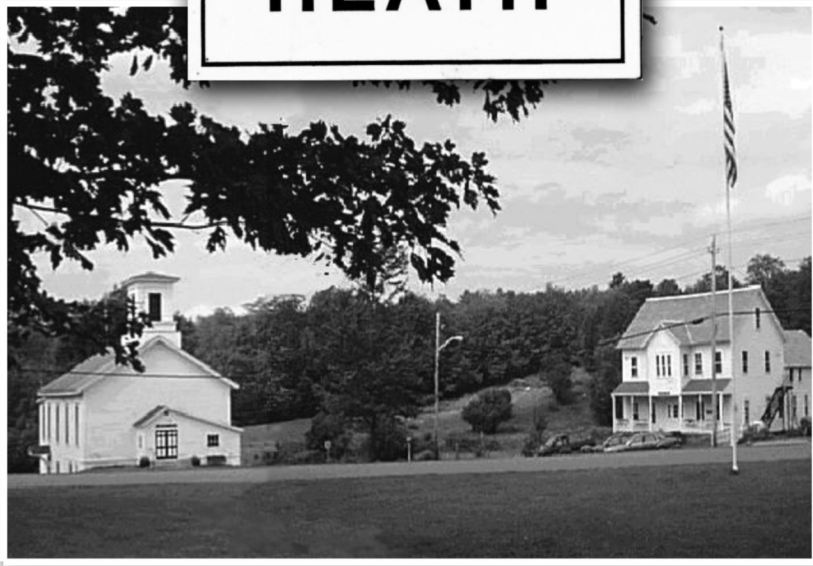


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ANNUAL REPORT**



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DEDICATION RUTH JOHNSON



Born, raised and having lived most of her life in Heath, Ruth (Landstrom, Law) Johnson has dedicated her life to helping others. Ruth was, and is, a devoted daughter, wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend to many individuals. Growing up with two older sisters on her family's farm, she returned after college and a year away, taking over the farm with her husband and raising four children, teaching them to be responsible citizens.

Ruth earned her master's degree in her forties, and held a brown belt in Judo. For many years she served as superintendent of the exhibit hall for the Heath Fair and then continued to volunteer in the hall into her late 80s. A dedicated member of the Heath Union Church her entire life, she held positions as a Sunday school teacher, choir director, organist, clerk, and deacon. Dedication to her community included being active in community suppers and a member of the Heath Ladies Aid, an organization that supports scholarships for local students.

She was a dedicated classroom teacher for thirty something years teaching generations of Heath school children. Continuing her dedication to shaping future leaders of the town and community, she was a den mother for cub scouts, feeder bus driver and carpooled numerous kids to swim lessons and little league games.

In the midst of all this, Ruth still found the time to give back to the town and community she loved. She was the town's tax collector for 19 years. Following her love for the natural beauty of Heath and environmental concerns, the Conservation Commission was begun and chaired under her tutelage where she served for many years. Although at 93 years young, much of her activity is curtailed, Ruth still stays concerned and up-to-date with town and country news.

In deep appreciation for a life-time of service to the town, thank you Ruth for all you have given to Heath and its residents.

DEDICATION 2021: THE YEAR OF THE ESSENTIAL WORKER

This year we honor and celebrate those who served the Heath community as Essential Workers during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Whether a town employee or a faithful volunteer, their work touched the lives of us all, every day, during this crucial period.

To list them all is a difficult task, as there are so many brave and dedicated souls in this company. We relied on our Emergency Management Team, Board of Health, and town nurse to develop and update health and safety precautions on a day-to-day and week-to-week basis. They spent countless hours reading, researching, and studying data and official guidelines while attending Zoom meetings with local and state health experts, keeping us informed with each update in information and mandate on an as needed and regular basis. Working with cohorts from around the county, they also designed and managed vaccination clinics, while helping to ensure that the most vulnerable among us were able to access these clinics.

Likewise, we have many town employees who worked throughout the Pandemic, at times from home, often communicating through Zoom meetings and email. Those who needed the use of their office to do the business of the town willingly staggered their work hours as they followed strict building access safety protocols. Our faithful highway department came to work every day, continuing to ensure that our roads were plowed and in good repair. Likewise, our Fire Department, EMT, and Police Department were at the ready for any emergency, always ensuring our safety. Essential office staff, the Town Clerk, Board of Health Clerk, and Town Coordinator, provided the necessary support and communications that were needed for residents and officials during this challenging time.

We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. We wouldn't have made it without you!



TOWN OFFICERS

	Term Expires
Select Board (3)	
Robyn Provost-Carlson, Chair	2022
Brian DeVriese	2023
Susan Lively, Secretary	2024
Assessors (3)	
Anne Emmet	2023
Robyn Provost-Carlson	2024
Heidi Griswold, Chair	2022
Moderator (3)	
Eric Sumner	2023
Constables	
William Emmet	2023
Steve Thane	2024
School Committee	
Budge Litchfield	2024
Barbara Rode	2022
Planning Board (5)	
Douglas Mason, Chair	2023
Bill Gran	2022
Jo Travis	2024
Robert Viarengo	2025
Peter Charow	2026
Finance Committee (3)	
Thomas Lively, Chair	2024
Edwin Wolf	2024
Robert McGahan	2024
William Emmet	2023
Alice Wozniak	2022
Library Trustees (3)	
Deborah Porter, Chair	2024
Maureen O'Malley	2022
Emily Cross	2023
Municipal Light Board (5)	
Art Schwenger, Chair	2024
Edwin Wolf	2024
Anne Emmet	2023
David Gordon	2023
Bill Fontes	2022
Fence Viewer	
Assessors	2022
Tree Warden	
Alanson Nichols	2022
Measurers of Wood & Bark	
William Clark	2022
Alanson Nichols	2022

Field Drivers	Term Expires
Michelle Howe	2022
Jonathan Diamond	2022
Karen Brooks	2022
Nina Marshall	2022
Brian De Vriese	2022
Michael Freeman	2022
Jeff Peck	2022
Sexton	
Matthew Lively	2022
Burial Agent	
Mary Sumner, Town Clerk	2022

TOWN BOARDS APPOINTED BY SELECT BOARD

Board of Health (5)	
Gene Garland, Chair	2023
Barbara Gordon	2022
Susan Gruen	2022
Lorraine Berger	2023
Elissa Viarengo	2024
John Palmer	resigned
Betsy Kovacs	resigned
Armand Clavette	resigned
Henry Godek	resigned
Zoning Board of Appeals (5)	
Robert Gruen	2023
Alanson Nichols	2025
Pam Porter	2024
Alice Wozniak	2022
Vacant	

SELECT BOARD APPOINTMENTS

**Hired + Stipend

Chairman, Select Board	Robyn Provost-Carlson
Secretary, Select Board	Susan Lively
Town Coordinator**	Hilma Sumner
Office Assistant**	Nancy Thane
Board of Health Clerk**	Kate Peppard
Treasurer**	Melanie Medon (Jan.-Sept.), Kristi Nartowicz
Accountant**	David Fierro
Tax Collector**	Elizabeth Nichols
Americans w/Disabilities Rep.	Maya Jalbert
Animal Inspector+	vacant
Animal Inspector (Rabies)+	vacant
Animal Control Officer +	Kyle Dragon (FC Sheriff's Office)
Building Maintenance Coordinator**	Timothy Lively
Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Rep.	Robert Gruen
Emergency Management Director+	Timothy Lively
E 911 Coordinator	Ken Gilbert

FRCOG Representative
 FRCOG Planning Board Rep.
 FRCOG Alternate Planning Board Rep.
 FC Regional Dog Kennel Rep.
 FC Regional Dog Kennel Rep. Alternate
 Three-Town Landfill Committee Rep.
 FCCIP Representative
 Fire Chief+
 Forest Fire Warden
 Franklin Regional Transit Authority Rep.
 Franklin County Solid Waste Mgmt Dist. Rep.
 Fred G. Wells Trustee
 Highway Road Supervisor**
 Highway Personnel **

Highway Department Liaison
 Building Commissioner
 Inspector, Electrical
 Inspector, Plumbing & Gas
 Licensing Board
 Local Emergency Planning Committee Rep.
 LEPC consists of:

MLP Manager
 Police Chief**
 Police Officers**

Post Office Manager**
 Post Office Substitutes**

Election Workers+

Alternate Election Workers+

Senior Center Coordinator+
 Selectboard Correspondent to Heath Herald
 Tax Title Attorney
 Town Counsel
 Town Nurse**
 Town Nurse Substitute**
 Transfer Station Attendant **
 Veterans' Agent
 Veterans' Graves Officer
 Veterans' Representative
 WiredWest Delegate
 WiredWest Alternate

Brian DeVriese
 David Travers
 Brian DeVriese
 Susan Lively
 Robyn Provost Carlson
 Select Board
 Brian DeVriese
 Nick Anzuoni
 Nick Anzuoni
 Brian DeVriese
 Hilma Sumner
 Dianne Grinnell
 Jeffrey Johnston
 Michael Shattuck
 Dohn Sherman
 Jason Lively
 Robyn Provost-Carlson
 James Hawkins
 Tom McDonald
 Andrew K. French
 Brian DeVriese
 Robyn Provost-Carlson
 Fire Chief
 Police Chief Highway Supervisors
 Selectboard Members
 Emergency Mgmt. Director
 Sheila Litchfield
 John McDonough
 Lee Lively
 Clay Herbert
 Frances Noyes
 Charlene Reynolds
 Bill Fontes
 Kate Peppard
 Art Schwenger
 Lorena Loubsky
 Nancy Thane
 Don Dekker (retired 6/21)
 Maureen O'Malley
 Eileen McVay-Lively
 Jenna Day
 vacant
 vacant
 Brian De Vriese
 Berenson & Bloom, Esquires
 KP Law, P. C.
 Claire Rabbitt
 Victoria Burrington
 Ken Erho
 Brian Brooks
 Dennis Peters
 Dennis Peters
 Sheila Litchfield
 Art Schwenger

COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS

Agricultural Commission	All 5 seats vacant
Building Facilities Committee	David Travers Tom Lively Mike Cucchiara Will Emmet Steve Thane
Building Use Committee	Pam Porter Mary Sumner Robin Jenkins Victoria Burrington Susan Gruen Lyra Johnson-Fuller Pat McGahan Barbara Travers (resigned 8/21)
Cemetery Commission	Claire Rabbitt Jerry Gilbert Eric Sumner
Conservation Commission	Heather Row Brian DeVriese Pam Porter Henry Josephson Buck (Bernard) Den Ouden Bill Lattrell, Consultant
Council on Aging	Victoria Burrington Susan Lively Donna Hyytinen Margaret Freeman Cathy Tallen
Cultural Council (3 year)	Rachel Grabelsky 2024 Heather Row 2024 Martin Newman 2024 John Clark 2023 Barbara Gordon 2023
Energy Advisory Committee	Brian DeVriese Steve Thane Bill Gran (resigned 6/21) Steve Ryack Bill Lattrell vacant
Hawlemont Regionalization Study Team	Ken Roche Budge Litchfield Bob Gruen Barbara Rode

Heath Veteran's Memorial Committee

Jerry Gilbert
Dennis Peters
Peter Smith
Hormidas Lively

Historical Commission

Heather Hathwell
Nina Marshall
Jayne Dane
Susan Gruen
vacant

MLP Advisory Committee (ended 5/7/2021)

Anne Emmet
Paul Dabrody
Jan Carr
Ned Wolf
Art Schwenger

Parks and Recreation Committee

Kate Peppard
Shahid Jalil
Mike Cucchiara
Jenna Day
vacant

Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership
Advisory Committee (FRCOG)

Art Schwenger

Community Economic Development
Strategy Representative (FRCOG) (3 year)

Art Schwenger 2023

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

Franklin County Technical School Rep

Art Schwenger

APPOINTED BY LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Library Director

Kate Barrows (appointed 8/1/21)

Assistant Library Director

Donald J. Purington (retired 7/31/21)
Lyra Johnson Fuller



FINANCIAL REPORTS

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT 2021 VITAL RECORDS

The following is the number of vital records that have been recorded within the town during 2021.

Births - 5
Marriages - 4
Deaths - 8

2021 DOG LICENSES SOLD

Male Dogs
18@\$10 \$180

Female Dogs
20@\$10 \$200

Neutered Male Dogs
55@\$5 \$275

Spayed Female
42@\$5 \$210

Total:

135 Single Licenses	\$865.00
Less License & Tag Expenses	-97.13
Paid to Revolving Dog Fund	\$767.87

TOWN OF HEATH FY 2021 — COMBINED BALANCE SHEET ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS AS OF 6/30/2022 (UNAUDITED)

	Governmental Fund Types			Fund Types Trust and Agency	Groups		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects		Long-term Debt		
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	589,072.27	255,795.61	296,749.51	266,914.67			1,408,532.06

Investments							0.00
Receivables:							
Real estate taxes	46,377.43						46,377.43
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(18,405.67)						(18,405.67)
Tax liens	34,981.73						34,981.73
Motor vehicle excise	20,920.91						20,920.91
Other receivables		18,126.58					18,126.58
Foreclosures/Possessions	54,684.94						54,684.94
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds					1,147,370.73		1,147,370.73
Amounts to be provided - vacation/sick leave							0.00
Total Assets	727,631.61	273,922.19	296,749.51	266,914.67			2,712,588.71
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY							
Liabilities:							
Accrued payroll	15,830.76						15,830.76
Withholdings	432.66						432.66
Other liabilities	500.00						500.00
Deferred revenue:							
Real and personal property taxes	27,971.76						27,971.76
Tax liens	34,981.73						34,981.73
Foreclosures/Possessions	54,684.94						54,684.94
Motor vehicle excise	20,920.91						20,920.91
Other receivables		18,126.58					18,126.58
Agency Funds				4,852.74			4,852.74
Notes payable			450,000.00				450,000.00
Bonds payable							
Total Liabilities	155,322.76	18,126.58	450,000.00	4,852.74			1,147,370.73
FUND EQUITY							
Reserved for continuing appropriations	246,107.31						246,107.31
Undesignated fund balance	326,201.54	255,795.61	(153,250.49)	262,061.93			690,808.59
Total Fund Equity	572,308.85	255,795.61	(153,250.49)	262,061.93		0.00	936,915.90
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	727,631.61	273,922.19	296,749.51	266,914.67			2,712,588.71

TOWN OF HEATH FY 2021 — GENERAL FUND REVENUE AS OF 6/30/2022

<u>Taxes and Excises</u>	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-110-000 Personal Property Taxes		233,417.48		233,417.48	233,417.48	0.00
01-4-120-000 Real Estate Taxes		1,898,449.88		1,898,449.88	1,992,371.56	-93,921.68
01-4-142-000 Tax Liens Redeemed				0.00	11,283.52	-11,283.52
01-4-150-000 Motor Vehicle Excise		85,000.00		85,000.00	87,978.04	-2,978.04
01-4-150-001 Post Abatement Excise Tax				0.00	442.34	-442.34
01-4-171-000 Interest on Property Tax		17,000.00		17,000.00	20,451.69	-3,451.69
01-4-172-000 Interest on Motor Veh Ex				0.00	1,121.07	-1,121.07
01-4-173-000 Interest on Tax Titles				0.00	1,592.87	-1,592.87
Taxes and Excises Totals:						
		2,233,867.36		2,233,867.36	2,348,658.57	-114,791.21
<u>Charges for Services</u>						
01-4-235-000 Transfer station stickers/bag t		24,000.00		24,000.00	26,165.00	-2,165.00
01-4-250-000 Heath School Use Fees		5,000.00		5,000.00	4,750.00	250.00
Charges for Services Totals:						
		29,000.00		29,000.00	30,915.00	-1,915.00
<u>Fees</u>						
01-4-320-001 Police Fees				0.00	839.00	-839.00
01-4-320-004 RMV Marking Fees		200.00		200.00	1,040.00	-840.00
01-4-322-000 Fees Retained -Tax Collec		8,000.00		8,000.00	9,670.01	-1,670.01

01-4-329-000 Town Clerk Fees		120.00		120.00	921.80	-801.80
Fees Totals:						
		8,320.00		8,320.00	12,470.81	-4,150.81
<u>Licenses and Permits</u>						
01-4-420-000 Police gun Licenses		100.00		100.00	875.00	-775.00
Licenses and Permits Totals:						
		100.00		100.00	875.00	-775.00
<u>Federal Revenue</u>						
01-4-540-000 USPS Contract Revenue		20,600.00		20,600.00	20,642.04	-42.04
Federal Revenue Totals:						
		20,600.00		20,600.00	20,642.04	-42.04
<u>State Revenue</u>						
01-4-611-000 State Owned Land		4,526.00		4,526.00	4,382.00	144.00
01-4-616-000 Elderly Abatements		4,885.00		4,885.00	3,658.00	1,227.00
01-4-667-000 Veterans Benefits		3,210.00		3,210.00	3,296.00	-86.00
01-4-671-000 Unrestricted General Gov't. A		88,845.00		88,845.00	88,845.00	0.00
State Revenue Totals:						
		101,466.00		101,466.00	100,181.00	1,285.00
<u>Other Intergovernmental Revenue</u>						
01-4-770-001 CMVI Fines				0.00	75.00	-75.00
01-4-770-003 Library Fines				0.00	11.00	-11.00
Other Intergovernmental Revenue Totals:						
				0.00	86.00	-86.00

TOWN OF HEATH FY 2021 — GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE AS OF 6/30/2022

General Government		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-114-000	Moderator Stipend		100.00		100.00	100.00	0.00 100%
01-5-122-000	Selectmen's Stipend-Membe		2,000.00		2,000.00	2,375.00	-375.00 119%
01-5-122-001	Selectmen's Stipend-Chair		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00 100%
01-5-122-003	Selectmen Oper. Expenses		3,000.00		3,000.00	1,650.55	1,349.45 55%
01-5-123-004	Salary Town Coordinator		52,983.00	550.30	53,533.30	53,533.30	0.00 100%
01-5-123-005	Salary Office Assistant		1,050.00		1,050.00	607.50	442.50 58%
01-5-124-000	Office Supplies		1,700.00		1,700.00	895.39	804.61 53%
01-5-131-000	Finance Committee Expense		250.00		250.00	135.00	115.00 54%
01-5-131-001	Fin. Comm. Chair Stipend		750.00		750.00	750.00	0.00 100%
01-5-131-002	Fin. Comm. Member Stipend		2,000.00		2,000.00	1,937.35	62.65 97%
01-5-132-000	Reserve Fund		4,500.00	-1,040.00	3,460.00		3,460.00
01-5-135-005	Town Accountant Expense		21,375.00		21,375.00	19,800.00	1,575.00 93%
01-5-135-013	Accountant's Support		497.52		497.52	0.00	497.52 0%
01-5-141-000	Assessors Stipend-Chair		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00 100%
01-5-141-001	Assessors Stipend-Members		2,000.00	0.08	2,000.08	2,000.08	0.00 100%
01-5-141-002	Assessor's Expenses		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,196.06	303.94 88%
01-5-141-003	Assessor's Software		2,750.00		2,750.00	2,600.00	150.00 95%
01-5-141-004	Assessor's Mapping		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00 100%
01-5-141-007	Assessor's Consultant Exp		6,750.00		6,750.00	6,750.00	0.00 100%

01-5-141-008	Salary Assistant Assessor		16,134.85	1,792.79	17,927.64	17,927.64	0.00 100%
01-5-145-000	Treasurer's Salary		12,323.41		12,323.41	11,650.35	673.06 95%
01-5-145-002	Treasurer's Expense		3,500.00	1,173.50	4,673.50	4,673.50	0.00 100%
01-5-146-000	Salary Tax Collector		18,058.68		18,058.68	18,058.68	0.00 100%
01-5-146-003	Tax Collector Expense		2,940.00	4.71	2,944.71	2,944.71	0.00 100%
01-5-146-004	Tax Taking/Liens		1,900.00	747.28	2,647.28	2,647.28	0.00 100%
01-5-151-000	Legal Fees		7,000.00	15,000.00	22,000.00	21,990.50	9.50 100%
01-5-157-001	Salary Post Office Manage		22,975.70	1,036.85	24,012.55	23,148.54	864.01 96%
01-5-157-005	Salary Post Office Substi		1,443.75		1,443.75	2,293.53	-849.78 159%
01-5-157-006	Post Office Mgr. Surety				0.00	0.00	0.00 0%
01-5-161-000	Salary Town Clerk		18,961.22		18,961.22	18,961.22	0.00 100%
01-5-161-001	Town Clerk's Expense		2,500.00		2,500.00	1,836.45	663.55 73%
01-5-161-003	Town Clerk Certification Stip		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00 100%
01-5-162-000	Election Workers Stipend		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00 100%
01-5-171-000	Conserv. Comm. Expense		350.00		350.00	143.00	207.00 41%
01-5-171-001	Con. Comm. Consultant Exp.		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00 100%
01-5-175-001	Planning Board Expenses		380.00		380.00	363.09	16.91 96%
01-5-175-002	Plan. Bd. Chair Stipend		375.00		375.00	375.00	0.00 100%
01-5-175-003	Plan. Bd. Member Stip.		1,000.00		1,000.00	250.00	750.00 25%
01-5-176-000	Zoning Board Expense		200.00		200.00		200.00
01-5-180-000	Agriculture Commission Exp.		100.00		100.00		100.00
01-5-182-000	Heath Telecom Exp. (Wired		425.00		425.00		425.00
01-5-183-000	Wired West Annual Asses.		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00 100%

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-191-000		9,540.00		9,540.00	8,997.22	542.78 94%
01-5-192-000		32,886.00	432.90	33,318.90	33,318.90	0.00 100%
01-5-192-001		18,849.00		18,849.00	16,359.74	2,489.26 87%
01-5-192-002		17,114.00		17,114.00	16,213.52	900.48 95%
01-5-192-004		1,000.00		1,000.00	589.69	410.31 59%
01-5-192-005		13,749.00		13,749.00	8,800.47	4,948.53 64%
01-5-192-006		6,300.00	305.00	6,605.00	6,605.00	0.00 100%
01-5-192-011			329.85	329.85	0.00	329.85 0%
01-5-192-012			399.60	399.60	0.00	399.60 0%
01-5-192-013		500.00		500.00		500.00
01-5-193-000		45,100.00	1,040.00	46,140.00	46,140.00	0.00 100%
01-5-195-000		1,200.00	84.75	1,284.75	1,284.75	0.00 100%
01-5-199-000		10,957.02		10,957.02	10,468.52	488.50 96%
General Government Totals:						
		381,468.15	21,857.61	403,325.76	380,871.53	22,454.23

Public Safety

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-210-000		23,898.32	285.72	24,184.04	24,184.04	0.00 100%
01-5-210-001		300.00		300.00	300.00	0.00 100%
01-5-210-004		1,250.00		1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00 100%
01-5-210-005		3,000.00	141.44	3,141.44	3,141.44	0.00 100%
01-5-220-000		5,240.00		5,240.00	5,240.00	0.00 100%
01-5-220-001		10,000.00		10,000.00	9,656.00	344.00 97%
01-5-220-002		12,000.00		12,000.00	11,319.96	680.04 94%

01-5-220-003		5,000.00	358.51	5,358.51	5,358.51	0.00 100%
01-5-220-004		7,000.00		7,000.00	6,421.38	578.62 92%
01-5-220-005		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,504.04	-4.04 100%
01-5-220-006		4,000.00		4,000.00	3,853.44	146.56 96%
01-5-241-000		4,600.00		4,600.00	4,600.00	0.00 100%
01-5-291-000		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00 100%
01-5-291-001		350.00		350.00		350.00
01-5-291-002		100.00		100.00	100.00	0.00 100%
01-5-291-003		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00 100%
01-5-291-004		250.00		250.00	250.00	0.00 100%
01-5-292-000		3,201.00		3,201.00	3,201.00	0.00 100%
01-5-292-002		350.00		350.00	350.00	0.00 100%
01-5-292-003		100.00		100.00		100.00
01-5-292-005		250.00		250.00	100.00	150.00 40%
01-5-292-006		2,000.00		2,000.00	780.00	1,220.00 39%
01-5-294-000		8,663.00		8,663.00	8,620.00	43.00 100%
Public Safety Totals:						
		96,552.32	785.67	97,337.99	93,729.81	3,608.18

Education

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-301-000		3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00 100%
01-5-301-001		500.00		500.00		500.00
01-5-303-000		972,771.00		972,771.00	972,771.00	0.00 100%
01-5-304-000		56,303.00	11,523.00	67,826.00	67,826.00	0.00 100%

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-306-000	MTRS Capital Project	13,023.24		13,023.24	13,023.00	0.24 100%
01-5-307-000	FCTS Capital Projects	2,389.09		2,389.09	2,389.09	0.00 100%
	Education Totals:	1,047,986.33	11,523.00	1,059,509.33	1,059,009.09	500.24
	Public Works and Facilities					
	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-421-000	Salary Highway Dept. Wage	184,954.44	1,228.52	186,182.96	186,182.96	0.00 100%
01-5-421-005	Highway Misc Expenses	1,750.00	149.50	1,899.50	1,899.50	0.00 100%
01-5-422-000	Machinery Maint./Supplies	55,000.00		55,000.00	48,071.03	6,928.97 87%
01-5-422-002	Vehicle Gas & Oil	32,000.00	-12,403.57	19,596.43	16,664.47	2,931.96 85%
01-5-422-003	Hired Equipment/Services	4,000.00		4,000.00	1,709.50	2,290.50 43%
01-5-422-005	Highway Dept. Materials	24,000.00		24,000.00	21,362.47	2,637.53 89%
01-5-422-006	Roadside Mowing		124.40	124.40	-1,100.00	1,224.40 884%
01-5-422-008	Uniforms	3,564.66		3,564.66	3,411.71	152.95 96%
01-5-422-009	License Renewals/DOT Physi	455.00		455.00	150.00	305.00 33%
01-5-422-011	Health and Safety Complianc	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00 100%
01-5-423-000	Salary Winter Hwy. Wages	22,587.90		22,587.90	16,488.58	6,099.32 73%
01-5-423-001	Winter Equip. Maint/Repr	8,000.00	434.51	8,434.51	8,434.51	0.00 100%
01-5-423-002	Winter Salt/Sand & Other	100,000.00		100,000.00	63,521.26	36,478.74 64%
01-5-423-003	Winter Hired Services	3,000.00		3,000.00	137.88	2,862.12 5%
01-5-423-009	Salary Winter Temp. Help	1,000.00		1,000.00	440.88	559.12 44%
01-5-423-010	Salary Summer Temp. Help	3,000.00		3,000.00	1,224.40	1,775.60 41%

01-5-424-000	Street Lights	1,300.00		1,300.00	1,253.92	46.08 96%
01-5-430-000	Franklin Cty Solid Waste	2,890.00		2,890.00	2,889.72	0.28 100%
01-5-431-000	Salary Transfer Station Atten	12,813.04	311.16	13,124.20	13,124.20	0.00 100%
01-5-433-002	Dump Transportation/Tipplin	35,193.00		35,193.00	30,665.43	4,527.57 87%
01-5-433-003	Hazardous Waste Disposal D	400.00		400.00	400.00	0.00 100%
01-5-433-004	Transfer Sta. Maint/Repr	200.00		200.00	42.99	157.01 21%
	Public Works and Facilities Totals:	498,108.04	-10,155.48	487,952.56	418,975.41	68,977.15

Human Services

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-511-000	Bd of Health-Chair Stipnd	375.00		375.00	375.00	0.00 100%
01-5-512-000	Bd of Health-Mem. Stipend	1,000.00		1,000.00	750.00	250.00 75%
01-5-512-001	Bd of Health Clerk Salary	3,882.30		3,882.30	3,881.82	0.48 100%
01-5-512-002	FRCOG Health Agent	5,413.00	0.16	5,413.16	5,413.16	0.00 100%
01-5-513-000	Bd of Health Expenses	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,478.25	21.75 99%
01-5-522-000	Salary Town Nurse	10,395.55		10,395.55	9,989.77	405.78 96%
01-5-522-001	Town Nurse's Expense	1,000.00		1,000.00	673.54	326.46 67%
01-5-523-000	Foot Care Clinic	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,100.00	100.00 92%
01-5-541-000	Senior Ctr. Coordinator Stipe	250.00		250.00	250.00	0.00 100%
01-5-541-001	Senior Center Oper. Acct.	500.00		500.00		500.00
01-5-542-000	COA Expense	250.00		250.00	110.00	140.00 44%
01-5-542-001	COA Chair Stipend	250.00		250.00	250.00	0.00 100%
01-5-543-000	Veterans Service Center	1,560.74		1,560.74	1,560.74	0.00 100%
01-5-544-000	Veterans Benefit	7,344.00		7,344.00	4,609.56	2,734.44 63%

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-545-000	Heath Veterans Memorial Co	100.00		100.00		100.00
	Human Services Totals:	36,020.59	0.16	36,020.75	31,441.84	4,578.91
	<u>Culture and Recreation</u>					
	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-610-000	Salary Library Director	27,787.09		27,787.09	27,463.32	323.77 99%
01-5-610-001	Salary Library Assistant	6,278.71		6,278.71	5,658.77	619.94 90%
01-5-610-002	Salary Library Substitute	1,115.25		1,115.25	683.01	432.24 61%
01-5-610-003	Lib. Trustee Chair Stipend	375.00		375.00	375.00	0.00 100%
01-5-610-004	Lib. Trustee Member Stipend	500.00		500.00	500.00	0.00 100%
01-5-611-000	Library Operating Expense	9,038.64	39.25	9,077.89	9,077.89	0.00 100%
01-5-611-001	CW Mars Library Annual	2,372.00		2,372.00	2,372.00	0.00 100%
01-5-613-000	Parks & Rec. Comm. Expens	250.00		250.00	56.96	193.04 23%
01-5-650-000	MLP Manager	13,000.00	1,700.00	14,700.00	14,700.00	0.00 100%
01-5-690-000	Historical Comm. Expense	250.00		250.00	100.00	150.00 40%
	Culture and Recreation Totals:	60,966.69	1,739.25	62,705.94	60,986.95	1,718.99
	<u>Debt Service</u>					
	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-752-000	Int.Temp. Loans/Rev. Anti	1,000.00		1,000.00		1,000.00
01-5-762-000	Safety Complex Land Purcha	5,500.00		5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00 100%
01-5-762-011	Safety Complex Land Interest	828.30		828.30	828.30	0.00 100%
01-5-763-000	2016 Highway Trk Note	5,475.75		5,475.75	5,474.75	1.00 100%

01-5-763-011	2016 High. Trk Interest	380.43	2.79	383.22	383.22	0.00 100%
01-5-764-000	Compactor Note	13,188.00		13,188.00	13,188.00	0.00 100%
01-5-764-011	Compactor Note Int	989.10		989.10	989.10	0.00 100%
01-5-765-000	Tractor Note	11,600.00		11,600.00	11,600.00	0.00 100%
01-5-765-011	Tractor Note Interest	1,444.20		1,444.20	1,444.20	0.00 100%
01-5-766-000	Highway Cab and Chassis No	10,400.00		10,400.00	10,400.00	0.00 100%
01-5-766-011	Highway Cab and Chasis Inte	1,040.00		1,040.00	1,040.00	0.00 100%
01-5-767-011	Broadband Note 1 Interest	14,340.00		14,340.00	14,340.00	0.00 100%
01-5-768-011	Broadband Note 2 Interest	7,385.56		7,385.56	7,385.56	0.00 100%
	Debt Service Totals:	73,571.34	2.79	73,574.13	72,573.13	1,001.00

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
	<u>Intergovernmental Expenditures</u>					
	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-822-000	St Assmnt Air Pollution	426.00		426.00	213.00	213.00 50%
01-5-824-000	Reg Transit Authority Asm	52.00		52.00	26.00	26.00 50%
01-5-827-000	RMV Non-Renewla Surcharg	2,120.00		2,120.00	960.00	1,160.00 45%
	Intergovernmental Expenditures Totals:	2,598.00		2,598.00	1,199.00	1,399.00
	<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-911-000	Fran. Regional Retirement Sy	68,242.00	770.00	69,012.00	69,012.00	0.00 100%
01-5-913-000	Unemployment Compensatio	3,000.00		3,000.00	1,801.10	1,198.90 60%
01-5-914-000	Health Insurance	96,683.22		96,683.22	96,683.28	-0.06 100%
01-5-915-000	Life Insurance	300.00		300.00	127.80	172.20 43%

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-916-000 FICA/Medicare Empl. Match		18,000.00		18,000.00	13,949.80	4,050.20 77%
01-5-996-026 Trans. To Fund 26			15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00 100%
01-5-996-966 Trans.to Stabilization			50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00 100%
01-5-999-903 Special Projects in 03		3,500.00		3,500.00		3,500.00
Miscellaneous Totals:		189,725.22	65,770.00	255,495.22	246,573.98	8,921.24
Grand Totals:	0.00	2,386,996.68	91,523.00	2,478,519.68	2,365,360.74	113,158.94

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Fund: 21							
Cultural Council		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
21-4-680-000	State Cultural Council				0.00	4,800.00	-4,800.00
21-4-820-000	rInterest			14.33	14.33	14.33	0.00
21-4-999-901	Funded by Carryovers	5,208.30			5,208.30		5,208.30
Totals:		5,208.30		14.33	5,222.63	4,814.33	408.30
Fund: 23							
Highway Grants		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
23-4-422-000	Chapter 90 Revenue				0.00	229,555.16	-229,555.16

23-4-999-901	Funded by Carryovers	-23,425.81			-23,425.81		-23,425.81
Totals:		-23,425.81			-23,425.81	229,555.16	-252,980.97
Fund: 24							
Septic Grants		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
24-4-820-000	rSeptic Bank Interest			10.93	10.93	10.93	0.00
24-4-999-901	Funded by Carryovers	43,770.37			43,770.37		43,770.37
Totals:		43,770.37		10.93	43,781.30	10.93	43,770.37
Fund: 26							
Revolving Funds (44 53E1/2)		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
26-4-145-000	Treas. Tax Taking Revolving			15,728.65	15,728.65	15,728.65	0.00
26-4-176-000	rHearings Deposit Revolving			647.77	647.77	647.77	0.00
26-4-292-000	rAnimal Control r Rev.			635.00	635.00	635.00	0.00
26-4-293-000	rBOH Revolving			975.00	975.00	975.00	0.00
26-4-300-000	School Building Use Reven			7,075.00	7,075.00	7,075.00	0.00
26-4-433-000	rRecycling Program Revolv			3,539.04	3,539.04	3,539.04	0.00
26-4-522-000	r Vaccine Program			472.71	472.71	472.71	0.00
26-4-999-901	Funded by Carryovers	22,408.02			22,408.02		22,408.02
Totals:		22,408.02		29,073.17	51,481.19	29,073.17	22,408.02

Fund: 27**Available for Appropriation**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
27-4-491-000 Sale of Lots			700.00	700.00	700.00	0.00
27-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	7,665.94			7,665.94		7,665.94
Totals:	7,665.94		700.00	8,365.94	700.00	7,665.94

Fund: 28**State Grants**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
28-4-123-001 CDBG Revenue			8,922.38	8,922.38	8,922.38	0.00
28-4-123-003 MVP Grant Revenue			27,000.00	27,000.00	27,000.00	0.00
28-4-433-005 Paper Compactor Grant Rev			8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
Totals:			43,922.38	43,922.38	43,922.38	0.00

Fund: 29**Miscellaneous Special Revenue**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
29-4-123-001 Covid 19 Revenue				0.00	54,775.75	-54,775.75
29-4-123-002 CDBG Revenue			45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00
29-4-161-000 extended polling hours			541.38	541.38	541.38	0.00
29-4-161-001 CTCL Grant for Town Cler			5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
29-4-220-003 EOPSS Fire Grant for Radi			7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00
29-4-291-207 rEMPG All Years		2,500.00		2,500.00		2,500.00
29-4-292-000 rLibrary Dog Fund				0.00	645.00	-645.00

Fund: 39**Large Capital Items**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
29-4-434-001 rRecycling Div. Prog. Grant			4,200.00	4,200.00	3,100.59	1,099.41
29-4-491-001 rCemetery Donations			600.00	600.00	600.00	0.00
29-4-541-780 rCOA Grant			6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
29-4-541-783 r Foot Care Grant				0.00	1,100.00	-1,100.00
29-4-541-784 rFoot Care Clinic Donations			1,959.50	1,959.50	1,959.50	0.00
29-4-541-785 rHome Repair Church St Fu				0.00	1,529.85	-1,529.85
29-4-610-000 rLibrary State Grant			2,915.96	2,915.96	2,915.96	0.00
29-4-610-001 Library Donations			1,264.41	1,264.41	1,264.41	0.00
29-4-630-001 Mohawk Trail Woodlands			30.00	30.00	30.00	0.00
29-4-630-820 Int. Recreation			0.41	0.41	0.41	0.00
29-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	143,338.23			143,338.23		143,338.23
Totals:	143,338.23	2,500.00	74,511.66	220,349.89	131,462.85	88,887.04

Fund: 82**Expendable Trusts**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
39-4-999-901 Funded by carryovers						
Totals:	1,064,774.31			1,064,774.31		1,064,774.31
82-4-300-820 rInt.Read/Carpenter Award			1.42	1.42	1.42	0.00
82-4-491-820 rInt. Cemetery			73.41	73.41	73.41	0.00

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
82-4-510-820 rInt.Hands X Heath-Nurse			13.21	13.21	13.21	0.00
82-4-610-820 rInt. Library Trust			3.83	3.83	3.83	0.00
82-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	28,994.81			28,994.81		28,994.81
Totals:	28,994.81		91.87	29,086.68	91.87	28,994.81
Fund: 83						
Stabilization						
83-4-135-000 rAudit Stabilization	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
83-4-141-218 rAssess. Stab.				0.00	23.80	-23.80
83-4-146-218 rTax Coll.Software Stab				0.00	19.80	-19.80
83-4-820-000 Stabilization Interest			64.21	64.21	20.01	-20.01
83-4-820-001 Capital Town Vehicle Inter			47.82	47.82	47.82	0.00
83-4-820-002 Town Building Stab Interest			273.23	273.23	273.23	0.00
83-4-820-003 Parks & Rec Stab interest			4.38	4.38	4.38	0.00
83-4-820-009 INT Acct Software Stab			1.47	1.47	1.47	0.00
83-4-999-003 Trns. From GF/Parks & Rec				0.00	50,000.00	-50,000.00
83-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	395,070.53			395,070.53		395,070.53
Totals:	395,070.53		391.11	395,461.64	50,454.72	345,006.92
Report Totals:	1,687,804.70	2,500.00	148,715.45	1,839,020.15	490,085.41	1,348,934.74

TOWN OF HEATH FY 2021 — OTHER FUNDS EXPENDITURE AS OF 6/30/2022

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Fund: 03						
Special Projects						
03-5-135-001 Audit FY21 Art 14		18,000.00		18,000.00		18,000.00
03-5-145-001 Tax Poss. Property Mgmt	2,187.25			2,187.25		2,187.25
03-5-191-001 Start-up for Internet Technology		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
03-5-192-001 Lifeline Service Prog. Initial Set	3,000.00			3,000.00		3,000.00
03-5-192-008 Broadband Drop Subsidy FY21		200,000.00		200,000.00		200,000.00
03-5-192-221 SH Double Doors	1,900.00			1,900.00	1,900.00	0.00
03-5-192-222 CH Cement Step Repair	500.00			500.00		500.00
03-5-192-223 SH Basement Repair	9,000.00			9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00
03-5-192-224 SH Valve Issue	3,600.00			3,600.00	869.00	2,731.00
03-5-192-230 Remedy Inspection Items Comm	850.15			850.15		850.15
03-5-300-212 Pre School Support	12,387.50			12,387.50		12,387.50
03-5-421-000 Hwy. Health & Safety Complianc				0.00	0.00	0.00
03-5-422-001 Install Ice Guards/FD/Highway B	450.00			450.00		450.00
03-5-422-003 Snow Plow Truck 3 FY21 Art 11		7,200.00		7,200.00	7,105.50	94.50
03-5-422-004 Highway Crew Truck Plow FY21		5,200.00		5,200.00	5,200.00	0.00
03-5-433-001 Paper Compactor FY21 Art 13		5,500.00		5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00
03-5-440-000 Landfill Expenses	3,474.22			3,474.22	3,474.22	0.00
03-5-513-000 FY20 Heather Hatwell Travel Ex		180.96		180.96	180.96	0.00

03-5-650-001 Broadband Dropline FY21 Art 9

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
Totals:	37,349.12	244,487.87		281,836.99	35,729.68	5,906.91
Fund: 21						
<u>Cultural Council</u>						
21-5-209-900 Cultural Council Expenses	5,208.30			5,208.30	1,090.49	4,117.81
21-5-214-012 Charlemont Forum				0.00	258.00	-258.00
21-5-217-002 Heath Library/Summer Reading				0.00	87.52	-87.52
21-5-218-017 Piti Theatre Company				0.00	200.00	-200.00
21-5-219-002 Alpert/Racial Justics				0.00	120.00	-120.00
21-5-219-004 Art Garden/Exhibit				0.00	250.00	-250.00
21-5-219-005 Nolumbeka/Pocumtuck			14.33	0.00	75.00	-75.00
21-5-300-000 Available Local Funds			14.33	14.33		14.33
Totals:	5,208.30		14.33	5,222.63	2,081.01	3,141.62
Fund: 23						
<u>Highway Grants</u>						
23-5-422-090 Chapter 90 Expenses	-23,425.81			-23,425.81	216,692.75	-240,118.56
Totals:	-23,425.81			-23,425.81	216,692.75	-240,118.56

24-5-440-002 Available for Septic Loan

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Totals:	43,770.37		10.93	43,781.30		43,781.30
Fund: 26						
<u>Revolving Funds (44 53E1/2)</u>						
26-5-145-000 Treas. Tax Taking Revolving	-1,003.66	15,000.00	728.65	14,724.99	3,210.02	11,514.97
26-5-176-000 Hearings Deposit Revolving	590.88	1,000.00	-352.23	1,238.65	1,166.00	72.65
26-5-292-000 Animal Control Revol.	2,412.57	2,000.00	-1,365.00	3,047.57	746.07	2,301.50
26-5-293-000 BOH Revolving	8,617.60	5,000.00	-4,025.00	9,592.60	588.17	9,004.43
26-5-294-000 Senior Center Revolving	491.77	1,000.00	-1,000.00	491.77	519.08	-27.31
26-5-300-000 School Building Use Revolving		-30,000.00	37,075.00	7,075.00	49.50	7,025.50
26-5-433-000 Recycling Program Revolving	3,847.65	10,000.00	-6,460.96	7,386.69	3,561.41	3,825.28
26-5-480-000 Small Business Loans Avl.	1,627.64			1,627.64		1,627.64
26-5-522-000 Vaccine Program Revolving	3,185.02	3,000.00	-2,527.29	3,657.73	1,106.89	2,550.84
26-5-541-000 COA Meals Revolving	2,638.55	3,000.00	-3,000.00	2,638.55		2,638.55
Totals:	22,408.02	10,000.00	19,073.17	51,481.19	10,947.14	40,534.05
Fund: 27						
<u>Available for Appropriation</u>						
27-5-491-000 Sale of Lots	7,665.94		700.00	8,365.94		8,365.94
Totals:	7,665.94		700.00	8,365.94		8,365.94

Fund: 28

State Grants

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
28-5-123-001 CDGB Expenses			8,922.38	8,922.38		8,922.38
28-5-123-003 MFV Grant Expenses FY21			27,000.00	27,000.00	3,247.42	23,752.58
28-5-433-005 Paper Compactor Grant Expense			8,000.00	8,000.00		8,000.00
Totals:			43,922.38	43,922.38	3,247.42	40,674.96

Fund: 29

Miscellaneous Special Revenues

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
29-5-123-001 COVID-19 Related Expenses	4,069.17			4,069.17	28,023.25	-23,954.08
29-5-123-002 CDBG Expenses (\$45,000.00) 0			45,000.00	45,000.00	8,922.38	36,077.62
29-5-161-000 Extended Polling Hours	270.69		541.38	812.07	812.07	0.00
29-5-161-001 CTCL Grant for Town Clerks			5,000.00	5,000.00	2,268.43	2,731.57
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	0.00
29-5-192-002 Comm. Hall Committee Func	2,802.63			2,802.63	24.50	2,778.13
29-5-192-003 Ins. Reimb. Basement SH 2018	687.71			687.71		687.71
29-5-192-004 Community Compact IT Grant (\$				0.00	14,690.79	-14,690.79
29-5-192-006 MA Tech. Collab. Grt. 10	56.07			56.07		56.07
29-5-192-009 DOER Green Communities Gran	24,766.73			24,766.73	18,190.00	6,576.73
29-5-192-010 Expenses META Grant DOER-E				0.00	8,900.00	-8,900.00
29-5-210-001 EOPSS Covid Emergency Grant				0.00	6,998.44	-6,998.44

29-5-220-003 EOPSS Grant for Fire Radios			7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00
29-5-291-207 EMPG All Years		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,153.14	346.86
29-5-291-211 Ice Storm Donations 2008	428.59			428.59		428.59
29-5-291-218 2018 EMPG	59.98			59.98		59.98
29-5-292-000 Library Dog Fund	690.81			690.81	106.56	584.25
29-5-293-000 Heath Animal Fund gift	100.00			100.00		100.00
29-5-300-000 MTRSD Heath School Maint	53,352.65			53,352.65	40,250.07	13,102.58
29-5-421-001 EOAF Bridge & Culvert Plan	7,000.00			7,000.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
29-5-421-002 Small Bridge Grant \$500,000.00				0.00	12,478.02	-12,478.02
29-5-422-000 Winter Recovery Assis. Prog. (W	12,726.20			12,726.20		12,726.20
29-5-434-000 DEP Small Scale Initiative Grant				0.00	993.68	-993.68
29-5-434-001 Recycling Div. Program Grant	3,789.69		4,200.00	7,989.69	3,837.92	4,151.77
29-5-434-002 DEP Paper Compactor Grant				0.00	8,000.00	-8,000.00
29-5-491-000 North Cemetery Maint.	950.00			950.00		950.00
29-5-491-001 Cemetery Donations	139.03		600.00	739.03		739.03
29-5-541-136 Flu Clinic Donations	629.50			629.50	223.53	405.97
29-5-541-780 COA Grant	513.98		7,000.00	7,513.98	2,973.90	4,540.08
29-5-541-782 Senior Cntr donations	187.00			187.00		187.00
29-5-541-783 Foot Care Grant	-1,170.50			-1,170.50	1,100.00	-2,270.50
29-5-541-784 Foot Care Clinic Donations	3,330.19		1,959.50	5,289.69	4,250.00	1,039.69
29-5-541-785 Home Repair-Church St Fund	-694.74			-694.74	1,026.60	-1,721.34
29-5-541-786 Sr. Repair Don./Church St	714.73			714.73		714.73
29-5-545-000 Heath Veterans Memorial Fund	2,488.39			2,488.39		2,488.39

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
29-5-610-000 Library State Grant	15,545.69		2,915.96	18,461.65	734.63	17,727.02
29-5-610-001 Library Donations	5,814.14		1,264.41	7,078.55	790.39	6,288.16
29-5-610-004 Library Construction Gift	8,273.00			8,273.00		8,273.00
29-5-630-000 Recreation Fund	1,762.34		0.41	1,762.75		1,762.75
29-5-630-001 Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partne	-7,028.22		30.00	-6,998.22	11,490.96	-18,489.18
29-5-630-002 Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partne				0.00	750.00	-750.00
Totals:	143,338.23	2,500.00	75,511.66	221,349.89	190,514.26	30,835.63
Fund: 39						
Large Capital Items						
39-5-192-000 Broadband Network Borrowing	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
	450,000.00	-450,000.00		0.00		0.00
39-5-192-001 State Broadband Grant Construct	59,871.46			59,871.46	59,004.73	866.73
39-5-192-002 BB Borrowing Proceeds	553,856.60	450,000.00		1,003,856.60	709,020.07	294,836.53
39-5-422-203 Int. 2004 Cab/Chassis Transfer	1,030.00			1,030.00		1,030.00
39-5-422-204 Highway Tractor 2019	16.25			16.25		16.25
Totals:	1,064,774.31	0.00		1,064,774.31	768,024.80	296,749.51
Fund: 82						
Expendable Trusts						
82-5-300-000 Read/Carpenter Award	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
	2,495.63		1.42	2,497.05	50.00	2,447.05

82-5-491-000 Cemetery	10,918.45		73.41	10,991.86		10,991.86
82-5-510-000 Hands X Heath-Nurse	7,048.12		13.21	7,061.33		7,061.33
82-5-610-000 Library Trust	8,532.61		3.83	8,536.44		8,536.44
Totals:	28,994.81		91.87	29,086.68	50.00	29,036.68
Fund: 83						
Stabilization						
83-5-000-000 Available Stabilization	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
	242,845.45	-200,000.00	64.21	42,909.66		42,909.66
83-5-135-000 Audit Stabilization	12,723.15	12,500.00		25,223.15		25,223.15
83-5-135-001 Acct Software Stabilization	1,017.84		1.47	1,019.31		1,019.31
83-5-141-000 Asses. Property Tax Mapping Sta	260.23			260.23		260.23
83-5-141-218 Asses. Stab. 2018	10,471.93			10,471.93		10,471.93
83-5-146-218 Tax Coll. Software Stab.	10,600.18			10,600.18		10,600.18
83-5-192-000 School/Building Cap. Improv. St	91,081.64		273.23	91,354.87		91,354.87
83-5-422-000 Equip/Vehicle Stab. Fund	23,924.58		47.82	23,972.40		23,972.40
83-5-630-000 Parks & Recreation Stabilization	2,145.53		4.38	2,149.91		2,149.91
83-5-993-001 Trans. To Fund 01		200,000.00		200,000.00	212,500.00	-12,500.00
Totals:	395,070.53	12,500.00	391.11	407,961.64	212,500.00	195,461.64
Report Totals:	1,725,153.82	269,487.87	139,715.45	2,134,357.14	1,439,787.06	694,570.08

TOWN OF HEATH FY 2021 — TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

REAL ESTATE	BALANCE ON 07/01/20	COMMITTED AFTER 06/30/20	COLLECTED	ABATED	EXEMPTED	REFUNDED	TAX TAKINGS	BALANCE
FY 2022	\$0.00	\$945,846.44	\$116.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$945,729.99
FY 2021	\$0.00	\$1,898,449.69	\$1,859,657.23	\$0.00	\$5,377.79	\$13,079.21	\$0.00	\$46,493.88
FY 2020	\$149,329.00	\$0.00	\$133,510.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,818.50	\$0.00
FY 2019	\$15,837.18	\$0.00	\$12,774.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,062.88	\$0.00
PERSONAL PROPERTY	BALANCE ON	COMMITTED	COLLECTED	ABATED	EXEMPTED	REFUNDED	TAX TAKINGS	CALCULATED
FY 2022	\$0.00	\$116,708.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$116,708.78
FY 2021	\$0.00	\$233,417.48	\$233,417.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		(\$0.00)
FY 2020	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
MOTOR VEHICLE EX	BALANCE ON	COMMITTED	COLLECTED	ABATED	EXEMPTED	REFUNDED	TAX TAKINGS	CALCULATED
FY 2021	\$0.00	\$81,041.41	\$64,579.86	\$418.28	\$55.55	\$55.55		\$16,098.82
FY 2020	\$17,002.54	\$8,034.34	\$21,508.76	\$1,689.94	\$841.83	\$841.83		\$2,680.01
FY 2019	\$3,276.97	\$0.00	\$2,569.68	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00		\$807.29
FY 2018	\$668.33	\$0.00	\$271.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$396.67
FY 2017	\$341.24	\$0.00	\$23.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$317.91
FY 2016	\$296.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$296.88
FY 2015	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$26.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$323.33

TOWN OF HEATH FY 2021 — TREASURER'S REPORT OF TRUSTS & OTHER FUNDS
 JANUARY 1, 2021 - DECEMBER 31, 2021

		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 Viarengo	400.00
Ruth Whipple	250.00	Joan & Gerald Gilbert	400.00
Truman H. Safford	100.00	Joseph & Pamela Gilbert	200.00
Albert Burkhardt	200.00	Joan & Gerald Gilbert	200.00
Steven Wolf	250.00	John Clausen	225.00
Unknown	100.00	Charles Mackie	250.00
		Total Cemetery Bequests	7,040.00
Trust CD's	6,365.95		
Trust Checking	4,589.62		
Balance 12/31/2018	<u>10,955.57</u>		
		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		
		Total Library Bequests	3,056.73
Money Market Account	8,537.74		
	<u>8,537.74</u>		
		Other Funds	
Cultural Council (Arts Lottery)	7,665.54		
Hands Across Heath	7,065.14		
Heath General Funds	682,947.22		
Park & Recreation Department	1,619.83		
Read Carpenter Scholarship	2,447.27		
Septic Fund	43,773.98		
Stabilization Funds	195,711.24		
Last Mile Broadband	1,466.73		
Total Other Funds	<u>942,696.95</u>		
Total of All Funds	962,190.26		
		Tax Title Accounts	
		Account Balance 1/1/2021	21,127.79
		Taxes Added	28,890.37
		Payments Received	24,520.14
		Town Acquired Property	0.00
		Remove Tax title error	0.00
		Account Balance 12/31/2021	<u>25,498.02</u>

SELECT BOARD

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TOWN REPORTS

The past year of 2021 has been an eventful year for the Select Board. Once again, the year was filled with the uncertainty of COVID-19, its many variants, and the necessary safety protocol that needed to be in place for town buildings. Best practice involved close communication with the Board of Health, getting updated reports on the latest statistics and advisories for safety measures. As we are all aware, dealing with this virus has had, and continues to have, a significant impact on everyone. It is regretful that so many employees and volunteers have had to spend their time and energy focused on COVID-19 rather than on more pleasant and enriching projects. However, once again, the dedication of our townspeople has shone through as the Town has navigated the challenges thrust upon us.

One of the most visible changes made during the year was the relocation of the municipal business offices to the Jacobs Road property. This move has allowed for each office to have much-needed work and storage space. Although there are future plans to condense all four financial offices into one room, at the present time, there are no more than two offices sharing any given area. Following an inspection and closure of the Emergency Operations Center on Branch Hill Road, the EOC and Fire Department office relocated to a room at Jacobs Road as well. In thanks to a grant that was received by the Town, a radio communications tower has been constructed and is used by both the Fire and Police Departments.

As the year progressed, the Select Board were introduced to some first-time situations. On behalf of the Town, the Board negotiated four Host Community Agreements (HCA) with four individual farmers who are developing property on Bellor Road for outdoor growing of adult-use cannabis. Terms of each HCA include paying the Town a minimum of \$25,000 per annum for increased costs related to the business location within the Town. To read each HCA in its entirety, please refer to the Select Board page on the Town's website (<https://townofheath.org/p/112/11-Bellor-Rd-Cannabis>).

In late autumn the Board members were informed that a company who had been denied a special permit by the Planning Board to construct a wireless communications tower had filed a legal complaint against the Town of Heath and its Planning Board. Because of the state-deemed responsibilities of the Select Board as the executive officers of the Town, handling the lawsuit and response to the complaint fell to the Select Board to negotiate on behalf of the entire municipality. This matter continues to be ongoing as the Town awaits word from the judge of the U.S. District Court who is handling the suit. To review what documents can be released to the public at this time, again, refer to the Select Board's page on the Town's website (<https://townofheath.org/p/115/ATT-vs-Heath>).

Despite the challenges Heath faces as a municipality with low population and high taxes, it has a wealth that many others are envious of. Part of the rich heritage is the dedication and hard work of generations of residents who have put love, devotion and many hours of sacrifice into moving the Town forward while still valuing its



heritage. The number of hands that have served to keep our community preserved and in its natural beauty are far too many to count. To each and every citizen of Heath, we extend our deep appreciation and gratitude for a sacrificial job well done.

Respectfully submitted,
 Robyn Provost Carlson, Chair
 Susan Lively
 Brian De Vriese

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The New Year started out with the Assessors finalizing values for Fiscal Year 2021. As spring began, Covid-19 continued to limit our office from conducting inspections of building permits and properties on the town's cyclical inspection list as in previous years. The Department of Revenue (DOR) requires the Assessors to visit every property once every two years.

In May, Robyn Provost-Carlson was re-elected to the Board for a 3-year term and Anne Emmet was elected to fill a 2-year position, which she previously held by appointment.

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.

During 2021, the Assessors set two fiscal years of valuations [2021 & 2022] due to catastrophic computer issues in 2020. In Fiscal Year 2021, the office granted 1 abatement totaling \$5,800 of value which translated into \$130.61 of tax dollars. Currently, there are no Appellate Tax Board cases for 2021. 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.

The Heath tax rate for Fiscal Year 2021 was \$22.52/per \$1,000.00 of valuation. The Town of Heath's parcel count and total assessed values for each major class of properties and their percentage of the Levy Limit for FY21 is as follows:

Classification	Valuation	% of Value
Residential [994 parcels]	\$ 82,866,400	87.5360
Commercial [110 parcels]	\$ 1,336,916	1.4122
Industrial [1 parcel]	\$ 97,300	0.1028
Personal Property [7 accounts]	\$ 10,364,897	10.9490
Total amount of 2021 Property Tax Valuation	\$94,665,513	100.00%

The Heath tax rate for Fiscal Year 2022 was \$21.51/per \$1,000.00 of valuation. The Town of Heath's parcel count and total assessed values for each major class of properties and their percentage of the Levy Limit for FY22 is as follows:

Classification	Valuation	% of Value
Residential [993 parcels]	\$ 89,235,100	88.2301
Commercial [110 parcels]	\$ 1,385,051	1.3694
Industrial [1 parcel]	\$ 96,300	0.0952
Personal Property [7 accounts]	\$ 10,422,668	10.3053

Total amount of 2022 Property Tax Valuation **\$101,139,119 100.00%**

Heath continues to hire Muddy River Advisors, LLC an outside consulting firm to value our electrical utilities and they have continually come back with a much higher value than the values that the utilities are reporting.

Our property cards are online at www.townofheath.org >under Town Office, Assessors' Office.

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; our elderly residents 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 public. Also available are exemptions for the blind and veterans with a service-connected disability.

We want the 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 available by phone or appointment for any questions on Wednesdays from 9:30-4:00PM. Our Board meets on Wednesdays typically at 5:00PM in the Assessor's office as needed. If you would like to set up an appointment to meet with the Board, please call the office at 337-4934 Ext. 3 or email us at assessors@townofheath.org.

Respectfully submitted,
 Heidi Griswold, Chair
 Robyn Provost-Carlson
 Anne Emmet
 Alice Wozniak, MAA & Assistant Assessor

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health (BOH) transitioned to new leadership and new membership at the end of FY21. The BOH expresses our gratitude to those members who took us through 2021, another year full of pandemic uncertainties that required the time and skills that these members generously offered to our community. We would also like to acknowledge the strong leadership of Betsy Kovacs who stepped down from the BOH in August 2021. Betsy led the Heath BOH through the first year and a half of the COVID-19 pandemic with a great deal of care, attention, knowledge, and insight applied to maintaining our community's public health and safety. Mary Sumner stepped down as BOH clerk at the end of FY21 after having served the Board with selfless dedication for several years in that capacity.

As in 2020, a significant portion of the BOH energy and time in 2021 was dedicated to addressing the COVID-19 pandemic. Heath had a total of 48 MAVEN tracked COVID cases in 2021. Low case numbers early in the year exponentially increased by the end of the year. We note that this data does not include positive tests taken at home; case numbers were likely much higher.

BOH meetings were held virtually and more frequently than its traditional monthly meetings as shifting information on the pandemic required additional attention. In addition, members attended the numerous local, regional, and state DPH meetings for pandemic updates.

BOH continued to provide guidance to Heath residents, visitors, and the Select Board on COVID safety measures for Town buildings. Our Board provided regular public information on the pandemic (posters, signage, mailings, and regular Reverse 911 calls). Many calls related to COVID concerns were answered and residents were given individualized information and support. In response to a surge in cases and hospitalizations throughout West County, we worked in concert with many of our neighboring hill towns and implemented a town mask mandate on September 9, 2021.

BOH members provided support services for at-risk community members: hand delivering free State sourced COVID test kits before the holidays, signing them up for free Federally sponsored COVID test kits to be mailed to their homes, arranging immunization appointments and home administered shots for those unable to travel, coordinating assistance in dangerous weather, and helping with welfare check distribution and access to services and supplies.

COVID vaccines became available in FY21. Sheila Litchfield, Susan Gruen and Claire Rabbitt took strong roles on vaccine rollouts, including work in multiple capacities: planning, outreach, site coordination and vaccine administration. Additional BOH members pitched in at the vaccination clinics held at area schools.

We continued our usual work of responding to non-COVID public health related concerns and complaints, reviewing/issuing Temporary Occupancy Permits for campers and temporary dwellings, and overseeing the issuance of septic and public-health related permits with the support of FRCOG.

Between January 1 and December 31, 2021, FRCOG and Heath BOH received/oversaw applications for:

- 25 Title 5 inspections
- 9 soil evaluations (PERC tests)
- 5 Septic system upgrades
- 14 Septic system installations (with plan reviews, site visits and final inspections)
- 5 well permits
- 13 temporary food permits
- 1 summer recreational camp permit
- Beach permit (Mohawk Estates)

The BOH continues to support Heath membership in the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District (PVMCD), which provides seasonal trapping and testing of mosquitoes for Arboviruses. The BOH monitored local and State-wide data weekly throughout the season. No West Nile Virus (WNV) or Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) positive mosquitoes were detected in Heath in 2021. The PVMCD annual report data is posted on the BOH section of the Heath Town website. Weekly data related to the incidence of tick-borne illness for Heath and Franklin County was also tracked with both Lyme disease and Anaplasmosis cases were identified in Heath residents in 2021.

In May, 2021, the BOH worked closely with the Select Board to make an application to the State Reclamation Board petitioning to "opt out" of mandated aerial pesticide spraying for mosquitoes. The Heath application, approved in July, was one of very few applications granted by the State. As required for part of the opt-out, a mosquito public education program was carried out by the BOH throughout the high-risk season.

The BOH is dedicated to upholding the Commonwealth statutes that local Boards of Health are required to perform relative to the protection of public health, the control of diseases, promotion of sanitary living conditions, and the protection of the environment from damage and pollution. The BOH meets on the first Thursday of the month; information about meetings may be found on the Town website and posted at Sawyer Hall. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us via email at boh@townofheath.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Gene Garland, Chair
Lorraine Berger
Barbara Gordon
Susan Gruen
Elissa Viarengo
Kate Peppard, clerk

BUILDING FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Heath Building Facilities Committee was created on October 27th, 2020 as a result of a charge initiated by the Select Board. The committee consists of five permanent members appointed by the Selectboard. Among the charges of the committee were to (1) survey all town-owned facilities, (2) prepare site-specific project lists, and (3) prepare a report to be presented to the Select Board.

The BFC got to work immediately visiting town facilities including the public works/fire/EOC complex, salt shed, Sawyer Hall, Community Hall and the former school at 18 Jacobs Rd. We took photographs, made lists of issues with Town facilities, and prioritized repair tasks. The BFC submitted a report to the Select Board on August 24, 2021 (the "Report"), containing its findings along with the then-known status of the issues identified with the Town's facilities. Further, the report included asset lists for the various properties identifying major building systems along with their manufacturer's suggested life span and date of installation.

No further action has been taken by the BFC since submission of the Report.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Travers, Chair
William T. Emmet
Tom Lively
Mike Cucchiara
Steve Thane

BUILDING USE COMMITTEE

The Building Use Committee (BUC) assists the Select Board in the promotion, management and oversight of short-term use and rentals at the Community Hall and 18 Jacobs Road and at other municipal property that the Select Board designates as available. Specifically, we maintain a Building Use Calendar, recommend policy, fees and building use requirements, schedule municipal requests and manage private requests and rentals, monitor building conditions for rental, and promote short term use and rental. (Rentals, leases and municipal assignments that exceed nine months duration are considered long term and are under direct supervision and management by the Select Board.)

Toward that end, in the past year the BUC has worked to develop consistent policy, procedures and fees for use and rental of Community Hall and 18 Jacobs Road. We have updated our web page at the town web site to include a calendar to assist with scheduling short term private and municipal use of the buildings, and information and documents to help potential users and renters apply for and use the buildings.

Jacob's Kitchen, 18 Jacobs Rd, is now certified for commercial use and application for a similar permit at the Community Hall kitchen is in the works. By the time you receive this report, that permit may also be in hand. The enterprise is called Hilltown Kitchens and information about requirements, availability, applications and fees are available at our website, Hilltownkitchens.com. We are grateful to Tim

Lively and Hilma Sumner for their help in getting all equipment in good repair and working order. Freezer storage rental is now available at Jacobs Kitchen. We are also grateful to BUC members Pat McGahan for developing our web page on the town web site and our Hilltown Kitchens web site and to Mary Sumner for help in obtaining the necessary permits.

Short term rentals at both sites have been restricted for most of the year because of COVID. Short term municipal use for 18 Jacobs Rd. for meetings, classes and clinics has continued. The Town nurse continues to hold office hours twice weekly at Community Hall, downstairs. Whip City Fiber terminated its long term lease at 18 Jacobs Road in October, 2021. We are looking forward to a long-term lease with Hilltown Youth in 2022. For a fuller look at the schedule of use at both buildings, see the calendar at the Building Use Committee web page, townofheath.org. The committee has seven members appointed yearly by the Select Board.

Currently members are: Pam Porter, chair, Lyra Johnson-Fuller, recording secretary, Victoria Echinias-Burrington, Susan Gruen, Robin Jenkins, Pat McGahan, and Mary Sumner.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Porter, Chair

CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Cemetery Commission communicated information on sale of lots and issuing of deeds via e-mail and telephone, but no meetings were held in 2021. A family returned a lot in the Center cemetery to the Town as they did not need it. Any lot owners that determine they no longer need a lot should contact the Commission regarding returning the lot to the Town. The price for a lot has remained stable at \$150.00 for Heath residents/landowners and \$400.00 for nonresidents.

More information may be found under the Town Bylaws on the Town of Heath website. To purchase a cemetery lot from the Town of Heath call Sexton, Mathew Lively at 337-4331.

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Rabbitt, Chair
Jerry Gilbert, Secretary
Eric Sumner

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission has been meeting on an as-needed basis over the past year. In 2021 the ConCom reviewed four Requests for Determination (RFD), two for septic system repairs, one for the construction of a new house and one for the removal of hazardous trees. The Commission reviewed completion of an Order of Conditions for maintenance of a pond and issued a certificate of Compliance. The Commission also held a public hearing for the review of a Notice of Intent for the construction of a telecommunications tower and access road.

A number building and septic system sites were reviewed for the presence of wet-land 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.

Dennis Peters resigned this year from the Commission after having served on it since its establishment in the mid 1980s. We are grateful for his many years of service to the Town. Heather Row was appointed by the Selectboard to fill the vacancy.

The Conservation Commission intends to resume holding regularly scheduled monthly meetings on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 P.M. at the former school building, 18 Jacobs Road. Meetings may be cancelled if there is no pending business. Site visits will be scheduled and conducted by Bill Lattrell, the consultant to the ConCom.

Current members of the Conservation Commission are Buck DenOuden, Pam Porter, Heather Row, Henry Josephson, and Brian De Vriese (email: BrianD@townofheath.org).

Respectfully submitted,
Brian De Vriese, Chair

COUNCIL ON AGING

The newly constituted Council on Aging met on July 28, 2021 to organize and develop our immediate goals, as follows:

1. Need to reactivate activities and opportunities for 60+ seniors.
2. Updating job description for Senior Center Coordinator (Hilma to circulate), including SCC membership on the Council On Aging, and future reimbursement for the position.
3. Maximizing grant opportunities.
4. Creating an all-inclusive survey of all Heath seniors.

We decided to meet every other Thursday at 2:00 p.m. COVID requirements meant for much of the year we met via zoom, and that we should spend the time planning for future activities once the coronavirus situation allowed. We fulfilled our other goals as follows:

1. Created a job description for Senior Center Coordinator.
2. Worked with and explored Life Path and FRCOG programs that could benefit our seniors.
3. Provided funding for the Foot Clinic to cover extra expenses during COVID.
4. Explored grant opportunities (ongoing).
5. Requested that Room 135 at 18 Jacobs Road be made available to COA to COA to operate as a Senior Center and an area for intergenerational activities (still under consideration by the Select Board) and held discussions with Library personnel and Board of Health to brainstorm joint activities.

6. Completed a survey of all Heath seniors and compiled list of preferred activities, volunteers, etc.
7. Discussed what COA can do while not having a Senior Program Coordinator in place, such as sponsoring a Walk-Safe program in the JR gym during the winter months and starting a Tai Chi program.

Our major concerns at this point are: 1) how to find adequate funding to hire a much-needed Senior Program Coordinator to run senior programming, 2) how to communicate program and workshop offerings to those without internet connection, and 3) how to proceed under current COVID restrictions.

COA Members: Victoria Burrington, Chairman, Margaret H. Freeman, Secretary, Donna Hyytinen, Susan Lively, Cathy Tallen

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret H. Freeman, Secretary

CULTURAL COUNCIL

At the close of the 2020-2021 year, the Heath Cultural Council saw many devoted members complete their terms and roll off the Council. We wish to express our deep appreciation for the contributions of Nina Marshall and Lyra Johnson-Fuller, as well as for our longstanding previous Chair, Suzanne Hannay and Treasurer/Reporter, Jean Gran.

We also thank Lisa Burke and Harry Hallman for their contributions made to our group until the fall, when their lives took them in new directions.

Our current Council is composed of: Barbara Gordon, Chair, Heather Row, Treasurer, Martin Newman, Secretary, Rachel Grabelsky, PR, and John Clark, Member and ZOOM host extraordinaire.

With all new officers, the ongoing pandemic, and a brand-new Mass Cultural Council Web Platform on which to train, we had a steep learning curve to conquer this year to serve our Heath community. Our members rose to the challenge as we granted needed extensions and project modifications to 2020-2021 applicants, while reviewing 35 new applications for the FY22 grant cycle.

A sampling of some of the 17 grants we approved for the current 2022 cycle include:

Hawlemont School Weaving Program
Mohawk Trail Concerts
The Charlemont Forum
2022 Heath Artists Exhibition
Kids Mindfulness Program
Heath Fair Music
Heath COA Senior Art Program
Heath Summer Reading Program at the Heath Free Public Library
Heath Historical Society Local History Talks
Hilltown Youth Performing Arts Program Summer Workshop
The Heath Herald

In addition to approving project reimbursement grants, our Council has set aside funds this year to lead our own HCC projects. We look forward to presenting (COVID permitting) a Summer Weaving for Kids program in Heath with the assistance of Heathan and Master Weaver, Susan Gruen as well as a series of two Fall Community Square Dances at Sawyer Hall with live music and calling provided by Doug Wilkins. We hope that these local community events will serve to bring Heathans together in-person again in creative and joyful gatherings after our long period of social isolation imposed by the pandemic.

As in the past, we continue to strive to fund programs that directly benefit as many Heathans as possible while distributing support among projects that serve a wide variety of age groups and diverse interests. We hope that many of our fellow residents will be able to enjoy some of these offerings.

For a complete list of funded projects, or ongoing updates on our work, you can find us at: <https://massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/heath/> On our local Town web page at: <https://townofheath.org/g/52/Heath-Cultural-Council> or “Like” us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=heath%20cultural%20council>

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Gordon, Chair

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

The year 2021 continued with the Covid pandemic. A few meetings were held by Zoom with our local REPC/MAPHCO committees as well as the Hawlemont EDS team. These meetings were in preparation to hold vaccine clinics.

A \$2,500.00 EMPG grant was applied for and received. It was used to help purchase portable radio equipment for Heath that will be used with the new county radio system that will be implemented fully in 2022.

Two weather events that involved Emergency Management in 2021 included: A July thunderstorm with localized heavy rain which caused considerable damage to Rowe Rd. A Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) official and I surveyed the damage and met up with the highway superintendent for more discussion. Associated damage costs were sent to the state.

The second event was from Tropical storm Henri which happened during the Heath Fair weekend. A few calls were held with MEMA. Aside from cancelling the Fair on Sunday, no major issues occurred from this storm.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy Lively, Emergency Management Director

ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Heath Energy Advisory Committee meets the first Wednesday of the month or as needed to discuss progress on the Green Communities Grant projects and to plan for upcoming projects. Since the last report a project to insulate the

Community Hall with blown-in cellulose was completed. The committee also sought to replace the HVAC system in Community Hall with an energy efficient heat pump system by selecting and requesting a proposal from RISE Engineering, an expeditor contractor, who would design and install the system including all work associated with the installation such as the electrical, plumbing and carpentry.

The completion of the expeditor proposal was suspended when the contractor informed the committee that the cost would exceed the \$100K amount allowed under state law in the Chapter 25A (Expeditor Program). In fact, the estimate was \$297,850 not including some carpentry and miscellaneous alarm system modifications. The feasibility study estimate was \$65,000. There were steep price increases in equipment costs due to the pandemic's impact on the supply chain, unanticipated complexities in the design of the ductwork due to spatial restrictions and code requirements triggered by the extent and cost of the work being proposed. The committee moved on to the next projects on the list. The insulation and weather sealing project at 18 Jacobs Road and the LED replacements for exterior lighting fixtures have been on the list and are approved to move forward by the state Department of Energy Resources (DOER).

The committee also conducted a solar feasibility study to determine the best locations and configurations for Town-owned solar power generation. The study was performed by the Solar Store of Greenfield. Green Communities grant money is not approved for solar installations. The EAC will be looking to write a grant proposal for funds from the state Municipal Vulnerability Program (MVP) to help fund solar construction in the future.

Current members of the Committee are Bill Lattrell, Steve Thane, Will Emmet, and Brian De Vriese (email: BrianD@townofheath.org).

Respectfully submitted,
Brian De Vriese, Chair

FINANCE COMMITTEE

From January through April the Finance Committee, (FinCom) met with the Select Board (SB) primarily for discussion of the Fiscal Year 2022 budget. There was discussion regarding the complexity of Article 3 and ways that some line items might be consolidated. After discussion with department heads, it was decided to move forward with combining some of the line items in specific department budgets. Reaction to this change from town meeting members was positive.

March meetings focused mostly on Article 3 specifics including the treasurer's increase, legal budget, salaries, FRCOG budget and COLA recommendations. A vote was taken to approve a COLA of 1.5% along with the minimum wage adjustment of 0.56%, resulting in an overall wage increase of 2.06%. FinCom also met with SB to discuss the MLP budget and borrowing needs. The SB suggested the town stay with the one-year state note borrowing until it was known what income the town would have to pay down these notes. The MLP manager agreed. FinCom also met with BOS to review the full FY22 budget worksheet.

In April and May discussion continued around the FY22 budget. FinCom formally voted Article 3 items line by line. We also met with SB to discuss all other budget items on the warrant. FinCom then voted their recommendations on these articles to be noted on the Warrant.

At the Annual Town Election in May Robert McGahan and Thomas Lively were elected and Ned Wolf re-elected to the Finance Committee joining Alice Wozniak and William Emmet. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing members Janis Carr and Ken Gilbert for their years of dedicated service.

The first meeting after the Annual Town Meeting was used to reorganize the committee. Thomas Lively was elected as Chair and Will Emmet as Recording Secretary. We also chose the monthly meeting to be held on the second Thursday of each month. This was later adjusted to the third Thursday of each month starting at 6:30 PM.

The Select Board requested we look at the preschool funding as there was a shortage in the budget. Historically, the Town has paid the full amount of tuition for preschool students. This year the request exceeded the money set aside for this purpose. Since the exact number of students was unknown at this date, we recommended they develop a system to share the funds with families in an equitable way.

In June the FinCom worked with the SB to make recommendations to cover overages in the MLP Manager's and the Assistant Assessor's salary accounts. The Board recommended the SB consider using unexpended funds from Community Hall, Transfer Station and Highway Department.

After enjoying a quiet summer, September began with a joint meeting with the Select Board to hear a presentation from the MLB concerning their progress and financial picture. Issues discussed include cash flow, wire installation above ground and underground, Wired West's function, etc. A meeting was set for later in the fall to keep us updated on the financial picture for Broadband. At this time we also began planning our meeting schedule and deadlines for building the FY23 budget.

This past December 2021, the Department of Revenue (DOR) certified Heath's 2022 tax rate at \$21.51 dollars per thousand, a reduction of \$1.01 from last year's 2021 rate of \$22.52. To give a little more perspective, the 2020 rate was \$22.25, the 2019 @ \$21.60 and the 2018 rate was 21.81. (These numbers are from Mass DOR.)

So, what happened to reduce the tax rate? A significant occurrence this year was many property sales at favorable prices. This increased home values throughout Heath, and helped reduce the tax rate.

Respectfully submitted,
 Thomas Lively, Chair
 Will Emmet, Secretary
 Ned Wolf
 Alice Wozniak
 Bob McGahan

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The fire department had another busy and trying year with a total of 64 calls amid the still ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. First responders and EMTs never missed a call and were kept safe by personal protective equipment (PPE) provided by a variety of state, local and federal sources. A special thank you to our emergency management director and EMT Tim Lively for keeping Heath in the supply pipeline.

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. The online version provides you with the rules and regulations. At no time ever is household or commercial

Incident type	Total by type
Dryer Fire	1
Smoke/propane investigation	1
Building fire	1
Forest, woods or wildland fires	1
Illegal burn	2
Medical assist, assist EMS crews	35
Emergency medical service, other	0
Vehicle accident without injuries	3
Chimney fire	1
Power lines down/storm event	6
Cover assignment, other fire stations	1
Dispatched & cancelled en-route	2
Alarm system sounded	
due to malfunction	6
Total number of incidents	63

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, pruning and burning blueberries. When in doubt please call the fire chief at 413-325-6727.

We would like to remind townspeople to check their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors at least once a year to be sure they are working properly and 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. Also be sure to have your chimney cleaned yearly if you are burning wood.

The Department continues to actively recruit firefighters and junior firefighters to have a stronger team of dedicated volunteers. If you have the time and interest, please call the department. We especially invite the youth of Heath to join the department, and encourage anyone to become a member of the Firefighters Association. Everyone is welcome. On the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 P.M. is the Fire Association meeting followed by training and every Tuesday of the month at 6:30 P.M for fire department training. We are almost finished outfitting our "new" to us 1995 vintage military truck to replace our 1980's vintage military truck. Power steering and an automatic transmission were good features to increase safety and drivability over the older truck. It has a low profile, fully baffled 650-gallon tank, new

tires, new paint, upgraded lighting and seats. We are hoping to have it in service for the upcoming fire season. The department also relocated the administrative, emergency operations center and training functions to 18 Jacobs Road due to building health and safety issues. Feel free to check it out next time you are in the building!

We continue to 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, I want to thank all of the members (firefighters, EMTs and association members) and the highway department 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

HEATH FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The COVID 19 pandemic drastically affected operation of the Heath Free Public Library over the last two years. Beginning in June 2020, the library served patrons through a Take-Out Window on the Sawyer Hall porch. At that time, the total number of open hours increased from 14 to 16 hours per week, and the schedule shifted to more afternoon and evening hours. When the library reopened to the public for in-person browsing in June of 2021, many patrons were thrilled to be back inside the library. The experience still does not match Heathens' pre-pandemic memories of the library as a gathering place, and materials circulation has not caught back up to pre-pandemic numbers. The library hopes to be able to continue providing in-person library services in a way that is both comfortable and safe for the community. We would like to thank the residents of Heath and library patrons for their cooperation regarding pandemic protocols, and the Heath Board of Health for their vigilance and support for town employee workplace safety.

The Heath Library has a wonderful collection of books, DVDs, CD audiobooks, magazines, local history materials, and museum and park passes. In addition, the CWMARS network we belong to offers a wealth of digital materials and items to borrow through interlibrary loan. All of these resources are available at no cost to patrons. If you do not already have a library account, we would love to welcome you. Looking into the future, the library strives to improve patron access to what is currently offered, and expand the library as a resource for everyone through increased programming, technology support, and community spaces.

Heath Free Public Library hours are as follows: Mondays 2 to 7 p.m., Wednesdays 2 to 5 p.m., Thursdays 2 to 6 p.m., and Saturdays 2 to 5 p.m., Patrons may request materials by calling 413-337-4934, ext. 7, emailing heath.library@gmail.com, or in person at the library when we are open. Library staff is also available for reference questions, technology support, book recommendations, and friendly advice. Visit our website www.heathlibrary.org to find the online library catalog, information about programs and events, links to online resources, and to sign up for our weekly Wowbrary newsletter.

Heath Library Assistant, Lyra Johnson-Fuller, creatively organizes the library's family programming, which was mostly held outdoors this past year. We are grateful to her for all the care and time that went into planning, and to the Friends of the Library for helping to fund the following:

- Story Hour & Playtime, which is held twice per month
- Summer Reading Log and Raffle - 21 participants
- Poetry Walk in the Town Center
- Story Walk in the North Woods at 18 Jacobs Rd
- Summer Bird Walk
- Group Hike in South Heath, led and photographed by Art Schwenger
- Winter Solstice Party - more than 30 participants

The Heath Library collaborated with the Griswold Memorial Library in Colrain to hold a Kimchi Making Workshop in the kitchen at Jacobs Rd. in November, and the Carol Purington Poetry Collective, which meets by zoom the first Friday of each month. Don Dekker and Nancy Thane generously loaned their paintings to the library for fall and winter Art Shows and Eileen Lively volunteered her time to coordinate the displays in Sawyer Hall.

Material circulation figures: FY 2021 - 10,319, FY 2020 - 10,611, FY 2019 - 13,014. Interlibrary loans received from other libraries: FY 2021 - 1,589, FY2020 - 1,540, FY 2019 - 2,345. Inter-library loans provided to other libraries: FY 2021 - 2,318, FY 2020 - 1533, FY 2019 - 2,275.

I would like to thank Library Assistant Lyra Johnson-Fuller, the Friends of the Library, and Library Trustees Deborah Porter and Emily Cross for their help and support this year. We all extend a special thank you to outgoing Trustee Maureen O'Malley for her years of dedication and passion for the library and to retired Library Director, Don Purington, for providing more than 25 years of good times, good books, and good stewardship of the Heath Library.

Board of Library Trustees:
Maureen O'Malley (term expires May 2022)
Emily Cross (term expires May 2023)
Deborah Porter (term expires May 2024)

Respectfully Submitted,
Kate Barrows, Library Director

HEATH HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Heath Historical Commission (HHC) continues to focus on plans to bring the Community Hall back to being a center for community events and activities. The commission has approved to sponsor three events, funded by the Cultural Council, to take place in the Hall post-Covid.

The Commission continues to explore the potential and eligibility for state funding resources, such as a Massachusetts Cultural Council Capital Grant, for needed improvements to Community Hall. At the present time, it is hoped that some of the second-story windows can receive minor repairs to enable opening them for easy access to ventilation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jayne Dane and Heather Hathwell, Co-Chairs
Susan Gruen
Nina Marshall

HEATH VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION

There were no meetings held during 2021 nor any projects undertaken, primarily due to the COVID pandemic and safety concerns. The committee still has as its goal to purchase and have installed an outside floodlight to shine on the American flag that graces the pole in the middle of the Veterans Memorial. It is the intention of the committee that the floodlight would be solar powered to avoid installation of an underground utility line.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The FY22 construction season started off slow with a prolonged cold snap followed by a deep and long mud season in some cases making some of our roads impassable to commuters of all sorts. The Covid-19 virus was still upon the world and still crippled the industries that support our everyday living and work environments making it extremely difficult to obtain products and services that are specific to highway and roadway needs.

Our biggest expense project was the section of South Road and South Schoolhouse Road where we brought in Northern Tree Service to remove dead and live overhanging trees and limbs to open up the roadway canopy to allow for more natural sunlight to shine on the roadway. We followed with cleaning up roadside ditches to allow for proper water flow and finished by putting down a shim and overlay of Hot Mixed Asphalt to smooth out and cap the existing roadway. This specific treatment filled in the wheel ruts, potholes and cracking allowing us to remove snow and ice more efficiently and giving the residents and commuters a more pleasurable riding surface

Late spring and summer months saw Mother Nature bring nothing but heavy rainfall throughout the region and, in some cases too much rain, causing washouts

and messy cleanups. We ended up losing a section of Rowe Road in early July due to heavy rain. The highway department along with Matt Lively, Mike Smith and local vendors were able to put this section of roadway back together in a timely manner allowing safe passage for our residents and emergency personnel. We followed this project by spending most of the year doing ditch work on sections of road on Flagg Hill Road, Taylor Brook Road, Hosmer Road, Sumner Stetson Road, and various other roads. We applied 1500 tons of gravel to our gravel roads during fall grading in an attempt to continue to raise the roads above the current ditch height. You will see the highway department continue this process in FY23.

We still are currently working with our selected engineering firm on the bridge super structure replacement located on Route 8A before west Branch Road. We also obtained a \$100,000 grant for permitting and engineering for a culvert replacement project through the Department of Environmental Resources. We will apply for another grant for the construction phase of this grant. This project/culvert is located on Burrington Road just north of Ingraham Drive. At the end of 2021, with help from our Town Coordinator, we were able to obtain a STRAP grant for the amount of \$735,000 as a safety initiative to make upgrades to our local Route 8A. Upgrades range from tree and limb removal, guardrail replacement, crack sealing, fog seal, and some Hot Mixed Asphalt in places.

Inflation rates are very alarming and the cost of everything is continuing to rise. We will do our best to supply our residents and non-residents alike with a safe and comfortable passage through the Town of Heath while at the same time trying not to put our small town in any hardships doing so. Until then, we here at the Highway Department hope everyone is safe and healthy!

Sincerely
Jeff Johnston, Highway Superintendent



MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

We can celebrate that 2021 was the year in which fiberoptic broadband service finally started to be available for Heath homes! At this point in our journey toward the 21st century, the Heath MLP has approximately 300 active households with another 100 or so ready to “go live” in the Spring of 2022.

It has been a very long road; one we thought best acknowledged by reviewing some key milestones along the way. It is important to remember that the reason we had to build our own broadband network is that the utilities and private companies had no interest in doing so. It became incumbent upon the underserved towns to build and manage a Municipal Light Plant (MLP) in order to bring high speed internet to our communities. It may interest Heath citizens to know that telephone service first came to Heath in much the same way- through the efforts of residents. The project to bring broadband to our Town involved several phases, beginning with surveys to estimate the cost, determination of how to pay for the construction, creating the infrastructure to support the new fiber- the “Make-Ready” phase, which was followed by Construction phase of the network then the Installation phase to bring fiber drops to customer homes. The State was heavily involved and paid for a large portion of the costs through grants to the Towns.

A few Heath Broadband Network milestones:

2008-01-01	Massachusetts Legislature establishes the Mass Broadband Institute (MBI) to bring high speed internet to underserved communities
2010-12-14	Heath voters approve establishment of a Municipal Light Plant (MLP)
2011-08-01	Heath joins the WiredWest collaborative; Select Board appoint Al Canali as WiredWest Delegate and Art Schwenger as WiredWest Alternate Delegate
2015-05-09	Town votes to borrow \$1.45 million for Heath's share to build our own network
2016-03-01	Pole survey done in Heath identifies a significant number of "red poles" flagged as too short or needing replacement for additional cable, thereby seriously increasing Heath's make ready cost estimate.
2017-08-22	Westfield Gas & Electric (WG&E) selected for design, engineering and project management of Heath's network
2017-10-12	Heath receives first grant disbursement of Last Mile Contingency Fund from State for design and engineering professional services (\$380,000)
2019-06-30	State Last Mile Contingency Fund covers cost of “red pole” replacement, making good on promise that Town would not need to pay more than original cost estimate.
2019-12-01	TriWire awarded bid to install fiber on poles
2019-12-19	Heath hub installed; will serve as the central focus for network electronics
2020-08-20	Make ready ends, after 25-month duration
2020-09-25	Network construction kick-off meeting; network fiber installation commences
2021-04-04	First Heath households go "live"; focus on homes with children doing school remotely due to pandemic
2021-05-08	5-member Heath Municipal Light Board (MLB) elected

As the construction phase ends and we transition into operations, we are preparing to close out the capital grant project with the State. Heath’s membership in the WiredWest cooperative is proving to be very beneficial. We know that the Heath network will be financially solid once all subscribers have active connections. As a member of WiredWest, all operational bills will be paid through WiredWest and any surplus revenue above actual costs will be returned to Heath MLP. We look forward to a much simpler process of administering and managing the Heath Network in about a year or so.

Our network was designed and built to not only serve existing Heath residents, but also for the possibility of bringing broadband service to newly constructed homes and businesses in Heath. High speed internet service from the Heath broadband network is how we ensure Heath citizens have a more even playing field now and for the future.

Sincerely,
 Sheila Litchfield, Heath MLP Manager
 Art Schwenger, Chair
 Ned Wolf
 David Gordon
 Anne Emmet
 Bill Fontes

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Parks and Rec Membership

2021 Select Board Appointed Committee Members: Mike Cucchiara, Jenna Day, Bobby Honeycutt, Shahid Jilil, Lyra Johnson Fuller, Kate Peppard (chair)

Two members stepped down in 2021: Lyra Johnson-Fuller, and Bobby Honeycutt. The Parks and Rec committee has nominated two new members and are awaiting their confirmation.

Parks and Rec Committee Budget

- Annual Budget \$250
- \$2,147.18 - stabilization account - access requires town meeting vote.
- \$1,762.46 Recreation Fund

Parks and Rec Activities and Initiatives

2021 continued to provide limitations in terms of public activities, but the Heath Parks and Rec Committee utilized the time to work on the Burnt Hill – Catamount Trail (BHC). We received a \$20,000 grant to put in the trail as part of the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership. We spent this money on trail clearing, creating a parking area at the trail head, building a kiosk to post maps, creating maps, and procuring and placing signage along the trail. We purchased park benches and picnic tables, two of which are in use at the town center where we hope to post information about the trail and connect folks out to the hiking opportunity. We received an additional \$20,000 in grant funding from the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership and this is earmarked for the purchase of a connecting piece of property to the BHC trail which will enable us to expand the trail to a beautiful vista overlooking the Oxbow.

Renaming of the Shapiro Land to the Burnt Hill Woodlands is still an objective for the group. We intend to continue with trail maintenance and are hopeful for more easing of COVID restrictions so that we may host a gathering to celebrate and promote the trail. Programming in conjunction with area libraries is a goal as well.

The addition of this trail to our town provides a wonderful outdoor experience for people and is potentially a connector to trail systems outside of Heath, allowing for a more extensive through-hiking experience in our area.

Parks and Rec has engaged with the New England Forestry Foundation and the Massachusetts Audubon Society to receive a grant funded update to our Forest Management Plan with an eye towards Climate Change. We intend to engage with area libraries to do some programming around this initiative. This will build upon the existing Forest Management Plan previously completed for the Shapiro Land. We have been planning a four-season run/hike that will start as a virtual event that will include a photo/art contest. We hope this will become an in-person seasonal event that draws folks from in town and beyond to enjoy the trail(s).

2022 Parks & Rec Initiatives

- Forest Stewardship Climate Plan (Partner with NEFF and Mass Audubon)
- Mohawk Woodlands Trail Work
 - o Finalize purchase of property with overlook to expand BHC
 - o Trail maintenance and celebration at BHC trail
- Ongoing maintenance of town center parks (basketball court, pollinator garden and playground).
- Establishing a pickle ball court and games at town center
- Four Season Run/Hike

FUTURE Parks & Rec Initiatives

- Parks & Rec sponsored 5-mile bike race during the Heath Fair (Leadership by Shahid Jalil, with additional support by the Heath Ag Society)
- Development of a town trail map for distribution at town center and at the Burnt Hill – Catamount trail head kiosk (Leadership by Jenna Day, with support of other committee members).
- Cross-Country Ski Race (leadership by Shahid Jalil)
- Swimming Access – ongoing inquisition (Kate Peppard)
- Community Yoga

Submitted
Kate Peppard, Chair

PLANNING BOARD

2021 was an active year for the Heath Planning Board. The previous year, 2020, ended with a Public Hearing on December 30th for a request by FHMS Four Town Broadband Network, a/k/a WiValley, for a Special Permit under the provisions of Section 6.3 Personal Wireless Service Facilities of the Heath Zoning Bylaw to install a wireless transmission facility on a 100-foot wood pole on Schoolhouse Road. The Public Hearing received strong opposition from Heath residents and WiValley eventually asked to withdraw their application without prejudice (temporarily), but the Planning Board voted to reject the WiValley application with prejudice (permanently).

2021 ended with the Planning Board rejecting another Special Permit application under the same section of the Heath Zoning Bylaw, this time from AT&T for a

180-foot steel monopole tower on Rowe Road near Knott Road. After a series of Public Hearings from April through August, again with very strong public opposition, the Planning Board voted unanimously to reject AT&T's application at the Planning Board meeting of September 9, 2021.

That was not the end of the process since New Cingular Wireless PCS d/b/a AT&T Mobility brought a legal complaint against the Town and the Planning Board under federal (FCC) law. The Planning Board held a series of Executive Session Meetings from October 29 through December 10 to discuss this suit. After several joint meetings with the Select Board, the Planning Board affirmed their original decision. However, the Select Board, in their role as the executive body of the Town, reached an agreement with AT&T which was subsequently filed with the court. (By the end of February 2022, the federal court judge had not yet filed a final decision).

Although much of the Planning Board's time was spent on the above activities, we were busy with other work too. The Planning Board recommended to the Annual Town Meeting amendments to the Heath Zoning Bylaw which the ATM approved. These amendments included allowing detached Accessory Apartments; one-family dwellings on private ways in compliance with MGL Chapter 47 Section 81 L; and stick-built homes of 1,000 sq. ft. or less in Mohawk Estates under similar zoning restrictions as HUD certified manufactured homes.

The Planning Board held Public Hearings on Special Permits for four Marijuana Establishments: True Cannabis Inc., Vybz Inc., Vega Cannabis Inc., and Alchemy Cannabis Inc., each to be located at 11 Bellor Road. (The Special Permits were approved by the Planning Board in February 2022.)

Also, the Planning Board: approved two Approval Not Required (ANR) plans for the sub-division of existing lots which meet all zoning requirements including required frontage on public roads; approved a ground mounted solar installation; and worked with the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) on their Pollinator Program to develop zoning language to encourage pollinator supportive development. (This work will continue with FRCOG in 2022). Finally, we wish to acknowledge the retirement in 2021 of Cal Carr after many years of service to Heath as Planning Board Chair, and to welcome Peter Charow as the newest Planning Board member.

Respectfully,
Doug Mason, Chair
Bob Viarengo
Jo Travis
Peter Charow
Bill Gran

POLICE DEPARTMENT

2021 was a very busy administrative year. The Police Reform act of 2020 created an enormous amount of work and expense for the police department. The reform act meant the end to training police officers at a part time/reserve level. The current officers have to return to the academy for additional training. I am trying, by every means possible to get this done without any additional requests for funding. During 2021 the department also replaced all portable, base and mobile radios with the new 800 MHz radios. The previous county-wide radio system, has been deteriorating for some time. I am happy to say this upgrade was also done without the need for any additional requests for funding.

The department held office hours Tuesday evenings, 6pm-8pm. During this time, many new and renewal firearms licenses were processed.

Calls to the office were answered, including the list below.

Heath Police 2021

911 HANG UP	2	MEDICAL EMERGENCY	3
911 MIS DIAL	2	MESSAGE	1
ABANDONED 911 CALL	1	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	1
AGRI BURN	10	W/ INJURY	
ALARM BURGLAR OR HOLDUP	14	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	9
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	10	NO INJURY	
ANIMAL WELFARE CONCERNS	1	MOTOR VEHICLE COMPLAINT	2
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	6	MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATION	2
BE ON THE LOOK OUT	1	NOISE COMPLAINT	2
BREAKING AND ENTERING PAST	1	NOTIFICATION	3
CHECK WELFARE	12	OFFICER WANTED	8
CIVIL ISSUE	1	OPEN DOOR	1
COMPLAINT	1	SAFETY HAZARD	7
DETAIL REQUEST	3	SERVICE CALL	1
DISABLED MV	3	SHOTS FIRED	1
DOMESTIC	1	SMOKE INVESTIGATION	1
ESTATE QUESTIONS	1	STRUCTURE FIRE	2
FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION	1	SUICIDE THREAT	1
FRAUD/SCAM	2	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	1
GENERAL INFO	3	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	1
INVESTIGATION	1	TEST CALL	1
JUVENILE OFFENSES	1	TRAFFIC HAZARD	6
LINE DOWN, POWER,PHONE OR CABL	4	TREE ON PRIMARY	1
CALLS FOR SERVICE TO THE STATION	22	TREE ON THE WIRES	1
		TRESPASS	1

TOTAL RESPONSE CALLS 171

Respectfully submitted,
John McDonough, Chief of Police

REGIONALIZATION REPORT

Over four years ago, we were asked to work with the Hawlemont District to try to arrange a three-town district agreement that would allow Heath to join with Charlemont and Hawley and have Heath children attend Hawlemont School. The difficult work began. Then Covid hit and all school districts were faced with a tsunami of issues and problems that had to be faced immediately. We hit a pause, but then in an effort to move forward, Heath applied for and received a grant from the State's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. This allowed the newly formed Heath Regionalization Study Team (with new members Barbara Rode and Ken Rocke) to hire professional experts to dig into and analyze student population and financial data and clarify for us the implications of the terms that were being offered to bring about regionalization. After careful consideration, the Study Team voted to suspend further negotiations.

This meant that Heath would follow the agreement created with the Mohawk District arrived at during negotiations around our closing of the Heath Elementary School. If, after three years of attempting to create the three town Hawlemont District, no agreement was reached, Heath could choose to send their students to one of the Mohawk District's other schools. That agreement had been extended due to pandemic circumstances, but would not be extended further.

Members of the Study Team visited and met with staff from the two schools (Colrain Central and Buckland-Shelburne Elementary) that were reasonable choices based on busing travel times. After careful consideration, the Team chose Colrain Central School as the host school for Heath's students. This means that our children can attend a wonderful school in a town very much like ours and a town with which we have other shared agreements, such as Fire and Ambulance services.

The Mohawk District will provide bus transportation to Colrain Central for every Heath student. If parents choose to have their students attend Hawlemont, a different Mohawk District school, or a school outside the Mohawk district, all of which are permitted within the State's "School Choice" option, they would be required to provide transportation for their students.

All town officials who worked together on our school issues realize the difficulties our students have had to endure. Children need stability in every aspect of their lives. Stability has been hard to achieve in the turmoil of these last few years. The Heath Regionalization Team believes the decision to have Colrain Central School as our host solidifies a key element of stability for Heath's amazing children!

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Gruen
Budge Litchfield
Ken Rocke
Barbara Rode

TOWN NURSE

The Town Nurse Office has continued to be at the Senior Center in the Community Hall with office hours on Tuesdays from 12:00 to 1:00 and Thursdays from 11:00 to 1:00 by appointment only due to the closure of Town buildings. I have seen an average of 12 people a month which includes an average of 9 home visits per month, but not including administering 52 dose of influenza vaccine in October. With access to the high-speed internet just in time for the flu clinic, I was able to complete the onboarding process for the new State program for reporting vaccines that also included submitting for reimbursement. It is all done on computer negating the use of paper forms. Next season people with computers will be able to schedule appointments and register themselves.

I was fortunate to receive 2 Epi pens, needed in the event of a reaction to vaccine, free from a state grant. In March we received some supplies from MEMA including surgical masks, exam gloves, disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer, and 3 thermometers. Earlier in the Pandemic I could not get these things from anywhere.

Early in the year as the COVID vaccine became available I began assisting at clinics as a vaccinator with the Medical Reserve Corps. In February Susan Gruen, RN with the Heath BOH obtained a list of eligible people in Town, and we began making calls and assisting with scheduling appointments, which was very difficult as there was such a demand for vaccine and high-speed internet was not available in Heath at the time. I hope that everyone who wants the vaccine has received it and gets a booster. It will likely become a yearly thing like the flu vaccine.

Influenza vaccine has been ordered for the next season and we have received some of the reimbursement for this past season.

I may be contacted during office hours at 337-4847, messages may be left at 337-8309 or 337-4934 X 109, or nurse@townofheath.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Rabbitt, RN

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meets as needed when there is an application from a property owner for a variance to engage in construction that exceeds what is allowed by the Town's zoning bylaws. Due to the fact that no such applications were received during 2021, the ZBA did not meet.

The ZBA would like to acknowledge and express a hearty 'thank you' to Dennis Peters who stepped down from the Board on June 30th after serving as chairman for many years. Dennis knew the finer nuances of the applicable state laws and regulations that pertain to this area of government. In deep appreciation for the many volunteer hours and dedication to the task, our hats are off to you, Dennis!



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HAWLEMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hawlemont Elementary School's vision is a community of learners where everyone will flourish. To flourish, we will work together to foster positive emotions, active engagement, strong relationships, meaning in our work, and acknowledge accomplishments. Our mission statement is: Hawlemont Elementary School provides students with high quality authentic learning experiences in partnership with families and community. Currently, our enrollment is 119 students, which includes preschool through Grade 6.

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

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

Over the summer, we offered a number of supports to our students, including to go meals, a K-2 social-emotional focused camp, summer tutoring, an ELA academy, and a math academy. Hawlemont students were also able to participate in the Mohawk Trail summer camp. Fortunately, we were able to offer transportation for students, increasing our participation rates. All expenses associated with these offerings were covered through grants.

The teaching assignments for the 2021-2022 school year are as follows: Preschool Full Day: Heather Butyniski, Kindergarten: Sue Mead, First Grade: Heather Looman, Second Grade: Margaret Miller, Third Grade: Sarah Ricko, Fourth Grade: Abby Clark, Fifth Grade: Jennifer Sinistore, Sixth Grade: Stephen Bechtel, HAY Agriculture Coordinator: Amber Tulloch, Special Education: Alyssa Collins & Valery Lively, Music Teacher: Rick Page, Art/PE/Library: Kylee Bunker, ELL: Barbara Page and Psychol-

ogist/School Counselor: Autumn Jillson. We have many wonderful paraprofessionals who provide additional support in classrooms. Duane Graves is the custodian, the nurse is Sherry Hager, and Rachel Gammell and Heather Lengieza are the cafeteria staff. December 1st, 2021, Lindsay Rodriguez left the Hawlemont community. Amber Tulloch stepped in as acting principal and was hired as interim principal shortly after.

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

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

Hawlemont's Local Educational Council (LEC) is composed of four family members, a community member, one teacher, and 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. This fall and winter, we have geared meetings around family engagement, starting with concerns around behaviors. We've noted a marked decrease in behaviors as a result of tightening expectations around appropriate language and recess. During professional development times, teachers are able to focus on the set goals and help to improve our school. These include deep learning around early literacy skill development, continuing our math work through AVMR multiplication and division coursework, and gaining familiarity with our new ELA curriculum. In the summer, 3 teachers took an intensive multi-day pd on EL curriculum and organized and led a one day pd for our remaining classroom teachers.

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

I would like to thank the teachers, staff, parents, students, and community members for making this a great school where everyone shows goodwill, responsibility, integrity and teamwork. We are so fortunate to have such a committed staff and community to work with us through these challenging times. I look forward to next year and continued growth towards educational excellence at Hawlemont.

Respectfully submitted,
Amber Tulloch, Interim Principal

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

We submit this annual report for 2020-21 school year on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students. As a reminder, the FY23 budget represents an October 1, 2021 count, which is always a year behind according to the state budget process. FCTS has an enrollment submission of 546 students with town breakouts as follows:

Bernardston	26	Erving	28	Montague	95	Sunderland	6
Buckland	18	Gill	17	New Salem	13	Warwick	7
Colrain	27	Greenfield	123	Northfield	28	Wendell	7
Conway	10	Heath	9	Orange	82	Whatley	13
Deerfield	30	Leyden	0	Shelburne	11		

Franklin County Technical School awarded 109 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2021. 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 and FCTS maintained the equivalent of a Level 2 accountability status out of a 5-point scale with 1 being the highest and 5 the lowest. Additionally, the district is meeting targets set by the Department of Education for passing rates of students of high risk with disabilities.

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 with the bond authorization projects.

Franklin County Technical School students are learning the value of paid work opportunities through a newly revamped Cooperative Education Program (Coop). In 2019 FCTS had approximately 50% of our seniors involved in paid Coop jobs related to their vocational field of study. In 2020, due to COVID-19 issues there were approximately 20% of our seniors on paid Coop. 2021 students are once again going back to work and taking advantage of paid Coop opportunities. FCTS offers excellent academic offerings with Advanced Placement, Honors, Foreign Language, credit recovery, and special education courses to provide all students with the opportunity to be prepared for college and career readiness.

Franklin County Technical School continues to experience increased enrollment and popularity within Franklin County, which has translated to new vocational technical programs in the fields of Veterinary Animal Science and Medical Assisting. These new vibrant programs are the first new vocational programs at FCTS in more than 40 years and bring the total number of Chapter 74 vocational-technical programs to 14. Unlike other school districts which may offer a 45-minute course in a trade, FCTS students must follow strict Chapter 74 guidelines where students are in their vocational shop program for 6.5 hours per day for a full week to meet industry standard competency guidelines.

Franklin County Technical School's technical programs continue to improve and evolve through the use of competitive Capital Skills Grants. FCTS has received more than 1.2 million dollars in grants over the last several years without using FCTS funds to enhance its Welding, Medical Assisting, Veterinary Science, and Machine Technology vocational programs. FCTS also partners with the Franklin Hampshire Regional Employment Board and Greenfield Community College to offer an evening program for underemployed and displaced workers to obtain a certification in Advanced Precision Machining using our 21st Century modernized CNC machines. In addition, FCTS will continue its partnerships with MassHire to explore new adult evening programs in the fall of 2022.

Franklin County Tech's Carpentry, Electrical, Plumbing, and Landscaping programs established a foundation in collaboration with the Greenfield Savings Bank to build a new home for the community on an annual basis. FCTS has finished its second new home in Erving and is beginning a new home building project in Greenfield. In New Salem, FCTS students built a new pavilion for the Swift River Elementary School, in Greenfield, Landscaping and Horticulture (LH) is working with the Franklin County Fair Grounds planting new trees and beautification projects. In Montague LH is working with the Montague Planning Department on the Millers trail modification. Plumbing and Electrical students are working at the new Conway DPW putting in new radiant floors and plumbing students are busy installing new bathroom and kitchen units, while electrical students continue to wire the entire facility. Welding worked on the recycling carts for the Franklin County Fair. Culinary

Arts cooks meals for the Montague Housing Authority and regularly serves the local Community Senior Center and Chamber of Commerce.

Auto Collision Repair is working with the Turners Falls Police Department turning a marked police vehicle into an unmarked vehicle. Auto Technology continues to support community vehicles for all member towns. In addition, the Auto Technology program has saved member towns a substantial amount of money by maintaining the school's vehicle fleet. Many of our school vehicles are used for our various construction jobs within Franklin County and also provide for athletic transportation, which significantly reduces our overall transportation costs and allows FCTS to not require athletic user fees. FCTS Auto Technology and Collision Repair program are very appreciative of the donated vehicles which provide our students with real world experiences. The newly established Veterinary Science program has provided vaccinations for the Franklin County Sheriff's Animal Shelter by supporting their grooming needs.

Franklin County Tech is forward thinking as it continues to review labor demand and market analysis to add new programs and skills to support students to obtain competencies and training to make them competitive in the workplace, college, and career.

Our partnerships with our communities are important for our programs, and we thank those which allow our students the opportunity to practice their trades out in the field.

Respectfully,

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

SPECIAL EDUCATION & PUPIL SERVICES

The Mohawk Trail Regional and Hawlemont Regional Special Education Department serves students in the Sanderson, Colrain, Hawlemont, Buckland-Shelburne, and Mohawk Trail Regional Middle and High Schools. The primary function is to ensure that students with an IEP (Individual Education Plan) or a 504 are being serviced at a level required to make effective progress with supports outlined in their IEP or 504. According to state data, During the 2020-21 school year, The Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont district have about 24.1% and 28% 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. All schools have a full time Speech Language Pathologist vs sharing a SLP and an assistant. This model has increased consistency and support for our students, while being cost effective. With an increased need for counseling services for all students, each school has begun to increase this level of support. BSE, Colrain, and Sanderson have a full-time school psychologist. Hawlemont has a full-time School Psychologist, the Middle and High School

have a full time Adjustment Counselor and School Psychologist. The level of services in each building is based on population, need and level of services legally required by an IEP.

During the school year 2020-21, all students with an IEP were offered their direct services and received them based on their in person or remote status. Students with higher needs were prioritized to receive in person learning from September of 2020. As IEP meetings occurred through the year, we were required to hold conversations with the caregivers and the IEP team as to whether a student demonstrated substantial regression due to COVID and required compensatory services. We had a small number of students require compensatory services. The district is legally obligated to support a SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee). A small core group of parents began the process in the spring of 2021 to reinvigorate the SEPAC. They have held monthly meetings with an average of 4 parents attending. We are grateful for their work and look forward to the continued progress.

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

- *Students requiring the support of a BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst):* The program is located at BSE and currently serves seven students. When the program began, students spent more than 50% of their time within the program. Currently those students are in their mainstream classes more than 80% of the time.
- *Mohawk Supported Classroom, located in the Middle and High School:* The program supports students with social emotional needs. Students receive educational support both in the program and within the general education setting.
- *Mohawk Vocational Program:* Services students with Intellectual Disabilities who require a higher level of support. The program also supports those students who are eligible to remain in school until age 22, and focus on transition and vocational skills. Students participate in community job sites such as Berkshire East, Charlene Manor and Aubuchon. We are grateful to the local businesses for supporting our students.

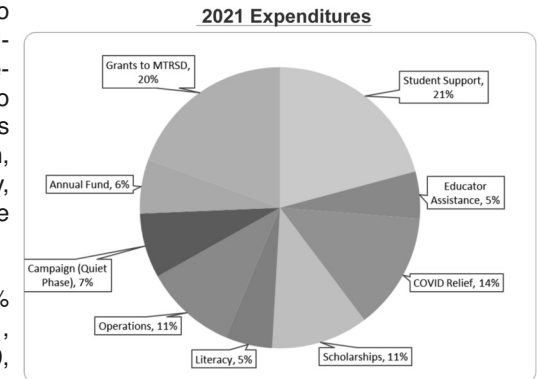
Respectfully Submitted,
Leann Loomis, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

MARY LYON FOUNDATION, INC.

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

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

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



New Programs:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ongoing Programs:

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kristen Tillona-Baker, Executive Director

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

10 scholarships totaling \$12,200.00 were awarded to seniors and 14 scholarships totaling \$28,150.00 were awarded to graduates.

From 1991 - 2021 a total of \$ 1,094,825.00 has been awarded in scholarships. Mohawk seniors have received \$335,475.00 and \$759,350.00 has been awarded to graduates. Applications were available either online or they could be obtained at Mohawk School.

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

Students of any age who are graduates of Mohawk (and living in the nine-town area at the time of graduation) are encouraged to apply for scholarships to help meet their continuing education needs. Please call Student Services at Mohawk, 413-625-9811, Ext. 1503 for information regarding requirements and deadlines.

Respectfully submitted,
Marion E Scott, Secretary

2021 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Franklin County Technical School
Sienna Boyle

Mohawk Trail Regional School District
Kevin Krikorian
Cassidy Patnode
Haley Sheridan
Austin Sumner
Kassidy Weber
Alexis Williams

The Academy at Charlemont
William Draxler

Greenfield Commonwealth Virtual School
Gavin Steele-McCutchen





FRANKLIN COUNTY REGIONAL DOG SHELTER

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office Regional Dog Shelter has been in operation since 2012. The shelter was started by Sheriff Christopher Donelan who saw the need in the community for a dog sheltering facility. As of this date, the dog shelter provides services to 22 of the 26 Franklin County towns.

During the course of 2021, the Regional Dog Shelter logged 157 canine intakes. 104 were brought in as strays, and 53 were Surrendered, Transferred or Returned adoptions to our facility.

What happened to the dogs?

80 were returned to their owners.

50 were adopted into new fur-ever homes.

9 were transferred to another facility to better meet their specific needs.

10 were sadly euthanized by an attending veterinarian. Euthanasia is not something we take lightly and we do our best to explore all available options before choosing this course of action. Of these 10, (4) were owner intended euthanasia; (2) were medically compromised; (4) were euthanized for severe aggression towards people and other animals.

While we are primarily a dog facility with the addition of the Sheriff's Office Regional Animal Control Position the shelter assisted in the holding and transfer of 33 cats. At this time, the shelter does not have the capability to process cat adoptions, therefore all cats are transferred to an appropriate agency.

Food Pantries: During the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Shelter has worked to supply pet food into local food pantries for residents who are in need. If you are struggling to feed your pet, or know of a food pantry that could use dog/cat food please let us know!

Rabies Clinics: In 2021, the shelter partnered with (2) local veterinarians to sponsor rabies clinics in Turners Falls, Heath, and Shelburne Falls. Between these (3) clinics, a total of 86 pets were vaccinated against rabies.

Dog Licensing: Some Town Clerks have granted the ability for the shelter to issue a dog license for a dog that was brought in and not licensed since Massachusetts General Law requires every dog be licensed and vaccinated for rabies before it can be released from the shelter. This ability has drastically reduced the time that an owned dog must stay at the shelter, if it was unlicensed upon intake.

Volunteers: Volunteers are essential to the smooth operation of the shelter. Without them, we would not have the success that we have today. During 2021 our volunteers logged 4,777 volunteer hours! Our volunteers assist the operation of the shelter by helping with daily kennel chores, foster homes, event staffing and providing enrichment specific to each dog's needs. We are always in need of new volunteers. If you are interested in joining our volunteer team; please check out the volunteer application on our website.

Did you know? The overall average length of stay for a dog at our kennel is 30 days? During this time, all their costs and care are covered by the Friends of the Franklin County Regional Dog Shelter.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

During the year of 2019, the towns of Buckland, Colrain, Gill, Heath, Monroe, Northfield, and Shelburne joined in partnership with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office to create the Franklin County Regional Animal Control program and hired a Regional Animal Control Officer to provide full-time services to these towns.

During the year of 2021, Franklin County Regional Animal Control logged 773 calls for service between January 1st and December 31st 2021. In 2020, Franklin County Regional Animal Control logged 563 calls for the year.

Breakdown of calls by Town:

Buckland: 98 Charlemont: 29 Colrain: 76 Gill: 104 Heath: 61
Monroe: 10 Northfield: 90 Shelburne: 65 Other*: 240

*Other refers to Assistance Requests, (Shelter, MSPCA, Local Law Enforcement, Etc.)

Calls for Service:

11 call(s) for animal bites investigations.

42 call(s) for animal welfare checks.

152 call(s) for animal complaints.

58 call(s) regarding found animals.

17 call(s) for inspections.

21 call(s) for sick or injured animals.

33 Mutual Aid Requests.

59 Hearings, Meetings or Trainings.

33 Animal Surrenders.

*Note: The above does not represent all the calls that were received.

In the spring of 2021 with the assistance of the Franklin County Regional Dog Shelter and local veterinarians Amy Rubin and Amy Tuominen we were able to host rabies clinics in Heath and Shelburne Falls.

In September 2021, the Town of Charlemont joined the Regional Animal Control Program, with the addition of Charlemont, the Regional Animal Control Program now covers (8) towns in the county.

During 2021, we worked with local food pantries to keep them stocked with pet food for residents in need. If you are struggling to obtain food for your dog or cat, or know of a pantry in need of pet food, please reach out.

Anyone with Animal Control questions can contact me directly by email at kdragon@fcso-ma.us or by phone at 413-768-0983. If you have an urgent or immediate situation, please contact the Shelburne Falls Regional Communications Center at 413-625-8200.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kyle Dragon, Animal Control Officer
Franklin County Regional Animal Control

UPPER PIONEER VALLEY VETERANS' SERVICES

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

- District now brings in \$1793282.18 in Federal and State money **per month** from all sources (VA, State Reimbursements, State Annuities and sales). Compare this to \$58000 in expenses per month.
- Our office requested and sponsored a COVID vaccine clinic courtesy of the VA and Kringle Candle in Bernardston
- We created the State's first dedicated VA Telehealth center for veterans to use for their Telehealth appointments if they do not wish to travel far or do not have the skill set or technology to do at home. This is being emphasized by the VA after lessons learned from COVID.
- VSA Laura Thorne has maintained her SHINE certification and is helping veterans and their dependents, taking some of the load off the Senior Centers. Deputy Chris Demars is now a Certified National Service Officer, allowing us to directly submit VA paperwork, helping to speed up these claims. Finally, Brian Brooks, Veteran Service Officer, is currently the Massachusetts Marine Corps League Commandant, representing Marine Veterans across Massachusetts.
- As District Town Halls and Senior Centers are slowly re-opening we are returning to our normal outreach locations (call for latest times and places)
- We project a level funded Fiscal Year 23 budget while continuing to expand services in 2023

Timothy Neijadlik, Director

FRANKLIN COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

For information visit www.fcrhra.org

FRANKLIN COUNTY REGIONAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Current reports and information at www.FRRSMA.com

FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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

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

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

We did hold our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2021. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. We adjusted our collection protocol to account for health and safety requirements during the pandemic. A total of 420 households participated in this event.

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

If you have questions about District programs, call us at 413-772-2438 (MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 TTY/TDD), visit our website at www.franklincountywastedistrict.org or visit us at 117 Main St., 2nd Floor in Greenfield.

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FRCOG SERVICES TO HEATH

Franklin Regional Council of Governments

The FRCOG provides planning services, programming, and advocacy to all County municipalities. Our municipal service programs – Collective Purchasing, Cooperative Public Health, Cooperative Inspection, and Town Accounting – are available to any municipality. Partnership for Youth provides substance use and chronic disease prevention; the Planning Department assists with local planning and larger regional projects; and the Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security Programs prepare and train first responders and health officials.

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to shape the ways we did business in 2021, and while the attention of some staff remained focused on pandemic response, our typical work did not stop, nor did our mission to serve the interests of citizens, municipalities, and the region as a whole. We've included some of that work here, and FRCOG's 2021 Annual Report, published this spring, will further summarize our regional efforts. The following pages list services specific to Heath.

COVID Response and Recovery

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

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

Climate Resilience

- Hosted three workshops as a part of the town's integrated Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness and Hazard Mitigation planning process
- Assisted with developing project narratives for projects to be completed at the former Heath school building, using Green Communities designation grant funds
- Assisted the town coordinator with completing the FY21 Green Communities Annual Report

Economic Development

- Completed an inventory and map of recreational assets in the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership area.
- Assisted with developing the Shelburne Falls/West County Initiative grant program for businesses, nonprofits, artists, and farmers.

Finance and Municipal Services

- Heath contracted with the FRCOG to receive collective bid pricing for highway products and services, including rental equipment; heating and vehicle fuel; elevator maintenance; school district fire extinguisher services; and dog tags and licenses.
- The Cooperative Inspections program issued 64 building permits, 24 electrical permits and 23 plumbing/gas permits for Heath in 2021. One (1) Certificate of Inspection was issued.

Land Use and Natural Resources

- Completed an update of the Heath Open Space and Recreation Plan, which was approved by the State and allows the town to be eligible for grants to protect open space or establish recreational facilities.
- Developed a Pollinator Action Plan for Heath as part of the Regional Pollinator Action Plan for Franklin County, including potential revisions to the town's zoning bylaws to create and protect pollinator habitat.
- Assisted Heath and other towns with the formation of the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership (MTWP) Board that will assume responsibility for future activities of the MTWP in accordance with state legislation. Heath received a \$20,000 MTWP town grant for the design and construction of a trail connecting the Town Forest with the Catamount State Forest.

Public and Community Health

Heath is a comprehensive member of the Cooperative Public Health Service (CPHS), a health district based at the FRCOG.

- Completed state-mandated infectious disease surveillance and reporting for communicable disease cases in district member towns, including 5 Heath cases.
- Offered tick prevention materials and help for residents accessing tick tests. Seventeen (17) Heath residents received low-cost tick tests through a district program and Department of Public Health subsidy, a value of \$340. Of ticks tested in Heath, 40% tested positive for the Lyme Disease Pathogen, and 17% for the Babesiosis pathogen.
- Gave 897 Flu and 77 COVID vaccinations at CPHS flu clinics, COVID pop ups, and home visits. Among these, 13 Heath residents received flu vaccines.
- Continued support for Age-and Dementia-Friendly community initiative, including planning for a needs-assessment survey distributed early in 2022.
- Conducted 25 Title-5 inspections prior to property transfers; 12 soil evaluations for septic systems; and 15 septic system plan reviews that included site visits, issuing local upgrade approvals and DSCP (septic) permits, completing final inspections of installations, and preparing Certificates of Compliance.
- Permitted 4 new wells and determined compliance with water supply standards.

- Provided technical assistance with review of the town's Community Hall as a possible location for a commercial kitchen.
- Provided technical assistance to license the former Heath School at 18 Jacobs Rd as a commercial kitchen.
- Permitted and inspected 13 temporary food vendors.
- Applied for and received a Public Health Excellence Grant and an Epidemiology Contact Tracing grant on behalf of the health district, which funded a staffing increase to better serve all communities while maintaining all required COVID-related work.
- Conducted a Teen Health Survey to assess attitudes and behavior among middle and high school students. Staff reported to Mohawk Trail Regional School District administrators on results from 117 Mohawk students, representing 79% of the 8th, 10th, and 12th grade classes. Survey data meets federal requirements for the school and is valuable for grant writing and program planning.
- Provided training, technical assistance, and evaluation for the evidence-based LifeSkills substance use prevention curriculum in the school district.
- Provided resources for advancing racial justice in school districts/schools to the school district.
- Provided training, materials, and technical assistance for the new, evidence-based PreVenture substance use prevention and mental health promotion program in the school district.

Training and Education

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

COVID-19 Pandemic Support:

- Bi-Weekly Coordination Roundtables – 1-3
- Public Health After-Action Conference - 1

Emergency Prep & Homeland Security:

- Free Emergency Telecom Services – 1

Municipal Officials' Continuing Education:

- Select Board 101 - 1
- American Rescue Plan Overview - 1

Public Health & Community Awareness:

- Orientation to Local Public Health - 1
- Public Health Excellence Grant Info Session - 1
- Three-In-One Food Safety Training Certification - 1

Additionally, staff organized and facilitated educational information meetings for members of town energy committees, including presenting information on various topics and conducting follow-up communication.

FRED W. WELLS TRUST FUND

This trust fund was established in the will of Fred W. Wells. Mr. Wells, a former resident of Greenfield, directed that a portion of income from the fund be used for awarding scholarships in agricultural, mechanical, or professional fields. Funds available for the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 were \$227,977.00 (inclusive of unused scholarship money from previous years that was reallocated to be granted this year).

EDUCATION

The Trustees received 168 applications and approved 167 of those received. Trustees awarded a total of \$166,550.00. 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 in their education.

HEALTH

Total Health Grants awarded were \$105,000.00

Four applicants were provided grants totaling \$72,000.00.

The Care Collaborative	\$20,000.00
Community Action Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program	\$10,000.00
Life Path Inc. for Meals on Wheels Program	\$30,000.00
New England Learning Center for Women in Transition (NELCWIT)	\$12,000.00

Eight applicants were provided COVID Support Grants totaling \$33,000.00

Greenfield Senior Center/Council on Aging	\$15,400.00
Shelburne Falls Senior Center	\$ 5,000.00
Charlemont Senior Center	\$ 1,500.00
Conway Council on Aging	\$ 1,800.00
South County Senior Center	\$ 4,600.00
Heath Council on Aging	\$ 1,000.00
Leyden Council on Aging	\$ 1,000.00
Northfield Council on Aging	\$ 2,700.00

AGRICULTURE

Two applicants were provided grants totaling \$14,391.00.

Franklin County Agricultural Society	\$ 8,203.00
Heath Agricultural Society	\$ 6,188.00

Respectfully Submitted,
Dianne Grinnell

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