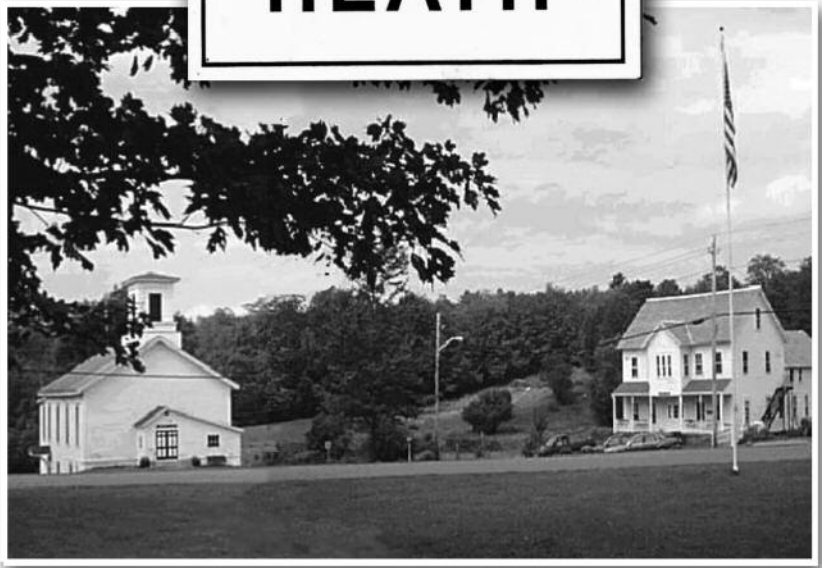


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## The Select Board is delighted to dedicate this year's Town Report to Arthur Schwenger

Art has been a constant presence in the Town since he moved here in the 1970s. Art served on the Select Board and Board of Health from 1985 to 1994. Art has been the Heath representative on the School Committee of Franklin County Tech School since 1998. His other positions include WiredWest Representative, Post Office assistant and a member of numerous ad hoc committees to study one thing or another. In addition to Town government-related activities, he has served on, volunteered or otherwise worked with the Deerfield River Watershed Association, Franklin Land Trust, Mahican-Mohawk Trail, and the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership, Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Art has become the reliable photographer and chronicler of events in Heath - one rarely catches him out of reach of his camera.



The Board has called on Art for help from time to time for such things as developing a personnel policy and exploring broadband opportunities. His name always comes up when looking for someone with expertise, a good attitude and a willingness to participate. We can count on his attention to detail and his full committed participation in whatever task he is presented with.

Art's appreciation and respect for the long time residents as well as those who arrived yesterday is notable. Neighbors like Olin Whipple and the Dickinson's

were dear to him and they shared the same regard for him. Someone needed to help share Howard Dickinson's Toll House cookies. Art is always willing to pitch in. Art has been an integral part of the Heath Fair for many years as volunteer, announcer of events, master of ceremonies, judge and unofficially recognized photographer.

The image and experience of the agricultural community of Heath has been fixed in my memory by the haying at Art and Carol's place. Art invited Buck DenOuden and Carroll Stowe to collaborate in haying his fields for a share of the bounty. Buck contributed and operated his mower and tedders, Carroll with his baler which was kept in good running order by his colorful language. When baling was underway friends and neighbors, including children, came to help pick up the bales and load them on to wagons and on to the hayloft where Art meticulously counted and recorded each bale. The reward for participating in this event (for the adults) was an ice cold Knickerbocker in a frozen mug while listening to Carroll hold forth on Art's front porch.

Few can match the dedication, friendship and service to the Town of Heath that Art Schwenger has demonstrated. We are honored to acknowledge his service in this year's Annual Town Report.

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# TOWN OFFICERS 2018

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<b>Select Board (3)</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Brian DeVriese, Chair	2020
Robyn Provost-Carlson, Secretary	2019
Gloria Cronin Fisher	2021
<b>Assessors (3)</b>	
Heather Hathwell	2020
Robyn Provost-Carlson	2021
Margo Newton	2019
<b>Moderator (3)</b>	
Eric Sumner	2020
<b>Constables</b>	
Bob Bourke	2020
Steve Thane	2021
<b>School Committee</b>	
Budge Litchfield	2021
Bob Gruen	2019
<b>Planning Board (5)</b>	
Calvin Carr, Chair	2021
Robert Viarengo	2020
Doug Mason	2023
Jo Travis	2019
Bill Gran	2022
<b>Finance Committee (3)</b>	
Edwin Wolf, Chair	2021
Jan Carr	2021
Kathy Inman	2020
Ken Gilbert	2021
Paul Dabrody	2019
<b>Library Trustees (3)</b>	
Deborah Porter, Chair	2021
Emily Cross	2020
Jan Carr	2019
<b>Fence Viewer</b>	
Assessors	2019
<b>Tree Warden</b>	
Alanson Nichols	2019

**Town Officers** (continued)

<b>Measurers of Wood &amp; Bark</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
William Clark	2019
Alanson Nichols	2019
<b>Field Drivers</b>	
Christine O'Brien	2019
Michelle Howe	2019
David Freeman	2019
Jonathan Diamond	2019
Karen Brooks	2019
<b>Sexton</b>	
Matthew Lively	2019
<b>Burial Agent</b>	
Hilma Sumner, Town Clerk	2019

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## TOWN BOARDS APPOINTED BY SELECT BOARD

**Board of Health (3)**

Betsy Kovacs	2020
Armand Clavette	2021
Henry Godek	2020
Susan Gruen	2019
John Palmer	2021

**Zoning Board of Appeals (5)**

Dennis Peters	2022
Bob Gruen	2023
Alanson Nichols	2020
Pam Porter	2019
Bob Bourke	2022

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## SELECT BOARD APPOINTMENTS

\*\*Hired + Stipend

<b>Chairman, Select Board</b>	Brian DeVriese
<b>Secretary, Select Board</b>	Gloria Cronin Fisher
<b>Town Coordinator**</b>	Kara Leistyna
<b>Office Assistant**</b>	Margo Newton, Lorena Loubsky
<b>Board of Health Clerk**</b>	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>	vacant (Tom Carlson 2019)
<b>Animal Inspector (Rabies)+</b>	vacant
<b>Animal Control Officer+</b>	Melinda Herzig (John McDonough 2019)

<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>FC Regional Dog Kennel Rep.</b>	Melinda Herzig, John McDonough
<b>Franklin County Regional Dog Kennel Rep. Alternate</b>	vacant
<b>Three-Town Landfill Committee Rep.</b>	Gloria Cronin Fisher
<b>FCCIP Representative</b>	Brian DeVriese
<b>Fire Chief+</b>	Nick Anzuoni
<b>Forest Fire Warden</b>	Nick Anzuoni
<b>Franklin Regional Transit Authority Rep.</b>	Brian DeVriese
<b>Franklin County Solid Waste Mgmt Dist. Rep.</b>	Kara Leistyna
<b>Highway Road Supervisor**</b>	Michael Shattuck
<b>Highway Shop Supervisor**</b>	Jeffrey Johnston
<b>Highway Department Liaison</b>	Robyn Provost-Carlson
<b>Building Commissioner</b>	James Hawkins
<b>Inspector, Electrical</b>	Tom McDonald
<b>Inspector, Plumbing &amp; Gas</b>	Andrew K. French
<b>Licensing Board</b>	Brian DeVriese
<b>Local Emergency Planning Committee Rep.</b>	Brian DeVriese
<i>LEPC consists of: Fire Chief, Police Chief, Highway Supervisors, Select Board Members, and Emergency Mgmt. Director</i>	
<b>Police Chief**</b>	John McDonough
<b>Police Officers**</b>	Lee Lively, Tucker Jenkins, Frances Noyes
<b>Post Office Manager**</b>	Charlene Reynolds
<b>Post Office Substitutes**</b>	Margo Newton, Art Schwenger, Lorena Loubisky
<b>Election Workers+</b>	Nancy Thane
	Don Dekker
	Margo Newton
	Gloria Cronin 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>	Gloria Cronin Fisher
<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

## COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS

### **MLP Advisory Committee**

Sheila Litchfield  
Jan Carr  
Ned Wolf  
Art Schwenger

### **Agricultural Commission**

Doug Mason  
Jessica O'Neill  
Nina Marshall  
Sean Neill  
vacant

### **Cemetery Commission**

Claire Rabbitt  
Jerry Gilbert  
Eric Sumner

### **Community Hall Committee**

Margo Newton  
Don Dekker  
Tracy Schott

### **Conservation Commission**

Dennis Peters  
Brian DeVriese  
Pam Porter  
vacant (Ned Wolf, 2019)  
Buck (Bernard) Den Ouden  
Bill Lattrell, Consultant

### **Council on Aging**

Margo Newton  
Jean Lamothe  
Eileen McVay-Lively

### **Cultural Council (3 year)**

Suzanne Hannay 2019  
Jayne Dane 2020  
Jean Gran 2020  
Nina Marshall 2021  
Lyra Johnson-Fuller 2021

### **Energy Advisory Committee**

Steve Ryack  
Bob Schultz  
Noy Holland  
Bill Lattrell

### **Heath Veteran's Memorial Committee**

Scott Peterson  
Bob Bourke  
Jerry Gilbert  
Dennis Peters  
Peter Smith



**Historical Commission**

vacant  
Scott Peterson  
Heather Hathwell

**Parks and Recreation Committee**

Bob Bourke  
Kate Peppard  
Mary Holan  
Lyra Johnson-Fuller  
Shahid Jalil

**Hawlemont-Heath Regionalization Working Group**

Budge Litchfield  
Bob Gruen

**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**

Art Schwenger

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## APPOINTED BY LIBRARY TRUSTEES

**Library Director  
Assistant Library Director**

Donald J. Purington  
Lyra Johnson-Fuller



# FINANCIAL REPORTS



# TOWN OF HEATH FY 2018 – GENERAL FUND REVENUE REPORT

as of: 06/30/2018

<b><u>Taxes and Excises</u></b>		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-110-000	Personal Property Taxes		225,032.66		225,032.66	225,032.67	-0.01
01-4-120-000	Real Estate Taxes		1,739,701.55		1,739,701.55	1,699,345.46	40,356.09
01-4-120-002	Add RE Tax/Possession Sold				0.00	7,618.31	-7,618.31
01-4-130-000	Allow. for Ates & Exempt		-8,655.87		-8,655.87		-8,655.87
01-4-142-000	Tax Liens Redeemed				0.00	36,249.45	-36,249.45
01-4-143-000	Sale of Tax Foreclosures				0.00	157,263.34	-157,263.34
01-4-149-000	Roll Back Taxes				0.00	2,763.75	-2,763.75
01-4-150-000	Motor Vehicle Excise		70,275.00		70,275.00	84,217.28	-13,942.28
01-4-170-000	Penalties and int. taxes		16,000.00		16,000.00		16,000.00
01-4-171-000	Interest on Property Tax				0.00	10,846.29	-10,846.29
01-4-172-000	Interest on Motor Veh Ex				0.00	679.04	-679.04
01-4-173-000	Interest on Tax Titles				0.00	10,847.34	-10,847.34
Taxes and Excises Totals:			2,042,353.34		2,042,353.34	2,234,862.93	-192,509.59

## **Charges for Services**

<b><u>Charges for Services</u></b>		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-235-000	Transfer station stickers/bag t		19,000.00		19,000.00	25,070.00	-6,070.00
01-4-250-000	Heath School Use Fees				0.00	2,025.00	-2,025.00
Charges for Services Totals:			19,000.00		19,000.00	27,095.00	-8,095.00

<b><u>Fees</u></b>	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-320-001 Police Fees				0.00	320.00	-320.00
01-4-320-004 RMV Marking Fees		3,000.00		3,000.00	800.00	2,200.00
01-4-322-000 Fees Retained -Tax Collec				0.00	3,300.00	-3,300.00
01-4-329-000 Town Clerk Fees				0.00	2.00	-2.00
		3,000.00		3,000.00	4,422.00	-1,422.00
		Fees Totals:				
<b><u>Licenses and Permits</u></b>		Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-420-000 Police gun Licenses				0.00	750.00	-750.00
01-4-456-007 Raffle Permits				0.00	30.00	-30.00
01-4-459-000 Permits - Other		450.00		450.00		450.00
		450.00		450.00	780.00	-330.00
		Licenses and Permits Totals:				
<b><u>Federal Revenue</u></b>		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
		20,500.00		20,500.00	20,642.04	-142.04
		Federal Revenue Totals:				
<b><u>State Revenue</u></b>		Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-611-000 State Owned Land		4,726.00		4,726.00	4,726.00	0.00
01-4-613-000 Abatements Veterans				0.00	5,550.00	-5,550.00
01-4-667-000 Veterans Benefits				0.00	45.00	-45.00

01-4-671-000	Unrestricted General Gov't.		83,584.00		83,584.00	83,584.00	0.00
State Revenue Totals:			88,310.00		88,310.00	93,905.00	-5,595.00
<b><u>Other Intergovernmental Revenue</u></b>							
01-4-770-001	CMVI Fines				0.00	100.00	-100.00
01-4-770-002	Fines-District Court				0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Intergovernmental Revenue Totals:					0.00	100.00	-100.00
<b><u>Miscellaneous Revenue</u></b>							
01-4-820-000	Interest on Investments		500.00		500.00	1,267.02	-767.02
01-4-840-004	Excess Coll. on Tax Sales				0.00	23.86	-23.86
01-4-840-005	Sale of Street Lists				0.00	75.00	-75.00
01-4-840-006	Copier Receipts				0.00	244.00	-244.00
01-4-841-000	Prior Year Refunds				0.00	5,384.61	-5,384.61
01-4-841-001	Storm - FEMA/MEMA				0.00	9,211.13	-9,211.13
01-4-841-003	Sale of Surplus Equipment				0.00	16,225.00	-16,225.00
01-4-841-004	Various Small Adjustment				0.00	19.38	-19.38
01-4-841-006	Tax Title Costs				0.00	3,347.68	-3,347.68
01-4-841-007	Tax Possession Costs/Fees				0.00	12,761.66	-12,761.66
01-4-841-008	Tax Auction Deposits				0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue Totals:			500.00		500.00	49,559.34	-49,059.34

**Other Financing Sources**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-960-208	Transfer from Rev. Funds			0.00	3,961.61	-3,961.61
01-4-970-023	Trans. From Hwy			0.00	0.31	-0.31
01-4-970-039	Trans. From Fund 39			0.00	1,741.80	-1,741.80
01-4-999-900	Free Cash to Bal.Budget	64,000.00		64,000.00	64,000.00	0.00
01-4-999-901	Funded by Carryovers			60,969.46	60,969.46	0.00
01-4-999-902	Funded by Encumbrance			20.28	20.28	0.00
01-4-999-903	Funded with "Free Cash"		34,861.25	34,861.25	34,861.25	0.00
	Other Financing Sources Totals:	60,989.74	34,861.25	159,850.99	165,554.71	-5,703.72
	Grand Totals:	2,238,113.34	34,861.25	2,333,964.33	2,596,921.02	-262,956.69

**TOWN OF HEATH FY 2018 – GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE REPORT**

as of: 06/30/2018

**General Government**

	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	2,938.87	61.13
01-5-123-004	Salary Town Coordinator	51,451.40		51,451.40	51,451.40	0.00

01-5-123-005	Salary Office Assistant	910.00		910.00	157.50	752.50
01-5-124-000	Office Supplies	1,700.00		1,700.00	533.79	1,166.21
01-5-131-000	Finance Committee Expense	250.00		250.00	135.00	115.00
01-5-132-000	Reserve Fund	5,000.00	-3,815.00	1,185.00		1,185.00
01-5-135-000	Salary Town Accountant	13,006.47		13,006.47	13,006.47	0.00
01-5-135-005	Town Accountant Expense	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,400.87	99.13
01-5-135-013	Accountant's Support	300.00		300.00	121.32	178.68
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	-0.66	3,999.34	3,800.79	198.55
01-5-141-002	Assessor's Expenses	2,500.00		2,500.00	1,517.56	982.44
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	600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	0.00
01-5-141-008	Salary Assistant Assessor	12,697.78	0.66	12,698.44	12,698.44	0.00
01-5-145-000	Treasurer's Salary	11,785.38		11,785.38	11,785.38	0.00
01-5-145-002	Treasurer's Expense	3,500.00		3,500.00	2,330.30	1,169.70
01-5-145-004	Treas. Tax Taking & Coll	15,000.00		15,000.00	13,798.91	1,201.09
01-5-146-000	Salary Tax Collector	15,376.50		15,376.50	15,376.50	0.00
01-5-146-003	Tax Collector Expense	6,280.00		6,280.00	5,879.16	400.84
01-5-146-004	Tax Taking/Liens	2,600.00		2,600.00	1,039.93	1,560.07
01-5-151-000	Legal Fees	7,000.00	3,000.00	10,000.00	8,033.08	1,966.92
01-5-157-001	Salary Post Office Manage	21,804.16		21,804.16	21,786.80	17.36

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-157-004	Post Office Oper. Expense	100.00		100.00	69.99	30.01
01-5-157-005	Salary Post Office Substi	1,320.00	234.00	1,554.00	1,554.00	0.00
01-5-161-000	Salary Town Clerk	14,925.46		14,925.46	14,925.46	0.00
01-5-161-001	Town Clerk's Expense	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,396.88	603.12
01-5-162-000	Election Workers Stipend	960.00		960.00	960.00	0.00
01-5-171-000	Conserv. Comm. Expense	350.00		350.00	308.19	41.81
01-5-171-001	Con. Comm. Consultant Exp.	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
01-5-175-001	Planning Board Expenses	500.00		500.00	235.32	264.68
01-5-176-000	Zoning Board Expense	200.00		200.00		200.00
01-5-180-000	Agriculture Commission Exp.	500.00		500.00	500.00	0.00
01-5-182-000	Heath Telecom Exp. (Wired	425.00		425.00	62.06	362.94
01-5-183-000	Wired West Annual Asses.	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
01-5-191-000	Technical Support Tn Hall	1,800.00		1,800.00	1,751.40	48.60
01-5-192-000	Build. Maint. Coor. Salary	14,219.40		14,219.40	13,020.80	1,198.60
01-5-192-001	Sawyer Hall-Maint./Util.	18,900.00		18,900.00	17,036.04	1,863.96
01-5-192-002	Town Garages-Maint./Util.	18,000.00		18,000.00	17,937.16	62.84
01-5-192-004	Town Buildings-Copier	2,705.28		2,705.28	2,581.28	124.00
01-5-192-005	Comm. Hall-Maint./Util.	16,800.00	639.98	17,439.98	15,248.58	2,191.40
01-5-192-006	Lawn Mowing, Ctr. & Ceme.	6,300.00		6,300.00	4,630.00	1,670.00
01-5-192-011	Sawyer Hall/Comm Hall Inte	1,320.00		1,320.00	1,319.40	0.60



01-5-192-012	Highway/Fire Internet	650.00		650.00	600.15	49.85
01-5-192-013	Heath School Maint & Utiliti	500.00		500.00	191.42	308.58
01-5-193-000	Ins/Prop/Casualty/Workers	40,285.92		40,285.92	40,152.00	133.92
01-5-195-000	Town Report Printing	1,050.00		1,050.00	1,024.99	25.01
01-5-199-000	FRCOG Assessment	10,488.22		10,488.22	8,980.22	1,508.00
	General Government Totals:	350,510.97	658.98	351,169.95	329,177.41	21,992.54
<b>Public Safety</b>						
		Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-210-000	Salaries-Police Department	22,602.36		22,602.36	21,055.91	1,546.45
01-5-210-001	Constables Stipend	200.00		200.00	200.00	0.00
01-5-210-004	Police Vehicle Maint. Expens	1,000.00		1,000.00	542.63	457.37
01-5-210-005	Police Expenses	2,500.00	215.00	2,715.00	2,654.20	60.80
01-5-220-000	Fire Chief Stipend	5,240.00		5,240.00	5,240.00	0.00
01-5-220-001	Firemens Incentive Award	7,000.00	1,648.00	8,648.00	8,648.00	0.00
01-5-220-002	Fire Dept. Supp/Training	14,000.00	-2,800.00	11,200.00	9,545.62	1,654.38
01-5-220-003	Pers. Protective Equip. Repla	6,000.00	-1,648.00	4,352.00	3,757.65	594.35
01-5-220-004	FD Maint/Utilities	4,100.00	2,800.00	6,900.00	6,207.11	692.89
01-5-220-005	Emergency Medical Service	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,327.58	172.42
01-5-220-006	Fire Dept. Vehicle Maint	3,000.00		3,000.00	1,684.19	1,315.81
01-5-241-000	Building Inspector Expen.	4,500.00		4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00
01-5-291-000	Em. Manage. Director Stip	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
01-5-291-001	Emer. Mgmt. Expenses	400.00		400.00	130.00	270.00

	Carryover	Original Budget		Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures		Balance	
		Original Budget	Code RED			Expenditures	Balance		
01-5-291-003		1,500.00			1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	
01-5-292-000		1,500.00			1,500.00	1,258.08	241.92	241.92	
01-5-292-001		500.00			500.00		500.00	500.00	
01-5-292-002		350.00			350.00	350.00	0.00	0.00	
01-5-292-003		100.00			100.00		100.00	100.00	
01-5-292-005		500.00			500.00		500.00	500.00	
01-5-292-006		1,500.00			1,500.00	1,132.50	367.50	367.50	
01-5-294-000		1,700.00			1,700.00	1,400.00	300.00	300.00	
		81,692.36		215.00	81,907.36	73,133.47	8,773.89	8,773.89	
		Public Safety Totals:							

### **Education**

	Carryover	Original Budget		Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures		Balance	
		Original Budget	Code RED			Expenditures	Balance		
01-5-301-000		1,098.00			1,098.00	1,098.00	0.00	0.00	
01-5-301-001		500.00			500.00		500.00	500.00	
01-5-303-000		815,652.00			815,652.00	815,652.00	0.00	0.00	
01-5-304-000		136,257.00			136,257.00	136,257.00	0.00	0.00	
01-5-306-000		26,360.00			26,360.00	26,360.00	0.00	0.00	
		979,867.00			979,867.00	979,367.00	500.00	500.00	
		Education Totals:							
		167,440.00			167,440.00	163,004.80	4,435.20	4,435.20	
		<b><u>Public Works and Facilities</u></b>							
01-5-421-000		167,440.00			167,440.00	163,004.80	4,435.20	4,435.20	
		Salary Highway Dept. Wage							

01-5-421-005	Highway Misc Expenses	2,000.00	407.90	2,407.90	1,993.05	414.85
01-5-422-000	Machinery Maint./Supplies	63,816.00	8,675.00	72,491.00	69,278.89	3,212.11
01-5-422-002	Vehicle Gas & Oil	40,000.00	-8,850.00	31,150.00	25,069.23	6,080.77
01-5-422-003	Hired Equipment/Services	5,000.00		5,000.00	4,104.96	895.04
01-5-422-005	Highway Dept. Materials	24,000.00		24,000.00	23,655.47	344.53
01-5-422-006	Roadside Mowing	3,000.00	-2,507.90	492.10	492.10	0.00
01-5-422-008	Uniforms	2,114.08	275.00	2,389.08	2,319.50	69.58
01-5-422-009	License Renewals/DOT Phys	400.00		400.00	320.00	80.00
01-5-423-000	Salary Winter Hwy. Wages	20,527.50	1,435.63	21,963.13	21,963.13	0.00
01-5-423-001	Winter Equip. Maint/Repr	8,000.00	2,000.00	10,000.00	9,972.54	27.46
01-5-423-002	Winter Salt/Sand & Other	127,200.00	-1,435.63	125,764.37	97,145.56	28,618.81
01-5-423-003	Winter Hired Services	3,500.00		3,500.00	1,190.00	2,310.00
01-5-423-009	Salary Winter Temp. Help	1,309.00		1,309.00	759.32	549.68
01-5-423-010	Salary Summer Temp. Help	3,656.00		3,656.00	1,996.33	1,659.67
01-5-424-000	Street Lights	1,300.00	100.00	1,400.00	1,377.58	22.42
01-5-430-000	Franklin Cty Solid Waste	2,475.00		2,475.00	2,475.00	0.00
01-5-431-000	Salary Transfer Station Atten	10,587.44		10,587.44	10,505.66	81.78
01-5-433-002	Dump Transportation/Tipplin	27,500.00		27,500.00	23,707.47	3,792.53
01-5-433-003	Hazardous Waste Disposal D	400.00		400.00	400.00	0.00
01-5-433-004	Transfer Sta. Maint/Repr	500.00		500.00	400.00	100.00
Public Works and Facilities Totals:		514,725.02	100.00	514,825.02	462,130.59	52,694.43

**Human Services**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-511-000 Bd of Health-Chair Stipnd		844.00		844.00		844.00
01-5-512-000 Bd of Health-Mem. Stipend		1,688.00		1,688.00	1,266.00	422.00
01-5-512-001 Bd of Health Clerk Salary		3,712.80		3,712.80	3,409.35	303.45
01-5-512-002 FRCOG Health Agent		5,500.00		5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00
01-5-513-000 Bd of Health Expenses		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,088.94	411.06
01-5-522-000 Salary Town Nurse		9,942.40		9,942.40	8,699.64	1,242.76
01-5-522-001 Town Nurse's Expense		1,000.00		1,000.00	686.89	313.11
01-5-523-000 Foot Care Clinic		1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
01-5-541-000 Senior Ctr. Coordinator Stipe		250.00		250.00	250.00	0.00
01-5-541-001 Senior Center Oper. Acct.		500.00		500.00	414.23	85.77
01-5-542-000 COA Expense		250.00		250.00	190.00	60.00
01-5-542-001 COA Chair Stipend		250.00		250.00	250.00	0.00
01-5-543-000 Veterans Service Center		1,374.14		1,374.14	1,374.14	0.00
01-5-544-000 Veterans Benefit		1,000.00	4,861.25	5,861.25	3,762.12	2,099.13
01-5-545-000 Heath Veterans Memorial Co		500.00		500.00	456.40	43.60
Human Services Totals:		29,511.34	4,861.25	34,372.59	28,547.71	5,824.88

**Culture and Recreation**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-610-000 Salary Library Director		26,217.45		26,217.45	26,217.45	0.00
01-5-610-001 Salary Library Assistant		5,997.60		5,997.60	5,347.86	649.74

01-5-610-002	Salary Library Substitute		1,020.00		1,020.00	228.48	791.52
01-5-611-000	Library Operating Expense		7,239.50		7,239.50	7,239.50	0.00
01-5-611-001	CW Mars Library Annual		3,029.00		3,029.00	3,029.00	0.00
01-5-613-000	Parks & Rec. Comm. Expens		250.00		250.00	183.09	66.91
01-5-690-000	Historical Comm. Expense		250.00		250.00		250.00
	Culture and Recreation Totals:		44,003.55		44,003.55	42,245.38	1,758.17

**Debt Service**

	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	189.05		189.05	189.05	0.00
01-5-752-000	Int.Temp. Loans/Rev. Anti	1,000.00	-234.00	766.00		766.00
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.	1,913.40		1,913.40	1,913.40	0.00
01-5-760-001	TS Irene Principal	34,000.00		34,000.00	34,000.00	0.00
01-5-760-011	TS Irene Bond Interest	1,411.00		1,411.00	1,411.00	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	1,242.45		1,242.45	1,242.45	0.00
	Debt Service Totals:	63,046.90	-234.00	62,812.90	62,046.90	766.00

**Intergovernmental Expenditures**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-822-000	St Assmnt Air Pollution	214.00		214.00	214.00	0.00
01-5-824-000	Reg Transit Authority Asm	46.00		46.00	46.00	0.00

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures		Balance
01-5-827-000 RMV Non-Renewla Surcharg		1,200.00		1,200.00		1,200.00	0.00
Intergovernmental Expenditures Totals:		1,460.00		1,460.00		1,460.00	0.00
<b><u>Miscellaneous</u></b>							
01-5-911-000 Fran. Regional Retirement Sy		53,143.00		53,143.00		53,143.00	0.00
01-5-913-000 Unemployment Compensatio		1,000.00		1,000.00		932.55	67.45
01-5-914-000 Health Insurance		73,753.20		73,753.20		73,753.15	0.05
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		11,208.93	3,791.07
01-5-996-966 Trans.to Stabilization			30,000.00	30,000.00		30,000.00	0.00
01-5-999-902 Encumb. Listed in 02	20.28			20.28		20.28	0.00
01-5-999-903 Special Projects in 03	60,969.46	30,000.00	-739.98	90,229.48		55,141.03	35,088.45
Miscellaneous Totals:	60,989.74	173,296.20	29,260.02	263,545.96		224,390.70	39,155.26
Grand Totals:	60,989.74	2,238,113.34	34,861.25	2,333,964.33		2,202,499.16	131,465.17

## TOWN OF HEATH FY 2018 – OTHER FUNDS REVENUE REPORT

as of: 06/30/2018

### 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		74.19	74.19	74.19	0.00
21-4-999-901	Funded by Carryovers	5,112.38		5,112.38		5,112.38
Totals:		5,112.38	74.19	9,586.57	4,474.19	5,112.38

**Fund: 23**

**Highway Grants**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
23-4-422-000	Chapter 90 Revenue	210,549.00		210,549.00	303,723.51	-93,174.51
23-4-999-901	Funded by Carryovers	177,142.81		177,142.81		177,142.81
Totals:		177,142.81		387,691.81	303,723.51	83,968.30

**Fund: 24**

**Septic Grants**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
24-4-630-001	Crowningshield Septic Loan		11,482.00	11,482.00	11,482.00	0.00
24-4-820-000	rSeptic Bank Interest		11,497.47	11,497.47	11,497.47	0.00
24-4-999-901	Funded by Carryovers	20,893.52		20,893.52		20,893.52
Totals:		20,893.52	22,979.47	43,872.99	22,979.47	20,893.52

**Fund: 26**

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

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
26-4-176-000	rHearings Deposit Revolving		885.00	885.00	885.00	0.00
26-4-292-000	rAnimal Control r Rev.		1,099.00	1,099.00	1,099.00	0.00
26-4-293-000	rBOH Revolving		5,950.00	5,950.00	5,950.00	0.00
26-4-433-000	rRecycling Program Revolving		3,035.16	3,035.16	3,035.16	0.00

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
26-4-480-040 F. Burrington Sm. Bus Loan			255.97	255.97	255.97	0.00
26-4-522-000 rVaccine Program			1,524.51	1,524.51	1,524.51	0.00
26-4-541-000 rCOA Meals Revolving			1,115.00	1,115.00	1,115.00	0.00
26-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	15,624.07			15,624.07		15,624.07
Totals:	15,624.07		13,864.64	29,488.71	13,864.64	15,624.07

**Fund: 27**

**Available for Appropriation**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
27-4-491-000 Sale of Lots			750.00	750.00	750.00	0.00
27-4-999-000 Offset to Free Cash		155,254.00		155,254.00	143,297.94	11,956.06
27-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	5,065.94			5,065.94		5,065.94
Totals:	5,065.94	155,254.00	750.00	161,069.94	144,047.94	17,022.00

**Fund: 29**

**Miscellaneous Special Revenue**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
29-4-192-002 rCommunity Hall Functions			840.20	840.20	840.20	0.00
29-4-192-003 rIns. Reimb. Basement SH 20		11,295.44		11,295.44	11,295.44	0.00
29-4-192-008 rMATech Collab. BB Planni		5,000.00		5,000.00	1,845.15	3,154.85
29-4-220-216 Comm. Security TrustGrant-				0.00	300.00	-300.00
29-4-220-217 AFG Award 2017 PPE				0.00	10,343.00	-10,343.00
29-4-291-216 r2016 EMPG				0.00	431.05	-431.05



29-4-291-217	rFFY2017 EMPG	2,220.00		2,220.00		2,220.00		
29-4-292-000	rLibrary Dog Fund		700.68	700.68		700.68		0.00
29-4-300-000	rMTRSD Heath School Main		80,000.00	80,000.00		80,000.00		0.00
29-4-434-000	DEP Small Scale Initiative G	496.04		496.04		496.04		0.00
29-4-491-001	rCemetery Donations		50.00	50.00		50.00		0.00
29-4-491-002	South Cemetery Donation		500.00	500.00		500.00		0.00
29-4-541-780	rCOA Grant		4,654.38	4,654.38		4,654.38		0.00
29-4-541-782	Senior Cntr/COA donations		187.00	187.00		187.00		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		1,119.00	1,119.00		1,119.00		0.00
29-4-610-000	rLibrary State Grant		2,265.29	2,265.29		2,265.29		0.00
29-4-610-001	Library Donations		597.70	597.70		597.70		0.00
29-4-610-007	rFriends Library Gift	589.99		589.99		589.99		0.00
29-4-630-820	Int. Recreation		0.73	0.73		0.73		0.00
29-4-630-821	Parks & Rec Donations		120.00	120.00		120.00		0.00
29-4-999-901	Funded by Carryovers	73,291.81		73,291.81		73,291.81		73,291.81
Totals:		21,101.47	91,034.98	185,428.26		117,835.65		67,592.61

### **Fund: 33**

### **Tropical Storm Irene**

33-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers

Totals:

Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
0.00			0.00		0.00
0.00			0.00		0.00

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

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
39-4-192-001 rState Broadband Grant Cons		820,000.00		820,000.00	380,000.00	440,000.00
39-4-422-218 rHwy Trk 2018				0.00	21,898.98	-21,898.98
39-4-430-000 Bond Proceeds Compactor				0.00	65,940.00	-65,940.00
39-4-999-901 Funded by carryovers	#####			1,651,678.00		1,651,678.00
Totals:	1,651,678.00	820,000.00		2,471,678.00	467,838.98	2,003,839.02

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

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
82-4-300-820 rInt.Read/Carpenter Award			6.15	6.15	6.15	0.00
82-4-491-820 rInt Cemetery			24.66	24.66	24.66	0.00
82-4-510-820 rInt.Hands X Heath-Nurse			100.92	100.92	100.92	0.00
82-4-610-820 rInt. Library Trust			12.72	12.72	12.72	0.00
82-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	27,865.16			27,865.16		27,865.16
Totals:	27,865.16		144.45	28,009.61	144.45	27,865.16

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

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
83-4-820-000 Stabilization Interest			768.43	768.43	768.43	0.00
83-4-820-001 Capital Town Vehicle Interest			166.80	166.80	166.80	0.00
83-4-820-002 Town Building Stab Interest			270.42	270.42	270.42	0.00

83-4-820-003	Parks & Rec Stab interest		31.83	31.83	31.83	0.00
83-4-820-004	Audit Stabilization Interest		160.23	160.23	160.23	0.00
83-4-820-005	Asses. Prop. Tax Mapping St		3.65	3.65	3.65	0.00
83-4-820-007	Int. Asses Stab		317.76	317.76	317.76	0.00
83-4-820-008	Int. Tax Collector Software		158.88	158.88	158.88	0.00
83-4-991-002	Trans. Frm GF/Vehicle		30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
83-4-999-901	Funded by Carryovers	404,941.26		404,941.26		404,941.26
	Totals:	404,941.26		31,878.00	436,819.26	404,941.26
	Report Totals:	2,381,614.95	1,211,304.47	160,725.73	3,753,645.15	2,646,858.32

## TOWN OF HEATH FY 2018 – OTHER FUNDS EXPENDITURE REPORT

as of: 06/30/2018

### Fund: 02

#### Encumbrances

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
02-5-192-001	Enc. Sawyer Hall M&U			20.28	20.28	0.00
	Totals:			20.28	20.28	0.00

### Fund: 03

#### Special Projects

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
03-5-141-004	Assessors' Deed Project Consultia		-778.05	2,175.50		2,175.50
03-5-141-005	Deed Research In House		778.05	778.05	778.05	0.00

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
03-5-145-001 Tax Poss. Property Mgmt	30,000.00			30,000.00	11,410.92	18,589.08
03-5-192-004 Mitigate Frozen Pipes-Comm Ha	2,200.00			2,200.00	2,200.00	0.00
03-5-192-006 Replace SH Building Columns		2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.00		0.00
03-5-192-007 Computer Back Up/Security		5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
03-5-192-230 Remedy Inspection Items Comm	6,185.56		1,782.44	7,968.00	327.60	7,640.40
03-5-220-001 Replace Fire Dept. Building Col		2,100.00	-72.42	2,027.58	2,027.58	0.00
03-5-300-212 Pre School Support		15,000.00		15,000.00	11,469.60	3,530.40
03-5-422-001 Install Ice Guards/FD/Highway		900.00	-450.00	450.00		450.00
03-5-422-002 Repairs/2001 Grader	16,850.00			16,850.00	16,850.00	0.00
03-5-440-000 Landfill Expenses	2,780.35	5,000.00		7,780.35	5,077.28	2,703.07
Totals:	60,969.46	30,000.00	-739.98	90,229.48	55,141.03	35,088.45

## **Fund: 21**

### **Cultural Council**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
21-5-215-009 Collected Poets/Season	50.00		-50.00	0.00		0.00
21-5-215-011 MTRS/Oklahoma!	200.00		-200.00	0.00		0.00
21-5-216-008 Heath Herald	250.00			250.00	250.00	0.00
21-5-216-018 Collected Poets	25.00		-25.00	0.00		0.00
21-5-216-021 Diamond-Summer Theatre	500.00		-500.00	0.00		0.00
21-5-217-002 Heath Library/Summer Reading	150.00			150.00	116.38	33.62
21-5-217-003 Root/Music Gaslight Era	200.00			200.00	200.00	0.00

21-5-217-006	MTCS/2017 Summer Festival	50.00				50.00	50.00	0.00
21-5-217-007	Hannay/Howard Dickenson	400.00				400.00	400.00	0.00
21-5-217-008	Heath Agricultural Society/Musi	900.00				900.00	900.00	0.00
21-5-217-009	Charlemont Forum	150.00				150.00	150.00	0.00
21-5-217-011	Nancy Thane/Heath Herald	300.00				300.00	300.00	0.00
21-5-217-012	Mem. Hall Assoc./Footlights at t	150.00				150.00	150.00	0.00
21-5-217-013	The Art Garden/Comm. Exhibits	120.00				120.00	120.00	0.00
21-5-217-016	Health School/Strings	500.00				500.00		500.00
21-5-217-018	Piti Theatre/Just This	150.00				150.00	150.00	0.00
21-5-217-019	Collected Poets	50.00				50.00	50.00	0.00
21-5-217-020	Eileen Lively/Mosaic Project	600.00				600.00	600.00	0.00
21-5-217-021	Hallman/2017 Heath Artists Exhi	175.00				175.00	160.18	14.82
21-5-218-001	Sara Campbell				200.00		200.00	200.00
21-5-218-002	John Root				200.00		200.00	0.00
21-5-218-003	Pioneer Valley Symphony				20.00		20.00	0.00
21-5-218-004	Heath Agr. Society				800.00		800.00	800.00
21-5-218-005	Da Camera Singers				300.00		300.00	0.00
21-5-218-006	Mohawk Trail Concerts				500.00		500.00	500.00
21-5-218-007	Pothole Pictures				400.00		400.00	400.00
21-5-218-008	FCTS Drama Club				200.00		200.00	0.00
21-5-218-009	Franklin Land Trust				150.00		150.00	150.00
21-5-218-010	Charlemont Forum				200.00		200.00	200.00
21-5-218-011	Harry Hallman				370.00		370.00	370.00

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
21-5-218-012 Hilltown Families		100.00		100.00		100.00
21-5-218-013 Memorial Hall		300.00		300.00		300.00
21-5-218-014 The Art Garden		200.00		200.00		200.00
21-5-218-015 Double Edge Theater		500.00		500.00		500.00
21-5-218-016 The Art Garden/Comm Exh		200.00		200.00	200.00	0.00
21-5-218-017 Piti Theatre Company		250.00		250.00		250.00
21-5-300-000 Available Local Funds	192.38		359.19	551.57	9.80	541.77
Totals:	5,112.38	4,890.00	-415.81	9,586.57	4,526.36	5,060.21

### **Fund: 23**

#### **Highway Grants**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
23-5-422-090 Chapter 90 Expenses	177,142.81	210,549.00		387,691.81	303,723.51	83,968.30
Totals:	177,142.81	210,549.00		387,691.81	303,723.51	83,968.30

### **Fund: 24**

#### **Septic Grants**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
24-5-175-000 Planning-Visioning Grant	158.02			158.02	158.02	0.00
24-5-440-002 Available for Septic Loan	20,735.50		22,979.47	43,714.97		43,714.97
Totals:	20,893.52		22,979.47	43,872.99	158.02	43,714.97

**Fund: 26****Revolving Funds (44 53E1/2)**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
26-5-176-000 Hearings Deposit Revolving	662.50	1,000.00	-115.00	1,547.50	547.50	1,000.00
26-5-292-000 Animal Control Revol.	1,997.60	2,000.00	-901.00	3,096.60	1,096.60	2,000.00
26-5-293-000 BOH Revolving	4,152.45	5,000.00	950.00	10,102.45	5,102.45	5,000.00
26-5-294-000 Senior Center Revolving	677.22	1,000.00	-1,000.00	677.22		677.22
26-5-433-000 Recycling Program Revolving	2,640.33	10,000.00	-6,964.84	5,675.49	4,618.66	1,056.83
26-5-480-000 Small Business Loans Avl.	1,071.67		255.97	1,327.64		1,327.64
26-5-522-000 Vaccine Program Revolving	2,368.75	3,000.00	-1,475.49	3,893.26	893.26	3,000.00
26-5-541-000 COA Meals Revolving	2,053.55	3,000.00	-1,885.00	3,168.55	1,610.87	1,557.68
Totals:	15,624.07	25,000.00	-11,135.36	29,488.71	13,869.34	15,619.37

**Fund: 27****Available for Appropriation**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
27-5-491-000 Sale of Lots	5,065.94		750.00	5,815.94		5,815.94
27-5-999-000 Available Free Cash		155,254.00		155,254.00	143,297.94	11,956.06
Totals:	5,065.94	155,254.00	750.00	161,069.94	143,297.94	17,772.00

**Fund: 29****Miscellaneous Special Revenues**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
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	3,231.06		840.20	4,071.26	348.85	3,722.41

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
29-5-192-003	Ins. Reimb. Basement SH 2018	11,295.44		11,295.44	10,141.33	1,154.11
29-5-192-004	Comm. Compact IT Grant 2016	19,500.00		19,500.00	19,500.00	0.00
29-5-192-006	MA Tech. Collab. Grt. 10	56.07		56.07		56.07
29-5-192-008	MA Tech Collaborative BB Plan	5,000.00		5,000.00	1,845.15	3,154.85
29-5-220-216	Comm. Security Trust Grant-Pag	1,850.29		1,850.29	300.00	1,550.29
29-5-220-217	AFG Award 2017 PPE	1,707.75		1,707.75	1,707.75	0.00
29-5-291-211	Ice Storm Donations 2008	428.59		428.59		428.59
29-5-291-216	2016 EMPG	2,036.03		2,036.03	247.08	1,788.95
29-5-291-217	FFY2017 EMPG	2,220.00		2,220.00	949.98	1,270.02
29-5-292-000	Library Dog Fund	702.51	700.68	1,403.19	702.51	700.68
29-5-293-000	Heath Animal Fund gift	100.00		100.00		100.00
29-5-300-000	MTRSD Heath School Maint		80,000.00	80,000.00	69,967.28	10,032.72
29-5-301-000	Mackie Memorial	390.00		390.00	390.00	0.00
29-5-433-003	Ins. Reimb. Transfer Station 201	1,310.00		1,310.00	1,310.00	0.00
29-5-434-000	DEP Small Scale Initiative Grant	318.80	496.04	814.84	814.84	0.00
29-5-491-000	North Cemetery Maint.	800.00		800.00		800.00
29-5-491-001	Cemetery Donations	1,254.03	50.00	1,304.03		1,304.03
29-5-491-002	South Cemetery Donation		500.00	500.00		500.00
29-5-541-136	Flu Clinic Donations	589.50		589.50		589.50
29-5-541-780	COA Grant	345.62	4,654.38	5,000.00	3,661.21	1,338.79
29-5-541-782	Senior Cntr donations		187.00	187.00		187.00



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	707.19		1,119.00	1,826.19	660.00	1,166.19
29-5-545-000	Health Veterans Memorial Fund	12,270.39			12,270.39	9,782.00	2,488.39
29-5-610-000	Library State Grant	10,806.14		2,265.29	13,071.43	430.63	12,640.80
29-5-610-001	Library Donations	4,073.06		597.70	4,670.76	331.20	4,339.56
29-5-610-004	Library Construction Gift	8,273.00			8,273.00		8,273.00
29-5-610-007	Friends Library Gift		589.99		589.99	589.99	0.00
29-5-630-000	Recreation Fund	1,459.00		120.73	1,579.73	165.90	1,413.83
Totals:		73,291.81	21,101.47	91,034.98	185,428.26	125,345.70	60,082.56

### **Fund: 33**

#### **Tropical Storm Irene**

33-5-433-000	TS Irene Exp 2011	0.00			0.00		0.00
Totals:		0.00			0.00		0.00

### **Fund: 39**

#### **Large Capital Items**

39-5-192-000	Broadband Network Borrowing	1,450,000.00			1,450,000.00		1,450,000.00
39-5-192-001	State Broadband Grant Construct		820,000.00		820,000.00	9,465.23	810,534.77
39-5-422-218	Hwy Trk 2018	75,178.00			75,178.00	57,710.74	17,467.26
39-5-430-000	Compactor Replacement	126,500.00			126,500.00	126,500.00	0.00
Totals:		1,651,678.00	820,000.00		2,471,678.00	193,675.97	2,278,002.03

**Fund: 82**

**Expendable Trusts**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
82-5-300-000 Read/Carpenter Award	2,060.72		6.15	2,066.87	50.00	2,016.87
82-5-491-000 Cemetery	11,037.68		24.66	11,062.34		11,062.34
82-5-510-000 Hands X Health-Nurse	6,271.55		100.92	6,372.47	-390.00	6,762.47
82-5-610-000 Library Trust	8,495.21		12.72	8,507.93		8,507.93
Totals:	27,865.16		144.45	28,009.61	-340.00	28,349.61

**Fund: 83**

**Stabilization**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
83-5-000-000 Available Stabilization	219,803.28		768.43	220,571.71		220,571.71
83-5-135-000 Audit Stabilization	10,093.71		160.23	10,253.94		10,253.94
83-5-141-000 Asses. Property Tax Mapping St	245.36		3.65	249.01		249.01
83-5-141-218 Assess. Stab. 2018	20,023.67		317.76	20,341.43		20,341.43
83-5-146-218 Tax Coll. Software Stab.	10,011.83		158.88	10,170.71		10,170.71
83-5-192-000 School/Building Cap. Improv. St	90,265.31		270.42	90,535.73		90,535.73
83-5-220-216 Rescue Vehicle Donation Supple	1,000.00		-1,000.00	0.00		0.00
83-5-422-000 Equip/Vehicle Stab. Fund	51,471.42		31,166.80	82,638.22		82,638.22
83-5-630-000 Parks & Recreation Stabilization	2,026.68		31.83	2,058.51		2,058.51
Totals:	404,941.26		31,878.00	436,819.26		436,819.26
Report Totals:	2,442,604.69	1,266,794.47	134,495.75	3,843,894.91	839,418.15	3,004,476.76

# TOWN OF HEATH FY 2018 -- BALANCE SHEET

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUES</u>	<u>TRUST &amp; AGENCY</u>	<u>LONG-TERM DEBT</u>
Cash, Pooled	\$495,842.64	\$492,113.73	\$465,991.37	
2018 Personal Property	-			-
2017 Personal Property	-			
2016 Personal Property	-			
2015 Personal Property	-			
Prior Years Personal Property	-			
Total Personal Property	-			
2018 Real Estate	57,203.80			
2017 Real Estate	-			
2016 Real Estate	-			
2015 Real Estate	-			
Prior Years Real Estate	-			
Total Real Estate	57,203.80			
Total Allow. for Abate & Exempt.	(9,265.89)			
Tax Liens	49,017.14			
Tax Foreclosures	41,985.95			
2018 Motor Vehicle Excise	12,973.15			
2017 Motor Vehicle Excise	2,060.53			
2016 Motor Vehicle Excise	626.88			
2015 Motor Vehicle Excise	567.60			
Prior Years Motor Vehicle Ex.	818.76			
Total Motor Vehicle Excise	17,046.92			

<u>ASSETS</u>	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUES	TRUST & AGENCY	LONG-TERM DEBT
Forest Products	-			
Small Business Loans Receivable		300.00		
Tanner Septic Loan Receivable		18,126.58		
B/A Highway Trk				17,467.26
B/A Regional Broadband Network				1,450,000.00
Amt. to be Provided-McCloud Prop				31,890.00
Amt. To be Provided-Safety Complex Land Purchase				44,000.00
Amt. To Be Provided-Police Cruiser				14,322.00
Amt. To Be Provided TS Irene				136,000.00
Amt. To Be Provided Compactor Replace				65,940.00
Amt. To Be Provided Hwy Trk 2018				21,898.98
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>651,830.56</b>	<b>\$510,540.31</b>	<b>\$465,991.37</b>	<b>\$1,781,518.24</b>

<u>LIABILITIES</u>	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUES	TRUST & AGENCY	LONG-TERM DEBT
Warrants Payable	\$0.00			
Tailings				
Payroll Withholdings Payable	-			
Def.Rev.- Property & Real Estate Taxes	47,937.91			
Def.Rev. Tax Liens	49,017.14			

Def.Rev. Tax Foreclosures	41,985.95			
Def.Rev.- Motor Vehicle Excise	17,046.92			
Tanner Septic Loan	-	18,126.58		
Def.Rev. Small Business Loans		300.00		
Rev. Ant. Notes Payable				
Collector's Fees			-	
Deputy Collector's Fees				
Clerk's Fees			335.00	
Off Duty Police			-	
Due to State - Firearms			487.50	
Perc Inspections				
CDBG Pass Through			-	
Unissued Regional Broadband Network				1,450,000.00
Unissued Highway Trk				17,467.26
Unissued Cmpactor Replacement				-
Bonds Payable, McCloud Prop				31,890.00
Bonds Payable, compactor				65,940.00
Bonds Payable,Safety Complex Land				44,000.00
Bonds Payable, Hwy. Trk 2018				21,898.98
Bonds Payable, TS Irene				136,000.00
Bonds Payable, Police Cruiser				14,322.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>155,987.92</b>	<b>18,426.58</b>	<b>822.50</b>	<b>1,781,518.24</b>

<b>FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>SPECIAL REVENUES</b>	<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY</b>	<b>LONG-TERM DEBT</b>
FC Reserve for Expenditures	78,436.69			
Free Cash to Balance Budget	30,000.00			
Overlay to Balance Budget	-			
Reserve for Carryovers	35,088.45			
Undesignated Fund Balance	352,317.50			
FB reserved for Approp. Deficits	-			
FB reserved for Overlay Deficit	-			
Cultural Council		5,060.21		
State Highway (Ch. 90)		-		
Septic Grant Repayments		43,714.97		
Planning Grant				
ZBA Revolving		1,000.00		
Dog Officer Revolving		2,000.00		
Small Business		1,327.64		
BOH Permitting		5,000.00		
Senior Center Revolving		677.22		
Solid Waste Revolving		1,056.83		
Vaccine Program Revolving		3,000.00		
COA Meal Revolving		1,557.68		
Machinery Earnings		-		
Sale of RE		-		
Sale of Lots		5,815.94		
Extended Polling		-		
Wetlands Protection		1,057.78		
Community Functions		3,722.41		

Comm. Hall Donations	25.00	
MA Tech. Collaborative Grant 2010	56.07	
Ins. Reimb. SH Basement	1,154.11	
2017 EMPG	(949.98)	
2008 Ice Storm Donations	428.59	
2016 EMPG	-	
Library Dog Fund	700.68	
Mackie Memorial	-	
Heath Animal Fund Gift	100.00	
MTRSD Heath School Maint	10,032.72	
DEP Small Scale Initiative		
Cemetery Donations	1,304.03	
North Emerymery Maint	800.00	
South Cemetery Donations	500.00	
Flu Clinic Donations	589.50	
COA Grant	1,338.79	
Sn. Center / COA Donations	187.00	
COA Foot Care Grant	-	
COA Foot Care Donations	1,166.19	
Veteran's Memorial Fund	2,488.39	
Library State Grant	12,640.80	
Library Donations	4,339.56	
Library Building Donation	8,273.00	
Parks and Recreation	1,413.83	
BB State Grant	370,534.77	
Compactor Replacement Project		
2018 Hwy Trk		220,571.71
Stabilization		90,535.73
School/Town Build Stab		82,638.22
Equipment/Vehicle Stab		10,253.94
Audit Stabilization		2,058.51
Parks and Rec Stab		

<b>FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>SPECIAL REVENUES</b>	<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY</b>	<b>LONG-TERM DEBT</b>
Asses. Prop Tax Mapping Stab			249.01	
Assessor General Stabilization			20,341.43	
Tax Collector Software Stab			10,170.71	
Cemetery			11,062.34	
Read Carpenter			2,016.87	
Library Trust			8,507.93	
Hands Across Heath			6,762.47	
B/A Regional Broadband Network				(1,450,000.00)
Unissued Regional Broadband Network				1,450,000.00
B/A Hwy Trk				17,467.26
Unissued Hwy Trl				(17,467.26)
B/A Compactor Replacement				
Unissued Compactor Replacement				
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	495,842.64	492,113.73	465,168.87	-
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$651,830.56</b>	<b>\$510,540.31</b>	<b>\$465,991.37</b>	<b>\$1,781,518.24</b>



# TOWN OF HEATH FY 2018 – TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

REAL ESTATE	BALANCE ON BAL 07/01/18	COMMITTED AFTER 06/30/17	COLLECTED	ABATED	EXEMPTED	REFUNDED	TAX TAKINGS	BALANCE
FY 2019		\$869,613.55						\$869,613.55
FY 2018	\$825,012.32	\$917,453.60	\$1,670,206.43	\$8,092.77	\$5,850.00	\$13,893.19	\$15,006.11	\$57,203.80
FY 2017	\$53,512.14	\$0.00	\$45,798.55	\$290.92	\$0.00	\$2.58	\$7,425.25	\$0.00
<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>								
FY 2019								
FY 2018	\$114,995.41	\$110,037.26	\$225,032.67	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$112,489.18
								\$0.00
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE</b>								
FY 2018	\$0.00	\$78,902.77	\$64,548.49	\$2,191.93		\$729.14		\$12,891.49
FY 2017	\$9,074.41	\$12,293.73	\$19,307.61	\$776.58		\$776.58		\$2,060.53
FY 2016	\$1,981.18	\$12.81	\$1,367.11	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$626.88
FY 2015	\$1,067.39	\$0.00	\$499.79	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$567.60
FY 2014	\$386.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$386.67
FY 2015	\$432.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$432.09

# 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	4,523.88
Balance 12/31/2018	<b>10,889.83</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>8,514.40</b>
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## Other Funds

Cultural Council (Arts Lottery)	1,349.86
Hands Across Heath	6,842.19
Heath General Funds	215, 852.30
Park & Recreation Department	1,480.19
Read Carpenter Scholarship	2,024.33
Septic Fund	43,726.05
Stabilization Funds	425,688.10
Last Mile Broadband	476,724.67
<b>Total Other Funds</b>	<b>1,173,687.69</b>

## Tax Title Accounts

Account Balance	
1/1/2018	38,053.60
Taxes Added	25,546.92
Payments Received	20,905.14
Town Acquired	
Property	3,286.66
Remove Tax title error	
Account Balance	
12/31/2018	<b>39,408.72</b>

<b>Total of All Funds</b>	<b>1,193,091.92</b>
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# TOWN CLERK'S ANNUAL REPORT

## 2018 VITAL RECORDS

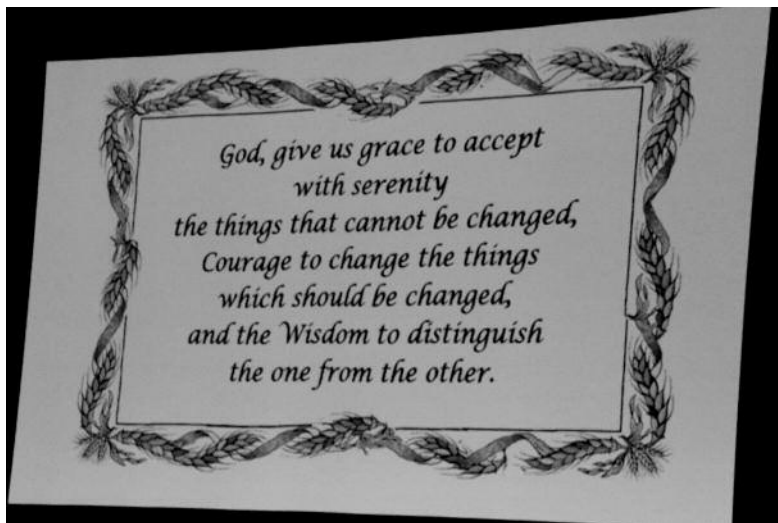
The following is the number of vital records that have been recorded within the town during 2018.

***Births - 5      Marriages - 4      Deaths - 15***

### 2018 DOG LICENSES SOLD

MALE DOGS	11 @ \$10	\$110
FEMALE DOGS	19 @ \$10	\$190
NEUTERED MALE DOGS	75 @ \$5	\$375
SPAYED FEMALE DOGS	51 @ \$5	\$255
KENNEL (4-10 DOGS)	1 @ \$25	\$25
REPLACEMENT	1 @ \$1.50	\$1.50

TOTAL: 157 SINGLE LICENSES	\$956.50
LESS FEES RETAINED	-157.00
LESS LICENSE & TAG EXPENSE	-108.69
PAID TO REVOLVING DOG FUND	\$690.81





# TOWN REPORTS



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## SELECT BOARD REPORT

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2018 was both busy and productive for the Select Board in Heath. In May, we said good-bye to our longstanding Chairperson, Sheila Litchfield, after serving our Town on the Select Board for 15 years. Thank you, Sheila!!! At the same time we said hello to our newest member, Gloria Cronin Fisher who joined existing members Brian DeVriese, who became our Chair, and Robyn Provost-Carlson who remained our Secretary. Together with our Town employees, elected officials, volunteers and townspeople we provided effective services for our residents. Some of our most notable highlights of the year include the following:

### **Broadband**

2018 was an active year for town-wide broadband development. The town contracted with Westfield Gas and Electric (WGE) to be the project manager and oversee the design, engineering, make-ready and construction phases of the broadband build-out in Heath. Bob Bourke continues to serve as Broadband Liaison. Steps have been taken to evaluate the town utility poles for suitability for fiber. This information is required to enable us to receive an accurate construction budget for our network build-out. Once the budget is complete and approved, WGE will be able to obtain bids on our behalf from qualified contractors for our network project. Construction is anticipated to take approx. 6 months for completion. During this time

the Heath MLP Board (Select Board) will need to determine how best to manage the ongoing Network Operations and Services for the Heath network.

### **Regionalization Agreement with Hawlemont**

The Heath elementary students continued to successfully attend Hawlemont Regional Elementary School throughout 2018. The Hawlemont-Heath Regionalization Working Group was formed and has been actively pursuing the steps required for Heath to withdraw from the Mohawk district for grades pre-K through 6th and regionalize with Hawley and Charlemont. It is hoped that the Town of Heath will be looking forward to a vote at ATM in May of 2019.

### **Heath Elementary School Building**

The School Building Transition Team completed their exploration of uses for the Heath school building and grounds which included possible office rental, possible town office relocation, solar options for the property and an arts/music educational facility. The Select Board agreed with the need to look at possible revenue-producing tenants for the building. With the assistance of Andrea Woods from the Franklin Regional Council of Governments, a Request for Interest (RFI) was distributed to see who might be interested in obtaining the building through a lease or purchase. Two interested parties responded.

### **Shared Services Exploration**

The Select Board, with the assistance of FRCOG, continued to explore the idea of sharing certain municipal services with neighboring towns, including continuing work on developing a shared police service between Charlemont and Heath. FRCOG also assisted in creating a shared Animal Control Officer option with support from the Franklin County Sheriff's Dept. We welcomed a new Fire Chief, Chief Nicholas Anzuoni, who is also the Fire Chief in Colrain. While we do not have a formal shared service agreement, the two departments are looking at ways to share expenses and services to help with the budget.

### **Green Communities Designation**

Heath received confirmation that we achieved the Green Communities designation. With this came a preliminary grant award of \$129,582. The Select Board started to review energy audits that have been done as well as other information to determine how best to use the grant money. Some projects noted in our audit, and applied for through our designation grant include storm windows and an updated heating system for Community Hall and LED light replacements for all town buildings. We may also apply for funds to pay for a solar project if it is feasible. Once we exhaust our designation grant, Heath may apply to fund future projects through other competitive grants.

### **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. The Select Board will appoint an exploratory committee if state assistance comes to fruition.

### **Highway Department**

The Select Board worked with the Highway Department on reorganization this year. The previous position of Highway Superintendent was replaced with two

new positions, the Highway Road Supervisor and the Highway Shop Supervisor. The Highway Department Laborer position was reclassified into two positions entitled Highway Department Skilled Laborer/Operator and Highway Department Mechanic/Operator. All positions were regraded and filled by the existing highway department employees.

The town did not receive the MassWorks Grant Application (STRAP Grant) in 2018. We have been advised to reapply in 2019, which we will do, for the same scope of work including the repaving of 3.1 miles from Town center down South Road to Burrington Road and continue to the Charlemont line and to extend shoulders in center of town to allow for safer off road municipal parking.

The town received a Community Compact Grant in the amount of \$35,000 to hire a consultant to develop a town-wide Bridge / Culvert Preventative Maintenance plan. This will help prolong the life of these critical transportation assets and it will be beneficial for planning maintenance and budgets for roadways.

The Select Board worked with the Highway Dept. to produce a fleet log, which spells out the condition and needs of the highway department vehicles. This data will be used to help determine our equipment needs and how to best pay for them.

### **Improvements to Town Buildings**

The Community Hall emergency egress stairs at the rear of the building was completed in 2018.

### **Bridges**

The bridge on Route 8A in Dell was completed this year. The bridge on Route 8A at the Sumner Stetson Road intersection continues to be on the “to be scheduled” list.

Heath Select Board  
Brian DeVriese, Chair  
Robyn Provost-Carlson • Gloria Cronin Fisher

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## AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

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The Heath Agricultural Commission was unable to make the progress it would have liked on creating a printed resource guide for the town in 2018. The funding that drove the Tri-town survey provided us the capacity and resources needed to complete the data collection in 2017 and to better understand what our next steps might be for providing a physical document to our town residents that would help to encourage increased purchases of items such as produce, meat and eggs from our local farmers and back-yard growers. While we did meet with our consultant and were able to draft an outline for a resource guide we were unsuccessful in securing the funds necessary to bring that project to fruition in 2018. We hope to secure the funds necessary in 2019 to not only provide a physical recourse but also an online component as well. In addition to the work on a resource guide, member Jessica O’Neill attended the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) conference which featured a workshop for Agricultural Commissions.

Jessica O’Neill • Doug Mason • Nina Marshall • Sean O’Neill • Vacant

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## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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The New Year started out with the Assessors processing abatements for Fiscal Year 2018. As spring came, our office continued 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 2018 brought more change to the Assessors Office. In May, Robyn Provost-Carlson was re-elected and Margo Newton 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 Alice Wozniak taught Course 2; Cost Approach to Value.

Education is very important in the Assessing field as the laws under which we operate continually change. 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 2018, the office granted 8 abatements totaling \$301,200 of value which translates into \$6,569.18 of tax dollars. Recently, the one appeal filed at the Appellate Tax Board has been resolved. 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.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 was an interim year adjustment which typically means a lighter work load but the utility companies reported significantly less value than previously reported in 2017. This created a situation where the Assessors felt the need to hire an outside consulting firm to value our utilities. In August, we hired Muddy River Advisors, LLC who came back with a much higher value than the values the utilities reported.

The Heath tax rate for Fiscal Year 2019 is \$21.60/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	% of Value
• Residential [964 parcels]	\$ 79,690,400	88.4219
• Commercial [80 parcels]	\$ 1,028,955	1.1417
• Industrial [1 parcel]	\$ 100,000	0.1110
• Personal Property [7 accounts]	\$ 9,305,777	10.3254
Total amount of 2019 Property Tax Valuation	\$ 90,125,132	100.00%

The Town of Heath has almost completed the major remapping project that we began in 2016 per the FY 2015 Department of Revenue (DOR) Town of Heath recertification report listing a handful of directives and suggestions. All the maps have been renumbered, updated and compatible with GIS (geographic information system) which our emergency services use. We will be having a disclosure day for landowners to view the changes and hope to have them available for everyone mid 2019. 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. With 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 Wednesday of the month and also on the third Wednesday of the month on an as needed basis in the Assessors' office. Please check our postings for times and any changes 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  
Heather Hathwell • Margo Newton • Alice Wozniak, MAA & Assistant Assessor

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## BOARD OF HEALTH

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The Town of Heath continues to be a comprehensive member of the Cooperative Public Health Service (CPHS), a health district based at the Franklin Regional Council of Governments. Other neighboring towns sharing the same public health staff include Charlemont, Buckland, Hawley, Rowe, Monroe, Leyden, Gill, and as of November 2018, the Town of Shelburne. As a comprehensive member of the CPHS and FRCOG, we are fortunate to have the support and expertise of the FRCOG staff and are especially grateful for the work of Andrea Crete, Regional Health Director; 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.

This past year, the Board of Health, in partnership with the Planning Board, worked to enforce compliance with Board of Health regulations, Zoning Bylaws and Town bylaws including septic, food service, short-term occupancy, temporary occupancy, and unregistered vehicles. The Board of Health sent a letter to all property owners



in Town reminding them of the regulations regarding Temporary Occupancy of Temporary dwellings and unregistered vehicles and asking them to comply. Much of the Spring was spent reviewing property owner questions and Temporary Occupancy permit applications, and following up on properties that appeared to not be in compliance.

Thank you to Tucker Jenkins who served as a Board member for 18 months and resigned due to time constraints last summer. Welcome to John Palmer who was appointed to the BOH in December to fill the remainder of Tucker's term. Another change this past year was the retirement of FRCOG Health Agent Glen Ayers. The CPHS Oversight Board was pleased to be able to hire Andrea Crete as FRCOG's new Health Director. Andrea hit the ground running in August. Her first job in Heath was to inspect all the food vendors at the Heath Fair. Since then she has been busy familiarizing herself with our area and Town. This past year for the Town of Heath, Andrea witnessed 19 Title-5 Inspections prior to property transfer; conducted various Title-5 (septic) related activities including 10 Soil Evaluations for septic systems, eight septic system plan reviews (Including 5 Local Upgrade Approvals), site visits and final inspections of installations. She also issued permits for three new private wells in Heath.

Claire Rabbit continues to provide local, accessible health services in Town. She offers office hours and home visits, several wellness classes and a sharp collection service. Low-cost tick tests continue to be offered through a Board of Health subsidy. Thirty (30) Heath residents received low-cost tick tests, a savings of \$1,050. Twenty-seven percent (27%) of tick tests locally tested positive for the Lyme pathogen, and an additional 3% tested positive for either Anaplasmosis, Miyamotoi, or Babesiosis.

The Board continues to review and update policies and regulations to continue to secure the health and safety of the residents of Heath. In August the Board drafted and approved two new regulations prohibiting the sale of tobacco to minors, and regulating cannabis production and distribution. Both regulations closely mirror regulations of surrounding local towns. The cannabis regulation complements the Zoning Bylaws presented by the Planning Board and adopted by Town vote.

It is the Board's plan to continue work on addressing distressed properties in Town. The FRCOG has created a program that towns and boards of health can use to address distressed properties. At this time the BoH members do not believe it has the resources to begin this project, but will do so within the coming year.

**Board of Health Members:** Betsy Kovacs - Chair  
Armand Clavette • Susan Gruen • Henry Godek,  
Tucker Jenkins (resigned in July) • John Palmer (appointed in December)

**Board of Health Clerk:** Mary Sumner

**Health Director:** Andrea Crete, FRCOG

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## BROADBAND

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This year, the project to bring High Speed Broadband service to Heath accomplished multiple tasks. The Select Board hired a Broadband Construction Liaison, Bob Bourke, to represent the town's interests while working with personnel from Westfield Gas and Electric (WGE), Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development (EOHED), broadband personnel from Rowe, Colrain, and Charlemont, and the town's Broadband Advisory Board, through which the town continues to explore the benefits of participating in the WiredWest cooperative.

This year the tasks completed for our town-owned fiber network include: identifying future growth for fiber installation, site location of fiber hut, (where the electrical components of the system are located), engineering design, pole surveys by Verizon and National Grid, accounting framework for invoices, and resolution of engineering design for Mohawk Estates area.

Heath also joined with other Western MA towns and Westfield Gas & Electric (WGE) to apply for federal funds for Heath to use on broadband costs known as CAFII (Connect America Fund). WGE was successful in its bidding and as a result Heath is eligible for \$56,000 per year for ten years to help defray costs of the system. The money will be made available once all the member towns involved in the bidding have their system certified as up and running at 95%.

We continue to factor into our planning the lessons learned by neighboring towns whose broadband projects are a few months ahead of Heath's. Ongoing issues for 2019 are IGA (Inter Governmental Agreements) for sharing/defining broadband services with bordering towns, paying invoices for pole replacement work, contracting services for hut installation and broadband wiring, and choosing an ISP (Internet Service Provider) to run the system.

The schedule for the service to be complete and up and running is the second quarter of 2020.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Bourke, Broadband Construction Liaison  
Sheila Litchfield • Jan Carr • Ned Wolf • Art Schwenger, MLP Advisory Committee

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## CEMETERY COMMISSION

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Since our last report the Commission has met 3 times. There were more grave-stone repairs done in the South Cemetery mostly financed by private donations. After researching fees at other local cemeteries, the Cemetery Commission will request a change on the Warrant for the Annual Town meeting in the Cemetery bylaw 11.4 to increase the fees for cemetery lots.

A change in the Green burial bylaws proposed by some members of the Board of Health is being considered and may also be on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

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, Chair  
Jerry Gilbert, Secretary • Eric Sumner

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## COMMUNITY HALL COMMITTEE

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The Community Hall, in addition to the regularly scheduled events, continues to have many additional bookings every month. These bookings have included private parties and town wide functions.

The town has replaced a much-needed fire escape on the rear of the building. Also, the town was awarded an energy grant for much needed updates and this will allow for a new furnace and storm windows, as well as LED replacement fixtures.

We had a very successful Holiday Craft Fair this year. We found that by moving up the date, so that it was closer to the holidays, helped to attract a much larger crowd. This was greatly encouraging, and we hope to have an even bigger craft fair next year.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Margo Newton • Tracy Schott • Don Dekker

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## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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The Conservation Commission has been meeting on an as needed basis over the past year. In 2018 the ConCom reviewed one Request for Determination (RFD) for planting of pollinator shrubs at the Crowningshield Conservation Area on West Branch Road and one Notice of Intent (NOI) for removing a culvert in a stream crossing in the H.O. Cook State Forest. Both were filed by the Franklin Land Trust and Trout Unlimited. Two enforcement orders were issued for unpermitted activities in resource areas.

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 permits online. Comments may also be posted on the permit application regarding the status of the ConCom review.

Ned Wolf has been appointed to the Conservation Commission to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Ellen Jenkins. Current members of the Commission are: Buck DenOuden, Pam Porter, Dennis Peters, Ned Wolf, Brian DeVriese, Chair

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian DeVriese - Chair

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## COUNCIL ON AGING

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Thanks to Sharon Call, the monthly senior meals continue to be a big success with a continuously large turnout. The formula grant received from the state allows for the COA to keep the senior meals possible.

With the grant we were also able to continue to give donations to the library, foot clinic and the senior art program. The COA is always looking for idea's and suggestions that would benefit our seniors.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Margo Newton • Jean Lamothe • Eileen Lively

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## CULTURAL COUNCIL

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For 2018-2019, the Heath Cultural Council (HCC) reviewed twenty-two applications and awarded sixteen grants totaling \$5393.00, of which \$4500.00 was this year's allocation, and \$893.00 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 financial assistance to the Heath Summer Reading Crafts, the Heath Art Exhibition, Music at the Heath Fair, and the Heath Herald.

We hope Heathans will also enjoy valuable projects outside of town. That led us to fund these other projects: Nolumbeka Native American Festival, Racial Justice Rising, Hilltown Familites Online Weekly Suggested Events, Collected Poets Series, Hilltown Draw Around, the Art Garden, Charlemont Forum, Pothole Pictures, Footlights at the Falls production of "Ropes," Mohawk Trail Concerts, Double Edge Theater, and the weaving project at Hawlemont Elementary School

In an effort for Heathans to take advantage of their Local Cultural Council's support of projects, we published a list of the grants, their dates and locations, in the Heath Herald and in the Heath Town Library. We are grateful for the support of these two organizations. Please visit our webpage at <https://www.massculture.org/Heath> for more information.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of this year's Council: Jean Gran, Jayne Dane, Nina Marshall, and Lyra Johnson-Fuller. In addition to their willingness to chip in and share various tasks, their insightful and creative suggestions led us to encourage some applicants to better prepare their proposals for greater success in future. I would like to thank the Town Coordinator and the Town Accountant each for her patience and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Hannay

## — EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR —

In January of 2018 the FRCOG put on a table top exercise which concluded a series of training sessions geared towards managing a disaster. We had lessons on the best way to get correct information out to the public as well as to how to request and apply for reimbursements and more. This tabletop exercise was attended by representatives of Boards of Health, Selectmen, Town accountants, Emergency Management and others. In March I attended a ARCGIS mapping class in Agawam on the use of GIS to help with the mapping of things such as flood prone roads, location of evacuation routes among other things pertaining to the town of Heath. In the Fall I attended a couple of classes put on by Great River Hydro in preparation for a Big county wide drill which took place on Nov 3rd. Thanks to Sheila Litchfield and Betsy Kovacs who represented Heath during this drill.

I attended several regional EMD meetings which provides us updated information and the status of ongoing projects which benefit us in the long run. This year the annual combined EDS drill/Flu clinic (Charlemont, Hawley, Heath, Rowe and Monroe) was held at the Heath Elementary School building. A \$2,220.00 EMPG grant was applied for and received and was used for sheltering supplies such as folding cots, blankets and a laptop computer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Timothy Lively, Emergency Management Director

## — ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE —

The Town of Heath received official Green Communities Designation in 2018. Stretch Energy Code passed at May, 2018 ATM. Thank you to Heather Row for her work on both the Stretch Energy Code and Green Communities application process. Members of the Energy Advisory Committee have worked with the Town Coordinator to assist in planning for incoming funds from the Green Communities designation grant. As per FRCOG's recommendations, plans are being made for energy improvements in the Community Hall and Sawyer Hall, ranging from storm windows and thermostats to LED lighting. Lighting will be updated at the town Highway Department as well, with new LED fixtures to be purchased and installed. Additionally, some members of the committee have conducted initial assessments of potential sites for solar arrays, again as part of the Green Communities program. To date, we have met with two solar contractors and we plan to meet with two more contractors to assess sites on town-owned property. The best sites appear to be one slope of the roof of the salt box, and the other is the south slope of the roof of the Community Hall. Other potential sites with ground mounts would be more costly, especially given current incentives that favor proximity to a working electric meter. We will continue our research into 2019.

Respectfully submitted,  
Noy Holland

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

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The Finance Committee continues to work with the Select Board to monitor the Town's finances with the goal of having tax dollars used as wisely as possible. Gloria Cronin Fisher did not seek a third term on the Finance Committee but instead won election to the Select Board. Her contributions over the past 6 years have been welcome especially on issues affecting the schools. In May we welcomed former fire chief Ken Gilbert who was elected to a 3 year term; both Ned Wolf and Jan Carr were elected to another 3 year term. Jan has been a member of the Broadband Committee. At the May 28th meeting the committee voted to continue with Ned as the chair and with a rotating secretary. In July Jeff Simmons resigned. In December the Select Board appointed our recommended candidate, Paul Dabrody, to fill the vacant seat.

At the March 27th Special Town Meeting the Finance Committee favored the transfers in articles 1-4 and 8 as well as reimbursements in articles 5 and 6, and back compensation in article 7. The committee favored article 9 to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaw by adding a new Section 10, Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments. This allowed the voicing of opinions and eventually the proposing of Zoning Bylaws to suit the Town's needs.

Early in March the Finance Committee learned of an unusually large drop in the assessed value of Personal Property in Heath. The Fiscal Year 2019 assessed value of electric company properties in Heath had dropped by about \$3 million. The Finance Committee and the Select Board budgeted as though there would be a corresponding drop in tax revenue. On July 12th the Finance Committee met with the Assessors who informed us of their decision to request in accordance with Massachusetts General Law 38F more information from the electric companies as to how their valuation was done. After 60 days the Assessors received the information they had sought and gave it to Muddy River Advisors, LLC for an independent assessment of the value of electric company properties. Muddy River's assessed value for electric company properties turned out to be about \$2 million higher than the value from the electric companies themselves. It was Muddy River's value that the DOR chose to use in December in certifying Heath's Fiscal Year 2019 tax rate to be \$21.60. This is \$0.97 less than our \$22.57 estimate in May. The Fiscal Year 2019 tax rate is a 0.96% decrease from the Fiscal Year 2018 tax rate of \$21.81.

In 2018 the Finance Committee assisted by Kathy Inman came up with a proposal for stipends that was approved by the Select Board prior to the May 12th Annual Town Meeting (ATM). In the new system the amount of the stipend of a committee member varies directly as the number of times the committee meets in a year. For those appointees who do not have meetings e.g. 911 coordinator, emergency management director, a set sum was determined. For newly proposed stipends it was agreed upon to set the amount at 50% with the full stipend proposed for Fiscal Year 2020. The total for all stipends ranges from \$21,225 to \$21,825 depending on the number of elections in a given year.

Through the early months of 2018 the Finance Committee worked with the Select Board to recommend a budget that was approved at the ATM on May 12, 2018. The Mohawk Trail Regional School District Operating Assessment was \$814,984.00 a decrease of \$668 from last year. The Maint/Utility lines for Sawyer Hall, the Community Hall, and the Highway Garage were all reduced. The line for Firemen Incentive awards was increased from \$7,000 to \$10,000 because compensation changed from the point system to the hourly system. There was a \$2,400 increase in Fire Department Maint/Utilities so that the office/training space could be heated to 57 degrees. There was a \$6,300 increase for tree removal expense aimed at reducing the threat to utility lines and roads.

The 3.91% increase for Highway Department Salaries was due to a 1% COLA received by all employees as well as the rise in grade from 6 to 15 for the person assuming the new position of Shop Supervisor at the same grade as that of the Road Supervisor. The amount for Salt and Sand was reduced from \$127,000 to \$100,000 based in part on Finance Committee research for comparable towns and on the amount used in previous years. For Dump/Transportation/Tipping/Disposal there was an increase of 12.07% due to the increase in hauling/tipping costs. The year 2018 was the first year of the PAYT (pay as you throw) system, and the savings were about \$8,500.

To reduce the tax rate the Finance Committee with Select Board approval chose to pay the principal and interest with Free Cash for the following loans: 2015 Police Cruiser, TS Irene Bond, 3-Town Liability Waiver, and Safety Complex Land Purchase. Article 3 line items for which there were increases included CW Mars Inter-Library Loan (3.96%), County Retirement (6.86%), and Health Insurance through the Hampshire Group (4.7%).

ATM Warrant article 14 was to take \$30,000 from Free Cash for the Large Equipment /Vehicle Replacement Stabilization account. The total amount in the Town's stabilization funds is close to \$426,000. Article 16, which voters also approved, was to use \$30,000 of Free Cash to reduce the tax rate.

The Finance Committee recommended Article 1 on the Warrant of the September 18th Special Town Meeting to transfer \$7,500 from the Assessors Stabilization account to the Assessors Expense account to pay Muddy River Advisors, LLC to appraise Heath's electric company properties for Fiscal Year 2019.

As the Finance Committee looks ahead, we will be encouraging the continued progress of getting high speed internet to Heath while mindful of the need to borrow. A 2003 highway truck needs to be replaced. The annual maintenance costs for the school building are close to \$60,000 with the additional need of a roof repair estimated to cost \$250,000. We face numerous challenges for Fiscal Year 2020.

Heath Finance Committee  
Ned Wolf, Chair  
Jan Carr • Kathy Inman • Ken Gilbert • Paul Dabrody

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Heath fire department experienced an active year and it seems as though naturally occurring events such as snow, rain and wind continue to wreak havoc on our trees and powerlines. Hopefully spring will arrive in a much better mood than fall and winter.

We would like to remind townspeople to check their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors at least once a year to be sure they are protecting you. If you have any questions about these and what they do please feel free to contact a member of the fire department and we can answer any questions you may have. This is especially important if you are burning wood or using any appliances that burn fossil fuels. I attended my first Heath Fair as fire chief and it was certainly a very different perspective than your average fair visit. It was great to see a variety of groups work together to produce a top-quality, family friendly event that draws people in from the tri-state area and beyond. I also see the chicken barbecue in a whole new light.

The open burning season is upon us as it opens in January and closes at the end of April. Open burning is regulated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

and is for the purpose of burning brush generated from downed limbs from storms, tree and shrub pruning and general yard work. A permit is required and may be obtained by calling 625-8200 or online at [fcburnpermits.com](http://fcburnpermits.com). The online version provides you with the rules and regulations. At no time ever is household or commercial trash, building demolition material, furniture, tires or any other such material allowed to be burned. Campfires in contained pits are allowed year-round and reasonably sized bonfires are allowed by obtaining a free permit from the fire chief. Agricultural burning falls under separate regulations and is also limited to onsite brush and material generated from agricultural operations such as maintaining pastures, apple pruning and burning blueberries. When in doubt please call the fire chief at 337-4461.

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. That may be why you see so many fire trucks

Incident type	Total by type
Building fires	7
Chimney fires	1
Passenger vehicle fire	3
Forest, woods or wildland fires	1
Illegal burn	5
Medical assist, assist EMS crews	32
Emergency medical	
service incidents, other	6
Vehicle accident with injuries	24
Vehicle accident without injuries	4
Gas leak (LPG)	1
Heat from short circuit wiring	1
Power lines down	12
Vehicle accident, general cleanup	3
Cover assignment, other fire stations	4
Dispatched & cancelled en route	1
False alarm	4
Smoke detector activation	
due to malfunction	1
Smoke detector activation,	
no fire – unintentional	1
Alarm system sounded	
due to malfunction	1
Welfare Check	1
<b>Total number of incidents</b>	<b>113</b>



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. Anyone is welcome.

On the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 P.M. we meet for the Firefighter's Association meeting followed by training and every Tuesday of the month at 6:30 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.

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, Fire Chief

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## HEATH FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Have you been to the library lately to check it out? Best-seller novels as well as classics and non-fiction, new-release movies on DVD, and shelves loaded with audiobooks for your car trips or around the house. 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.heath-library.org](http://www.heath-library.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 (a major Renoir exhibit will be there in the summer of 2019), MASS MoCA, Berkshire Museum, Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, and Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, 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.

"Libraries Rock!" was the theme for the 2018 summer reading program. Twenty-eight children signed up to keep a reading log, and many participated in the craft sessions, a Beatles sing-along, and a hike, all coordinated by Lyra Johnson-Fuller. Thank you to the Friends of the Library and the Heath Cultural Council for providing the program funding. The theme for the summer of 2019 is Space and the children's program slogan is "A Universe of Stories!" Planning is still in process – we are hoping to schedule an evening of stargazing.

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 an art exhibit 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: FY2018 – 14,212, FY2017 – 14,959, FY2016 – 16,172. Inter-library loans received from other libraries: FY2018 - 2,636, FY2017 – 2,697, FY2016 – 3,016. Inter-library loans provided to other libraries: FY2018 – 2,367, FY 2017 - 2,158, FY2016 – 2,382. Patron visits averaged 93 per week. Twenty-three children’s programs and two 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:  
Deborah Porter, Chair (term expires May 2021)  
Emily Cross (term expires May 2020)  
Janis Carr (term expires May 2019)

## — HEATH VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE —

The Veterans Memorial Committee activity was reduced after the dedication in November 2017.

Additional gravel was purchased and spread around plaque rocks due to settling of initial base. A post and rail locust fence was purchased and installed to prevent vehicles from driving on grass and providing the Memorial a boundary.

The last item to complete is to provide lighting for the flagpole and an electrical outlet for future community use of the site. Once the lighting is complete, the committee plans to disband and turn over the oversight of the Memorial to the town Parks and Recreation Committee.

And as a reminder, the Memorial costs were all from private donations, which serves as a reminder what a small community can achieve when called upon for help.

Submitted,  
Bob Bourke, Chair  
Jerry Gilbert, Secretary  
Peter Smith • Dennis Peters

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## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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The 2018 construction season included a two year project for the West Branch Road. It started with marking all the culverts that needed replacement and a large scale brush and tree removal. Some of it was done in house with the help of the Franklin County Sheriff's Dept. community service workers. The majority of the work was contracted out. With that part of the project done we moved on to the replacement of the culverts to make way for full depth reclamation and paving.

While work was being done on West Branch, the crew made progress on gravel road maintenance (grading). In addition, brush cutting was done in various locations in town, patching potholes, painting the transfer station shed, and making a new pad and the swap shed was put into place and opened. Drainage and culvert replacements were completed on Long Hill, Hosmer, Taylor Brook, South, and Sumner Stetson roads.

With the 2018 winter starting off slow and then building, it was an unusual one. Getting significant snow fall in late February into early March. This snowfall left just as quickly as it arrived due to the unusual warm temperatures. With the rapid snow melt, we were left with some road washouts that we addressed.

For this upcoming construction season we plan to finish up West Branch Road and work on routine road maintenance with any remaining funds. I would like to pave School House Road and Burrington Road from South Road/ Burrington intersection to School House and Burrington Road intersection. We did not receive an award for the Massworks application but plan to resubmit the application with a similar request to repair/replace South Road from center to Avery Brook Road.

Let's hope for a smooth and safe construction season.

Sincerely,  
Michael Shattuck, Road Supervisor



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## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

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The Parks & Recreation Committee held a couple community events this year. With collaboration with the Heath Community Café, a spring ice cream social was held on May 26th, which took place with a town tag sale and a library bake sale. A similar event is planned for next year.

A fall cider pressing and fundraiser for Parks & Rec was held during a monsoon outside the Community Hall. Cider donuts, mulled cider and fresh cider pressed that day were available for purchase. Thank you everyone for your support.

A fall bike event was canceled and will be planned for 2019. It will challenge bike riders to ride the accumulated vertical height of Mt. Everest's, over 29,000 feet. Awards and a lunch are planned along with a kid's bike event at the fairgrounds.

Maintenance of the basketball court, playground, and pollinator garden planted the prior year are ongoing.

The yoga program, still being held, transitioned to the Heath Union Church basement for ongoing classes.

A grant of \$5000 to access the town owned "Shapiro land" for proper stewardship was applied for and received. Bay State Forestry provided a comprehensive report of the land, including what development may take place to achieve the best use. Selective logging, trail making, and protecting habitat are some of the possible uses. Parks & Rec are also utilizing the generous help of the Franklin Land Trust to map out next steps. The goal is to make the area accessible for nature observing, hiking, and picnicking. There are other grants available for mapping, signage, and trail clearing.

As always, monetary donations, and volunteer participation are always welcome.

Submitted,  
Bob Bourke, Chair  
Lyra Johnson-Fuller • Shahid Jalil • Kate Peppard • Mary Holan  
Lorena Loubsky, ex-officio

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## PLANNING BOARD

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The Planning Board was involved with a variety of issues over the course of 2018. Our primary task was the development of the Adult Use Recreational Marijuana Zoning Bylaw based on regulations prepared by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission (935 CMR 500.00 dated March 23, 2018). This project required a considerable amount of our time, and resulted in Town Meeting approval.

We prepared amendments to the Zoning Bylaw for solar installations, both residential and commercial, including size and height limitations, and changing the commercial solar size limit from energy output to a limit on acreage.

We discussed changing the small scale residential solar installation approval process to site plan review instead of special permit process, however we did not move forward with this process.

We processed several requests for residential solar installations.

We discussed entering into a comprehensive review of the zoning bylaw to remove inconsistencies, improve clarity, and possibly simplify. We discussed this with the FRCOG and felt this project would require funding for a clerk to the Planning Board. With other work on our plate, primarily the Marijuana Bylaw, we did not move forward with this project at the time.

We met twice with Ned Wolf to discuss possible locations and zoning issues for a Historical Society climate-controlled building for storage of important documents and artifacts.

We met several times in joint meetings with the Selectmen and the Board of Health to discuss enforcement of the zoning bylaws.

Heath Planning Board  
Cal Carr, Chair  
Jo Travis • Bob Viarengo • Doug Mason • Bill Gran



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# POLICE DEPARTMENT

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In 2018 the Select Board voted to hire a police chief, rather than officer in charge, to run the town's police department.

I was hired as your chief in December. I come to you with over 25 years of working in the west county towns of Buckland, Shelburne, and Charlemont.

I will hold office hours, at the town hall, as they have been Tuesday eve from 6:00pm-8:00pm

The town residents have been very nice to meet, and the town officials have been great to work with.

There have been many things going on; potential shared services, officer recruitment, policy upgrades, computer/communication system upgrades.

Because of the limited budget/hours, some calls are handled by the state police. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to call the police dept., or stop in on Tues eve. If you need an officer immediately, please call the dispatch center 413-625-8200. As always, if you have an emergency, please call 911.

## Call Log 2018:

209A service	8	abandoned 911	3	911 calls	8
911 hang up	6	alarm, burglar	14	animal complaint	19
assist other agency	3	breaking/entering	1	check the welfare	11
complaint	5	custody issue	3	disturbance	1
disabled mv	4	domestic	1	drug offense	1
family abuse	1	structure fire	1	fire other	1
vehicle fire	2	fireworks	1	follow up invest	1
fraud	3	harassment	1	illegal burn	2
investigation	3	line down/power	10	medical emergency	12
missing person	1	miscellaneous	1	mv accident – no injury	9
mv complaint	5	mv violation	6	notification	1
officer wanted	5	paperwork service	6	rolling 9	1
safety hazard	7	service call	3	shots fired	3
suspicious person	2	suspicious vehicle	2	traffic hazard	4
vandalism	1	serve warrant	1	<b>TOTAL - 185</b>	

Respectfully Submitted,  
John McDonough, Chief of Police

## SCHOOL BUILDING TRANSITION TEAM

The SBTT continued to meet on a monthly basis through May, 2018. In our final report to the Select Board and to the Town, the team recommended keeping the property if at all possible for future municipal use. Other recommendations included solar installation to fuel the energy needs of the building and further investigation into both other energy-saving techniques and combined municipal use and private space rental for separate areas of the building. At the April meeting, Selectman, Brian DeVriese, thought it was time for the Select Board to issue an RFP. Because of this and the Selectmen's conclusion that the Team had achieved the original established goals, the committee was dissolved.

Hilma Sumner, Chair  
Larry Sampson, Secretary  
Brian DeVriese, Select Board Representative  
Jonathan Diamond • Tom Carlson • Alice Wozniak • Steve Thane • Bill Lattrell

## SENIOR CENTER

In 2018 the Heath Senior Center again continued with its foot clinic funded by a grant from Life Path and funds from the town. This successful opportunity for Heath seniors has benefited many. The Senior Center had also received a second grant this year from Life Path to do small Home repairs for Heath Seniors. The senior Art group is still active from time to time. Look for upcoming events on bulletin board or website.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen M. Lively, Senior Center Coordinator

## SENIOR HOME REPAIR ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

The town received a Home Repair grant for 2018-2019. The program provides volunteers who are available to do small home repairs and safety installations. Anyone who resides in town and is 60 or older is eligible to receive assistance from the program. There are five capable volunteers who have experience in the various fields that might be needed. Since its inception on October 1, there have been four households who have utilized the program. It is the hope that many more residents will make use of this service before it ends on September 30, 2019.

Hilma Sumner, Program Manager

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## TOWN NURSE

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The Town Nurse Office located in the Senior Center/Community Hall, is open Tuesdays from 12:00 to 1:00 and Thursdays from 11:00 to 1:00 for assistance with health issues such as blood pressure checks, Injections, flu vaccine, dressing changes and questions regarding medical problems. There is a walker and wheelchairs that may be borrowed. If someone is unable to get to the office during regular office hours I will schedule an appointment or make a home visit if necessary.

This past year I saw an average of 14 people a month, mostly for blood pressure checks, but also for INR tests, B12 injections and occasional injuries or illness. A flu clinic was held October 6th with 19 people coming for vaccine. For the season I gave a total of 41 flu shots. I also volunteered for FROG flu clinics at Heath School and Mo-hawk. I reported vaccines given in the MIIIS, Massachusetts Immunization Information System, which enables health care providers to see what immunizations have been given to their patients. The Town must purchase the flu vaccine, as State supplied vaccine is only available for children without insurance. This was \$807.00 paid for through our vaccine revolving account, as well as syringes and medications needed in case of a reaction. I am able to submit the vaccine and administration costs to insurance companies and Medicare for reimbursement through UMass Medical School. So far our expenses are being covered by the reimbursements.

Our Medical Director, Robert Miller, MD retired December 31st, and we are fortunate to have Richard Warner, MD take on this position. Occasionally, when I have been away, Victoria Burrington, RN has covered for me.

I also lead a free for people 55 and older, exercise class called Healthy Bones and Balance, using hand and ankle weights to improve muscle mass and strength and maintain or improve bone mass, as well as exercises to improve balance and prevent falls. This is a federally funded program through RSVP, Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Hampshire, Hamden and Franklin Counties. This happens Tuesdays from 11:00 to 12:00 and Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:00. I may be reached at 337-4847 during office hours and messages may be left at 337-4934 ext 109 or 337-8309.

Respectfully submitted,  
Claire Rabbitt, RN





## SCHOOL REPORTS



### —HAWLEMONT-HEATH REGIONALIZATION — STUDY GROUP

Bob Gruen and Budge Litchfield were appointed by the Select Board to join with a subcommittee of the Hawlemont Regional School Committee to explore realities associated with Heath joining the Hawlemont Regional School District. We began our work by asking senior administrative staff from the District to conduct both an educational and a financial feasibility study. The data gathered showed that it would be very much in the interests of all three towns to join together as a three-town elementary school regional school district. The Study Group decided that amending the current Hawlemont Regional Agreement in a way that would honor the fundamental elements of the 1952 document while updating and modernizing it would be the best path forward for all parties. We have developed a series of drafts which we feel will accomplish this. There are, however, certain elements which may require special legislation to become realities. We are actively exploring this. In general, the group feels very positive about our work together and the potential benefits for all three communities.

In order for Heath to join the Hawlemont Regional School District, our town would need to withdraw from the Mohawk Trail Regional School District on a Pre-kindergarten through sixth grade level. The Mohawk Regional Agreement allows a town to vote to withdraw if their outstanding capital debt (elementary school related only in this case) has been retired and some arrangement for Other Post Retirement Benefits (OPEB) liabilities has been agreed to. The Town will vote in early 2019 on retiring the debt in question. Bob and Budge have had a number of meetings with senior District administrators to work on the OPEB matter and we find ourselves in strong conceptual agreement on the desired outcomes but recognize the need for financial and legal guidance in developing the actual mechanisms for addressing this complex matter.

In summary, there are aspects of this project that are quite complex but to date, all parties are working well together and see positive outcomes in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,  
Budge Litchfield

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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### **Hawlemont Elementary School**

Hawlemont Elementary School's vision is a community of learners where everyone will flourish. To flourish, we will work together to foster positive emotions, active engagement, strong relationships, meaning in our work, and acknowledge accomplishments. Our mission statement is: Hawlemont Elementary School provides students with high quality authentic learning experiences in partnership with families and community. Currently, our enrollment is 150 students, which includes preschool through Grade 6.

We are pleased to announce that the following students will be graduating from Hawlemont Elementary School in June of 2019: Carolynn Aubrey, Oleander Brenizer, Jacqueline Churchill, Silas Freeman, Tucker Hicks, Jaxon Kotright-Clark, Hunter Lanoue, Raia LeBreux, Katy Lengieza, Chayim Mojallali, Aiyannah Norwood, Hannah Phillips, Jenna Platek, Patrick Russell, Ari Santos, Makayla Tatro, Emma Thrower, Phineas Tuttmann, and Safiya Yaseen.

This is my first year as your principal. This year I focused on building a strong sense of community focused on GRIT (Goodwill, Responsibility, Integrity and Teamwork). This work has benefited both staff and students as we work together to support children as they grow.

The teaching and staff assignments for the 2018-2019 school year are as follows: Preschool ½ day: Bridget Lilly, Preschool Full Day: Janice Waldron-Hansen, Kindergarten: Sue Mead, First Grade: Marieanne Dambrov, Second Grade: Margaret Miller, Third Grade: Sarah Ricko, Fourth Grade: Abby Clark, Fifth Grade: Jennifer Sinistore, Sixth Grade: Stephen Bechtel, HAY Agriculture Coordinator: Amber Tulloch, Part time Agricultural Consultant: Jeanne Bruffee, Reading Specialist: Michelle Gajda, Special Education: Alyssa Collins & Valery Lively, Music Teacher: Rick Page, Music Substitute Teacher: Jonah Godfrey, Art/PE: Kylee Bourassa, ELL: Emily Eller and Psychologist/School Counselor: Anne Kaplan. We have paraprofessionals

who provide additional support in classrooms including two 1:1 Paraprofessionals. Susan Annear is our School Secretary, Paul Dinicolantonio is the Custodian, the School 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 has been working to give students opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. Six grade students have gone to Nature's Classroom in Rhode Island. The fifth grade works hard in our building to promote recycling and they are working on a biome project. In the spring fifth graders will also travel to Red Gate Farm. Fourth grade is studying states as well as learning about wind and wind turbines. The third grade spent the day at Magical Wings in Deerfield, MA to further their study of migration and insect life cycles. Second grade is researching different animals and their environments. 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.

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

The H.A.Y. (Hawlemont Agricultural and You) program is flourishing with many new and exciting initiatives this year. The H.A.Y. program has continued its weaving program for students to learn to weave as well as teaching students many different outdoor education topics. 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. We are working to start a Summer Eats Program to support students with free breakfast and lunch over the summer. The H.A.Y. program continues to be financially sustainable 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 allows 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.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Lindsay Rodriguez , Principal

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## CO-PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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### **Mohawk Trail Regional High School**

Reflecting on this year, we can see how efforts over years are being recognized and honored. An excellent example is the outstanding leadership of Coach Joe Chadwick, who began coaching at Mohawk in 1982. On December 14, 2018 Mohawk Coach Joe Chadwick broke the state record for the most wins of any coach in any sport in Massachusetts history. Joe has coached boys and girls cross-country, track, and indoor track over the years. To date, Mohawk teams Joe has coached have won 39 Western Massachusetts Championships and 5 State Championships. This year senior Meghan Davis broke the girls school course record in cross country; this was just one highlight of a season that saw the girls cross-country team with a record of 9 wins and no losses for the league championship. We congratulate Coach Chadwick on his record of inspirational leadership and appreciate the generations of Mohawk runners who have contributed to this success. This year Mohawk was awarded two substantial grants to support initiative and innovation as we bring together students, staff, families, and community members to reimagine how our school can better meet the needs of all students. In October a team of five, comprised of Mohawk Co-Principal Marisa Mendonsa, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) teachers Drue Johnson and Travis Minnick, Art teacher Rachel Silverman, and Mohawk parent representative Tim Shearer, participated in the Mass IDEAS School Design Institute, a weekend opportunity for educators and other key stakeholders to come together to “rethink school within their communities.” This work served as the springboard for the two successful grant applications.

Mohawk was awarded a \$14,800 Mass IDEAS School Design Institute mini-grant to host a weekend school design institute in January 2019 to reimagine Mohawk’s graduation requirements. Students, parents, staff, and community members convened to envision alternative pathways for innovative learning experiences. Mohawk Mass IDEAS team member Rachel Silverman explained how instrumental this process will be in helping the team to move forward with their original project ideas. “Being chosen for this grant is an honor,” said Silverman. “It acknowledges the strength of our school community and the potential we have to move education forward with bold ideas. Our redesign process is rooted in the reality that one school path doesn’t work for every student. We are creating a model that allows each learner to customize their trail through high school.”

Mohawk also received a \$150,000 Mass IDEAS planning grant to further its work in redesigning Mohawk’s student experience. As one of five schools in the state to be awarded this competitive grant, Mohawk will use the planning grant to work with educational consultants and school stakeholders to create a comprehensive plan, which includes revised academic programming, professional development, and new opportunities for students to engage in internships and innovative coursework. Funding will be rolled-out during 2019. Both grants are funded by Mass IDEAS, an initiative of Next Generation Learning Challenges at EDUCAUSE, with generous support from the Barr Foundation and the Nellie Mae Education Foundation.

Several innovations this year have expanded opportunities for student learning and collaboration, while increasing equitability and access to resources for all students. This year Mohawk launched a Design Lab, repurposing space that had been used for storage and maintenance into a light-filled Makerspace where teachers can bring their classes for creative collaborative work, including using 3-D printers and other tools. The Design Lab is an example of how educators, like Arts Integration teacher Whitney Brooks and STEM teacher Travis Minnick, could float an idea in January that was embraced by the school leadership team and brought to fruition for the beginning of the school year in August, through the support of the school community, including generous donors who helped to provide resources and tools. This year Mohawk began offering a Robotics course, taught by Mohawk teacher Downey Meyer, that students can take for college credit through Greenfield Community College (GCC). For years Mohawk students have been able to take college level courses at GCC while still in high school, but this is the first time such a course has been available in the Mohawk school building. In the fall, Mohawk issued Chromebooks to all students in grades 7-12, greatly increasing student access to online tools and resources for research and collaboration.

At the mid-point of the 2018-2019 school year, enrollment in grades 7-12 is 359. The seventh grade has 68 students and the eighth grade has 54 students. There are 65 students in grade 9, 51 in 10th grade, 50 juniors, and 66 seniors. Five students are enrolled in our post-graduate program.

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

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## 2018 GRADUATES

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### **Mohawk Trail Regional High School**

**Corinne Freeman  
Emma Gougeon  
Haley Rode**

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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### **Mohawk Trail Regional School District Hawlemont Regional School District**

During 2018, Mohawk and Hawlemont continued to lead the Massachusetts Rural Schools Coalition, which has been advocating on behalf of rural public schools across the Commonwealth since 2016.

2018 marked a major progress milestone for the coalition with the establishment of Rural School Aid within the Massachusetts FY19 budget at a funding level of \$1.5 million. Of these funds, Mohawk received \$132,932 and Hawlemont received \$23,096.

Both districts used the new Rural School Aid to fund the purchase of Chromebooks in order to support an increased educational focus on our students' digital literacy.

Mohawk implemented a 1:1 program so that all of its students in grades 7-12 are now equipped with a Chromebook as part of their educational resources. In both Mohawk and Hawlemont, a sufficient number of Chromebooks were purchased so that students in grades 3-6 would have access to a Chromebook in their classrooms.

By the end of 2018, Mohawk and Hawlemont were again leading the charge to support educational equity in Massachusetts' rural public schools. The MA Rural Public Schools Coalition proposed the introduction of a rurality factor in the Massachusetts Chapter 70 educational funding formula, which would be a more permanent fix to the current financial crisis in rural public schools within the Commonwealth. Our rural story includes the following major elements.

**FINANCIAL – EDUCATIONAL CRISIS** - While Massachusetts is among the least rural states in the U.S., according to the National Center for Education Statistics, nearly 10% of its 950,000 public school students attend school in rural communities. Within the natural beauty of these rural communities, an educational funding crisis that began during the late 1990s, has been quietly reaching epidemic proportions throughout much of Western Massachusetts and Cape Cod. In many ways, the Mohawk Trail Regional School District and the Hawlemont Regional School District, located within Franklin County in northwestern Massachusetts, have become the poster child of the unique challenges facing rural public schools within the Commonwealth.

**DECLINING ENROLLMENT** - At the center of the crisis is a severe drop in student enrollment. In the late 1990s, Mohawk's student enrollment exceeded 1,700 students in grades K-12. Today, Mohawk's enrollment has dipped below 1,000 including its pre-school students. Similarly, Hawlemont's K-6 enrollment exceeded 200 in the late 1990s and dipped below 100 in 2011. More recently, Hawlemont's enrollment has exceeded 150 with the introduction of Heath students following the closure of Heath Elementary School.

**FLAT STATE EDUCATIONAL AID** - Because the Massachusetts public education funding formula, Chapter 70, is based largely on enrollment, rural public school districts experiencing enrollment decline such as Mohawk and Hawlemont, have been receiving essentially flat state education funding for nearly 20 years.

**LACK OF ECONOMIES OF SCALE** - During this time, Mohawk and Hawlemont have struggled mightily to reduce costs. In 2008, in a desperate effort to contain runaway health care costs, Mohawk and Hawlemont were among the first regional school districts in Massachusetts to join the state's Group Insurance Commission (GIC). Additionally, in 2017, Mohawk closed one of its elementary schools (Heath Elementary). Despite such concerted efforts to reduce costs, both Mohawk's and Hawlemont's operating expenditures have slowly but persistently increased over time, which highlights a characteristic unique to rural public schools- lack of scale.

**HIGH FIXED COSTS** - Whether in Massachusetts or the Midwest, rural public school districts have higher fixed costs on a per pupil basis compared to urban and suburban districts. The reason for these higher fixed costs is their fundamental lack of scale. Take Colrain Central School within the Mohawk district as an illustration. Like many rural elementary schools in Massachusetts, Colrain is comprised of one class per grade. One kindergarten class. One first grade class. One second grade

class... and so on through grade 6. Let us imagine that enrollment in Colrain's first grade class drops from 20 to 15. While enrollment may have declined 25%, the staffing requirement cannot be reduced proportionately. Colrain's first grade class requires a full-time teacher.

**HIGH TRANSPORTATION COSTS** - Beyond fixed staffing costs, rural public school districts often face uniquely expensive transportation costs. Mohawk serves nine towns and encompasses an area greater than 250 square miles. Many of its secondary students already endure bus rides in excess of one hour to and from school. More than two hours per day on a school bus. The bottom line is that rural Massachusetts public school districts like Mohawk and Hawlemont are financially and thus, educationally, unsustainable. On the front lines of this crisis are the superintendents of schools serving these rural school districts.

**ESTABLISHING RURAL VOICE – ADVOCATING** - In the spring of 2016, a group of these superintendents established the Massachusetts Coalition of Rural Schools and have been advocating for changes in the Commonwealth's educational funding formula that factor in the unique operating conditions of rural public schools. At the heart of our advocacy is the introduction of a rurality factor in the Chapter 70 formula that would enable rural Massachusetts public school districts to provide an adequate and equitable education for our students.

The Massachusetts Coalition of Rural Schools points to the state of Wisconsin's Sparsity Aid Program as a model for the Commonwealth. Wisconsin currently provides \$400 per student to its rural public school districts. If Massachusetts were to fund its more economically disadvantaged rural public school districts at a similar level, the total cost would be approximately \$15 million annually.

**CALL TO ACTION** - Because the Massachusetts state legislature will be addressing the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission during 2019, the time to address the needs of its rural public school students is now. While the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission would increase the state's educational funding by more than one billion dollars, none of this huge increase would address the financial unsustainability of rural Massachusetts public schools.

The time is now for Massachusetts political and educational leadership to do right by our rural public school students. It is imperative that a rurality factor be introduced into the Commonwealth's Chapter 70 educational funding formula. Rural Massachusetts public school students deserve an adequate and equitable education!

On behalf of our students, I thank the entire Mohawk and Hawlemont school communities for your dedicated support of our children's education. We need your support as we continue to lead the efforts of the MA Rural Schools Coalition to achieve a level of state education funding that supports an adequate and equitable education for all rural students. THANK YOU!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael A. Buoniconiti, Superintendent of Schools  
Mohawk Trail Regional School District - Hawlemont Regional School District  
Chair, MA Rural Schools Coalition

# —FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL—

We submit this annual report for 2018 on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students.

Enrollment for member towns as of October 1, 2018 was 461 students with town breakouts as follows:

Bernardston	29	Erving	30	Montague	85	Sunderland	6
Buckland	8	Gill	11	New Salem	7	Warwick	7
Colrain	23	Greenfield	96	Northfield	28	Wendell	12
Conway	6	Heath	9	Orange	68	Whately	9
Deerfield	15	Leyden	5	Shelburne	7		

Franklin County Technical School awarded 112 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2018. 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. The state has adjusted their measures for evaluating district/school accountability. FCTS was placed in the Not Requiring Support category, which would be equivalent to being classified as a Level 2 school in past accountability ratings. Additionally, the district is meeting targets set by the Department of Education for passing rates of students of high risk with disabilities. 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 authorization 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 15 year bond is in its second year, which will impact member towns in FY20. FCTS has the advantage of utilizing vocational students and licensed instructors from carpentry, electrical, plumbing and landscaping to provide maintenance and repairs to our school grounds and facility saving member towns tens of thousands of dollars annually. These shop programs also saved member towns an estimated \$100,000 on the projects. Additionally, Automotive and Collision Repair shop programs maintain our school vehicle fleet, which reduces costly vehicle maintenance. Many of our school vehicles are used for our various constructions jobs within Franklin County and also provide for athletic transportation, which significantly reduces our overall transportation costs.

Franklin County Technical School students are learning the value of paid work opportunities through a newly revamped Cooperative Education Program (Coop). There are more than 56% of our seniors involved in paid Coop jobs and internships related to their vocational field of study.

On December 12, 2018, Franklin County Technical School's Advanced Placement (AP) test scores, were recognized by National Advanced Placement Center as one of the Commonwealth's top 18 school districts. The AP District Honor Roll recognizes school districts who have demonstrated significant increases with their AP scores for all areas. Franklin County Technical School's AP students were honored



for the percentage of students which scored 3 or higher on their AP exams. FCTS was also recognized for their diverse student population and overall participation of students taking the AP exams. Franklin County Tech offers AP courses in Computer Science, Statistics, and English Language and Composition.

Franklin County Technical School has been busy with community-based projects that act as learning opportunities for our students. Every year the shop programs, with instructors and students, embrace the authentic work that is done in our communities. The instructional nature of our work may cause the duration of a project to increase, but costs associated with a project are significantly decreased for our member communities. Following is a list of just some of the many projects completed by FCTS students and instructors within Franklin County over this past year: In Bernardston, the Carpentry program has begun working with the town to build a new transfer station building. In Buckland, Landscaping students have installed a playground and rehabilitated a ballfield for the recreation department. Electrical students completed an annual clean up and placement of flags at Colrain's Farley Cemetery. In Gill, Landscaping students worked the Source to Sea Watershed cleanup; and built raised garden beds and an outdoor classroom at the Gill Elementary School. The Culinary Arts program once again assisted the Sheriff's Department at the "Senior Safety Expo" at Schuetzen Verein by preparing and serving food to participants. Landscaping students conducted a fall cleanup and pruning at the North Cemetery in Leyden, as well as refurbishing a wishing well at the cemetery, with our CAD/CAM students creating a plaque for the well.

In Greenfield, students in the Pre-Employment Program visit clients at the Greenfield Adult Day services each month to make crafts and play games with the clients. The Cosmetology program visits GVNA HealthCare, Charlene Manor and Poet Seat Health Care to provide hand massage and nail painting for the clients, and Health Tech students offer chair yoga, relaxation, nail care and aroma touch hand therapy to adult health care clients, as well. Health Tech students also work with the faculty at the Parent Child Development Center (PCDC) to create and teach health and safety topics to preschoolers and parents in Greenfield and Turners Falls; and also volunteer at the annual YMCA Girls Day Out event. Plumbing and Electrical students have completed work on the Habitat for Humanity house on Smith Street. Electrical students continue to volunteer at the Relay for Life with wiring and setup help. Carpentry and Landscaping were involved in work on a new cabin for Camp Keewanee. They also built and installed six ADA accessible picnic tables for the Poet Seat Health Care Center. Future Farmers of America (Landscaping students) donated generously to this year's annual food drive that is conducted school wide, with the food being donated to the Family Inn in Greenfield.

Within the Millers Falls/Turners Falls/Montague area, Electrical has installed a new paddle fan and security lighting at the Turners Falls airport and updated the pilots lounge. The Landscaping program is contracted to grow naturalizing plants and bushes for the airport, and have installed temporary irrigation. The Electrical program students are involved in the electrical wiring of the new Ja'Duke Performing Arts Center.

In Orange, Landscaping worked on a Memorial garden in town. Carpentry students worked on the Athol/Orange Regional Animal Shelter and worked with our Electrical

students at the Orange Municipal Airport. In Shelburne, Landscaping did a fall cleanup of the Hill Cemetery; and Collision and Repair provided major renovations to the Bridge of Flowers donation box. Landscaping rehabilitated Cricket Field and installed sod at the ballfield.

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 Chair  
Mr. Richard J. Martin, Superintendent-Director

**Franklin County Technical School District Committee 2018**

Bernardston-Bradley Stafford; Buckland-Laura J. Earl; Colrain-Nicole Slowinski;  
Conway-Brian Kuzmeskus; Deerfield-David Thiel; Erving-Robert F. Bitzer; Gill-Sandy Brown;  
Greenfield-Paul R. Doran, Christopher L. Joseph, Mark M. Maloney, Donna M. Woodcock;  
Heath-Arthur A. Schwenger; Leyden-Gerald N. Levine; Montague-Richard J. Kuklewicz, Chairperson;  
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**2018 GRADUATES**

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**Franklin County Technical School**

**Matthew Austin Brooks**  
**Matthew James Timothy Lively**  
**Lukas Martin Bird**  
**Leah Merman Wozniak**  
**James Steven Waldron**

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**SPECIAL EDUCATION & PUPIL SERVICES**

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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. 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, Colrain and Sanderson transitioned to having one full-time Speech Pathologist versus a part-time Speech Pathologist and an assistant. This model has increased consistency and support for our students, while being cost effective. Sanderson continues to have a Speech Pathologist. With an increased need for counseling services for all students, each school has begun to

increase this level of support. BSE and Sanderson have a full-time School Psychologist, Colrain and BSE share an Adjustment Counselor and Hawlemont has a four-day per week School Psychologist, the Middle and High School have a full-time Adjustment Counselor and School Psychologist. The level of services in each building is based on population and the need and level of services legally required by an IEP.

The districts are legally obligated to support a SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee). The meetings have not been well attended. The focus has been on providing workshops to parents such as: Transition to Middle School, Internet Safety, and Rights and Responsibilities in Special Education. The districts will continue to support workshops and informational sessions to parents.

The districts continue to support several substantially separate programs for students

- Students requiring the support of a BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst). The program is located at BSE and currently serves 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 70% of the time.
- Mohawk Supported Classroom, located in the Middle and High School. The program supports students with social emotional needs. Students receive educational support both in the program and within the general education setting.
- Mohawk Vocational Program. Services students with Intellectual Disabilities who require a higher level of support. The program also supports those students who are eligible to remain in school until age 22, focusing on transition and vocational skills.

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 60 applications, 20 were from seniors and 40 were from graduates. The Committee feels that seniors have multiple scholarship opportunities from other sources while graduates have fewer resources. 19 scholarships totaling \$9,100 were awarded to seniors, 38 scholarships totaling \$21,000 were given to graduates.

From 1991 until 2018 a total of \$974,225 has been awarded in scholarships. Mohawk seniors have received \$299,875 and \$674, 350 has been awarded to graduates.

Once again, the applications are available online for the graduates and senior can pick up their application at Mohawk.

Press releases were published in both the Independent and 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; Sheila Graves (Ashfield), Marion Scott (Buckland), Marge Porrovecchio (Charlemont), Michelle Hillman (Colrain), Eric Sumner (Heath), Alice Parker Pyle (Hawley), Allen Irvine (Plainfield), Marion Taylor (Shelburne), and Laurie Pike (Rowe); three at large members appointed by the School Committee; Hussein Hamdan, David Engle and Gloria Cronin Fisher; a past School Committee member; Robin Hartnett; current School Committee member; Suzanne Crawford; and the chairman of the School Committee; Martha Thurber.

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

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## MARY LYON FOUNDATION, INC.

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### *Innovative Support of Local Education*

Highlights of the year include the launch of the Guardian Angel Fund to benefit children and their families in difficult circumstances. An anonymous matching pledge of \$5,000 was received in memory of Anna Marie Townsend who was a student at the BSE school in the 1960's. The Mary Lyon Foundation received a Capacity Grant from the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts to develop a Strategic Plan. Also, in memory of Carlton Roberts, well-known local contractor, \$2,880 was donated to benefit the Mohawk wood shop.

The most successful annual Community Spelling Bee to date was held November 29 at Mohawk Trail Regional School. There were 30 teams of three participants vying for the coveted Grand Championship won in the final round by Jim Kessler, Jackie Walsh and Rick Leskowitz as the Pothole Pixies. Major Queen Bee sponsors of the event were the Greenfield Savings Bank and Clark's Corvair Parts. The spelling bee raises money for the Mary Lyon Foundation's popular Mini-Grant

program which awards competitive grants to school district staff for educational, replicable, innovative school-based projects.

The Mary Lyon Foundation is always busy during the holiday season, and this year was no different. We are very fortunate to have so many supportive individuals and organizations right here in western Massachusetts helping us do our work. One such outstanding person is UMass track star Heather MacLean who organized our Track for Success program. Through her sponsorship with New Balance, Heather and fellow graduate student Sam Downes delivered a dozen pair of brand new sneakers that were distributed to Mohawk students by coaches Joe Chadwick and Tim Shearer.

For many years an anonymous local donor has brought two truckloads of Christmas trees for the Mary Lyon Foundation to distribute to families with children who need a little extra boost during the holiday season. Early in December the freshly cut trees were delivered to Mohawk where our office is located. With the help of the Mohawk Vocational Program the trees were decorated with paper snowflakes. The Betty Allen DAR chapter in Northampton provided brand new warm hats, mittens and scarves to also adorn the trees, so when families came to make their selection, they could take advantage of the colorful, wearable decorations.

Other agencies also provided unique support. Warm jackets were donated by the Knights of Columbus through St. Joseph's church in Shelburne Falls, a project spearheaded by Deacon Tom Rabbit and parishioner Larry Wells. The Greenfield Lodge of Elks brought baskets of Thanksgiving turkey dinners with all the trimmings for needy families, and the United Way of Franklin County donated brand new toys. Families were invited to the office to select toys for their children, then wrap and tag the presents. The festive occasion was organized by volunteer Sandy Gilbert, and everyone left with gifts ready to be placed under the tree.

We thank our many generous supporters including the Myrtle Atkinson Foundation, United Way of Franklin County, Mayhew Steel, Greenfield Savings Bank, Greenfield Northampton Cooperative Bank, Bristol Myers Squibb, Titan Roofing, Blackmer Insurance Agency and the countless individuals and businesses that support our work. We are especially grateful to the Mohawk Trail Regional School District for office space at the high school.

Members of the board during 2018 were Brenda Parrella, Nancy Eisenstein, Emily Willis, Marion Taylor, Sylvia Orcutt, Karen Fairbrother, Katherine McKay, Peter Stevens, and Laurie Benoit. Longtime board member Susan Schuman succumbed to a battle against cancer and will be remembered for her dedication to excellence in education. Student representatives to the board are Grace Poplawski and Mae Rice-Lesure. Bruce Willard, Sharon Hudson and Hugh Knox are Lifetime Honorary Board Members. Sandy Gilbert and Rita Jaros volunteer in the office; Phil Gilfeather-Girton is our Business Manager who replaces Gina Sieber.

Susan Samoriski and Sheila Damkoehler  
Co-Executive Directors



# REGIONAL REPORTS

## FRANKLIN COUNTY

### COOPERATIVE BUILDING INSPECTION PROGRAM

Dear Residents of Heath:

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-three 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 2018 we issued 2,461 permits, including a significant number of insulation upgrade, solar array and wood/pellet stove permits. A total of 24 new dwelling units were constructed in our 15 member towns.

Our online permitting program went live on July 1, 2011 and has issued 18,425 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 5,066 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 2018, the FCCIP processed the following permits for Heath:

Residential Building Permits	35
Commercial Building Permits	4
Sheet Metal/Duct Permits	2
Electrical Permits	24
Plumbing Permits	7
Gas Permits	14
Certificates of Inspection	3
Solid Fuel	8
Fire Protection	0
Tents	2

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 113.

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

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## SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

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

A review of recycling tonnage for 2018 shows a level amount of recycling tonnage compared to 2017. District residents recycled just over 3,000 tons of paper and containers. The recyclables were processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility and sold for reuse at domestic mills. Because of a long-term contract, town recycling programs have not been directly affected by the market disruptions in China.

In 2018, 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 60 tons of material were recycled or disposed of from the two collections. A total of 627 households participated in these collection events. That is 8% more participation than in 2017.

We held our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2018. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. A total of 300 households participated in this event. 41% of participants were using the collection for the first time.

We applied for and received grants from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection worth \$90,000 for District towns. Some grant funding is a result of a town's successful waste management infrastructure. Other grants include equipment to make town transfer stations more efficient.

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

Jan Ameen - Executive Director  
Jonathan Lagreze, Colrain – Chair  
Chris Boutwell, Montague - Vice-Chair  
MA Swedlund, Deerfield – Treasurer  
Robbie Chiodo, Wendell - Clerk

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## FRCOG SERVICES TO HEATH

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### Franklin Regional Council of Governments

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments provides a variety of services, programming and advocacy to the municipalities of Franklin County. Our Planning Department assists with local planning issues like zoning and hazard mitigation 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. We provide substance use and chronic disease prevention through our Partnership for Youth. And our Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security Programs provide a variety of aid and assistance to our first responders and health emergency officials. The FRCOG's 2018 Annual Report, which will be available in April of 2019 and on [www.frcog.org](http://www.frcog.org) shortly thereafter, will highlight our work over the past year. FRCOG provided the following specific services to Heath in 2018:

#### **Collective Bidding & Purchasing Program**

- Contracted with Heath to deliver collective bid pricing for up to 24 different Highway Products and Services. Total estimated highway needs for FY19 is \$419,374.
- Assisted the Town with the Heating Fuel, Gasoline, and Diesel Fuel bids.
- Assisted the Town with the Dog Tags and Licenses collective bid program.
- Assisted the Town with the Elevator Maintenance Program.
- Assisted the Town with Fire Alarm Testing and Maintenance Program.
- Issued a Request for Interest for disposition of the former Heath Elementary School.
- Issued a bid for energy audit services as part of their Green Communities grant.



## **Cooperative Public Health Service (CPHS) Health District**

*Heath is a comprehensive member of CPHS health district, sharing health agents and a public health nurse.*

- Assisted with Title-5 (septic) related activities including 10 Soil Evaluations for septic systems, 8 septic system plan reviews (Including 5 Local Upgrade Approvals) including site visits and final inspections of installations, and witnessing 19 Title-5 Inspections prior to property transfer.
- Conducted inspections: 2 food, 1 temporary food event, 1 temporary lodging & 1 nuisance complaint.
- Thirty residents received low-cost tick tests through a Board of Health subsidy, saving \$1,050. Twenty-seven percent of ticks tested positive for Lyme, and an additional 3% for either Anaplasmosis, Miyamotoi, or Babesiosis. The nurse provided prevention materials and helped with the on-line system.
- Provided health screening services at 10 food distributions; 37 area residents made 70 nurse visits.
- Completed state-mandated infectious disease investigations, reporting and monitoring of 178 CPHS district cases — 9 from Heath and 3 requiring further in-depth investigation and reporting.
- Coordinated vaccine availability and supplies for a Flu Clinic serving 47 area residents.
- Coordinated vaccine and staffing for a flu clinic and Hawlemont Regional Emergency Response Drill for Charlemont, Hawley, Heath, Monroe, and Rowe. A total of 16 area residents were vaccinated.
- Offered medication lock boxes, pill sorters, mercury thermometer collection and exchange and sharps disposal and container exchange. Exchanged 136 sharps containers and 5 thermometers.

## **Emergency Preparedness Program**

- Provided technical assistance and facilitated Select board members and police from 4 towns discussing shared police services. This process produced a draft policing agreement, and a steering committee.
- Helped health board members and the emergency management director participated in a tabletop exercise to test the Hawlemont Emergency Dispensing Site Plan.

## **Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program**

- Issued 3 Certificates of Inspection; and 51 building, 24 electrical, and 21 plumbing/gas permits.

## **Partnership for Youth**

- Conducted a Teen Health Survey assessing student attitudes and behaviors. Reported to Mohawk
- Provided a consultant to the Mohawk District for technical assistance on school nutrition best practices.
- Trained, assisted with tech, and evaluated the District's substance use prevention curriculum.

## **Planning and Development Department**

- Helped the Town meet the Green Community criteria, designated in December. The town was granted \$129,582 to implement energy efficiencies for Town facilities and equipment.
- Administered a Municipal Energy Technical Assistance grant to complete American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers Level II energy audits of Town buildings.
- Secured Brownfields funding to finalize a Phase I Environmental Assessment for 3 Ledges Road.
- Completed a data request for a resident of the town.
- Prepared a project area map for use in the MassWorks application.
- Conducted traffic counts on Avery Brook Road, Burrington Road, and South Road.
- Updated and redistributed the Walk Franklin County Map.
- Began updating the town's Open Space and Recreation Plan.
- Assisted with state legislation designating the 11-town Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership region to bring additional financial and technical resources to support natural resource based economic development, forest conservation & municipal financial sustainability.

## **Special Projects**

- Explored the feasibility of creating a regional IT network for multiple municipalities, conducting a comprehensive inventory of existing municipal computer hardware and software.
- Helped research and develop a regional Animal Control Officer program shared by six towns.

## **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.

### **Collective Purchasing**

Department Head Procurement Training – 3

### **Cooperative Public Health Service**

Vaping and Marijuana Use – 3

### **Emergency Preparedness & Response**

Chemical Safety & Emergency Response – 1

Deerfield River Tabletop Exercise – 2

MAPCHO Annual Meeting – 4

Emergency Preparedness Tabletop Exercise – 1

Sharing Fire/EMS Services in West County – 1

State of Preparedness in Franklin County – 2

### **Municipal Official Continuing Education Series**

Cannabis Control Commission – 5

Census "Complete Count" – 1

Vacant and Abandoned Buildings: Options – 2

### **Planning, Conservation, and Development**

Repairing Historic Windows – 1

## — FRED W. WELLS TRUST FUND —

This trust fund was established under the will of Fred W. Wells. Mr. Wells, a former resident of Greenfield, directed that a portion of income from the fund be used for awarding scholarships in agricultural, mechanical or professional fields. Funds available for the fiscal year 2018/2019 were \$258,130 (inclusive of unused scholarship money from previous years that was reallocated to be granted this year).

The Trustees received 213 applications and approved 209 of those received. Trustees awarded a total of \$209,000. This amount includes two \$1,000 scholarships in honor of Ralph and Hilda Haskins. The Trustees worked diligently throughout the year to provide all eligible applicants an award to assist their education.

**Health** - *Four applicants were provided grants totaling \$36,330.*

Community Action Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program	\$ 8,000
Life Path Inc. for Meals on Wheels	\$ 7,000
New England Learning Center for Women in Transition (NELCWIT)	\$ 7,000
Community Health Center of Franklin County (CHCFC)	\$14,330

**Agriculture** - *Three applicants were provided grants totaling \$12,800.*

Franklin County Agricultural Society	\$ 7,296
Heath Agricultural Society	\$ 4,480
Shelburne Grange Fair	\$ 1,024

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Grinnell

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## MOHAWK TRAIL WOODLANDS PARTNERSHIP (MTWP)

For information contact Peggy Sloan, Director of Planning & Development, FCRCG at [psloan@frcog](mailto:psloan@frcog)

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