 2017 on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students.

Enrollment for member towns as of October 1, 2017 was 446 students with town breakouts as follows:

Bernardston	27	Erving	29	Montague	76	Sunderland	10
Buckland	7	Gill	10	New Salem	3	Warwick	10
Colrain	17	Greenfield	97	Northfield	30	Wendell	9
Conway	9	Heath	13	Orange	63	Whately	9
Deerfield	14	Leyden	7	Shelburne	6		

Franklin County Technical School awarded 112 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2017. Massachusetts students are required to pass the MCAS in order to receive a high school diploma and once again our students were very successful in meeting this high academic standard. FCTS has maintained Level 2 Accountability status for the last four years. Our overall Progress and Performance Index (PPI) moved from 17% in 2012 (Level III) to 31% in 2014 (Level II) and have maintained Level II status ever since, with nearly 30% growth each year. Additionally, the district met the goals set by the Department of Education for passing rates of students of high risk with disabilities.

Franklin County Technical School has distributed high school diplomas to more than 97% of its students with nearly 70% joining the regional workforce and 30% moving on to post-secondary education or armed services. The FCTS dropout rate is significantly below the state average.

On June 23, 2015 Franklin County Technical School District was fortunate to have received approval from all nineteen member towns to participate in a bond author-

ization which allowed FCTS to fund the MSBA 73.89% reimbursed Window and Door Replacement Project, as well as afford FCTS the opportunity to repair its twenty year-old roof and ensure paving upgrades of its forty year old driveway, track, parking lot and associated areas, which were original to the school in 1976. Payment for the bond will begin to impact member towns in FY19. FCTS now has state-of-the-art exterior energy efficient doors and windows, new parking lot paving and lights, track, basketball courts and a new silicone roof coating. In addition, FCTS has added new interior doors and handles to bring us into ADA compliance. FCTS administration and teachers were instrumental in utilizing vocational students to support electrical, plumbing, and landscaping associated with the projects. Students were digging trenches to lay conduit for lighting, running heavy equipment to support installation of parking lot lights, providing landscaping for courtyards, removing shrubs, trees, and replanting vegetation, which have saved the district an estimated \$100,000.

Franklin County Technical School's technical programs have been busy with community-based projects that are used as learning opportunities. Every year the shop programs, with instructors and students, embrace the authentic work that is done in the communities. These activities engage students in a way that builds skills and pride on work sites. Project work is treated as an immersive activity, with guidance and professional direction by instructors. Due to the instructional nature of the work, duration of a project may increase, but costs associated with a project to our cities and towns are significantly decreased. Students from Electrical, Plumbing, Carpentry, Landscaping/Horticulture, Auto Technology, Welding and Collision Repair are involved in repair and upgrading activities on campus that save FCTS money as compared to associated costs with hiring contractors. What follows are some examples of the ways in which we serve our communities: Annually, FCTS faculty, staff and students donate to food drives for needy families and organizations throughout Franklin County. This year, responding to the immense needs as a result of the hurricane that damaged Puerto Rico, students and staff participated in money drives and supplies for the island residents. Our Culinary Arts program again participated in the "Senior Safety Expo" at the Sheutzen Verien in Gill. This event, run by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, focused on safety for our senior citizens. Seniors throughout Franklin County, and beyond, attend the event. Culinary also prepares soups for the Hope & Olive "Soup and Games" night that benefits various local organizations.

Our Pre-Employment or (PEP) program provides specialized instruction and training for students with disabilities, donates to the Dakin Animal Shelter and Ronald McDonald House.

In Greenfield, Carpentry students continue to build cabins at Camp Keewanee. They also built the new athletic storage building for Greenfield High School. The Electrical program continues to annually provide electrical and other setup activities for the Relay for Life, and they are assisting Habitat for Humanity with the electrical wiring for the house being built on Smith Street. The Landscaping/Horticulture program has worked on the Greenfield Veterans' Memorial Field, provided irrigation consultation for Lunt's Field, and the students and instructors have been going to Adult Day Health Services to work on floral design with the clients. Health Tech-

nology is very active in Greenfield, with students conducting clinical and community service work at GVNA Adult Day Health, Arbors Assisted Living Facility, NEL-CWIT/GVNA, Recovery Project, and Buckley Nursing Facility.

In Turners Falls & Millers Falls, the Landscaping/Horticulture program has worked on the Newt Guilbault fields to rework infields, conducted streetscape planting refurbishing and is now growing naturalized plants for the airport. Students also participate in the Source to Sea cleanup. The tree nursery is doing well, with the trees developing until their eventual planting in Turners/Montague and Greenfield. In Shelburne, Landscaping/Horticulture does an annual clean-up of Hill Cemetery. Plumbing/Heating students installed AC units into St. Josephs; and in a joint project, the Landscaping program, Collision & Repair Program and Welding program are all working on the removal, repair, refurbishing and reinstallation of the Bridge of Flowers ornate collection boxes.

In Erving, Landscaping/Horticulture has an ongoing hardscaping project for the Riverfront Park. The FCTS house building project is taking place on Central Street in Erving. This project is building skills for carpentry, electrical, plumbing and landscaping students, and is adding a nice home to the community. An assortment of activities in other communities took place that included the re-building of a sign for the Pine Notch Cemetery in Deerfield, building winsets for the Sunderland Town Energy Committee, greenhouse help for Charlemont-Hawlemont School, installing drip edge for the Charlemont town halls cleanup and pruning for the North Cemetery in Leyden, along with replacing their wishing well. Our partnerships with our communities are important for our programs, and we thank those who allow our students the opportunity to practice their trades out in the field.

Respectfully,  
Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz, School Committee Chairman  
Mr. Richard J. Martin, Superintendent-Director

*Franklin County Technical School District Committee 2017*  
Bernardston-Lloyd J. Szulborski; Buckland-Laura J. Earl; Colrain-Nicole Slowinski; Conway-Brian Kuzmeskus; Deerfield-Vacancy; Erving-Robert F. Bitzer; Gill-Sandy Brown; Greenfield-Paul R. Doran, Christopher L. Joseph, Mark Leonard, Mark M. Maloney; Heath-Arthur A. Schwenger; Leyden-Gerald N. Levine; Montague-Richard J. Kuklewicz, Chairperson; Dennis L. Grader; New Salem-Angela Fournier; Northfield-Scott Milton; Orange-Clifford J. Fournier, Secretary; Linda R. Chapman; Shelburne-Angus Dun, Vice-Chairperson; Sunderland-James Bernotas; Warwick-A. George Day, Jr.; Wendell-Jeffrey D. Budine; Whately-Donald C. Sluter

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## **SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES REPORT**

The Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional Special Education Department serves students in the Sanderson, Colrain, Hawlemont, Buckland-Shelburne, and Mohawk Middle and High Schools. The primary function is to ensure that students with an IEP (Individual Education Plan) or a 504 are being serviced at a level required to make effective progress with supports outlined in their IEP or 504. According to state data, The Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont district have about 21% and 24% respectively of their student population receiving special education services. Those

services are in several areas; speech and language, occupational therapy (OT), physical therapy (PT), counseling and academics. With the closing of Heath Elementary for the school year 2017-18, the support services were shifted to the Hawlemont Elementary School. Every school has at least one special education teacher. The OT and PT spend about one day in each school, Mohawk has a full time Speech Language Assistant and a part time Speech Language Pathologist, BSE has a full time Speech Language Pathologist and Assistant, Colrain and Hawlemont share a full time Speech Language Pathologist and each have a full time Speech Assistant, and Sanderson has a four day a week Speech Pathologist. Sanderson has three days of a School Adjustment Counselor and is sharing a School Psychologist from the Middle School/High School one day a week, BSE and Colrain share an Adjustment Counselor and each have a School Psychologist two and one days a week respectively, Hawlemont has a four day a week School Psychologist, and the Middle and High School have a full time Adjustment Counselor and School Psychologist four days a week. The level of services in each building is based on population and level of services legally required by an IEP. Changes made from last year were due to the shifting of Heath students to Hawlemont and the increased population of Pre-School students at BSE, Sanderson and Hawlemont.

The district is legally obligated to support a SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee). Over the past year the parents that had worked hard to initiate this group, have been unable to continue. We thank them for their support and for the best SEPAC the district has supported in many years. We continue to advocate for a SEPAC and offer parent workshops throughout the year.

The district continues to support a substantially separate program for students requiring the support of BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst). The program is located at BSE and currently serves six students. When the program began, students spent more than 50% of their time within the program. Currently those students are in their mainstream classes more than 60% of the time

The district initiated a Language Based Program at Colrain Elementary School this year. The LBP (Language Based Program), supports students with a primary disability in reading. They require a high level of support both in their general education classroom and direct reading instruction from a Special Education Teacher also certified as a Reading Specialist. The program is supported by Colrain's Special Education Teacher and a part time reading specialist.

To support students district-wide with a specific learning disability in reading; three teachers (Sanderson, Hawlemont, and BSE) took a summer intensive course and were certified in Orton Gillingham. Orton Gillingham is an instructional approach intended primarily for use with individuals who have difficulty with reading, spelling, and writing of the sort associated with dyslexia. It is most properly understood and practiced as an approach, not a method, program, system, or technique. In the hands of a well-trained and experienced instructor, it is a powerful tool of exceptional breadth, depth, and flexibility.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Leann Loomis  
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

## CARL H. NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Fund was established under the provisions of the will of Carl H. Nilman for the purpose of providing scholarships. Recipients shall reside in the School District and be graduates of the Mohawk Trail Regional High School who desire and are deemed worthy of post high school education or training and who are in need of financial assistance.

This year the Awards Subcommittee read 68 applications, 24 were from seniors and 44 were from graduates. \$34,150.00 was our allotment for scholarships which we used 30% for seniors and 70% for graduates. The Committee feels that seniors have multiple scholarship opportunities from other sources while graduates have fewer resources. 22 scholarships totaling \$10,000.00 were awarded to seniors (92% of applicants) and 32 scholarships totaling \$24,150.00 were given to graduates (73% of applicants).

From 1991-2017 a total of \$944,125.00 has been awarded in scholarships. Mohawk seniors have received \$290,775.00 and \$653,350.00 has been awarded to graduates.

The same formula for determining what percentages of the fund should be distributed as scholarships, which had been established by the School Committee and the management firm of Bartholomew and Co., was used again this year. Once again the applications are available on line for the graduates and the seniors can pick up their application at Mohawk.

Press releases were published in both the Independent and the Greenfield Recorder in March containing information about the Carl H, Nilman Scholarship Fund.

There are fifteen members on the Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Fund, one from each of the nine member towns in the district, three at large members appointed by the School Committee, plus a past School Committee, current School Committee member and the chairman of the School Committee Members from the nine towns are: Sheila Graves (Ashfield), Marion Scott (Buckland), Marge Porrovecchio (Charlemont), Michelle Hillman (Colrain), Gloria Fisher (Heath), Alice Parker (Hawley), Allen Irvine (Plainfield), Marion Taylor (Shelburne) and Laurie Pike (Rowe). Suzanne Crawford is the representative to the School Committee.

Officers are: Marge Porrovecchio and Robin Hartnett, Co-Chairs. and Marion Scott is Secretary. Subcommittees are: Finance: Marion Taylor, Robin Hartnett and Eric Sumner. Scholarship: Marge Porrovecchio, Sheila Graves, Michelle Hillman, Marion Scott and Allen Irvine.

The Mohawk community owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Nilman for his foresight in supporting higher education for the students of the Mohawk Trail Regional High School. The committee members are honored to bring the wishes of his will to fruition.

Students of any age who are graduates of Mohawk (and were living in the nine town area at the time of graduation) are encouraged to apply for scholarships to help meet their continuing education needs. Please call the Guidance Office at Mohawk for information regarding requirements and deadlines.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marion E Scott, Secretary

## THE MARY LYON FOUNDATION, INC.

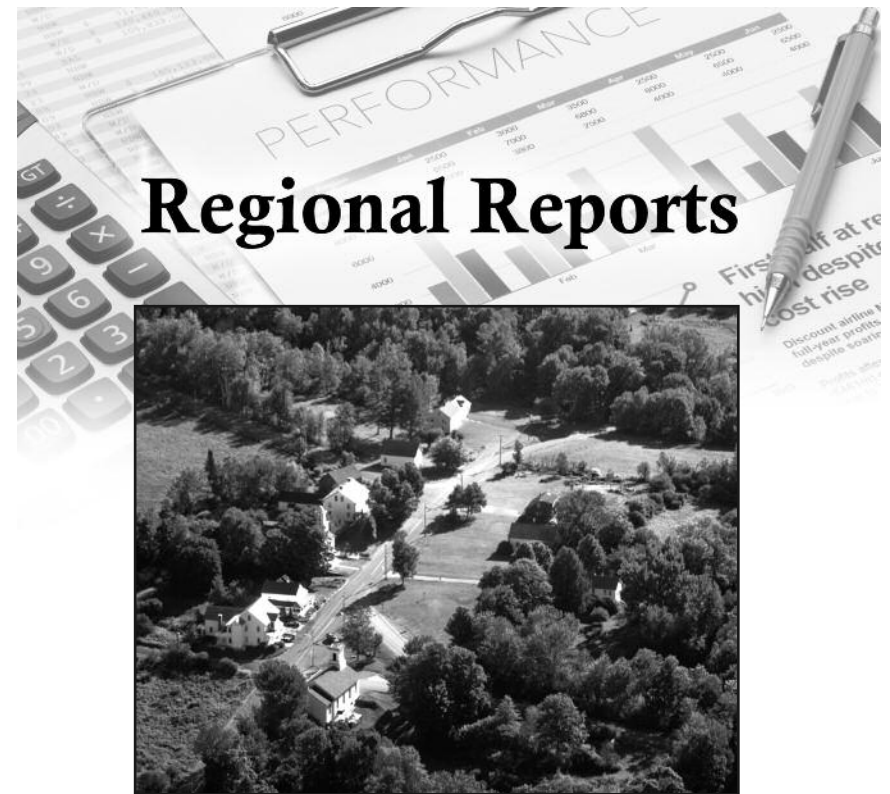
The Mary Lyon Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that provides innovative support for local education in the nine West County towns of Ashfield, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Hawley, Heath, Plainfield, Rowe and Shelburne. Named in honor of Buckland-born educator Mary Lyon, who founded Mt. Holyoke College in 1837, the organization provides services and programs to enhance the quality of local education. We are generously supported by many individuals and businesses. Major support this year was provided by the United Way of Franklin County, the Myrtle Atkinson Foundation, People's United Community Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts. Our donors, grants and events help support the Harper Gerry Student Assistance Fund, scholarships, mini-grants, Gift Catalog for classroom supplies, annual Community Spelling Bee and a wide variety of pro-active programs.

We were privileged this year to host nationally acclaimed author Luis Urrea for the culmination of our Big Read program which featured his book *Into the Beautiful North*. Presentations were held at Greenfield Community College, Holyoke Community College and the Care Center. This program was funded by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Creative educational projects designed by teachers pre-K through grade 12 were awarded more than \$8,000 this year through the popular Mini-Grant program. Representatives from each school meet to select innovative, replicable, educational classroom projects. The Mini-Grant program is supported by the United Way and annual Community Spelling Bee which was held this year on November 16. Grand Champions were the Spelling Beans - Curtis Rich, Kathy Lytle and David Henry - sponsored by Shelburne Falls Coffee Roasters. Winner of the Best Dressed award was the Mohawk Team LED comprised of Lynn Dole, Emily Willis and Drue Johnson.

The student assistance program generated more than \$10,000 for needy children and their families for such basic necessities as eyeglasses, food vouchers, warm clothes and prescriptions. We received backpacks and school supplies from Blackmer Insurance Agency and the United Way and distributed bags of groceries through the United Way's Supper for Six program. This fall the Mary Lyon Foundation received slots for 50 children to participate in Warm the Children. An anonymous donor once again delivered two truckloads of Christmas trees that were decorated by the Mohawk Vocational Program and given to needy families, and the Betty Allen DAR chapter in Northampton contributed warm hats, mittens and scarves.

The Mary Lyon Foundation office is located at Mohawk Trail Regional School. Members of the Board of Directors are Marion Taylor (Past President), Sylvia Orcutt (President), Katherine McKay (Recording Secretary), Karen Fairbrother (Treasurer), Susan Schuman, Peter Stevens, Nancy Eisenstein, Brenda Parrella, Emily Willis and Mohawk Trail Regional School student representatives Violet Rawlings and London Summers. Longtime board members Sharon Hudson and Hugh Knox were recognized for their contributions to local education and given Honorary Lifetime Board of Directors status. Regular volunteers Sandy Gilbert and Rita Jaros are greatly appreciated! Gina Sieber is our Business Manager, and Co-Executive Directors are Sheila Damkoehler and Susan Samoriski.



## FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE BUILDING INSPECTION PROGRAM

As you know, your town receives building, plumbing, gas, and wiring inspection and zoning enforcement services through the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program (FCCIP), a forty-two year old shared service housed at the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG). We thank your town for your continued participation in the FCCIP, which allows small towns to have access to professional staff and state-of-the-art technology.

In 2017 we issued 2,564 permits, including a significant number of insulation upgrade, solar array and wood/pellet stove permits. A total of 29 new dwelling units were constructed in our 15 member towns.

Our online permitting program went live on July 1, 2011 and has issued 16,072 building, electrical & plumbing/gas permits since then. The program allows you to apply, pay for, and track the progress of any permit online, saving you time and visits to our office in Greenfield. The program has 4,574 registered users. You can find it at [www.frcog.org](http://www.frcog.org) under the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program. Our website also includes helpful information on inspection requirements, permit costs, and contractor licensing.

In 2017, the FCCIP processed the following permits for Heath:

Residential Building Permits	47	Gas Permits	9
Commercial Building Permits	2	Certificates of Inspection	4
Sheet Metal/Duct Permits	0	Solid Fuel	4
Electrical Permits	22	Fire Protection	0
Plumbing Permits	7	Tents	1

We would like to remind all residents of the importance of applying for permits for work done. Building, Electrical and Plumbing/Gas permits are required by law and are an essential step in ensuring the safety of our communities. Please feel free to call our office with any building or zoning questions at 774-3167, extension 2.

James D. Hawkins, Building Commissioner - [jhawkins@frcog.org](mailto:jhawkins@frcog.org)

James Cerone, Building Inspector - [jcerone@frcog.org](mailto:jcerone@frcog.org)

Tom McDonald, Electrical Inspector - [electric@frcog.org](mailto:electric@frcog.org)

Andy French, Plumbing/Gas Inspector - [plumbing@frcog.org](mailto:plumbing@frcog.org)

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## FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

The Town is a member of the CPHS, a health district based at the Franklin Regional Council of Governments. CPHS activities in Heath during 2017 included:

The Regional Health Agent conducted 23 Title-5 (septic) related activities including Soil Evaluations for on-lot septic systems, septic system plan reviews including site visits, issuing Local Upgrade Approvals and DSCP (septic) permits, completing inspections of septic system installations, and preparing Certificates of Compliance. 21 Heath residents took advantage of the low-cost tick tests offered through a Board of Health subsidy, a savings of \$735. 24% of tick tests locally tested positive for the Lyme pathogen and an additional 5% tested positive for either Anaplasmosis, Miyamotoi, or Babesiosis. The Public Health Nurse provided tick prevention materials and helped residents access grant funded tick testing through the on-line system as needed.

The Regional Health Agent conducted 3 housing inspections and pre-rental inspections. Staff facilitated two "Planning Together for Healthy Aging" community conversations held at The Senior Center in Shelburne Falls inviting Boards of Health, Councils on Aging, LifePath, Inc. and other local and regional representatives.

The Regional Health Agent assisted with 14 retail and temporary food inspections and continued to assist Heath residents and businesses with compliance with the Food Code.

Through a FDA Food Safety Grant the district offered low-cost food safety training to 6 town residents, including Allergen Awareness, Choke Saver and ServSafe certifications. The Regional Public Health Nurse assisted with community Shingles vaccine clinics in coordination with the Town Nurses of Rowe and Heath. The Regional Public Health Nurse provided services to attendees of monthly "Good Neighbors" food distribution at Charlemont Federated Church where 32 area residents made 72 visits with the nurse for health screening services and assistance with self-management of chronic illness.

The Regional Health Agent provided technical assistance to the Board of Health with the implementation of their septic and private well regulations, including assisting homeowners to test their well water at the time of property transfer.

The Public Health Nurse offered mercury thermometer collection and exchange and sharps disposal and container exchange in collaboration with the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District: 116 sharps containers and 6 thermometers were exchanged. The Public Health Nurse completed state-mandated infectious disease investigations, reporting and case monitoring as needed for 220 CPHS district cases including 3 Heath cases.

The Regional Health Agent responded to requests for program and regulatory information from the Board of Health and other town officials and attended 17 regular Board of Health meetings or hearings. The Regional Public Health Nurse coordinated vaccine and supplies assisting town officials from Charlemont, Hawley, Rowe, Heath and Monroe to implement a Hawlemont Region Emergency Dispensing Site drill and flu clinic. A total of 35 area residents were vaccinated with the help of GCC nursing students and community volunteers.

Heath's representatives to the CPHS Oversight are Board Betsy Kovacs and Henry Godek, Board of Health members. For more information about the Board or the district, visit [www.frcog.org](http://www.frcog.org)

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### FRANKLIN COUNTY REGIONAL DOG SHELTER

For information visit [www.fcrdogkennel.org](http://www.fcrdogkennel.org)

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### FRANKLIN COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

For information visit [www.fcrhra.org](http://www.fcrhra.org)

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### FRANKLIN COUNTY REGIONAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Current reports and information at [www.FRRSMA.com](http://www.FRRSMA.com)

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## FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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

A review of recycling tonnage for 2017 shows an increase in the amount of recycling tonnage compared to 2016. District residents recycled almost 1,800 tons of paper and 1,200 tons of mixed containers, which were processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility.



In 2017, the District sponsored spring and fall “Clean Sweep” collections for bulky items, electronics, tires, appliances, and anything too big to fit into a trash bag. Over 56 tons of material were recycled or disposed of from the two collections. A total of 576 households participated in these collection events.

We held our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2017. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. A total of 360 households participated in this event. 52% of participants were using the collection for the first time.

We applied for and received grants from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection worth \$84,400 for District towns. Some grant funding is a result of a town’s successful waste management infrastructure. Other grants include equipment to make town transfer stations more efficient.

We continued to bale wood pellet bags and agricultural plastic in our second year of this recycling program. We manage the recycling and composting program at the Franklin County Fair and assist other events with waste reduction efforts. We work in each school system helping with waste management bids and with fostering sustainable waste reduction programs.

If you have questions about District programs, call us at 413-772-2438 (MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 TTY/TDD), visit our website at [www.franklincountywastedistrict.org](http://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org) or visit us at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield.

Jan Ameen - Executive Director  
Chris Boutwell, Montague - Vice-Chair

Jonathan Lagreze, Colrain - Chair  
MA Swedlund, Deerfield - Treasurer

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## FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FRCOG SERVICES TO HEATH

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments provides a variety of services, programming, and advocacy to the municipalities of Franklin County and to the greater Franklin County region. Our Planning Department assists with local planning issues, such as zoning and local hazard mitigation planning, and also works on larger regional projects. Our municipal service programs — Collective Purchasing, Cooperative Public Health, Cooperative Inspection, and Town Accounting — are available to any municipality that needs them. Partnership for Youth continues to provide substance use and chronic disease prevention. And our Regional Preparedness and Homeland Security Programs provide a variety of aid and assistance to our first responders and health emergency officials. The FRCOG’s 2017 Annual Report, available in April of 2018 and on [www.frcog.org](http://www.frcog.org) shortly thereafter, will highlight our work over the past year. Specific services to the Town of Heath in 2017 are listed below.

### Collective Bidding & Purchasing Program

Heath contracted with the FRCOG to receive collective bid pricing for up to 24 different Highway Products and Services. Total estimated highway needs for FY18 is \$378,985.

Heath participated in the #2 Fuel, Gasoline, and Diesel Fuel bids.  
Heath participated in the Dog Tags and Licenses collective bid program.  
Heath participated in the Elevator Maintenance Program.  
Heath participated in the Fire Alarm Testing and Maintenance Program.  
The Chief Procurement Officer issued bids for purchase of a Highway Truck and Truck Body Equipment  
The CPO issued a construction bid for the renovation of the Town’s Transfer Station.

### Cooperative Public Health Service Health District

Heath is a comprehensive member of the CPHS health district, sharing health agents and a public health nurse. Please find the services provided by this FRCOG program as a separate entry to the Heath Town Report.

### Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program

Staff issued 57 building permits, 22 electrical permits & 16 plumbing/gas permits for Heath in 2017. Four (4) Certificates of Inspection were issued.

### Partnership for Youth

Staff conducted a Teen Health Survey to assess teen attitudes and behavior among middle and high school students. Staff reported to Mohawk Trail Regional School administrators on results from 156 Mohawk students, representing 72% of the 8th, 10th, and 12th grade classes. Survey data meets federal requirements for the school and is valuable for grant-writing and program planning.

### Planning and Development Department

Staff met with the Heath Energy Advisory Committee to discuss the Green Communities program and designation process. Staff assisted in efforts to become a Green Community, including drafting a Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy, and entering municipal fuel use data into Mass Energy Insight.

Staff successfully applied for a Municipal Energy Technical Assistance (META) grant for Heath in the amount of \$12,500 to conduct ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers) Level II energy audits of Town-owned buildings.

Staff worked with the Agricultural Commission to develop Tri-Town Food Assessment infographic posters and a directory.

Staff secured Brownfields funding to complete a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment for 3 Ledges Road.

Staff provided 2 new, free bike racks for Heath town center through the regional Bicycle Parking Program coordinated by the FRCOG.

Staff pursued State Legislation to create a Special Designation for the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership region covering 11 West County towns, including Heath, to bring additional financial and technical resources to support Natural Resource Based Economic Development, Forest Conservation & Municipal Financial Sustainability.

### Regional Preparedness Program

Staff provided technical assistance and facilitation to Charlemont, Hawley, Heath, and Rowe Selectboard members and police chiefs who met to discuss the possibility of sharing police services.

The Franklin County Citizen Corps program sponsored a full scale regional sheltering exercise at the Mohawk Trail Regional High School in March. Thirty-seven (37) people participated, including members of the Citizen Corps team, ham radio operators, and public health and public safety officials from Ashfield, Buckland, Heath, and Shelburne.

Board of Health members and the emergency management director participated in a tabletop exercise, to test the Hawlemont Emergency Dispensing Site Plan.

**Special Projects**

Staff worked with Town officials to draft an Efficiency and Regionalization grant proposal to develop the legal and governance documents necessary to formalize the transition of Heath to the Hawlemont School District.

**Workshops & Training**

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

Municipal Official Continuing Education Series

Marijuana Legislation Update — 1

Climate Change Adaptation — 2

Community Health Improvement Plan — 1

Planning, Conservation, and Development

Strengthening Your Town’s Agricultural Commission — 1

Emergency Preparedness & Response

Emergency Dispensing Site Drills — 2

Getting the Word Out When It Matters: Risk Communication Skills — 2

Stop the Bleed/Tourniquet Use — 2

Cooperative Public Health Service

Healthy Aging Planning — 3

Food Safety Certification — 5

Climate Change Resiliency — 7

**Partnership for Youth**

Social Justice: Health Equity & Race — 1 from Mohawk Trail Regional School District

**FRED WELLS TRUST**

Funds available for the fiscal year 2017-2018 were disbursed as follows.

**EDUCATION** The trustees received 245 applications. Recipients received awards from a total of \$174,900.00. In addition, two \$1000.00 scholarships were given in memory of Ralph and Hilda Haskins.

<b>AGRICULTURE</b>	An amount of \$10,234.00 was allowed for payment.
	\$5,977.00 Franklin County Agricultural Society
	\$3,561.00 Heath Agricultural Society
	\$ 696.00 Shelburne Grange

<b>HEALTH</b>	Three programs were approved totaling \$17,600.00.
	\$5,000.00 Community Action-WIC Program
	\$5,600.00 LifePath: Meals on Wheels
	\$7,000.00 NELCWIT

Respectfully submitted,  
Dianne Grinnell

**MOHAWK TRAIL WOODLANDS PARTNERSHIP (MTWP)**

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**UPPER PIONEER VALLEY  
VETERANS’ SERVICES DISTRICT**

We ended the year by being named “Veterans’ Services District of the Year” by the state. Our district has now been in operation for 2 ½ years. We are the largest district by community count and square miles covered in the state. Below are just some of the programs and services we help veterans’ and their dependents with:

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

We have continued to work hard helping veterans and dependents file for VA benefits due them. Our awarded claims have outpaced CY16 bringing in close to \$423,000.00 in new claim money for our clients. Overall the district has over \$1,923,000.00 in VA awards flowing into our towns on a monthly basis.

We forecast the Ch115 caseload to remain flat for the foreseeable future for our towns. Although reimbursed back to the towns at 75%, this takes over a year to get back from the state, so reducing payouts up front has freed up funds for the member towns.

For the coming year we will continue to assist veterans, and will emphasize programs for the dependents of veterans, particularly the elderly population. Our major projects for the future involve veterans’ gravesites locations and conditions, and training 1st responders on veterans’ issues and resources.

Timothy Niejadlik, Director



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