

Annual Report

of the

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

of the Town of

COLRAIN

MASSACHUSETTS



For the Year

2023

National, State, and County Officials

United States Senators

Elizabeth Warren

Edward Markey

Governor

Maura Healey

Lieutenant Governor

Kim Driscoll

U.S Representative District II

James McGovern

State Senator

Paul W. Mark

Representative In General Court

Natalie M. Blais

Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Executive Committee

Kevin Fox, Chair

Jay DiPucchio, Vice-Chair

Emily Johnson

Jane Perice

Roxann Wedegartner

Franklin County Register of Deeds

DEDICATION

Carl A. Herzig

July 20, 1940 - June 30, 2023

Carl Herzig, born in 1940, was one of seven children born to Howard and Eva Herzig. Early in life, Carl developed a passion for the agrarian lifestyle by working on several local farms. That love of the land and working with animals would remain with him for the remainder of his life. Carl married Diane (Snow) in 1963 and would have celebrated their 60th year of marriage in August. They moved to their current home at 12 Christian Hill Road in 1964 and there they raised three children. In 1977, after 23 years of working at Kendall Mills, Carl and Diane opened Herzig Custom Slaughterhouse, utilizing a trade Carl learned from his Uncle and filling a need in the community.

In his formidable years, Carl was influenced by John F. Kennedy's inaugural address which implored Americans to "Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country." This led Carl to serve the Town in various capacities throughout the rest of his life including Constable, Police Officer, Police Chief, Dog Officer, Selectman, as a member of the Planning Board, Council on Aging, and Conservation Commission. He viewed this public service as a civic obligation, not to further personal agendas, but for the benefit of his fellow citizens and as a way to give back to the Town. Carl drew on his life experiences as a husband, father, farmer and small business owner to make decisions that were tempered with good old-fashioned common sense.

Carl will be sorely missed by those of us who knew him personally, not only for the many ways he served the Town of Colrain but especially for the genuine friendship and kindness he showed us.

Submitted by:
S.K. Kimberley

Clarence "Spike" E. Wheeler

January 15, 1944 - February 7, 2023

Clarence "Spike" Wheeler, born in 1944, to Leland and Sylvia Wheeler, was a long-time resident of Colrain and founding member of the Conservation Commission in 1989. He served on the Commission for almost 35 years, the last 20 of which he was Chair. He had such a historical knowledge of properties and projects throughout Colrain which made him a valuable asset to the Commission and brought commonsense reasoning to how the town would come to handle wetlands. Spike wasn't afraid to stand his ground and make it known that while there were rules to be followed, the people of Colrain knew what was best for their town more than the state agencies.

Aside from serving the Town, Spike had a great love of the outdoors; spending time on his farm, riding and grooming snowmobile trails as a member of the Colrain Sno-Drifters or taking the boat to Harriman Reservoir. He was a finish carpenter by trade, and his work can be found in many buildings around the county. He was fair, honest and a long-time friend to many in the community. He will be sadly missed.

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ABOUT COLRAIN

The Town of Colrain is a community of 43.2 square miles located in north central Franklin County. Per the 2020 Federal Census, the population is 1,606, of which 1,324 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 87.81 road miles in Colrain, the third highest amount in 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 Select Board as the governing body. To stay up to date, visit the Town's website at www.colrain-ma.gov.

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

The Town Office located at 55 Main Road, next to the Colrain Fire Station, is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with additional hours listed below for certain officials. The office is closed all day on Friday.

Town Administrator	Monday - Thursday	8:00 am to 4:00 pm or by appointment
Administrative Assistant	Monday - Thursday	9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Town Clerk	Monday Tuesday & Wednesday	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm 8:00 am – 2:00 pm
Tax Collector/Treasurer	Tuesday & Thursday	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Director of Assessing	Tuesday & Thursday	9:30 am – 4:00 pm
Building Inspector	Wednesday	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Police Department	Monday	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETING TIMES

Board of Assessors	Last Tuesday	5:00 pm
Board of Health	1 st Tuesday	6:30 pm
Conservation Commission	1 st Tuesday/As Needed	
Council on Aging	4 th Monday	2:00 pm
Finance Committee	As Needed	
Library Board of Trustees	2 nd Monday	6:00 pm
Personnel Committee	As Needed	
Planning Board	1 st Wednesday	6:00 pm
Select Board	2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays	4:30 pm
Zoning Board of Appeals	As Needed	

****For any board or committee not listed, please call the chair to inquire as to regular meeting times or visit www.colrain-ma.gov for more information.**

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 October
5:30 pm—7:30 pm

General Information

Effective October 28, 2023, vehicles utilizing the Colrain Transfer Station must display a Colrain Transfer Station sticker. Two stickers will be issued to each Colrain household free of charge. *Non-residents disposing of non-supersite items will be charged a \$5 use fee.*

All trash bags must have stickers
13-gallon stickers – \$1.00/each
33-gallon stickers – \$2.00/each
34–55-gallon stickers – \$4.00/each

Trash bag stickers are available at the Transfer Station. Vehicle stickers are available at the Town Office.

Bulky Waste and Mattresses accepted year-round

Below is a summary of fees. For more information visit the Town’s website at www.colrain-ma.gov.

General Recycling

Paper and Plastics

To learn more visit springfieldmrf.org/whats-recyclable-at-the-mrf

Scrap Metals/Appliances/Bulky Waste

Scrap Metal	Free
White Goods and CFCs	\$10 – \$15 each
Tires - Passenger	\$5.00 each with no rims
Bulky Waste (non-construction)	\$5.00 to \$30.00
Electronics – TV’s, Cellphones, etc.	\$0.00 - \$40 (pricing differs depending on item)
Construction/Demolition	\$45 - \$65/cubic yard
Mattresses	\$35/each
Furniture	\$10 - \$35/each
Textiles and books (clean)	Salvation Army Box

Hazardous Materials Collected

Motor oil	\$1.50/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
Fluorescent Lamps	\$0.50 <4 ft, \$1 > 4 ft.
House Batteries	No Charge
Ballasts	\$5.00 each
Thermometer	Free
Thermostats	Free
Switches	Free
20 lb. propane Tanks	\$7.00
1 lb. LP Tanks	\$1.00
Larger LP Tanks	\$10.00

TOWN OFFICERS, BOARDS, & COMMITTEES – CONTACT INFORMATION

<u>Committee/Board Chair/Officer</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>E-mail Address</u>
Animal Control Officer		
Kyle Dragon.....	413-774-7340.....	animalcontrol@fcs0-ma.us
Animal Inspector		
Ken Shearer.....	624-3410	
Board of Assessors Director		
Alice Wozniak.....	624-3356.....	assessors@colrain-ma.gov
Building Inspector		
Shawn Kimberley.....	624-4728.....	buildinginspector@colrain-ma.gov
Colrain Broadband/MLP Manager		
Michael Slowinski.....	624-3454.....	info@colrainbroadband.net
Conservation Commission		
Alice Wozniak, Clerk.....	624-3356.....	assessors@colrain-ma.gov
Council on Aging		
Betty Johnson.....	624-3680.....	biblib3@aol.com
Emergency Manager Director		
Jim Lyons.....	624-3940.....	jim@winterberryfarm.org
Cultural Council		
Betsy Shuipis.....	624-3454.....	shuipise@gmail.com
Energy Committee		
Peter Brooks, Chair.....	624-3241.....	p.brooks46@icloud.com
Finance Committee		
Michael Shuipis, Chair.....	624-3454	
Fire Chief		
Nick Anzuoni.....	624-5528.....	firechief@colrain-ma.gov
Griswold Memorial Library		
Chelsea Jordon-Makley, Director.....	624-3619.....	griswold@colrain-ma.gov
Highway Superintendent		
Steve Daby.....	624-5500.....	highway@colrain-ma.gov
Historical Commission		
David Nims, Chair.....	624-3400	
Personnel Committee		
Ellen Weeks, Chair.....	624-5137.....	eweeks@umext.umass.edu
Planning Board		
Robert Slowinski, Chair.....		planningboard@colrain-ma.gov
Police Chief		
Chris Lannon.....	624-3038.....	police@colrain-ma.gov
Tax Collector		
Paula Harrison.....	624-5549.....	taxcollector@colrain-ma.gov
Treasurer		
Paula Harrison.....	624-5549.....	treasurer@colrain-ma.gov
Town Accountant		
David Fierro Jr.	Hill-Town Municipal Accounting & Computer Services	
Town Clerk		
Anna Lavarreda.....	624-7100.....	townclerk@colrain-ma.gov
Select Board/Town Administrator		
Ben Eastman, Chair.....	624-3416	
Kevin Fox.....	624-6306.....	bos@colrain-ma.gov
Transfer Station.....		
	625-9012.....	highway@colrain-ma.gov
Zoning Board of Appeals		
Alice Wozniak, Clerk.....	624-3356.....	assessors@colrain-ma.gov

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Select Board (Three-year term)

	<u>Term</u>
Ben Eastman, Chair	2022 – 2025
Thomas Griffin	2021 – 2024
Emily Thurber	2023 – 2026

Town Clerk (Three-year term)

Anna Lavarreda	2022 – 2025
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Board of Assessors (Three-year term)

Nicholas M. Anzuoni, Chair	2022 – 2025
James J. Slowinski	2021 – 2024
Dwight Harrison	2023 – 2026

Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee (Three-year term)

John Chivers	2022 – 2025
Kate Barrows	2023 – 2026

Griswold Memorial Library Board of Trustees (Three-year term)

Nancy Rich Turkle, Chair	2021 – 2024
Betty Johnson	2021 – 2024
Betsy Browning	2022 – 2025
Martin Lydgate-Driggs	2022 – 2025
Cheli Mennella	2023 – 2026
Mikaela Whitaker	2024 – 2026

Constables (Three-year term)

Melinda A. Herzig	2021 – 2024
Timothy Slowinski	2022 – 2025
Kevin A. Worden, I	2023 – 2026

Moderator (Three-year term)

Megan McDonough	2021 – 2024 Resigned 7/2023
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SELECT BOARD APPOINTMENTS

All appointments are for a one-year term, unless otherwise specified, and expire June 30th. If you are interested in serving on one of the Boards or Commissions, please reach out to the appropriate appointing official.

Administrative Assistant	Term Expires	Council on Aging (Three-year term)	
Marjorie Smith	2024	Betty Johnson, Chair	2024
		Amy J. Herzig	2024
Agricultural Commission (Three-year term)		Richard R. Herzig	2024
Joseph S. Hillman	2024	Elaine Stanley	2024
Jill Horton-Lyons	2024	Kathleen A. Phelps	2026
Lorena Loubsky	2024	Russell Barnes	2026
Scott Roberts	2024	Janice Barnes	2026
Lori Shearer	2024	Valeda Peters	2026
Brian Sullivan	2024	Kathy Steinem	2026
Valerie Finkel	2025	Robbie Murphy	2027
Brian Scranton	2026	<i>Vacancies (4)</i>	
<i>Vacancies (2)</i>			
Animal Control Officer		Cultural Council (Three-year term)	
Kyle Dragon	2024	Betsy Shuipis, Chair	2025
		Sharon Wickland-Shearer	2024
Animal Inspector		Donna Cusimano	2024
Ken Shearer	2024	Kaylee Mulligan	2025
		Nancy Rich Turkle	2025
Board of Health (Three-year term)		<i>Vacancy (1)</i>	
Nina Martin-Anzuoni, Chair	2025		
Timothy P. Slowinski	2025	Director of Assessing	
Kate Minifie	2025	Alice Wozniak	2025
Barbara Griffin	2027		
<i>Vacancies (2)</i>		Emergency Management Director	
		Jim Lyons	2024
Board of Registrars (Three-year term)			
Anna Lavarreda, Ex Officio	2025	Emergency Response Coordinator	
Amy J. Herzig	2024	Nicholas M. Anzuoni	2024
Eugenia M. Shearer	2026		
<i>Vacancy (1)</i>		Energy Committee	
		Peter Brooks, Chair	2025
Building Inspector (Three-year term)		Bing Waldsmith	2025
Shawn Kimberley	2026	Brian Cady	2025
		David Greenberg	2025
Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Representative		Chris Krezmien	2025
Michelle F. Hillman	2024	<i>Vacancy (1)</i>	
Conservation Commission (Three-year term)		Franklin County Solid Waste District Rep.	
David W. Nims, Chair	2024	Michael Shuipis	2024
William H. Dornbusch	2024	Michael Slowinski (Alternate)	2024
Marshall L. Denison, Jr.	2024		
Jenny Blythe	2024	Fire Chief	
Matthew G. Slowinski	2025	Nicholas M. Anzuoni	2024
Benjamin Beas	2026		
Larry Richmond	2027	Fire Station Building Committee	
		Douglas MacLeay	2024
		Gary Ponce	2024
		Kevin Worden II	2024
		Nicholas M. Anzuoni	2024

Franklin County Regional Animal Control Rep.			Treasurer/Collector		
Kevin Fox	2025		Paula Harrison	2025	
Franklin Regional Transit Authority Rep.			Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' District Rep.		
Emily Thurber	2025		Thom Griffin	2024	
Franklin Regional Council of Governments Rep.			Wiring Inspector		
Kevin Fox	2024		James Slowinski	2024	
Franklin Regional Planning Board Rep.			Clinton Dodge	2024	
Marybeth Chichester	2024		Zoning Board of Appeals (Three-year term)		
Highway Superintendent			Marshall L. Denison	2024	
Steve Daby	2024		John Peters	2025	
Historical Commission (Three-year term)			Mark A. Thibodeau	2026	
David W. Nims, Chair	2025		<i>Vacancies (2)</i>		
Joan C. McQuade	2024				
Sarah Davenport	2024				
Beldin R. Merims	2025				
Harold (Guy) Wheeler	2026				
<i>Vacancy (1)</i>					
Municipal Light Plant (MLP) Manager					
Michael Slowinski	2025				
Personnel Committee (Three-year term)					
Ellen Weeks, Chair	2026				
Valeda R. Peters	2024				
Kathleen A. Phelps	2025				
Lynn DiTullio	2025				
Joe Kurland	2027				
Plumbing & Gas Inspector					
Kyle Hartnett	2024				
Jeffrey Bache (Alternate)	2024				
Police Chief					
Chris Lannon	2024				
Police Officers					
Derek Worden	2024				
Tarrah Demsey	2024				
Heather Sonn	2024				
Tree Warden					
<i>Vacant</i>					
Town Administrator					
Kevin Fox	2024				
Town Accountant					
David Fierro	2024				

MODERATOR APPOINTMENTS

Finance Committee (five-member board, three-year term)

Michael Shuipis, Chair	2025
Deborah Menard	2024
Douglas Macleay	2025
Betty Ringwood	2026
David Swiderski	2026

Franklin County Technical School District Committee Member

Nicole Slowinski	2024
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Planning Board (seven-member board, three-year term)

Robert Slowinski, Chair	2024
Greg Olchowski	2024
Marybeth Chichester	2024
Loren Feinstein	2025
Sara Wik	2026
David Greenberg	2026
<i>Vacancy (1)</i>	

BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTMENTS

Franklin County Cooperative Public Health Service Oversight Board

Nina Martin-Anzuoni	2024
Barbara Griffin (Alternate)	2024

TOWN OFFICE REPORTS

SELECT BOARD

The Colrain Select Board is pleased to submit a 2023 Annual Report. We continue to make improvements to the Town's broadband infrastructure, having completed the RRR project, ensuring internet and phone redundancy protection for not only Colrain residents but its neighboring towns of Heath, Charlemont, Rowe, and Leyden. This was all funded with a Community Compact Cabinet Municipal Fiber Grant of \$400,000. We have continued to invest in state-of-the-art IT capabilities for town operations, including implementing a Security Awareness Training program.

Construction of the Veteran's Memorial Park on the town common was finished in early FY2023 and culminated with a dedication ceremony held on Veteran's Day. There were many people in attendance and guest speakers there that day. The Personnel Committee worked hard to complete the new Personnel Policies and Procedures manual, which were approved by the Board, with funding provided from the Community Compact Best Practices Program.

The complete repaving of Greenfield Road was made possible with funding from a \$1,000,000 MassWorks grant, which was completed in the fall of 2023. Solar powered speed zone warning signs and lighting for the school zone located on Jacksonville Road were installed with funding provided by MassDOT. Further, in October, the Town was awarded a \$1,000,000 MassWorks grant for the slope failure on Jacksonville Road.

The Town continued to invest in its fleet by putting a new police cruiser in service and turning the old cruiser over to the Fire Department after the police equipment was removed. The Highway Department purchased the new backhoe/loader, which was approved at the FY2023 ATM, and is working great.

Mike Slowinski did not run for re-election in 2023 and Emily Thurber has taken that spot. Thom Griffin's term ends this year, and he will not be running for re-election. As a young board member, it was great to work with those more experienced Select Board members and would like to thank them for their service to the Town.

Also, Kevin Fox will be retiring as the Town of Colrain's Administrator. His many years of service for the town will be missed, as he has brought the town into new working order from outdated procedures and set us on our way to build up even further. His great knowledge and ability to secure many grants will be hard shoes to fill for the next Town Administrator.

Select Board Chair
Benjamin R. Eastman

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 ten years. Over a decade ago, the Assessors started 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 election, Dwight Harrison won re-election to the Board of Assessors. This is Dwight’s third term as an Assessor. The Assessors’ office is the only elected board that is required within one year of taking office to successfully complete a 30-hour course and pass an examination. Failure to do so jeopardizes the DOR approval of the town’s tax rate.

In Fiscal Year 2023, the office granted 4 abatements in the amount of \$198,070 of value which translates into \$3,888.11 of tax dollars. The one appeal filed at the Massachusetts Appellate Tax Board (ATB) for Fiscal Year 2022 was withdrawn and no appeals for 2023.

Most properties in town have been inspected over the last few years, which has greatly reduced our number of abatements. This does not mean that the property record cards are flawless-some can 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 mid-December, we set our Fiscal Year 2024 tax rate at \$18.98/per \$1,000.00 of valuation. This brings the overall decrease in the taxation rate from 2021-24 to \$2.18 due to strong property assessments.

The Colrain Fire District tax rate for Fiscal Year 2024 was \$3.45/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:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>%</u>
• Residential	\$177,680,100	84.0431
• Commercial	\$ 6,094,586	2.8828
• Industrial	\$ 4,080,800	1.9302
• Personal Property	\$ 23,559,940	11.1439
 Total amount of 2024 Property Tax Levy	 \$211,415,426	 100.00%

Our maps and property record cards are available online on the town’s website www.colrain-ma.gov under Town Office, Assessors’ Office. Please check them out; this is another way to verify the accuracy of your assessments.

There are several property tax exemptions for the elderly varying in amounts from \$175 to \$500. Each exemption is based on income guidelines and as economic times become more difficult; we encourage the elderly 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 public. Also available are exemptions for the blind and veterans with a service-connected disability.

We want property owners to know that assessing is a complicated field, and the DOR sets forth very strict guidelines with which our office must comply. With that said, our office is open for any questions Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30-4:00 PM and our board typically meets on Tuesdays at 5:00 PM in the Assessor's office as needed. If you would like to set up an appointment to meet with the Board, please call the office at (413) 624-3356 since meeting times sometimes change due to scheduling conflicts.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Assessors
Nicholas Anzuoni, Chairman
James Slowinski
Dwight Harrison
Alice Wozniak, MAA & Director of Assessing

TOWN CLERK

2023 Annual Report

Elections:

Town Election, May 2, 2023

Total Voters: 237

Assessor: Dwight Harrison

Constable: Kevin Worden I

Library Trustees: Cheli Mennella, Cynthia McLaughlin

MRTSD Committee: Kathryn Barrows

Selectboard: Emily Thurber

Vital Statistics:

Births – 10

Deaths – 26

Marriages – 7

Dogs tagged 2023 - 309

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna Lavarreda

Colrain Town Clerk

413-624-7100

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Expense Report – Pages 17 to 34

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Group as: **_***_****_*****

Parameters: Fiscal Year: 2023

Start Date: 07/01/2022

end: 06/30/2023

Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Expenditure Ledger

Account Number	Name	Code: 01 - General Fund	Allocated	Net Activity	Ending	% Var.
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund		114 - Moderator				
Group 2: Segment 2: Department						
01-114-5190-00000	Moderator Stipend		110.00	-110.00	0.00	100.00
01-114-5580-00000	Moderator Other Expenses		60.00	0.00	60.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department			170.00	-110.00	60.00	64.71
Group 2: Segment 2: Department		115 - Personnel Committee				
01-115-5580-00000	Personnel Committee Expenses		100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department			100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
Group 2: Segment 2: Department		122 - Selectmen				
01-122-5190-00000	Selectmen Salaries		10,384.00	-10,383.00	1.00	99.99
01-122-5340-00000	Selectmen Advertising		1,000.00	-861.15	138.85	86.12
01-122-5580-00000	Selectmen Other Expenses		1,000.00	-559.10	440.90	55.91
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department			12,384.00	-11,803.25	580.75	95.31
Group 2: Segment 2: Department		123 - Coordinator				
01-123-5110-00000	Town Coordinator		89,250.00	-89,249.94	0.06	100.00
01-123-5580-00000	Town Coordinator Other Expenses		500.00	-129.00	371.00	25.80
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department			89,750.00	-89,378.94	371.06	99.59
Group 2: Segment 2: Department		131 - Finance Committee				
01-131-5385-00000	Finance Committee Expenses		330.00	-138.00	192.00	41.82
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department			330.00	-138.00	192.00	41.82
Group 2: Segment 2: Department		132 - Reserve Fund				
01-132-5780-00000	Reserve Fund		2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department			2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
Group 2: Segment 2: Department		135 - Town Accountant				
01-135-5230-00000	Accounting Software		3,970.00	-3,970.00	0.00	100.00
01-135-5300-00000	Accounting Services		21,949.00	-21,948.00	1.00	100.00
01-135-5380-00000	Annual Financial Audit		16,000.00	-16,000.00	0.00	100.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department			41,919.00	-41,918.00	1.00	100.00
Group 2: Segment 2: Department		141 - Assessors				
01-141-5110-00000	Director of Assessing Salary		44,188.00	-44,187.78	0.22	100.00
01-141-5190-00000	Assessors Stipends		10,341.00	-10,341.00	0.00	100.00
01-141-5420-00000	Assessors Expenses		17,130.00	-14,387.83	2,742.17	83.99
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department			71,659.00	-68,916.61	2,742.39	96.17
Group 2: Segment 2: Department		145 - Treasurer/Collector				
01-145-5110-00000	Treasurer/Collector Salary		63,630.00	-63,629.80	0.20	100.00
01-145-5190-00000	Tax Title Custodian		10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
01-145-5300-00000	Treasurers Prof Services & Payroll		5,000.00	-3,553.00	1,447.00	71.06

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01-145-5320-00000	Treasurer Software	5,604.00	-5,575.23	28.77	99.49
01-145-5340-00000	Treasurer Postage	4,000.00	-3,316.40	683.60	82.91
01-145-5385-00000	Treasurer Professional Development	1,250.00	-114.50	1,135.50	9.16
01-145-5420-00000	Treasurers Supplies	2,000.00	-1,171.02	828.98	58.55
01-145-5720-00000	Treasurers Business Travel	850.00	-276.12	573.88	32.48
01-145-5730-00000	Treasurers Licenses/Dues	60.00	-60.00	0.00	100.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	145 - Treasurer/Collector	92,394.00	-77,696.07	14,697.93	84.09
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	150 - Town Office Pool				
01-150-5110-00000	Administrative Assistant Wages	31,540.41	-31,540.41	0.00	100.00
01-150-5120-00000	Boards & Committee Clerical	2,387.00	-2,001.62	385.38	83.86
01-150-5190-00000	Constable	0.00	346.50	346.50	0.00
01-150-5210-00000	Town Office Electricity	4,000.00	-2,696.51	1,303.49	67.41
01-150-5215-00000	Heating	4,500.00	-3,774.87	725.13	83.89
01-150-5240-00000	Town Hall Repairs and Maintenance	2,500.00	-3,258.54	-758.54	130.34
01-150-5241-00000	Town Hall Grounds	3,000.00	-983.75	2,016.25	32.79
01-150-5242-00000	Town Hall Security	400.00	-321.99	78.01	80.50
01-150-5243-00000	Town Hall Miscellaneous	1,000.00	-556.74	443.26	55.67
01-150-5244-00000	Town Hall Forms Supplies and Machinery	3,100.00	-3,403.88	-303.88	109.80
01-150-5247-00000	Town Hall Internet	2,400.00	0.00	2,400.00	0.00
01-150-5248-00000	Website Support	1,200.00	-1,140.00	60.00	95.00
01-150-5249-00000	IT Support/Licensing	17,976.00	-21,765.50	-3,789.50	121.08
01-150-5250-00000	Copier Leases	3,500.00	-3,257.69	242.31	93.08
01-150-5300-00000	Grant Writing Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-150-5340-00000	Office Postage	1,200.00	-41.60	1,158.40	3.47
01-150-5345-00000	Office Telephone	4,500.00	-4,134.41	365.59	91.88
01-150-5385-00000	Office Professional Development	500.00	-455.00	45.00	91.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	150 - Town Office Pool	83,703.41	-78,986.01	4,717.40	94.36
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	151 - Legal				
01-151-5300-00000	Town Counsel	10,000.00	-2,508.68	7,491.32	25.09
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	151 - Legal	10,000.00	-2,508.68	7,491.32	25.09
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	160 - Clerk				
01-160-5110-00000	Town Clerk Salary	24,150.00	-24,149.84	0.16	100.00
01-160-5190-00000	Clerk Election/Registrar Workers	4,431.00	-4,217.85	213.15	95.19
01-160-5580-00000	Clerk Other Expense	6,365.00	-3,003.73	3,361.27	47.19
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	160 - Clerk	34,946.00	-31,371.42	3,574.58	89.77
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	171 - Conservation				
01-171-5580-00000	Conservation Commission Expenses	100.00	-95.00	5.00	95.00

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Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	171 - Conservation	100.00	-95.00	5.00	95.00
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	175 - Planning				
01-175-5580-00000	Planning Board Expenses	1,298.96	-1,298.96	0.00	100.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	175 - Planning	1,298.96	-1,298.96	0.00	100.00
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	192 - Town Hall				
01-192-5190-00000	Town Office Custodian	6,241.00	-6,011.32	229.68	96.32
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	192 - Town Hall	6,241.00	-6,011.32	229.68	96.32
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	195 - Annual Report				
01-195-5300-00000	Town Reports	800.00	-662.19	137.81	82.77
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	195 - Annual Report	800.00	-662.19	137.81	82.77
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	210 - Police				
01-210-5101-00000	Police Chief Salary	30,500.00	-43,556.13	-13,056.13	142.81
01-210-5110-00000	Police Salaries	76,325.00	-53,122.67	23,202.33	69.60
01-210-5245-00000	Police Vehicle Maintenance	4,000.00	-2,564.40	1,435.60	64.11
01-210-5385-00000	Police Training	6,000.00	-3,488.72	2,511.28	58.15
01-210-5420-00000	Police Office Expense	1,800.00	-308.69	1,491.31	17.15
01-210-5480-00000	Police Fuel	6,820.00	-8,308.25	-1,488.25	121.82
01-210-5870-00000	Police Equipment	15,535.00	-14,078.51	1,456.49	90.62
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	210 - Police	140,980.00	-125,427.37	15,552.63	88.97
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	220 - Fire				
01-220-5110-00000	Fire Chief Salary	6,587.00	-6,587.00	0.00	100.00
01-220-5112-00000	Fire Administrative Assistant	1,892.49	-1,892.49	0.00	100.00
01-220-5120-00000	Firefighter Salaries	43,825.73	-43,825.73	0.00	100.00
01-220-5190-00000	Fire Officer Stipends	2,835.00	-2,835.00	0.00	100.00
01-220-5210-00000	Fire Electricity	6,000.00	-5,168.34	831.66	86.14
01-220-5215-00000	Fire Building Heat	4,800.00	-4,347.58	452.42	90.57
01-220-5240-00000	Fire Building Maintenance	5,000.00	-580.16	4,419.84	11.60
01-220-5245-00000	Fire Vehicle Maintenance	14,000.00	-15,531.82	-1,531.82	110.94
01-220-5246-00000	Fire Equipment Maintenance	29,150.00	-26,180.72	2,969.28	89.81
01-220-5300-00000	Fire Prof Services	2,046.00	-2,046.00	0.00	100.00
01-220-5320-00000	Fire Software Technology	2,800.00	-2,800.00	0.00	100.00
01-220-5345-00000	Fire Telephone/Internet	2,500.00	-1,937.27	562.73	77.49
01-220-5380-00000	Fire Radio Maintenance	2,864.06	-2,864.06	0.00	100.00
01-220-5385-00000	Fire Training	11,821.17	-11,821.17	0.00	100.00
01-220-5420-00000	Fire Supplies	1,000.00	-1,069.12	-69.12	106.91
01-220-5480-00000	Fire Fuel	1,500.00	-2,098.68	-598.68	139.91
01-220-5730-00000	Fire Licenses/Dues	910.00	-985.00	-75.00	108.24

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Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	220 - Fire	139,531.45	-132,570.14	6,961.31	95.01
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	241 - Building Inspections				
01-241-5110-00000	Building Inspector Salary	9,371.00	-9,370.92	0.08	100.00
01-241-5320-00000	Building Inspector Software	3,445.00	-3,445.00	0.00	100.00
01-241-5420-00000	Building Inspector Supplies	200.00	-24.39	175.61	12.20
01-241-5730-00000	Building Inspector Dues/Certification	870.00	0.00	870.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	241 - Building Inspections	13,886.00	-12,840.31	1,045.69	92.47
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	291 - Emergency Management				
01-291-5190-00000	Emergency Management Stipend	1,920.00	-1,559.58	360.42	81.23
01-291-5580-00000	Emergency Management Expenses	2,700.00	-2,579.50	120.50	95.54
01-291-5690-00000	FRCOG REPC Assessment	150.00	-150.00	0.00	100.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	291 - Emergency Management	4,770.00	-4,289.08	480.92	89.92
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	292 - Animal Control				
01-292-5190-00000	Animal Control Assessment	5,703.00	-5,186.00	517.00	90.93
01-292-5243-00000	Inspector of Animals Expense	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
01-292-5300-00000	Franklin Regional Dog Assessment	350.00	-350.00	0.00	100.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	292 - Animal Control	6,253.00	-5,536.00	717.00	88.53
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	294 - Tree Warden				
01-294-5190-00000	Tree Warden Stipend	56.00	0.00	56.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	294 - Tree Warden	56.00	0.00	56.00	0.00
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	300 - School Committee				
01-300-5190-00000	School Committee Stipend	900.00	-600.00	300.00	66.67
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	300 - School Committee	900.00	-600.00	300.00	66.67
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	312 - Mohawk Regional				
01-312-5696-00000	Mohawk Trail Regional Assessment	2,161,062.00	-2,161,062.00	0.00	100.00
01-312-5910-00000	Mohawk Trail Regional Capital	46,638.00	-46,638.00	0.00	100.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	312 - Mohawk Regional	2,207,700.00	-2,207,700.00	0.00	100.00
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	315 - Franklin County Technical				
01-315-5696-00000	Franklin County Technical Assessment	363,744.00	-361,048.00	2,696.00	99.26
01-315-5910-00000	Franklin County Technical Capital	5,057.00	-5,056.64	0.36	99.99
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	315 - Franklin County Technical	368,801.00	-366,104.64	2,696.36	99.27
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	422 - Highway				
01-422-5110-00000	Highway Salaries	267,682.00	-228,576.56	39,105.44	85.39
01-422-5130-00000	Highway Overtime	0.00	-15,421.08	-15,421.08	0.00
01-422-5240-00000	Highway Building Maintenance	21,270.91	-21,270.91	0.00	100.00
01-422-5245-00000	Highway Machinery Maintenance	43,000.00	-41,069.77	1,930.23	95.51
01-422-5290-00000	Highway Bridge Expense	2,000.00	-190.00	1,810.00	9.50

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01-541-5580-00000	Council on Aging Expenses	20,000.00	-893.99	19,106.01	4.47
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	541 - Council on Aging	20,000.00	-12,848.54	7,151.46	64.24
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	543 - Veterans Services				
01-543-5300-00000	Veterans Services District Assessment	3,717.00	-3,716.85	0.15	100.00
01-543-5770-00000	Veterans District (Chapter 115)	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	543 - Veterans Services	11,217.00	-3,716.85	7,500.15	33.14
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	610 - Library				
01-610-5110-00000	Librarian Director Wages	38,104.00	-38,104.00	0.00	100.00
01-610-5120-00000	Library Substitute	2,060.00	997.00	3,057.00	-48.40
01-610-5190-00000	Assistant Library Director Wages	10,418.00	-12,663.79	-2,245.79	121.56
01-610-5210-00000	Library Electricity	2,500.00	-1,629.29	870.71	65.17
01-610-5215-00000	Library Building Heat	3,300.00	-4,105.04	-805.04	124.40
01-610-5230-00000	Library Other Utilities	136.00	0.00	136.00	0.00
01-610-5240-00000	Library Building Maintenance	5,750.00	-5,666.29	83.71	98.54
01-610-5251-00000	Library Programming	700.00	-783.00	-83.00	111.86
01-610-5320-00000	Library Technology/Online Services	4,895.00	-4,444.94	450.06	90.81
01-610-5385-00000	Library Professional Development	1,000.00	-474.50	525.50	47.45
01-610-5420-00000	Library Supplies	1,350.00	-1,771.14	-421.14	131.20
01-610-5550-00000	Cleaning	2,600.00	-1,121.25	1,478.75	43.13
01-610-5580-00000	Library Books	20,599.00	-22,613.92	-2,014.92	109.78
01-610-5720-00000	Library Business Travel	500.00	-444.25	55.75	88.85
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	610 - Library	93,912.00	-92,824.41	1,087.59	98.84
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	691 - Historical Commission				
01-691-5580-00000	Historical Commission Expenses	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	691 - Historical Commission	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	692 - Celebrations				
01-692-5380-00000	Memorial Day Celebration	744.09	-744.09	0.00	100.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	692 - Celebrations	744.09	-744.09	0.00	100.00
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	700 - Debt Service				
01-700-5926-00000	Interest on Short Term Debt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	700 - Debt Service	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	830 - FRCOG Assessments				
01-830-5300-00000	FRCOG Procurement Services Assessment	2,669.00	-2,669.00	0.00	100.00
01-830-5690-00000	FRCOG Core Assessment	9,913.00	-9,913.00	0.00	100.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	830 - FRCOG Assessments	12,582.00	-12,582.00	0.00	100.00
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	911 - County Retirement				
01-911-5690-00000	Franklin Regional Retirement Assessment	118,262.00	-116,096.00	2,166.00	98.17

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Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	911 - County Retirement	118,262.00	-116,096.00	2,166.00	98.17
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	914 - Group Health/Life				
01-914-5170-00000	Employer Contr. Group Health Insurance	141,778.85	-103,173.65	38,605.20	72.77
01-914-5171-00000	FFRCA Covid-19 Tax Credits	0.00	-41.96	-41.96	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	914 - Group Health/Life	141,778.85	-103,215.61	38,563.24	72.80
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	945 - P/L Insurance				
01-945-5740-00000	Property & Casualty Insurance	49,200.00	-43,931.00	5,269.00	89.29
01-945-5741-00000	VFIS	8,250.00	-8,025.00	225.00	97.27
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	945 - P/L Insurance	57,450.00	-51,956.00	5,494.00	90.44
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	946 - Public Official Insurance				
01-946-5740-00000	Employee Surety & Bonds	1,800.00	-350.00	1,450.00	19.44
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	946 - Public Official Insurance	1,800.00	-350.00	1,450.00	19.44
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 01 - General Fund	4,529,646.00	-4,330,447.87	199,198.13	95.60

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02-610-5960-22426	FY24 Transfer to Griswold Library Stabilization	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	610 - Library	88,000.00	0.00	88,000.00	0.00
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	700 - Debt Service				
02-700-5926-22214	Interest on Short Term Debt FY22 Art 7	3,150.08	-3,150.08	0.00	100.00
02-700-5926-22311	FY 23 Interest on Short Term Debt	11,835.00	-5,984.47	5,850.53	50.57
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	700 - Debt Service	14,985.08	-9,134.55	5,850.53	60.96
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 02 - Special Articles & Appropriations	716,239.04	-276,767.98	439,471.06	38.64

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Group 1: Segment 1: Fund					
Code: 22 - 53E1/2 Revolving					
176 - Zoning					
Group 2: Segment 2: Department					
22-176-5580-00267	Zoning 53E1/2	0.00	-1,367.25	-1,367.25	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	176 - Zoning	0.00	-1,367.25	-1,367.25	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department					
220 - Fire					
Group 2: Segment 2: Department					
22-220-5190-00263	Fire Insp. 53E1/2 Stipends	0.00	-800.00	-800.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	220 - Fire	0.00	-800.00	-800.00	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department					
243 - Plumbing Inspections					
Group 2: Segment 2: Department					
22-243-5190-00260	Pumbing Insp. 53E1/2 Stipends	0.00	-2,295.00	-2,295.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	243 - Plumbing Inspections	0.00	-2,295.00	-2,295.00	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department					
245 - Electrical Inspections					
Group 2: Segment 2: Department					
22-245-5190-00262	Electrical Insp. 53E1/2 Stipends	0.00	-3,470.00	-3,470.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	245 - Electrical Inspections	0.00	-3,470.00	-3,470.00	n/a
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 22 - 53E1/2 Revolving	0.00	-7,932.25	-7,932.25	n/a

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Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 23 - Other Revolving				
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	145 - Treasurer/Collector				
23-145-5300-00266	Tax Title 53E1/2	0.00	-18,943.08	-18,943.08	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	145 - Treasurer/Collector	0.00	-18,943.08	-18,943.08	n/a
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 23 - Other Revolving	0.00	-18,943.08	-18,943.08	n/a

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Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 24 - Gifts				
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	145 - Treasurer/Collector				
24-145-5580-14501	Taxpayer In Need of Relief Distribution	0.00	-5,083.94	-5,083.94	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	145 - Treasurer/Collector	0.00	-5,083.94	-5,083.94	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	220 - Fire				
24-220-5385-00253	Fire Donations Training	0.00	-143.68	-143.68	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	220 - Fire	0.00	-143.68	-143.68	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	541 - Council on Aging				
24-541-5300-00253	CoA Donations Professional Services	0.00	-1,166.59	-1,166.59	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	541 - Council on Aging	0.00	-1,166.59	-1,166.59	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	543 - Veterans Services				
24-543-5243-54301	Veterans Memorial Park Expenses	0.00	-6,405.50	-6,405.50	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	543 - Veterans Services	0.00	-6,405.50	-6,405.50	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	691 - Historical Commission				
24-691-5243-00208	AA Smith Gift Expenses	0.00	-1,340.00	-1,340.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	691 - Historical Commission	0.00	-1,340.00	-1,340.00	n/a
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 24 - Gifts	0.00	-14,139.71	-14,139.71	n/a

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Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 25 - Other Special Revenue				
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	123 - Coordinator				
25-123-5535-22315	Jacksonville Road/Rte 112 Storm Damage	0.00	-253,976.26	-253,976.26	0.00
25-123-5580-12312	Ashfield CSO Expenses	0.00	-5,240.88	-5,240.88	0.00
25-123-5580-22312	Demolition of 102 Main Rd. Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	123 - Coordinator	0.00	-259,217.14	-259,217.14	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	171 - Conservation				
25-171-5340-00210	Conservation 53G Public Hearing Advertising	0.00	-126.53	-126.53	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	171 - Conservation	0.00	-126.53	-126.53	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	175 - Planning				
25-175-5340-00210	Planning Board 53G Public Hearing Advertising	0.00	-353.10	-353.10	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	175 - Planning	0.00	-353.10	-353.10	n/a
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 25 - Other Special Revenue	0.00	-259,696.77	-259,696.77	n/a

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Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Expenditure Ledger

Account Number	Name	Allocated	Net Activity	Ending	% Var.
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 27 - Federal Grants				
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	123 - Coordinator				
27-123-5970-12309	Transfer to Other Funds	0.00	-496,567.57	-496,567.57	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	123 - Coordinator	0.00	-496,567.57	-496,567.57	n/a
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 27 - Federal Grants	0.00	-496,567.57	-496,567.57	n/a

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Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Expenditure Ledger

Account Number	Name	Allocated	Net Activity	Ending	% Var.
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 28 - State Grants				
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	000 - Undefined				
28-000-5243-00413	Expenses Associated With Sale of Bond	0.00	-38,279.66	-38,279.66	0.00
28-000-5380-00413	Last Mile Broadband Grant	0.00	-53,905.27	-53,905.27	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	000 - Undefined	0.00	-92,184.93	-92,184.93	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	123 - Coordinator				
28-123-5243-12306	Green Communities Grant	0.00	-13,424.30	-13,424.30	0.00
28-123-5580-12311	Complete Streets Tier 2 Prioritization Plan Expenses	0.00	-19,031.99	-19,031.99	0.00
28-123-5580-22313	Mattress Trailer Grant DEP Expenses	0.00	-5,990.78	-5,990.78	0.00
28-123-5580-28103	Expenses Community Compact Fiber Grant (\$400k) FY22	0.00	-205,966.84	-205,966.84	0.00
28-123-5580-28104	Community Compact Organic Diversion Expenses	0.00	-3,941.11	-3,941.11	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	123 - Coordinator	0.00	-248,355.02	-248,355.02	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	210 - Police				
28-210-5385-22210	Bridge Academy Training (\$2213.00 Award)	0.00	-546.00	-546.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	210 - Police	0.00	-546.00	-546.00	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	433 - Transfer Station				
28-433-5870-00213	MA Recycling Dividends Program Capital	0.00	-3,610.54	-3,610.54	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	433 - Transfer Station	0.00	-3,610.54	-3,610.54	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	541 - Council on Aging				
28-541-5490-00412	COA Formula Grant Expenses	0.00	-8,659.50	-8,659.50	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	541 - Council on Aging	0.00	-8,659.50	-8,659.50	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	610 - Library				
28-610-5300-00224	State Aid to Libraries LIG/MEG	0.00	-468.55	-468.55	0.00
28-610-5580-22314	LSTA Library Grant Expenses	0.00	-525.60	-525.60	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	610 - Library	0.00	-994.15	-994.15	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	699 - Cultural Council				
28-699-5300-00233	Colrain Local Cultural Council Programs	0.00	-5,437.45	-5,437.45	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	699 - Cultural Council	0.00	-5,437.45	-5,437.45	n/a
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 28 - State Grants	0.00	-359,787.59	-359,787.59	n/a

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Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Expenditure Ledger

Account Number	Name	Code	Allocated	Net Activity	Ending	% Var.
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund		Code: 30 - Chapter 90				
Group 2: Segment 2: Department		422 - Highway				
30-422-5535-16903	Mass Ch90 Fiscal 2016 Paving Projects		0.00	-6,573.00	-6,573.00	0.00
30-422-5535-19903	Chapter 90 Expenses		0.00	-97,966.97	-97,966.97	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department		422 - Highway	0.00	-104,539.97	-104,539.97	n/a
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund		Code: 30 - Chapter 90	0.00	-104,539.97	-104,539.97	n/a

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Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Expenditure Ledger

Account Number	Name	Allocated	Net Activity	Ending	% Var.
Group 1: Fund					
Group 2: Department					
50-650-5210-00000	Electric	0.00	-3,748.15	-3,748.15	0.00
50-650-5216-00000	Middle Mile Access Fee	0.00	-40,700.00	-40,700.00	0.00
50-650-5217-00000	ISP Charge - 1 Gbps Internet	0.00	-209,735.82	-209,735.82	0.00
50-650-5218-00000	ISP Charges Phone	0.00	-75,796.04	-75,796.04	0.00
50-650-5219-00000	Static IPs	0.00	-795.65	-795.65	0.00
50-650-5220-00000	Stripe Fees	0.00	-17,844.13	-17,844.13	0.00
50-650-5221-00000	Annual Pole Attachment Licensing Fee	0.00	-17,530.12	-17,530.12	0.00
50-650-5222-00000	Retainer for Third Party R&M	0.00	-7,035.38	-7,035.38	0.00
50-650-5223-00000	Pole Bonding Fee	0.00	-9,000.00	-9,000.00	0.00
50-650-5225-00000	Drop Costs	0.00	-14,240.90	-14,240.90	0.00
50-650-5230-00000	Utility Charges/Services Purchased	0.00	-3,660.16	-3,660.16	0.00
50-650-5240-00000	Repairs and Maintenance	0.00	-49,934.88	-49,934.88	0.00
50-650-5243-00000	Miscellaneous	0.00	-18,134.01	-18,134.01	0.00
50-650-5740-00000	Insurance	0.00	-2,752.00	-2,752.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Department		0.00	-470,907.24	-470,907.24	n/a
Total Group 1: Fund		0.00	-470,907.24	-470,907.24	n/a

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Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Expenditure Ledger

Account Number	Name	Allocated	Net Activity	Ending	% Var.
	212 Account(s) totaling:	5,245,885.04	-6,339,730.03	-1,093,844.99	120.85

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Parameters: Fiscal Year: 2023

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Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Revenue Ledger

Account Number	Name	Allocated	Net Activity	Ending	% Var.
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund					
Code: 01 - General Fund					
000 - Undefined					
Group 2: Segment 2: Department					
01-000-4110-22100	Personal Property 2021	0.00	111.51	111.51	0.00
01-000-4840-00000	Misc Non Recurring Rev	0.00	42,949.60	42,949.60	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	000 - Undefined	0.00	43,061.11	43,061.11	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department					
122 - Selectmen					
01-122-4410-00000	Selectmen Liquor Licenses	0.00	1,850.00	1,850.00	0.00
01-122-4420-00000	Selectmen Other Licenses	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	122 - Selectmen	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department					
141 - Assessors					
01-141-4320-00000	Assessors Departmental Fees	0.00	25.00	25.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	141 - Assessors	0.00	25.00	25.00	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department					
145 - Treasurer/Collector					
01-145-4110-22000	FY20 Personal Property Revenue	0.00	105.43	105.43	0.00
01-145-4110-22200	Personal Property Tax Revenue 2022	0.00	114.48	114.48	0.00
01-145-4110-22300	FY23 PP Revenue	-420,523.87	419,677.91	-845.96	99.80
01-145-4120-22000	FY20 Real Estate Revenue	0.00	4,027.85	4,027.85	0.00
01-145-4120-22200	Real Estate Tax Revenue 2022	0.00	66,422.25	66,422.25	0.00
01-145-4120-22300	FY23 RE Revenue	-3,587,285.44	3,456,895.56	-130,389.88	96.37
01-145-4142-00000	Tax Liens Redeemed	0.00	39,454.25	39,454.25	0.00
01-145-4150-00000	Motor Vehicle Excise Prior Years	0.00	101.25	101.25	0.00
01-145-4150-21900	Motor Vehicle Excise 2019	0.00	219.79	219.79	0.00
01-145-4150-22000	FY20 Motor Vehicle Excise	0.00	946.86	946.86	0.00
01-145-4150-22100	Motor Vehicle Excise 2021	0.00	3,212.41	3,212.41	0.00
01-145-4150-22200	Motor Vehicle Excise 2022	0.00	29,668.37	29,668.37	0.00
01-145-4150-22300	FY23 MV Revenue	-160,000.00	155,363.70	-4,636.30	97.10
01-145-4170-00000	Penalties & Int on Taxes	-10,000.00	16,719.54	6,719.54	167.20
01-145-4171-00000	Penalties & Int on Excise	0.00	2,045.62	2,045.62	0.00
01-145-4172-00000	Penalties & Int on Tax Liens	0.00	8,421.84	8,421.84	0.00
01-145-4320-00000	Collector Departmental Fees	-5,000.00	11,615.10	6,615.10	232.30
01-145-4370-00000	Collector MARK Registry Fines	0.00	1,960.00	1,960.00	0.00
01-145-4610-00000	CS State Owned Land	-58,541.00	58,541.00	0.00	100.00
01-145-4661-00000	CS Unrestricted Govt Aid	-334,321.00	334,321.00	0.00	100.00
01-145-4662-00000	CS Veterans Benefits	-5,393.00	1,891.00	-3,502.00	35.06
01-145-4663-00000	CS Exempt VBS and Elderly	-8,651.00	10,504.00	1,853.00	121.42
01-145-4670-00000	CS Assess MV Nonrenewal	2,480.00	-2,020.00	460.00	81.45
01-145-4671-00000	CS Assess Air Pollution District	453.00	-453.00	0.00	100.00

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Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Revenue Ledger

Account Number	Name	Allocated	Net Activity	Ending	% Var.
22-292-4420-00264	Dog License Fees 53E1/2 Revolving	0.00	2,130.00	2,130.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	292 - Animal Control	0.00	2,130.00	2,130.00	n/a
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 22 - 53E1/2 Revolving	0.00	9,557.45	9,557.45	n/a
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 23 - Other Revolving				
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	145 - Treasurer/Collector				
23-145-4172-00266	Tax Title Revolving 53E1/2	0.00	12,074.75	12,074.75	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	145 - Treasurer/Collector	0.00	12,074.75	12,074.75	n/a
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 23 - Other Revolving	0.00	12,074.75	12,074.75	n/a
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 24 - Gifts				
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	123 - Coordinator				
24-123-4370-22317	MA Craft Cultivation Annual Community Benefit Revenue	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	123 - Coordinator	0.00	250.00	250.00	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	145 - Treasurer/Collector				
24-145-4830-14501	Taxpayer in Need of Relief Fund	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	145 - Treasurer/Collector	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	210 - Police				
24-210-4830-00253	Police Donations	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	210 - Police	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	220 - Fire				
24-220-4830-00253	Fire Gifts and Donations	0.00	11,400.00	11,400.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	220 - Fire	0.00	11,400.00	11,400.00	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	541 - Council on Aging				
24-541-4830-00251	COA Meal Donations	0.00	609.05	609.05	0.00
24-541-4830-00252	COA - Foot Clinic Donations	0.00	2,460.00	2,460.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	541 - Council on Aging	0.00	3,069.05	3,069.05	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	543 - Veterans Services				
24-543-4830-54301	Veterans Memorial Park Donations	0.00	2,531.00	2,531.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	543 - Veterans Services	0.00	2,531.00	2,531.00	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	610 - Library				
24-610-4830-00253	Library Donations	0.00	86,579.29	86,579.29	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	610 - Library	0.00	86,579.29	86,579.29	n/a
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 24 - Gifts	0.00	114,829.34	114,829.34	n/a
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 25 - Other Special Revenue				
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	000 - Undefined				
25-000-4370-00271	SSRP Payments	0.00	27.35	27.35	0.00
25-000-4820-00271	SSRP Earnings on Investments	0.00	144.70	144.70	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	000 - Undefined	0.00	172.05	172.05	n/a

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Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Revenue Ledger

Account Number	Name	Allocated	Net Activity	Ending	% Var.
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	123 - Coordinator				
25-123-4370-12312	Ashfield CSO Revenue	0.00	948.48	948.48	0.00
25-123-4680-12312	Ashfield CSO Revenue	0.00	2,257.59	2,257.59	0.00
25-123-4680-22318	Optioid Settlement Revenue	0.00	708.30	708.30	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	123 - Coordinator	0.00	3,914.37	3,914.37	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	171 - Conservation				
25-171-4320-00210	Conservation 53G Advertising Fees	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	171 - Conservation	0.00	150.00	150.00	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	175 - Planning				
25-175-4320-00210	Planning Board 53G Advertising Fees	0.00	400.00	400.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	175 - Planning	0.00	400.00	400.00	n/a
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 25 - Other Special Revenue	0.00	4,636.42	4,636.42	n/a
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 27 - Federal Grants				
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	123 - Coordinator				
27-123-4370-12309	ARPA Funds 2021	0.00	248,242.11	248,242.11	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	123 - Coordinator	0.00	248,242.11	248,242.11	n/a
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 27 - Federal Grants	0.00	248,242.11	248,242.11	n/a
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 28 - State Grants				
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	000 - Undefined				
28-000-4910-00413	Proceeds From Sale of Bonds	0.00	1,620,000.00	1,620,000.00	0.00
28-000-4930-00413	Premiums From Sale of Bonds	0.00	86,013.80	86,013.80	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	000 - Undefined	0.00	1,706,013.80	1,706,013.80	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	122 - Selectmen				
28-122-4680-00413	Last Mile Broadband Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	122 - Selectmen	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	123 - Coordinator				
28-123-4680-12310	Division of Ecological Restoration (\$95000.00 Award) Revenue	0.00	13,706.00	13,706.00	0.00
28-123-4680-22313	Matress Trailer Grant DEP Revenue	0.00	6,375.78	6,375.78	0.00
28-123-4680-22322	Mass in Motion Age Friendly Planning Grant Rev	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
28-123-4680-28103	Revenue Community Compact Fiber Grant (\$400k) FY22	0.00	400,000.00	400,000.00	0.00
28-123-4680-28104	Community Compact Organic Diversion Revenue	0.00	10,080.00	10,080.00	0.00
28-123-4970-00413	Transfer From Other Funds	0.00	496,567.57	496,567.57	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	123 - Coordinator	0.00	926,729.35	926,729.35	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	160 - Clerk				
28-160-4680-00277	Clerk Extended Polling Hours	0.00	903.66	903.66	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	160 - Clerk	0.00	903.66	903.66	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	220 - Fire				

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Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Revenue Ledger

Account Number	Name	Allocated	Net Activity	Ending	% Var.
28-220-4680-22212	FY22 Fire Fighter Equipment Grant	0.00	9,836.91	9,836.91	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	220 - Fire	0.00	9,836.91	9,836.91	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	422 - Highway				
28-422-4680-21802	Adamsville Rd Culvert Engineering Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	422 - Highway	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	433 - Transfer Station				
28-433-4680-00213	MA Recycling Dividends Program	0.00	4,550.00	4,550.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	433 - Transfer Station	0.00	4,550.00	4,550.00	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	541 - Council on Aging				
28-541-4680-00412	Council on Aging Formula Grant	0.00	5,991.00	5,991.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	541 - Council on Aging	0.00	5,991.00	5,991.00	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	610 - Library				
28-610-4680-00224	State Aid to Public Libraries (LIG/MEG)	0.00	5,122.97	5,122.97	0.00
28-610-4680-22314	LSTA Library Grant Revenue	0.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	610 - Library	0.00	12,622.97	12,622.97	n/a
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	699 - Cultural Council				
28-699-4680-00233	Colrain Cultural Council	0.00	5,551.45	5,551.45	0.00
28-699-4820-00233	Cultural Council Earnings on Investments	0.00	167.81	167.81	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	699 - Cultural Council	0.00	5,719.26	5,719.26	n/a
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 28 - State Grants	0.00	2,672,366.95	2,672,366.95	n/a
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 30 - Chapter 90				
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	422 - Highway				
30-422-4680-19903	Chapter 90 Revenue	0.00	319,926.61	319,926.61	0.00
30-422-4680-30002	WRAP Expenses	0.00	260,331.42	260,331.42	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	422 - Highway	0.00	580,258.03	580,258.03	n/a
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 30 - Chapter 90	0.00	580,258.03	580,258.03	n/a
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 50 - Broadband Network Enterprise				
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	650 - Broadband Network				
50-650-4320-00000	Broadband Revenue	-743,123.00	731,570.43	-11,552.57	98.45
50-650-4344-00000	Life Line Credit	0.00	582.75	582.75	0.00
50-650-4345-00000	EBBP Credit	0.00	16,110.00	16,110.00	0.00
Total Group 2: Segment 2: Department	650 - Broadband Network	-743,123.00	748,263.18	5,140.18	100.69
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 50 - Broadband Network Enterprise	-743,123.00	748,263.18	5,140.18	100.69
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 80 - Trust				
Group 2: Segment 2: Department	000 - Undefined				
80-000-4820-00250	General Stabilization Earnings on Investments	0.00	20,953.35	20,953.35	0.00
80-000-4820-00255	OPEB Trust Earnings on Investments	0.00	19,845.78	19,845.78	0.00

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Account Number	Name	Allocated	Net Activity	Ending	% Var.
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 80 - Trust	0.00	51,880.65	51,880.65	n/a
	103 Account(s) totaling:	-5,361,875.31	9,186,116.72	3,824,241.41	171.32

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Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
as of June 30, 2023
(Unaudited)

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types Trust and Agency	Account Groups Long-term Debt	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Internal Services			
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents	949,933.28	945,524.02	(32,319.93)	546,572.08		1,342,387.83		3,752,097.28
Investments								0.00
Receivables:								
Personal property taxes	1,492.70							1,492.70
Real estate taxes	92,902.69							92,902.69
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(75,733.07)							(75,733.07)
Tax liens	82,670.75							82,670.75
Deferred taxes								0.00
Motor vehicle excise	36,877.64							36,877.64
Other excises								0.00
User fees				8,450.94				8,450.94
Foreclosures/Possessions	131,976.37							131,976.37
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds							1,620,000.00	1,620,000.00
Total Assets	1,220,120.36	945,524.02	(32,319.93)	555,023.02	0.00	1,342,387.83	1,620,000.00	5,650,735.30
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY								
Liabilities:								
Accrued payroll	10,945.00							10,945.00
Withholdings	(2,093.65)							(2,093.65)
Other liabilities	1,602.60							1,602.60
Deferred revenue:								
Real and personal property taxes	18,662.32							18,662.32
Tax liens	82,670.75							82,670.75
Deferred taxes								0.00
Foreclosures/Possessions	131,976.37							131,976.37
Motor vehicle excise	36,877.64							36,877.64
Other excises								0.00
User fees				8,450.94				8,450.94
Tailings	191.26							191.26
IBNR								0.00
Agency Funds						22,077.24		22,077.24
Notes payable								0.00
Bonds payable							1,620,000.00	1,620,000.00
Vacation and sick leave liability								0.00
Total Liabilities	280,832.29	0.00	0.00	8,450.94	0.00	22,077.24	1,620,000.00	1,931,360.47
Fund Equity:								
Reserved for encumbrances								0.00
Reserved for expenditures	418,237.00							418,237.00
Reserved for continuing appropriations	23,233.66							23,233.66
Undesignated fund balance	497,817.41	945,524.02	(32,319.93)	546,572.08		1,320,310.59		3,277,904.17
Unreserved retained earnings								0.00
Investment in capital assets								0.00
Total Fund Equity	939,288.07	945,524.02	(32,319.93)	546,572.08	0.00	1,320,310.59	0.00	3,719,374.83
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	1,220,120.36	945,524.02	(32,319.93)	555,023.02	0.00	1,342,387.83	1,620,000.00	5,650,735.30

TAX COLLECTOR
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

REAL ESTATE

2023	Real Estate	\$ 3,587,285.90
	Payments to Treasurer	\$(3,459,319.21)
	Abatements/Exemptions	\$ (16,903.38)
	Refunds	\$ 2,424.65
	Transfer to Tax Title	<u>\$ (21,072.82)</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 92,415.14</u>
2022	Real Estate forwarded from June 30, 2022	\$ 70,985.86
	Payments to Treasurer	\$ (67,579.71)
	Abatements/Exemptions	\$ 0.00
	Refunds	\$ 0.00
	Adjustments	\$ (.94)
	Transfer to Tax Title	<u>\$ (3,405.21)</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
2021	Real Estate forwarded from June 30, 2022	\$ (71.66)
	Payments to Treasurer	\$ 0.00
	Abatements/Exemptions	\$ 0.00
	Refunds	\$ 0.00
	Transfer to Tax Title	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2023	<u>\$ (71.66)</u>
2020	Real Estate forwarded from June 30, 2022	\$ 4,027.85
	Payments to Treasurer	\$ (4,027.85)
	Abatements/Exemptions	\$ (0.00)
	Refunds	\$ 0.00
	Transfer to Tax Title	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

PERSONAL PROPERTY

2023	Personal Property	\$ 420,523.85
	Payments to Treasurer	\$ (419 803.59)
	Abatements	\$ (109.73)
	Refunds	<u>\$ 125.68</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 736.21</u>
2022	Personal Property forward from June 30, 2022	\$ 317.74
	Payments to Treasurer	<u>\$ (114.48)</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 203.26</u>
2021	Personal Property forward from June 30, 2022	\$ 380.55
	Payments to Treasurer	<u>\$ (111.51)</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 269.04</u>

2020	Personal Property forward from June 30, 2022	\$ 276.18
	Payments to Treasurer	\$ (105.43)
	Adjustments	\$ <u>(.95)</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$ <u>169.80</u>
2019	Personal Property forward from June 30, 2022	\$ 114.39
	Refunds	\$ 0.00
	Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$ <u>114.39</u>

MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE

2023	Motor Vehicle	\$ 170,801.03
	Payments to Treasurer	\$ (156,389.37)
	Refunds	\$ 1025.67
	Abatements	\$ <u>(2,220.16)</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$ <u>13,217.17</u>
2022	Balance as of June 30, 2022	\$ 23,301.17
	Additions	\$ 14,910.47
	Payments to Treasurer	\$ (31,066.09)
	Refunds	\$ 1,370.44
	Abatements	\$ <u>(1,387.15)</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$ <u>7,128.84</u>
2021	Balance as of June 30, 2022	\$ 5,261.51
	Payments to Treasurer	\$ (3,212.41)
	Refunds	\$ 20.14
	Abatements	\$ <u>0.00</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$ <u>2,069.24</u>
2020	Balance as of June 30, 2022	\$ 2,478.34
	Payments to Treasurer	\$ (946.86)
	Refunds	\$ 0.00
	Abatements	\$ <u>0.00</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$ <u>1,531.48</u>
2019	Balance as of June 30, 2022	\$ 1,928.03
	Payments to Treasurer	\$ (219.79)
	Refunds	\$ 0.00
	Abatements	\$ <u>0.00</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$ <u>1,708.24</u>
2018	Balance as of June 30, 2022	\$ (11.54)
	Payments to Treasurer	\$ (2.97)
	Adjustments	\$ 14.51
	Abatements	\$ <u>0.00</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$ <u>0.00</u>

TREASURER

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Location of Accounts:

People's Bank	SSRP	\$	41,410.06
People's Bank	Covered Bridge	\$	22,669.29
People's Bank	Deputy Collector	\$	10.97
MMDT	General	\$	2,318.93
MMDT	Arts' Council	\$	5,624.13
Unibank	General	\$	1,452,065.75
Unibank	Payroll 2015	\$	3,605.25
Unibank	AP 2015	\$	45,420.91
Unibank	Dept. Online	\$	1,935.80
Unibank	Collector Online	\$	2,106.88
Unibank	Fire District #1	\$	(486.99)
Unibank	Allocation Accounts		
	Barnhardt Culvert Donation	\$	300,810.13
	LSTA	\$	4,200.00
	Veterans Memorial Park	\$	848.79
Greenfield Co-operative Bank	General	\$	141,047.56
Greenfield Co-operative Bank	Griswold Memorial Library	\$	87,825.62
Balance as of June 30, 2023		\$	2,111,413.08

TRUST FUNDS ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Location of Funds:

People's United Bank			
Martha Babbitt Fund		\$	763.85
MMDT			
Stabilization Fund		\$	537,351.39
Davenport		\$	6,841.44
Bartholomew			
East Colrain Cemetery Fund		\$	1,155.02
Annie Browning Trust Fund		\$	221.38
Miller-Denison Lots		\$	223.42
Grace A Teney Fund		\$	124.17
Meetinghouse Cemetery Fund		\$	192.23
Stabilization Assessors Fund		\$	17,119.12
Stabilization Audit Fund		\$	577.92
Stabilization Fire Fund		\$	166,317.04
Stabilization Griswold Library		\$	116,935.68
Stabilization Highway Fund		\$	252,507.15
Stabilization Police Vehicle/Equipment		\$	52,603.22
Stabilization Technology		\$	23,440.67
Stabilization Transfer Station		\$	<u>33,196.18</u>
Total Trust Funds June 30, 2023		\$	<u>1,209,569.88</u>

BROADBAND ENTERPRISE FUND
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Unibank		
Colrain Broadband		\$ 515,938.14

OPEB FUNDS ANNUAL REPORT
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Location of Funds:

Bartholomew		
OPEB Fund		\$ 307,746.87

TAX TITLE REVOLVING FUNDS ANNUAL REPORT
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Tax Title Revolving Fund		
Beginning Balance as of 7-1-2022		\$ 34,678.16
Revenue		\$ 17,233.15
Expenditures		<u>\$ (24,101.48)</u>
Ending Balance as of 6-30-2023		<u>\$ 27,809.83</u>

ANNUAL REPORTS

BOARD OF HEALTH

The State of Massachusetts is in the process of currently actively encouraging towns to form multi-town health districts. They have implemented uniform training for health agents so that housing and food inspections, septic laws, and Title V are enforced in a consistent manner across the State. There is also a new education requirement of approximately 100 hours for BOH Members so that we better understand the laws we are enforcing.

Colrain continues to be a part of the 11 town Cooperative Health District that is based at The Franklin Regional Council of Governments. The health agent and nurses in this health district act as agents for the Board of Health doing inspections, Title V, infectious disease surveillance and much more. The nurses hold visiting hours on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the library. Please see the Health Agent's and Town Nurses reports under the Cooperative Health District report.

The BOH currently has multiple housing issues that it has been addressing and are expected to continue into next year. We have several that most likely will be heading to Housing Court. We continue to address several septic and Title V problems. FYI, even if you buy a house with cash, you are still legally required to have a Title V inspection. The Colrain BOH members are slowly working our way through the newly required trainings. We have set a goal of one online training per month.

Please keep an eye out for information on a tick testing program that Colrain is joining. If a tick meets certain parameters (Is a deer tick, is engorged, was attached to you for 24 hours) then for a nominal fee you can have the tick tested to see if it is positive for Lyme's Disease.

The Colrain BOH meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Highway Department Meeting Room. We currently have one opening on the board. If you are interested in being on the Board of Health please contact the Chair Nina Martin-Anzuoni.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

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. Applications may be accessed through the Town of Colrain website home page by clicking on the “online permitting” button.

Most of the building projects in 2023 were photo-voltaic installations and insulating/weatherization projects. We did see the application for the first new home construction since 2020 and we seem poised for others in 2024.

The online permitting software is working well, and folks seem to enjoy the ability to file, submit and pay for their building permit application remotely. Previously, I used to see 8-10 people come to the Town Hall during my office hours, now I am lucky to see two. That being said, if you are having trouble with the software or wish to review your upcoming project please feel free to stop by.

My office hours are every Wednesday night between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Town office. My office telephone # is 413-624-4728, I can also be reached at home, weeknights before 9 p.m. at 413-624-9621.

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 nine Town School District and be graduates of the Mohawk Trail Regional High School who desire and are deemed worthy of post high school education or training and who are in need of financial assistance.

Each one of the nine Towns has a representative on the Committee:

Ashfield	Jennifer Pease	Buckland	Marion Scott
Charlemont	Marge Porrovecchio	Colrain	Michelle Hillman
Hawley	Lisa Johnson	Heath	Robert Gruen
Plainfield	Allen Irvine	Rowe	Carol Lively
Shelburne	Sherry Taylor		

Other members are:

Chairman of the School Committee:	Martha Thurber
Past School Committee Member:	Robin Hartnett
Members At Large:	Pamela Guyette, Donald Purington and Angel Bragdon

Election of Officers were held at our meeting September 12, 2023

Marge Porrovecchio and Robin Hartnett remain as Co- chairman. Pamela Guyette replaces Marion Scott as Secretary and Bing Waldsmith is our Treasurer.

This year (2023) the Awards Committee read 18 applications. 8 were from seniors and 10 were from graduates. We used 30% of our allotted monies for seniors and 70% for graduates. The Committee feels that seniors have multiple scholarship opportunities from other sources while graduates have fewer resources.

8 scholarships totaling \$11,275.00 were awarded to seniors and 10 scholarships totaling \$26,400.00 were awarded to graduates. The total amount of scholarships given to both seniors and graduates for 2023 was \$37,675.00.

From 1991 - 2023 a total of \$1,168,475.00 has been awarded in scholarships. Mohawk seniors have received \$ 357,525.00 and Mohawk graduates have received \$810,950.00.

Mr. Nilman will long be remembered by his generosity and foresight in supporting higher education for the students of Mohawk Trail Regional High School. Our Committee members are honored to bring the wishes of Mr. Nilman's Will to fruition.

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

Applications are available either online or they can be obtained at Mohawk School.

Completed applications must be returned to Mohawk Trail Regional High School by April 1, 2024.

Please call Student Services at Mohawk 413-625-9811 Ext.1503 for further information regarding requirements and deadlines.

Respectfully submitted,
Marion Scott, Past Secretary

COLRAIN CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Colrain Cultural Council supports activities in our community and surrounding areas for children and adults. Funded programs include art, lectures, dance, music theater, workshops, performances in schools and entertainment venues. The Colrain Cultural Council is funded by the Local Cultural Council (LCC) program of the Mass Cultural Council.

Every year the Colrain Cultural Council meets to discuss and vote on submitted grant applications. For 2024, the council received \$5,500 from the Mass Cultural Council to be distributed. The council met December 1, 2023, to discuss and vote on new applications for 2024. We reviewed 27 applications of which 20 were accepted and 7 were declined.

At the December meeting we welcomed a new member, Kaylee Mulligan.

Members

Donna Cusimano

Inge Jockers

Kaylee Mulligan, co-chair

Nancy Rich-Turkle, co-chair

Betsy Shuipis, co-chair

Sharon Wickland-Shearer

COLRAIN FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

2023 was another busy and productive year for the Colrain Firefighters' Association. We accomplished numerous feats and goals in our everlasting commitment to provide the Colrain Fire Department and its members unprecedented abilities to purchase gear and equipment that will enhance the department's capabilities.

We also continued the tradition of our semi-annual pancake breakfasts and boot drives. Our fall pancake breakfast was one of the biggest we've ever had! We'd like to thank George and Marge Randall for all their hard work collecting donation items. We'd also like to thank our local businesses and residents who graciously donated items as well and all of you who came out to support us.

We purchased a new accountability board for the Fire Department to be used on fire scenes. This is an important piece on the fire ground. The accountability board will help keep track of where each firefighter is, what mutual aid is on scene and where, scene safety and other useful information.

The Fire Department replaced Squad 6 with the old police cruiser, graciously donated by the Town. The Association was able to help purchase new lights to outfit the vehicle and contribute to the new paint work. Having this extra vehicle allows members to quickly get to scenes, attend trainings, and travel to inspections in town. We also contributed to the outfitting and the paint work for the Stewart Stevenson to be used on brush fires, difficult terrain and severe weather calls.

In 2022 we began purchasing Class A uniforms for active members of the fire department. This year we were able to purchase an additional nine Class A uniforms. This has been discussed over the years and we were finally able to make it happen this year. We are very proud of our Fire Department for their hard work and dedication.

In addition to everything the Colrain Firefighter's Association has done this year we would like to thank everyone that has made our organization, events, and the achievement of our goals possible. From the members, to the people whom have donated, and the community that we serve, we thank you. Without all of you, none of this would be possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Worden, President
Colrain Firefighters' Association

COLRAIN HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Commission met once in 2023, on November 2.

The Commission heard from the exploratory committee for CPA participation for Colrain. A motion that the Commission write a letter of endorsement to the Select Board was tabled.

Attempts to get the state to erect two “Covered Bridge” signs on Route 112 in Lyonsville have been unsuccessful.

The Commission discussed the sorry state of the three handsome welcome-to-Colrain signs on the approaches to town. We will remove them from their posts and discuss with the Hale Sign Co. the alternatives for repairing these signs and estimates of the cost of repair. The plan is to seek funding from the town for this work. Meanwhile, the signs are stored at the Colrain Historical Society.

No date was set for the next meeting pending a report on the signs.

Signed: David Nims, Chairman
Joan McQuade
Bob Ramirez
Sarah Davenport Clough
Guy Wheeler
Belden Merims

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In 2023 the Conservation Commission lost two of our long-standing members. Clarence “Spike” Wheeler, Chair and Carl Herzig both passed away following health issues. Spike was one of the original members of the Conservation Commission since its inception in the late 1980’s. Both Carl and Spike brought a wealth of knowledge to the board with their historical knowledge of Colrain as well as their commonsense approach. We appreciate their dedication to the community and time spent; they will both be sorely missed.

Also in 2023, the Con Com welcomed two new members: Jennifer Blythe and Larry Richmond.

The Commission had a busier than usual year hearing five Requests for Determinations [RDA’s] and starting one Notice of Intent [NOI]. Three of the Requests for Determinations were for MA DOT for repairs to Route 112. The Notice of Intent was incomplete as of December 31st and follow up hearings will be held in 2024.

David Nims, Chair
William Dornbusch, Clerk
Matthew Slowinski
Lee Denison
Benjamin Beas
Larry Richmond
Jennifer Blythe

COUNCIL ON AGING

February 2, 2024

Committee members: Betty Johnson-Chair, Janice Barnes-Treasurer, Valeda Peters 2023-Secretary, Kathy Steinem, Michelle Hillman, Rusty Barnes, Amy Herzig, Richard Herzig, Elaine Stanley, and Kathy Phelps
Robbie Murphy-new member 2024

Mission:

The mission of the Colrain Council on Aging is to serve as a supportive family resource as emerging needs of Colrain residents become more complex; and to advocate for and provide, in a cost-effective manner, a safe, congenial environment where seniors may participate in social, educational, and cultural programs reflective of their needs

Summary of recent accomplishments and activities

1. Monthly family style meals at the Shelburne Falls Eagles from April to June and September to November
2. Food vouchers from Catamount Country Store or Pine Hill Orchards for December to March and August
3. Senior picnic lunch at Pine Hill in July
4. Senior Thursday's downstairs in Town Hall
 - Chair exercise (low impact exercise for seniors)
 - Senior Social Time: Coffee, card games, puzzles, visit with your neighbors
 - or "In stitches" (a craft time for seniors to get together and work on different craft projects.)
5. When other Colrain groups have food events such as the Fire Dept. pancake breakfast or the band concert, the COA pays for seniors' meals
6. Senior Social Time at Pine Hill Orchards' Gazebo on the first Wednesday in June-September
7. Colrain seniors can join other West County Seniors at Town Line Ice Cream in Bernardston for an ice cream treat one day per month during the summer
8. Pick your own apples (one bag per household) at Apple Day at Pine Hill in September
9. Foot Clinics are offered each month and subsidized by a grant from Life Path.
10. Encourage walking in Colrain locations
11. Informal games of cornhole once a week

Activities in progress and upcoming events

1. Sand for seniors
2. Corn hole and walking opportunities
3. Meals or vouchers
4. Investigating a larger local area for seniors to meet

Betty Johnson
Chair

FINANCE COMMITTEE

March 5, 2024

The Finance Committee's prime responsibility is to make recommendations on all financial matters, including the town budget, to town meeting. The committee's major work is to support and work with the town administrator in the preparation of the annual town budget. The committee is currently reviewing the draft FY25 budgets that have been submitted by the various board and department heads. Each board and department submit an operating budget and, when appropriate, a capital budget.

The assessments to fund the Mohawk Regional and Franklin County Technical school systems comprise over half of the total town expenditures. The Finance Committee reviews the school budgets and provides input regarding the preparation of the school budgets to the town administrator and selectboard.

The creation of our own broadband system is one of the largest financial undertakings of our town. It is financially self-sustaining and is operating without adding to property tax rates.

The financial health of Colrain remains very good. We have had a few years of certified audits, all with clean reports. The bond rating we achieved recently was a very high AA-.

With the retirement of our town administrator in June, the town administration, including the Finance Committee, will be working hard to support and advise the new town administrator.

Michael Shuipis, Chair
Douglas MacLeay
David Swiderski
Betty Ringwood
Deborah Menard

FIRE DEPARTMENT **2023 Annual Report**

The Colrain Fire Department experienced its busiest year to date. Shelburne Control dispatched 343 calls for the fire department from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023. These incidents are sorted as follows:

- Rescue Calls **165** (Includes Medical responses, Motor vehicle accidents, swift water rescue, extrications etc.)
- Hazardous Condition **55** (Includes Power lines down, electrical problems, hazmat, CO incidents, gas leaks, Aircraft standby etc.)
- Fire/Explosion **34** (Includes any incident with a fire, Building, wildland, vehicle etc.)
- Good Intent **27** (Includes calls where units were dispatched and canceled enroute, no incident found on arrival etc.)
- False Calls **22** (Includes smoke alarm, fire alarm, CO alarm activation with no findings)
- Service Calls **20** (Includes water problems, illegal burns, smoke removal, public service)
- Severe Weather **19** (Includes station being manned for coverage, welfare checks, assisting DPW, flood assessment etc.)
- Overpressure/Rupture **1** (Overpressure, rupture, overheat or explosion)

In 2023, Colrain responded to two structure fires in town. The severity for those responses were as follows: one 2nd alarm fire and one 3rd alarm fire and this was one of the largest structure fires in the county as well the largest tanker shuttle operation.

The Colrain Fire Department continues to recruit new members, enabling the department to fulfill its mission to provide fire protection and emergency services to the residents of Colrain. There are over twenty-five active members on our roster and many of them are Emergency Medical Technicians. Firefighters require mandatory first aid, CPR, and hazardous material training in addition to basic Firefighter 1 class. Colrain FD continues to lead the county in training opportunities for our firefighters by way of increased in-house opportunities and the use of outside venues. The department is always looking for new members so please contact one of our members if you are interested and want to be part of a very active and motivated crew. We also have 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 town firefighters. Interested parties can contact Lieutenant, Jim Martin at 624-0014. The department will be looking to replace our 2001 KME fire pumper which is beginning to show deterioration from road salt and also reaching the end of its service life of 20 years. It is expected to have some retail value and it is in the process of being appraised.

Please note that it is important to have your house number visible to emergency responders. This is important for homes with long driveways that may be difficult to see, especially at night.

The online burning permit system will be available again at www.fcburnpermits.com. The open burning season usually runs from January 2024 to May 1, 2024. Burning trash or construction materials is not permitted under the Massachusetts open burning laws. You may also contact Shelburne Control at 625-8200 to obtain a permit. Please take caution when burning and keep the fire to 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.

In closing, we thank the Select Board, Town Office Staff, Finance Committee, Personnel Committee, Colrain Ambulance Association, Colrain Firefighter's 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 and hopeful 2024.

Respectfully,
Nicholas Anzuoni
Fire Chief

CHRISTOPHER J. DONELAN
SHERIFF



LORI M. STREETER
SUPERINTENDENT

FRANKLIN COUNTY REGIONAL ANIMAL CONTROL

TO THE SELECT BOARD AND RESIDENTS OF COLRAIN:

In 2019, the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office in partnership with the Towns of Buckland, Colrain, Gill, Heath, Monroe, Northfield, and Shelburne join to create the Franklin County Regional Animal Control program to provide full-time services to these towns. Since its inception, the Franklin County Regional Animal Control program has expanded to provide these services to (12) towns in Franklin County. The program has also expanded its staff to include a part-time Animal Control Officer.

During 2023, Franklin County Regional Animal Control logged 880 calls for service between January 1st and December 31st, 2023, which resulted in 1455 corresponding action(s).

Breakdown of calls by Town:

- 🐾 **Bernardston:** 47
- 🐾 **Buckland:** 67
- 🐾 **Charlemont:** 52
- 🐾 **Colrain:** 49
- 🐾 **Conway:** 44
- 🐾 **Gill:** 55
- 🐾 **Heath:** 18
- 🐾 **Leyden:** 26
- 🐾 **Monroe:** 12
- 🐾 **New Salem:** 44
- 🐾 **Northfield:** 75
- 🐾 **Shelburne:** 77
- 🐾 **Dog Shelter:** 106
- 🐾 **Other:** 208

Calls for Service:

- 🐾 **22 – Animal bite reports.**
- 🐾 **179 – Animal complaints or concerns.**
- 🐾 **134 – Investigations.**
- 🐾 **83 – Found or lost animals.**
- 🐾 **23 – Inspections.**
- 🐾 **33 – Sick or injured animals.**
- 🐾 **74 – Assistance to other agencies.**
- 🐾 **51 – Hearings, Meetings or Trainings.**

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

Other Statistics:

- 🐾 **24 – Animal surrenders.**
- 🐾 **47 – Canines picked up.**
- 🐾 **33 – Cat(s) picked up.**
- 🐾 **13 – Wildlife picked up.**
- 🐾 **1 – Other animals picked up.**
- 🐾 **20 – Warnings issued.**
- 🐾 **9 – Dog hearings.**
- 🐾 **7 – Citations issued.**

In the spring of 2023, with the assistance of the Franklin County Regional Dog Shelter and local veterinarians Amy Rubin and Jaime Remillard we were able to host rabies vaccination clinics in Turners Falls and Heath, through which a total of 96 pets were vaccinated.

Anyone with Animal Control questions or issues can contact us by email at animalcontrol@fcsoma.us or by phone at **413-774-7340**. If you have an urgent or immediate situation, please contact the Shelburne Falls Regional Communications Center at **413-625-8200**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Dragon, Lead Regional Animal Control Officer
Judie Garceau, Part-Time Regional Animal Control Officer

FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
2023 ANNUAL REPORT

To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

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

A review of recycling tonnage for 2023 shows that it was almost identical to 2022 recycling tonnage. District residents recycled just over 2,500 tons of paper and containers through their town programs. The recyclables were processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility and sold, primarily to domestic companies, to be recycled.

We held a May and October Clean Sweep bulky waste collection in 2023. Events were held at Mohawk Trail Regional High School, Northfield highway garage, and Whately transfer station. Combined, the events served 500 households and collected over 45 tons of bulky waste, scrap metal, appliances, electronics, propane tanks, tires, and other items.

We held our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2023 at Greenfield Community College and Orange transfer station. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. A total of 360 households participated in this event. Residents have access every year to other hazardous waste collection events in the Pioneer Valley.

We applied for and received grants from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection worth \$107,100 for District towns. This grant funding is a result of a town's successful waste management infrastructure.

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

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director*

Chris Boutwell, Montague - *Chair*

Terry Narkewicz, Shelburne - *Vice-Chair*

M.A. Swedlund, Deerfield - *Treasurer*

FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS **Services to Colrain in 2023**

The FRCOG provides planning services, programming, and advocacy to all Franklin County municipalities. Our municipal service programs – Collective Purchasing, the Cooperative Public Health District, Cooperative Building, Plumbing, and Electrical Inspection, and Town Accounting – are available to any municipality. The Community Health Department gathers data and works to improve the factors that impact health in the region; the Planning Department assists with local planning and larger regional projects; and the Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security Programs prepare and train first responders and local officials.

The following pages list services specific to Colrain.

Climate Resilience, Land Use, and Housing

- Provided technical assistance to the Colrain Planning Board about master planning.
- Held a pollinator habitat workshop with residents that will inform a Colrain Town Pollinator Action Plan, to be completed in the summer of 2024, as part of the Regional Pollinator Acton Plan.
- Assisted the town coordinator with completing the FY23 MA Green Communities Annual Report.
- Continued work on a MA Department of Environmental Protection Nonpoint Source Pollution Grant to develop an assessment system for dirt road storm water runoff, with recommended best management practices. Work included testing the efficacy of the system, using Colrain as a pilot community.
- Prepared a memo summarizing known short-term rental numbers in Franklin County, revenues for towns that have opted in to the lodging tax, and existing bylaws across the state related to short-term rentals. Towns can use that info to develop policies and bylaws, if desired.
- Organized and facilitated the Small Town Housing Working Group, which met 6 times in 2023. Several Colrain representatives attended at least one meeting, along with representatives from 15 other Franklin County towns, 3 other municipalities, and several organizations.

Community Health

- Conducted the annual student health survey to assess attitudes and behavior among middle and high school students. Staff reported to Mohawk Trail Regional School District (MTRSD) administrators on results from 101 Mohawk students, representing 81% of the 8th, 10th, and 12th grade classes. Survey data meets federal requirements for the school and is valuable for grant writing and program planning.
- Worked with MTRSD admin/staff to implement Restorative Practices school climate improvements.
- Provided training, materials, and technical assistance for the evidence-based PreVenture substance use prevention and mental health promotion program in the MTRSD.
- Supported Colrain Mass in Motion Age-friendly workgroup on age- and dementia-friendly municipal planning initiative. With Mass in Motion funding, the workgroup purchased two picnic tables for outdoor space at the library.
- Provided 5 Colrain children with summer camp scholarships through a Community Health Improvement Plan Foundation for Community Justice mini-grant to improve youth health.

- Supported town officials with information and technical assistance on spending opioid settlement funds.
- Worked with town officials to recruit residents to fill out the Massachusetts Community Health Survey, to better understand local needs and encourage state investment in improving health outcomes.
- Provided funding and facilitation support to the Mary Lyon Foundation for the creation of the West County People Supporting People Network, which hosted a resource fair to bring the county's healthcare and human service agencies to West County.

Economic Development

- Coordinated regular check-in meetings of local and state stakeholders to discuss wastewater-processing needs for the Colrain Sewer District.
- Assisted the Colrain Sewer District with a successful MA Rural and Small Town Development Fund application to support interim wastewater disposal and an engineering study for a long-term solution.
- Prepared a site profile for the Barnhardt property featured at the FRCOG's exhibitor table at the Western Mass Developer's Conference in Springfield in October.
- Supported town's request for local digital equity planning services from the Massachusetts Broadband Institute, and began working on the eight-town Franklin County Cooperative Digital Equity Plan.

Shared Municipal Services

- Colrain contracted with the FRCOG to receive collective bid pricing for highway products and services, including rental equipment; heating and vehicle fuel; and dog tags and licenses. Staff also conducted a collective 5-year bid for student transportation encompassing 9 Franklin County School Districts, including the Franklin County Technical School.
- FRCOG staff organized and facilitated educational information meetings for town energy committees, including presenting information on various topics and conducting follow-up communication.
- Colrain is a comprehensive member of the Cooperative Public Health Service (CPHS), a health district based at the FRCOG. CPHS staff:
 - Facilitated COVID-19 and flu vaccine clinics between state mobile vendors, local schools and senior centers. Clinics in CPHS towns served 726 individuals and provided 1075 doses of vaccine.
 - Hosted drop-in nursing hours at Griswold Memorial Library, serving 29 different people in 35 separate contacts.
 - Gave 259 Flu and 257 COVID vaccinations at drop-in nursing hours and home visits. Colrain residents received 17 vaccines, including 5 during home visits.
 - Completed state-mandated infectious disease surveillance and reporting for communicable disease cases in district member towns, checking state online disease tracking system daily and following up as required, including 46 Colrain cases.
 - Offered sharps collection and box exchange in collaboration with Franklin County Solid Waste Management District at all drop-in nursing hours: 69 boxes were exchanged.
 - Began hosting a "Train the Trainer" event: The first taught community members to train their peers to recognize and respond to opioid overdose. Presented a second, similar community training in collaboration with a local library.

- Offered tick-bite prevention outreach by collaborating with the board of health to provide prevention materials and 5 permethrin "shoe spraying" events in West County, and tabling with tick borne disease – related materials at Colrain’s Fix-It Day.
- Through a district program and MA Department of Public Health subsidy, Colrain residents sought 11 tick tests. Of the ticks tested, 19% were positive for the Lyme disease pathogen and 10% were positive for the anaplasmosis pathogen.
- Supported Franklin County Age- and Dementia- Friendly Communities initiative by working with the steering committee, subcommittees, and community partners to write and publish a five-year action plan in response to local priorities identified from the needs survey data.
- Trained to be Medicare insurance SHINE counselor and assisted 2 Colrain residents this year.
- Assisted businesses, organizations, and individuals with the CPHS on-line public health permitting system; evaluated and made determinations — following inspection, if required — on a total of 72 permit applications for Colrain, and on an additional 14 applications for regional permits. Among these were 6 food establishment and 2 temporary food establishment applications, involving 14 inspections; 3 short-term rental units; and 4 well permit applications.
- To enforce the septic code for the town: conducted 14 soil evaluations for septic systems; reviewed 17 septic system plans, reviewed 5 requests for local upgrades, issued 4 local upgrade approvals and 8 septic installation permits, visited sites, conducted final installation inspections and prepared Certificates of Compliance; witnessed 17 septic inspections prior to property transfer.
- Continued to provide oversight and guidance to the board of health to work through and approve needed variances to septic and state sanitary code, to allow a longstanding, private, and never permitted, family-style campground to operate legitimately.
- Assisted Colrain businesses and residents with sanitary code compliance.
- Responded to and managed multiple housing cases with varying degrees of complexity
- Continued to work with stakeholders related to the closing of the Barnhardt plant and the impacts on the 26 housing units currently or formerly served by the factory’s sewer treatment plant
- Provided guidance to the board of health, and regularly attended meetings.

Training and Education

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

Emergency Prep & Homeland Security

- Advanced Medical Life Support — 2
- Child Emergency Assessment & Stabilization — 1

Municipal Officials’ Continuing Education

- Selectboard 101 — 2

Public Health & Community Awareness

- Age and Dementia-Friendly Community Talk — 1

Transportation

- Conducted traffic counts on Greenfield Road and Jacksonville Road.
- Completed MA Complete Streets Funding Program Prioritization Plan and prepared an implementation application for a project on River Street.
- Evaluated the municipally maintained gravel roads for storm water and drainage issues to assist in creation of the FRCOG Unpaved Road Field Assessment Form.
- Engaged in a contract to install Franklin County Bikeway wayfinding signs in spring 2024.
- Created an on-line registration map for Earth Day clean up on local roads.

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Council Member

Gabriele H. Voelker
Elected Member

FRANKLIN REGIONAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
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Executive Director

FRANKLIN REGIONAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
Annual Report for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2022

To the reader:

The Franklin Regional Retirement System is a government agency that serves the 682 retirees, 52 beneficiaries, 1,063 active employees, and 685 inactive members of the towns and agencies in Franklin County. We are organized under Chapter 34b, and subject to the provisions of Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws. We receive oversight on the state level from the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC). We contract with an independent auditor to do a full audit of our system each year. We also contract with an actuary to perform a complete actuarial valuation every two years. PERAC audits our operations and financial records every three years.

The retirement benefit we provide replaces participation in the Social Security system and is described as a “defined benefit”, which means that we pay monthly retirement benefits based on the age, salary, and number of years worked at the time a member of our system retires. To be a member, an employee in one of our government units must be working in a permanent position scheduled at 20 hours or more per week and earning \$5,000 or greater annually. Funding of these benefits begins with deductions from the member, and combined with matching funds from the employing unit, are invested in a mix of stocks, bonds, and indexed funds. Investment earnings are a large part of the funding of retirement benefits, and the allocation of those funds are spread to a variety of sectors to take advantage of positive activity as it occurs in each sector. Please make note of our investment performance percentages in the chart on the next page.

Up until 1988, we were a “pay-as-you-go” system. In 1988 it was legislated that we begin saving to become “fully funded” over the ensuing 40 years. Fully funded means we have enough in reserves to pay for all the current and future potential benefits of our present membership. At the end of 2022, we are 78.4% funded at 34 years (85%) into the 40-year mandate.

Our fiscal year is the calendar year; therefore our annual report is not filed until May of the subsequent year, and as a consequence the information provided herein will be a year old by the time you read this. Current reports and information can be found on our website: www.FRRSMA.com.

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What follows is a synopsis of our annual report, as filed with our state oversight commission, PERAC. The full PERAC report can be read on the “Finances” page of our website.

	CY 2022	CY 2021	CY 2020
<u>Balances</u>			
Cash	1,446,341	1,428,506	1,492,254
Investments	178,624,410	207,207,180	174,179,165
Receivables	91,548	97,899	101,506
Payables	2,858,413	2,581,944	2,209,591
Annuity Savings (members)	35,595,132	33,909,443	32,662,132
Retirement Reserves	140,262,413	170,813,691	140,901,202
<u>Revenues</u>			
Member's contributions	4,772,807	4,423,787	3,955,793
Towns, Schools, Agencies	8,126,405	7,684,673	7,268,256
Retirement Cost Sharing	717,106	546,491	565,436
Miscellaneous Revenue	5,102	21,318	11,867
Investment Income (net)	(24,772,785)	35,121,918	20,436,491
<u>Expenses</u>			
Retirement Benefits	13,254,653.81	12,576,161	12,010,238
Operating Expenses	600,163	605,897	590,757
Investment Expenses	1,026,228	1,056,568	820,937
Retirement Cost Sharing	2,230,307	1,808,102	1,956,450
Refunds to Members	602,871	591,658	409,606
<u>Investment Performance</u>			
Target	7.75%	7.75%	7.75%
Since 1984	8.28%	8.89%	8.59%
10 years	8.45%	11.26%	9.31%
5 years	6.36%	12.32%	10.14%
Current Year	-12.16%	20.40%	12.65%
<u>Demographics</u>			
	1/1/2022	1/1/2022	1/1/2020
Members' Average Age	48.00	48.00	47.50
Members' Average Service	9.50	9.50	9.20
Members' Average Salary	41,628.00	41,628.00	37,982.00
Retirees' Average Age	72.90	72.90	72.80
Retirees' Average Pension	18,949.00	18,949.00	17,171.00
Disabled Members' Average Age	60.60	60.60	60.30
Disabled Members' Average Pension	28,793.00	28,793.00	29,998.00

Kristine Mathis
Executive Director
Franklin Regional Retirement System



COOPERATIVE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Services to Colrain – 2023

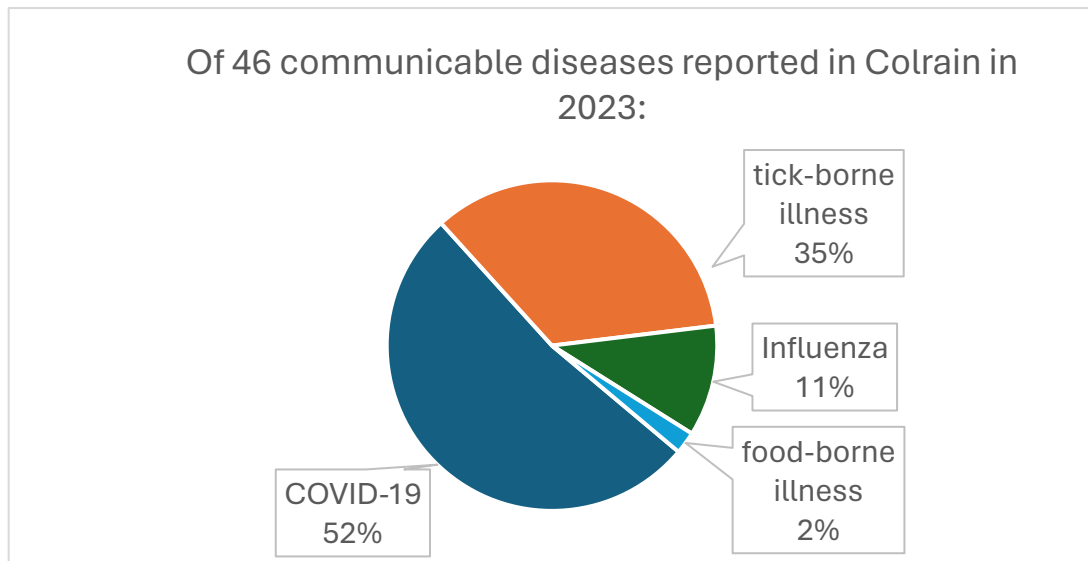


Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

The Town, along with the other member towns of Ashfield, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Conway, Erving, Gill, Hawley, Heath, Leyden, Monroe, Northfield, Rowe, and Shelburne, is served by the Cooperative Public Health Service (CPHS), a health district based at the Franklin Regional Council of Governments. CPHS provides professional support to the Town Board of Health for all public health issues. Staff members include Program Manager Randy Crochier, Health Agent Kurt Schellenberg, Health Inspector Jasmine Ward, Permitting Coordinator Liz Jacobson-Carroll, Public Health Nurses Lisa White and Meg Ryan, and Epidemiologist and Community Health Educator Maureen O’Reilly.

CPHS activities on behalf of the Board of Health in Colrain during 2023 included:

- Facilitated COVID-19 and flu vaccine clinics between state mobile vendors and local schools, libraries, and senior centers. The clinics in Cooperative Public Health District Towns served 726 individuals and provided 1075 doses of vaccine.
- Additionally, the nurses gave 259 Flu and 257 COVID vaccinations at drop-in nursing hours, and home visits and carried vaccines to drop-in nursing hours throughout season. Colrain residents received 17 vaccines, including 5 in-home vaccines.
- Served as a resource for residents and hosted monthly drop-in nursing hours at Griswold Memorial Library monthly, serving 29 different people in 35 separate contacts. Services included blood pressure and other health screenings, assistance addressing health concerns, and where appropriate, wellness visits in the home.
- Completed state-mandated infectious disease surveillance and reporting for communicable disease cases, checking state infectious disease reporting system daily and following up as required, including 46 Colrain cases. (See pie chart below).



- Offered sharps collection and box exchange in collaboration with Franklin County Solid Waste Management District. At all drop-in nursing hours, residents can pick up hazardous waste boxes appropriate for needle disposal and can bring full boxes for disposal. 69 boxes were exchanged over the year.

- Supported Franklin County Age- and Dementia- Friendly Communities initiative by working with the steering committee and community partners to write and publish a five-year action plan in response to local priorities identified from the needs survey.
- Supported Colrain’s participation in Mass in Motion program to further the town’s Age-Friendly endeavors, attending selectboard meeting and MiM committee meetings.
- Registered with the Department of Public Health to become a Community Naloxone Program, so that CPHS can dispense the medication naloxone (Narcan) at no-cost.
- Hosted a “Train the Trainer” event: community members can now train their peers on recognizing and responding to opioid overdose.
- Staff trained to be a Medicare insurance SHINE counselor, bringing health insurance advisor capabilities to the nursing program. Assisted 2 Colrain residents this year.
- Offered tick-bite prevention outreach by collaborating with the board of health to provide prevention materials and 7 permethrin shoe-spraying events districtwide, including providing tick-bite prevention outreach at Colrain’s Fix-It Day.
- Colrain residents sought 11 low-cost tick tests, and, of the tested ticks, 19% were positive for the Lyme disease pathogen and 10% for the Anaplasmosis pathogen.
- Served as town’s arbovirus coordinator, monitoring weekly data reports of mosquito and tick-borne disease from the state and providing regular updates to the town.
- Provided a biweekly newsletter for BOH members, to share updates on pertinent public health topics, including upcoming events/trainings, visualizations of local data, and relevant epidemiological analyses.
- Provided articles on monthly public health topics to *Colrain Clarion* and a corresponding flyer to BOH, town administrator, Council on Aging, and the library.
- Assisted businesses, organizations, and individuals with our on-line public health permitting system; evaluated and made determinations on a total of 72 applications for Colrain, and on an additional 14 applications for regional permits, including:
 - To enforce the Title-5 (septic) code for the town: conducted 14 soil evaluations for septic systems; reviewed 17 septic system plans, reviewed 5 requests for local upgrades, issued 4 local upgrade approvals and 8 septic installation permits, visited sites, conducted final installation inspections and prepared Certificates of Compliance; witnessed 17 Title-5 inspections prior to property transfer
 - Continued to provide oversight and guidance to work through needed variances to both Title 5 and the State Sanitary Code for Campgrounds to allow a longstanding, never-permitted, private club that was operating as a family style campground to operate legitimately. Worked with Colrain Board of Health and Mass Department of Public Health to approve needed variances.
 - Reviewed 6 food establishment and 2 temporary food establishment permit applications; conducted 14 food establishment inspections
 - Reviewed 4 well permit applications, and assisted Colrain businesses and residents with sanitary code compliance
 - Licensed and inspected 3 short-term rental units
- Responded to and managed multiple housing cases with varying degrees of complexity
- Continue to work with stakeholders on the impacts of the closing of the Barnhardt plant on the 26 housing units currently or formerly served by its sewer treatment plant.
- Provided guidance to the Board of Health, and regularly attended board meetings.
- Organized two low-cost 3-in-1 Food safety trainings (ServSafe®, Mass Allergens Awareness and Choke Saver with use of EpiPen® and Narcan®) for town residents and business employees

- Participated in regional resource fair held by Mary Lyon Foundation at Mohawk Trail Regional School.

The CPHS staff looks forward to working together with Board of Health members and residents to improve the health of the community in the coming year.

Colrain's representatives to the CPHS Oversight Board in 2023 were Board of Health members Nina Martin-Anzuoni and Kate Minifie. For more information about the Board or the district, visit www.frcog.org.

THE FRIENDS OF THE GRISWOLD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The essence of a town is its people and its institutions. One key institution is our Griswold Memorial Library! The library serves not only as the information hub for Colrain, but a social one as well. In an age when access to information is crucial, a public library is an essential resource. Keeping it open and thriving contributes to the well-being of our town.

The purpose of the Friends is to promote the library's many great services and fundraise to help maintain those services. We also welcome gifts, endowments, and bequests.

In addition to books, just a few of the things the library offers, free of charge, are DVDs, magazines, and audio books; downloadable eBooks and eBook readers; children's programs like the summer reading program, story time, and crafts; local history and genealogy resources; a monthly public health nurse drop-in; museum passes; tech help; and access to materials from libraries across Massachusetts!

Would you like to get involved and become a member of the Friends? Call or email Judith Roberts at judithellenroberts@gmail.com or 413-834-3851. Help keep our library open and available to all going into its second century of operation!

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Weeks, President



GRISWOLD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Annual Report

Respectfully submitted February 17, 2024

Chelsea Jordan-Makely, Director



Above: Summer Reading Club participants claim their prizes at the Library Social.
(Photo credit: Paul Franz)

The Griswold Memorial Library continues working towards its mission to be “a community hub where open access to current tools, resources, and services, support the enjoyment of reading and the informational, educational, and communication needs of the public.” This report, delivered at the library trustees’ meeting on February 12, 2024, provides an overview of highlights from the year.

A Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant that the library received in 2022 was used to produce a podcast about Colrain local history called, “A People’s History of Colrain.” The \$7,500 grant was used to pay for audio-recording equipment and books about podcasting, and local music and storytelling. Some of the people and organizations who contributed to the podcast were Michael Collins and Pacifico, aka Tony Palumbo, Erica Wheeler, the Ohketeau Cultural Center and Piti Theater, the Purington family, Marcie Savoie, Cynthia McLaughlin, Nancy Turkle, Tom Yeomans, Kate and Scott Barrows, Joe and Carolyn Hillman, Bekki Tippens, plus many more. The project combines “new” and “old,” because participants are learning and using new technology to collect and share oral histories. Two episodes of the podcast are available to date, and several more are in production.



Above left: A flashy logo announces the library’s new podcast. Above right: A screenshot from Ms. Betty’s Take and Make Crafts.

The library also continued two popular online programs: Take & Make Crafts with Ms. Betty, which features a new craft via YouTube each month, and is viewed each month by about 40 people, as well as the Carol Purington Poetry Collective, a group that formed in 2020, and continues to meet the first Friday of every month by Zoom.

Library programming was in full swing throughout the year, including several large programs, like Fix-It Day, an event that continues to grow and improve. This year, the Colrain Fire Department sold hot dogs and

hamburgers as a fundraiser, and a new local business, Nice Snack Parlor, served organic shaved ice, while the local band 133 Skeele provided music for the crowd of people who were industriously working together to repair and mend all manner of household wares. The library also hosted a “Social,” with live jazz music and a performance by the “Colrain Seniority Dancers,” all to celebrate community, and the 111 people who had taken part in the Summer Reading Club challenge. All children who took part won prizes (gift certificates) from local businesses, and Maggie Smith won the gift basket raffle.



Left: Crafts with Ms. Betty at Pine Hill Orchards.
Above: Members of “133 Skeele” and “The Uncles”
performing at Colrain Fix-It Day.

The library was also busy trying to make new connections in the community, and continued outreach at the Colrain Transfer Station and the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office, and we also partnered with Pine Hill Orchard to put up another StoryWalk during the “Pick-Your-Own” Season. Pine Hill also hosted three family literacy events, the Summer Reading Club Launch Party, StoryWalk Launch Party, and “Giggling Ghosts,” a Halloween Party with a local storyteller and s’mores, sponsored by CFCE of the Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School District. All together, the library reached over 900 people through its programs during the 2023 calendar year.

The library served around 4,500 visitors in-person during regular library hours, which are 33 hours per week. The library collection is around 10,000 items, and the growing “Library of Things,” now includes also a paper shredder, snow shoes, bocce, and a croquet kit. Two new museum passes, Magic Wings and Mikes Maze, were added by request. The most popular item on loan from the library in 2023 were the pre-literacy “busy bags,” themed kits which include puzzles and board books for toddlers and young children. There were about 24,000 circulations (loans) of all items in total, including digital audiobooks and ebooks.

The library continued to support other literacy initiatives through programs and services, such as the recurring drop-in hours with public health nurses from FRCOG (Franklin County Regional Council of Governments), which support health literacy, and one-on-one technology support, through which the library supports digital literacy. The library once again hosted Candidate’s Night, and “livestreamed” the event for anyone who wasn’t able to attend in person. This program provides an opportunity for voters to learn about the people who are running for local offices, and about the different articles on the annual town warrant.



Above: Kathy Steinem leads a dance performance at the Library Social. Right: A pair of snowshoes is available to borrow from the Library of Things.



At the town meeting in June, voters approved \$35,000 for a feasibility study, which will help the library to assess the technical requirements and costs of mitigating water incursions, and to improve accessibility, security, and privacy, and create a place for performances and social gatherings. A building committee was formed to oversee this project, beginning with the “Request for Qualifications” (RFQ) bidding process through FRCOG.

Other than keeping water out of the building, the library is following through with the 2020 Preservation Assessment Report from the Northeast Document Conservation Center, such as weeding the library’s circulating collections to create space for access and collections growth and removing all extraneous materials from collection spaces. The library hired Ellis Townsley to prepare an application to digitize a second batch of local history materials, which would be hosted by the Digital Commonwealth at the Internet Archive, with the collection of 41 town reports that were previously digitized thanks to this same initiative.

As the library’s strategic plan is due to expire next year, the library trustees will be collecting feedback from the community via a survey and other engagement opportunities. This will help the library to evaluate their success from 2021-2024 and create a strategic plan for the next cycle. The survey will be posted on the library website and print copies will be available in the library.

The Friends of the Library will continue their fundraising efforts, and the pollinator garden they maintain in front of the library has grown to include some perennials from Shoestring Farm, along with the annuals provided by Spatcher Farm. As always, we are grateful to everyone who supports the library through their generous donations, and also by visiting and using library resources. It is with thanks to all of the volunteers, trustees, staff, partners, and patrons that the Griswold Memorial Library helps our community to connect with resources to succeed. Thank you also to Congressman Jim McGovern and the individuals who supported the library’s nomination for an award from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

This year, we remember and are grateful for the Warneke estate for a generous endowment, and for our patrons Peter Laurent, and Jack Cavolick, who will be missed. More than books, technology, programs, and services, the library is a touch point for our community. There is something for everyone, and all are welcome.

MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT (MLP)

February 2024

The broadband network is governed by the Municipal Light Plant Board (the Select Board), and is managed by Whip City Fiber, a subsidiary of Westfield Gas & Electric. Local issues are handled by the MLP Manager and MLP Board.

Network expenses and revenues are accounted for in the Enterprise Fund and are separate from other Town finances. All expenses are paid using subscriber fees from the Enterprise Fund.

The five-town Reliability, Redundancy, and Resiliency (RRR) project was completed with the neighboring towns of Charlemont, Heath, Leyden and Rowe. The \$400,000 for this project was provided by a Community Compact Grant written and administered by Kevin Fox, Colrain Town Administrator.

Bond payments for the \$1.62MM borrowed to pay for the construction of the broadband network have begun. The first year's payments totaled \$215,952.78. Subscriber fees from the Enterprise Fund were used to make these payments.

Should you have questions, contact Whip City Fiber at:

Customer Service: 8:00am – 5:00pm 413-485-1251 or customerservice@whipcityfiber.com

Technical Support: 24-hour service 413-485-1204 or techsupport@whipcityfiber.com

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Slowinski, MLP Manager

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The five member Personnel Committee acts as an advisory group to the Select Board, researching, drafting, and recommending policies regarding the town's employees, and participates in interviewing applicants for new hires.

We completed the revision of the Town's Personnel Policies and Procedures we started in 2002. This long and time-consuming process involved considerable discussion by committee members with input from town employees. The existing policies were updated where needed to be more current and also incorporated material recommended by the Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management at UMass Boston. The final updated draft was submitted to the Select Board and accepted in the fall. The policies can be found on the town's website.

Upcoming, the Personnel Committee plans to work on developing an employee annual performance review process.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Weeks, Chair

PLANNING BOARD **2023 Annual Report**

<u>Membership</u>	<u>Tenure on Board (as of 6/30/2023)</u>
Robert Slowinski – Chair	8 years
Loren Feinstein – Secretary	4 years
Sara Wik – Member	11 years
Gregory Olchowski – Member	4 years
Marybeth Chichester – Member	3 years
David Greenberg – Member	1 year

The Planning Board is a regulatory board, responsible for creating zoning by-laws, conducting Site Plan Reviews, certain special permits, and ANRs. The board's general purpose is to provide for and guide the orderly growth of the town.

This year, the Planning Board focused on three issues:

Short-Term Rentals (Airbnb)
Flood Plain by-law update
Master Plan update

Over the years, it has become increasingly clear that we need to address the proliferation of Short-Term Rentals as long-term housing is increasingly harder to come by. Not wanting to dictate what one could do with their own home, we tried to strike a balance between owners' rights and community needs.

In response to devastating flooding in the recent decade, Massachusetts updated its Model Flood Plain Bylaws in 2020, prompting our Board to update the town; primarily to ensure public safety, prevent public emergencies due to contamination, etc., reduce damage, avoid loss of utility service, eliminate cleanup costs.

A town Master Plan is enormously helpful both to help guide the future and especially, for a town like ours, to help receive grant funding for projects that we would never be able to afford otherwise. Much of our road work, bridge replacement, and culvert repair is achieved with grants. Colrain's Master Plan, from 1990, comes from a time of no internet and a lot more industry than we have now. Sometime in the future, we will have community meetings to discuss our needs and wants for the future. We do hope everybody will contribute.

COLRAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT



Chief Christopher Lannon

Mission Statement:

The Mission of Colrain Police Department is to *“make a positive difference in the quality of life in our community.”*

The Colrain Police Department would like to thank the community for their continued support during 2023. With the changes in policing and the community, we would like to extend our thankfulness.

Colrain Police is comprised of 4 Police Officers who provide a 7 day a week coverage. Shifts are comprised of one day shift Monday through Thursday and two shifts Friday through Sunday, with office hours on Mondays. Colrain Police department works closely with Shelburne Police and State Police Shelburne Falls.

In 2023, Colrain Police officers responded to 759 calls for service. These calls of service include but are not limited to motor vehicle accidents, burglar alarms, keep the peace, assisting citizens, assisting other agencies and community outreach. Colrain Police Officers are trained to a high standard set for by the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission and recertify annually to meet these standards.

During a normal patrol shift, Colrain Officers respond to dispatched calls, provide building checks, respond to all fire and medical calls, report hazards, follow up investigations, monitor traffic and prepare both non-criminal and criminal reports. The Police department is fortunate to have dedicated Officers who also complete and are certified in specialized training, this includes school resource, animal cruelty, internet crimes, and community outreach.

As we move into 2024, members of the department are dedicated to maintaining high standards of community policing, a commitment to excellence through training and best policing practices. As the community advances, the Colrain Police Department remains committed to continually monitoring and enhancing our professional services.

To contact or leave a message for an Officer, or to report a non- emergency please call:

The Colrain Police Department – 413-624-3038
Shelburne Control Dispatch Center- 413-625-8200
FOR ALL EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

Respectfully,

Chief Christopher Lannon
Colrain Police Department



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Annual Report Fiscal Year 2023

October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023

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Our community, made up of the nine towns that feed the Mohawk Trail Regional School District, has growing needs, and our programs and services have expanded to meet those needs, thanks to the generosity of our donors in these nine towns. The Mary Lyon Foundation aims to provide families and educators with the necessary resources to ensure all children in our community can learn, succeed, and thrive.

The Mary Lyon Foundation has raised \$3,573,765.62 since the inception of the Comprehensive Campaign in October 2020. The campaign committee is laser-focused on raising the remaining \$1,426,234.38 of the \$5,000,000.00 goal over the next two years to meet the following objectives:

1. Guarantee the future of the Mary Lyon Foundation,
2. Fund for our essential programs, and
3. Help more students and families through the Annual Fund.

Program Highlights

Student and Family Assistance

The food scarcity program is currently at its capacity. We deliver four bags of groceries and milk to fifty families every other Tuesday. This program would not be possible without our partnership with Hilltown Church’s Food Pantry or our volunteers who pack and deliver the groceries. We are always looking for more volunteers to support this program.

We supplied books, blankets, and stuffed animals to all PK Students in the Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont School Districts in partnership with The Learning Knoll, Community Action, It Takes a Village, and Montague Catholic Ministries. The total value of these packages was \$2,352.

We provided \$9,352.96 in books to support literacy in the school libraries, district classrooms, and homes.

We partnered with the MTRHS Key Club and opened the Caring is Sharing Clothing Closet in the high school.



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The Foundation contributed \$35,000 to meet the needs of our local families. This included fuel assistance, grocery assistance, clothing, internet needs, eyeglasses, driver's education, childcare needs, and much more.

We supported 175 children in the district with gift cards to purchase warm winter clothing through the Warm the Children Program sponsored by the Greenfield Recorder.

With the help of our community, we gave holiday cheer to 115 children through the holiday giving tree and our partnership with Greenfield Savings Bank.

Community Partners and Volunteers:

The Foundation supplied school children and families with new backpacks, school supplies, dried goods, warm winter gear, and books through our partnership with the United Way and their programs Blooming Backpacks, Supper for Six, and Busloads of Blessings.

Through our partnership with the Brickhouse, the Foundation stocked the Caring is Sharing Clothing Closet with brand-new shorts, flip-flops, winter coats, and t-shirts.

We worked with the Salvation Army to provide new backpacks, food vouchers, clothing vouchers, heating vouchers, and much more.

Special thanks to all our community partners:

- Berkshire East
- Bittersweet Cafe
- Bridge Street Bazaar
- Brickhouse
- Buckland Pizza
- Community Action
- Foxtown Diner
- FRCOG
- Greenfield Savings Bank
- Greenfield Medical and Dental
- Good Neighbors Food Pantry
- Hager's Market
- Hilltown Church's Food Pantry
- Hope and Comfort
- Individual Donors and Volunteers
- It Takes a Village



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- Keystone Market
- Mocha Mayas
- Mohawk Trail Regional High School
- Moldavite Dreams
- Montague Catholic Ministries
- Mo's Fudge Factor
- Opioid Task Force
- Salvation Army
- Shelburne Fall Coffee Roasters
- Sweet Lucy's
- The Optician
- Trinity Church
- United Way

Community Outreach:

We organized the first Community Resource Fair, which included 30 vendors, dinner, ice cream, and FRCOG's Vaccine Clinic. Three hundred people attended, and the feedback was highly positive.

Educator Assistance:

The Foundation gave \$10,000 to educators to support reimagination and innovation in the classroom.

Scholarships:

Our scholarship program awarded \$55,000 to students who reside in West County in 2023. For a complete list of the scholarships we administer, please go to www.marylyonfoundation.org/scholarships.

District Support:

We supported multiple programs in the Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont School Districts with funding totaling \$112,000.

The Mary Lyon Foundation is grateful for the community's support. The generosity of our donors allows us to live our mission to promote student success by mobilizing community investment in services and programs that create positive educational outcomes.



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As we look forward, we will continue to focus on our campaign and raising the funds necessary to expand our programming and realize our vision: ensuring all students have the resources to be ready to learn, to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally, and to thrive in the wider world.

Should you want to volunteer or discuss donating to the Mary Lyon Foundation, don't hesitate to contact Kristen Tillona Baker at kbaker@marylyonfoundation.org or (413) 625.2555.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Tillona Baker
Executive Director



UPPER PIONEER VALLEY VETERANS' SERVICES DISTRICT

Veteran Resource and Referral Center located in Greenfield, satellite locations throughout the district

Member Towns

UPPER PIONEER VALLEY VETERANS' SERVICES DISTRICT

District Annual Report CY23

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

Office has maintained continued outreach operations across the district. We have dramatically increased the amount of VA claims we have been completing due to increased VA Presumptive diseases for numerous eras of service:

- District now brings in over \$2,005,921.53 in Federal money **per month** from the VA in Disability Compensation, Veteran Pension, DIC Compensation and Death Pension. This is an increase of VA Benefits from CY22 of 341,580.51 a month.
- District hired a new Deputy Director Stacey Genezko who has completed all her National Certifications for the VA.
- District hired new Veteran Service Officer (VSO) Jeffrey Cochran who has completed all his National Certifications for VA. This brings the office from 1 to 3 VA Certified VSO now in the office.
- VSA Laura Thorne has maintained her SHINE certification and is helping veterans and their dependents, taking some of the load off the Senior Centers.
- The Director Chris Demars conducted a Chapter 115 presentation with GCTV for outreach.
- Expect a significant increase to Chapter 115 benefits for all City and Towns due to inflation and cost of living adjustments by the State of Massachusetts.
- We project a slight increase of the overall operational budget Fiscal Year 25 budget while continuing to expand services in 2024.
- The Office has produced 143 claims and 46 appeals with VA for Veterans and their Dependents this year.

Christopher Demars, Director
 Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services District

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

In May, Howard Phelps did not seek reappointment to the Zoning Board after over 40 years. We would like to thank Howard for his decades of service. He understood being consistent and how making one decision sets precedence for things in the future: a tremendous attribute on this board.

In 2023, the ZBA heard two hearings. One hearing was for a Variance to rebuild a barn within sideline setbacks due to existing water line for animals. While the second hearing was for a Special Permit to operate a repair garage for assorted but not limited to machinery, farm equipment, etc. within the rural district. Both requests were granted by the board, and conditions were added to the Special Permit conditions.

There was a third application submitted but withdrawn without prejudice as the hearing was scheduled but never held.

Mark Thibodeau, Chair
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SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORTS

COLRAIN CENTRAL SCHOOL

During the 2023-2024 school year, we had 103 students in grades PK-6 enrolled at Colrain Central School. We have one classroom per grade, along a network of professional and support staff to meet students' educational needs.

This year we continued implementation of our new English Language Arts curriculum titled "Expeditionary Learning" or EL for short. As staff and students became more familiar with the program, classroom conversations and academic discourse deepened. A visit to any classroom during ELA will leave one with the opportunity to hear students talking about the texts and using evidence from the text to support their line of thinking.

We are in our fourth year of implementation of "Bridges" which is our math curriculum. Students have become very comfortable with the language of mathematics and how to deconstruct and reconstruct numbers. They are understanding how numbers work and how to utilize a variety of strategies to problem-solve.

Service Learning continues to be an important part of our school and how we address much of our science and social studies content. If that is an unfamiliar term to you, it is the idea that content information is taught through a hands-on, service-focused delivery model. Think of it as project-based learning with an emphasis on community service. We work with community partners to help students solve real world problems connected to the academic content areas and "learn by serving". We continue to look for ways to expand our connections with our community and welcome you to bring "problems" that students can study, learn about, and see what may be feasible by way of solutions. This year, we were pleased to have been awarded the Rural Schools Collaborative Grants in Place Fellowship, associated with the Rural Schools Collaborative. This fellowship supports place-based projects, and we are excited to have been selected. We have also been working with schools in Wales on a Reciprocity Project. The purpose of this project is *"to explore the feasibility of developing a **uniquely rural** network of international teachers and school leaders that will work together in support of place-based instruction that connects learning to communities and the world around us"*. More information about this project can be found at <https://iamaruralteacher.org/rural-educators-across-borders>

Some of the facility maintenance and improvement projects that happened in 2023 included:

HVAC and Plumbing Repairs

Serviced and cleaned boilers. Replacement of belts and motors for unit vents as needed. Replaced air filters in unit vents. Cleaned grease trap in kitchen. Toilet repairs (wax rings, bolt sets, flange rings etc.). Sink repairs as needed.

Inspections

Boilers, fire panel, smoke detectors, horns, and strobes (replaced as necessary). Fire extinguishers (recharged and replaced as necessary). Emergency lighting (replaced as necessary). Integrated Pest Management plan. Kitchen Hood. Propane pressure test.

Yard and Grounds

Tree line border was replaced with Arborvitae. Repointing the blue stone and brick in various spots in front of the building and the north side. Added playground mulch for the play area. Serviced mower, weed eater and leaf blower. Replaced snowblower. Removed dead trees leaning toward the garage. Replace electrical panel in garage. Tick control. Replace some swings and brackets for the swing set.

Water and Sewer

Monthly bacteria testing and quarterly water quality sampling per MassDEP schedule (sampling reports results on file at Colrain Central School).

Misc. Maintenance

Fire Panel notifier motherboard replacement. Painted some of the basement floor with 2 part epoxy to secure the tiles from popping up. Cleaned out the basement. Demo old preK shed. Flame proof stage curtains. Shade replacement. Tile replacement in halls and classrooms. Glass repair, café door. Phone software upgrade. Kitchen walk-in freezer door gasket replacement. Painting of 3 classrooms.

As always, I invite you to explore and see the wonderful things happening in our school. Our dedicated, hardworking staff continues to go above and beyond to meet the needs of all students and prepare them to be active, involved citizens and strong, creative problem solvers. I continue to be honored to serve this town, its families and children as principal.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy K. Looman

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES

2023 Annual Report

The Mohawk Trail Regional and Hawlemont Regional Special Education Department serves students in the Sanderson, Colrain, Hawlemont, Buckland-Shelburne, and Mohawk Trail Regional Middle and High Schools. The primary function is to ensure that students with an IEP (Individual Education Plan) or a 504 are being serviced at a level required to make effective progress with supports outlined in their IEP or 504. According to state data, During the 2022-23 school year:

Mohawk Trail Regional School District

Title	% of School	% of District	% of State
First Language not English	1.5	1.5	25.0
English Language Learner	0.4	0.8	12.1
Low-income	44.3	43.7	42.3
Students With Disabilities	28.8	23.3	19.4
High Needs	57.2	54.2	55.1

Hawlemont Regional School District

Title	% of School	% of District	% of State
First Language not English	5.5	5.5	25.0
English Language Learner	5.5	5.5	12.1
Low-income	59.3	59.3	42.3
Students With Disabilities	25.3	25.3	19.4
High Needs	68.1	68.1	55.1

Services that students with disabilities receive could be speech and language, occupational therapy (OT), physical therapy (PT), counseling, and academics. Every school has at least one special education teacher. The OT and PT spend about one day in each school. All schools have a full time Speech Language Pathologist vs sharing a SLP and an assistant. This model has increased consistency and support for our students, while being cost effective. With an increased need for counseling services for all students, each school has begun to increase this level of support. Historically, each elementary school had a full-time school psychologist who could conduct assessments and provide counseling services. Over the past two years, as folks have retired or left a position, it has been difficult to hire a school psychologist for each building. However, each school does have an adjustment counselor to provide counseling services and support and a school psychologist is contracted to provide the necessary assessments. The level of services in each building is based on population, need and level of services legally required by an IEP.

The district is legally obligated to support a SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee). A small core group of parents began the process in the spring of 2021 to reinvigorate the SEPAC. All of the original parents have moved on, but they did recruit several new parents to take over and the SEPAC continues to meet monthly and attempt to increase parent participation. We are grateful for their work and look forward to continued progress.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Leann Loomis
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

FCTS Mission Statement

It is the mission of Franklin County Technical School to prepare all students to achieve a future of successful careers, technical and intellectual curiosity, healthy life choices and strength of character

FY25 Annual Report to Towns

We submit this annual report for the 2023-24 school year on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students. As a reminder, the FY25 budget represents October 1, 2023, enrollment count, which is always a year behind the state budget process. FCTS has an enrollment of 568 students with town breakouts as follows:

Bernardston	30	Erving	27	Montague	74	Sunderland	9
Buckland	18	Gill	13	New Salem	14	Warwick	5
Colrain	23	Greenfield	132	Northfield	40	Wendell	8
Conway	7	Heath	11	Orange	90	Whately	18
Deerfield	35	Leyden	4	Shelburne	10		

Franklin County Technical School awarded 123 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2023. Massachusetts students are required to pass the MCAS in order to receive a high school diploma and once again our students were very successful in meeting this high academic standard. The state has adjusted their measures for evaluating district/school accountability and FCTS maintained the equivalent of a Level 2 accountability status out of a 5-point scale with 1 being the highest and 5 the lowest. Additionally, the district is meeting targets set by the Department of Education for passing rates of students of high risk with disabilities.

FCTS has the advantage of utilizing vocational students and licensed instructors from carpentry, electrical, plumbing, landscaping, and advanced precision machining to provide maintenance and repairs to our school grounds and facility saving member towns tens of thousands of dollars annually. These shop programs also saved member towns an estimated \$100,000 with the bond authorization projects.

Franklin County Technical School students are learning the value of paid work opportunities through a newly revamped Cooperative Education Program (Coop). In 2023 FCTS has approximately 38% of our seniors involved in paid Coop jobs related to their vocational field of study. FCTS also offers excellent academic offerings with increased courses in Advanced Placement, Honors, Foreign Language, credit recovery, and special education to provide all students with the opportunity to be prepared for college and career readiness.

Franklin County Technical School continues to experience increased enrollment and popularity within Franklin County, which has translated to new vocational technical programs in the fields of Veterinary Animal Science, Medical Assisting, and a new Aviation Technician program. These new vibrant programs are the first new vocational programs at FCTS in more than 40 years and bring the total number of Chapter 74 vocational-technical programs to 15. Unlike other school districts which may offer a 45-minute course in a trade, FCTS students must follow strict Chapter 74 guidelines where students are in their vocational shop program for 6.5 hours per day for a full week to meet industry competency guidelines.

FCTS is in the final process of completing a new 4800 sq. ft. Veterinary Science Learning Center and Clinic. The new building is located on Industrial Blvd next to FCTS. The facility is planning to open in the spring of 2024 and will be used for the FCTS Veterinary program and provide students with real world experiences in the veterinary field.

The new Aviation program is slated to start during the 2024-25 school year. This program will provide students with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) credentials to be certified as an Aviation Maintenance Technician

(AMT). FCTS was fortunate to receive a 4.2-million-dollar competitive grant to build a new 12,000 sq. ft. aviation hangar with no additional assessment to towns. The FCTS hangar will be located along the boundary line between FCTS and the Turners Falls Airport. The facility will include 1 twin engine airplane, 2 single engine airplanes, 1 glider, and 1 helicopter as well as FAA machines, equipment, engine simulators, and tools required by the FAA to start a new program. FCTS is planning to become one of the few high schools in the United States to offer a credentialed FAA program. Students graduating from the program will have the opportunity to obtain 1200 hours of FAA training to sit for the FAA license test and be on their way to a career in aviation.

FCTS is nearly 50 years old and is one of the few remaining regional vocational schools in Massachusetts without a Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) funded facility. In late 2022, FCTS was invited into the MSBA eligibility phase of the process, which will conclude in May of 2024. At this time, the MSBA will make a determination if FCTS will enter into the Feasibility Study phase of the program. The Feasibility Study will take several years to complete and will include a design phase which will determine anticipated costs of a potential project. FCTS has budgeted money over the last several years to fund a Feasibility Study without having to go out to bond with member towns. At the conclusion of the Feasibility Study, the MSBA and FCTS will determine if it is “feasible” to go out to our member towns to build a new facility, renovate, or seek other alternatives.

Franklin County Technical School’s technical programs continue to improve and evolve through the use of competitive Skills Capital Grants. FCTS has received more than 6.2 million dollars in grants over the last 6 years without using tax dollars from member communities. These funds have significantly enhanced our Welding, Medical Assisting, Veterinary Science, Machine Technology and Aviation vocational technical programs. FCTS also partners with the Franklin Hampshire Regional Employment Board and Greenfield Community College to offer an evening program for underemployed and displaced workers to obtain a certification in Advanced Precision Machining using our 21st Century modernized CNC machines. Through the highly competitive skills grant FCTS also received \$500,000 to build a mobile welding simulator lab to be used to develop technical skills towards certification. FCTS will partner with the Franklin County House of Corrections to utilize the new mobile welding simulator lab as an opportunity to help inmates acquire advanced technical skills which can lead to employment upon release.

In addition, FCTS applied for and received a total of 1.8-million-dollar multi-year grants over the last several years to implement new adult evening training programs through the Commonwealth’s Career Technical Initiative (CTI). Since 2022, FCTS initiated adult training courses in Welding, Auto Technology, and Carpentry through the CTI grant and plans to explore more programs for 2024. FCTS also started its own Electrical adult program and plans to add more in the near future. To accomplish these goals and to meet industry and community needs, FCTS has hired a full-time adult coordinator.

Franklin County Tech’s Carpentry, Electrical, Plumbing, and Landscaping programs established a foundation in collaboration with the Greenfield Savings Bank to build a new home for the community. The current construction continues on the house on Petty Plain Road in Greenfield. Beyond the Greenfield house project, the Carpentry program constructed a new storage shed for the Town of Charlemont Federated Church, is constructing a pavilion for the Town of Shelburne Falls and built a related classroom for our Automotive Tech program.

The Landscaping and Horticulture department worked with the Town of Shelburne Falls in the consultation and design of a pocket park, Source to Sea annual cleanup, Franklin County Fairgrounds tree planting, beautification design projects and fence repair, made wreaths for the Conway covered bridge, worked at the Shelburne Hills Cemetery for fall cleanup, consulted and designed the Veteran’s Memorial in Pelham, the Peskeompskut Park signage in Turners Falls, and planted trees for the towns on South Deerfield and Turners Falls. In Montague LH is working with the Montague Planning Department on the Millers trail modification.

The Programming and Web Design students worked with the Montague Senior Center and will be providing Tech Support beginning in December of 2023. The program also helped to develop a website for the UCC Church in Conway and a senior student is working with the First Congregational Church in Ashfield and coordinates the video and audio for online services.

The Electrical department continues working with the Town of Heath, retro fitting new parking and office lights at the town hall. Additionally, there is ongoing work at the office of the Turners Falls Airport, the support of the wiring for the newly constructed Vet Science building on campus and the automotive technology related classroom, installation of securing cameras in the welding department, and supporting the FCTS NIS department.

The Advanced Manufacturing program collaborated with our welding and carpentry shop on the design and construction of the Towns of Deerfield and Northfield 350th time capsules. Currently the students are manufacturing rollers for the horticulture program for the striping of the athletic fields in addition to assisting with making replacement parts for the automotive and horticulture departments, and they have worked with carpentry to operate the CNC router with a MasterCam program.

The Culinary Arts program did a crepe presentation for the Northfield Senior Center and provided a holiday luncheon in December for the Montague Housing Authority. They served the Erving Lady's Red Hat Society for a Valentine's Day luncheon, have created ice carvings for the Annual Winter Festival in Greenfield, hosted the Annual Chamber of Commerce Breakfast, the School Resource Officer's Breakfast, the Superintendent's Award Dinner, the Light Up The Fairgrounds Breakfast, the Annual National Honor Society's luncheon. Also provided food and baked items for the Annual FCTS Car Show and Little Drummer Craft Fair.

The Welding department repaired the Highland Cemetery Gate in Millers Falls, have created an air conditioner unit cover for the Town of Warwick, a bench to be located at the French King Bridge in Erving, engine stands for the Aviation program scheduled to open in the Fall of 2024, brackets for the Franklin County Land Trust for signage, worked on the recycling carts for the Franklin County Fair and they are in discussion with the High Street Cemetery in Greenfield to restore their gates.

The Health Technology program has run public blood pressure clinics, a nail clinic at the Erving Senior Center, volunteered at the Arbors and Regal Care in Greenfield, collected items for a Hygiene Drive, work with the Ja'Duke Preschool observing child development and the creation of activities, and helped to serve holiday meals at the Stone Soup Café in Greenfield.

The Cosmetology program continues to provide services for residents of the Poet Seat Nursing Home, Linda Manor, Quabbin Valley Nursing Home, and the Bernardston Senior Center.

The Veterinary Science program ran a pet food and toy drive for local shelters and has volunteered at the Dakin Humane Society. Services will expand to the public once the program occupies the new building.

Franklin County Tech is forward thinking as it continues to review labor demand and market analysis to add new programs and skills to support students to obtain competencies and training to make them competitive in the workplace, college, and career. Our partnerships with our communities are important for our programs, and we thank those which allow our students the opportunity to practice their trades out in the field.

Respectfully,



Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz
School Committee Chairman



Mr. Richard J. Martin
Superintendent-Director

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL

2023 Annual Report of the Principal

Culture Building

We continue to build from our core focus on community. This intent is personified through the three slogans in the entry lobby at MTRS:

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

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

Feedback and Communication

A key part of culture building is that transparent communication continues to be important to MTRS. There are numerous ways for the community to provide continuous feedback to MTRS as a way of improving the student and family experience. These include bi-monthly drop-in hours, a student advisory group, and quarterly *How are we doing?* Surveys to students, families, and staff. These ongoing structures continue to provide opportunities for community members to give immediate feedback on what goes on at MTRS. In addition, the Local Educational Committee this year assimilated the Outdoor Advisory Committee, in order to also provide input into both the school and district improvement plans.

Barr Funding and Innovation

In December of 2023 MTRS was awarded a two year, \$450,000, grant from the BARR foundation to support phase two of our unique Trailblazer model. This payment will allow us to continue to implement new initiatives and curricular programming to redesign the school experience for all students. This will provide students, staff, and community members to have the opportunity to engage in professional development, working groups, and site visits in order to continue to implement and refine our Trailblazer Model

The second phase of the Trailblazer Model continues to build on the existing key focus areas: high quality instruction, advisory and social emotions learning, restorative practices and equitable educational experiences for all students, communications and community outreach, distributed leadership, portfolios and student-led-conferences.

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

- Internships and work study opportunities, on campus and off
- Social Emotional Learning supports including: Advisory model for all grades 7-12, site based therapeutic services, and college and career planning
- Pedagogical supports for staff as the school shifts towards competency-based education through a standards-based teaching and learning approach
- Building a portfolio of student work and Student-led-conferences
- Senior Capstone project culminating with a site-based internship
- Continued community outreach including a Trailblazer Community Group comprised of staff, parents, students, and community members that meets several times a year
- Opportunities for teacher leadership in continuing to develop elements of our Trailblazer model

Distributed Leadership and District-Wide Structures

A number of staffing changes have been made in service of continuing to promote and support the Trailblazer model of distributed leadership, opportunities for student voice and increased Social and Emotional Learning student need: The school admin team was reconfigured to provide greater student culture support through the role of Dean of Culture who continues to provide opportunities for student voice and ownership in and around school. The best example of this is the regular Wednesday whole school student meetings which are student planned and led. The District Athletic Director continues to focus on the growth and promotion of sports in the district as well helping retain students at the end of grades 6 and 8.

Distributed leadership continues to be evident through the work of the teacher based Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) and their work in designing and delivering staff PD on Standards Based Teaching and Learning development as well as piloting Student-led Conferences in June of 2023. At the time of writing, as a result of this pilot, we are about to start the school wide Student led conferences at the end of semester 1.

Additionally, the district literacy and numeracy coaches have helped create and support data driven grade level numeracy and literacy teams in grades 7 and 8 to help strengthen the student learning experience.

College and Career Supports

MTRS continues to focus on supporting students in taking their learning beyond the classrooms. In addition to providing opportunities for students to participate in Dual Enrollment classes at GCC, the guidance team has focused on providing grade 12 students with the opportunity, as part of their schedule, to extend their Capstone projects into Work based learning and Internship opportunities with business and organizations in the community.

Field Trips

We have been incredibly lucky to have been able to utilize the two new district mini buses for local trips as we continue to innovate in providing students with learning experience outside of the classroom. To date this year, teachers have led field trips to the following locations:

Smith College, GCC, UMASS Amherst, Springfield College, Amherst Art museum, Boston Aquarium, Clarke Museum, Shelburne Falls and numerous other locations linked to classroom activities.

Community Involvement

We continue to be thankful to parents and care providers for their active involvement in MTRS life through the Local Education Committee (LEC) which incorporated the Outdoor Advisory Committee (OAC) as a sub-committee in February of 2023. The former is a great way to have family input and feedback on school improvement planning and the latter has been instrumental in providing community voices on how we continue to seek to use teaching and learning spaces and environment as effectively as possible. The OAC has been vital to helping develop our outdoor classroom and in helping the district with its solar panel project at MTRS.

Other community wide opportunities such as Open House, the Celebration of Learning and the Mohawk Trail Athletic Association (MTAA) organized Spring Fling continue to imbibe MTRS with positive community spirit. Additionally, Graduation took place indoors in the MTRS auditorium in June of 2023 and we are planning for this to be the venue for graduation for the Class of '24 on Friday 31st May, 2024.

Music and Theatre

We are really pleased with the continued resurgence of music and drama at MTRS in the past year. As well as a spring musical in 2023, *Guys and Dolls* and a district Spring concert, Fall of 2023 saw two performances of *Gracie's Place*, our Winter play. The district concert took place at MTRS due to rain in the spring of 2023 and December saw the MTRS Winter Concert take place. In addition to the district concert scheduled for late May, we are looking forward to an additional event, the Spring MTRS Concert. This is planned for April of 2024.

Athletics

The Mohawk Trail Athletic Department has gone through a restructuring process in FY23 by hiring Ashfield's Greg Lilly to assume the role of District Athletic Director. In contrast to previous Athletic Directors, Mr. Lilly is now responsible for overseeing Mohawk Trail's athletic programs district wide, K-12. This change was made to ensure the health of our high school programs by investing time and resources into the sustainability of our youth and feeder programs.

This past fall, our West County Youth Soccer program had 187 participants from grades K-6 from our elementary schools. These are unprecedented numbers for a youth sports program in our district. Much of the credit for such high participation numbers goes to Ashfield's Tina Miller and Buckland's Jake Thurber, along with dozens of other coaches and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to give our students every opportunity to succeed on the pitch.

This winter also saw never before seen participation numbers in our Hilltown Basketball League! The district was able to field a total of 15 teams between our three elementary schools, Hawlemont, and New Hingham Elementary. All told, there were 158 elementary students playing hoops this past season. Also, for the first time in 4 years, Mohawk Trail was able to field a 5th and 6th grade Suburban travel team, coached by Shelburne's Fred Redeker and Buckland's Tim Budrewicz. This

group had the opportunity to travel all over Western Massachusetts and face an extremely high level of competition.

At the Middle and High School levels, our athletes and teams have been struggling with low enrollment numbers. However, this has not prevented them from succeeding at the absolute highest level! Participation levels for athletics at Mohawk Trail are WELL above state and national averages and should remain that way for the foreseeable future.

This past fall, our Middle School Football team enjoyed an UNDEFEATED season, while also getting the opportunity to play night games under the lights on Pollard Field for the first time in history! In addition to this, our Volleyball, Girls Cross Country, and Boys Cross Country teams all qualified for the MIAA state tournament. All told, 7 of our 8 fall teams came away with winning records!

This winter is also shaping up to be one for the record books! Both our Boys and Girls Alpine Ski teams are looking to continue a 40-year tradition of dominance on the slopes. The Boys are well on their way to another league championship, while our Ladies are poised to repeat as STATE CHAMPIONS!

Another bright spot for the Mohawk Trail Athletic Department is the Girls Middle School basketball team! They suffered only two losses on the season while playing a schedule against high school competition! The future is very bright for our ladies.

With the end of the pandemic, The Mohawk Trail Athletic Association has also seen a resurgence, and is always looking for volunteers to help coordinate its many fundraising efforts. The MTAA is the district's primary athletic booster, and aids our student-athletes by purchasing uniforms, athletic equipment, and anything else that our teams need to help them succeed! The future of Mohawk Trail Athletics is very bright, and our entire athletic family is working tirelessly to ensure it stays that way!

Student numbers

At the mid-point of the 2023-2024 school year, student enrollment in grades 7-12 is 313. Current enrollment numbers for middle school include approximately 85 students in seventh grade and 75 students in eighth grade. Enrollment for ninth grade is 45 students; 10th grade with 34 students; 34 members of the Junior class, and 38 MTRS seniors. We have two students enrolled in our post-graduate program.

Respectfully submitted,

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