

Annual Report

of the

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

of the Town of

COLRAIN

MASSACHUSETTS



For the Year

2025

Colrain, Massachusetts

First Settled – 1735

Incorporated – June 30, 1761

Population – 1,606

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

Bee Jacque, Chair

Jay DiPucchio, Vice-Chair

Jane Perice, Clerk

Emily Johnson

Virginia Desorgher

Franklin County Register of Deeds

Scott A. Cote

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Dedication



Karen M. Devine

October 17, 1946 – August 9, 2025

It is with deep appreciation and heartfelt respect that we dedicate this year’s annual report to Karen Devine, whose unwavering commitment and spirited presence left a lasting mark on our town and its people.

Karen served the Town of Colrain for 19 years, including assisting the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, and general town office with dedication and care. She also served on the Board of Registrars and as an election worker for many years. Behind the town office desk, Karen was known for telling it like it was, rarely sugarcoating anything—except, perhaps, when she answered the phone, where her unusually sweet greeting voice became its own kind of trademark. She thrived on the constant activity and connectedness of town life, proudly embracing her role as a bit of a busybody in the very best sense of the word. She took great pride in hand delivering the annual town reports, often racing around the community with Ruthie Guilderdale to make sure everyone received one. She also cherished the time she spent working alongside Judy Sullivan and Jimmy Sturgeon, valuing both the work and the friendships it brought.

Karen expressed her love most clearly through baking, always making sure to “feed the town” with her treats—whether for the town office, meetings, voting polls, the road crew, or first responders. Many will remember her famous fudge and apple pies, often made with donated apples from David at Pine Hill. Baking was truly her love language.

Submitted in coordination with Leon Devine and Leanne Devine DuPree

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 1,394 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.

Want to receive the latest Town news straight to your inbox
or meeting reminders for Boards & Committees?

Visit www.colrain-ma.gov/contact



Sign up for Colrain Alert Notification System
www.townofcolrainma.portal.finalsiteconnect.com



Receive Town emergency and non-emergency notifications to your phone or email.

Town Office Hours

The Town Office located at 55 Main Road, next to the Colrain Fire Station, is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with additional hours listed below for certain officials. The office is closed all day on Friday.

Town Administrator	Monday - Thursday	9:00 am to 3:00 pm or by appointment
Administrative Assistant	Monday - Thursday	9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Town Clerk	Monday, Tuesday & Thursday	9:00 am to 3:00 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	
Historical Commission	3 rd Monday	5:00 pm
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 (*Vehicles will not be admitted after 3:45pm*)
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.*

Stickers are sold in \$10.00 bundles only.

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	Switches	Free
Oil Filters	\$0.75/each	20 lb. propane Tanks	\$7.00
Auto Batteries	Yes	1 lb. LP Tanks	\$2.00
Anti-Freeze	\$1.00/gallon	Larger LP Tanks	\$12.00
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		

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@fcso-ma.us
Animal Inspector		
Ken Shearer.....	624-3410	
Board of Assessors Director		
Alice Wozniak.....	624-3356.....	assessors@colrain-ma.gov
Board of Health		
Barbara Griffin, Chair.....		boh@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		
David Nims, Chair.....	624-3400	
Council on Aging		
Janice Barnes, Chair.....	624-3378	
Cultural Council		
Nancy Turkle.....	624-3454.....	colraincc@gmail.com
Emergency Manager Director		
Nina Martin-Anzuoni.....	624-3940.....	nmartinanzuoni@gmail.com
Energy Committee		
Peter Brooks, Chair.....	624-3241.....	p.brooks46@icloud.com
Finance Committee		
Doug MacLeay, Chair.....	624-3454	
Fire Chief		
Nick Anzuoni.....	624-5528.....	firechief@colrain-ma.gov
Griswold Memorial Library		
Val Finkel, Director.....	624-2377.....	griswold@colrain-ma.gov
Highway Superintendent		
Nate Gilbert.....	624-5500.....	highwaysuperintendent@colrain-ma.gov
Historical Commission		
Cynthia Herbert, Chair.....	624-3454	
Library Board of Trustees		
Cheli Mennella, Co-Chair.....		griswoldmemorialtrustees@gmail.com
Dagoberto Lydgate-Driggs, Co-Chair		
Personnel Committee		
Ellen Weeks, Chair.....	624-5137	
Planning Board		
Robert Slowinski, Chair.....		planningboard@colrain-ma.gov
Police Chief		
Chris Lannon.....	624-3038.....	policechief@colrain-ma.gov
Tax Collector/Treasurer		
Paula Harrison.....	624-5549.....	taxcollector@colrain-ma.gov
Town Accountant		
David Fierro Jr.	Hill-Town Municipal Accounting & Computer Services	

Town Clerk

Emma Coburn.....624-7100.....townclerk@colrain-ma.gov

Select Board/Town Administrator

Emily Thurber, Chair.....624-3454

Diana Parsons, Town Administrator.....624-6306.....bos@colrain-ma.gov

Tree Warden

Tes Siarnacki.....624-3454.....colrain.tree.warden@gmail.com

Transfer Station

.....625-9012.....highwaysuperintendent@colrain-ma.gov

Zoning Board of Appeals

Alice Wozniak, Clerk.....624-3356.....assessors@colrain-ma.gov

Mark Thibodeau, Chair

Elected Town Officers

Select Board (Three-year term)

	<u>Term</u>
Emily Thurber, Chair	2023 – 2026
Katie Korby	2024 – 2027
Ben Eastman	2025 – 2028

Town Clerk (Three-year term)

Emma Coburn	2025 – 2028
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Board of Assessors (Three-year term)

Nicholas M. Anzuoni, Chair	2025 – 2028
Dwight Harrison	2023 – 2026
James J. Slowinski	2024 – 2027

Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee (Three-year term)

Kate Barrows	2023 – 2026
John Chivers	2025 – 2028

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

Martin Lydgate-Driggs, Co-Chair	2025 – 2028
Cheli Mennella, Co-Chair	2023 – 2026
Mikaela Whitaker	2024 – 2026
Betty Johnson	2024 – 2027
Nancy Rich Turkle	2024 – 2027
Hadley Looman	2025 – 2028

Constables (Three-year term)

Kevin A. Worden, I	2023 – 2026
Melinda A. Herzig	2024 – 2027
Timothy Slowinski	2025 – 2028

Moderator (Three-year term)

Joseph Kurland	2024 – 2027
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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.

(List of appointees as of 3/4/2026)

Administrative Assistant	Term Expires	Council on Aging (Three-year term)	
Marjorie Smith	2026	Janice Barnes, Chair	2026
		Kathleen A. Phelps	2026
Agricultural Commission (Three-year term)		Russell Barnes	2026
Brian Scranton	2026	Valeda Peters	2026
Joseph S. Hillman	2027	Kathy Steinem	2026
Jill Horton-Lyons	2027	Michelle Hillman	2026
Scott Roberts	2027	Betty Johnson	2027
Lori Shearer	2027	Amy J. Herzig	2027
Brian Sullivan	2027	Richard R. Herzig	2027
Lorena Loubsky (Alternate)	2027	Elaine Stanley	2027
Valerie Finkel	2028	Susan Slowinski	2027
		<i>Vacancies (4)</i>	
Animal Control Officer		Cultural Council (Three-year term)	
Kyle Dragon	2028	Nancy Rich Turkle, Chair	2028
Animal Inspector		Kaylee Mulligan	2025
Ken Shearer	2026	Helen Olson	2027
		Sarah Jarman	2027
Board of Health (Three-year term)		Cheli Mennella	2028
Barbara Griffin, Chair	2027	Director of Assessing (Three-year Contract)	
Nina Martin-Anzuoni	2026	Alice Wozniak	2028
Timothy P. Slowinski	2028		
<i>Vacancies (2)</i>		Emergency Management Director	
Board of Registrars (Three-year term)		Nina Martin-Anzuoni	2026
Emma Coburn, Ex Officio	2028	Emergency Response Coordinator	
Eugenia M. Shearer	2026	Nicholas M. Anzuoni	2026
Amy J. Herzig	2027		
<i>Vacancy (1)</i>		Energy Committee	
Building Inspector (Three-year term)		Peter Brooks, Chair	2026
Shawn Kimberley	2026	Bing Waldsmith	2026
		Brian Cady	2026
Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Representative		David Greenberg	2026
Michelle F. Hillman	2026	Chris Krezmien	2026
		<i>Vacancy (1)</i>	
Conservation Commission (Three-year term)		Franklin County Solid Waste District Rep.	
David W. Nims, Chair	2027	Ben Eastman	2026
Benjamin Beas	2026	Michael Slowinski (Alternate)	2026
William H. Dornbusch	2027		
Marshall L. Denison, Jr.	2027	Fire Chief	
Larry Richmond	2027	Nicholas M. Anzuoni	2026
Mia Francesconi	2028		
Matthew G. Slowinski	2028		

Fire Station Building Committee

Douglas MacLeay	2026
Gary Ponce	2026
Kevin Worden II	2026
Nicholas M. Anzuoni	2026

Franklin County Regional Animal Control Rep.

Ben Eastman	2026
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Franklin Regional Transit Authority Rep.

Emily Thurber	2026
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Franklin Regional Council of Governments Rep.

Katie Korby	2026
Diana Parsons (Alternate)	2026

Franklin Regional Planning Board Rep.*Vacant***Highway Superintendent**

Nate Gilbert	2026
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Historical Commission (Three-year term)

Cynthia Herbert, Chair	2028
Joan C. McQuade	2027
Robbie Murphy	2027
David W. Nims	2028
Beldin R. Merims	2028

*Vacancies (2)***Municipal Light Plant (MLP) Manager (Two-year term)**

Michael Slowinski	2027
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Personnel Committee (Three-year term)

Ellen Weeks, Chair	2026
Valeda R. Peters	2027
Kathleen A. Phelps	2028

*Vacancies (2)***Plumbing & Gas Inspector**

Kyle Hartnett	2026
Jeffrey Bache (Alternate)	2026

Police Chief

Chris Lannon	2026
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Police Officers

Tarah Demsey	2026
Heather Sonn	2026

Tree Warden (Three-year term)

Tes Siarnacki	2027
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Town Administrator (Three-year Contract)

Diana Parsons	2028
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Town Accountant

David Fierro	2026
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Treasurer/Collector (Three-year Contract)

Paula Harrison	2028
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Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' District Rep.

Thom Griffin	2026
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Wiring Inspector

James Slowinski	2026
Clinton Dodge	2026

Zoning Board of Appeals (Three-year term)

Mark A. Thibodeau, Chair	2026
Marshall L. Denison	2027
Alec Jillson	2027
Matthew Lovett (Alternate)	2027
John Peters	2028
Jim Ryan	2028

Moderator Appointments

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

Douglas Macleay, Chair	2028
Deborah Menard	2024
Betty Ringwood	2026
David Swiderski	2026
<i>Vacancy (1)</i>	

Franklin County Technical School District Committee Member

Tammie Powers	2028
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Planning Board (seven-member board, three-year term)

Robert Slowinski, Chair	2027
Sara Wik	2026
David Greenberg	2026
Greg Olchowski	2027
Laurie Francis	2027
Loren Feinstein	2028
<i>Vacancy (1)</i>	

Board of Health Appointments

Franklin County Cooperative Public Health Service Oversight Board

Barbara Griffin	2026
Nina Martin-Anzuoni (Alternate)	

Town Office and Department Reports

Accountant

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Group as: 11-***_****_*****

Parameters: Fiscal Year: 2025

Start Date: 07/01/2024

end: 06/30/2025

Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Expenditure Ledger

Account Number	Name	Allocated	Net Activity	Ending	% Var.
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund					
Code: 01 - General Fund					
01-114-5190-00000	Moderator Stipend	118.00	-118.00	0.00	100.00
01-114-5580-00000	Moderator Other Expenses	135.00	-130.32	4.68	96.53
01-115-5580-00000	Personnel Committee Expenses	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
01-122-5190-00000	Selectmen Salaries	11,124.00	-11,124.00	0.00	100.00
01-122-5340-00000	Selectmen Advertising	1,000.00	-603.36	396.64	60.34
01-122-5580-00000	Selectmen Other Expenses	1,000.00	-1,170.83	-170.83	117.08
01-123-5110-00000	Town Coordinator	95,000.00	-95,000.00	0.00	100.00
01-123-5580-00000	Town Coordinator Other Expenses	700.00	-680.47	19.53	97.21
01-131-5385-00000	Finance Committee Expenses	330.00	-146.00	184.00	44.24
01-132-5780-00000	Reserve Fund	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
01-135-5230-00000	Accounting Software	4,170.00	-3,970.00	200.00	95.20
01-135-5300-00000	Accounting Services	28,800.00	-28,800.00	0.00	100.00
01-135-5380-00000	Annual Financial Audit	16,500.00	-16,500.00	0.00	100.00
01-141-5110-00000	Director of Assessing Salary	44,376.00	-44,376.00	0.00	100.00
01-141-5190-00000	Assessors Stipends	11,077.00	-11,076.99	0.01	100.00
01-141-5420-00000	Assessors Expenses	17,580.00	-16,633.55	946.45	94.62
01-145-5110-00000	Treasurer/Collector Salary	66,950.00	-66,950.00	0.00	100.00
01-145-5190-00000	Tax Title Custodian	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
01-145-5280-00000	Tax Title Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-145-5300-00000	Treasurers Prof Services & Payroll	10,300.00	-7,379.66	2,920.34	71.65
01-145-5320-00000	Treasurer Software	9,300.00	-11,491.00	-2,191.00	123.56
01-145-5340-00000	Treasurer Postage	2,350.00	-2,350.00	0.00	100.00
01-145-5385-00000	Treasurer Professional Development	1,250.00	-199.59	1,050.41	15.97
01-145-5420-00000	Treasurers Supplies	1,700.00	-1,122.90	577.10	66.05
01-145-5720-00000	Treasurers Business Travel	850.00	-371.76	478.24	43.74
01-145-5730-00000	Treasurers Licenses/Dues	60.00	-60.00	0.00	100.00
01-150-5110-00000	Administrative Assistant Wages	32,085.00	-32,246.80	-161.80	100.50
01-150-5120-00000	Boards & Committee Clerical	2,557.00	-2,763.66	-206.66	108.08
01-150-5190-00000	Constable	0.00	-241.50	-241.50	0.00
01-150-5210-00000	Town Office Electricity	4,500.00	-3,777.56	722.44	83.95
01-150-5215-00000	Heating	4,000.00	-3,262.41	737.59	81.56
01-150-5240-00000	Town Hall Repairs and Maintenance	5,000.00	-2,800.53	2,199.47	56.01
01-150-5241-00000	Town Hall Grounds	4,000.00	-2,745.00	1,255.00	68.63
01-150-5242-00000	Town Hall Security	500.00	-333.96	166.04	66.79
01-150-5243-00000	Town Hall Miscellaneous	1,000.00	-860.32	139.68	86.03
01-150-5244-00000	Town Hall Forms Supplies and Machinery	3,190.00	-3,051.50	138.50	95.66

Group as: 11-***-****-*****

Parameters: Fiscal Year: 2025

Start Date: 07/01/2024

end: 06/30/2025

Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Expenditure Ledger

Account Number	Name	Allocated	Net Activity	Ending	% Var.
01-150-5248-00000	Website Support	1,200.00	-1,340.00	-140.00	111.67
01-150-5249-00000	IT Support/Licensing	30,470.00	-36,725.00	-6,255.00	120.53
01-150-5250-00000	Copier Leases	4,800.00	-2,374.44	2,425.56	49.47
01-150-5340-00000	Office Postage	1,200.00	-976.73	223.27	81.39
01-150-5345-00000	Office Telephone	4,600.00	-3,040.41	1,559.59	66.10
01-150-5385-00000	Office Professional Development	500.00	-363.18	136.82	72.64
01-151-5300-00000	Town Counsel	10,000.00	-5,519.08	4,480.92	55.19
01-158-5300-00000	Tax Title Taking	15,000.00	-5,706.00	9,294.00	38.04
01-160-5110-00000	Town Clerk Salary	25,869.00	-25,869.00	0.00	100.00
01-160-5190-00000	Clerk Election/Registrar Workers	3,115.00	-4,209.54	-1,094.54	135.14
01-160-5580-00000	Clerk Other Expense	6,229.00	-2,197.82	4,031.18	35.28
01-171-5580-00000	Conservation Commission Expenses	500.00	-99.00	401.00	19.80
01-175-5580-00000	Planning Board Expenses	1,000.00	-76.58	923.42	7.66
01-192-5190-00000	Town Office Custodian	6,686.00	-6,930.12	-244.12	103.65
01-195-5300-00000	Town Reports	975.00	-962.25	12.75	98.69
01-210-5101-00000	Police Chief Salary	35,161.00	-36,679.86	-1,518.86	104.32
01-210-5110-00000	Police Salaries	79,268.00	-65,963.58	13,304.42	83.22
01-210-5245-00000	Police Vehicle Maintenance	4,000.00	-3,748.42	251.58	93.71
01-210-5385-00000	Police Training	6,000.00	-1,680.67	4,319.33	28.01
01-210-5420-00000	Police Office Expense	2,000.00	-702.26	1,297.74	35.11
01-210-5480-00000	Police Fuel	8,500.00	-4,798.82	3,701.18	56.46
01-210-5870-00000	Police Equipment	18,235.00	-18,821.45	-586.45	103.22
01-220-5110-00000	Fire Chief Salary	7,056.00	-7,056.00	0.00	100.00
01-220-5112-00000	Fire Administrative Assistant	2,558.00	-2,158.81	399.19	84.39
01-220-5120-00000	Firefighter Salaries	45,000.00	-47,531.10	-2,531.10	105.62
01-220-5190-00000	Fire Officer Stipends	3,036.00	-3,036.00	0.00	100.00
01-220-5210-00000	Fire Electricity	7,000.00	-7,935.42	-935.42	113.36
01-220-5215-00000	Fire Building Heat	7,000.00	-3,837.95	3,162.05	54.83
01-220-5240-00000	Fire Building Maintenance	6,000.00	-1,161.41	4,838.59	19.36
01-220-5245-00000	Fire Vehicle Maintenance	14,000.00	-10,071.03	3,928.97	71.94
01-220-5246-00000	Fire Equipment Maintenance	29,650.00	-30,322.82	-672.82	102.27
01-220-5300-00000	Fire Prof Services	5,000.00	-677.40	4,322.60	13.55
01-220-5320-00000	Fire Software Technology	4,600.00	-2,800.00	1,800.00	60.87
01-220-5345-00000	Fire Telephone/Internet	2,500.00	-3,479.97	-979.97	139.20
01-220-5380-00000	Fire Radio Maintenance	3,000.00	-2,784.74	215.26	92.82
01-220-5385-00000	Fire Training	10,228.00	-17,260.50	-7,032.50	168.76
01-220-5420-00000	Fire Supplies	2,171.00	-1,213.93	957.07	55.92

Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Expenditure Ledger

Account Number	Name	Allocated	Net Activity	Ending	% Var.
01-220-5480-00000	Fire Fuel	2,000.00	-1,385.89	614.11	69.29
01-220-5730-00000	Fire Licenses/Dues	750.00	-1,400.00	-650.00	186.67
01-220-5870-00000	Fire Equipment	0.00	-624.11	-624.11	0.00
01-241-5110-00000	Building Inspector Salary	10,038.00	-10,038.00	0.00	100.00
01-241-5320-00000	Building Inspector Software	3,445.00	-7.63	3,437.37	0.22
01-241-5420-00000	Building Inspector Supplies	200.00	-200.00	0.00	100.00
01-241-5730-00000	Building Inspector Dues/Certification	870.00	-870.00	0.00	100.00
01-291-5190-00000	Emergency Management Stipend	2,057.00	-2,057.00	0.00	100.00
01-291-5580-00000	Emergency Management Expenses	2,700.00	-2,575.00	125.00	95.37
01-291-5690-00000	FRCOG REPC Assessment	150.00	-150.00	0.00	100.00
01-292-5190-00000	Animal Control Assessment	5,021.00	-4,677.00	344.00	93.15
01-292-5243-00000	Inspector of Animals Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-292-5300-00000	Franklin Regional Dog Assessment	350.00	-350.00	0.00	100.00
01-300-5190-00000	School Committee Stipend	900.00	-600.00	300.00	66.67
01-305-5820-00000	Colrain Central School Capital Projects	8,628.00	-8,628.00	0.00	100.00
01-312-5696-00000	Mohawk Trail Regional Assessment	2,425,001.00	-2,425,001.00	0.00	100.00
01-312-5910-00000	Mohawk Trail Regional Capital	65,770.00	-65,770.00	0.00	100.00
01-315-5696-00000	Franklin County Technical Assessment	312,333.00	-310,042.00	2,291.00	99.27
01-315-5910-00000	Franklin County Technical Capital	4,916.00	-4,916.30	-0.30	100.01
01-422-5110-00000	Highway Salaries	210,052.00	-217,840.94	-7,788.94	103.71
01-422-5110-00010	Highway Superintendent Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-422-5110-00011	Highway Wages Laborer Equipment Operator Mechanic	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-422-5110-00012	Highway Wages Laborer Equip Operator Wages 2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-422-5120-00000	Highway Temporary Seasonal Wages	4,319.00	0.00	4,319.00	0.00
01-422-5130-00000	Highway Overtime	22,945.00	-21,004.61	1,940.39	91.54
01-422-5240-00000	Highway Building Maintenance	20,243.86	-17,200.52	3,043.34	84.97
01-422-5245-00000	Highway Machinery Maintenance	43,656.14	-43,303.51	352.63	99.19
01-422-5290-00000	Highway Bridge Expense	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
01-422-5300-00000	Highway DOT Physicals/Drug & Alcohol Screening	2,000.00	-506.43	1,493.57	25.32
01-422-5380-00000	Contract Services Snow Ice Removal	0.00	-130.64	-130.64	0.00
01-422-5480-00000	Highway Fuel	65,800.00	-38,012.15	27,787.85	57.77
01-422-5535-00000	Highway Road Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-422-5538-00000	Highway Roadway & Public Works Supplies	121,300.00	-112,875.54	8,424.46	93.05
01-422-5580-00000	Highway Uniforms	0.00	-18,266.05	-18,266.05	0.00
01-422-5730-00000	Highway Licenses/Dues	0.00	-406.79	-406.79	0.00
01-423-5245-00000	Winter Equip Maintenance	0.00	-3,900.00	-3,900.00	0.00
01-423-5300-00000	Contracted Services-Snow and Ice Removal	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00

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01-423-5530-00000	Winter Salt	47,150.00	-37,372.48	9,777.52	79.26
01-423-5531-00000	Winter Sand	47,150.00	-72,622.41	-25,472.41	154.02
01-424-5210-00000	Street Lights	7,400.00	-7,394.30	5.70	99.92
01-433-5110-00000	Transfer Station Salaries	23,161.00	-20,230.40	2,930.60	87.35
01-433-5420-00000	Transfer Station Expenses	71,974.00	-66,577.39	5,396.61	92.50
01-433-5580-00000	Solid Waste District Assessment	6,792.00	-6,792.16	-0.16	100.00
01-491-5290-00000	Cemetery Maintenance	1,200.00	-1,580.00	-380.00	131.67
01-511-5190-00000	Animal Inspector	1,545.00	-1,545.00	0.00	100.00
01-511-5580-00000	Animal Inspector Expenses	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
01-512-5190-00000	Board of Health Wages	1,500.00	-1,391.65	108.35	92.78
01-512-5580-00000	Board of Health Expense	7,000.00	-55.00	6,945.00	0.79
01-513-5243-00000	FRCOG Regional Health Assessment	12,408.00	-12,408.00	0.00	100.00
01-541-5300-00000	Council on Aging Professional Services	0.00	-10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.00
01-541-5490-00000	Council on Aging Food & Food Services	0.00	-10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.00
01-541-5580-00000	Council on Aging Expenses	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00
01-543-5300-00000	Verterans Services District Assessment	4,267.00	-4,266.79	0.21	100.00
01-610-5110-00000	Librarian Director Wages	41,758.00	-41,758.00	0.00	100.00
01-610-5120-00000	Library Substitute	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-610-5190-00000	Library Wages	19,857.00	-19,903.08	-46.08	100.23
01-610-5210-00000	Library Electricity	2,500.00	-2,648.27	-148.27	105.93
01-610-5215-00000	Library Building Heat	4,000.00	-3,394.25	605.75	84.86
01-610-5230-00000	Library Other Utilities	60.00	-18.00	42.00	30.00
01-610-5240-00000	Library Building Maintenance	5,750.00	-8,513.54	-2,763.54	148.06
01-610-5251-00000	Library Programming	3,000.00	-2,501.99	498.01	83.40
01-610-5320-00000	Library Technology/Online Services	5,245.00	-3,988.52	1,256.48	76.04
01-610-5385-00000	Library Professional Development	2,000.00	-2,074.68	-74.68	103.73
01-610-5420-00000	Library Supplies	1,500.00	-2,603.70	-1,103.70	173.58
01-610-5550-00000	Cleaning	2,600.00	-1,542.00	1,058.00	59.31
01-610-5580-00000	Library Books	18,925.00	-17,759.14	1,165.86	93.84
01-610-5720-00000	Library Business Travel	500.00	-247.12	252.88	49.42
01-691-5580-00000	Historical Commission Expenses	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
01-692-5380-00000	Memorial Day Celebration	1,000.00	-602.72	397.28	60.27
01-700-5926-00000	Interest on Short Term Debt	9,150.00	-2,250.00	6,900.00	24.59
01-830-5300-00000	FRCOG Procurement Services Assessment	2,850.00	-2,850.00	0.00	100.00
01-830-5690-00000	FRCOG Core Assessment	10,043.00	-10,043.00	0.00	100.00
01-911-5690-00000	Franklin Regional Retirement Assessment	133,657.00	-131,359.00	2,298.00	98.28
01-914-5170-00000	Employer Contr. Group Health Insurance	171,570.00	-125,394.97	46,175.03	73.09

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01-945-5740-00000	Property & Casualty Insurance	50,950.00	-48,121.00	2,829.00	94.45
01-945-5741-00000	VFIS	8,250.00	-7,843.00	407.00	95.07
01-946-5740-00000	Employee Surety & Bonds	950.00	-650.00	300.00	68.42
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 01 - General Fund	4,908,116.00	-4,743,489.63	164,626.37	96.65
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 02 - Special Articles & Appropriations				
02-115-5300-22530	Personnel Performance Evaluation Consultant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-123-5170-22526	FY25 ATM Article 26 Accrued Compensated Absences	13,000.00	0.00	13,000.00	0.00
02-145-5970-22533	Stabilization Transfers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-155-5870-22532	FY25 ATM Article 32 IT Upgrades to Firewall and Server	24,000.00	-18,573.54	5,426.46	77.39
02-160-5300-22303	FY23 Town Clerk Record Restoration ATM RA	490.00	0.00	490.00	0.00
02-160-5300-22524	FY25 Arctl 24 Clerk Town Records Restore and Preserve	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
02-160-5870-22529	FY25 ATM Arctl 29 Town Clerk Poll Place Scanner	5,500.00	-431.95	5,068.05	7.85
02-192-5820-22527	FY25 ATM Arctl 27 Town Hall Renovations	15,000.00	-8,853.31	6,146.69	59.02
02-210-5120-22302	FY23 Outside Detail Admin Fee	72.45	0.00	72.45	0.00
02-210-5120-22422	FY24 Police Outside Detail Admin	1,232.00	0.00	1,232.00	0.00
02-210-5120-22523	FY25 ATM Article 23 Police Detail Administration	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
02-210-5850-22528	FY25 ATM Arctl 28 Police Cruiser	80,000.00	-61,291.80	18,708.20	76.61
02-422-5870-22424	Highway Tractor/Mower	29,890.22	-1,157.72	28,732.50	3.87
02-422-5870-22525	FY25 Arctl 25 Highway Snow Removal Equipment and Trailer	57,000.00	-44,044.31	12,955.69	77.27
02-422-5960-22426	FY24 Transfer to Highway Stabilization	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-610-5300-22425	Griswold Library Feasibility Study	35,000.00	-105.00	34,895.00	0.30
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 02 - Special Articles & Appropriations	265,184.67	-134,457.63	130,727.04	50.70
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 22 - 53E1/2 Revolving				
22-176-5580-00267	Zoning 53E1/2	0.00	-515.78	-515.78	0.00
22-220-5190-00263	Fire Insp. 53E1/2 Stipends	0.00	-1,610.00	-1,610.00	0.00
22-243-5190-00260	Pumbing Insp. 53E1/2 Stipends	0.00	-2,520.00	-2,520.00	0.00
22-245-5190-00262	Electrical Insp. 53E1/2 Stipends	0.00	-4,045.00	-4,045.00	0.00
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 22 - 53E1/2 Revolving	0.00	-8,690.78	-8,690.78	n/a
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 23 - Other Revolving				
23-145-5300-00266	Tax Title 53E1/2	0.00	-9,340.40	-9,340.40	0.00
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 23 - Other Revolving	0.00	-9,340.40	-9,340.40	n/a
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 24 - Gifts				
24-123-5243-24001	Barnhardt Culvert Donations	0.00	-304,876.06	-304,876.06	0.00
24-220-5385-00253	Fire Donations Training	0.00	-31.95	-31.95	0.00
24-541-5300-00253	CoA Donations Professional Services	0.00	-200.00	-200.00	0.00
24-543-5243-54301	Veterans Memorial Park Expenses	0.00	-139.80	-139.80	0.00
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 24 - Gifts	0.00	-305,247.81	-305,247.81	n/a

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Group 1: Segment 1: Fund					
25-000-5240-00217	Code: 25 - Other Special Revenue Expenses associated with insurance claims.	0.00	-9,681.93	-9,681.93	0.00
25-123-5420-22318	Opioid Settlement Expenses	0.00	-146.00	-146.00	0.00
25-123-5535-22315	Jacksonville Road/Rte 112 Storm Damage	0.00	78,337.44	78,337.44	0.00
25-123-5580-12312	Ashfield CSO Expenses	0.00	-1,520.00	-1,520.00	0.00
25-171-5340-00210	Conservation 53G Public Hearing Advertising	0.00	-522.90	-522.90	0.00
25-175-5340-00210	Planning Board 53G Public Hearing Advertising	0.00	-437.11	-437.11	0.00
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 25 - Other Special Revenue	0.00	66,029.50	66,029.50	n/a
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund					
28-123-5243-12306	Code: 28 - State Grants Green Communities Grant	0.00	-17,528.40	-17,528.40	0.00
28-123-5580-28104	Community Compact Organic Diversion Expenses	0.00	-2,458.89	-2,458.89	0.00
28-123-5580-28105	Mass Works 2023 Greenfield Road Expenses	0.00	4,835.52	4,835.52	0.00
28-123-5580-28108	Heath Road Over Taylor Road Culvert	0.00	-196,920.64	-196,920.64	0.00
28-160-5190-00277	Clerk Extended Polling Hours Comm of MA	0.00	-2,378.05	-2,378.05	0.00
28-220-5420-22316	FY23 Firefighter Equipment Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
28-220-5580-22212	FY22 Fire Fighter Grant Expenses	0.00	-7,224.48	-7,224.48	0.00
28-220-5580-28111	FY25 SAFE Grant	0.00	-1,990.50	-1,990.50	0.00
28-291-5420-22119	EMPG Grant	0.00	-2,700.00	-2,700.00	0.00
28-422-5580-28113	Fair Share Highway Grant	0.00	-37,235.56	-37,235.56	0.00
28-433-5870-00213	MA Recycling Dividends Program Capital	0.00	-6,403.93	-6,403.93	0.00
28-541-5490-00412	COA Formula Grant Expenses	0.00	-3,526.51	-3,526.51	0.00
28-610-5300-00224	State Aid to Libraries LIG/MEG	0.00	-7,825.00	-7,825.00	0.00
28-610-5580-22314	LSTA Library Grant Expenses	0.00	-676.38	-676.38	0.00
28-610-5580-28109	National Medal Library Service Award	0.00	-10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.00
28-610-5580-28110	ALA Building Capacity Grant 10000.00 Award	0.00	-9,603.53	-9,603.53	0.00
28-699-5300-00233	Colrain Local Cultural Council Programs	0.00	-3,750.00	-3,750.00	0.00
28-931-5535-28106	Jacksonville Road Slope Failure. \$1M Grant Award	0.00	-859,146.49	-859,146.49	0.00
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 28 - State Grants	0.00	-1,164,532.84	-1,164,532.84	n/a
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund					
30-422-5580-30002	Code: 30 - Chapter 90 WRAP Expenses	0.00	-55,285.40	-55,285.40	0.00
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 30 - Chapter 90	0.00	-55,285.40	-55,285.40	n/a
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund					
35-123-5960-00000	Code: 35 - Capital Interfund transfer out	0.00	-30,310.94	-30,310.94	0.00
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 35 - Capital	0.00	-30,310.94	-30,310.94	n/a
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund					
50-650-5101-00000	Code: 50 - Broadband Network Enterprise MLB Manager	6,000.00	-6,000.00	0.00	100.00
50-650-5210-00000	Electric	10,800.00	-4,124.78	6,675.22	38.19

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Account Number	Name	Allocated	Net Activity	Ending	% Var.
50-650-5216-00000	Middle Mile Access Fee	27,648.00	-23,190.82	4,457.18	83.88
50-650-5217-00000	ISP Charge - 1 Gbps Internet	202,800.00	-193,867.53	8,932.47	95.60
50-650-5218-00000	ISP Charges Phone	79,866.00	-74,172.22	5,693.78	92.87
50-650-5219-00000	Static IPs	826.00	-17,812.80	-16,986.80	2,156.51
50-650-5220-00000	Stripe Fees	21,614.00	-19,074.89	2,539.11	88.25
50-650-5221-00000	Annual Pole Attachment Licensing Fee	16,244.00	-7,901.86	8,342.14	48.64
50-650-5222-00000	Retainer for Third Party R&M	7,675.00	-7,035.38	639.62	91.67
50-650-5223-00000	Pole Bonding Fee	9,000.00	-9,000.00	0.00	100.00
50-650-5225-00000	Drop Costs	18,000.00	-12,700.00	5,300.00	70.56
50-650-5230-00000	Utility Charges/Services Purchased	3,000.00	-2,955.56	44.44	98.52
50-650-5240-00000	Repairs and Maintenance	176,200.00	-44,330.88	131,869.12	25.16
50-650-5243-00000	Miscellaneous	25,934.00	-12,081.83	13,852.17	46.59
50-650-5740-00000	Insurance	5,000.00	-3,000.00	2,000.00	60.00
50-650-5910-00000	Principal on Debt	105,000.00	-105,000.00	0.00	100.00
50-650-5915-00000	Interest Expense	68,125.00	-68,125.00	0.00	100.00
50-650-5970-00000	Indirect costs Transfer to General Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 50 - Broadband Network Enterprise	783,732.00	-610,373.55	173,358.45	77.88
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 80 - Trust				
80-000-5960-00250	General Stabilization Transfers Out	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
80-123-5580-00509	Colrain Beautification Expenses	0.00	-355.00	-355.00	0.00
80-155-5960-00250	Technology Stab Interfund Transfers Out	0.00	-24,000.00	-24,000.00	0.00
80-210-5960-00250	Police Vehicle Stab Interfund Transfers Out	0.00	-54,251.00	-54,251.00	0.00
80-312-5960-00501	Qunitas Allen Ed Fund Interfund Transfers Out	0.00	-2,291.00	-2,291.00	0.00
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 80 - Trust	0.00	-80,897.00	-80,897.00	n/a
	224 Account(s) totaling:	5,957,032.67	-7,076,596.48	-1,119,563.81	118.79

Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Revenue Ledger

Account Number	Segment 1: Fund	Name	Code: 01 - General Fund	Allocated	Net Activity	Ending	% Var.
01-000-4810-00000		Miscellaneous Revenue		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-000-4840-00000		Misc Non Recurring Rev		0.00	3,727.39	3,727.39	0.00
01-122-4410-00000		Selectmen Liquor Licenses		-2,000.00	1,850.00	-150.00	92.50
01-122-4420-00000		Selectmen Other Licenses		0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00
01-141-4320-00000		Assessors Departmental Fees		-1,000.00	56.00	-944.00	5.60
01-145-4100-00000		Rollback/Supplemental Taxes		0.00	5,548.57	5,548.57	0.00
01-145-4110-22200		Personal Property Tax Revenue 2022		0.00	107.72	107.72	0.00
01-145-4110-22300		FY23 PP Revenue		0.00	103.25	103.25	0.00
01-145-4110-22400		FY24 Personal Property Revenue		0.00	51.04	51.04	0.00
01-145-4110-22500		FY25 Personal Property Revenue		-471,890.44	471,605.86	-284.58	99.94
01-145-4120-22300		FY23 RE Revenue		0.00	16,383.92	16,383.92	0.00
01-145-4120-22400		FY24 Real Estate Revenue		0.00	53,139.50	53,139.50	0.00
01-145-4120-22500		FY25 Real Estate Revenue		-3,700,493.52	3,561,623.37	-138,870.15	96.25
01-145-4120-22600		FY26 Real Estate Revenue		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-145-4126-00000		Rollback Taxes		0.00	6.00	6.00	0.00
01-145-4142-00000		Tax Liens Redeemed		0.00	12,492.18	12,492.18	0.00
01-145-4150-00000		Motor Vehicle Excise Prior Years		0.00	273.44	273.44	0.00
01-145-4150-21900		Motor Vehicle Excise 2019		0.00	43.75	43.75	0.00
01-145-4150-22000		FY20 Motor Vehicle Excise		0.00	128.58	128.58	0.00
01-145-4150-22100		Motor Vehicle Excise 2021		0.00	18.69	18.69	0.00
01-145-4150-22200		Motor Vehicle Excise 2022		0.00	693.35	693.35	0.00
01-145-4150-22300		FY23 MV Revenue		0.00	4,305.30	4,305.30	0.00
01-145-4150-22400		FY24 Motor Vehicle Revenue		0.00	36,755.32	36,755.32	0.00
01-145-4150-22500		FY25 MV Revenue		-190,000.00	176,187.73	-13,812.27	92.73
01-145-4170-00000		Penalties & Int on Taxes		-25,000.00	17,399.33	-7,600.67	69.60
01-145-4171-00000		Penalties & Int on Excise		0.00	2,250.54	2,250.54	0.00
01-145-4172-00000		Penalties & Int on Tax Liens		0.00	3,588.15	3,588.15	0.00
01-145-4320-00000		Collector Departmental Fees		-15,000.00	16,051.55	1,051.55	107.01
01-145-4370-00000		Collector MARK Registry Fines		0.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.00
01-145-4610-00000		CS State Owned Land		-68,974.00	68,971.00	-3.00	100.00
01-145-4661-00000		CS Unrestricted Govt Aid		-355,370.00	355,370.00	0.00	100.00
01-145-4663-00000		CS Exempt VBS and Elderly		-8,675.00	12,673.00	3,998.00	146.09
01-145-4670-00000		CS Assess MV Nonrenewal		1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00	100.00
01-145-4671-00000		CS Assess Air Pollution District		480.00	-480.00	0.00	100.00
01-145-4672-00000		CS Assess Regional Transportation		1,050.00	-1,050.00	0.00	100.00
01-145-4680-00000		Oth. State Revenues		0.00	811.00	811.00	0.00

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Start Date: 7/1/2024

end: 6/30/2025

Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Revenue Ledger

Account Number	Name	Allocated	Net Activity	Ending	% Var.
01-145-4685-00000	Local Occupancy Tax Revenue	-12,500.00	12,196.67	-303.33	97.57
01-145-4770-00000	RMV Fines	-6,000.00	3,002.50	-2,997.50	50.04
01-145-4820-00000	Earnings on Investments	-10,000.00	45,077.91	35,077.91	450.78
01-160-4320-00000	Clerk Fees	-1,000.00	1,708.78	708.78	170.88
01-210-4320-00000	Police Departmental Fees	-7,000.00	14,394.36	7,394.36	205.63
01-220-4320-00000	Fire & Ambulance Fees	0.00	320.00	320.00	0.00
01-241-4450-00000	Building Permits	-5,000.00	9,967.00	4,967.00	199.34
01-422-4320-00000	Highway Curb Cut Fees	-1,000.00	75.00	-925.00	7.50
01-433-4320-00000	Transfer Station Disposal Fees	0.00	16,763.23	16,763.23	0.00
01-433-4325-00000	Transfer Station FCSWMD Recycling	0.00	796.00	796.00	0.00
01-433-4370-00000	Transfer Station Bag Fees	-50,000.00	43,282.00	-6,718.00	86.56
01-433-4680-00000	Transfer Station FCSWMD Recycling	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-433-4810-00000	Transfer Station Scrap Metal revenue	0.00	2,739.92	2,739.92	0.00
01-990-4960-00000	Other Financing Sources	-80,542.00	110,852.94	30,310.94	137.63
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 01 - General Fund	-5,008,914.96	5,082,311.84	73,396.88	101.47
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 22 - 53E1/2 Revolving				
22-176-4370-00267	Zoning 53E1/2	0.00	507.24	507.24	0.00
22-220-4320-00263	Fire Inspection Fees 53E1/2 Revolving	0.00	1,820.00	1,820.00	0.00
22-243-4450-00260	Plumbing Permit Fees 53E1/2 Revolving	0.00	2,630.00	2,630.00	0.00
22-245-4450-00262	Electrical Permits 53E1/2 Revolving	0.00	4,195.00	4,195.00	0.00
22-292-4420-00264	Dog License Fees 53E1/2 Revolving	0.00	-493.18	-493.18	0.00
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 22 - 53E1/2 Revolving	0.00	8,659.06	8,659.06	n/a
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 23 - Other Revolving				
23-145-4172-00266	Tax Title Revolving 53E1/2	0.00	8,768.37	8,768.37	0.00
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 23 - Other Revolving	0.00	8,768.37	8,768.37	n/a
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 24 - Gifts				
24-123-4830-24001	Barnhardt Culvert Donations	0.00	4,782.33	4,782.33	0.00
24-145-4830-14501	Taxpayer in Need of Relief Fund	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
24-210-4830-00253	Police Donations	0.00	760.25	760.25	0.00
24-220-4830-00253	Fire Gifts and Donations	0.00	75.00	75.00	0.00
24-541-4830-00251	COA Meal Donations	0.00	677.00	677.00	0.00
24-541-4830-00252	COA - Foot Clinic Donations	0.00	2,887.26	2,887.26	0.00
24-543-4830-54301	Veterans Memorial Park Donations	0.00	366.71	366.71	0.00
24-610-4830-00207	Friends of the Library Donations	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 24 - Gifts	0.00	22,548.55	22,548.55	n/a
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 25 - Other Special Revenue				
25-000-4820-00271	SSRP Earnings on Investments	0.00	540.57	540.57	0.00

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Account Number	Name	Allocated	Net Activity	Ending	% Var.
25-000-4840-00217	Insurance Proceeds Under \$20k	0.00	13,960.00	13,960.00	0.00
25-123-4370-12312	Ashfield CSO Revenue	0.00	240.00	240.00	0.00
25-123-4680-12312	Ashfield CSO Revenue	0.00	2,257.59	2,257.59	0.00
25-123-4680-22318	Optoid Settlement Revenue	0.00	902.41	902.41	0.00
25-171-4320-00210	Conservation 53G Advertising Fees	0.00	1,025.59	1,025.59	0.00
25-175-4320-00210	Planning Board 53G Advertising Fees	0.00	850.00	850.00	0.00
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 25 - Other Special Revenue	0.00	19,776.16	19,776.16	n/a
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 28 - State Grants				
28-123-4680-22313	Mattress Trailer Grant DEP Revenue	0.00	2,050.00	2,050.00	0.00
28-123-4680-22322	Mass in Motion Age Friendly Planning Grant Rev	0.00	3,589.29	3,589.29	0.00
28-123-4680-28114	MVP Climate Resilience Seed Project \$75000.00	0.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	0.00
28-160-4680-00277	Clerk Extended Polling Hours	0.00	490.56	490.56	0.00
28-160-4680-28112	Center for Tech and Civic Life \$5000.00 08.28.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
28-220-4680-28111	FY25 SAFE Grant	0.00	1,892.14	1,892.14	0.00
28-422-4680-28113	Fair Share Highway Grant	0.00	208,388.00	208,388.00	0.00
28-433-4680-00213	MA Recycling Dividends Program	0.00	5,600.00	5,600.00	0.00
28-541-4680-00412	Council on Aging Formula Grant	0.00	8,040.00	8,040.00	0.00
28-610-4680-00224	State Aid to Public Libraries (LIG/MEG)	0.00	6,710.69	6,710.69	0.00
28-610-4680-22427	CFCE Grant Revenue	0.00	700.00	700.00	0.00
28-610-4680-28109	National Medal Library Service Award	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
28-610-4680-28110	ALA Building Capacity Grant 10000.00 Award	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
28-699-4680-00233	Colrain Cultural Council	0.00	5,745.53	5,745.53	0.00
28-699-4820-00233	Cultural Council Earnings on Investments	0.00	233.11	233.11	0.00
28-931-4680-28106	Jacksonville Road Slope Failure. \$1M Grant Award	0.00	852,100.93	852,100.93	0.00
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 28 - State Grants	0.00	1,190,540.25	1,190,540.25	n/a
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 30 - Chapter 90				
30-422-4680-19903	Chapter 90 Revenue	0.00	103,786.12	103,786.12	0.00
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 30 - Chapter 90	0.00	103,786.12	103,786.12	n/a
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 50 - Broadband Network Enterprise				
50-650-4320-00000	Broadband Revenue	-783,732.00	938,890.59	155,158.59	119.80
50-650-4344-00000	Life Line Credit	0.00	786.25	786.25	0.00
50-650-4345-00000	EBBP Credit	0.00	157.25	157.25	0.00
50-650-4370-00000	Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	5,559.61	5,559.61	0.00
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 50 - Broadband Network Enterprise	-783,732.00	945,393.70	161,661.70	120.63
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 80 - Trust				
80-000-4820-00250	General Stabilization Earnings on Investments	0.00	25,811.50	25,811.50	0.00
80-000-4820-00255	OPEB Trust Earnings on Investments	0.00	37,371.13	37,371.13	0.00

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Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Revenue Ledger

Account Number	Name	Allocated	Net Activity	Ending	% Var.
80-000-4820-00507	Davenport Relief Earnings on Investments	0.00	357.30	357.30	0.00
80-135-4820-00250	Audit Stabilization Earnings on Investments	0.00	34.76	34.76	0.00
80-141-4820-00250	Assessors Stabilization Earnings on Investments	0.00	1,029.48	1,029.48	0.00
80-155-4820-00250	Technology Stabilization Earnings on Investments	0.00	1,787.32	1,787.32	0.00
80-210-4820-00250	Police Vehicle Stabilization Earnings on Investments	0.00	3,398.10	3,398.10	0.00
80-220-4820-00250	Fire Vehicle Stabilization Earnings on Investments	0.00	12,068.51	12,068.51	0.00
80-312-4820-00501	Quintas Allen Education Earnings on Investments	0.00	2,291.00	2,291.00	0.00
80-422-4820-00250	Highway Vehicle Stabilization Earnings on Investments	0.00	24,044.06	24,044.06	0.00
80-433-4820-00250	Transfer Station Stabilization Earnings on Investments	0.00	2,586.86	2,586.86	0.00
80-491-4820-00502	Meeting House Cem. Earnings on Investments	0.00	11.59	11.59	0.00
80-491-4820-00503	E. Colrain Cem. Earnings on Investments	0.00	69.45	69.45	0.00
80-491-4820-00504	Miller Dennison Cem. Earnings on Investments	0.00	13.42	13.42	0.00
80-491-4820-00505	A. Browning Lot Cem. Earnings on Investments	0.00	13.30	13.30	0.00
80-491-4820-00506	Grace A. Tenney Cem. Earnings on Investments	0.00	7.48	7.48	0.00
80-491-4820-00508	Martha Babbitt Cem. Earnings on Investments	0.00	0.16	0.16	0.00
80-610-4820-00250	Griswold Library Capital Stabilization Interest	0.00	9,985.02	9,985.02	0.00
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund		0.00	120,880.44	120,880.44	n/a
Code: 80 - Trust					
110 Account(s) totaling:		-5,792,646.96	7,502,664.49	1,710,017.53	129.52

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
as of June 30, 2025
(Unaudited)

	Governmental Fund Types		Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise			
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	919,787.10	841,313.59	(9,399.64)	984,663.12	1,929,660.41		4,666,024.58
Receivables:							
Personal property taxes	293.95						293.95
Real estate taxes	178,377.44						178,377.44
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(76,249.23)						(76,249.23)
Tax liens	72,173.40						72,173.40
Deferred taxes	16,300.32						16,300.32
Motor vehicle excise	41,924.04						41,924.04
User fees				59,639.70			59,639.70
Foreclosures/Possessions	117,334.92						117,334.92
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds						1,410,000.00	1,410,000.00
Total Assets	1,269,941.94	841,313.59	(9,399.64)	1,044,302.82	1,929,660.41	1,410,000.00	6,485,819.12
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY							
Liabilities:							
Withholdings	(875.38)						(875.38)
Deferred revenue:							
Real and personal property taxes	102,422.16						102,422.16
Tax liens	72,173.40						72,173.40
Deferred taxes	16,300.32						16,300.32
Foreclosures/Possessions	117,334.92						117,334.92
Motor vehicle excise	41,924.04						41,924.04
Other excises							0.00
User fees				59,639.70			59,639.70
Prepaid taxes/fees	2,850.72						2,850.72
Tailings	191.26						191.26
Agency Funds					8,072.08		8,072.08
Notes payable							0.00
Bonds payable						1,410,000.00	1,410,000.00
Vacation and sick leave liability							0.00
Total Liabilities	352,321.44	0.00	0.00	59,639.70	8,072.08	1,410,000.00	1,830,033.22
Fund Equity:							
Reserved for expenditures	410,000.00						410,000.00
Reserved for continuing appropriations	115,727.04						115,727.04
Undesignated fund balance	391,893.46	841,313.59	(9,399.64)	984,663.12	1,921,588.33		3,145,395.74
Unreserved retained earnings							984,663.12
Investment in capital assets							0.00
Total Fund Equity	917,620.50	841,313.59	(9,399.64)	984,663.12	1,921,588.33	0.00	4,655,785.90
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	1,269,941.94	841,313.59	(9,399.64)	1,044,302.82	1,929,660.41	1,410,000.00	6,485,819.12

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, Nick Anzuoni won re-election to the Board of Assessors. This is Nick’s seventh 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 2025, the office granted one abatement in the amount of \$67,800 of value which translates into \$1,238.03 of tax dollars. No appeals were filed at the Massachusetts Appellate Tax Board (ATB) for Fiscal Year 2024.

Many 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 late November, we set our Fiscal Year 2026 tax rate at \$17.82/per \$1,000.00 of valuation. This brings the overall decrease in the taxation rate from 2021-25 to \$3.34 due to strong property assessments.

The Colrain Fire District tax rate for Fiscal Year 2026 was \$2.78/per \$1,000.00 of valuation.

The Town of Colrain’s 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	\$214,985,800	85.6504
• Commercial	\$ 5,947,387	2.3694
• Industrial	\$ 4,252,200	1.6941
• Personal Property	\$ 25,818,590	10.2861
Total amount of 2026 Property Tax Levy	\$251,003,977	100.00%

Our maps and property record cards are available online on the town’s website www.colrain-ma.gov under the tab “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 to 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

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.

On February 2, 2025, Governor Healey's new ADU law, which allows accessory dwelling units or ADU's less than 900 square feet to be built by-right in single-family zoning districts, went into effect. If you are considering building an ADU please contact my office and the office of the FRCOG health agent to review the requirements.

In 2025, we had one building permit for a new home. A majority of the other permits were for roofing, insulation and photovoltaic panels.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Kimberley
Colrain Building Inspector

Griswold Memorial Library



The Griswold Memorial Library had an eventful 2025 where we continued to fulfill our mission as a community center where open access to current tools, resources, and services support the love of reading and the informational, educational, recreational, and communication needs of the public.

Administration

GML saw the end of Chelsea Jordan-Makely's exceptional six-year tenure as director in June as she moved on to a new chapter of her career. The Hiring Committee engaged in a three-month search for a new Library Director, and Dominique Beausoleil and Val Finkel served as Co-Interim Directors during this time. The search ended in Val Finkel's promotion to the Library Director position in September.

The library made major progress in preserving the local historical records that have been one of the most important parts of our collection. Some have been transferred to the Colrain Historical Society's collection, some are now in the town's fireproof vault, and the Boston Public Library has completed digitization of the genealogy collection through their Digital Commonwealth program.

We also progressed in a feasibility study to regrade our land, add an accessible walkway and bandstand, and rebuild the accessible ramp to end the persistent incursion of groundwater to the basement. We have added plans to include a new automatic power arm assist to the rear door.

Our Strategic Planning Committee worked on updating our Strategic Plan for 2026-2030. Chelsea and Library Trustee Co-Chair Dago Lydgate-Driggs assembled a detailed report on the results of the community survey conducted in 2024. Among this report's highlights are the strong and abiding value Colrainers place on the library as a resource for information and entertainment, value for the library as an important part of the town's history and identity, as a place that offers opportunities for connection through sharing of the library space and resources, and as a place that fosters a community that is welcoming, informed, and kind - and also that works to balance tensions around different interpretations of these values. We redrafted the Strategic Plan based on the survey results, then held a large Community Forum to discuss the new draft of the plan. We continue to gather community feedback as we move toward final revisions and approval.

The library began operating in its capacity as an emergency resource center for the town. We opened for three Cooling Center Days on summer days when the heat index rose above 90 degrees. Library staff also began trainings in emergency preparedness and are working on a new Staff Emergency Procedures Manual and policies in coordination with Colrain Police Chief Chris Lannon and Emergency Management Director Nina Martin-Anzuoni.

In addition to the change in director, GML saw other staff and members of our support teams come and go this year as we hired two new Library Substitutes: Mara Silver and Roxanne Trombly. Roxanne also hosts the "Read to Lamby" program, which we intend to reincorporate in our regular programming. We said a grateful and fond goodbye to Betsy Browning as she ended her service as a Library Trustee, and we welcomed our newest Trustee, Hadley Looman. And we extend special gratitude to Jade Mortimer for her very dedicated volunteer work shoveling snow this winter.

GML was able to add two popular new pieces of furniture to the Kids' Room: a train table donated by the Shuipis family that's been very well loved by our community's children, and a fun loveseat for comfortable family reading.

Programs and Services

We held several widely attended and successful annual events: William Apress Day on May 24th, Fix-It Day on September 20th, and our Winter Party on December 20th. We also brought our annual StoryWalk to Pine Hill Orchards at our Summer Reading Club kickoff event, and at the end of summer we held a celebration with prizes for children and adult readers.

GML hosted several informative and creative workshops, including Literacy Workshops facilitated by the Eric Carle Museum, Mending at the Library hosted by Swanson's Fabrics' Stash House, Hand-Sewn Gift-Making, and an especially popular Sourdough Class.

Library Movie Nights continued bringing popular and seasonal family movies to Colrainers. We are looking forward to offering more of these in 2026 in partnership with the Colrain Central School PTO, now with the support of a generous grant from the Colrain Cultural Council.

We've added several new weekly program offerings to engage with different groups in the community and to bring regular visitors to the library. We've begun offering tech help in a new format called "Cyber-Seniors" - though it really serves all ages - in partnership with the Greenfield Community College every Saturday. This very popular program runs for two hours by appointment, and is led by our own longtime Library Assistant Sasha Rojas. This program also allows us to offer occasional Tech Workshops led by GCC's experts. Another new weekly program is our Knit With Friends group hosted by Colrain resident Jan Jones, where community members meet on Wednesday nights to share company and fiber arts. And we are especially happy to have been able to bring back weekly Story Time thanks to grant funding from CFCE of the Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School District, co-hosted by Angela Celli and our own Ms. Betty Johnson!

We have a new permanent rotating display of Adults and Kids Patron's Picks for Colrainers to engage with their library and have an opportunity to share their favorite media with their town neighbors.

Our community continues to enjoy our ever expanding Library of Things, with our Busy Bags for kids as the most popular checkouts, followed by the microscope. We added two new well-loved museum passes for Mike's Maze and for Magic Wings, as well as a lendable iPad gifted by the Alliance for Digital Equity, and our Roku sticks newly recharged with streaming services.

Current and Upcoming Initiatives

The library has been able to continue offering services to the Franklin County Jail throughout 2025 and into 2026 thanks to Chelsea's tireless volunteer work even after she left the director position. We hope to begin taking over these operations in-house again in April.

We've recently added a Seed Library! In addition to providing an opportunity to strengthen community ties, literacy, and support a locally loved form of recreation, this offering dovetails with the recent efforts of Colrain Food for All by providing the community with free resources to grow their own food. The Seed Library also complements our upcoming Summer Reading Club theme of "Plant a Seed, Read!," when we plan to offer soil blocking and seed bomb-making workshops.

In April we will host this year's Candidates Night, and in May we will host local children's picture book author Hannah Moushabeck in partnership with Colrain Central School Library and the Mass Kids Lit Fest. Looking ahead, we will plan Fix-It Day for the late summer or early fall with support from the Franklin County Regional Waste District, to be held again at Colrain Central School.

Statistics

- GML served a little over 4,500 visitors in 2025 during our regular 32 open hours per week.
- We oversaw nearly 24,000 total circulations (loans) of materials, including digital books and audiobooks.
- There are a total of 10,421 items in the library's collection. Just over 1,000 of those were newly added in 2025, and a similar number of old and outdated materials were weeded from the collection.
- We processed an average of 102 holds on items per week for patrons sent by other libraries through interlibrary loan.
- Ms. Betty's Take and Make Craft videos were viewed on our YouTube channel nearly 300 times, and even more than that on our Facebook page!
- Our Return On Investment for FY2025 was 421%. This means that the value of GML's services is 4.21 times what Colrain invests in GML. Or, to put it another way: for every \$1 tax dollar that Colrain invests in GML, the community gets \$4.21 back in services that do not cost the town any additional money.

Respectfully submitted,

Val Finkel, Director

Select Board

The past year was a productive one for the Select Board, with significant effort devoted to strengthening town operations, supporting our departments, pursuing grant opportunities, and continuing important conversations about the long-term sustainability of services in Colrain.

The Select Board members remained unchanged this year, with the re-election of Ben Eastman to his second term serving on the Select Board.

One of the Select Board's goals this year was to increase opportunities for residents to connect directly with Board members. In 2025 the Board began holding monthly "Select Board Office Hours." Each month, a Board member schedules time to be available for informal conversations with residents. These sessions have provided a welcoming opportunity for community members to ask questions, share concerns, and discuss town issues in a casual setting. Residents are encouraged to check the Town website for upcoming dates, meeting schedules, and other important information. The website continues to serve as the Town's official posting location for public meetings and a valuable resource for staying informed.

Highway Department Improvements

A major focus this year was strengthening the Highway Department, which had been operating with limited staffing for some time. The Select Board worked closely with the Town Administrator to stabilize and support the department and ultimately succeeded in promoting our long-time department fleet mechanic, Nate Gilbert, to the Highway Superintendent position. Nate's knowledge of the Town's equipment and infrastructure, along with his years of experience serving Colrain, made him an excellent candidate. We also promoted Lee Wheeler, who has served in the department for over 30 years, to the newly created position of Foreman. The Board appreciates the hard work of staff and the Highway Department team during this transition and is grateful that the department is now better positioned to meet the Town's needs.

Fee Schedule Updates

During the past year the Town also undertook a review of several municipal fee schedules. Fees associated with the Building Department, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Fire Department inspections were updated.

Many of these fees had not been adjusted for many years and no longer reflected the actual cost of providing services. Updating fee schedules is an important step in ensuring that the cost of permits, inspections, and reviews more accurately reflects the staff time and administrative work required to provide them. By aligning fees with the true cost of services, the Town can reduce the burden on the general tax levy and help keep property taxes as stable as possible while still providing necessary services.

Infrastructure and Public Works

The Town completed several important infrastructure projects this year. Most notably, the Heath Road Culvert Replacement Project was completed. This project improves drainage, roadway stability, and resilience during heavy storm events.

The Town also completed the resurfacing of Adamsville Road, improving safety and driving conditions for residents who rely on this roadway daily.

Regional Collaboration and Long-Term Planning

The Select Board continued to participate in regional conversations about shared and regional services. Discussions with neighboring communities explored potential opportunities for collaboration in areas such as police and fire services, recognizing that rural communities increasingly benefit from working together to maintain service levels in a cost-effective way.

The Town also applied for DLTA funding from the Franklin Regional Council of Governments to conduct a Regional Ambulance Service Study to better understand options for long-term emergency medical service delivery in the region.

Education continues to be an important regional issue as well. Conversations regarding Mohawk Trail Regional School District (MTRSD) consolidation remain ongoing, and the district's Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) application has moved forward, representing an important step in evaluating future school facility needs.

Grant Awards and Applications

Grant funding continues to be an essential tool for small rural communities like Colrain. This year the Town successfully secured several grants and submitted additional applications to support community priorities.

Colrain partnered with Charlemont to receive a FY25 MVP 2.0 grant totaling \$175,000, which will help both communities continue climate resilience planning and identify strategies to address environmental challenges for our towns' most vulnerable populations.

The Town was also awarded a \$9,975 Municipal ADA Improvement Grant to update Colrain's ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan. This work helps ensure that Town facilities and programs remain accessible to all residents.

In addition, the Town submitted a regional Cyber Seniors / MBI Digital Equity grant application aimed at expanding digital literacy opportunities and improving access to technology resources for residents and received an allotment to fund the Cyber Senior Program at Griswold Memorial Library.

Support for Community Initiatives

The Select Board continued to support the efforts of the Colrain Sewer District as it works toward a sustainable long-term solution for wastewater infrastructure. The district secured important funding, including a Rural Development Fund grant and a federal earmark through USDA. These investments represent significant progress toward addressing a complex infrastructure challenge that affects residents and businesses in the village area.

Another important initiative moving forward is the Natural Resources Damage (NRD) grant to further design for the Lower Reservoir Dam removal project and start design work for the Colrain Riverbank Stabilization project behind the town's Salt Shed. This project will improve public safety by addressing aging dam infrastructure and will determine the best way to stabilize the riverbank erosion occurring behind the Town's property on Main Road. Projects like these highlight the importance of collaboration between the Town and its districts to support the well-being of all Colrain residents.

Community Projects and Volunteer Efforts

Colrain's strength has always been its community spirit, and this year was no exception.

Volunteers came together to generously provide and install new lights on the tree in the village center, creating a welcoming focal point for the community. The Select Board extends its sincere thanks to everyone who contributed their time and effort to this project.

Another meaningful initiative this year was the launch of the Colrain Wood Bank, which became operational and has already made a difference for residents in need. Approximately 15–20 households have received assistance, with roughly six cords of firewood distributed during the first season.

Looking Ahead

The Select Board recognizes that the success of our community depends on the willingness of residents to participate in civic life. We encourage community members to consider serving on boards and committees, volunteering for local projects, and engaging in conversations about the future of Colrain. Community participation is vital to maintaining the services, traditions, and sense of place that make our town special.

Finally, the Select Board would like to extend sincere appreciation to our talented and tireless staff who extend themselves regularly to serve this community and for the many individuals who dedicate their time and expertise to Colrain's boards, committees, and volunteer organizations. Your service plays a critical role in keeping our community functioning and thriving.

Respectfully submitted,

Colrain Select Board
Emily Thurber, Chair
Catherine "Katie" Korby
Benjamin Eastman

Tax Collector

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

REAL ESTATE

2025	Real Estate	\$ 3,700,420.76
	Payments to Treasurer	\$ (3,594,663.96)
	Abatements/Exemptions	\$ (16,938.59)
	Adjusted Payments	\$ 6,364.72
	Refunds	\$ 18,823.24
	Transfer to Tax Title	<u>\$ (17,264.84)</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2025	<u>\$ 96,741.33</u>
2024	Real Estate forwarded from June 30, 2024	\$ 127,407.89
	Payments to Treasurer	\$ (50,888.54)
	Abatements/Exemptions	\$ (5.02)
	Adjusted Payments	\$ 1,818.36
	Refunds	\$ 3,951.56
	Transfer to Tax Title	<u>\$ (377.72)</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2025	<u>\$ 81,906.53</u>
2023	Real Estate forwarded from June 30, 2024	\$ 16,511.02
	Payments to Treasurer	\$ (16,383.92)
	Abatements/Exemptions	\$ 0.00
	Adjusted Payments	\$ 0.00
	Refunds	\$ 0.00
	Transfer to Tax Title	<u>\$ (325.86)</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2025	<u>\$ (198.76)</u>

PERSONAL PROPERTY

2025	Personal Property	\$ 471,890.43
	Payments to Treasurer	\$ (471,605.86)
	Abatements	\$ (0.00)
	Refunds	\$ 0.00
	Balance as of June 30, 2025	<u>\$ 284.57</u>
2024	Personal Property forward from June 30, 2024	\$ 51.04
	Payments to Treasurer	<u>\$ (51.04)</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2025	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
2023	Personal Property forward from June 30, 2024	\$ 103.25
	Payments to Treasurer	<u>\$ (103.25)</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2025	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
2022	Personal Property forward from June 30, 2024	\$ 107.72
	Payments to Treasurer	<u>\$ (107.72)</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2025	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

2019	Personal Property forward from June 30, 2024	\$	9.38
	Refunds	\$	0.00
	Adjustments	\$	0.00
	Balance as of June 30, 2025	\$	<u>9.38</u>

MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE

2025	Motor Vehicle	\$	214,686.60
	Payments to Treasurer	\$(177,482.25)	
	Refunds	\$	1,230.98
	Abatements	\$	(2,622.67)
	Adjustments	\$	<u>63.54</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2025	\$	<u>35,876.20</u>

2024	Balance as of June 30, 2024	\$	22,305.92
	Additions	\$	21,739.93
	Payments to Treasurer	\$	(38,422.65)
	Refunds	\$	1,310.70
	Abatements	\$	(1,378.50)
	Adjustments	\$	<u>173.52</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2025	\$	<u>5,728.92</u>

2023	Balance as of June 30, 2024	\$	7,254.01
	Payments to Treasurer	\$	(4,305.30)
	Refunds	\$	0.00
	Abatements	\$	<u>(0.00)</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2025	\$	<u>2,948.71</u>

2022	Balance as of June 30, 2024	\$	3,593.94
	Payments to Treasurer	\$	(693.35)
	Refunds	\$	0.00
	Abatements	\$	<u>(0.00)</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2025	\$	<u>2,900.59</u>

2021	Balance as of June 30, 2024	\$	879.70
	Payments to Treasurer	\$	(18.69)
	Refunds	\$	0.00
	Abatements	\$	<u>(0.00)</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2025	\$	<u>861.01</u>

2020	Balance as of June 30, 2024	\$	1,290.73
	Payments to Treasurer	\$	(128.58)
	Refunds	\$	0.00
	Abatements	\$	<u>0.00</u>
	Balance as of June 30, 2025	\$	<u>1,162.15</u>

Treasurer

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Location of Accounts:

M & T Bank	Deputy Collector	\$	28.73
MMDT	General	\$	1,965.34
MMDT	Arts' Council	\$	6,846.98
Unibank	General	\$	886,737.93
Unibank	Payroll 2015	\$	4,241.13
Unibank	AP 2015	\$	61,520.55
Unibank	Dept. Online	\$	10,139.50
Unibank	Collector Online	\$	66,151.97
Unibank	Fire District #1	\$	49.44
Unibank	Allocation Accounts		
	Opioid Settlement Fund	\$	2,219.52
	Veterans Memorial Park	\$	1,132.01
Greenfield Co-operative Bank	General	\$	208,871.00
Greenfield Co-operative Bank	Griswold Memorial Library	\$	118,015.44
Greenfield Co-operative Bank	SSRP	\$	43,071.14
Greenfield Co-operative Bank	Covered Bridge	\$	23,497.21

Balance as of June 30, 2025 \$ 1,434,487.89

TRUST FUNDS ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Location of Funds:

M & T Bank			
Martha Babbitt Fund		\$	764.16
MMDT			
Stabilization Fund		\$	589,096.52
Davenport		\$	7,589.09
Bartholomew			
East Colrain Cemetery Fund		\$	1,281.13
Annie Browning Trust Fund		\$	245.55
Miller-Denison Lots		\$	247.77
Grace A Teney Fund		\$	137.74
Meetinghouse Cemetery Fund		\$	213.31
Stabilization Assessors Fund		\$	18,988.10
Stabilization Audit Fund		\$	641.01
Stabilization Fire Fund		\$	221,599.23
Stabilization Griswold Library		\$	182,737.67
Stabilization Highway Fund		\$	439,181.72
Stabilization Police Vehicle/Equipment		\$	19,354.65
Stabilization Technology		\$	12,393.99
Stabilization Transfer Station		\$	<u>47,427.43</u>

Total Trust Funds June 30, 2025 \$ 1,541,899.07

BROADBAND ENTERPRISE FUND

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Unibank	
Colrain Broadband	\$ 562,207.07
Bartholomew	\$ 851,223.51

OPEB FUNDS ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Location of Funds:

Bartholomew	
OPEB Fund	\$ 377,713.58

TAX TITLE REVOLVING FUNDS ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Tax Title Revolving Fund	
Beginning Balance as of 7-1-2024	\$ 35,222.01
Revenue	\$ 8,782.23
Expenditures	\$ <u>(9,354.26)</u>
Ending Balance as of 6-30-2025	\$ <u>34,649.98</u>

Town Clerk

During my time as the new Town Clerk, I have received a wonderful amount of support from coworkers and town residents. It is comforting to know the town of Colrain has continued its strong sense of community to help each other. I extend my gratitude to fellow Town Clerks in our neighboring towns as well.

Elections: As of May 13th, 2025, the town of Colrain had 1,415 registered voters. The Annual Town Election brought in 183 votes.

Vitals: Colrain celebrates 7 births, mourns 21 deaths, and congratulates 3 marriages.

I look forward to continuing to acquire knowledge in all aspects of the Town Clerk position in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Emma Coburn
Town Clerk

Board/Committee/Commission Annual Reports

Board of Health

The State of Massachusetts has implemented uniform training for health agents so that housing and food inspections, septic laws, and Title 5 are enforced in a consistent manner across the State. There is a new education program, Foundations Course (approximately 100 hours) for BOH Members so that we better understand the laws we are enforcing. The BOH members are slowly working their way through the individual sections with one having fully completed the course.

Colrain is part of the 15 town Cooperative Public Health Service [CPHS] that is based at the Franklin Regional Council of Governments. The CPHS health agents act as agents for Colrain and do all annual inspections, including campgrounds, food permits, Title 5, and much more. FYI, even if you buy a house with cash, you are still legally required to have a Title 5 inspection. The CPHS report is included as part of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments annual report.

In early 2025, the board began discussions on starting a collaboration with emergency planning experts in town. Nina Martin-Anzuoni is now Colrain's Emergency Management Director, so we have an overlap in town resources which is critical when an emergency erupts. She would like to increase collaboration with other town entities from EMS and Highway as well as with our ever-increasing elderly population.

FRCOG installed an air sensor at Pine Hill that will collect data over time. More information can be found at the website: www2.purpleair.com.

In September 2025, Kate Minifie resigned due to work commitments and having a young family. She brought a knowledge of food science & safety and served as the clerk to the board most recently. We are sorry to see Kate go but wish her the best!

Colrain has a property on Greenfield Rd that was ordered by the Building Inspector to board and secure or remove both the barn and the house. This ultimately went into Housing Court with Randy Crochier, Health Agent representing Colrain's Board of Health. In December, a Title 5 was required by the Board of Health and was performed. Results will be forthcoming in early 2026. Many other septic installations or repairs have been completed removing them from our oversight and a few are waiting for spring.

Colrain has low-cost tick tests available through the town website at <https://colrain-ma.gov/p/10131/Mosquito--Tick-Info>. 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 BOH typically meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Highway Department Meeting Room. We currently have two openings on the Board. If you are interested in being on the Board of Health, please stop into one of our meetings or contact Alice Wozniak, Clerical Assistant at boh@colrain-ma.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Griffin, Chair
Nina Martin-Anzuoni
Tim Slowinski

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.

The Colrain Cultural Council prioritizes programs that most benefit Colrain residents. Every year the Colrain Cultural Council meets to discuss and vote on submitted grant applications by and/or for Colrain residents.

For 2025, the council awarded \$5,909 from the Mass Cultural Council to be distributed. The council met January 26, 2026, to discuss and vote on new applications for 2026. We reviewed 34 applications of which 23 were accepted and 11 were declined.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Rich-Turkle, Co-Chair

Kaylee Mulligan, Co-Chair

Anna Turkle, Treasurer

Helen Olson

Cheli Mennella

Colrain Historical Commission

After a one-year hiatus, the Commission reconstituted itself under Chairwoman Cynthia Herbert. With the resignation of Sarah Davenport, we are one short of five members. We are talking with perspective members and open to as many as three more.

We meet on the third Monday of each month at 5 p.m. in the Town Garage Meeting Room.

We are concerned about the cemeteries in town: who is buried in each and where? We will talk to the Town Clerk to see if the Town has any information. Muriel Russell has volunteered to do research on this matter.

Following the Preservation Planning Manual of the Mass. Historical Commission, we discussed our mission and upcoming projects. This will include finding and designation of historic buildings and structures around town, researching them and applying through MHC for listing and protection. This will be a long-term project.

We would like to acquire and post small, inexpensive historic district signs at the entrance to Colrain center similar to those in area towns. Joan McQuade is researching that. We would also like to restore the "Welcome to Old Coleraine" signs designed by the late Hale Johnson and re-post them on the three entrances to town. We would need to find funds for this project, as the commission has no budget.

We discussed preservation of the Brick Schoolhouse in East Colrain, built in 1812 and used until 1936. We would like to see it listed on the state's historic register.

The Colrain Historical Society has on loan a large map of early Catamount settlement which lists the names of all farms and structures that were once there. We feel the town should have a copy of this historic document, which could reside in the collection of CHS. We will see if Dave Allen can make such a copy and then return the loaned copy to its owner. Perhaps CHS could pay for this.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Herbert, Chair

Joan McQuade

David Nims

Belden Merims

Conservation Commission

The Commission had a rather quiet year, only hearing two Requests for Determination of Applicability's [RDA's] for septic repairs within the Riverfront Area. Both RDA's were approved based upon environmental engineered plans and exemptions for septic repairs. The Conservation Commission meets as needed depending upon the number of filings for wetland criteria.

In early summer 2025, Mia Francesconi was appointed to the board, but hasn't met with the board yet due to no meetings since March. Mia brings a wealth of information to the position as she's served as the Conservation Agent in Cheshire, MA as well as their executive assistant, which adds in the municipal factor, too.

Respectfully submitted,

David Nims, Chair
William Dornbusch, Clerk
Matthew Slowinski
Lee Denison
Benjamin Beas
Larry Richmond
Mia Francesconi

Colrain Council on Aging

Chairperson: Janice Barnes
Secretary: Elaine Stanley, Co-secretary: Michelle Hillman,
Treasurer: Betty Johnson
Members: Richard Herzig, Amy Herzig, Elaine Stanley, Valeda Peters, Russell Barnes, Janice Barnes, Kathy Phelps, Michelle Hillman, Betty Johnson, Kathleen Steinem, and Susan Slowinski.

The main objective of the Council on Aging is to make certain services available to the senior population in Colrain such as a monthly foot clinic, social times which might involve food, and other activities depending on time of year.

A monthly foot clinic was held in a room downstairs in the Town Office, with our participant numbers increasing as awareness of this great service has been gaining the attention of Colrain seniors. Currently, we are serving approximately 45+ seniors over a two-month time span. This service is funded in part by Life Path and the Colrain COA.

This past year, we had six senior meals at the Eagles in Shelburne Falls, and one meal held at the Shelburne Springs Restaurant. The COA also covered the cost of a senior's meal when food events were put on by the Colrain Fire Department. The COA had arranged for the Shelburne Falls Military band to play in Colrain in August, but the event was cancelled due to weather. In September, we held our annual "Apple Day" at Pine Hill Orchards, where seniors get to pick their own apples, have coffee/cider & donuts along with social time. During the good weather once a month, seniors were able to travel to Hager's Farm Store for ice cream and socialize, and we also had a monthly senior social time at the Pine Hill Gazebo where coffee & donuts were available. A weekly craft time was available downstairs in the Town Office part of the year, along with low impact exercise and social time for seniors to meet on Thursdays, weather permitting. During warm weather months corn hole games were enjoyed by seniors on Mondays, in the late afternoons, weather permitting. We were also able to organize for a representative from SHINE to attend our October meal and give a presentation on Medicare and health insurance needs. Meg Ryan and Lisa White, visiting nurses from the Franklin Regional Council of Governments, provided blood pressure clinics at several events and administered flu and COVID shots at a fall meal.

Future goals will be to pursue transportation opportunities for Colrain seniors.

We hope to keep continuing our present activities and adding new ones as the year progresses.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Barnes
COA Chair

Colrain Council on Aging – Treasurer’s Report

July 2024-June 2025

Income

Town Appropriation	\$20,000.00
Donations	\$ 1,865.00
Formula Grant	\$ 8,040.00
Foot Clinic Grant	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>
Total	\$31,405.00

Expenses

Meals at Eagles	\$ 5,694.00
Pine Hill	\$ 3,745.00
Pancakes/Concert	\$ 1,693.00
Foot Clinic	\$11,611.34
MCOA Dues	\$ 312.00
Misc.	\$ 75.30
Concert	\$ 200.00
Ice Cream Social	<u>\$ 395.87</u>
Total Expense	\$23,726.51

Emergency Management Director

It has been an uneventful first year for me, except for the busy start. We had a small forest fire in Cook State Forest. The fire was in Heath so I took on messaging and when I could, helped to feed the fire fighters who responded from multiple towns. We had no other incidents this year.

Colrain has a reverse 9-1-1 program we can use to call citizens to inform them of incidents. We utilized this during the fire in Cook State Forest and will use it to warn people of flooding, if Colrain Mountain was closed due to slipper conditions, and other hazards. You must opt-in for this free service to receive messages. You can sign up on the town website or stop by town hall and speak to Maggie Smith.

In the coming year I will be working with others to update various emergency plans that we have including the COOP (Continuous Operation Plan), Hazard Mitigation Plan, and others.

I am also working with town hall to have all town employees trained in basic ICS and NIMS. ICS is Incident Command System and NIMS is National Incident Management System. These are the systems used to manage all incidents. Our fire and police already use ICS/NIMS on all calls.

Several West County Towns are discussing offering CERT training in the Fall. CERT is the Community Emergency Response Team. It is a national program that trains volunteers to respond to local disasters. You can learn more about CERT at fema.gov. If you think you might be interested in the training leave a note in my mailbox in town hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Nina Martin-Anzuoni
Emergency Management Director

Energy Committee

Our focus this year has been to have two mini-split heat pumps installed at the Fire Station. This will replace an existing unit that does not work. This may seem simple, but it is not. Over a year ago the building had the insulation improved so that the heat pump could be a smaller unit and require less power, which should not require replacing the main electric panel.

The committee obtained price estimates for the new heat pumps and sought approval to use Green Communities funding from the Department of Energy Resources (DOER). To justify the expense, DOER required energy savings calculations, which the Center for Eco-Technology prepared at the request of our Town Administrator. With these calculations completed, we have now received approval to move forward with the project.

The Select Board has directed us to save energy and money in the Town owned buildings. This has been complicated by the Colrain School which the Town owns but is operated by the Regional School District.

We have completed projects at the Town Office, Fire Dept. and Library.

In the future, we will focus on energy savings in other buildings and possible solar power opportunities.

We have no budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Brooks
David Greenberg
Brian Cady
Bing Waldsmith
Chris Krezmien

Finance Committee

In keeping with recent years, we are glad to report that the overall financial condition of Colrain is solid.

The town's debt load, while it has increased this year to help fund the necessary purchase of a new fire truck, remains manageable. Likewise, the core functions of the town government continue to be carried out effectively and efficiently across all departments. While there has been some fluctuation in personnel within several departments, including the Highway and Police departments, and within the town office, all are stable, functioning efficiently, and providing the requisite level of service.

The Municipal Light Plant remains a bright spot. With 90% of homes in town already hooked up to broadband service, revenues over the year have increased, while expenses have declined. As such, the department is well positioned to meet its financial obligations despite the current uncertainty around the future availability of federal funds.

Anticipated future capital-intensive projects include the need to replace the road grader and acquire a new snow plow for the Highway Department, as well as the need to replace the current fire station which, because of its location and construction, cannot be modernized or expanded, and is no longer adequate to house all of the equipment needed by the fire department and the ambulance service.

Likewise, the need to address the limited resources and capacity of the Council on Aging remains a pressing problem given the percentage of the town's population who are over the age of 60. Most urgently, the financial condition of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District remains unsustainable and is poised to severely strain the financial capacity of the town in the immediate future. Despite the urgency, there are limited options to address this problem in the near term, as the financial sustainability of the District will require consolidation and other structural reforms to reduce operating and transportation costs.

In light of this reality, the town is well advised to develop a longer-term financial plan to address the urgent and anticipated financial implications of equipment upgrades, replacing the fire station, and funding a sustainable school budget. Part of this planning process should include consideration of strategies to promote economic growth in town.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas MacLeay, Chair
Betty Ringwood, Vice Chair
David Swiderski, Clerk
Debra Menard

Municipal Light Plant (MLP)

The broadband network is governed by the Municipal Light Plant Board (Select Board) and is managed by Whip City Fiber under a 10-year contract. Local issues are addressed by the MLP Manager and the MLP Board.

An Enterprise Fund is used to manage network expenses and revenues. The Enterprise Fund is separate from other town finances. Subscriber fees pay all expenses and no funds from taxation are used to operate the broadband network.

FY2027 Bond payments for the principal and interest that funded the broadband network construction are \$162,625. FY2026 payments were \$167,875. Enterprise Fund monies are used to make these payments.

For better and faster operation, please reboot your router, ONT, and Ooma devices monthly. Simply unplug the device, wait 60 seconds, plug it back in. Rebooting after a power outage is also advisable.

Whip City Fiber is available to help. Please contact them at:

Customer Service M-F 8AM-5PM 413-485-1251 customerservice@whipcityfiber.com

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Slowinski, MLP Manager

Planning Board

Aside from our general duties, the Planning Board has spent much of this year preparing to update our Master Plan, which has not been revised since the 1990s. The Master Plan is a vital document that outlines our town's current identity and our vision for the future—touching on everything from commercial development and housing to outdoor recreation.

Having an updated plan is a key factor in successfully obtaining grant funding for both essential infrastructure and community-driven projects. To ensure the plan truly reflects the needs of our residents, we are seeking a diverse group of community members to assist in the process. We will be looking for participants in the coming weeks; if you are interested in contributing your voice, please contact the Planning Board at planningboard@colrain-ma.gov or 413-624-3356.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Slowinski, Chair

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board held three hearings in 2025. The first hearing was a joint hearing with the Planning Board for a proposed cell tower. The request for the Variance to allow a cell tower to exceed the height requirement by 9 feet (including the lightening rod) was granted by the board.

The second hearing was a Special Permit to operate a quarry on Agricultural Preservation Restriction [APR] lands. This was allowed within the APR (it's the only one in the state) but needed Town approval due to a recent change of ownership. The Special Permit was granted with conditions.

The last hearing was a request for a Variance to construct a garage within 5 feet of the rear setback. The abutting neighbor sent a letter of support for the project. The request was granted by the board.

This year one new member was added to the Zoning Board; they have been appointed and taken all the required training. We are happy to welcome Matthew Lovett.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Thibodeau, Chair

John Peters

Marshall "Lee" Denison, Clerk

Alec Jillson

James Ryan III

Matthew Lovett, Alternate

Public Safety Reports

Colrain Fire Department

The Colrain Fire Department experienced another busy year. Shelburne Control dispatched 289 calls for the fire department from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025. These incidents are sorted as follows:

- Rescue Calls **168** (Includes Medical responses, Motor vehicle accidents, swift water rescue, extrications etc.)
- Hazardous Condition **26** (Includes Power lines down, electrical problems, hazmat, CO incidents, gas leaks, Aircraft standby etc.)
- Fire/Explosion **33** (Includes any incident with a fire, Building, wildland, vehicle etc.)
- Good Intent **32** (Includes calls where units were dispatched and canceled enroute, no incident found on arrival etc.)
- False Calls **9** (Includes smoke alarm, fire alarm, CO alarm activation with no findings)
- Service Calls **12** (Includes water problems, illegal burns, smoke removal, public service)
- Severe Weather **8** (Includes station being manned for coverage, welfare checks, assisting DPW, flood assessment etc.)
- Special type/Complaint **1** (Complaint, miscellaneous call)

In 2025, Colrain responded to multiple structure fires including mutual aid to other towns. The department also responded to a forest fire started by lightning on the H.O. Cook State Forest in the town of Heath. This fire occurred in August and was a multi-day incident.

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-six 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 has also purchased a new 2025 fire apparatus in the fall of 2025 with delivery expected in early 2026 and will be in-service by April 2026.

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 2025 to May 1, 2025. 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 Selectmen, 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 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Anzuoni
Fire Chief

Colrain Firefighters' Association

2025 was another productive year for the Colrain Firefighters' Association. We continued our mission in providing the Colrain Fire Department and its members with the ability to purchase new equipment that will enhance the department's capabilities.

We continued the tradition of our semi- annual pancake breakfasts and boot drives. We appreciate everyone who continues to support us, and we look forward every year to the spring and fall pancake breakfasts! We'd also like to thank our local businesses who graciously donated items and as always, we'd also like to thank George and Marge Randall for all their hard work collecting donation items. We'd also like to thank our members for their time commitments in making these events a huge success!

The Fire Association purchased a FAST Board (\$2,895) which will be used as a RIT (Rapid Intervention Team), lifesaving tool. A RIT team is activated during structure fires and put into action if there is a MAYDAY called and a Firefighter needs to be rescued. The firefighter is put onto the FAST Board and removed from the structure, cutting down on the precious time it takes to get them medical care. While we hope this never happens, the FAST Board will aid the department in rescuing another firefighter.

The Fire Association also purchased a Kimtek wildland skid unit (\$8,075.00) to outfit the 2018 Polaris we purchased last year. This will be mounted onto the back of the Polaris with a 55-gallon water tank, electric pump, 100' of ¾" Boostlite hose and nozzle, and an electric hose reel. This will aid in our suppression efforts in hard-to-access areas.

We are very proud to support our Fire Department and all 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 and their families, to the people who 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 Highway Department

This last calendar year has included significant changes within the highway department. We currently have a full time crew of four which includes two new hires, Eli Guerin and Logan Underwood. They have both been great additions to the department and we look forward to having a solid crew to tackle upcoming projects.

Chapter 90 funds were utilized for paving several stretches of road which include Thompson Rd, Christian Hill, Heath Rd, Hager Cross Rd and a small section of Adamsville Rd.

Western Earthworks finished the box culvert project on Heath Rd.

We continued installing geogrid in town to address problem areas during mud season. This year it was installed on Adamsville Rd and Wilson Hill. We have had great results in the sections that we have done previously.

We were able to run both mowers all summer which allowed us to complete mowing quicker than previous years.

We spent significant time trimming trees along Colrain Mountain which has allowed more sunlight on the roads during the winter months.

The winter season was intense and our department (including seasonal help) powered through a lot of long days, including many nights and weekends.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nate Gilbert
Highway Superintendent

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”*** through professional service, partnership, and public trust.

The Colrain Police Department extends its sincere appreciation to the community for its continued support throughout 2025. During a year marked by change within both the profession and our organization, that support has remained a constant and valued foundation.

As a rural agency, the department provides comprehensive coverage across a wide range of responsibilities, including community engagement, traffic enforcement, emergency response, and general public safety services. We continue to work in close partnership with the Shelburne Police Department and the Massachusetts State Police to ensure consistent and effective law enforcement coverage throughout the region.

In 2025, officers responded to approximately 900 calls for service and dedicated many hours to case investigations and proactive policing efforts. These calls included, but were not limited to, motor vehicle accidents, burglar alarms, peacekeeping, citizen assistance, inter-agency support, and community outreach. Our officers maintain high professional standards as established by the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission, completing annual re certification and participating in specialized training, including leadership development and mental health crisis response.

The department also experienced several staffing transitions during the year. Following the departure of our full-time officer, the Colrain Select Board and Police Chief worked collaboratively to evaluate sustainable options that would ensure uninterrupted service to the community. After careful consideration, the Town established a full-time Chief position to strengthen leadership, stability, and long-term planning. This decision was finalized in November, and I am honored to serve as the department’s first full-time Chief of Police.

As we move into 2026, the department remains committed to strong, professional leadership, continued training, and the advancement of best policing practices. We will continue to focus on community-centered policing, organizational development, and the ongoing evaluation and improvement of our services to meet the evolving needs of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Christopher Lannon
Colrain Police Department

Regional Service Provider Reports

Franklin County Sheriff's Office Animal Control Officer

TO THE SELECT BOARD AND RESIDENTS:

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 (20) towns in Franklin County, with the Towns of Deerfield, Montague, Shutesbury, Warwick, and the City of Greenfield joining the program in 2025.

During 2025, ACO Gower departed our agency. ACO Sonn was transition to fulltime and we added two (2) additional full-time officers Hillary Szteliga and Kyle Sweeney.

During 2025, Franklin County Regional Animal Control logged 1,173 total events for service between January 1st and December 31st 2025.

Calls for Service:

- 🐾 70 – Animal Bite Reports.**
- 🐾 643 – Animal Complaints or Concerns.**
(Domestic, Livestock, and Wildlife)
- 🐾 120 – Investigations.**
- 🐾 175 – Found or Lost animals.**
- 🐾 35 – Inspections.**
- 🐾 101 – Assistance to other agencies.**
- 🐾 29 – Hearings, Meetings or Trainings.**

**Note: The above does not represent all the calls that where received, this only highlights to majorities.*

Breakdown of calls by Town:

🐾 Bernardston:	<u>56</u>
🐾 Buckland:	<u>46</u>
🐾 Charlemont:	<u>27</u>
🐾 Colrain:	<u>49</u>
🐾 Conway:	<u>36</u>
🐾 Deerfield:	<u>106</u>
🐾 Gill:	<u>54</u>
🐾 Greenfield:	<u>425</u>
🐾 Heath:	<u>47</u>
🐾 Leyden:	<u>19</u>
🐾 Leverett:	<u>45</u>
🐾 Monroe:	<u>7</u>
🐾 Montague:	<u>233</u>
🐾 New Salem:	<u>35</u>
🐾 Northfield:	<u>75</u>
🐾 Shelburne:	<u>56</u>
🐾 Shutesbury:	<u>21</u>
🐾 Warwick:	<u>13</u>
🐾 Wendell:	<u>29</u>
🐾 Whately:	<u>34</u>
🐾 Other*:	<u>126</u>

In the spring of 2025 with the assistance of the Franklin County Regional Dog Shelter and local veterinarians Rob Schmidt and Jaimie Remillard we were able to host rabies clinics in Greenfield and Heath.

Anyone with Animal Control questions or issues can contact us by email at animalcontrol@fcso-ma.us or by phone at **413-774-7340 x2**. 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
Heather Sonn, Regional Animal Control Officer
Hillary Szteliga, Regional Animal Control Officer
Kyle Sweeney, Regional Animal Control Officer*

Franklin County Solid Waste Management District

To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

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

A review of recycling tonnage for 2025 shows a 300 ton decrease in recycling tonnage from 2024. District residents recycled just over 2,300 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 2025. Events were held at Mohawk Trail Regional High School, Erving Highway Garage, and Whately Transfer Station. Combined, the events served 636 households and collected over 60 tons of bulky waste, scrap metal, appliances, electronics, propane tanks, tires, and other items.

We held our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2025 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 380 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 \$146,000 for District towns. This grant funding is a result of successful waste management infrastructures and programs.

We also held our first Fix-It Clinic at the Franklin County Tech School in May. Residents brought in broken items and almost everything was repaired by students and teachers from the Tech School as well as resident volunteers. A \$7,500 DEP grant will help us expand this program to more towns in 2026.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director*

Terry Narkewicz, Shelburne - *Vice-Chair*

Chris Boutwell, Montague - *Chair*

M.A. Swedlund, Deerfield - *Treasurer*

Franklin Regional Council of Governments



Services to Colrain in 2025

The FRCOG provides planning services, programming, and advocacy to all Franklin County municipalities. Our municipal service programs – Collective Purchasing, the Cooperative Public Health District, the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program – 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 helps municipalities plan for the future regarding transportation, livability, economic development, climate resilience and land use, while also working on regional-scale projects as well; the Emergency Preparedness Programs prepare and train first responders and local officials.

We report on highlights of regional effort and impacts each year with our organizational annual report; recent year's reports can be found at <https://frcog.org/publications/frcog-annual-report/>. The 2025 Annual Report will be available by March 2026. The most extensive list of current and past projects and services can always be found at the FRCOG web site.

The following pages list services specific to Colrain.

Community Health

- Conducted the annual student health survey to assess teen attitudes and behavior among middle and high school students. Staff reported to Mohawk Trail Regional School administrators on results from 130 Mohawk students, representing 76% of the 8th, 10th, and 12th grade classes. Survey data is valuable for grant writing and program planning. The 2025 survey includes the Prevention Needs Assessment (PNA).
- Met with school district administrators and staff to present their individual district's 2025 survey results, share custom written reports, assisted with interpretation and ad hoc analyses, and discuss how the district might use their survey results.
- Distributed naloxone (Narcan) throughout CPHS towns via 11 community naloxone cabinets, including at Catamount Convenience and Colrain Town Hall.
- Staff supported the Town in spending its opioid settlement funds regionally to bring addiction recovery support to residents and hosted a regional listening session to ensure compliance with the state settlement agreement.
- To help the Town meet mandated Massachusetts workforce standards, staff mentored and provided training opportunities to CPHS public health inspectors who serve Colrain. They gave technical assistance, reviewed documents, developed and distributed job aids, maintained resource and lending libraries, and taught multi-session courses leading to certification.
- Supported Mohawk Trail Regional School district in obtaining professional development in anti-bias education for middle and elementary school staff.
- Provided training, materials, and technical assistance for the evidence-based PreVenture substance use prevention and mental health promotion program in the Mohawk school district.
- Collaborated with the Mohawk district's restorative practices coordinator on implementing Restorative Practices school climate improvements.
- Supported Colrain Mass in Motion Age-friendly workgroup on age- and dementia-friendly municipal planning initiative. With Mass in Motion funding, the town purchased accessible meeting room equipment to support remote access to meetings, training, and other online resources.

- Provided gap funding through a State Office of Rural Health grant to support digital access programming at sites in six towns, including Griswold Memorial Library.
- To help the Town meet mandated Massachusetts workforce standards, staff mentored and provided training opportunities to public health inspectors. They gave technical assistance, reviewed documents, developed and distributed job aids, maintained resource and lending libraries, and taught multi-session courses leading to certification.

Economic Development

- Administered a MA Rural Development Fund grant contract, as assigned by the Colrain Sewer District, to support interim wastewater disposal and an engineering study for a long-term solution.

Shared Municipal Services

Colrain is a member of the CPHS, a regional health district based at the FRCOG, which conducts all the town's public health work. CPHS staff:

- Staff gave 288 Flu and 285 COVID vaccinations at district drop-in nursing hours and home visits. Colrain residents received 41 vaccines at these visits and were served by a regional clinic at Mohawk Trail as well.
- Hosted drop-in nursing hours at Senior luncheons serving 39 different people in 86 separate contacts.
- Made 3 home visits to Colrain residents.
- Attended the CFCE of Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School District Trinity Church Playgroup monthly, connecting with 24 west county parents in 54 contacts.
- Staff provided screenings referrals and vaccines to 48 west county residents in 131 client contacts at Hilltown Churches Food Pantry.
- Completed state-mandated infectious disease surveillance and reporting for cases in district member towns, checking state infectious disease system daily and following up as required, including 48 Colrain cases.
- Provided SHINE Medicare counseling to 30 CPHS residents, including Colrain residents, one of whom saved \$3,000 per year.
- Provided significant technical assistance to the Colrain Sewer District in exploring options for sewage treatment for its members.
- Responded to complicated health- and safety-related housing complaints in Colrain and collaborated with owners, occupants, Housing Court, and community resources to resolve them.
- Reviewed a total of 62 Colrain permit applications, including 7 for short-term rental properties, 7 for food establishments, and 62 related to septic systems.

Training and Education

The following list represents the FRCOG workshops, roundtables, and training sessions offered to public officials, staff, and residents of all Franklin County municipalities in 2025.

Emergency Preparedness & Homeland Security

- WRHSAC De-escalation Training
- SkyWarn Weather Watch (REPC)

Local Officials Continuing Education Series

- State Contracts & Available Services
- Selectboard 101
- Highway Program Roundtable
- Accessory Dwelling Unit Presentation

Healthy Youth Partnership

- Active Bystander Training
- Youth Substance Misuse Prevention

Planning, Conservation & Development

- Floodplain Maps Workshop
- Resilient Watershed Association Tour/Training

Public Health & Community Awareness

- Age-Friendly Symposium
- Dementia Friendly Communities
- Narcan Training
- Budget Advocacy Workshop

- Legislative Advocacy workshop
- ServSafe Training
- BESS (Battery Energy Storage System) Safety Workshop
- Mass in Motion
- Addressing Hate in Schools and Communities
- Community Health Needs Assessment Overview

Transportation

- Conducted traffic counts on Greenfield Road.
- Created a map showing snowplowing routes for the Highway Department.
- Wrote a successful grant application for an ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan. This project will be completed in 2026.
- Conducted public outreach to gather input on transportation issues for older adults and people with disabilities.

Franklin Regional Council of Governments Cooperative Public Health Service

Services to Colrain



Cooperative Public Health Service
Franklin Regional Council of Governments

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 Colrain Board of Health for all public health issues. The following sections describe activities undertaken by CPHS staff, in 2025, in addition to their regular participation in Colrain Board of Health meetings. Colrain's representatives to the CPHS Oversight Board in 2025 were Barbara Griffin and Nina Martin-Anzuoni. CPHS staff members look forward to working with them, other members of the Colrain Board of Health and residents to improve the health of the community in the coming year. For more information, see <https://frcog.org/project/cooperative-public-health-service>.

The Town's Health Inspection Team

Randy Crochier, Kurt Schellenberg, Jasmine Ward, Maureen O'Reilly, JJ Prusak and Liz Jacobson-Carroll

- **Improving Food Safety:** For Colrain, reviewed 7 food establishment permit applications for restaurants, schools, local organizations, home kitchens, food trucks and/or events. During a nationwide recall of infant formula, assisted district businesses in interpreting and complying with official guidance. Offered a low-cost food safety training class (ServSafe® and Choke Saver with use of EpiPen® and Narcan®) for food-serving establishment workers throughout the region.
- **Protecting Water Quality** through enforcement of Title 5 (septic system) code: Reviewed and acted on 42 applications related to septic systems, including system inspections related to property ownership transfers, soil evaluations (perc tests), system design, construction, and repair. Inspected installations prior to issuing certificates of compliance. Permitted installers and waste haulers. Also permitted the drilling of 2 wells, reviewed potability reports, and issued well certificates of compliance. During 2025 staff provided significant support to the Town and the Colrain Sewer District in navigating the closure of the Barnhardt Sewage Treatment Plant.
- **Protecting Children and Visitors:** Reviewed applications for 7 short-term rental units. Throughout the region, conducted numerous inspections and site visits at 12 camps serving over 1,400 children. Along with public health nurse colleagues, worked to ensure compliance with the state code for recreational camps for children.
- **Ensuring Housing Safety:** Responded to numerous housing safety complaints throughout the CPHS district, working to resolve dangerous living situations for vulnerable people including older adults, disabled people, children, and veterans. Addressed non-functioning bathroom facilities, lack of heating, hoarding issues, chronic moisture leading to mold, rodent infestation, and the presence of lead paint in houses with children. Worked with residents and owners, Housing Court, and supportive services.

The Town's Public Health Nurses

Lisa White and Meg Ryan

- **Vaccine Access:** The Public Health Nurses gave 288 Flu and 285 COVID vaccinations at district drop-in nursing hours and home visits. Colrain residents received 41 vaccines at these visits, and were served by a district regional clinic at Mohawk Trail as well.
- **Connections to Healthcare:** Hosted drop-in nursing hours at Senior luncheons serving 39 different people in 86 separate contacts, and made 3 home visits to Colrain residents. Attended the CFCE of Mohawk Trail Regional School District Trinity Church Playgroup monthly, connecting with 24 west county parents in 54 contacts. The Public Health Nurses provided screenings, referrals and vaccines to 48 west county residents in 131 client contacts at Hilltown Churches Food Pantry. Services included blood pressure, other health screenings, assistance addressing health concerns, and where appropriate, home visits. In 2025 staff collected and dropped off to the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District 63 boxes of used sharps, and provided as many clean empty containers to residents at drop in nursing community sites. Provided SHINE Medicare insurance counseling to 30 CPHS residents, including Colrain residents.
- **Communicable Disease Management/Epidemiology:** Completed state-mandated infectious disease surveillance and reporting for reportable disease cases, checking state infectious disease reporting system daily and following up as required. Of 44 communicable diseases reported in Colrain in 2025, 34% were tick-borne, 61% respiratory, 5% were enteric (gastrointestinal).
- **Age- and Dementia-Friendly Community planning:** Continued to support as member of both the Colrain Mass in Motion workgroup and the regional Age and Dementia Friendly initiative steering committee. Presented a program on Understanding Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia at the Colrain library.
- **Reducing Impact of Opioids:** Worked with the town to address the devastating impact of opioids in the community by: hosting an opioid listening session to hear how residents impacted by the opioid crisis recommend spending settlement funds; supplying 11 naloxone cabinets in the district, including one at Town Hall and one at Catamount Convenience, and distributing naloxone (Narcan). Supported the BOH and Select Board to spend Opioid Settlement funds proactively to support those in need.
- **Tick-Borne Disease.** Through a district program Colrain residents sought 9 low-cost tick tests, a saving value of \$270. Of the tested ticks, 44% were positive for the Lyme disease pathogen and 11% for Babesiosis.
- **Emergency Preparedness:** Prepared for possible mosquito borne disease outbreaks by serving as town's arbovirus coordinator, monitoring weekly mosquito disease data reports from the state and providing regular updates to the town.
- **Public Communication:** Provided a monthly newsletter with updates to pertinent public health topics, CPHS services, events, trainings, local data, and relevant epidemiological analyses. Provided public health topics for the Two-Town News and Senior Center.

Franklin Regional Retirement System

The Franklin Regional Retirement System is a government agency that serves the 674 retirees, 58 beneficiaries, 1,131 active employees, and 868 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. The Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC) oversees us at the state level. PERAC audits our operations and financial records every three years. We contract with an independent auditor annually to complete a full audit of our system. We also contract with an actuary to perform a complete actuarial valuation every two years.

The retirement benefit we provide replaces participation in the Social Security system. We are a Defined Benefit plan that pays a lifetime retirement benefit based on the age, salary, and years of creditable service earned at the time a member of our system retires. Membership eligibility requires permanent employment in one of our governmental units working a minimum of 20 hours or more per week and earning \$5,000 or more annually. The funding of these benefits includes deductions from our members and are combined with matching funds from the employing unit. These funds are then invested in a mix of stocks, bonds, and indexed funds. Investment earnings are a large part of the funding of the 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. Our fiscal year is the calendar year, from January to December.

Current reports and more information can be found on our website: www.FRRSMA.com.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristine Mathis, Executive Director

Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services District

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 recently started to see a slowdown to the amount of VA claims we have been completing due to the record number of claims we processed due to the PACT Act signing of August 2022.

- District now brings in \$2,186,859.54 in Federal money per month from the VA in Disability Compensation, Veteran Pension, DIC Compensation and Death Pension. This is an increase of \$126,234.11 from CY24.
- District has three qualified National Veteran Service Officers.
- We are now covering outreach in the following towns once a month
 - Ashfield – Town Hall
 - Bernardston – Senior Center
 - Erving – Senior Center
 - Deerfield – Town Hall
 - Leverett – Leverett Co-op
 - Montague – Senior Center
 - Northfield – Town Hall/Senior Center
 - Shelburne – Senior Center
 - Wendell – Town Offices
- Office attended the yearly Executive Office of Veteran Services for Massachusetts mandatory training and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers annual training
- VSA Laura Thorne has maintained her SHINE certification and is helping veterans and their dependents, taking some of the load off the Senior Centers.
- Expect a much less increase to Chapter 115 due to inflation coming back under control
- We project a slight increase from the overall operational budget Fiscal Year 26 budget while continuing to expand services in 2027. Main increase will be retiree and employee health insurance costs.
- We have increased the number of VA Healthcare applications since the change in eligibility for VA Healthcare.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Demars, Director
Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services District
294 Main St, Greenfield, MA
413-772-1571

Woodlands Partnership of Northwest MA

- A state grant funded a Tourism & Municipal Public Safety Study by the Collins Center in June identifying insufficient staffing, need for joint equipment purchase by towns, regional trainings and improved signage at back-country trails to address recreation impacts on local emergency response.
- A \$25,000 grant from the Catalyst Fund of the Network for Landscape Conservation allowed the Woodlands Partnership to hire a consultant who completed a three-year fundraising plan which recommends exploring non-profit status, non-government funding and a list of grant prospects.
- A \$75,000 state grant titled Voices for the Forest awarded to the Ex. Com. of the Woodlands Partnership will fund production of a video series and school field trips focused on forest ecology and stewardship, programs for woodland owners and the How Do Forests Grow? webinar series.
- The Woodlands Partnership Board is working with an Indigenous-focused consultant and the Regional Planning Agencies to conduct research and contribute components of a feasibility study assessing the unique qualifications of the 21-town Northwest Massachusetts region to be designated a Heritage Area of the National Park Service. After Board review, the draft report will be shared for public feedback in 2026.
- The Partnership hosted State Auditor Diana DiZoglio and local officials at an April 7 public media event in Windsor highlighting inequities and reform proposals for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) on state land.
- In November, US Forest Service grant funds for riparian restoration supported local volunteers in planting 72 native and climate-adapted trees with deer protection tubes on the banks of the Chickley River behind the Hawley Town Garage, the site of severe flooding from storm Irene in 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Hayden

Administrative Agent for the *Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts*

Education Reports

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	Vacant*	Rowe	Carol Lively
Shelburne	Sherry Taylor		

Additional members:

Chairperson of the School Committee:	Martha Thurber
School Committee Member:	Suzanne Crawford
Past School Committee Member:	Robin Hartnett
Members at Large:	Pamela Guyette, Donald Purington & Angel Bragdon

Elections of Officers were held at our meeting on September 9, 2025. Marge Porrovecchio and Robin Hartnett remain as Co-chairs. Pamela Guyette is Secretary, and Bing Waldsmith is Treasurer.

In 2025 the Awards Committee read 35 applications. Sixteen applications were from Seniors and nineteen applicants were from students continuing their higher education. The total funds awarded was \$45,800. Seniors received \$13,740 and \$32,060 was awarded to continuing ed students.

From 1991-2025 a total of \$1,254,275 has been awarded in scholarships. Mohawk Seniors have received \$383,565 and Mohawk graduates have received \$870,710.

Mr. Nilman will long be remembered for 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 at the guidance office at Mohawk Trail Regional High School.

Colrain Central School



During the 2025-2026 school year, we had just under 100 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.

Across all content areas, our academics strive to teach students how to be able to think creatively, critically, independently and express their ideas in meaningful ways. We encourage students to make meaning through conversations with their peers and teachers and generalize the skills learned into their greater lives in their communities. It is through this that we believe that students acquire and master academic knowledge and use those skills to be agents of change in their communities, not just when they are adults, but now.

In addition to being good stewards of our students, we also strive to care for our building and campus. Some of the facility maintenance and improvement projects that took place in 2025 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 (changed and replaced as necessary)
Emergency lighting (replaced as necessary)
Integrated Pest Management plan
Kitchen Hood
Propane pressure test

Yard and Grounds

Repoint blue stone on the café side of the building
Sidewalk repairs parking lot side of the building
Trimmed trees parking lot side hang over roof
Added playground mulch to the play area
Serviced mower
Tick control

Water and Sewer

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

Misc. Maintenance

Three-year re-inspection of asbestos AHERA plan
Painted some of the basement floor with 2-part epoxy to secure the asbestos tiles from popping up
Flame proof stage curtains
Shade replacement
Tile replacement in halls and classrooms
Kitchen walk-in freezer glass window replacement

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 its children as principal.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy K. Looman
Principal

Mary Lyon Foundation



2025 was a banner year for the Mary Lyon Foundation. We completed our \$5,000,000 Campaign for Student Success, surpassing our goal by \$100,000. This success highlights the strong support from our donors and partners, reinforcing their vital role in our progress. Our ongoing goals remain the same: stabilizing operations, securing funding, and expanding our support to more students, families, and educators. For example, we supported 1,100 students and families, demonstrating our tangible community impact.

Our vision for the future is to ensure that:

1. All students have the resources they need to be ready to learn, to succeed in school, and to thrive in the wider world.
2. All families have access to the services needed to foster a healthy and stable learning environment at home and school.
3. All educators have the tools and resources they need to give their students the very best education possible.

We have realized this vision through newly created programs, collaborations with other agencies, and the use of your fundraising dollars, which directly enable us to expand services like wrap-around support and community hubs, making you an essential part of our progress and impact.

Over the last year, our programs continued to expand, and we found ourselves in need of a Program Director. Liza Manchester joined our team in late July, and with her help, we were able

to successfully supplement food to the students in the districts throughout the SNAP crisis.

As we enter 2026, we are focused on supporting families and educators today while planning for the future, reinforcing our commitment to community growth and shared success.

We enter 2026 inspired and motivated to continue offering, building, and creating a sustainable community resource in West County and continue to expand our help throughout Franklin County and areas of Hampshire County.

Total raised in 2025 in cash and pledges: \$1,134,266.74. This strong financial support enables us to sustain current programs and invest in new initiatives, such as expanding wrap-around services and community hubs, ensuring long-term impact and stability for the foundation's mission.

The Mary Lyon Foundation depends on your generosity and grant funding to fulfill our mission. Your continued support enables us to grow our endowments and provide essential care and programs to those who need us most, fostering a sense of shared purpose and trust.

Thank you for all the support and generosity in 2025, and we hope you will continue to join us in 2026.

Sincerely yours,

Kristen Tillona Baker
CEO/Executive Director



WHERE YOUR SUPPORT WENT IN 2025

The charts below highlight how Mary Lyon allocated resources in 2025 to maximize community impact while ensuring strong organizational stewardship.

Eighty percent of total expenses supported direct programming, funding scholarships, student and educator assistance, emergency aid, literacy initiatives, and restricted discretionary funds. These investments reflect our commitment to meeting both immediate needs and long-term goals.

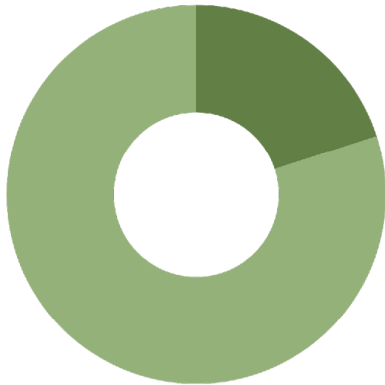
The remaining **20% supported administrative and development functions**, with the majority dedicated to essential operating costs and a portion invested in development efforts that strengthen sustainability and future impact.

Together, these allocations demonstrate a thoughtful balance between mission delivery and responsible management—ensuring every dollar works toward meaningful change.



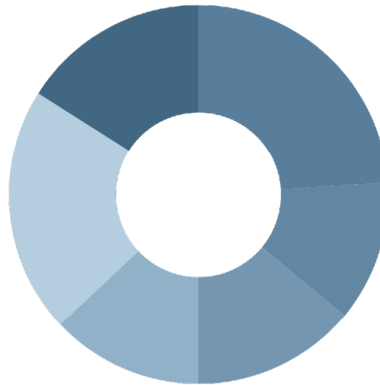
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Total Expenses 2025



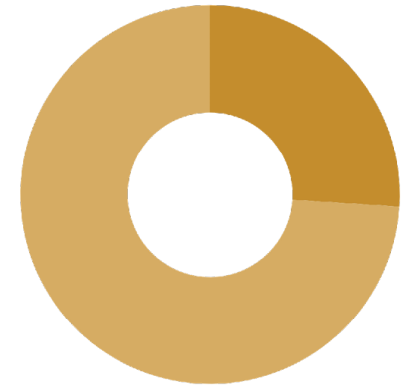
- Programming \$365,400 - 80%
- Administrative \$93,500 - 20%

Programming Expenses



- Educator Assistance - 16%
- Restricted Discretionary Funds - 24%
- Literacy Fund - 12%
- Emergency Assistance - 14%
- Student Assistance - 13%
- Scholarships - 21%

Administrative Expenses



- Operating - 74%
- Development - 26%

Mohawk Trail Regional School

Culture Building

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

We continue to emphasize student autonomy through the three main pillars, which greet everyone in our main lobby:

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

This past year, thanks to our ongoing relationship with Suffolk Centre for Restorative Practices, 28 unit A staff received tier 1 RJ training. Building administrators and counselors received tier 2 training. A new Assistant Principal was hired at the end of the 24-25 school year, and they will continue to work with the building and district restorative initiatives in the 25-26 school year.

Schedule Changes

Unit A staff worked with building and district staff to plan and implement a new schedule to be implemented at the start of the 25-26 school year. This marks a move away from a block schedule, more typically used in a larger school, to a daily schedule and trimesters rather than semester-long classes. The intention was to provide more options and opportunities for students and a more equitable distribution of class sizes from 7 to 12. As well as providing more opportunities for ELA and Math interventions and support, this new schedule design has provided opportunities for teachers to engage with students in all grade levels, rather than a traditional MS or HS setting. Additionally, through the Flex block, there are opportunities for students to continue to participate in clubs as well as take advantage of academic support blocks during the day.

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 bimonthly drop-in hours, a student advisory group, and an annual "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 continues to provide input into both the school and district improvement plans.

Barr Funding and Innovation

In January of 2024 MTRS received the first of two annual \$450,000 grants from the Barr Foundation to support phase two of our unique Trailblazer model. This payment will allow us to continue implementing new initiatives and curricular programs to redesign the school experience for all students. This will provide students, staff, and community members with 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 through a shift to standards-based teaching and learning; advisory and social-emotional learning; restorative practices; equitable educational experiences for all students; communications and community outreach; distributed leadership; and student-led conferences.

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

- Internships and work study opportunities, on campus and off
- Social Emotional Learning supports, including: EL 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 the service of continuing to promote and support the Trailblazer model of distributed leadership, opportunities for student voice, and increased Social and Emotional Learning. Lead teachers continue to work with EL in order to provide leadership for staff and support with rolling out Standards-Based Teaching and Learning (SBTL) in grades 7-12. The District Athletic Director also continues to focus on the growth and promotion of sports in the district, as well as 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 our successful adaptation of twice yearly Student-led Conferences.

Finally, 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 classroom. In addition to providing opportunities for students to participate in Dual Enrolment 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 businesses and organizations in the community.

Our guidance team continues to define Pathways and early college/ dual enrollment opportunities beyond MTRS for all of our students. Additionally, the team is working with Masshire and other partners to look at ways to provide students with the opportunity to obtain certification for CPR, First Aid, ServeSafe, and Driver's Ed.

College Preparedness and Student Retention

The guidance team held a second annual alumni college conversation with students in December. This is a great opportunity for returning students to talk to current MTRS students about life and college experience beyond Mohawk Trail.

In addition to the alumni event, the guidance team helped provide grade 8 students with an information morning as well as the opportunity to experience a day in high school. Admin will visit grade 6 classes later in the winter/spring to talk with students about life and opportunities at MTRS.

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 experiences 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 are 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)

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 May of 2025, and we are planning for this to be the venue for a combined graduation and scholarship event for the Class of '26 on Friday, 29th May, 2025.

Communications and Outreach

Communications and Outreach Coordinator Carol Foote continues to support all schools in the Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School Districts through internal and external coverage of school- and community-related news and events.

She serves as a resource and point of contact for and to: district staff, students, caregivers, community members, The Mary Lyon Foundation, school- and town-based newsletter editors, reporters from the Greenfield Recorder, town officials and legislators, organizations, and businesses. Her design and writing work may be seen around our buildings and towns, as well as on our websites and on social media.

Communications and outreach are also part of the planning, creating, and implementing work of the communications subcommittee of the MTRSD school committee and the 2 Districts 8 Towns sustainability study. Budget season keeps this office particularly busy as we strive for transparency for the taxpayers in presenting the numbers and process.

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 2024, *Charlie Brown*, a winter play, *And then there was one*, took place in early January 2025. Our annual Winter Concert took place on December 18th, and our Spring school concert and district concerts are scheduled for later in 2026.

Athletics

2025 was another incredible year for Mohawk Trail athletics! While continuing to offer programming for grades K-12, our athletic department benefited from record-breaking participation numbers in every athletic season. All told, over HALF of Mohawk Trail students participate in Mohawk Trail athletics EVERY season. Well above both the State and National averages. Also, to quickly shine a light on some notable news in the Mohawk Trail Athletics world, we are proud to share that after a 5-year hiatus, Boys Varsity Basketball is back! In addition to this, for the first time in nearly a decade, our boys' basketball program is able to field a team at all three levels: middle school, junior varsity, and varsity! To conclude, we wouldn't want to forget to mention that for the third time in four years, our girls' alpine ski team was able to bring home a State Championship! A truly dynastic run by our flagship program!

Youth Athletics

Similar to years past, Mohawk Trail has continued to work closely with West County Baseball, West County Soccer, and the Hilltown Basketball League to offer seasonal athletic opportunities to our district students in grades K-6. In addition to these programs, summer offerings through the Mohawk Trail Athletic Department include both the Summer Track Series and youth field hockey clinics. Both are held weekly throughout the summer months! All of these programs are run by community volunteers, as well as Mohawk Trail coaches and athletes. We cannot thank these contributors enough for all of the hard work and dedication they have put into ensuring the sustainability of our district's athletic programs.

Middle School Athletics

Mohawk Trail continues to have incredibly high participation rates amongst our 7th and 8th-grade students. More than 77% of our Mohawk Trail middle school students participate in at least one athletic season, while many participate in as many as three! Middle school students have the ability to choose from 14 different athletic offerings, spread out over three seasons. Middle school students account for

nearly half of the total athletes in grades 7-12, and continue to play a huge role in the success and sustainability of our varsity programs.

Cooperative Programs

In order to ensure the continued success and sustainability of athletic programs in rural areas, the MIAA (Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association) has continued to allow smaller schools in rural areas to join forces in order to field teams that they would not be able to field on their own. Currently, the Mohawk Trail Regional School District is involved in eight separate cooperative programs. They include...

Varsity Golf - Host School (w/ Greenfield High School)
Wrestling - Host School (w/ Greenfield High School)
Football - Guest School (w/ Greenfield High School)
Boys and Girls High School Soccer - Guest School (w/ Greenfield High School)
High School Baseball - Guest School (w/ Greenfield High School)
Nordic Skiing - Host School (w/ Hampshire Regional)
Hockey - Guest School (w/ Greenfield High School)
Boys Tennis - Guest School (w/ Greenfield High School)

Our district has developed great working relationships with both the Greenfield Public School System and Hampshire Regional. By the start of FY27, Mohawk Trail should be able to offer as many athletic opportunities to its students as a much larger school that is three or four times our size. With enrollment essentially stagnant and budgets becoming tighter, we in the Mohawk Trail Athletic Department will continue to prioritize giving our students every opportunity to compete in the sport of their choice, at the absolute highest level. Go Warriors!

Get Involved!

Curious as to how you can help facilitate the success of the Mohawk Trail Athletic Department? Please reach out to District Athletic Director Greg Lilly at glillyAD@mtrsd.org or Mohawk Trail Athletic Association President Jenn Pease at jpease@admin.umass.edu to see how you can lend a helping hand!

Student Numbers

At the December mid-point of the 2025-2026 school year, student enrollment in grades 7-12 is 297. Current enrollment numbers for middle school include approximately 73 students in seventh grade and 74 students in eighth grade. Enrollment for ninth grade is 36 students; 10th grade has 41 students; 44 members of the Junior class, and 29 MTRS Seniors. We have one student enrolled in our post-graduate program.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Buckland
Principal

Special Education and Pupil Services

The Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School Districts provide special education and related services to students in five buildings: Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School, Colrain Central School, Sanderson Academy, Hawlemont Regional School, and Mohawk Trail Regional School. The primary function of special education is to ensure that students with disabilities who are eligible for an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) are provided with a *free, appropriate, public education* (FAPE) in the *least restrictive environment* (LRE). Students with disabilities who are not eligible for an IEP may qualify for a Section 504 Plan. A 504 plan provides accommodations for students in general education settings in order to ensure access to instruction among their peers. An IEP provides specialized instruction that is evidence-based and designed to meet the unique needs of the student, in addition to accommodations in general education settings. Under both plans, student progress is regularly monitored by teachers and specialists to ensure that students with disabilities are making effective progress given the necessary supports and services.

In addition to specialized academic instruction, special education provides related services in other areas that are critical to learning. The table below includes related services that are provided by school-based employees or for which we contract with outside providers.

Related Service	Licensed Professional
Speech and/or language (S/L)	Licensed Speech/Language Pathologist (CCC-SLP)
Reading	DESE Reading Specialist Licensure
Occupational Therapy (OT)	Licensed Occupational Therapist (MS, OTR/L)
Physical Therapy (PT)	Physical Therapist (PT) or Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)
Counseling	Adjustment Counselor (MSW, LMHC) or School Psychologist (NCSP)
Behavior Support	Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)
Vision	Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments (TVI)
Hearing	Audiologist (CCC-A)
Orientation & Mobility (O&M)	Certified Orientation & Mobility Specialist (COMS)

The Mohawk Trail District currently employs four full-time Speech/Language Pathologists who provide services to students attending Buckland-Shelburne, Colrain, and the Mohawk Trail school. Speech and language service needs at Hawlemont and Sanderson Academy are met through contracted providers. The districts share one Physical Therapist (PT), and the equivalent of 1.5 Occupational Therapists (OTs): one OT is full-time, and one OT has a 0.5 contract. In addition, to meet the rising needs of students with fine and gross motor limitations in the classroom, as well as sensory challenges, Mohawk Trail contracts with an outside provider for an additional 0.4 OT. We employ two full-time school psychologists. Every school building has an assigned mental health counselor, and there are three counselors providing

services to middle and high school students at Mohawk Trail. The number of service providers in each building is based on student population, student needs, and the legal requirements of the IEP.

Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont share one Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC). This is a small group of volunteer parent leaders, in conjunction with the Director of Pupil Services, who work to build effective parent-school partnerships specifically designed for families of students with disabilities. Massachusetts state law assigns both an advisory and participatory function to SEPACs. Membership is offered to all parents of children with disabilities and other interested parties. Meetings are held monthly and are open to the public.

Buckland-Shelburne is our largest elementary school campus. On-site, we provide a substantially separate setting for students with cognitive and behavioral challenges that prevent them from being fully included in grade-level classrooms. This program, known as the HUB, is available to students across our two districts. The HUB is overseen by a special education teacher with expertise in severe-needs programming, as well as our Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). Students access this separate setting to varying degrees according to their individual learning needs. On the Mohawk Trail campus, we offer two substantially separate classrooms for students in grades 7 and above. The Mohawk Trail Supported Classroom (MTSC) provides a full-time clinician and two special education teachers for students with social-emotional challenges which prevent them from accessing grade-level instruction independently. The MTSC has both a middle school classroom, for 7th and 8th graders, and a high school program, for those in 9th grade and above. Additionally, the Mohawk Trail Vocational Program (MVP) provides life skills training and academic instruction that is modified to meet the needs of students who are working on common core curriculum standards below grade level. Students within the MVP program may receive educational services at Mohawk Trail until they are 22. All of our substantially separate programs for students with unique learning needs are designed to improve outcomes for students and promote their inclusion in classrooms among their peers to the greatest extent possible. These programs also enable our districts to meet students’ needs in their local schools.

The tables below include data reflecting special populations within our school districts. These data were provided by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in Massachusetts (DESE) and were last updated on January 8th, 2026.

Mohawk Trail Regional School District

Selected Populations: 2025-2026	% of the District	% of the State
First Language Not English	1.4%	27.3%
English Language Learner	0.5%	13.4%
Low-income ¹	41.8%	41.1%
Students with Disabilities	25.1%	21.1%
High Needs ²	54.1%	55.4%

¹ Low-income status is calculated based on a student's participation in one or more of the following state-administered programs: the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); the Transitional Assistance for Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC); the Department of Children and Families' (DCF) foster care program; expanded MassHealth (Medicaid) up to 185% of the federal poverty level; students that are homeless

² High Needs status is calculated based on the number of high needs students, divided by the adjusted enrollment. A student is high needs if he or she is designated as either low income (prior to 2015, and from 2022 to present), economically disadvantaged (from 2015 to 2021),

Hawlemont Regional School District

Selected Populations: 2025-2026	% of the School/District	% of the State
First Language Not English	1.4%	27.3%
English Language Learner	0.0%	13.4%
Low-income	54.8%	41.1%
Students with Disabilities	37.8%	21.1%
High Needs	67.6%	55.4%

Demographic trends in special populations across both districts have largely mirrored trends at the state level, with the exception of the enrollment rate of English Language Learners and students for whom English is not their first language. Compared to the previous school year, in 2025-20206 schools within the Mohawk Trail Regional District observed a slight increase in students with disabilities, while the state observed a slight decrease. In the Hawlemont Regional School District, there is a greater percentage of students with disabilities enrolled compared to the state average. However, given the small size of the overall student body in Hawlemont, this increased percentage reflects a relatively small number of students. As a district, Hawlemont serves a larger population of students identified as High Needs compared to the state. The percentage of students identified as High Needs within the Mohawk Trail district is very near the state-wide average.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Lignori

Julia Lignori, Ed.S.

Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School Districts

El/former El, or a student with disabilities. A former El student is a student not currently an El, but had been at some point in the four previous academic years.
 data as of: October 1, March 1, End of Year

Superintendent of Schools



Where are We Focusing?

These are areas where specific attention has been paid to improving and strengthening performance, results, and communication across our schools and grades.

Instructional Leadership Focus

- Learning walks tied to ILT school-based planning guides.
- Principal coaching cycles with Focus Schools.
- Monthly DLT meetings with professional development in instructional leadership; and
- Accountability to district-wide assessment systems, data cycles, and curriculum implementation

District-wide Targeted Learning Focus: Writing

- Established a district-wide targeted learning focus.
- Supported school-based targeted learning focus development.
- Aligned current resources and initiatives to support writing across all content and grade levels; and
- Looking at local student work to compare with state student work exemplars

Culturally Responsive Teaching Practices

- Continued work with CES and the Joy and Justice team.
- Training for all paraprofessionals.
- Creation of a teacher toolkit to address incidents of bias in our schools; and
- Communication Tools

Area in development

Monthly newsletters to include:

- Curriculum, assessment, and instruction areas of growth; and
- Shared district-wide student achievement data for areas of celebration and growth

Enough Abuse Partnership

The Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School Districts have pursued a partnership with [Enough Abuse](#), an organization dedicated to preventing sexual abuse of children in school districts across Massachusetts. The District Leadership Team (DLT) has worked with Enough Abuse to create a plan of action that includes: 1.) professional development to educate all staff about ensuring the safety of all students in our care; 2.) requiring all staff to complete a course created by the Enough Abuse organization to establish clear and consistent expectations for appropriate relationships between all adults and students in our school districts; and 3.) review of our policies, procedures and protocols by Enough Abuse to identify ways to recognize and stop boundary-crossing behaviors (staff texting students beyond school hours, for example) which can lead to inappropriate relationships between adults and students.

What have we done:

- The DLT has participated in the Enough Abuse screening tool and professional development (PD).
- With Jetta Bernier from Enough Abuse, we have developed PD content for the entire staff.
- Staff have completed the PD training and an online module, for which they must earn a score of 85%. A certificate of completion is then awarded. The module takes staff through a typical situation and guides trainees on how to respond appropriately. The final test confirms what the staffer has learned and offers the confidence to come forward in any instance of suspected or confirmed abuse.
- We now include Enough Abuse content in our annual staff training, in addition to the mandatory [51A training](#).
- We have updated our hiring policies and protocols to ask specific questions about prior DCF findings and former work experience where a resignation was taken in lieu of termination.

- We conducted building walkthroughs and surveyed students about unsafe spaces in our schools.
- We are working to bring family resources and student curriculum to identify boundary-crossing behaviors and ways to keep our children safe.

Ensuring the safety and well-being of our students and staff is our highest priority. Please know that when an individual is hired in the Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont School Districts, they must be fingerprinted and are subject to both a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) review and a Sexual Offender Registry Information (SORI) review. In addition, our employee handbook, policies, and procedures specifically outline the professional conduct we expect of all adults in our employment.

Curriculum Check: Assessing and Adjusting Toward Achievement

In our districts, with nearly 900 students and 200 staff, implementing practices and understanding how those changes affect learning takes time. As we watch for change to reveal itself, we collect and use data to 1.) inform ourselves about student learning, and 2.) make decisions about instruction to best meet student needs. Continued data collection and review help the administration remain responsive to students throughout the school year, ensuring they are learning and growing in their skill sets and that we are pushing them to their potential. Some of the ways we collect information include:

- informally in the classroom through observation and discussion;
- regularly in small and ongoing assessments like quizzes, interviews, and exit tickets; and
- more formally through standardized assessments like DIBELS, unit tests, projects, and papers.

Tests like MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System), Advanced Placement (AP) exams, and SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) scores provide much broader measures that offer a sense of the big picture. We are also working within a framework set by DESE for improvement targets. (Categories and descriptions [may be found here.](#)) While our districts' schools, like those across the nation, still show learning loss from the pandemic, overall, our districts are classified as making "moderate progress" toward targets. All schools are performing at this level except for Colrain Central, which has an achievement level of "Substantial Progress" toward targets. And last year, Hawlemont Regional earned a "School of Distinction" recognition for its improvement efforts.

Addressing the concerns in science, middle school and high school (specifically biology) are seeing a new science curriculum. We've added concentrated blocks of time for math practice and implemented smaller, more frequent ways of testing understanding (and are seeing concrete evidence of growth from the Fall to the Spring). As for literacy, we've seen steady improvement, with students starting the school year reading at or above their grade level, as a result of work done in the previous spring. Additionally, we are doing a better job of addressing students who have been identified as needing more support and offering them that support.

We continue to shift towards more meaningful teaching and learning strategies (like Standards-Based Teaching and Learning (SBTL)) that result in content mastery and the application of skills in the classroom, as well as measurable success on standardized state assessments.

Student Voice

Student-Led Conferences (SLCs) continue to be our version of a parent-teacher conference in which students take a leadership role and are held twice a year. To prepare for the conference, students have reflection time and mini-work sessions during their advisory block. A template is provided to ensure students address their progress toward academic standards, what they are most proud of, what can be celebrated, areas for growth, and what teachers and families can do to support their goals.

An additional forum in which MTRS high school students were encouraged was a summit focused on the theme "Your Voice. Your School. Your Future." The event provided a platform for students to share their experiences and play a key role in reimagining the future of Mohawk Trail Regional School. Our students heard from special guest Gaelin Elmore, who presented on themes of belonging, trusted environments, and vulnerable authenticity. Students then moved into small work groups led by students

to discuss big ideas and practical actions related to what matters most to them at Mohawk Trail Regional School. This work will continue into 2026-2027.

Smithsonian Institute In District

How fortunate we were at Mohawk Trail Regional to have hosted the Smithsonian Institute's Museum on Main Street traveling exhibit from April 17 through May 29. The small but mighty exhibit became part of our everyday life, bringing knowledge, cause for consideration, new friends, and a renewed sense of community to the space and beyond. NEPM's Fabulous 413 came by - have a listen to the interview and tour here: <https://podcasts.apple.com/.../may-27.../id1669577464...>

Students from classrooms around the building and district visited with assignments in hand, allowing the exhibit to enrich their learning. Visitors from the community discovered the richness of the content that only the Smithsonian Institute can provide. Events hosted around the topic of Voices and Votes: Democracy In America demonstrated our appreciation for the depth and breadth of the topic and offered a forum for learning, sharing, and growth.

We offer our thanks to: Mass Humanities for making it possible for the Museum on Main Street exhibit to travel to Mohawk Trail Regional School; Mass Cultural Council and other local cultural councils for their part in supporting the initiative and related events; local historical societies and organizations for donating items for the display of local artifacts related to democracy; The Mary Lyon Foundation for their support of the events; The Charlemont Forum, Center for New Americans, League of Women Voters of Franklin County, The Art Garden, and all speakers, panelists and special guests; Falls Cable TV for broadcasting events and making recordings available; the group of dutiful volunteer docents; students and teachers who fortified their knowledge through the exhibit; all the visitors who made time to attend events and view the exhibit; and the planning committee.

Sustainability Study

The Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School Districts acknowledge that the trends of declining enrollment, rising operational costs, relatively flat state aid, and increasing needs of our student body have made the districts' current operations financially unsustainable. These trends are national and are directly affecting our communities, creating financial concerns for our school districts, our member towns, and their taxpayers. During 2025, in Phases I and II of the [2 Districts 8 Towns sustainability project](#), community conversations, meetings with town leaders, and extensive research and reporting took place. The project has moved into Phase III with consultant BERK12. Most recently, the Educational Visioning group has met to preserve what our community values most, expand opportunities for all learners, and enhance our schools with new possibilities that reflect the needs of today's students and families. Also, community members are self-selecting to participate in field trips to gather first-hand information to make solid decisions about the future of our own school districts. Site visits have been to schools in the Berkshires and Gateway Regional, where volunteer representatives asked a variety of questions to gain a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities when taking on a consolidation.

Rural Advocacy

In June, the Superintendent traveled to the State House with 4 students to lobby for increased rural aid. They participated in a hearing by [sharing their personal stories on the floor](#). We are aligned with [Rural Schools Advocacy in Massachusetts](#) to create a movement to increase rural aid. As a rural school district, we struggle with bridging financial and other resource gaps. The 38 rural school districts that educate 38,000+ Massachusetts students need and deserve rural aid that addresses our needs. Our advocacy has been and will continue to be around these three issues:

- reinstating \$4 million in rural aid removed from the FY26 Massachusetts budget; the original proposed amount was \$16 million but was later reduced to \$12 million.
- ensuring the legislature honors Governor Maura Healey's FY27 rural aid proposal of \$20 million.

- Since the Commission on the Fiscal Health of Rural School Districts report was released in July 2022, the State was recommended to appropriate \$60 million in rural school aid annually. Our voices will continue to advocate for that recommended amount.

In November, we took part in then Massachusetts State Representative Natalie Blais' office hours held at the Elmer's Community Center/Wicked Good Cafe in Ashfield, where Buz Eisenberg of [WHMP's Talk the Talk broadcast live](#) as guests, including Superintendent Stanton, who spoke on the topic of rural aid and food access. (Listen for Stanton at the 19:20 mark.) At that same time, we partnered with the Mary Lyon Foundation on a twice-a-week food distribution program when SNAP benefits were defunded. Mary Lyon Foundation secured the food donations, and District Nurse Leader Donna Weber, with the help of volunteers, coordinated the school-based program at the school buildings.

Green Initiatives

Schools in the Mohawk Trail Regional School District are starting 2026 off with a renewed commitment to our composting program. We are partnered with the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District, which visits to present on composting and recycling in the school setting, which is an initiative that has been running since 2012 at Mohawk Trail Regional School.

Wrapping Up

It is a pleasure and an honor to continue serving as your Superintendent of Schools, and I look forward to our work together.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl L. Stanton
Superintendent

Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School Districts

Where Learning and Growth is our Focus and Community, and Courage is our Path

Franklin County Technical School



Franklin County Tech Member Towns

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COMMUNITY

Bernardston
Buckland
Colrain
Conway
Deerfield
Erving
Gill
Greenfield
Greenfield
Greenfield
Greenfield
Heath
Leyden
Montague
Montague
New Salem
Northfield
Orange
Orange
Shelburne
Sunderland
Warwick
Wendell
Whately

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

FY27 Annual Report to Towns

We submit this annual report for the 2025-26 school year on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students. The enrollment numbers presented below are from the Statewide October 1, 2025, enrollment count, the State's annual “official” count. As of October 2025, the Franklin County Technical School (FCTS) has an enrollment of 579 students with member town breakouts as follows:

Town	Students	Town	Students	Town	Students	Town	Students
Bernardston	23	Erving	20	Montague	88	Sunderland	9
Buckland	23	Gill	14	New Salem	10	Warwick	4
Colrain	28	Greenfield	129	Northfield	58	Wendell	7
Conway	4	Heath	19	Orange	78	Whately	13
Deerfield	29	Leyden	12	Shelburne	11		

The Franklin County Technical School awarded 152 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2025. The state has adjusted its 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 in capital improvement projects. Trades Women of Tomorrow is a new state initiative over the last several years, providing female students at FCTS, with information and opportunity to experience successfully women business owners working in various non-traditional trade areas.

Franklin County Technical School students are learning the value of paid work opportunities through a newly revamped Cooperative Education Program (Coop). FCTS has averaged more than 110 students placed on paid Coop jobs, which are directly correlated to their vocational field of study. FCTS has the strongest Coop placement % in the state of Massachusetts. FCTS also offers excellent academic offerings with increased course offerings 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 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 Maintenance Technician (AMT) program. These new vibrant programs are the first new vocational programs at FCTS in more than 40 years, bringing the total number of Chapter 74 vocational-technical programs to 15. FCTS students follow a strict Chapter 74 guided program where students are immersed in their trade for 6.5 hours a day, develop industry-recognized credentials, and are often placed in paid employment through COOP. This robust schedule allows students to meet industry competency guidelines.

The new Aviation program has started for the 2024-25 school year. This program will provide students with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) credentials in Aviation Maintenance Technology (AMT), upon program approval, which is anticipated for January 2026. FCTS was fortunate to receive a 4.2-million-dollar competitive grant to build a new 12,000-square-foot aviation hangar and 1.4 million dollars of certified FAA equipment, aircraft, and training modules. This grant should cover the entire cost of the facility with no additional financial help needed from our member towns. The FCTS hangar will be located on the adjacent Turners Falls Municipal Airport grounds. The AMT program includes a twin-engine airplane, two single-engine airplanes, one glider, and one helicopter, as well as machines, equipment, engine simulators, and tools required by the FAA for an AMT certification program. FCTS will become one of the few high schools in the country to offer a credentialed FAA program. Students starting the program in the fall of 2026, will have the opportunity to obtain 1200 hours of FAA training, allowing them to sit for an FAA license exam. FAA certification will provide our students on their way to a career in aviation.

FCTS is nearly 50 years old and has experienced electrical switch gear issues, roof leaks, plumbing and drainage issues, underground piping and conduit related issues, elimination of auditorium to accommodate enrollment, and a host of additional facility concerns to provide adequate student space and learning needs. This has resulted in hundreds of thousands of dollars to maintain the FCTS facility annually, over the last several years. To resolve this, FCTS has been approved for a Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) funded project for a core building. FCTS has budgeted money over the last several years to fund a Feasibility Study without having to bond or charge our member towns with additional assessments. We have completed the eligibility and feasibility phases of the project and currently in the schematic design phase. The schematic design phase will be completed in the summer of 2026 and a district wide vote will occur in the fall of 2026 for all 19 member towns on the same day and hours.

Franklin County Technical School's technical programs continue to improve and evolve through competitive Skills Capital Grants. FCTS has received more than 6.5 million dollars in competitive grants over the last 8 years and a total of 11.5 million since 2014. 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 evening programs for underemployed and displaced workers to obtain a certification in Advanced Precision Machining using the latest 21st-century technology in our CNC machines. Through these highly competitive skills grants, FCTS also received \$500,000 to build a mobile welding simulator lab to develop technical skills for FCTS students toward certification. FCTS has begun partnering with the Franklin County House of Corrections to utilize the new mobile welding simulator lab and provide competency training to inmates.

In addition, FCTS applied for and received a total of 4 million dollars in grants over the last several years to implement new adult evening training programs through the Commonwealth Corporation's Career Technical Initiative (CTI). Since 2022, FCTS initiated adult training courses in Welding, Auto Technology, Electrical, Landscaping & Horticulture, and Carpentry through the CTI grant. FCTS continues to explore more programs for evening courses in 2025. The CTI grants are helping FCTS to start its adult program offerings, such as electrical and hobby courses with plans to add more in the future. FCTS has hired a full-time adult evening school coordinator to accomplish these goals and meet industry and community needs.

FCTS vocational programs have supported the community in the following areas:

Franklin County Technical School remains committed to providing high-quality technical services to our member towns. These projects allow our students to gain real-world experience while delivering significant cost savings and essential services to the community.

Construction & Infrastructure Projects

- Petty Plain Road House Project (Greenfield): A multi-year collaboration between the Carpentry, Electrical, Plumbing, and Horticulture programs. Construction is ongoing, with an anticipated completion date of Spring 2026.
- Carpentry Municipal Support:
 - Conway: Framing for the Highway Garage.
 - Erving: Construction of dugouts at Zilinski Park.
 - Bernardston: Construction of dugout benches for Pratt Field.
 - Hatfield & Whately: Library support including bench repairs and a new suggestion box.
- Welding & Fabrication:
 - Montague: Repaired backhoe pins for the DPW and restored wrought iron fencing at the local cemetery.
 - Environmental Art: Fabricated 12 fish silhouettes and a custom bench for the First Light fish ladder.
- Advanced Manufacturing:
 - Produced custom fountain keys for the Town of Warwick.
 - Annual fabrication of "Cool Rides" car show trophies.
 - Ongoing campus maintenance, including the fabrication of soccer net brackets.

Electrical: The Electrical department has managed several large-scale municipal renovations and new constructions:

- Conway Emergency Services: Full electrical support for the remodel and addition of the Fire/EMS/Police garage, including power distribution and data cabling.
- Colrain Town Hall: Modular furniture data remodel, including Cat6 testing and device replacement.
- Heath Town Hall: Energy-efficient lighting retrofit, replacing fluorescent fixtures with LEDs.
- Municipal Facilities: Previous completion of data and fire alarm systems for the Conway DPW and the FCTS Campus.

Programming & Web Development

- Tech Tuesdays & Thursdays: A partnership with area senior centers (Gill-Montague, Erving, and Bernardston) where Programming & Web Development students provide drop-in technical support for laptops, phones, and digital literacy.
- Web Development: Students are currently finalizing a new website for the UCC of Conway (uccofconway.com), scheduled for launch by February 2026.

Agriculture & Environmental Stewardship

- Horticulture:
 - Participated in the Source to Sea River Cleanup in Turners Falls and Erving.
 - Provided seasonal cleanups for the Hill Cemetery in Shelburne and the Franklin County Fairgrounds.
- Animal Science:
 - Offers complimentary bathing and grooming services for local Working K9 units.
 - Student volunteers support operations at the Better Together Dog Rescue in Leverett.
 - Partners with the Franklin County Sheriff's Department to host a community rabies clinic.
 - Fundraising events by providing pet services on weekends.

Health and Human Services

- Cosmetology: Operates a public salon offering affordable services (haircuts, color, facials, and manicures). The department actively coordinates with local Councils on Aging to ensure seniors have access to these services.
- Health & Medical Assisting: Students visit the LifePath Community Engagement Center, providing essential support and companionship to clients living with dementia.

- Culinary Arts: Provides catering and event support for the Franklin County Fair, Chamber of Commerce breakfasts, the Superintendent's Dinner, Catering service for the Cadet Graduation for the Franklin County Sheriff, and holiday meals for the Montague Housing Authority and the annual catering for Communities That Cares Coalition.

The Franklin County Technical School is forward-thinking as it continues to review labor demand and market analysis to add new programs to its offerings. The School Committee supports our students as they obtain competencies and training to make them competitive in the workplace or at college. Our partnerships with our communities are important for our programs, and we thank those who allow our students the opportunity to practice their trades out in the field.

Respectfully,



Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz
School Committee Chairman



Mr. Richard J. Martin
Superintendent-Director