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2013

Town of Colrain Annual Report

The Town of Colrain is a community of 43.2 square miles located in north central Franklin County. Per the 2000 Federal Census, the population is 1,813, of which 1,094 are registered voters. To the north, Colrain borders two Vermont towns: Halifax and Guilford. Leyden is to the east, Greenfield to the southeast, Shelburne to the south, Charlemont to the southwest and Heath to the west. State Route 112 is the major highway through the town, running roughly north to south along the North River. There are 86.58 road miles in Colrain, the third highest amount in the Franklin County. Approximately half of these roads are gravel. Colrain is primarily an agricultural and residential community. We have an open town meeting form of government, with a Board of Selectmen as the governing body.

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Dedication

Duane Scranton served 39 years as a selectman for the Town of Colrain. In his 13 terms he has seen numerous changes in town and been a part of many projects. Duane and his family move to Colrain in 1963, setting up one of the town's many dairy farms. He has been a long-haul trucker and continues to drive truck for JS Rae Construction. He also served his Country in Korea. In his role as a community leader, Duane always had a policy "We're in there to help people. A lot of times we can't give people what they want us to give them, but you listen to people and see what you can do to help." The Town of Colrain is grateful for what Duane Scranton has done to help our community. This report is dedicated to him for all those years of service.

Dedication written by Katie Scranton

Colrain Transfer Station Information/Hours

Located on Charlemont Road
Saturdays 8:00 am—4:00 pm
Summer hours 1st Tues in May—1st Tues in September
5:30 pm—7:30 pm

General Information

All trash bags must have stickers
13 gallon stickers-$1.00/each
33 gallon stickers—$2.00/each

Stickers are available at the Transfer Station
Bulky Waste open 3rd week in April until it is full in October

General Recycling

Paper and Plastics

Other Recyclables Collected

Scrap Metal	Free
White Goods and CFCs	$10 each
Tires	$2.00 each with no rims
Bulky Waste	$5.00 to $10.00
CRTs and TVs	$0.25/lb
Construction/Demolition	$40/cubic yard ($20 minimum)
Donations	Salvation Army Box

Hazardous Materials Collected

Motor oil	$0.50/gal
Oil Filters	$0.75/each
Auto Batteries	Yes
Anti-Freeze	$1.00/gallon
Paint	$5.00 per gallon, $1.50 per qt. **No Latex**
Flourenscent	$0.50/4 ft or shorter or compacts, $1 per 8 ft.
House Batteries	Yes
Ballasts	$5.00 each
Thermometer	Free
Thermostats	Free
Switches	Free
20 lb BBQ Tanks	$5.00
1 lb LP Tanks	$1.00
Larger LP Tanks	$10.00

Items not accepted: leaves/yard waste, Christmas Trees, Brush Textiles

Town Officers, Boards, & Committees – Contact Information

	Phone #	E-mail Address
Agricultural Commission Chair,		
Kenneth P. Herzig	624-0215	
Board of Assessors, Assistant		
Alice Wozniak	624-3356	assessors@colrain-ma.gov
Board of Health Clerk,		
Paula Harrison	624-3454	townclerk@colrain-ma.gov
Building Inspector,		
Shawn Kimberley	624-3356	shawnkimberley@hotmail.com
Conservation Commission Clerk,		
Paula Harrison	624-3454	townclerk@colrain-ma.gov
Council on Aging,	624-8818	
Richard Herzig	624-3417	
Dog Officer		
Jack Cavolic	624-3238	
Emergency Manager Director		
Jack Cavolick	624-3454	
Finance Committee Chair,		
Marybeth Chichester	624-3454	
Fire Chief,		
Nick Anzuoni	624-5528	
Griswold Memorial Library	624-3619	biblib3@aol.com
Betty Johnson, Librarian		
Highway Superintendent,		
Scott Sullivan	624-5500	hwysupt@mtdata.com
Historical Commission Chair,		
Robert Ramirez	624-3090	
Open Space Committee Chair,		
Ellen Weeks	624-5137	eweeks@umext.umass.edu
Personnel Committee Chair,		
Ellen Weeks	624-5137	eweeks@umext.umass.edu
Planning Board Chair,		
Joan Rockwell	624-9666	
Police Chief - Business Only		
Jason Haskins	624-3038	police@colrain-ma.gov
Tax Collector		
Paula Harrison	624-5549	taxcollector@colrain-ma.gov
Town Accountant,		
Tracey Baronas	624-8859	accountant@colrain-ma.gov
Town Clerk		
Robin Hartnett	624-3454	townclerk@colrain-ma.gov
Selectmen/Town Coordinator,		
Kevin Fox	624-6306	bos@colrain-ma.gov
Transfer Station	625-9012	
Treasurer		
Kris Nartowicz	624-5549	treasurer@colrain-ma.gov
Tree Warden		
Michael Friedlander	624-3643	
Zoning Board of Appeals Chair,		
Rockwell Lively	624-3210	

Elected Town Officers

BOARD OF SELECTMEN	**Term**
(Three year term)	
Eileen D, Sauvageau, Chair	2011 - 2014
Mark A. Thibodeau	2012 - 2015
Jack Cavolick	2013 - 2016

TOWN CLERK (Three year term)	
Robin Hartnett	2013 - 2016

BOARD OF ASSESSORS (Three year term)	
Nicholas M. Anzuoni, Chair	2013 - 2016
James J. Slowinski	2012 - 2015
Jonathan Lagreze	2011 - 2014

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE	
(Three year term)	
Joseph M. Kurland	2011 - 2014
Nina Martin-Anzuoni	2013 - 2016

GRISWOLD MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEES (Three year term)	
Michelle F. Hillman	2013 - 2016
Michael Friedlander	2011 - 2014
Paula J. Harrison	2011 - 2014
Susan M. Slowinski	Resigned 7-22-2013
Lori A. Regienus	2012 – 2015
Carol Lively	2013 – 2016
Cynthia McLaughlin	Appointed 10-21-2013- 2015

CONSTABLES (Three year term)	
Michael Friedlander	2013 - 2016
Scott F. Sullivan	2011 - 2014
Melinda A. Herzig	2012 - 2015

MODERATOR (Three year term)	
Michael J. Slowinski	2012 - 2015

Board of Selectmen Appointments

Agricultural Commission	**Term Expires**
Kenneth P. Herzig, Chair	2014
Kenneth W. Avery	2014
Robert P. Ramirez	2015
Joseph S. Hillman	2015

Animal Control Officer	
Jack Cavolick	2014
Alternative, Ed Grinnell	2014

Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation Program	
David W. Nims	2014

Board of Health	
Michael Friedlander	2014
Timothy P. Slowinski	2014
Jason Ferenc, Chair	2015
Jack Cavolick	2015
Diana Ditmore	2014

Board of Registrars	
Leah Coburn	2015
Karen M. Devine	2014
Eugenia M. Shearer	2014
Amy J. Herzig	2015
Paula Harrison	2014

Broadband Committee	
David Greenberg	Resigned 2-11-2013
William H. Dornbusch	2014
Joseph M. Kurland	2014
Bill Cole	2014
Ed Stamas	2014
Rebecca Tippens	2014
Board of Selectmen	

Building Inspector (Three year term)	
Shawn Kimberley	2016

Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Representative	
Michelle F. Hillman	2014

Colrain Arts Council	
Sandra R. White	Resigned 2013
Heather Viens	2014
Cynthia L. McLaughlin	2016
Janice Jones	2016
Helen Call	2014
Ann Stanforth	2014
Eugenia M. Shearer	2015
Donna Cusimono	2016

Conservation Commission	
Clarence E. Wheeler, Chair	2014
Matthew G. Slowinski	2014
David W. Nims	2014
Carl A. Herzig	2014

Paul C. Lagreze	2014
William H. Dornbusch	2015
Marshall L. Denison, Jr.	2015

Council on Aging

Joan C. McQuade	2014
Richard R. Herzig	2015
Amy J. Herzig	2015
Bing Waldsmith	2015
Carl Herzig	2016
Mary York	2014
Russell Barnes	2014
Janice Barnes	2014
Kathleen A. Phelps	2014
Valeda R. Peters	2014

Emergency Management Director

Jack Cavolick	2014

Fire Chief

Nicholas M. Anzuoni	2014

Franklin Regional Transit Authority Representative

Mark Thibodeau	2014

Franklin Regional Council of Governments Representative

Eileen D. Sauvageau

Franklin Regional Planning Board Representative

Eileen D. Sauvageau	2014

Highway Department Liaison

Mark Thibodeau	2014

Highway Superintendent

Scott F. Sullivan	2014

Historic Commission

Robert P. Ramirez, Chair	2014
Joan C. McQuade	2014
Edward S. Stamas	2014
David W. Nims	2014
Jack Cavolick	2014
David B Rodgers	2014
Amy Herzig	2014

Inspector of Animals (Appointed March 31st)

Jack Cavolick	2014

Memorial Hall Park Committee

Phil Sherburne	2014
Rusty Barnes	2014
Joan Rockwell	2014

Moth Superintendent

Scott Sullivan	2014

Office Clerk

Paula Harrison	2014

Open Space Committee

Ellen Weeks, Chair	2014
Robert Sand	2014
Marybeth Chichester	2014
Rita M. Thibodeau	2014
Ellen E. Doris	2015

Personnel Committee

Kathleen A. Phelps	2014
Valeda R. Peters	2014
Christine L. Beausoleil	2015
Ellen A. Weeks, Chair	2015
Open position	2014

Plumbing & Gas Inspector

Timothy J. Hartnett	2014
Herb Hohengasser	2014

Police Chief

Jason D. Haskins	2014

Police Officers

Srgt. Christopher E. Lannon
Roger P. Williams, Jr.
Joshua Lemay
Gary Russell
Dawn Haskins
Justin Purinton

Recreation Committee

Heather E. Garey	2014
Roger J. Purington, Jr.	2014
Eileen D. Sauvageau	2014

Regional Dog Program Representative

Jack Cavolick	2014
Alternate, Kevin Fox	2014

Solid Waste Management District Representative

Jonathan Lagreze	2014
Alternate, Kevin Fox	2014

Special Constable

Carl A. Herzig	2014

Tax Collector

Leah C. Coburn	Resigned 9-20-2013
Paula Harrison	Appointed 9-19-13 - 2016

Tree Warden

Michael Friedlander	2014

Town Coordinator

Kevin Fox	2014

Treasurer

Leah C. Coburn	Resigned 9-20-2013
Kris Nartowitcz	Appointed 3-19-2013 - 2016

Town Accountant

Tracey L. Baronas	2015

Wiring Inspector

James Slowinski	2014
Clinton Dodge	2014

Zoning Board of Appeals

Marshall L. Denison, Jr.	2016
Howard R. Phelps	2014
Rockwell J. Lively, Chair	2015
Mark A. Thibodeau	2016
James J. Slowinski	Alternate & Clerk of Board
John Peters	2014

Moderator's Appointments

Finance Committee (a seven member committee)

Marybeth Chichester, Chair	2015
Charles D. Lappen	2016
Douglas Macleay	2016
Phil Sherburne	2015
Lori Regienus	2014

Franklin County Technical School District Committee Member

Nicole Slowinski	2015

Planning Board (a seven member board)

Joan S. Rockwell, Chair	2015
Betsy Corner	2013
A Hale Johnson	2015
Sara Wik	2014
Tom Griffin	Sworn in 10-21-2013 -2016
William C. Cole	Resigned 11-1-2013
Megan E. McDonough	Resigned 1-1-2013

Town Office

Board of Selectmen

It is our pleasure to submit the annual report of the Colrain Board of Selectmen for calendar year end 12/31/13.

2013 was certainly a year of changes for the Town of Colrain. Change came in the form of people, places and exciting things to come.

Long time Selectman Duane Scranton decided to not seek re-election after 39 years of service. We would like to thank Duane for his dedication to the Town of Colrain. Additionally, Leah Coburn, Treasurer/Collector, resigned after many years of service to the Town. We would also like to thank Leah and wish her well in her future endeavors.

In the fall of 2013 the fate of Memorial Hall was determined with its demolition. It was with sadness that this was the ultimate fate. Various Select Boards over the years made numerous attempts to find viable alternative uses for the property to no avail. At the May 2013 Annual Town Meeting voters appropriated the funds for the demolition. Recently the Selectboard appointed an Ad-Hoc Memorial Hall Park Development Committee charged with envisioning a plan to establish a park at the former site of the building that held so many memories.

The Town's website, established in 2012, continues to improve and was recently nominated for the Massachusetts Municipal Associations Annual Municipal Website Award. Our thanks to Paula Harrison who has taken on the responsibility of managing the site and has done an outstanding job. We attempt to keep the site fresh and useful and encourage residents to visit it frequently for updates on Town business and other useful information. The site can be found at Colrain-MA.gov.

The Town has continued to invest in updating and improving its equipment and infrastructure. Listed below are a few of the most recent improvements/additions as well as projects in the works:

- New dump body – Highway Department
- New glider kit (Truck) – Highway Department
- New windows – High Garage
- Approximately $368,000 of local road improvements completed in 2013 and funded by the Town's Chapter 90 allocations.
- New fire pumper – (delivery expected in fiscal year 2015)
- New attendant hut – Transfer Station (built with volunteer labor headed by Jack Cavolick)
- Painting of the exterior and interior of the Town Office (labor provided at no cost by the Franklin County Sheriff's Community Service Program)
- The Town has applied for a Community Development Block Grant. If funded this grant will provide for a full depth reconstruction of River Street complete with replacement of water mains and hydrants. This grant will also provide housing rehabilitation loans to low/moderate income households and much needed local food bank funding.
- The Town contracted with the engineering Firm Weston and Sampson to complete a Village Center Sewer Study. This study, funded by a $30,000 USDA grant and $5,000 of local matching funds, will assess the current situation related to waste disposal in the

village Center and suggest viable options for the future. It is the opinion of the Selectboard that managing and improving this situation is integral to future development in the Town of Colrain.

- The Town has achieved preliminary approval for Federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funding for a redesign and improvement project for the Route 112/Greenfield Road intersection. In an effort to aggressively pursue this funding we have selected an engineering firm to commence the design and right-of –way work that is the Town's required contribution to what is expected to be a $1.5-2 million dollars infrastructure improvement project.
- The Town is currently in the process of completing a Village Center Master Plan with the assistance of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments and funded by a DLTA grant. It is believed that once completed this plan will reflect a commitment to economic growth in the Village Center while, at the same time, the retention of small town character.

The Selectboard is committed to sustaining it's efforts to maintain the Towns current equipment and infrastructure while continuing to plan for future replacement of equipment and the development of improved and enhanced infrastructure. We believe this can be accomplished through sound fiscal planning and prudent purchasing.

In closing we thank you for the opportunity to serve the residents of Colrain and welcome you thoughts and input in the new year.

Eileen Sauvageau, Chair

Mark Thibodeau, Member

Jack Cavolick, Member

Accountants Reports

Balance Sheet

	General	Special	Trust &	Long Term	
ASSETS	**Fund**	**Revenues**	**Agency**	**Debt**	
Cash, Petty					
Cash, Pooled	272,496.93	793,099.84	420,113.31		1,485,710.08
2013 Personal Property	130.72				
2012 Personal Property	136.38				
2011 Personal Property	380.84				
2010 Personal Property	382.12				
Prior Year	2,330.52				
Total Personal Property	3,360.58				
2013 Real Estate	200,918.72				
2012 Real Estate	102,715.10				
2011 Real Estate	58,768.64				
2010 Real Estate	29,558.95				
Prior Year	4,332.04				
Total Real Estate	396,293.45				
2013 Allow for Abate/Exempt	-13,837.04				
2012 Allow for Abate/Exempt	-10,424.75				
2011 Allow for Abate/Exempt	0.00				
2010 Allow for Abate/Exempt	-5,330.45				
Prior Year	-5,654.81				
Total Allow for Abate/Exempt	-35,247.05				
Tax Liens	79,482.23				
Tax Possessions	35,989.71				
2013 Motor Vehicle Excise	14,416.33				
2012 Motor Vehicle Excise	4,339.47				
2011 Motor Vehicle Excise	2,120.23				
2010 Motor Vehicle Excise	1,295.33				
Prior Year	2,478.55				
Total Motor Vehicle Excise	24,649.91				
CSMP Betterment Due		10718.94			
Amt. To Be Provided-CSMP				25333.28	
TOTAL ASSETS	777,025.76	803,818.78	420,113.31	25,333.28	

Balance Sheet

	General	Special	Trust &	
LIABILITIES	**Fund**	**Revenues**	**Agency**	
Payroll Withholdings	4,107.54			
Tailings	272.27			
Def.Rev - Property & RE Tax	364,406.98			
Def.Rev - Tax Liens	79,482.23			
Def.Rev - Tax Possessions	35,989.71			
Def.Rev - Motor Vehicle Excise	24,649.91			
CSMP Betterment Not Yet Due		10,718.94		
Anticipation Note-TS Irene		784,000.00		
Police Detail			560.00	
Health/Life			215.22	
Due to State - Firearms			375.00	
VY Drill Agency			100.00	
Katywill Retainage			43,672.53	
Bonds Payable -CSMP				25333.28
Bonds Payable -				
Bonds Payable -				
TOTAL LIABILITIES	508,908.64	794,718.94	44,922.75	25,333.28

Balance Sheet

FUND EQUITY	General Fund	Special Revenues	Trust & Agency	
Res. For FY14 Encumbrances				
Reserve for FY14 Carryforwards	19,495.00			
Reserve for Exp.-Free Cash FY14	90,727.00			
Reserve for Overlay Deficit	-2,116.58			
Reserve for Approp. Deficit	-3,662.87			
Undesignated Fund Balance	163,674.57			
Revolvings Funds		59,180.63		
Special Revenue Funds		-94,547.23		
Sewer Betterments		38,197.27		
Receipts Reserved		6,269.17		
Stabilization			291,801.85	
Audit Stabilization			2,027.40	
Fire Vehicle Stab			50,115.74	
Highway Truck Stab.			19,180.55	
Assessors Stabilization			3,506.81	
Trust Funds			8,558.21	
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	268,117.12	9,099.84	375,190.56	0.00
TOTAL LIAB & FUND EQUITY	777,025.76	803,818.78	420,113.31	25,333.28
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Parameters: Fiscal Year: 2013 Start Date: 7/1/2012 end: 6/30/2013

Ledger History - Variance - Revenue Ledger

Account Number	Budget Encumbered	Transfer: This Period To Date	Allocated	Journal Entry: This Period To Date	Receipt: This Period To Date	Payment: This Period To Date	Ending	% Var.
01-4-110-209	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-16,443.25		
Personal Property Taxes 2009	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-16,443.25	-16,443.25	0.00
01-4-110-212	0.00	0.00		0.00	527.68	0.00		
Personal Property Taxes FY12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	527.68	0.00	527.68	0.00
01-4-110-213	-180,730.86	0.00		0.00	179,969.57	0.00		
Personal Property Taxes 2013	0.00	0.00	-180,730.86	0.00	179,969.57	0.00	-761.29	99.58
01-4-120-208	0.00	0.00		0.00	1,229.33	0.00		
Real Estate Taxes 2008	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,229.33	0.00	1,229.33	0.00
01-4-120-209	0.00	0.00		0.00	5,663.46	-495.47		
Real Estate Taxes 2009	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,663.46	-495.47	5,167.99	0.00
01-4-120-210	0.00	0.00		0.00	22,580.88	-10.18		
Real Estate Taxes 2010	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,580.88	-10.18	22,570.70	0.00
01-4-120-211	0.00	0.00		0.00	28,272.72	-374.90		
Real Estate Taxes 2011	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,272.72	-374.90	27,897.82	0.00
01-4-120-212	0.00	0.00		-6.33	87,298.37	-1,499.62		
Real Estate Taxes FY 2012	0.00	0.00	0.00	-6.33	87,298.37	-1,499.62	85,792.42	0.00
01-4-120-213	-2,497,110.63	0.00		0.00	2,273,144.34	-4,125.70		
Real Estate Taxes FY13	0.00	0.00	-2,497,110.63	0.00	2,273,144.34	-4,125.70	-228,091.99	90.87
01-4-130-000	30,280.69	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		
Allow. for Ates & Exempt	0.00	0.00	30,280.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,280.69	0.00
01-4-150-001	0.00	0.00		0.00	665.63	0.00		
Post Abatement Excise Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	665.63	0.00	665.63	0.00
01-4-150-204	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		
Motor Vehicle Excise 2004	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-4-150-208	0.00	0.00		0.00	9.58	0.00		
Motor Vehicle Excise 2008	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.58	0.00	9.58	0.00
01-4-150-209	0.00	0.00		0.00	27.19	0.00		
Motor Vehicle Excise 2009	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.19	0.00	27.19	0.00
01-4-150-210	0.00	0.00		-0.55	530.53	-50.00		
Motor Vehicle Excise 2010	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.55	530.53	-50.00	479.98	0.00
01-4-150-211	0.00	0.00		0.00	1,019.08	-61.25		
Motor Vehicle Excise 2011	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,019.08	-61.25	957.83	0.00
01-4-150-212	0.00	0.00		0.00	24,274.39	-1,740.01		
Motor Vehicle Taxes FY 2012	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,274.39	-1,740.01	22,534.38	0.00

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01-4-150-213	-126,300.00	0.00		0.00	128,567.76	-889.17		
Motor Vehicle Excise 2013	0.00	0.00	-126,300.00	0.00	128,567.76	-889.17	1,378.59	101.09
01-4-171-000	-10,000.00	0.00		6.33	33,317.48	0.00		
Interest on Property Tax	0.00	0.00	-10,000.00	6.33	33,317.48	0.00	23,323.81	333.24
01-4-172-000	0.00	0.00		0.55	1,395.62	0.00		
Interest on Motor Veh Ex	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.55	1,395.62	0.00	1,396.17	0.00
01-4-210-000	-7,700.00	0.00		0.00	5,469.75	0.00		
Police Fees to town	0.00	0.00	-7,700.00	0.00	5,469.75	0.00	-2,230.25	71.04
01-4-223-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	30.00	0.00		
Planning Board Fees to town	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	30.00	0.00
01-4-230-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	965.00	0.00		
BOH Permits and Fees to town	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	965.00	0.00	965.00	0.00
01-4-232-000	-8,575.00	0.00		0.00	3,209.88	-48.00		
Building Permits to Town	0.00	0.00	-8,575.00	0.00	3,209.88	-48.00	-5,413.12	36.87
01-4-233-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	735.00	0.00		
Fire Dept. Fees to Town	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	735.00	0.00	735.00	0.00
01-4-235-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	50.00	0.00		
Curb Cut Permits	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
01-4-237-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	100.00	0.00		
Other Licenses/Permits	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
01-4-239-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	750.00	0.00		
Liquor Licenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00	0.00	750.00	0.00
01-4-241-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	260.00	-10.00		
Business Certificates	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	260.00	-10.00	250.00	0.00
01-4-242-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	5,691.06	0.00		
Tax Collector Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,691.06	0.00	5,691.06	0.00
01-4-244-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	752.50	0.00		
Town Clerk Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	752.50	0.00	752.50	0.00
01-4-433-000	-31,600.00	0.00		0.00	26,376.00	0.00		
TS-Large Bags	0.00	0.00	-31,600.00	0.00	26,376.00	0.00	-5,224.00	83.47
01-4-433-001	0.00	0.00		0.00	3,976.00	0.00		
TS-Small Bags	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,976.00	0.00	3,976.00	0.00
01-4-433-002	0.00	0.00		0.00	2,273.50	0.00		
TS-Bulk Items	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,273.50	0.00	2,273.50	0.00

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01-4-433-003	0.00	0.00		0.00	159.00	0.00		
TS-Tires	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	159.00	0.00	159.00	0.00
01-4-433-004	0.00	0.00		0.00	440.00	0.00		
TS-Appliances	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	440.00	0.00	440.00	0.00
01-4-433-005	0.00	0.00		0.00	114.00	0.00		
TS-Tanks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	114.00	0.00	114.00	0.00
01-4-433-006	0.00	0.00		0.00	1,310.50	0.00		
TS-Electronics	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,310.50	0.00	1,310.50	0.00
01-4-433-008	0.00	0.00		0.00	62.45	0.00		
TS-Misc	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	62.45	0.00	62.45	0.00
01-4-436-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	3,638.70	0.00		
Recyling Refund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,638.70	0.00	3,638.70	0.00
01-4-610-000	-38,510.00	0.00		0.00	38,510.00	0.00		
State Owned Land	0.00	0.00	-38,510.00	0.00	38,510.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
01-4-616-000	-12,883.00	0.00		0.00	4,518.00	0.00		
Elderly Abatements	0.00	0.00	-12,883.00	0.00	4,518.00	0.00	-8,365.00	35.07
01-4-667-000	-12,727.00	0.00		0.00	5,509.00	0.00		
Veterans Benefits	0.00	0.00	-12,727.00	0.00	5,509.00	0.00	-7,218.00	43.29
01-4-671-000	-244,112.00	0.00		0.00	244,112.00	0.00		
Lottery	0.00	0.00	-244,112.00	0.00	244,112.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
01-4-770-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	1,640.00	0.00		
RMV Marking Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,640.00	0.00	1,640.00	0.00
01-4-770-001	-6,825.00	0.00		0.00	12,627.50	0.00		
CMVI Fines	0.00	0.00	-6,825.00	0.00	12,627.50	0.00	5,802.50	185.02
01-4-770-002	0.00	0.00		0.00	750.00	0.00		
Fines-District Court	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00	0.00	750.00	0.00
01-4-770-003	0.00	0.00		0.00	605.08	0.00		
Library Fines	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	605.08	0.00	605.08	0.00
01-4-820-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	653.97	0.00		
Interest on Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	653.97	0.00	653.97	0.00
01-4-820-001	0.00	0.00		0.00	6.16	0.00		
rMMDT Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.16	0.00	6.16	0.00
01-4-820-002	0.00	0.00		0.00	1.06	0.00		
rBerk. Bank Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.06	0.00	1.06	0.00

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01-4-820-003	0.00	0.00		0.00	60.36	0.00		
rUniBank Gen. Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.36	0.00	60.36	0.00
01-4-840-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	2,688.96	0.00		
Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,688.96	0.00	2,688.96	0.00
01-4-840-001	0.00	0.00		0.00	2,610.38	0.00		
Medicare Employer Subsidy	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,610.38	0.00	2,610.38	0.00
01-4-840-005	0.00	0.00		0.00	22.25	0.00		
Sale of Street Lists	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22.25	0.00	22.25	0.00
01-4-840-006	0.00	0.00		0.00	319.25	0.00		
Copier Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	319.25	0.00	319.25	0.00
01-4-840-009	0.00	0.00		0.00	56.70	0.00		
ZBA Bylaw Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	56.70	0.00	56.70	0.00
01-4-841-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	16.65	0.00		
Prior Year Refunds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.65	0.00	16.65	0.00
01-4-841-001	0.00	0.00		0.00	958.00	0.00		
Storm - FEMA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	958.00	0.00	958.00	0.00
01-4-841-003	0.00	0.00		0.00	9,538.00	0.00		
Sale of Surplus Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,538.00	0.00	9,538.00	0.00
23-4-422-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	398,044.04	0.00		
rChapter 90 Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	398,044.04	0.00	398,044.04	0.00
26-4-176-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	2,470.65	0.00		
rHearings Deposit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,470.65	0.00	2,470.65	0.00
26-4-177-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	1,081.75	0.00		
rTransfer Station/MSW Disposal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,081.75	0.00	1,081.75	0.00
26-4-292-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	3,580.00	0.00		
rDog Control Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,580.00	0.00	3,580.00	0.00
26-4-293-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	1,195.00	0.00		
rWiring Inspections	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,195.00	0.00	1,195.00	0.00
26-4-294-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	325.00	0.00		
rFire Dept. Inspections	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	325.00	0.00	325.00	0.00
26-4-295-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	2,300.00	0.00		
rPlumbing Inspections	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,300.00	0.00	2,300.00	0.00
26-4-300-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	40.46	0.00		
rSSRP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.46	0.00	40.46	0.00

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26-4-513-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	1,260.00	0.00		
rBOH Inspections	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,260.00	0.00	1,260.00	0.00
27-4-171-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	10.80	0.00		
rWetlands Protection	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.80	0.00	10.80	0.00
27-4-292-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	1,692.73	0.00		
Quintus Allen Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,692.73	0.00	1,692.73	0.00
28-4-449-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	36.81	0.00		
rCSMP Betterment Available Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	36.81	0.00	36.81	0.00
28-4-750-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	3,007.82	0.00		
CSMP/Betterments Current Year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,007.82	0.00	3,007.82	0.00
29-4-150-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	3,878.73	0.00		
State Cultural Council	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,878.73	0.00	3,878.73	0.00
29-4-161-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	530.00	0.00		
Extended Polling Hours	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	530.00	0.00	530.00	0.00
29-4-210-213	0.00	0.00		0.00	2,641.32	0.00		
WRHSAC Training Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,641.32	0.00	2,641.32	0.00
29-4-213-001	0.00	0.00		0.00	3,667.19	0.00		
rIns Recovery 2012 Cruiser	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,667.19	0.00	3,667.19	0.00
29-4-220-002	0.00	0.00		0.00	500.00	0.00		
Barnhardt Fire Dept. Gift	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
29-4-220-004	0.00	0.00		0.00	150.00	0.00		
Colrain Firemans Assoc. Rescue Equip. Gift	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	150.00	0.00
29-4-220-008	0.00	0.00		0.00	735.00	0.00		
rFire Dept. Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	735.00	0.00	735.00	0.00
29-4-222-210	0.00	0.00		0.00	123.33	0.00		
2010 VY Comm. Support Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	123.33	0.00	123.33	0.00
29-4-222-211	0.00	0.00		0.00	221.30	0.00		
r2011 VY Community Support Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	221.30	0.00	221.30	0.00
29-4-222-212	0.00	0.00		0.00	1,875.00	0.00		
rVY Community Support Grant 2012	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,875.00	0.00	1,875.00	0.00
29-4-222-213	0.00	0.00		0.00	5,625.00	0.00		
rFY 2013 VY Community Support Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,625.00	0.00	5,625.00	0.00
29-4-223-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	2,000.00	0.00		
r EMPG	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00

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29-4-425-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	790,503.47	0.00		
TS Irene FY2012	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	790,503.47	0.00	790,503.47	0.00
29-4-426-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		
rTS Irene Hwy Garage Flooding	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
29-4-428-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	547,189.37	0.00		
fTS Irene Fed. Hwy. Adamsville	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	547,189.37	0.00	547,189.37	0.00
29-4-429-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	2,458.50	0.00		
rMIIA Loss Control Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,458.50	0.00	2,458.50	0.00
29-4-433-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	499.80	0.00		
FCSWMD DEP Mini Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	499.80	0.00	499.80	0.00
29-4-541-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	3,500.00	0.00		
COA Grant-State	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.00
29-4-541-001	0.00	0.00		0.00	5,044.93	0.00		
rCouncil on Aging Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,044.93	0.00	5,044.93	0.00
29-4-541-002	0.00	0.00		0.00	1,000.00	0.00		
rCOA Foot Care Grant 2013	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
29-4-610-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	2,020.97	0.00		
Library State Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,020.97	0.00	2,020.97	0.00
29-4-690-001	0.00	0.00		0.00	23.45	0.00		
A.A. Smith Historic Society Gift	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.45	0.00	23.45	0.00
29-4-696-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	58.47	0.00		
MSCP 85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	58.47	0.00	58.47	0.00
29-4-697-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	146.83	0.00		
MSCP 86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	146.83	0.00	146.83	0.00
82-4-100-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	577.20	0.00		
rStabilization	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	577.20	0.00	577.20	0.00
82-4-141-820	0.00	0.00		0.00	6.81	0.00		
rAssessors Stabilization	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.81	0.00	6.81	0.00
82-4-220-820	0.00	0.00		0.00	90.99	0.00		
rFire Department Vehicle Stabilization	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.99	0.00	90.99	0.00
82-4-286-820	0.00	0.00		0.00	13.42	0.00		
Davenport Relief Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.42	0.00	13.42	0.00
82-4-287-820	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.38	0.00		
Martha Babbitt Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.38	0.00	0.38	0.00

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82-4-288-820	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.32	0.00		
Grace A. Tenney Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.32	0.00	0.32	0.00
82-4-289-820	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.43	0.00		
Miller-Dennison Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.43	0.00	0.43	0.00
82-4-290-820	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.43	0.00		
Meetinghouse Cemetery Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.43	0.00	0.43	0.00
82-4-291-820	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.43	0.00		
Annie Browning Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.43	0.00	0.43	0.00
82-4-292-820	0.00	0.00		0.00	2.26	0.00		
East Colrain Cemetery Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.26	0.00	2.26	0.00
82-4-293-820	0.00	0.00		0.00	4.87	0.00		
rStabilization Audit Account	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.87	0.00	4.87	0.00
82-4-422-820	0.00	0.00		0.00	56.88	0.00		
rHighway Vehicle Stabilization	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	56.88	0.00	56.88	0.00
89-4-782-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	43.65	0.00		
Katywill Project Retainage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	43.65	0.00	43.65	0.00
	-3,146,792.80	0.00		0.00	4,960,296.06	-25,747.55		
110 Account(s) totaling:	0.00	0.00	-3,146,792.80	0.00	4,960,296.06	-25,747.55	1,787,755.71	156.81

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Ledger History - Variance - Expenditure Ledger

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01-5-113-000	10,000.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-9,358.11		
Attorney Expense	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	-9,358.11	641.89	93.58
01-5-114-000	79.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		
Moderator Stipend	0.00	0.00	79.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	79.00	0.00
01-5-114-001	60.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		
Moderator Expenses	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.00
01-5-122-000	9,322.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-9,321.99		
Selectmens Stipends	0.00	0.00	9,322.00	0.00	0.00	-9,321.99	0.01	100.00
01-5-122-001	700.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-511.00		
Selectmens Expense	0.00	0.00	700.00	0.00	0.00	-511.00	189.00	73.00
01-5-122-002	18,928.00	-829.27		0.00	0.00	-17,586.80		
Office Clerical Salary	0.00	-829.27	18,098.73	0.00	0.00	-17,586.80	511.93	97.17
01-5-122-003	41,600.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-41,600.00		
Salary Town Coordinator	0.00	0.00	41,600.00	0.00	0.00	-41,600.00	0.00	100.00
01-5-122-004	500.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-260.47		
Town Coordinator Expense	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	-260.47	239.53	52.09
01-5-122-005	1,000.00	-447.28		0.00	0.00	-139.22		
Advertising	0.00	-447.28	552.72	0.00	0.00	-139.22	413.50	25.19
01-5-122-006	5,000.00	-4,748.00		0.00	0.00	-252.00		
Transcribe Selectboard Minutes	0.00	-4,748.00	252.00	0.00	0.00	-252.00	0.00	100.00
01-5-131-000	100.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-100.00		
Finance Committee Expense	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	-100.00	0.00	100.00
01-5-132-000	2,000.00	-1,150.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		
Reserve Fund	0.00	-1,150.00	850.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	850.00	0.00
01-5-135-000	13,477.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-13,477.00		
Salary Town Accountant	0.00	0.00	13,477.00	0.00	0.00	-13,477.00	0.00	100.00
01-5-135-002	10,000.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		
Full Financial Audit	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
01-5-141-000	8,878.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-8,877.99		
Assessors Stipends	0.00	0.00	8,878.00	0.00	0.00	-8,877.99	0.01	100.00
01-5-141-001	23,099.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-23,099.00		
Assistant Assessor Salary	0.00	0.00	23,099.00	0.00	0.00	-23,099.00	0.00	100.00
01-5-141-002	7,510.00	100.00		0.00	0.00	-7,587.31		
Assessors Expense	0.00	100.00	7,610.00	0.00	0.00	-7,587.31	22.69	99.70

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01-5-145-000	11,820.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-11,820.00		
Treasurers Salary	0.00	0.00	11,820.00	0.00	0.00	-11,820.00	0.00	100.00
01-5-145-001	2,000.00	5,000.00		0.00	0.00	-6,966.18		
Treas. Tax Taking & Coll	0.00	5,000.00	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	-6,966.18	33.82	99.52
01-5-146-000	15,760.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-15,760.00		
Salary Tax Collector	0.00	0.00	15,760.00	0.00	0.00	-15,760.00	0.00	100.00
01-5-161-000	16,930.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-16,930.00		
Salary Town Clerk	0.00	0.00	16,930.00	0.00	0.00	-16,930.00	0.00	100.00
01-5-162-000	2,068.00	437.55		0.00	0.00	-2,505.55		
Election Workers Salary	0.00	437.55	2,505.55	0.00	0.00	-2,505.55	0.00	100.00
01-5-170-000	100.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		
Personnel Committee Expense	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
01-5-171-000	100.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-72.00		
Conserv. Comm. Expense	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	-72.00	28.00	72.00
01-5-175-000	500.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-127.28		
Planning Board Expenses	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	-127.28	372.72	25.46
01-5-192-000	3,091.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-2,784.72		
Town Buildings Custodian Salary	0.00	0.00	3,091.00	0.00	0.00	-2,784.72	306.28	90.09
01-5-192-001	10,595.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-10,405.56		
Town Office Maintenance	0.00	0.00	10,595.00	0.00	0.00	-10,405.56	189.44	98.21
01-5-192-002	23,890.00	800.00		0.00	0.00	-22,707.91		
Town Garage Maintenance	0.00	800.00	24,690.00	0.00	0.00	-22,707.91	1,982.09	91.97
01-5-192-003	24,320.00	-1,487.49		0.00	774.49	-23,214.86		
Office Expense	0.00	-1,487.49	22,832.51	0.00	774.49	-23,214.86	392.14	98.28
01-5-192-004	3,800.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-3,403.89		
Town Telephone	0.00	0.00	3,800.00	0.00	0.00	-3,403.89	396.11	89.58
01-5-192-005	1,870.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-1,083.59		
Professional Development	0.00	0.00	1,870.00	0.00	0.00	-1,083.59	786.41	57.95
01-5-192-006	40,366.00	-8,000.00		0.00	0.00	-32,160.75		
Property/Liability Insurance	0.00	-8,000.00	32,366.00	0.00	0.00	-32,160.75	205.25	99.37
01-5-192-007	1,207.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-1,206.16		
MEGA Work. Comp. Addl. Assessment	0.00	0.00	1,207.00	0.00	0.00	-1,206.16	0.84	99.93
01-5-195-000	750.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-569.93		
Town Reports & Ballots Printing	0.00	0.00	750.00	0.00	0.00	-569.93	180.07	75.99

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01-5-210-000	48,099.00	-640.93		0.00	0.00	-43,746.59		
Police Protection-Salaries	0.00	-640.93	47,458.07	0.00	0.00	-43,746.59	3,711.48	92.18
01-5-210-001	1,310.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-1,029.61		
Police Office Expense	0.00	0.00	1,310.00	0.00	0.00	-1,029.61	280.39	78.60
01-5-210-002	2,000.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-1,526.70		
Police Administrative	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	-1,526.70	473.30	76.34
01-5-210-003	5,100.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-4,766.30		
Traffic Control	0.00	0.00	5,100.00	0.00	0.00	-4,766.30	333.70	93.46
01-5-210-004	4,080.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-3,708.09		
Police Training	0.00	0.00	4,080.00	0.00	0.00	-3,708.09	371.91	90.88
01-5-210-005	12,910.00	640.93		0.00	0.00	-13,605.93		
Police Equipment	55.00	640.93	13,605.93	0.00	0.00	-13,605.93	0.00	100.00
01-5-210-006	13,736.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-13,046.12		
Police Cruiser Expense	0.00	0.00	13,736.00	0.00	0.00	-13,046.12	689.88	94.98
01-5-210-008	481.00	291.72		0.00	0.00	-772.72		
Constables Stipend	0.00	291.72	772.72	0.00	0.00	-772.72	0.00	100.00
01-5-220-000	31,425.00	2,151.96		0.00	0.00	-33,576.96		
Fire Protection-Salaries	0.00	2,151.96	33,576.96	0.00	0.00	-33,576.96	0.00	100.00
01-5-220-001	9,550.00	1,267.67		0.00	0.00	-10,817.61		
Firehouse Maintenance	0.00	1,267.67	10,817.67	0.00	0.00	-10,817.61	0.06	100.00
01-5-220-002	22,612.00	6,791.89		0.00	0.00	-29,903.89		
Fire Pumper Maint. & Equip	500.00	6,791.89	29,903.89	0.00	0.00	-29,903.89	0.00	100.00
01-5-222-000	1,087.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-1,087.00		
Emergency Manager Stipend	0.00	0.00	1,087.00	0.00	0.00	-1,087.00	0.00	100.00
01-5-222-001	200.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-200.00		
Emergency Manager Expense	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	-200.00	0.00	100.00
01-5-222-003	100.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-100.00		
FRCOG Emergency Planning Svc.	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	-100.00	0.00	100.00
01-5-241-000	7,886.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-7,886.00		
Building Inspector Salary.	0.00	0.00	7,886.00	0.00	0.00	-7,886.00	0.00	100.00
01-5-241-001	200.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-37.15		
Building Inspector Expense	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	-37.15	162.85	18.58
01-5-241-002	870.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-538.90		
Building Inspector Certification	0.00	0.00	870.00	0.00	0.00	-538.90	331.10	61.94

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01-5-292-000	361.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-361.00		
Inspector of Animals Stipend	0.00	0.00	361.00	0.00	0.00	-361.00	0.00	100.00
01-5-294-000	48.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-48.00		
Tree Warden Stipend	0.00	0.00	48.00	0.00	0.00	-48.00	0.00	100.00
01-5-303-000	1,593,346.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-1,593,346.00		
MTRS Operating Assessment	0.00	0.00	1,593,346.00	0.00	0.00	-1,593,346.00	0.00	100.00
01-5-303-001	11,994.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-11,994.00		
MTRS Capital Assessment	0.00	0.00	11,994.00	0.00	0.00	-11,994.00	0.00	100.00
01-5-306-000	209,484.00	1,788.20		0.00	0.00	-211,272.00		
FCTS Operating Assessment	0.00	1,788.20	211,272.20	0.00	0.00	-211,272.00	0.20	100.00
01-5-306-001	2,581.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-2,581.00		
FCTS Capital Expense	0.00	0.00	2,581.00	0.00	0.00	-2,581.00	0.00	100.00
01-5-421-000	202,513.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-194,503.44		
Highway Salaries	0.00	0.00	202,513.00	0.00	0.00	-194,503.44	8,009.56	96.04
01-5-421-002	67,856.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-61,351.58		
General Highway Maintenance	0.00	0.00	67,856.00	0.00	0.00	-61,351.58	6,504.42	90.41
01-5-421-003	36,400.00	20,000.00		0.00	0.00	-55,993.75		
Machinery Maintenance	0.00	20,000.00	56,400.00	0.00	0.00	-55,993.75	406.25	99.28
01-5-421-004	1,000.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-779.00		
Bridges	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	-779.00	221.00	77.90
01-5-421-005	88,300.00	-27,788.20		0.00	250.00	-59,004.53		
Gasoline Diesel & Oil	0.00	-27,788.20	60,511.80	0.00	250.00	-59,004.53	1,757.27	97.10
01-5-421-006	800.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-656.54		
CDL Drug Testing	0.00	0.00	800.00	0.00	0.00	-656.54	143.46	82.07
01-5-421-007	2,796.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-2,610.00		
Highway Coop. Purchasing Program Assess.	0.00	0.00	2,796.00	0.00	0.00	-2,610.00	186.00	93.35
01-5-423-000	86,400.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-83,489.86		
Winter Roads	0.00	0.00	86,400.00	0.00	0.00	-83,489.86	2,910.14	96.63
01-5-424-000	4,300.00	-800.00		0.00	0.00	-3,394.13		
Street Lights	0.00	-800.00	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	-3,394.13	105.87	96.98
01-5-430-000	3,691.00	0.03		0.00	0.00	-3,691.03		
Solid Waste District Assessment	0.00	0.03	3,691.03	0.00	0.00	-3,691.03	0.00	100.00
01-5-433-000	13,136.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-12,839.67		
Transfer Station Salaries	0.00	0.00	13,136.00	0.00	0.00	-12,839.67	296.33	97.74

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01-5-433-001	54,834.00	-9,000.00		0.00	0.00	-42,869.24		
Transfer Station Expenses	0.00	-9,000.00	45,834.00	0.00	0.00	-42,869.24	2,964.76	93.53
01-5-513-000	5,850.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-2,142.69		
Bd of Health Expense	0.00	0.00	5,850.00	0.00	0.00	-2,142.69	3,707.31	36.63
01-5-514-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-1,084.75		
BOH Legal Expense	5,626.02	0.00	5,626.02	0.00	0.00	-1,084.75	4,541.27	19.28
01-5-541-000	20,000.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-10,002.21		
Council on Aging Expenses	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	-10,002.21	9,997.79	50.01
01-5-543-000	2,416.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-2,416.00		
Veterans Assessment	0.00	0.00	2,416.00	0.00	0.00	-2,416.00	0.00	100.00
01-5-610-000	28,351.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-28,350.93		
Library Salaries	0.00	0.00	28,351.00	0.00	0.00	-28,350.93	0.07	100.00
01-5-611-000	18,386.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-18,386.00		
Library Expenses	0.00	0.00	18,386.00	0.00	0.00	-18,386.00	0.00	100.00
01-5-611-001	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-163.38		
Library Gates Grant/Town Match	163.38	0.00	163.38	0.00	0.00	-163.38	0.00	100.00
01-5-650-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		
APR Program	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
01-5-651-000	100.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		
Open Space Committee Expense	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
01-5-690-000	100.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		
Historical Comm. Expense	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
01-5-692-000	700.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-560.90		
Memorial Day Celebration	0.00	0.00	700.00	0.00	0.00	-560.90	139.10	80.13
01-5-693-000	475.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-475.00		
Cemetery Maintenance	0.00	0.00	475.00	0.00	0.00	-475.00	0.00	100.00
01-5-751-000	15,000.00	-1,362.19		0.00	0.00	-13,637.81		
Interest on Indebtedness	0.00	-1,362.19	13,637.81	0.00	0.00	-13,637.81	0.00	100.00
01-5-752-000	0.00	1,362.19		0.00	0.00	-5,025.06		
Interest on Tax Abatements	0.00	1,362.19	1,362.19	0.00	0.00	-5,025.06	-3,662.87	368.90
01-5-822-000	435.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-435.00		
St Assmnt Air Pollution	0.00	0.00	435.00	0.00	0.00	-435.00	0.00	100.00
01-5-824-000	193.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-193.00		
Reg Transit Authority Asm	0.00	0.00	193.00	0.00	0.00	-193.00	0.00	100.00

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01-5-827-000	1,620.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-1,920.00		
RMV Non-Renewla Surcharge	0.00	0.00	1,620.00	0.00	0.00	-1,920.00	-300.00	118.52
01-5-830-000	11,510.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-11,510.00		
FRCOG Assessment	0.00	0.00	11,510.00	0.00	0.00	-11,510.00	0.00	100.00
01-5-901-000	130,000.00	-1,252.00		0.00	16.10	-104,750.33		
Group Med/Medi/SUI/Unem-Town	0.00	-1,252.00	128,748.00	0.00	16.10	-104,750.33	24,013.77	81.35
01-5-903-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		
Develop Town Website 2005	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
01-5-906-001	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-34,565.00		
Police Cruiser FY2012	34,565.00	0.00	34,565.00	0.00	0.00	-34,565.00	0.00	100.00
01-5-907-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		
Highway Radio Upgrade FY11	424.66	0.00	424.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	424.66	0.00
01-5-907-001	80,000.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-79,992.85		
Highway Truck FY13	0.00	0.00	80,000.00	0.00	0.00	-79,992.85	7.15	99.99
01-5-908-000	2,000.00	4,447.28		0.00	0.00	-2,105.28		
Restoration/Preservation Records	0.00	4,447.28	6,447.28	0.00	0.00	-2,105.28	4,342.00	32.65
01-5-909-000	2,800.00	225.00		0.00	0.00	-2,872.00		
G. William Pitt House Improvements	0.00	225.00	3,025.00	0.00	0.00	-2,872.00	153.00	94.94
01-5-909-001	0.00	-225.00		0.00	0.00	-3,275.00		
G. William Pitt House Roof Repair	3,500.00	-225.00	3,275.00	0.00	0.00	-3,275.00	0.00	100.00
01-5-911-000	63,441.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-63,441.00		
Franklin Reg. Retirement Assess.	0.00	0.00	63,441.00	0.00	0.00	-63,441.00	0.00	100.00
01-5-913-000	70,000.00	65,000.00		0.00	6,500.00	-136,758.47		
Building Demolition FY13	0.00	65,000.00	135,000.00	0.00	6,500.00	-136,758.47	4,741.53	96.49
01-5-914-000	26,000.00	0.00		0.00	750.00	-10,217.25		
Town Office Roof Replacement FY13	0.00	0.00	26,000.00	0.00	750.00	-10,217.25	16,532.75	36.41
01-5-915-000	0.00	10,000.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		
USDA Tech. Feas. Grant Match FY13	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
01-5-916-000	0.00	1,150.00		0.00	0.00	-1,150.00		
2013 IT Needs Assessment	0.00	1,150.00	1,150.00	0.00	0.00	-1,150.00	0.00	100.00
01-5-917-000	0.00	1,275.94		0.00	0.00	-1,275.94		
IRS Penalty Assessed	0.00	1,275.94	1,275.94	0.00	0.00	-1,275.94	0.00	100.00
01-5-996-966	43,500.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-43,500.00		
Trans.to Stabilization	0.00	0.00	43,500.00	0.00	0.00	-43,500.00	0.00	100.00

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23-5-422-090	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-398,044.04		
Chapter 90 Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-398,044.04	-398,044.04	0.00
26-5-176-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-982.09		
Hearings Deposit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-982.09	-982.09	0.00
26-5-177-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-866.75		
Transfer Station/MSW Disposal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-866.75	-866.75	0.00
26-5-292-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-1,327.37		
Dog Control Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,327.37	-1,327.37	0.00
26-5-293-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-1,195.00		
Wiring Inspections	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,195.00	-1,195.00	0.00
26-5-294-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-350.00		
Fire Dept. Inspections	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-350.00	-350.00	0.00
26-5-295-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-2,300.00		
Plumbing Inspections	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-2,300.00	-2,300.00	0.00
26-5-513-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-1,260.00		
BOH Inspections	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,260.00	-1,260.00	0.00
28-5-449-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-3,174.29		
CSMP Betterment Available	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-3,174.29	-3,174.29	0.00
29-5-150-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-3,634.04		
State Cultural Council	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-3,634.04	-3,634.04	0.00
29-5-161-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-530.00		
Extended Polling Hours	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-530.00	-530.00	0.00
29-5-210-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-9.70		
DARE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-9.70	-9.70	0.00
29-5-210-213	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-2,641.32		
WRHSAC Training Grant 2013	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-2,641.32	-2,641.32	0.00
29-5-213-001	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-3,667.19		
Ins. Recovery 2012 Cruiser	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-3,667.19	-3,667.19	0.00
29-5-220-003	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-3.62		
Dornbusch/Standish Training Gift	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-3.62	-3.62	0.00
29-5-220-005	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-350.00		
Katywil Residents Equip. Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-350.00	-350.00	0.00
29-5-220-008	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-207.07		
Fire Dept. Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-207.07	-207.07	0.00

Parameters: Fiscal Year: 2013 Start Date: 7/1/2012 end: 6/30/2013

Ledger History - Variance - Expenditure Ledger

Account Number	Budget Encumbered	Transfer: This Period To Date	Allocated	Journal Entry: This Period To Date	Receipt: This Period To Date	Payment: This Period To Date	Ending	% Var.
29-5-222-210	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-1,334.29		
2010 VT Comm. Support Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,334.29	-1,334.29	0.00
29-5-222-211	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-1,940.14		
2011 VY Community Support Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,940.14	-1,940.14	0.00
29-5-222-213	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-2,500.00		
FY 2013 VY Community Support Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.00
29-5-223-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-4,500.00		
EMPG	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-4,500.00	-4,500.00	0.00
29-5-425-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	23,547.58		
TS Irene FY2012	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,547.58	23,547.58	0.00
29-5-426-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	13,362.43		
TS Irene Hwy Garage Flooding	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,362.43	13,362.43	0.00
29-5-428-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-270,376.20		
TS Irene Fed. Hwy-Adamsville	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-270,376.20	-270,376.20	0.00
29-5-429-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-2,458.50		
MIIA Loss Control Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-2,458.50	-2,458.50	0.00
29-5-433-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-499.80		
FCSWMD DEP Mini Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-499.80	-499.80	0.00
29-5-541-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-3,500.00		
COA Grant-State	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.00
29-5-541-001	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-1,679.00		
Council on Aging Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,679.00	-1,679.00	0.00
29-5-541-002	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-1,500.00		
COA Foot Care Grant 2013	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.00
29-5-610-000	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-4,638.20		
Library State Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-4,638.20	-4,638.20	0.00
29-5-610-002	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		
FOL Book Donation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
29-5-610-005	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-1,257.34		
FOL Books/Materials 2011	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,257.34	-1,257.34	0.00
29-5-690-001	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	-1,160.01		
A.A. Smith Historic Society Gift	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,160.01	-1,160.01	0.00
	3,375,783.00	65,000.00		0.00	8,290.59	-4,052,205.41		
135 Account(s) totaling:	47,084.06	65,000.00	3,487,867.06	0.00	8,290.59	-4,052,205.41	-556,047.76	115.94

Board of Assessors

The New Year started out with the Assessors conducting inspections of building permits, demolitions and properties on the Town's cyclical inspection list. The Department of Revenue (DOR) requires the Assessors of Massachusetts to visit every property in each town once every nine years. Several years ago, the Assessors decided to start a rotation of visiting the properties themselves rather than hiring an outside contractor at a substantial fee to the town. Since many of the contractors are from outside the area, the board felt that keeping the work "in house" would give them a better handle on errors for the future.

In the spring, Nicholas Anzuoni ran unopposed for Assessor and was re-elected to the position in the May election. Also in August, our Assistant Assessor, Alice Wozniak went to the UMass Assessors' School where she took some continuing education courses. One of the courses of particular interest was on interpreting appraisals. The Board of Assessors is the only elected board that is required within two years of taking office to successfully complete a 30 hour course and examination. Failure to do so jeopardizes the DOR approval of the town's tax rate.

In Fiscal Year 2013, the office granted 8 abatements in the amount of $161,790 of value which translates into $2,643.65 of tax dollars. There were no appeals filed at the Massachusetts Appellate Tax Board (ATB) for Fiscal Year 2013. Many of the properties in town have been inspected over the last few years, which have greatly reduced our number of abatements. This does not mean that the property record cards are flawless, some can errors go undetected for years. 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.

In early June, the office was readying to set the Fiscal Year 2014 tax rate. This year was a Re-evaluation process which entailed much work and was very time consuming. By late September, the Town of Colrain was the 19th town in the Commonwealth to set its tax rate and the Colrain Fire District was the 4th district in the Commonwealth to set its rate.

The Colrain tax rate for fiscal year 2014 was $17.77/per $1,000.00 of valuation.

The Colrain Fire District tax rate for Fiscal Year 2014 was $3.24/per $1,000.00 of valuation.

The Town of Colrain's parcel count, total assessed values for each major class of properties and their percentage of the Levy Limit is as follows:

Classification	Valuation	%
• Residential [1,059 parcels]	$139,559,260	86.5169
• Commercial [334 parcels]	$ 5,164,366	3.2015
• Industrial [14 parcels]	$ 3,488,400	2.1626
• Personal Property [34 accounts]	$ 13,096,650	8.1190
Total amount of 2014 Property Tax Levy	**$161,308,676**	**100.00%**

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

We want the general public to know that assessing is a very complicated field and the DOR sets forth very strict guidelines with which our office must comply. With that said, our office is open to the public for any questions Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30-4:00 p.m. and our board meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Assessor's office. If you would like to set up an appointment to meet with the Board please call the office at 624-3356.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Assessors
Nicholas Anzuoni, Chairman
James Slowinski
Jonathan Lagreze
Alice Wozniak, Assistant Assessor

Tax Collector's Report

As of June 30, 2013, 92% of the 2013 real estate taxes were paid. To briefly explain, 92% percent of the amounts on the Warrants to Collect were either abated, exempted, transferred to a tax title account, or paid before June 30, 2013. This is a 1% increase in "prompt payments" from 2012.

The interest rate is 14% on outstanding real estate and personal property tax balances. The interest rate for tax title is 16%. It would be in the taxpayer's best interest to work with their financial institution to resolve back taxes. Interest rates are low and refinancing or taking a home equity or personal loan is bound to be less expensive than entering into tax title.

Residents who have unpaid taxes and are not on payment plans, or who are not honoring their payment agreements are placed on the "delinquent list". Residents on the delinquent list will be denied town permits, licenses, etc., until the issue is resolved. I would urge anyone who is struggling with tax payments to please contact me. If the Collector doesn't know your situation he/she can't help you. If the Collector receives no communication, he/she has to assume you do not intend to pay. Please also understand that Colrain is a community that relies on its tax base to pay its bills. There will be increased pressure to collect back taxes because the town needs this money to operate.

If you have a question after you receive a tax bill, please read the back of the bill. If the answer is not there, call the Collector only if your question pertains to the payment of the tax. Questions regarding the assessed value or the amount of the tax must go to the Assessing Department. Any question regarding abatements, exemptions, chapter land, etc… are to be directed to the Assessors. It is always a good habit to request a copy of your property card from the Assessors Office to check it for accuracy.

There is a state informational website www.sec.state.ma.us for Citizen Information regarding taxes that provides detailed information regarding taxes that you may also access.

As I have given my notice to seek employment elsewhere, please know I've considered it a pleasure to have served the Town in the capacity of Collector these last 11 years.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Coburn, Collector

July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

REAL ESTATE

2012	Real Estate	$ 2,497,110.57
	Payments to Treasurer	$ 2,284,504.46
	Abatements/Exemptions	$ 15,813.09
	Refunds	$ 4,125.70
	Refunds Possible	$ 250.08
	Balance as of June 30, 2013	$ 2,12,528.92

2012	Real Estate forwarded from June 30, 2012	$	200,499.58
	Payments to Treasurer	$	87,361.36
	Transfer to Tax Title	$	11,081.44
	Refunds	$	1,499.62
	Balance as of June 30, 2013	$	102,715.21
2011	Real Estate forwarded from June 30, 2012	$	97,131.98
	Payments to Treasurer	$	28,336.79
	Transfer to Tax Title	$	10,401.45
	Refunds	$	374.90
	Balance as of June 30, 2013	$	58,768.64
2010	Real Estate forwarded from June 30, 2012	$	62,337.40
	Payments to Treasurer	$	22,580.88
	Transfer to Tax Title	$	10,207.75
	Refunds	$	10.18
	Balance as of June 30, 2013	$	29,558.95
2009	Real Estate forwarded from June 30, 2012	$	14,783.29
	Payments to Treasurer	$	5,663.46
	Transfer to Tax Title	$	6,006.69
	Refunds	$	495.47
	Balance as of June 30, 2013	$	3,608.61
2008	Real Estate forwarded from June 30, 2012	$	6,013.06
	Payments to Treasurer	$	1,229.33
	Transfer to Tax Title	$	4,628.52
	Balance as of June 30, 2013	$	155.21
2007	Real Estate forwarded from June 30, 2012	$	2,144.63
	Transfer to Tax Title	$	2,004.98
	Balance as of June 30, 2013	$	139.65
2006	Real Estate forwarded from June 30, 2012	$	147.22
	Payments to Treasurer	$	0.00
	Balance as of June 30, 2013	$	147.22
2005	Real Estate forwarded from June 30, 2012	$	139.06
	Payments to Treasurer	$	0.00
	Balance as of June 30, 2013	$	139.06
2004	Real Estate forwarded from June 30, 2013	$	17.47
	Payments to Treasurer	$	0.00
	Balance as of June 30, 2013	$	17.47
2003	Real Estate forwarded from June 30, 2012	$	124.82
	Payments to Treasurer	$	0.00
	Balance as of June 30, 2013	$	124.82

PERSONAL PROPERTY

2013	Personal Property	$	180,730.85
	Payments to Treasurer	$	179,696.57
	Abatements	$	630.56
	Balance as of June 30, 2013	$	130.72
2012	Personal Property forwarded from June 30, 2012	$	664.06
	Payments to Treasurer	$	527.68
	Balance as of June 30, 2012	$	136.38
2011	Personal Property forwarded from June 30, 2012	$	380.84
	Payments to Treasurer	$	0.00
	Balance as of June 30, 2013	$	380.84
2010	Personal Property forwarded from June 30, 2012	$	382.12
	Payments to Treasurer	$	0.00
	Balance as of June 30, 2013	$	382.12
2009	Personal Property forwarded from June 30, 2012	$	487.29
	Payments to Treasurer	$	0.00
	Balance as of June 30, 2013	$	487.29
2008	Personal Property forwarded from June 30, 2012	$	523.48
	Payments to Treasurer	$	0.00
	Balance as of June 30, 2013	$	523.48
2007	Personal Property forwarded from June 30, 2012	$	607.05
	Payments to Treasurer	$	0.00
	Balance as of June 30, 2013	$	607.05
2006	Personal Property forwarded from June 30, 2012	$	712.70
	Payments	$	0.00
	Balance as of June 30, 2013	$	712.70

MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE

2013	Warrants to Collect #1, #2, #3	$	144,605.22
	Payments to Treasurer	$	128,595.88
	Refunds	$	889.17
	Refunds Possible	$	73.33
	Abatements	$	2,482.18
	Balance as of June 30, 2013	$	14,489.66

2012	Balance forwarded from June 30, 2012	$ 11,118.62
	Warrants to Collect #4, #5, #6, #7	$ 17,928.39
	Payments to Treasurer	$ 24,274.39
	Refunds	$ 1,740.01
	Abatements	$ 1,692.00
	Balance as of June 30, 2013	$ 4,339.47
2011	Balance forwarded from June 30, 2012	$ 3,068.37
	Warrant to Collect 6A	$ 9.69
	Payments to Treasurer	$ 1,019.08
	Refunds	$ 61.25
	Balance as of June 30, 2013	$ 2,120.23
2010	Balance forwarded from June 30, 2012	$ 1,825.85
	Apply to Interest from tax	$ -.55
	Payments to Treasurer	$ 529.98
	Balance as of June 30, 2013	$ 1,295.32
2009	Balance forwarded from June 30, 2012	$ 1,439.91
	Payments to Treasurer	$ 27.19
	Balance as of June 30, 2013	$ 1,412.72
2008	Balance forwarded from June 30, 2012	$ 1,075.41
	Payments to Treasurer	$ 9.58
	Balance as of June 30, 2013	$ 1,065.83
2007	Balance forwarded from June 30, 2012	$ 586.36
	Abatements	$ 586.36
	Balance as of June 30, 2013	$ 0.00
2006	Balance forwarded from June 30, 2012	$ 539.37
	Abatements	$ 539.37
	Balance as of June 30, 2013	$ 0.00

Town Clerk's Report

In efforts to continue preservation of our historical documents, we had several books professionally bound. We completed all the Births, Marriage and Death records. What is left are Town Records of the Selectmen, Town Clerk minutes and other various committees. Judy would have been so happy to see the Vital records in completed.

7 voter registration sessions held in 2013

There were 11 Births, 16 Deaths and 7 Marriages in 2013.

I would also like to thank all the Election Workers for their dedication. Valeda Peters, and Vivian Williams for their many years of knowledge and all they have done to aide this office. Thank you Leah and Paula with covering the office and election duties when needed. I will miss Leah's knowledge and willingness to step in when needed.

I was able to attend two Town Clerk conferences this year. The Annual held in June and the Fall conference, these conferences are so important to attend I learn something new at each one. So many areas to cover

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Hartnett
Town Clerk

Treasurer's Report

I would like to introduce myself, I am Kristi Nartowicz, your new Town Treasurer.
Leah Coburn has left to work in the private sector after many dedicated years with the Town of Colrain. She will be missed.

I started on October 23, 2013 and was quickly brought up to speed.

The Town Accountant and I balance every month and seem to be making some progress with streamlining some areas.

The new Tax Collector, Paula Harrison, and I are working very hard with all the Tax Title Accounts. The Town has adopted a more pro-active approach with delinquent tax payers. We have hired a great attorney, Berenson & Bloom from Easthampton, MA., they are making great progress. Colrain is a small town and the budget is based on all taxpayers making their payments on time. We understand that for some this is hard but in order for your voice to be heard you must come to the Annual Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Nartowicz, Treasurer

July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

Balance as of July 1, 2012		$ 863,781.04
Location of Funds:		
People's Bank	General	$ 863,842.61
People's Bank	SSRP	$ 40,485.65
People's Bank	CSMP	$ 38,197.27
People's Bank	Covered Bridge	$ 22,397.90
People's Bank	Katywil	$ 43,672.53
Berkshire Bank	General	$ 1,050.59
MMDT	General	$ 3,256.60
MMDT	MSCP B85 trust	$ 26,270.09
MMDT	MSCP B86 trust	$ 65,952.21
MMDT	Arts' Council	$ 3,990.15
Unibank	General	$ 1,400.72
Balance as of June 30, 2013		$ 1,110,516.32

TRUST FUNDS ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

Balance July 1, 2012	$ 427,936.14
Location of Funds:	
Bank of Western Massachusetts	
Martha Babbitt Fund	$ 760.77
MMDT	
Meetinghouse Cemetery Fund	$ 202.88
Annie Browning Trust Fund	$ 202.88
Miller-Denison Lots	$ 202.88
Grace A Teney Fund	$ 101.68
East Colrain Cemetery Fund	$ 1,015.07
Davenport Relief Fund	$ 6,072.05
Stabilization Fund	$ 291,801.85
Stabilization Audit Fund	$ 2,027.40
Stabilization Fire Fund	$ 50,115.74
Stabilization Highway Fund	$ 19,180.55
Stabilization Assessors Fund	$ 3,506.81
Total Trust Funds June 30, 2013	$ 375,190.56

Annual Reports

Animal Control Officer

As Animal Control Officer, I respond to all domestic animal complaints involving dogs, cats, and ferrets. I am also charged to capture and remove bats, snakes, and reptiles. In addition, I deal with livestock who roam, including cattle, goats, pigs, horses, llamas, and sheep. Most of my time as Animal Control Officer is spent responding to calls involving lost and roaming dogs. Every week, I receive and respond to calls concerning animal control concerns.

This spring, as happens every year, dogs are starting to roam. Please be aware of your dog's whereabouts, keep an eye on them, and make sure they are wearing their dog license and rabies tags. Tags help to identify and return lost and roaming dogs. When I pick up a dog, I make every effort to locate the owner prior to dropping them off at the Regional Kennel in Turners Falls.

I would like to thank the Sherriff's Office kennel staff and volunteers for the care given to lost dogs. Colrain is a partner in the 13-town Franklin County Sherriff's Office Regional Dog Kennel and Adoption Center, located at 10 Sandy Lane in Turners Falls. Lost or roaming dogs whose owners cannot be identified are housed in this regional dog shelter, which charges a kennel fee to owners when they are picked up.

Dog licenses renewals are due by April 1, and under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 140, Section 145B, all dogs ***and cats*** must have a current rabies vaccination. There is a $50 fine for unvaccinated animals.

I am available at all times to respond to animal control issues. You may reach me at my home phone: 624-3238.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Cavolick, Animal Control Officer

Animal Inspector

As rabid animals are still reported in our state, it is extremely important to act swiftly in tending your injured animal and to follow the quarantine procedures. I serve an average of eight quarantines each year on animals that have been bitten by or that have bitten others. The cooperation of Colrain citizens in preventing the spread of rabies—by keeping up to date with personal rabies vaccinations and by vaccination of pets—helps stop this fatal disease. I thank all of you who help us control this threat to public health.

I am continually impressed by the caretaking of Colrain livestock, and would like to thank their owners for their cooperation during the fall and winter animal inspection inventory. Colrain takes an annual count of farm animals and livestock and reports any outbreak of disease to the state. We can celebrate another year of good health and good care of Colrain's livestock.

Please be in touch with me if you have any livestock questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Cavolick, Animal Inspector

Board of Health

As is customary, the board of health largely draws its officers and agents from among its own members. Currently, these positions are:

Food Inspectors: Timothy Slowinski, Diana Thatcher
Health Officer: Jason Ferenc
Housing Inspector: Jack Cavolick
Sanitarian: Michael Friedlander
Public Health Nurse: Nina Martin-Anzuoni
Radiological Officer (in case of Vermont Yankee
or other nuclear emergency): Diana Thatcher

In 2013, the board collected $600 in fees and fines. We issued 4 food establishment licenses. We also issued permits for 2 new septic systems, and 4 septic system repairs, 8 septic installer's permits, and 4 hauler's permits.

The Board of Health has signed a mutual aid agreement with the Greenfield Health Department, which will allow us to use their inspectors—Nicole Zabko and Jami Kolosowicz—if and when we need them. Our board has an impressive range of talent and expertise, especially for a smaller town. However, since we are small we lack depth and redundancy of personnel. The unexpected illness or absence of any board member has the potential to cause great difficulty. This mutual aid agreement will help to ensure that we can offer uninterrupted service to the town.

The board has been discussing whether there is need for a public health nursing program in town, and if so, what form such a program might take. Such a program would employ a nurse (either paid or a volunteer) who could perform a range of services from simply being available in the event of a public health emergency, to holding periodic clinics for townspeople. While discussion is in the preliminary stage, if there is anybody who wishes to offer their opinions, advice, or expertise to the board, we would appreciate hearing from you.

The board of health continues to pursue its enforcement program for environmental crime. We will investigate any case of illegal dumping in town, and issue citations or file criminal charges. Any person with information relating to illegal dumping of trash or other materials should report the incident to the town hall at 624-3454.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Ferenc, Chairman

Building Inspector

During the period of January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013, there were 58 building permits issued in the Town of Colrain.

New Homes	3	Demolition	4
Additions	0	Roof	6
Renovations	15	Insulation	2
Accessory Buildings	12	Ret. Wall	1
Wood Stoves/pellet - Stoves/chimneys	12	Photo Voltaic	3

The Town collected $2,128 in permit fees on construction valued at **$ 584,967.**

A building permit is required by the State Building Code to construct, reconstruct, alter, repair, remove, or demolish a building or structure, or to change the use or occupancy of a building or structure. If you are not sure whether your project will require a building permit, please call before you begin construction.

Many homeowners don't realize that their pressure treated decks only have about a 30 year life expectancy. That means that many of the houses with decks built in the mid eighties have reached the point where replacement was to be expected when they were built. Homeowners should inspect their decks periodically. The most important area to inspect is the connection between the deck and the house. You want to make sure the deck is not pulling away from the house, that nails are not withdrawing from the wood and that joist hangers are not corroding. You will also want to make sure that the supports on the opposite side of the deck are plumb and that the connection between the posts and sono tubes are structurally sound. If a homeowner will spend 5 minutes a year looking at the structural integrity of their decks it could prevent a deck collapse which may result in injury or death.

My office hours are every Wednesday night between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the new town hall. My office telephone # is 624-3356, I can also be reached at home, weeknights before 9 p.m. at 624-9621.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Kimberley
Colrain Building Inspector

Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Fund

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

This year the Awards subcommittee read 75 applications, 38 were from seniors and 37 from previous graduates of Mohawk. $30,900.00 is to be awarded using 30% for seniors and 70% for graduates. The Committee feels that seniors have multiple scholarship opportunities from other sources while graduates have far fewer resources. 28 scholarships totaling $10,100.00 were awarded to seniors (74% of applicants). 30 scholarships totaling $20,800.00 were given to graduates (81% of applicants). The awards committee is Sheila Graves, Marge Porrovecchio (Charlemont), Eric Sumner (Heath), Michelle Hillman (Colrain) and Marion Scott (Buckland).

From 1991 – 2013 a total of $810,125.00 has been awarded in scholarships. Mohawk seniors have received $250,575.00 and $559,550.00 has been awarded to Mohawk graduates.

The same formula for determining what percentage of the funds should be distributed as scholarships, which has been established by the School Committee and the management firm of Bartholomew and Company, was used again this year.

The application has been revised and is now available on line to the graduates. Seniors can pick their applications up at Mohawk.

Co-chairs of the Committee are Marge Porrovecchio and Robin Hartnett The Finance Committee is composed of David Engle, Marion Taylor and Jim Pilgrim. Other members of the Committee are Paula Consolo (member at large from Buckland), Jonathon Diamond from Heath and Rebecca Bradley. Susan Crawford (from Hawley) has been appointed to serve as the liaison between the School Committee and the Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Committee.

This year we were saddened by the passing of Jim Pilgrim. Jim was a very valuable person on our Committee and will be dearly missed by one and all... Our condolences to Jim's Family.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Marion E Scott, Secretary

Colrain Central School

Report of the Principal

I am again honored to be reporting to the town on behalf of the Colrain Central School. As of January 2014, we have 116 students in grades preK-6. Of those, we have a total of 16 choice students, 7 of whom are from other districts.

Over the last calendar year, we have attended to many academic and building maintenance projects. Academically, we have continued to focus on strengthening our students reading, writing, and math skills. This year we have developed school wide (grades 3-6) intervention blocks that allow us to help target specific skills in ELA with which students need additional support. This schedule also allows us to challenge students who are reading for some enrichment. We have also purchased an updated Math Expressions program which is aligned to the new Common Core State Standards so that we are better able to teach the skills and mathematical thinking now required of our students. In writing, we have continued to dissect the elements of strong writing and improving our writing instruction, particularly in regard to the three basic types of writing: narrative, persuasive, and informative.

Our building has undergone many updates and maintenance projects as well. Annually, we have the kitchen hood cleaned and inspected, the fire extinguishers recharged, fire alarm tested and smoke detection system cleaned, and the boiler tested and inspected. The drinking water is tested monthly. Tick control is completed as needed. In addition to these annual events, this year we installed push button locks on all classroom doors for security, replenished the playground wood chips, repaired the front steps and blue stone cap, cut down trees out front for safety reasons, installed acoustic panel in the cafeteria to reduce noise levels, conducted some refrigeration repairs, repaired the outdoor picnic tables, repainted the lines in the parking lot, and repaired one of our boilers. We are also currently working on repairing and replacing some faucets throughout the building, covering some loose wiring in the boiler room and hard wiring a heater in the basement. We have submitted paperwork to the Franklin County House of Correction to paint the trim, cupola, doors and sheds this summer.

One of our major areas of focus this year has been on the new Massachusetts Educator Evaluation System. This comprehensive system looks at four major standards of education: Curriculum/Planning/Assessment, Teaching All Students, Family/Community Engagement, and Professional Culture. All evaluators are rating in each of these areas using a rubric that the district adopted from the state. Together we are all learning this new system and working toward improving the quality of instruction provided to our students.

It continues to be my honor to assist the families of Colrain through my service as your principal. Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions or concerns you may have.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Looman, Principal

Colrain Firefighters' Association, Inc.

2013 was very active for the Firefighters' Association and the Department as a whole. We have been working our way to becoming a tax exempt organization. Our hope is to have this completed within the next few months. This should help the association with applying for and receiving grants and tax deductible donations.

The Association continued its community outreach this year with several events. The pancake breakfasts held annually have become a staple in the community. At our fall breakfast we also have a Chinese Auction with donated items from local businesses. We thank all of the businesses who donated syrup for the breakfasts, or items for our auction. In 2013 we held our 4th annual open house and we are planning the 5th annual this August. We hope to have a half day of events including a firefighter's muster, and demonstrations from the Fire Department and Ambulance Association.

This year funds raised from the fall pancake breakfast and Chinese Auction were put towards the purchase of a state of the art Rapid Intervention Bag for our RIT Team. Colrain has the only functioning RIT Team in the West County. The Rapid Intervention Team is a specially trained team of firefighters that are deployed to rescue lost, injured, or incapacitated firefighters in a fire. The new RIT pack carries a 1 hour SCBA bottle, allowing the downed firefighter more air to breathe while the team rescues him/her, and it has all of the pack connections to quickly transfer air into another pack. The pack also carries tools and webbing. The pack was purchased with $1,198.19 from the Firefighters' Association, a $1,000 donation from Trans-Canada, and other funds from the department's gift fund. Total cost of the pack was $3,050. The addition of the pack significantly increases the capability of our RIT team.

In addition to the RIT pack, the Associations' Equipment Committee also researched and brought to a vote the purchase of vehicle GPS units for our two engines. Since the purchase and installation of the units they have been used several times for mutual aid responses. The units are also able to be moved from the engines to the department's squad or brush truck for other responses.

After a long recovery, Captain Holland Herzig is back to almost full duty on the fire department following his brain surgery last year. During his recovery the association assisted his family with work details and financial aid while he was in the hospital and during rehabilitation. In 2013 the association continued support of its members and assisted two other members through unexpected illness and injury.

In closing, we would like to thank the Town of Colrain, Colrain Volunteer Ambulance Association Inc., Boy Scout Troop 121, Colrain Community Church, Pine Hill Orchards, Marty's Repair and all of the citizens and businesses that have supported our organization in our efforts to provide aid and assistance to the Fire Department and its members. We look forward to earning your continued support in 2014.

Board Of Directors: Kevin Worden II, Jim Martin, Justin Thatcher
President: Roger Purington Jr / Vice President: Ethan Sicard

Council on Aging

With Chef Sharon Call and many volunteers our monthly dinner has been a fantastic success. We have served a total of 265 different seniors from 19 towns, five states and Canada. Our recent monthly average has been around 125 people which include take outs for Colrain homebound residence. We use our state Formula Grant to help with the cost.

The foot clinic is becoming more popular all the time. With Kip Moeller, RN doing such a great job we went to twice a month clinics starting in January 2014. We obtained a Title III Grant to help offset the cost.

We had our annual Apple Day in October wherein Colrain residence picked themselves a bag of apples of their choice at Pine Hill Orchards and this year were joined by the Friends of West County Seniors who picked up the cost for seniors of the other nine West County Towns they serve. We hope to have more joint ventures with them in the future.

We have had no trips to date but hope to schedule some in the future.

We must thank the Colrain Community Church for their help and use of their building as well as Pine Hill Orchards for their help and monthly donations of cider and donuts.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Herzig, Chairman
Larry Bezio, Vice Chairperson
Valeda Peters, Secretary
Bing Waldsmith, Treasurer
Janice Barnes
Mary York
Russell Barnes
Amy Herzig
Carl Herzig
Joan McQuade
Kathleen Phelps

Cultural Council

The Colrain Cultural Council is part of the grass roots network of 329 local councils that serve every town and city in our Commonwealth. The State Legislature provides and allocates funding to each local cultural council. Although there has been an unprecedented strain on local economies, our State Legislators, Governor Deval Patrick and Kylie Sullivan from the Massachusetts Cultural Council Programs Coordinator Office in Boston, have displayed tenacious strength and resolve to continue funding arts councils in our local communities. This group of individuals are quite a force and are the reason we, the Town of Colrain, were the recipients of the level of funding we received. During our annual voting meeting in November, 2013, the council members reviewed and discussed the grant applications. Our council is charged by the Town of Colrain to make the best decisions possible. First and foremost we care about meeting the needs of the people of Colrain, who deserve the finest arts and cultural inspiration. The following grants are highlights of the twenty-one we accepted for the 2013-2014 grant cycle:

LOOK FOR THESE EVENTS COMING SOON

Title	Program/Discpline	Ages
Franklin County Tech Drama	Theater	high school
Griswold Memorial Library	Education	elementary children
The Art Garden	Arts	town's children
Mohawk Trail Concert	Music	intergenerational
Heath Fair	Multi	intergenerational
Pioneer Valley Symphony	Music	intergenerational
Colrain Historical Society	History	intergenerational
Pothole Pictures	theater	Open to ALL
Collected Poet Series	Literary	Open to ALL
Pied Potter Hamelin	art/history	Colrain students
Ed the Wizard	Math	Colrain students
Colonial Arts Program	History	5th grade students
Hilltown Community Sing	Music	intergenerational
Museum of our National Heritage	Education	

Emergency Management Director

The Emergency Operations Center, located in the Fire House, continues to improve its equipment and training through grants from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). This year, we have updated our computer and phone systems, as well as improving our camera equipment to accurately record events. We have also purchased new doors and an air conditioning unit for the radio control room at the Fire House.

We are working on obtaining and installing an antenna on the Fire House. This will give us the added capacity for HAM radio communication as a back-up to our primary communication systems.

This year, we put in place the emergency telephone notification system known as Code Red. In the event of an emergency, the Code Red system automatically calls all subscribers with a telephone notification regarding a possible weather or public health emergency. I encourage all Colrain citizens who would like to receive this notification to enroll in this free program. See the sign-up information for the Code Red program on the town's website, www.colrain-ma.gov, and scroll down on the homepage for registration information, or use this direct link to subscribe: https://cne.coderedweb.com

I would like to thank Megan McDonough, Code Red Coordinator, for her work in setting up and implementing our town's emergency notification system. With her spot-on assessment capabilities, skills, professionalism, and commitment to our community's well being, she serves a crucial role in emergency preparedness and management for the town of Colrain.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Cavolick, Emergency Management Director

Finance Committee

Currently made up of five members, the Finance Committee encourages anyone with finance or business experience to request consideration for appointment to our committee. The time required is not excessive and varied knowledge and experience will enhance our abilities. Our primary responsibility is to make recommendations on Town financial matters, including the annual budget.

The budget process for the last couple of years has been a collaborative one with the Board of Selectmen. We express our sincere gratitude to Kevin Fox for his coordination of this effort as well as to the Selectmen and all department managers who provide so much information at budget time, which helps us make the best decisions to balance our budget needs with the desire to limit tax increases.

For the last two years the budget has been set lower than the allowable levy limit. What that means is that the amount budgeted is less than the 2.5 percent increase allowed per year without an override. This is no small feat and has come at the expense of some budget requests and capital improvement needs.

As we look ahead, we believe that taking a longer term view of capital needs will help us plan for the future. To that end, a sub-committee is going to developing a Capital Improvement Plan that will evaluate the Town's capital needs over a longer period of time. Used to plan for equipment needs such as highway maintenance and police vehicles, this process can also be used to evaluate and plan for future capital investments such as the idea of a public safety complex to house town offices, police, fire and highway equipment. Another benefit of a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) could be to ensure proper maintenance of Town owned buildings. This is only an exploratory process at this point and any final plan would go through all required approval processes before being budgeted. Many departments and committees will be approached for input to this plan and we thank you in advance.

We also look forward to the recommendations of the Long Range Planning Committee that is developing a plan for the long term sustainability of our regional school system. The school budget is a large piece of our total budget

Submitted by
Marybeth Chichester

Fire Department

The Colrain Fire Department experienced another very active year. Shelburne Control dispatched 212 calls for the fire department from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013. These incidents are sorted as follows:

Structure fires	3	Vehicle accidents	16
Vehicle fires	2	Brush fires	4
Power lines down	17	Medical assistance	107
Hazardous material	3	Non-permitted burns	9
Mutual Aid given	17	Chimney Fires	2
Miscellaneous	24	Mutual aid Lucas calls	8

The Fire Department, with the support of the Colrain taxpayers, was able to replace our 1973 Mack tanker that was taken out of service 3 years ago. Bids were solicited for an all-wheel drive fire pumper and the winning bid was awarded to HME Fire Apparatus from Michigan with local dealer support through Lakes Region Fire in Tamworth, NH. The delivery date is expected to be in September 2014. The project involved over three years of planning and several attempts to secure federal grants culminating with a combination of grants, loans and town funding. The fire engine will be all-wheel drive with seating for six and will be our first out vehicle for emergency response. It will have sufficient water and foam for fighting fires in addition to storage capacity for medical and rescue equipment. The design was to allow a truck short enough to negotiate long, steep driveways yet provide enough storage to carry sufficient water, hose and tools to handle any emergencies we might face.

We have over twenty members on our roster and many of them are also Emergency Medical Technicians. Firefighters require mandatory first aid, CPR, and hazardous material training in addition to basic Firefighter 1 class. The fire department also has an active junior firefighter program for members 14-17 years of age. This program allows juniors to receive first aid and CPR training in addition to an opportunity to observe and train with the regular firefighters. Many of our junior firefighters become members of the Colrain fire department when they turn the required minimum age of 18.

The online burning permit system will be available again at www.fcburnpermits.com. The open burning season runs from January 15 to May 1, 2013. Trash or construction materials are not permitted under the Massachusetts open burning laws. You may also contact Shelburne Control at 625-8200 to obtain a permit. Please use caution when burning and keep the fire a minimum of 75’ from any structure, maintain a clean fire break around the burn area and keep at least 5 gallons of water on the site.

It is mandatory that all residential homes that heat with combustible fuels, such as wood, oil, coal or gas, to have carbon monoxide detectors on all inhabited floors. Real estate transactions require a carbon monoxide and smoke detector inspection prior to closing. This “silent killer” has resulted in numerous fatalities and close calls throughout Massachusetts, and Colrain is no exception. Detectors are

inexpensive and easy to install. Please contact the fire department or the Massachusetts Fire Marshall's office for more information or assistance. Please note that with the coming of winter it is important to have your house number visible to emergency responders. This is important to homes with long driveways that may be difficult to see, especially at night.

In closing we thank the Selectman, town office staff, personnel committee, Colrain Ambulance Association, police department and the highway department for their continued support throughout the year. Our gratitude also goes out to the residents of Colrain for your continued support of the Fire Department in so many ways. We wish you all a safe 2014.

Respectfully,

Nicholas Anzuoni

Fire Chief

Franklin County Technical School District

We submit this annual report for 2013 on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students.
Total enrollment as of October 1, 2013 was 523 students with town breakouts as follows:

Bernardston	20	Erving	24	Montague	67	Sunderland	9
Buckland	9	Gill	8	New Salem	9	Warwick	12
Colrain	23	Greenfield	123	Northfield	33	Wendell	9
Conway	7	Heath	4	Orange	70	Whately	9
Deerfield	21	Leyden	7	Shelburne	11	Non-District	48

Franklin County Technical School awarded 110 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2013. 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 graduates also earned their vocational certificate along with their diploma. 41% of our graduates planned to go on to either a two or four year college, 34% joined the area work force, 9% planned to join the military, 7% went on to a post-secondary trade/technical school, and 9% were unsure as to which of the above options they would pursue. We are proud of the accomplishments of the Class of 2013.
The Franklin County Technical School construction trades have been busy with a number of projects in a number of communities. Service-learning activities extend the classroom into the real world, building skills that only authentic work can provide. With this benefit for the students, communities also benefit from the work that the school can provide. In Warwick, the electrical, carpentry and plumbing programs have been working on renovation to the Warwick police station. In Wendell, the emergency kitchen at the Town Hall will be having renovation work done. Site visits have been completed and permits are being pulled. Carpentry, plumbing and electrical will all be involved in the upgrade of the grand old building. In Leyden, the Town Hall is in progress of a renovation to its entrance. Carpentry is waiting on input from the architect in order to proceed further. In Sunderland, the carpentry shop will be building a gazebo that will be dedicated in the spring of 2014 in memory of the late principal, Mr. Merritt. Projects in discussion at this point include the massive renovation of a building in Greenfield for the Child Advocacy Center, focusing on child abuse. A recent visit to the building began the discussion. Also in discussion is the building of a regional animal shelter to be located in Athol. Towns that would belong to

the regional shelter would include Athol, Orange, Petersham, New Salem (there may be more). Welding is working on a drop-box for the Northfield Library. Electrical and landscaping dug trenches and ran electrical at the Orange airport and electrical work was done at the Turners Falls airport. Health Technology continues their work at Charlene Manor. Cosmetology has been involved in the Greenfield Rays of Hope Cancer walk and visiting area senior nursing facilities for beauty services. Business Technology coordinated a clothing drive for the Turners Survival Center and Programming and Web Design is helping to design the website for the Virtual School. Landscaping was involved in the Corn yield contest judging. The program started flower/planting beds at the Warwick police station and they were very involved in the Source-to-Sea clean up. Internally, the shops are always doing a lot of work activities that save the school from needing to outsource the work. Electrical installed the bus bar connections for the new Machine Technology equipment and wired all of the new CNC machines. Electrical also did a power expansion in Welding and their students have been utilized by our Network Manager to run communications wiring in the building. The exterior of the building continues to be maintained by the Landscaping program. Plumbing has been involved in installing new sinks, bubblers and other plumbing related repairs. Every one of these activities is a benefit to the students and area towns.

FCTS, like every other school in the Commonwealth and along with 45 other states, is continuing a transition to the new Common Core academic state standards. Franklin County Technical School's MCAS scores have remained steady over the last four years with modest growth. We are pleased to report the implementation of our targeted Math 180 curriculum for grades 9 and 10 during the 2012/13 school year provided the necessary instruction to elevate our accountability status from level 3 to level 2.

The most substantial upgrade in a FCTS program took place this year with the complete modernization of the Machine Technology program. Sorely outdated, the shop was filled with manual machines, some dating back to the 1940's. However, throughout Franklin County, the many small precision machine shops had moved to current technologies.

A coalition was formed, made up of 14 businesses, Greenfield Community College, Franklin Hampshire Regional Employment Board and Franklin County Technical School. Funding was acquired from the businesses and state totaling $550,000 which was used to purchase 14 Haas Automation machines. Haas discounted the machines $217,000, and Franklin Hampshire REB secured a state grant in the amount of $240,000 for an evening, adult education program that will cover two years of training.

New CNC machines arrived in late August, just days before school was to open. Even as the machines were being calibrated and connected, students were eager to run the new machines. In January a third Machine Technology teacher was hired, bringing to the program years of current, modern CNC machining skills to the teaching staff. Walk into the shop today and you find a thriving program that is a model for Machine Technology training.

In closing, we will continue to work diligently to ensure that our graduates are an integral part of the economic development for the region and we thank each and every citizen of Franklin County for your continued support.

Respectfully, Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz — School Committee Chairman

Mr. James M. Laverty — Superintendent-Director

Franklin County Solid Waste Management District

To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

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

A review of recycling tonnage for 2013 shows a growing decrease from 2012. Paper recycling was down by 200 tons compared to 2012. District residents recycled over 1,700 tons of paper and over 1,100 tons of mixed containers, which were processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility. Although market prices for recyclables were low from January through December, District towns received a total of $62,100 in revenue for their recyclables.

In 2013, the District sponsored spring and fall "Clean Sweep" collections for bulky items, electronics, tires, appliances, and anything too big to fit into a trash bag. Almost 60 tons of material was recycled or disposed of from the two collections. A total of 540 households participated in these collection events.

We also held our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2013. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. A total of 257 households participated in this event. 45% of participants were using the collection for the first time.

We received an $18,000 grant from the MA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to set up a pilot recycling collection for plastic waste generated at agricultural operations. The District is working to continue this project in 2014 because we know that many farms struggle with managing this type of plastic waste. We also helped member towns implement $17,000 worth of small-scale initiative grants from the MA DEP.

We also continue to manage the recycling and composting program at the Franklin County Fair and assist other events with waste reduction efforts. We continue to work in each school system helping with waste management bids and with fostering sustainable waste reduction programs.

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

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director*
Chris Boutwell, Montague - *Vice-Chair*
Jonathan Lagreze, Colrain - *Chair*
Andrea Donlon, Buckland - *Treasurer*

Franklin County Regional Housing & Redevelopment Authority

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The Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority is a public body politic and corporate, created by the Massachusetts legislature in 1973 to serve the residents and communities of Franklin County. HRA has all of the powers and responsibilities of a local housing authority and a redevelopment authority in all 26 communities of Franklin County. Our services include housing education; development, ownership and management of affordable rental housing; administration of housing subsidies; programs for homeless families; homeownership and foreclosure prevention education and services; and Community Development Block Grant application and administration for Franklin County towns.

Housing Consumer Education Center
HRA is part of a statewide network of nine regional Housing Consumer Education Centers that provide information, education, counseling, and referrals to individuals, families, organizations and businesses with housing-related questions or problems. HCEC staff work closely with social and human services providers to coordinate assistance to individuals and families in need, and conduct outreach to local banks, schools and utilities to provide information on housing-related resources.

HCEC staff served more than 3,000 clients in Franklin County in FY 2013. Types of clients included:

Tenants	57%
Homeowners	28%
Homeless households	7%
Other agencies and client advocates	4%
Homebuyers	3%
Landlords	1%
Other	1%

HCEC offers educational programs on housing-related topics and financial literacy. This year's workshops included:

- First-time homebuyer series serving 90 participants
- Outreach to regional lenders providing information on housing-related programs and services.
- Two educational workshops for landlords on Fair Housing laws and tenant selection, in cooperation with the HRA Leased Housing Department, Greenfield Housing Authority and HAP Housing.
- Massachusetts Housing Partnership-sponsored Homesafe Post-Purchase Workshop, which served 14 first-time homebuyers.

HRA manages the Massachusetts HomeBASE program, which helps families avoid homelessness and provides re-housing services for families in the state's family shelter program. HomeBASE is available to families that are eligible for the state's Emergency Assistance shelter program. In FY2013, the HomeBASE program provided 14 Franklin County families with rental assistance. Due to the high demand and high cost of rental assistance, eligibility for this benefit was discontinued by the state for households entering the program after September 28, 2012. HCEC also provided up to $4,000 in

HomeBASE "household assistance" to 36 families, which allowed the recipients to stabilize their housing for twelve months. HCEC staff assisted 29 homeless families in locating new housing.

The Residential Assistance for Families in Transition Program also provides homelessness prevention and re-housing assistance to families with very low incomes. HRA assisted 76 families through the RAFT program in 2013. A total of approximately $160,000 in RAFT funding was used to pay rent, utility and mortgage areas, security deposits, assistance with rent and transportation. The need for assistance exceeded available funds, and some eligible families were turned away.

HRA staff also sought private donations to improve the lives of homeless children and their parents in Franklin County. Thanks to the generosity of BJ's Wholesale Club, students at Deerfield Academy and individual community members, we were able to provide holiday gifts and school backpacks to children receiving shelter in motels and to families who were recently homeless. HRA's non-profit affiliate, Rural Development, Inc., also applied for and was awarded $10,000 per year in funding for the next four years from the United Way of Franklin County to assist homeless families.

HCEC continues to offer foreclosure prevention services to Franklin County homeowners through a partnership with the Western Massachusetts Foreclosure Prevention Center run by HAPHousing. This fiscal year, 52 homeowners at risk of foreclosure took advantage of this service. Foreclosure prevention services are most successful when homeowners seek assistance as soon as they know they are having difficulty making mortgage payments.

Sources of funding for the Housing Consumer Education Center in FY 2013 included:

- Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development
- Massachusetts Housing Partnership
- The Massachusetts Attorney General's office
- United Way of Franklin County

A special thanks to the individual donors who contributed funds HRA's non profit affiliate, Rural Development, Inc., to assist homeless children.

Asset Management

In FY 2013, HRA managed 262 units of affordable rental housing, including:

- 117 units of state-assisted public housing for elders and persons with disabilities, located in the towns of Bernardston, Gill, Montague, Northfield and Shelburne.

- 27 units of state-assisted public housing for families, located in the towns of Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Northfield and Orange.

- 48 units at the Crocker and Cutlery Block buildings in Montague.

- 26 single-room occupancy units for individuals in recovery from substance abuse at the Moltenbrey Building in Montague.

- 18 units at the Ashfield House in Ashfield.

- 16 units for men in recovery from substance abuse at the Orange Recovery House in Orange.

- 6 units for families at Prospect and Grove Apartments in Orange.

- 2 units for elders at the Smikes House in Whately.
- 2 fully-accessible units for people with disabilities at the Wisdom Way Solar Village in Greenfield.

Sources of revenue for property management include rent, subsidies and laundry income. Rent at public housing properties is set as a percentage of tenant income. At these properties, the state pays the difference between what tenants can afford and a maximum level of subsidy set by the Commonwealth each year. Unfortunately, the combination of rent and state subsidies is not sufficient to cover the costs of managing HRA's public housing properties, which results in long-term maintenance issues and strains on the agency's budget.

There were a total of 49 vacancies at properties owned or managed by HRA in 2013, excluding the Orange Recovery House. Turnover is highest at the Moltenbrey Building, and higher at properties designed for families than at elderly/disabled developments.

Capital improvements to rental properties managed by HRA in 2013 included:

Stratton Manor, Bernardston (public housing for seniors & persons with disabilities):

- Energy efficiency upgrades, including new lighting, refrigerators, hot water tanks and insulation, funded by Western Massachusetts Electric Company
- Tree trimming and removal, funded by DHCD
- Installation of an accessible shower, funded from operating income.

Stoughton Place, Gill (public housing for seniors & persons with disabilities):

- New fire alarm panel, new wiring and heat detectors, funded with operating income
- Heating system repairs, funded by DHCD
- Replacement of porch supports, funded by DHCD

Winslow Wentworth House, Montague (public housing for seniors & persons with disabilities)

- Installation of new flooring, funded by DHCD
- Replacement of stovetops, funded from operating income

Family public housing, Northfield

- Installation of new flooring, funded by DHCD

Family public housing, Orange

- Septic system replacement, funded by DHCD
- New flooring, funded by DHCD

Highland Village, Shelburne (Shelburne Housing Authority public housing for seniors & persons with disabilities)

- Repaving of driveway, new parking and sidewalk replacement with Community Development Block Grant funding awarded to the towns of Buckland and Shelburne by DHCD.

- Energy efficiency upgrades, including new lighting, refrigerators and insulation, funded by Western Massachusetts Electric Company

HRA has been managing the Ashfield House, an 18-unit privately-owned affordable rental property, since 2005. The property has been experiencing severe financial challenges attributable to a variety of factors including but not limited to high vacancy rates, high property taxes, aging building components, high utility and insurance costs and expenses inherent in managing a multifamily property in a rural area. As a result, the property is currently in debt to HRA. HRA staff is working with Rural Development, Inc. and the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Trust to secure new funds to stabilize operations, which will include replacement of the oil-fired heating system with more efficient propane boilers, siding repair and exterior painting, new washing machines and energy efficient lighting and refrigerators, additional insulation, new water-saving fixtures and replacement of an amortizing commercial loan with non-amortization zero-interest debt. Completion of the project is anticipated in October 2013.

Leased Housing

HRA administers a total of 606 federal and state subsidies that allow low-income individuals and families to rent privately-owned housing or purchase their own homes.

In 2013, HRA served 25 families through the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP). Ten of the vouchers are project-based, which means that they are connected to a particular property. These vouchers subsidize rent for clients of a program run by Franklin County DIAL/SELF, Inc. that assists young adults to become self sufficient, and the Positive Parenting Program run by the United ARC, which helps stabilize at-risk families. HRA is currently administering 17 “mobile” state vouchers, which can be used in any property statewide that meets health and safety standards. As of September 30, 88 percent of these vouchers were being used in Franklin County, with the remainder in use in Hampshire County.

HRA has 579 federal Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers. Households with Section 8 vouchers pay a minimum of 30 percent and a maximum of 40 percent of their income toward housing and utilities at initial lease-up or move-in; the program pays for the remainder. Subsidies may be used to pay rent (or a mortgage in limited cases) for apartments and homes that meet federal guidelines for affordability and safety. HRA’s Section 8 program served 693 families in FY 2013. Of the agency’s Section 8 vouchers,

- 454 are mobile

- 126 are project-based

- 452 are held by families where the head of household or the spouse is disabled

- 209 vouchers are held by families with children

Mobile Section 8 vouchers can be used anywhere in the United States for housing that meets health and safety standards and federal rent reasonableness regulations. In 2013, HRA's Section 8 vouchers were being used in the following areas:

- Franklin County – 86%
- Hampshire County – 8%
- Other MA counties – 5%
- Outside MA – 1%

Federal regulations require that 75 percent of vouchers be allocated to "extremely low income" households, which are defined as those whose household income is less than 30 percent of area median income. In FY 2013, more than 86 percent of HRA's federal housing vouchers were held by families with extremely low incomes. The average household income for families participating in the program in FY 2013 was $13,817.

Federal funding for Section 8 vouchers was reduced by $938 million in FY 2013 due to the "sequester" cuts mandated by the Budget Control Act of 2011. Fortunately, HRA has prior year program-restricted reserves that it can use to make up temporary shortfalls in funding. However, if funding does not increase, the agency will either need to provide less assistance, reduce the number of vouchers it releases, or a combination of these strategies to adjust to budget reductions.

HRA has a waiting list of approximately 146 families for Section 8 mobile vouchers but is not issuing new vouchers to families on its waiting list at this time. HUD regulations give priority for mobile vouchers to families who complete a year of successful tenancy in project-based units. HRA also gives priority for available Section 8 mobile vouchers to eligible veterans and to tenants in project-based MRVP apartments when landlords choose to opt out of the MRVP program.

The federal Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program is overseen by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The rules and regulations for this program are onerous, and change on a continuous basis. In FY 2013, HUD relaxed reporting requirements for annual re-certifications to help housing authorities operate the program with less funding.

In January 2013, HRA received a score of 96 percent on the HUD Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP). This entitles the agency to receive the highest level of administrative payments possible for the Section 8 program.

HRA collaborates with Greenfield Housing Authority in offering a family self sufficiency (FSS) program for Section 8 voucher holders. Holders of Section 8 vouchers are required to pay 30 percent of their income in rent. In general, when income rises, program participants are required to pay more rent. The FSS program allows participants to save increased earnings to achieve specific goals, such as earning a higher education degree, start a small business, or purchasing a home. In FY 2012, 30 of HRA's Section 8 voucher holders were enrolled in the FSS program, with 17 participants contributing to escrows on a monthly basis. HRA has 11 clients who own their own homes and use their Housing Choice Vouchers to assist with the mortgage payments.

Community Development

The HRA Community Development Department provides application preparation, program implementation and administrative services to Franklin County towns in connection with Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). CDBG is a federal funding source designed to benefit low and moderate income people. Cities and large municipalities receive CDBG funds on an entitlement basis directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Smaller communities may submit competitive applications to the Commonwealth. Eligible activities for CDBG funds include public infrastructure improvements, housing rehabilitation, social services, architectural/engineering design, architectural barrier removal and planning projects.

In FY 2013, HRA administered the following grants:

- 2013 CDBG to the Town of Bernardston for housing rehabilitation and Meals on Wheels (including funding for the towns of Conway, Shutesbury & Sunderland). Grant was awarded in July 2013; activities will begin in FY 2014.

- 2012 CDBG to the Town of Erving for housing rehabilitation and Meals on Wheels (including funding for the towns of Colrain, Deerfield & Gill)

- 2011 CDBG to the Town of Montague for improvements to Unity Park, housing rehabilitation and social services

- 2012 CDBG to the Town of Montague for improvements to Unity Park, housing rehabilitation and social services

- 2013 CDBG to the Town of Montague for housing rehabilitation, planning projects and social services.

- 2013 grant from Massachusetts Attorney General's office to the Town of Orange for inventory and planning of strategies to address distressed properties.

In FY 2013, HRA administered CDBG-funded housing rehabilitation loan programs benefitting 30 households in five Franklin County towns. Income-eligible participants in these programs can borrow up to $35,000 at zero interest to make health and safety improvements to their homes, including but not limited to repair or replacement of septic systems, wells, heating systems, plumbing and roofing and abatement of lead paint. Fifty percent of each loan is forgiven gradually over a 15-year period as long as the property owner remains in the home. The remainder is due and payable upon sale or transfer of the property.

In FY 2013, CDBG-funded housing rehabilitation programs loaned approximately $686,000 to help Franklin County households comply with current building and sanitary codes. All the work is done by local contractors selected by private property owners.

CDBG-funded Housing Rehabilitation Projects, FY 2013		
Town	**# units committed**	**Funds committed**
Colrain	5	$102,347
Deerfield	2	$45,125
Erving	8	$175,139
Gill	7	$202,004
Montague (Turners Falls)	8	$161,597
Total	**30**	**$ 686,212**

HRA also administers a housing rehabilitation revolving loan program for many communities in Franklin County. This program receives the proceeds of previous CDBG loans when the loans are paid off. These funds are then made available for the same purpose to income-eligible households in the same town. HRA updated its agreements with towns for administration of this program in FY 2013. The following towns are currently participating in the program with new agreements: Ashfield, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Heath, Leverett, Leyden, Monroe, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Shutesbury, Sunderland, Warwick, Wendell and Whately. Fifteen homeowners in nine towns took advantage of this program in 2013.

Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Fund Projects, FY 2013		
Town	**# units committed**	**Funds committed**
Ashfield	3	$41,468
Charlemont	1	$32,711
Colrain	1	$9,349
Heath	1	$20,430
Leverett	2	$32,620
Leyden	1	$18,605
Northfield	1	$40,072
Orange	3	$32,372
Wendell	2	$59,725
Total	**15**	**$287,352**

The Community Development department administers several other small programs, including Get the Lead Out, Moderate Home Rehab for Disabled Homeowners and municipal septic loans.

Housing Development, in partnership with Rural Development, Inc.
HRA works to develop affordable housing in Franklin County in partnership with its nonprofit affiliate, Rural Development, Inc. HRA's Executive Director serves as the unpaid Executive Director of RDI. RDI pays HRA for other personnel and administrative services.

Home Ownership Program
Following completion of 20 homes at the Wisdom Way Solar Village in Greenfield in September 2010, RDI suspended construction of new affordable homes due to lack of funding. The final home in the Solar Village sold in November 2012. HRA maintains a waiting list of income-eligible families interested in purchasing homes built by RDI when they are offered for sale.

Orange Teen Housing
RDI has signed an agreement with Franklin County Dial/SELF to acquire and develop a property in Orange to provide ten units of housing for homeless teens and young adults. Construction is projected to begin in Spring 2014. It is anticipated that HRA will manage the property, and Dial/SELF will provide resident support and programming.

Administration and Finance
HRA commissions an independent annual audit. HRA's audited financial statements include revenue and expenses that are passed through the agency to other parties, such as the revenue that the agency receives from the federal government for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, which is paid to landlords on behalf of voucher holders. Capital assets and depreciation are also included in the audited statements. Because HRA has an October 1 fiscal year, the most recent audited financial statements are for the FY 12 fiscal year, which ended September 30, 2012.

For FY 2012, the agency's net assets totaled $4,726,151, a decrease of $232,100 from the previous year. Revenues for FY 2012 totaled $7,656,770, which was $626,686 less than the previous year, a decrease of eight percent. FY 2012 expenses totaled $7,888,870, which was $531,435 less than in FY 2012, a decrease of six percent. Total administrative salaries decreased by $281,978 in FY 12, continuing a multi-year trend of reduction in personnel costs, due in part to new employees being hired at lower costs, and vacancies that were not filled. The FY 2012 HRA audit reported no findings or deficiencies. Copies are available upon request.

In November 2012, the HRA Board of Commissioners approved a FY 2013 annual operating budget showing anticipated total revenue of $2,736,706 and total expenses of $2,831,474, with an overall deficit of $90,759 to be funded through use of $150,900 from reserves. Budgeted use of reserves exceeded the projected deficit due to the fact that surpluses in some programs could not be used to fund revenue shortfalls in others. Both the projected deficit and use of reserves was substantially smaller than in FY 2011. While operating results are not currently available for FY 2013, internal financials through August 30, 2013 suggest that the operating deficit will not exceed the deficit approved in the budget.

Many thanks are due to HRA's hard-working staff. Our employees do a great job of running programs while controlling expenses. FY 2013 marks the fourth consecutive year that the agency was unable to offer cost of living adjustments or any general increases in compensation. Some of HRA's employees have not have increases in salary or wages since 2008. The exceptions are employees who were hired at probationary rates of pay, employees who were promoted, and maintenance staff, whose compensation is set by the state. The cost of health insurance and other benefits has increased over the last several years, which means that employees' net pay has actually decreased. HRA's executive staff also took a 3.5 percent pay cut in FY 2012 and executive compensation remains at this lower level.

Board of Commissioners

HRA has an 11-member Board of Commissioners. All commissioners reside in Franklin County. Nine members are appointed by the Franklin Regional Council of Governments for five year terms; none of these appointees may be from the same community. Two commissioners are appointed by the Governor and serve until they are replaced. The Board of Commissioners meets once a month, generally on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at Greenfield Savings Bank in Turners Falls. All meetings are open to the public and are posted on HRA's Public Notice blog, www.fcrhra.blogspot.com.

Board of Commissioners

Jessica Atwood, Greenfield (Vice-Chair, Governor's appointee)
Leslie Brown, Erving (Treasurer)
*Caryl Connor, Greenfield
Sharon Cottrell, Montague (Chair)
Sonya Hamdan, Charlemont
Linda Hoer, Leverett
Bruce Parkin, Shutesbury
Jo-Anne Sherburne, Colrain
Jonathan Tuttle, Shutesbury (Governor's appointee)

*The Housing Authority expresses its gratitude to Commissioner Caryl Connor, who left the Board in 2013.

Staff

MJ Adams, Director of Community Development
*Frank Aronson, IT Specialist

Christopher Austin, Staff Accountant
Joanie Bernstein, Assistant Executive Director
Nathaniel Best, Housing Rehabilitation Specialist
Tana Bloom, Housing Placement and Stabilization Worker
*Debran Brocklesby, Property Manager
*Christina Chapman, Leased Housing Representative
Lynn Cournoyer, Community Development Administrative Assistant
Melanie Croteau, Housing Management Assistant
Linda Davenport, Director of Leased Housing
Charity Day, Housing Consumer Education Center Director
*Patrick Fenton, IT Specialist
Anitra Ford, Housing Counselor
Mark Fortier, Maintenance Mechanic/Laborer Working Foreman
Hilary Graves, Leased Housing Representative
Tammy Greene, Leased Housing Administrative Assistant
Patricia Holloway, Receptionist
Bruce Hunter, Infrastructure Coordinator
Wayne Jackman, Maintenance Mechanic/Laborer
Erik Jernstrom, Maintenance Mechanic/Laborer
Eric Kershaw, Accounting Clerk
Lawrence Knowlton, IT Specialist
Robert Lauwers, Leased Housing Representative
Matthew Leger-Small, Administrative Coordinator
Debra Little, Community Development Program Manager
Brian McHugh, Construction Coordinator
Tracy Miner, Director of Asset Management
*Tammy Murphy, Affordable Housing Property Manager
Enrique Pacheco, Affordable Housing Property Manager
Katelyn Reardon, Leased Housing Representative
*Ciera Rodriguez-Jones, Leased Housing Representative
Todd Seavey, Maintenance Mechanic/Laborer
Robin Sherman, Executive Director
*Karen Tyler, Housing Counselor
Jonathan Wasilewski, Leased Housing Inspector
Autumn West, HCEC Assistant
Kerry Wyman, Senior Staff Accountant

*Employee left HRA in FY 2013

Franklin Regional Retirement System

ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012
OF THE CONDITIONS AND AFFAIRS OF

FRANKLIN REGIONAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Organized under the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

Date of Certificate: February 4, 1939

Effective Date: January 1, 1940

Administration Offices located at:

278 Main Street - Suite 311 Greenfield MA 01301

Telephone Number (413) 774-4837

We, the undersigned members of the Franklin Regional Board of Retirement, certify under the penalties of perjury, that we are the official board members of said retirement system, and that on the thirty first day of December last all of the herein-described assets were the absolute property of said retirement system, free and clear from any liens or claims thereon, except as stated, and the following statements, with the schedules and explanations therein contained, annexed, or referred to, are a full and correct exhibit of all the assets, liabilities, income and disbursements, changes in fund balances and of the conditions and affairs of the said retirement system on the said thirty-first day of December last, and for the year ended on that date, according to the best of our information, knowledge and belief, respectively.

BOARD OF RETIREMENT

First Member - Chair/Treasurer
Term Expires December 31, 2014

Sandra A. Hanks

Second Member Appointed by Advisory Council
Term Expires December 31, 2015

Herbert L. Sanderson, Jr.

Third Elected Member
Term Expires December 31, 2014

Mary A. Stukarski

Fourth Elected Member
Term Expires December 31, 2013

David R. Gendron

Fifth Appointed Member
Term Expires June 30, 2015

Paul J. Mokrzecki

INVESTMENT MANAGERS	see next page
INVESTMENT CONSULTANT	Dahab Associates, 450 Washington St, Dedham, MA
CUSTODIAN	Comerica Bank, P.O. Box 75000, Detroit, MI

1	1040 Cash	1,335,467.01	844,585.01	909,052.91
3	1180 Fixed Income Securities	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	1170 Equities (at market value)	25,682,411.65	11,713,011.94	13,361,147.96
6	1172 Pooled Domestic Equity Funds	0.00	7,338,112.72	6,586,939.31
7	1173 Pooled International Equity Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	1181 Pooled Domestic Fixed Income Funds	12,017,655.92	10,748,026.51	8,869,330.80
13	1194 Pooled Real Estate Funds	4,989,676.41	3,615,753.89	3,917,016.78
18	1199 PRIT Fund	51,759,032.91	50,125,034.05	49,563,855.27
19	1350 Prepaid Expenses	4,671.65	4,349.38	5,128.45
20	1398 Accounts Receivable (A)	426,368.94	370,870.70	693,568.41
21	1550 Interest Due and Accrued	65.80	45.89	46.43
22	2020 Accounts Payable (A)	(114,075.45)	(212,402.83)	(73,238.39)
	Total	96,101,274.84	84,547,387.26	83,832,847.93

Funds:

1	3293 Annuity Savings Fund	$27,352,295.53	26,819,918.64	26,004,391.75
2	3294 Annuity Reserve Fund	$8,074,409.17	7,322,171.29	6,766,401.29
3	3295 Military Service Fund	$3,491.54	3,488.05	3,481.09
4	3296 Pension Fund	$5,754,170.55	5,661,801.18	5,696,918.11
6	3297 Pension Reserve Fund	$54,916,908.05	44,740,008.10	45,361,655.69
	Total Assets at Market Value	$96,101,274.84	84,547,387.26	83,832,847.93

Annual Statement of the Franklin Regional Retirement System for the Year Ended December 31, 2012

RECEIPTS

	2012	2011	2010
1 Annuity Savings Fund:			
(a) 4891-Members Deductions	$ 2,759,548.30	$ 2,780,511.29	$ 2,799,243.18
(b) 4892-Transfers From Other Systems	340,824.24	340,446.46	135,888.25
(c) 4893-Member Make Up Payments and Redeposits	40,059.06	42,554.14	61,738.97
(d) 4900-Member Payments from Rollovers	84,146.80	38,619.66	46,797.36
(e) Investment Income Credited to Members Accounts	53,243.01	84,811.45	79,743.18
Subtotal	3,277,821.41	3,286,943.00	3,123,410.94
2 Annuity Reserve Fund			
(a) Investment Income Credited to Annuity Reserve Fund	235,693.26	204,281.91	191,009.52
Subtotal	$235,693.26	$204,281.91	$191,009.52
3 Pension Fund			
(a) 4898-3(8)(c) Reimbursements From Other Systems	308,020.74	292,295.53	284,159.90
(b) 4899-Received From Commonwealth for COLA and Survivor Benefits	67,626.01	90,179.00	100,544.51
(c) 4894-Pension Fund Appropriation	5,202,363.00	4,954,423.00	4,378,679.44
(d) 4840 -Workers' Compensation Settlements	45,844.39	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	5,623,854.14	5,336,897.53	4,743,383.85
4 Military Service Fund			
(a) 4890-Contribution Received from Municipality	-	-	1,679.11
(b) Investment Income Credited to Military Service Fund	3.49	6.96	5.39
Subtotal	3.49	6.96	1,684.50
5 Expense Fund			
(a) 4896-Expense Fund Appropriation	0.00	0.00	0.00
(b) Investment Income Credited to Expense Fund	937,146.27	829,130.91	784,072.75
Subtotal	937,146.27	829,130.91	784,072.75
6 Pension Reserve Fund			
(a) 4897-Federal Grant Reimbursement	-	-	-
(b) 4895-Pension Reserve Appropriation	206.12	54,730.76	494,454.28
(c) 4822-Interest Not Refunded	12,997.99	8,777.41	3,958.75
(d) 4825-Miscellaneous Income	7,814.73	383.94	1,840.32
(e) Excess Investment Income	10,501,537.20	(683,789.22)	10,041,619.95
Subtotal	10,522,556.04	-619,897.11	10,541,873.30
TOTAL RECEIPTS	20,597,074.61	9,037,363.20	19,385,434.86

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DISBURSEMENTS

	2012	2011	2010
1 Annuity Savings Fund:			
(a) 5757-Refunds to Members	$541,614.44	$594,635.44	$312,564.22
(b) 5756-Transfers to Other Systems	438,662.22	447,249.56	441,656.71
Subtotal	$980,276.66	$1,041,885.00	$754,220.93
2 Annuity Reserve Fund:			
(a) 5750-Annuities Paid	$1,203,873.31	$1,067,196.96	$964,187.80
(b) 5759-Option B Refunds	$48,205.02	$12,596.54	0.00
Subtotal	$1,252,078.33	$1,079,793.50	$964,187.80
3 Pension Fund:			
(a) 5751-Pensions Paid			
Regular Pension Payments	$4,823,937.25	$4,285,709.50	$3,989,389.16
Survivorship Payments	$273,173.63	$261,162.44	$205,917.51
Ordinary Disability Payments	$14,348.32	$21,115.62	$24,343.92
Accidental Disability Payments	$351,531.18	$352,887.26	$307,017.38
Accidental Death Payments	$58,228.16	$67,693.68	$98,433.37
Section 101 Benefits	$0.00		
(b) 5755-3(8)(c) Reimbursements to Other Systems	$284,841.22	$293,266.96	$556,670.49
(c) 5752-COLA's Paid	67,626.01	90,179.00	103,458.14
(d) 5753-Chapter 389 Beneficiary Increase Paid	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	$5,873,685.77	$5,372,014.46	$5,285,229.97
4 Military Service Fund:			
(a) 4890-Return to Municipality for Members who withdrew their funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	0.00	0.00	0.00
5 Expense Fund:			
(a) 5118-Board Member Stipend	$19,666.60	$18,000.00	$18,000.00
(b) 5119-Salaries	$236,493.31	$233,572.25	$230,732.28
(c) 5304-Management Fees	$504,924.98	$442,197.97	$391,767.90
(d) 5305-Custodial Fees	$13,559.18	$10,000.00	$15,070.33
(e) 5307-Consultant Fees	$20,000.00	$20,000.00	$20,000.00
(f) 5308-Legal Expenses	$29,149.45	$6,701.00	$14,941.00
(g) 5309-Medical Expenses	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
(h) 5310-Fiduciary Insurance	$10,089.00	$9,803.50	$9,498.00
(i) 5311-Service Contracts	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
(j) 5312-Rent	$17,641.80	$17,424.00	$17,424.00
(k) 5315-Professional Services	$14,950.00	$14,450.00	$16,450.00
5315-002-Actuarial Services	$11,006.00		
(l) 5320-Education and Training	$16,530.00	$9,238.00	$1,865.00
(m) 5589-Administrative Expenses	$40,314.92	$37,686.54	$42,100.25
(n) 5599-Furniture and Equipment	$1,234.15	$7,536.93	$3,213.22
(o) 5719-Travel	$1,586.88	$2,520.72	$3,010.77
Subtotal	$937,146.27	$829,130.91	$784,072.75
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$9,043,187.03	$8,322,823.87	$7,787,711.45

Franklin Regional Retirement System

2012

Expenditure Budget Report

as of: 03/31/2013

		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
5118-000	Board Stipends		18,000.00	1,700.00	19,700.00	19,666.60	33.40
5119-000	Salaries and Wages		216,156.00		216,156.00	209,269.31	6,886.69
5119-001	Payroll Taxes		3,930.00		3,930.00	3,846.81	83.19
5119-002	Health & Life Insurance		28,430.00	-2,900.00	25,530.00	22,249.65	3,280.35
5119-003	Accrued Benefit Payout		5,000.00		5,000.00	1,127.54	3,872.46
5304-000	Management Fees		500,000.00	5,000.00	505,000.00	504,924.98	75.02
5305-000	Custodial Fees		10,000.00	3,600.00	13,600.00	13,559.18	40.82
5307-000	Investment Consultant		20,000.00		20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
5308-000	Legal		25,000.00	4,200.00	29,200.00	29,149.45	50.55
5310-000	Insurance		10,150.00		10,150.00	10,089.00	61.00
5312-000	Rent Expense		17,424.00	250.00	17,674.00	17,641.80	32.20
5315-001	Professional Service - Various		2,359.00		2,359.00	1,950.00	409.00
5315-002	Actuarial Valuation Expense		15,000.00		15,000.00	11,006.00	3,994.00
5315-003	Audit Expense		13,000.00		13,000.00	13,000.00	0.00
5320-000	Education and Training		23,723.00	-7,000.00	16,723.00	16,530.00	193.00
5589-001	Administrative Exp. - Various		4,840.00		4,840.00	2,093.04	2,746.96
5589-002	Equipment & Software Maint.		28,880.00		28,880.00	24,954.96	3,925.04
5589-003	Dues		500.00		500.00	425.00	75.00
5589-004	Office Supplies		3,600.00		3,600.00	2,360.26	1,239.74
5589-005	Postage		5,500.00		5,500.00	5,284.00	216.00
5589-007	Utilities		5,082.00	150.00	5,232.00	5,197.66	34.34
5589-011	Members Education		750.00		750.00		750.00
5599-001	Misc., Furniture & Equipment		1,500.00		1,500.00	894.00	606.00
5599-101	OPEB Software		750.00		750.00		750.00
5599-706	Website		6,120.00	-5,000.00	1,120.00	340.15	779.85
5719-000	Travel		6,050.00		6,050.00	1,586.88	4,463.12
	Grand Totals:	0.00	971,744.00	0.00	971,744.00	937,146.27	34,597.73

Annual Statement of the Franklin Regional Retirement System for the Year Ended December 31, 2012

Investment Income

	2012	2011	2010
Investment Income Received From:			
(a) Cash (from Schedule 1)	3,504.76	5,539.78	4,327.26
(b) Short Term Investments (from Schedule 2)	-	-	-
(c) Fixed Income Securities (from Schedules 3A and 3C)	-	-	-
(d) Equities (from schedules 4A and 4C)	363,284.21	104,041.58	92,237.28
(e) Pooled Funds (from Schedule 5)	1,826,302.79	1,746,098.88	1,492,735.11
(f) Commission Recapture			
4821- TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME	2,193,091.76	1,855,680.24	1,589,299.65
Plus:			
4884-Realized Gains (Profits)	2,459,905.82	2,594,474.68	2,344,974.80
4886-Unrealized Gains (Incr. in Market Value)	$11,712,838.88	8,832,163.14	14,549,389.06
1550-Interest Due and Accrued-Current Year	65.80	45.89	46.43
	14,172,810.50	11,426,683.71	16,894,410.29
Less:			
4823-Paid Accrued Interest on Fixed Income Securites	-	-	-
4885-Realized Losses	(698,087.04)	(1,602,666.80)	(564,373.81)
4887-Unrealized Losses (Decrease in Market Value)	(3,940,146.10)	(11,245,208.71)	(6,822,882.97)
1550-Interest Due and Accrued-Prior Year	(45.89)	(46.43)	(2.37)
NET INVESTMENT INCOME	11,727,623.23	434,442.01	11,096,450.79
Income Required:			
Annuity Savings Fund (From supplementary schedule)	53,243.01	84,811.45	79,743.18
Annuity Reserve Fund	235,693.26	204,281.91	191,009.52
Expense Fund	937,146.27	829,130.91	784,072.75
Military Service Fund	3.49	6.96	5.39
TOTAL INCOME REQUIRED	1,226,086.03	1,118,231.23	1,054,830.84
Net Investment Income	11,727,623.23	434,442.01	11,096,450.79
Less Income Required:	(1,226,086.03)	(1,118,231.23)	(1,054,830.84)
EXCESS INCOME TO PENSION RESERVE FUND	10,501,537.20	(683,789.22)	10,041,619.95

FRANKLIN REGIONAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Investment Managers:

Daruma Asset Management, Inc.	80 West 40th Street, 9th Floor New York, NY 10018
Polen Capital Management	2700 N. Military Trail, Suite 230 Boca Raton, FL 33431
Income Research & Management	100 Federal Street, 33rd Floor Boston, MA 02110-4106
Pension Reserve Investment Mgmt.	84 State Street, Suite 250 Boston, MA 02109
O'Shaughnessy Asset Management	6 Suburban Avenue Stamford, CT 06901
Seizert Capital Partners	185 Oakland Avenue, Suite 100 Birmingham, MI 48009
Rhumbline Advisors	30 Rowes Wharf, Suite 420 Boston, MA 02110
Prudential Investment Management	8 Campus Drive Parsippany, NJ 07054

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

	Quarter	YTD	1 Year	3 Years (Annualized)	5 Years (Annualized)
Total Gross/Fees	3.0	13.4	13.4	9.6	2.6
PUBLIC FUND RANK	(3)	(39)	(39)	(16)	(72)
Total Net/Fees	2.8	12.9	12.9	9.0	2.1
POLICY INDEX	1.5	12.9	12.9	9.3	2.5
PRIT Core	3.1	13.9	13.9	9.0	1.5
CUSTOM CORE IDX	2.4	12.8	12.8	8.6	2.3
Domestic Equity	3.5	18.3	18.3	11.6	3.3
ALL CAP RANK	(19)	(27)	(27)	(51)	(46)
CUSTOM EQ INDEX	1.5	16.6	16.6	12.2	3.4
PRIT EQUITY	0.5	16.9	16.9	11.3	-0.6
S&P 500	-0.4	16.0	16.0	10.8	1.6
S&P 400	3.6	17.9	17.9	13.6	5.1
RUSSELL 3000	0.3	16.4	16.4	11.2	2.0
RUSSELL 1000	0.1	16.4	16.4	11.1	1.9
RUSSELL 1000G	-1.3	15.3	15.3	11.4	3.1
RUSSELL 1000V	1.5	17.5	17.5	10.9	0.6
RUSSELL MID	2.9	17.3	17.3	13.1	3.6
RUSSELL 2000	1.8	16.3	16.3	12.2	3.6
Real Estate	4.3	14.3	14.3	16.3	-2.1
NCREIF ODCE	2.3	10.9	10.9	14.4	-1.1
Fixed Income	0.9	7.1	7.1	7.0	6.8
CORE FIXED INCOME RANK	(10)	(20)	(20)	(50)	(40)
BARCLAYS AGG	0.2	4.2	4.2	6.2	6.0
PRIT FIXED	0.9	6.4	6.4	7.3	5.5
GOV/CREDIT	0.4	4.8	4.8	6.7	6.1
INT AGGREGATE	0.2	3.5	3.5	5.2	5.4
INT GOV/CREDIT	0.3	3.9	3.9	5.2	5.2

ASSET ALLOCATION

PRIT Core	54.0%	$ 51,759,033
Domestic Equity	26.8%	25,711,685
Real Estate	5.2%	4,989,676
Fixed Income	12.5%	12,017,656
Cash	1.5%	1,411,653
Total Portfolio	100.0%	$ 95,889,703

INVESTMENT RETURN

Market Value 9/2012	$ 94,459,812
Contribs / Withdrawals	- 1,339,550
Income	587,021
Capital Gains / Losses	2,182,420
Market Value 12/2012	$ 95,889,703

Annual Statement of the Franklin Regional Retirement System for Year Ended December 31, 2012

MEMBERSHIP FOR CURRENT YEAR

ACTIVE MEMBERS	Group 1	Group 2&4	TOTAL
Active Membership Dec 31, previous year	1,023	112	1,135
Inactive Membership Dec.31, previous year	353	81	434
Enrolled during current year	120	5	125
Transfers between groups	-	-	-
Reinstatements of disabled members	1	-	1
SUBTOTAL	1,497	198	1,695
Deduct			
Death	-	-	-
Withdrawal	(96)	(12)	(108)
Retirements	(35)	(4)	(39)
Adj. for members multiple units	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	(131)	(16)	(147)
TOTAL	1,366	182	1,548
Active Membership Dec 31, current year	955	95	1,050
Inactive Membership Dec.31, current year	411	87	498

RETIRED MEMBERS, BENEFICIARIES and SURVIVORS			
Retired Beneficiary, and Survivor Membership, Dec. 31, previous year	438	47	485
Retirements during the year:			
Superannuation	33	4	37
Ordinary disability	-	-	-
Accidental disability	2	-	2
Termination Retirement Allowance	-	-	-
Beneficiary of Deceased Retiree	-	-	-
Survivor benefits from active membership	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	35	4	39
Deduct			
Deaths of retired members	(20)	(1)	(21)
Termination of Survivors Benefits	(2)	(1)	(3)
Reinstatement of disabled pensions	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	(22)	(2)	(24)
TOTAL	13	2	15
Retired Membership Dec. 31, current year			
Superannuation	404	36	440
Ordinary disability	2	-	2
Accidental disablity	9	6	15
Termination	-	-	-
Beneficiaries from accidental deaths	1	3	4
Beneficiaries from Section 100	-	-	-
Beneficiaries from Section 101	-	-	-
Beneficiaries under Option (C)	13	2	15
Option (D) Survivor Allowance	20	2	22
Section 128 Survivor Allowance	2	-	2
TOTAL	451	49	500
Total Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor Membership, Dec. 31, current year			

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP			
Active, Inactive, Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor, Dec. 31, current year	1,817	231	2,048

Friends of the Griswold Memorial Library

The goal of the Friends is to raise funds that, in addition to town and state funding, help keep our library open and available to all for its second century of operation.

This year's book sale was held at the Strawberry Supper in June, then continued through the summer from Joan McQuade's garage on Main Road. Books came from both donations and from the "weeding" of the stacks.

We ended the year with the very successful *Home For The Holidays* auction in December, which was held jointly with the Colrain Historical Society. Thank you to everyone who generously donated the many goods and services for the auction, and to everyone who came out and enjoyed the evening's events at both the dinner beforehand and the lively bidding that followed. Many thanks as well to all the volunteers who helped make the auction possible. We hope to again make this an annual event.

The funds raised this year helped the library add wi-fi, e-readers for loan, and help getting into the world of e-books. The next big project is the addition of air conditioning. Besides making the library more comfortable, it will help dehumidify the building, helping preserve the collection. An added bonus will be to allow the library to serve as a cooling station during periods of extreme hot weather, not to mention being more comfortable in general!

Our annual flyer inviting everyone to join the Friends was included in the annual street listing in December. If you need another copy, they are available at the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Weeks, President

Griswold Memorial Library

The Griswold Memorial Library, using funds from the Friends, has purchased a Kindle, a Nook, and an iPad Air for patrons to try out on the public Wi-Fi connection that will be installed at the library in January 2014. As a pilot library on the MLS eBook Project, Colrain residents can explore different models for eBook lending, different platforms and user experiences. Visit the library for more details. The MA eBook Project attempts to shrink the growing gap in equality of access to information as well as empower Massachusetts residents to pursue their passions. The MA eBook Project is brought to you by the Massachusetts Library System in partnership with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, funded, in part, by the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The trustees held their annual candidates night in April allowing patrons and candidates to meet and informally discuss town issues.

The adult book discussion group continues to meet through the year. New members are always welcome. Book choices are made by members and books are provided in any available format through interlibrary loan. Delicious snacks are shared.

"Dig into Reading at the Griswold Memorial Library" was the theme of this year's summer reading program. Our kick-off party featured cookies and drinks, a chance to dig for prizes in a swimming pool of sand, and a craft project; the Friends provided prizes for a goodie bag for each child. The Colrain Cultural Council funded a six week craft series attended by a total of 77 children and 58 caregivers. The Boston Museum of Science visit was our summer reading program finale again this year. "Animal Invaders" showed the group of 51 participants that animals are an integral part of our environment. At times they even occupy the same spaces that we do, whether we want them to or not! Learning to live green includes learning to coexist with the animals that share our planet, in addition to making our planet a better place for humans to live. The educator from the Museum discussed the ecological benefits and potential risks associated with living in close proximity to some of these animals while introducing three examples of the invaders in question; she brought a cockroach, toad and alligator. After the show, participants enjoyed a "Make your own Sundae" party.

Pre-school story hour with stories, snack, and craft continues from late September through June. Total attendance was 154 children and 84 adults.

Circulation for FY13 was 16361 books, magazines, audio books on CD and cassette, videos, DVDs, and music CDs. Approximately 6484 patrons visited the library. The Massachusetts Library System (MLS) delivers interlibrary loan (ILL) materials to Colrain three times a week. Colrain provided 1876 items to other libraries through ILL. If a specific title is not in our library, interlibrary loan usually can locate items for use. Colrain patrons borrowed 3310 items from other libraries through ILL. Patrons can use their library card to log in at http://bark.cwmars.org to request materials, renew items, and search databases. eBooks, eAudio, and eVideo are available through the library network. Log in and download materials for your Kindle or Nook! All you need is your library card.

Library hours are Monday and Friday 3-8 pm, Wednesday 10 am-8 pm, and Saturday 10 am-1 pm.

Highway Superintendent

Using Chapter 90 funds, Lane Construction completed our paving projects. We paved some of Shelburne Line Rd., Van Nuys Rd., Fort Lucas Rd. and about three tenths of a mile on East Colrain Rd.

Kieter Builders installed new windows in November at the Highway Department. They have made a big difference and should cut our heating oil cost tremendously.

The inmates from the Franklin County House of Corrections did some painting and cleaning at the Highway Department.

At last year's ATM funds were appropriated to purchase two All Season dump bodies. One was for our Sterling ten wheeler and one was for the new six wheel dump truck. The dump body for the Sterling has been installed by our mechanic, saving the town around $12,000.00. The dump body for the new six wheel truck is waiting for the truck to be made and our mechanic will also install it. The new six wheel truck was purchased using Chapter 90 funds.

It is a fight every year to get our Chapter 90 funds to be level funded. I will continue to have improvements done on the numerous miles of roads in town.

I am also working with the Finance Committee on a Capital Purchase Plan to continue to replace our aging fleet. I would like to thank the citizens of Colrain for their support.

In closing, I want to thank my crew for their work. They truly go far and beyond what is expected of them.

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott F. Sullivan
Highway Superintendent

Mary Lyon Foundation

This was a banner year for the Mary Lyon Foundation. The annual Community Spelling Bee raised approximately $7,000 for the Mini-Grant program with a portion earmarked for the Harper and Paulyne Gerry Student Assistance Fund. A large gong acquired for the spelling bee was donated to the music department. This fall we funded 26 school-based mini-grants and during the year purchased various items for the schools including a reading desk and sleds for recess at the Buckland Shelburne Elementary School.

At our annual Spring Lyonnaise, a celebration of excellence in local education, school committee chairperson Bob Aeschback and superintendent Michael Buoniconti welcomed assembled guests and awards were presented as follows: Spirit of Adventure Award given to Michael McCusker, Career Award presented to Ruth Black of Mohawk Trail Concerts, Business Award given to The Optician, and the Mohawk Outstanding Alumni Award was presented to Elizabeth McGowan '79, a recent Pulitzer Prize winner. The Heath strings program provided music and a scene from the Hobbit was presented by Mohawk students led by Jonathan Diamond. The 23rd annual special education conference was once again held for 2 days in March at Deerfield Academy. In attendance were 710 educators from 31 school districts across western Massachusetts who registered for 50 concurrent workshops and listened to 2 keynote speakers.

We have two new scholarships, an art scholarship in honor of beloved K-12 itinerant art teacher Jack Shea and a scholarship sponsored by the Arms Academy class of 1963. For the first time the Mary Lyon Foundation participated in Valley Gives, an online charitable giving event, and we raised $2,795 in one day. We are very appreciative of grants and matching gifts from the Cleveland Dodge Foundation, Myrtle Atkinson Foundation, The Recorder, Peoples United Community Foundation, Brookfield Community Foundation and Bristol Myers Squibb.

As winter approached we purchased about $3,000 worth of warm winter clothing for local elementary school children, and the Mary Lyon Foundation was offered participation in Warm the Children. We continue to provide grocery certificates for food at Keystone Market for families in need, especially during school vacations.

For the past 23 years the Mary Lyon Foundation has been providing innovative support for local education in the schools and in our 9 West County communities. Board members are past president Marion Taylor, president Stefan Kostka, vice president Hugh Knox, corresponding secretary Sharon Hudson, recording secretary Suzanne Conway Lagreze, treasurer Karen Fairbrother, Amy Love and Beth Bandy. Gina Sieber is the business manager and we are proud to have approximately 60 volunteers, especially Sandy Gilbert of Heath. Our volunteers are from all corners of Franklin County and help sponsor events. We thank the community for such ongoing and enthusiastic support of our programs and services.

Susan Samoriski, Ed.D.
Executive Director

Mohawk Trail Regional High School Principal's Report

Collaboration, initiative, and innovation have been major themes at Mohawk in 2013. This year our school system adopted a calendar that increased opportunities for educators to work together; students were released early on many Wednesday afternoons for a Professional Learning schedule that permitted staff time to work together for professional development, curriculum writing, and collaboration. This is the second year that Mohawk has participated in a state-wide Professional Learning Communities (PLC) initiative and our faculty are working together in new ways to support student learning and their own professional growth. With the introduction of the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) period into the high school schedule this year, students can meet with teachers to receive additional support or pursue enrichment opportunities during the school day.

The arts, athletics, and other extracurricular activities enrich students' learning experiences. This year Mohawk staff and students produced "The Hobbit" in March, a medley of short plays in June, and Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" in December. Our music program is dynamic, with the introduction of Strings Ensemble, Rock Band, and Percussion Lab courses in addition to the core vocal and instrumental courses. The Mohawk Music Association generously supports our music programming.

Mohawk student-athletes had a strong year with increasing levels of student participation. Nearly half of our student body, 246 student-athletes, participated in our fall 2013 athletic program. Through their involvement with Varsity M, our student-athletes volunteer in the elementary schools to read to younger students and serve as role models. The Mohawk Athletic Association generously supports our athletic program through their fundraising initiatives, including this year's Doug Turner Memorial Walkathon which raised over $13,000.

Students are demonstrating initiative and leadership to make improvements for their school. Over the past two years Mohawk has established a composting program, introduced hydration station water dispensers for filling water bottles, and created a student newspaper, *The Mohawk Independent*. The Student Council, composed of representatives from all grades, is taking on a greater role in the school, serving as a forum for advocacy as well as organizing activities for the school community. Students with the Anti-Bullying Youth Council organized a number of events within the school and the community to improve communication and strengthen the sense of community.

At the midpoint of the 2013-2014 school year, enrollment in grades 7-12 is 501. There are 89 students in the seventh grade and 89 students in the the eighth grade. There are 67 students in the ninth grade, 82 in the tenth grade, 90 students in the junior class, and 79 students in the senior class. Five students are enrolled in our post-graduate program.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn R. Dole
Principal

Mohawk Trail Regional School District – Special Education and Pupil Services

A three-step process determines eligibility for Special Education services. Initially, the student has to have a specific, identified disability. The student then needs to fail to make effective progress in appropriate curriculum after general education interventions have been delivered. Lastly, the student must demonstrate the need for specialized instruction or related services to access the curriculum. Related services, including speech and language therapy, occupational and physical therapy, assistive technology and counseling are provided in each of the three districts. The Mohawk Trail Regional School System has made a commitment over the last year to implement tiered instruction. Tiered instruction is a regular education service provided to all students. Teachers and staff collect and utilize data to determine intervention groups. Intervention groups are often short term and target a specific identified area of concern. Student data is tracked to determine the effectiveness of the intervention. Historically in order for students to access support they were required to be identified for special education. The Professional Learning Days have enabled teachers and staff to meet on a regular basis to analyze data and determine groupings.

The number of students receiving special education has fluctuated minimally. While the student population in our districts is on a downward decline, many factors influence special education. Our districts have a high rate of mobility for both foster children and families who struggle with housing. In addition, for the small districts one or two students can impact the percentages.
Data collected from Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education indicates the following:

	2010	**2011**	**2012**	**2013**
MTRSD	19.5%	20.1%	20.6%	19.7%
Hawlemont	26%	24%	26%	27%
Rowe	10%	16%	14%	17%

Rowe and Hawlemont School Districts participated in the CPR (Coordinated Program Review). CPR includes staff and teacher interviews and record reviews. Both districts received no corrective action for student related services. They were cited for excluding newly required language in their school handbooks. The changes were made in the school year 2012-2013 handbooks. In addition, all districts are required to support a Parent Advisory Council (PAC). Please contact Leann Loomis if you are interested in participating. Mohawk Trail Regional School District will begin their CPR in March of 2014.

Leann Loomis
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Mohawk Trail Regional School District – Superintendent's Report
Hawlemont Regional School District

The educational improvement planning of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District and Hawlemont Regional School District is aligned to the District Standards and Indicators adopted by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). This report highlights progress made by Mohawk and Hawlemont during 2013 toward achieving these performance standards.

Standard 1: Leadership, Governance, and Communication. Mohawk and Hawlemont are developing and implementing Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) at both the district and school levels. PLCs are collaborative structures used to distribute leadership and cultivate high performing school districts.

Professional Learning Communities: The districts continued their PLC initiatives. Administrative Council developed and implemented a PLC-based structure to facilitate its weekly meetings. This structure has been used to facilitate professional development in fundamental educational matters, such as educator evaluation. In their second year of implementation, Mohawk Middle-High School, Buckland-Shelburne Elementary (BSE), and Sanderson Academy made significant progress toward institutionalizing a culture of PLCs. BSE made the very important step of transitioning from administrator-led PLCs to teacher-led PLCs. Colrain Central School, Heath Elementary, and Hawlemont launched PLC initiatives.

Standard 2: Curriculum and Instruction. Mohawk and Hawlemont are re-writing their curriculums to align with the revised Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. The districts are using a common web-based platform to promote collaboration, vertical alignment and continuous improvement. The curriculum is being written according to the Understanding by Design (UbD) model, which focuses on teaching for understanding.

Curriculum: For the elementary schools, the districts purchased Houghton Mifflin Math Expressions, which will be used in grades K-5. Sixth grade teachers wrote three science units, thus completing the new Earth Science-based 6th grade curriculum. The teachers worked in coordination with seventh and eighth grade science teachers to create a meaningful and inclusive scope and sequence. For the middle and high school, the District purchased an Algebra 1 program. The middle and high school teachers received guidelines, structured Professional Learning time, and individualized support to continue writing UbD curriculum units.

Instruction: The districts created a crosswalk document linking the new Educator Evaluation Rubric with the Characteristics for Standards-Based Teaching and Learning Continuum of Practice adopted by the MA DESE. This crosswalk provided educators with examples of evidence and observable practices of proficient teaching.

Standard 3: Assessment. Mohawk and Hawlemont are using student assessment results, local benchmarks, and other pertinent data to improve student achievement and inform all aspects of educational decision-making.

Collecting Assessment Data: Mohawk and Hawlemont established three assessment windows during the school year: fall, winter and spring. Assessments for English Language Arts include the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) and the Benchmark Assessment System. Math

assessments include the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) Measures of Academic Progress (MAP).

Using Assessment Data to Inform Instruction: In all of the districts' elementary schools, data team meetings were instituted to facilitate the use of student assessment data to inform instruction. The elementary teachers focused on DIBELS, Benchmark Assessments, and NWEA MAP data. The PK-6 Curriculum Director worked with the elementary principals after the fall data collection period to deliver professional development helping the teachers to analyze student data and form intervention groupings. At the middle and high school, the teachers focused on Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) data and NWEA MAP data. PLCs were used to conduct data-based inquiry.

Standard 4: Human Resources and Professional Development. The Mohawk School Committee and the Mohawk Educator Association reached agreement on the new educator evaluation system required by MA DESE. Similarly, the Hawlemont School Committee and the Hawlemont Teachers' Association reached agreement. Both districts began implementing the new evaluation system with fidelity.

New Educator Evaluation System: Administrative Council completed administrator training for the new evaluation system and took responsibility for training all staff. Central Office purchased a software application designed to facilitate the new system electronically. Principals met with all educators to assist in self-assessment and setting goals. Educators submitted self-assessment and proposed goals. Principals met with educators to establish educator plans. Principals completed most of the educator plans and first observation of each educator. Educators have submitted some evidence supporting their performance.

Standard 5: Student Support. The districts' new Professional Learning Days structure is designed to increase educator effectiveness and thus support students. All administrators are focused on scheduling as a way to improve student learning.

Mohawk and Hawlemont recognize that teacher support is essential to student support. With this connection in mind, the districts introduced Professional Learning Days (PLDs). PLDs replaced traditional half days and focused on educator training. Within the Mohawk Middle-High School, an Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) short block was negotiated by a Joint Labor Management Committee (JLMC) and implemented. The ELO structure introduced a time frame within the school day to provide academic support to all students, including at-risk students. Some elementary schools created after-school enrichment on Wednesday early release days. Additionally, Mohawk introduced summer enrichment camps.

Standard 6: Financial and Asset Management. Mohawk and Hawlemont continued to struggle with financial sustainability. Both School Committees have charged Administration with the responsibility of proposing and operating affordable budgets that support quality education.

Chinese Tuition-Paying Students. Mohawk worked with the Department of Homeland Security to become eligible to receive international tuition-paying students. The District researched various models to develop an international program and selected a sister school model. Mohawk contracted with an intercultural consulting firm. The high school principal traveled to China with this firm and procured two sister school agreements. School Committee authorized the District to move forward with a summer program in 2014 and preparing to receive 1-2 Chinese students during the 2015-2016 school year.

Hawlemont Agricultural Program. Hawlemont applied for a $325K Community Innovation Challenge grant. The purpose of the grant is to reconstitute and rejuvenate Hawlemont by providing an innovative elementary education through hands-on, experiential learning that combines agriculture and community involvement with traditional curriculum. A financial goal of this initiative is to increase choice-in revenues and reduce choice-out expenses, which would support the district's financial sustainability.

In 2013, the Mohawk and Hawlemont School Districts made substantial progress toward meeting and exceeding the MA DESE District Standards and Indicators. These performance standards were set higher than ever. Indeed, the more rigorous MA Curriculum Frameworks and the new educator evaluation system reflect how extraordinary times have become within public education. After having served the Mohawk and Hawlemont school districts for nine years, I am extremely optimistic about the future of our children's education within this increasingly demanding environment. There is a remarkable resilience that characterizes our communities, our educators, and our students. Mohawk and Hawlemont are ready for today's challenges and tomorrow's. On behalf of our students, I thank our entire school community for your steadfast support of our children's education. Because of you, the future remains very bright for our students!

Respectfully submitted,
Michael A. Buoniconti
Superintendent of Schools

Planning Board

The Planning Board began its 2013 agenda with a Site Plan Review hearing and later approval for the Colrain General Store to be located at 6 Jacksonville Road. The store was requesting a change in use from office to retail.

The Board and its two sub-committees continued to work on the proposed Large Solar Array and Large Industrial Wind by-laws.

The Large Solar Array draft by-law was presented at a hearing on April 17, 2013. The hearing was well attended. Public interest and concern about the specifics of the draft by-law were significant enough that the Planning Board decided the by-law was not ready for the Annual Town Meeting vote in May. Work on the by-law resumed in late fall with the assistance of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments and will hopefully be ready for the 2014 Annual Town Meeting.

The Large Industrial Wind sub-committee worked with the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Industrial Wind by-law model as a framework for the proposed by-law for Colrain. As the Annual Town Meeting drew closer, it was decided that this draft by-law was not ready for town vote either. Work will resume on this by-law in 2014.

A Cluster Development for 85 Van Nuys Road on 32 acres of land owned by the Valley Land Trust was presented to the Board. The project included using an existing farmhouse and building three new single family homes. The Cluster Development approach was later abandoned for ANR lots.

Two Approval Not Required Plans were submitted to the Board. Matt and Jim Slowinski presented a plan to sell a parcel of land off Adamsville Road back to Covidian and David Tasgal created a back lot off of New County Road.

The Board met with the Katywil eco-village community and informally discussed the need to adjust a few lot lines and address the fifty foot buffer around the development.

The Board began work on clarifying and adding definitions to the Colrain Zoning By-Law suggested by Shawn Kimberley, Building Inspector.

Developing a Medical Marijuana by-law was discussed several times and will be on the 2014 agenda.

Three excellent community minded Board members stepped down this year; Bill Cole, Ken Avery and Megan McDonough. We were sad to see them go but very grateful and thankful for their enthusiasm, experience and interest.

We are very happy to welcome Thom Griffin as a new Board member who will take over the duties of Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rockwell
Chair

Planning Board Members:

Joan Rockwell, Chair	Hale Johnson
Sara Wik	Betsy Corner
Thom Griffin	

Personnel Committee

The five member Personnel Committee acts as an advisory group to the Board of Selectmen, researching, drafting, and recommending policies regarding the town's employees, and participating in the interviewing of new hires. This committee currently has two openings.

The departure of Leah Coburn, long time Treasurer and Tax Collector, for the private sector this year left two key positions vacant. In addition to the position of Office Clerk, Paula Harrison has taken on the job of the Town's Tax Collector. After interviewing the field of applicants, Kristi Nartowicz was appointed Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Weeks, Chair

Police Department

We are extremely pleased to announce that we have continued the process of accreditation this year and are very close to earning our certification, the second step of the three step process. This process will aid us in setting the "best practice" standards within the police department. We continue to work on our professional development at all levels and this process will be a major step forward towards that goal.

We remain focused towards our community based policing goals. We have instituted a program working with our school and our schoolchildren. We have conducted a second successful lockdown drill and are working with the Massachusetts State Police in coordinating efforts to keep our children safe, updated our emergency response procedures and have made it possible for officers to have lunch with the students. We have initiated several community events including our participation in the National Drug Take Back Initiate.

The new Ford Interceptor has been a great asset to the police department. The Tahoe is 13 years old and will need to be replaced soon due to mechanical issues. We were given an estimate of $6,000 to repair the Tahoely with no guarantee of how long it will last.

We continue to be challenged by the physical restraints of our current space. Storage of evidence and the inability to process arrest's continue to be an ongoing safety problem.
We also continue to be challenged with our radio communications in the basement and throughout the town.

Each year we strive to purchase needed equipment. We will be focusing on equipment that mandated and/or strongly recommended by state law. We will continue to move forward in obtaining the needed equipment to provide the best service to the town we can.

In 2013 we have seen a slight increase in calls compared to last year with 861 reported calls to Shelburne Control. This is still about a 90% increase since 2008. This does not include the calls being made to officers at home. **As a reminder, please do not call officer's at home. Please call 911 for emergencies or 625-8200 for non-emergency calls.**

We continue to loose grant and funding programs, including a significant portion of the municipal police training budget has been cut.

I would like to thank everyone for your continued support. I look forward to continue serving as your Police Chief.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Haskins
Chief of Police

Veterans Services

July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

The Central Franklin County District was formed in 1940 and provides Veterans Services for twenty three towns within Franklin County. Currently we are providing support for 76 veterans who reside in your district

The mission of the Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) is to be the chief advocate for the nearly half-million veterans of the Commonwealth and their families.

Under Chapter 115 of Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L. ch. 115), the Commonwealth provides a uniform program of financial and medical assistance for income eligible veterans and their dependents. Qualifying veterans and their dependents receive financial assistance for food, shelter, clothing, housing supplies, and medical care in accordance with a formula which takes into account the number of dependants and income from all sources. Eligible dependents of deceased veterans are provided with the same benefits as they would were the veteran still living.

The District office is located at 190 Millers Falls Road, Turners falls, Mass.01376. Our offices are open four days a week from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM (413-863-3205), and Friday by appointment. Leo Parent is the Director of Veterans Services, Mark Fitzpatrick is your Veterans Services Officer, and Phyllis Meehan is our Administrative Assistant.

Leo and Mark held our first annual Job Fair for Veterans at the French King Bowling Center with great success; as well as, a Veterans Administration Health Fair

Many Veterans have been calling looking for the VA Web Sites here are a few for you.

Educational Benefits: www.gibill.va.gov **Home Loan Guaranty**: www.homeloans.va.gov

Federal Jobs: www.usajobs.opm.gov **Returning Veterans:** www.seamlesstranstion.va.gov

VA Home Page: www.va.gov **Government Jobs:** www.usajobs.gov/opm

Massachusetts State Veterans Services: MassVets Advisor

Leo J. Parent, Director **Mark Fitzpatrick, VSO**

Volunteer Ambulance Association

As I sit in front of the computer in the depths of a cold and dreary January mulling the activity of the past year, I can only be amazed by the true dedication of the men, women and their families and friends who have continued to develop as true heroes in their own time.

What you will see in this report is a year of change driven internally and externally by the need to do a better job. Healthcare as we know it is changing so rapidly that we can only hope we make the right decisions to improve based on what we know, what we think, what we learn and what we must do to survive.

In 2013 we responded to a record 292 calls and transported 206 patients. This amount of work represents a 64% increase in call volume and a 60% increase in transports from 2012 levels; which also showed significant increases in volume. We will very soon reach a consecutive 1000 call record. As many spout the downfall of volunteerism in our area and beyond, we as an organization have continued to deliver a consistent, sustainable state of the art model of out of hospital care to the citizens of Colrain and our surrounding communities.

The service welcomed Althea Sacco EMT-B, Cliff Spatcher EMT-B and Matt Wolkenbreit EMT-P to our ranks during 2013 and anxiously awaits the certification of two “new” EMT’s, Tyler Worden and Chris Melnik who are expected to be nationally certified in mid-February. Both were assisted with education costs by the association. Chris and Tyler have long been supportive of the ambulance and have allowed us to have more EMT’s taking care of patients by doing all sorts of things on scene and driving us to the hospital. Ethan Sicard EMT-I is currently back in school to obtain his paramedic certification and is expected to complete this course of study in the 2nd quarter of 2014.

The service, in partnership with Colrain Fire, began development of the “Minutes Matter” initiative, a program designed to improve the outcome of those suffering life threatening emergencies such as sudden cardiac arrest, stroke, acute congestive heart failure and respiratory problems. As part of the initiative, the service and the fire department initiated a rapid response protocol encompassing the western part of Franklin County to place trained rescuers and the LUCAS device at the scene of emergencies that had high potential to require cardiac compressions. With the device in place the patient receives continuous adequate compressions mechanically, freeing the hands of rescuers to provide other needed care more efficiently while remaining seated and secured. The team responded to 11 requests for the team in 2013 and there were 3 ROSC (return of spontaneous circulation) events recorded during those incidents. This level of “ROSC” was unheard of prior to the advent of the protocol and, in my opinion will improve as we continue to develop our level of response and training. The association and other partners in the Minutes Matter initiative will continue to develop and spearhead improvement in the delivery of out of hospital care.

Association sponsored education and training took another positive step forward with naming of a Director of Education and Training. Matthew Wolkenbreit EMT-P, has been well known to the organization for many years as he has helped us to develop various educational and training opportunities in the past. His exposure to our group and its mission led him to approach the association to become a member in early 2013. After he joined the group he rapidly assisted in the acceleration of

our education and training activities and was named Director of Education and Training in June, 2013. He has since founded Community911 Training, Inc., a new non-profit educational facility dedicated to providing educational and training opportunities to all medical disciplines and the public as a whole in Franklin County. CVAAI has supported this venture from both a financial and professional aspect, as we have long recognized the need for such an organization.

In what we as providers consider a major step forward the association announced in November their intention to move to the Paramedic level of care. It is hoped that this level of service will be in place by July, 2014. The path to upgrading the service is a long and somewhat complicated necessary component of our plans to be in front of changes in the industry that will necessitate that we expand our horizons to include comprehensive out of hospital support to the community.

Collaboration and a cooperative approach will continue to drive our organization forward. We hope to continue to encourage and motivate others to work with us to improve and impact the care we provide. Without the caring environment we have been afforded by the Town of Colrain and its people we would be much less of a success.

Thank you all for allowing us to serve you.

Gary W. Ponce EMT-P

CEO/Director, Colrain Volunteer Ambulance Association, Inc

WiredWest

August of 2013 will be the WiredWest Cooperative's second anniversary. During the last year, WiredWest activities included the following:

- Maintenance of a map database of utility poles, roads and structures
- High level network design and cost estimates
- Refinement of financial modeling and financing strategy development
- Economic impact study
- Development of printed materials
- Maintenance of a marketing and communications platforms
- Support Card campaign to document demand in each town
- Created an Internet Service Provider (ISP) business to serve customers with high-end bandwidth needs from the Mass. Broadband Institute's (MBI) middle-mile network
- Using a DLTA grant, developed contracts for use in ISP business
- Revised bylaws and developed privacy and confidentiality policies.
- Maintained regular contact with state and federal legislators and MBI

Most of these tasks were undertaken to position WiredWest to seek financing for its planned fiber-to-the-premises network.

The economic impact study confirmed the substantial benefit of the proposed WiredWest network to the region. This network could retain up to $75 million per year in telecommunications services revenues, including $50 million in revenues for service that is currently paid to service providers and leaves the area each year. The network also has the potential to enable the growth of existing and new businesses, and create local jobs–from the network itself, from expanded business hiring, and from increased household spending. It will increase the revenue of local businesses, and create an estimated additional $1.8 million in tax revenues for local and state governments. This information strengthens our case with policy makers and potential funding sources.

In March of 2013, there was good news relating to financing a last mile network in underserved towns. The Governor filed a state IT bond bill that includes $40 million to go towards last mile broadband infrastructure. The bill is currently working its way through the legislature. If successful, The Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) will oversee the administration of those funds, and in anticipation of that, they are working on a detailed plan for the project, including a buildout timeline. MBI and WiredWest have met to discuss how each organization's strengths could be leveraged in a last-mile network partnership, including raising the additional funds needed to complete a regional fiber network in western Massachusetts towns unserved or underserved by broadband.