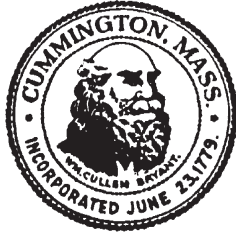


Town of
**CUMMINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS**



**ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR
ENDING
JUNE 30, 2011**

Adams Specialty & Printing Co.

Town of Cummington

Established In 1762 as Township #5
Incorporated June 23, 1779

AREA
23.06 Square Miles

MILES OF TOWN ROADS
49.2

MILES OF STATE HIGHWAYS
9

UNITED STATES SENATORS
Scott Brown
John F. Kerry

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
John W. Olver

MASSACHUSETTS STATE SENATOR
Benjamin B. Downing

MASSACHUSETTS STATE REPRESENTATIVE
Paul Mark

GOVERNOR
Deval Patrick

HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Monica M. Vandoloski

TOWN MEETING DATE – First Friday in May

TOWN ELECTION – Second Monday in May

POPULATION – Census 2010 - 872



Elected Officials

Term Expires

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Russell L. Sears III, Chairman	2014
James A. Drawe	2013
Monica M. Vandoloski	2012

TOWN CLERK

Susan F. Forgea	2014
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TREASURER

Susan L. Warriner	2014
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TAX COLLECTOR

Susan L. Warriner	2012
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BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Philip Morin	2014
Richard Roberge	2013
Audrey Marcoux	2012

MODERATOR

Donna L. Forgea	2012
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VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Lori Carver	2014
Theodore Lynds	2013
Sharon Cunningham	2012

ALMONER OF CHARITABLE FUNDS

Susan F. Forgea	2014
Bernard L. Forgea	2013
Joyce A. Wiernasz	2012

Term Expires

COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUNDS

Stephen M. Howes	2014
Joyce A. Wiernasz	2013
Barbara D. Goldsmith	2012

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Delbert Robbins	2014
Donna L. Forgea	2013
Thomasz Jaracz	2012

TRUSTEES of the BRYANT FREE LIBRARY

Brenda S. Arbib	2016
Deborah Hoechstetter	2015
John Maruskin	2014
William Powers	2013
Edward Konieczny	2012

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Daniel G. Loux	2014
Dennis W. Forgea	2014
Brian R. Anderson	2013
Jill Figlozzi	2013
David R. Owen	2013
Maureen L. Tumenas	2012
Scott B. Keith	2012
Susan L. Warriner, Treasurer (Ex-officio non-voting member)	2012
Donna L. Forgea, Moderator (Ex-officio non-voting member)	2012

BOARD OF HEALTH

Judith C. Bogart	2014
Theodore Lynds	2013
John C. Earls	2012

Term Expires

PLANNING BOARD

Brian J. Gilman	2016
Robert Taylor	2015
Judith C. Bogart	2014
Richard A. Roberge	2013
Edward Konieczny	2012

CUMMINGTON RECREATION

And

PETTINGILL MEMORIAL FIELD COMMITTEE

Andrew Kurt Liebenow	2014
Peter J. Feitner	2014
Charles B. Quinlan	2013
Geraldine Wilcox	2013
Donna L. Forgea	2012
Amy G. Grallert	2012
Sharon J. Cunningham	2012

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Monica M. Vandoloski	2012
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CONSTABLES

Sharon J. Cunningham	2013
Michael A. Perkins III	2013

**REPRESENTATIVE TO CENTRAL BERKSHIRE REGIONAL
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Sean T. Nyhan

Appointed Officials

Appointments by the Board of Selectmen

Member *Term Expires*

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Jeanette A. Horton	2014
Clifford S. Thayer	2014
Daniel G. Loux	2013
H. Sydney O'Leary	2013
Paul H. Streeter	2012
Brian R. Anderson	2012

APPEALS, ZONING BOARD OF

Ernest T. Strong	2014
Kenneth L. Howes	2014
Carla C. Ness	2013
Bruce A. Mougín	2013
Deborah L. Emerson, Associate	2012
Michael Holden	2012

LOCAL CULTURAL COUNCIL

Kathryn L. Jensen	2014
June D. Ferris	2013
Andrew Kurt Liebenow	2013
Jillian Kay Hanson	2012
Eric M. Smith	2012
Gary P. Groesbeck	2012
Teri F. Wiseman	2012

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Robert D. Dextrose	2012
James L. Drawe	2012
Gloria A. Robbins	2012
Almond L. Streeter	2012
Russell L. Sears, III	2012
Monica M. Vandoloski	2012

Member

Term Expires

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Bernard L. Forgea 2012

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Robert D. Dextraze 2014
John D. Eisenhour 2014
Walter G. Korzec 2013
Gerald F. Howes, Jr. 2013
Allan J. Douglas 2012
Chad E. Howes 2012
Brian R. Anderson 2012

COUNCIL on AGING

Donald E. Morton 2014
Carolyn J. Urekew 2014
Margaret L. Daniels 2014
Worth H. Noyes 2013
James D. Martin, Jr. 2013
Helen Mary Griffith 2013
Mary E. Streeter 2012
Veronica M. Russin-Nash 2012
Edith E. Morton 2012
Diane P. Anderson – Coordinator

FENCE VIEWERS & FIELD DRIVERS

Robert D. Dextraze 2012
Bruce W. Harrison 2012

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Robert D. Dextraze 2012

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Stephanie L. Pasternak 2014
Kathy McMahan 2014
Stephen M. Howes 2013
Carla C. Ness 2013

<i>Member</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Lawrence R. Slezak	2013
Karen J. Westergaard	2013
Scott B. Keith	2012
Barbara D. Goldsmith	Emeritus

INSPECTOR of ANIMALS

Gerald F. Howes, Jr.	2012
Julie P. Jernstrom	2012

INSPECTOR of BUILDINGS

James Cerone	2012
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INSPECTOR of GAS FITTINGS

Donald Lawton	2012
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INSPECTOR of WIRING

Arlin V. Stevens	2012
William Graham, Assistant	2012

POLICE CHIEF

Dennis W. Forgea	2012
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POLICE OFFICERS

Sharon J. Cunningham	2012
Michael Andrew Perkins II, Sergeant, D.A.R.E. Officer	2012

REGISTRARS of VOTERS

Susan L. Forgea	2012
Cynthia M. Volk	2012
Carolyn J. Wolf	2012
Jeanette A. Horton	2012

SELECTMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE to LIBRARY TRUSTEES

James A. Drawe	2012
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Member

Term Expires

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Julie P. Jernstrom	2012
Erik C. Jernstrom, Assistant	2012

SURVEYORS of WOOD & TIMBER

Robert D. Dextraze	2012
David F. Robb, Jr.	2012

TOWN COUNSEL

Michael Siddall	2012
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TREE WARDEN

Robert D. Dextraze	2012
David F. Robb, Jr.	2012

VETERANS AGENT

Inter-Municipal Veterans Services	
Joseph Russo	2012

LOWER PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

Brian J. Gilman	2012
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RIGHT TO KNOW COORDINATOR

Alan Streeter	2012
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TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Angela Cook	2012
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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT to SELECTMEN

Monica M. Vandoloski	2012
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HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT PROJECTION COMMITTEE

Robert D. Dextraze	2012
Peter J. Marcoux, Sr.	2012

<i>Member</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Delbert H. Robbins	2012
Russell L. Sears, III	2012
Ernest T. Strong	2012

BUILDING REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mark Demaranville	2012
Roger Bradford Gunn	2012
Craig G. Johns	2012
George E. Racz	2012
Vincent F. Ridel	2012

PERMANENT APPOINTMENT

FIRE CHIEF Bernard L. Forgea

PETTINGILL CLOCK COMMITTEE

Scott B. Keith	2012
Arlin V. Stevens	2012
Alan Streeter	2012

MUNICIPAL SERVICE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Brian R. Anderson	James D. Martin, Jr.
Peter J. Feitner	George E. Racz
Bernard L. Forgea	Earle H. Streeter
Dennis W. Forgea	Robert Taylor

WESTFIELD RIVER WILD & SCENIC PROGRAM

Advisory Committee

John H. C. Bye, Jr.	2012
Matthew John Grallert, Alternate	2012

CUMMINGTON WEB SITE

[HTTP://www.Cummington-Ma.gov](http://www.Cummington-Ma.gov)

Selectboard

July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

To the Citizens of Cummington

The past year was an eventful one for the selectboard. Much time was spent concerning issues regarding the Community House and the Old Firehouse.

With input from the Building Review Committee minor repairs and upgrades were made at the Fire House. At the Community House painting was done on the outside. Inside new locks were installed on doors and panic bars and locks installed on the entry doors. An agreement was made to refinish the auditorium floor with Maureen Shea and Stephen Yoshen. Russ Jordan is our new maintenance man and he promptly repaired the elevators and all the exit lights. The building review committee also examined the oil furnace in the original section of the Community House and have made a recommendation to replace it with a more efficient and cost effective system.

Chapter 90 work was done repairing and repaving Fairgrounds Road. Funds were secured and some preparation work completed also to reconstruct and repave Route 112 from the five corners to the Worthington town line.

The Town sold two pieces of property acquired through tax possession one on Snow Road to Bruce and Laurence Mougín of Cummington and one on Cole Street to Adam Backenroth from Teaneck NJ.

The Town formed a Municipal Lighting Plant as part of the on-going Wired West project.

Many items of equipment considered unusable owned by the Town were sold by sealed bid.

The Selectboard held a well attended hearing to consider granting Cosimo Ferrante a special permit to have 25 unregistered vehicles on the premises at 9 Main Street.

Once again the Board of Selectmen would like to thank one and all for the many hours of hard work by the Town's elected and appointed officials.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell L. Sears, III, Chairman
James A. Drawe
Monica M. Vandoloski

Town of Cummington

Expense Report

July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

Expended

10100.00 Official Salaries

BUDGET	28,315.00
BOGART JUDITH C.	400.00
CARVER LORI	40.00
CUNNINGHAM SHARON	15.00
DEXTRAZE JR ROBERT	40.00
DRAWE JAMES	1,100.00
EARLS JOHN G	400.00
FORGEA DONNA	495.00
FORGEA SUSAN	2,000.00
JARACZ TOMASZ	150.00
LYNDS THEODORE F	715.00
MARCOUX AUDREY	1,200.00
MORIN PHILIP V	1,100.00
ROBBINS DELBERT	300.00
ROBERGE RICHARD A	1,100.00
SEARS RUSSELL	1,200.00
VANDOLOSKI MONICA	1,100.00
WARRINER SUSAN L	15,409.13
BALANCE REMAINING	1,550.87

10100.02 Administration General

BUDGET	4,106.00
KELLOG CHRISTINE	(103.50)
KELLOGG CHRISTINE B	115.00
DD GRAPHICS WEB MEDIA	365.00
HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVRNMT	50.00
TURLEY PUBLICATIONS, INC	115.64
DEEP ASSOCIATES	0.00
MMA	447.00
HOBBS & WARREN, INC.	118.00
DAILY HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE	0.00
WHITING ENERGY FUELS	782.32
MOHAWK OFFICE EQUIPMENT CO.INC	456.00
WMECO	284.90
W.B. MASON	429.67
POSTMASTER	100.00
MONICA VANDOLOSKI	126.14
REMAINING BALANCE	819.83

10100.04 Admin. Various Officials

BUDGET	600.00
DOUGLAS DONNA	52.50
REMAINING BALANCE	547.50

10111.00 Town Counsel

BUDGET	5,000.00
SIDDALL & SIDDALL, P.C.	1,680.00
REMAINING BALANCE	3,320.00

10122.01 Administration Selectmen

BUDGET	8,279.53
DRAWE JAMES	180.60
KELLOG CHRISTINE	103.50
KELLOGG CHRISTINE B	43.13
VANDOLOSKI MONICA	7,813.96
HAMP COUNTY SELECTMEN'S ASSN	90.00
MONICA VANDOLOSKI	48.34
REMAINING BALANCE	0.00

10131.00 Admin. Finance Committee

BUDGET	126.00
ATFC	126.00
REMAINING BALANCE	0.00

10135.00 Accountant Salary

BUDGET	8,405.00
COOK ANGELA	1,454.67
LANE AMY J	6,788.46
REMAINING BALANCE	161.87

10135.01 Administration Accountant

BUDGET	2,900.00
SOFTRIGHT	2,610.89
REMAINING BALANCE	289.11

10141.00 Administration Assessors

BUDGET	4,747.50
COMMUNITY SOFTWARE CONSORTIUM	1,800.00
MAAO	75.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	84.00
AUDREY MARCOUX	39.99
HAMPSHIRE CTY REGISTER OF DEEDS	72.50
COMMONWEALTH OF MASS.	75.00
COMM. OF MASS.	75.00
HAMPDEN/HAMPSHIRE CTY	30.00
W.B. MASON	283.53
JOY CHIPMAN	8.80
JOY JOHNS	140.15
REMAINING BALANCE	2063.53

10141.01 Assessor's Clerk

BUDGET	5,450.00
CHIPMAN JOY M	300.00
JOHNS JOY M	4,672.50
REMAINING BALANCE	477.50

10141.03 Assessor's Consultant

BUDGET	10,900.00
MAYFLOWER VAULTATION LTD	10,800.00
REMAINING BALANCE	100.00

10141.04 Assessors Tax Maps

BUDGET	800.00
HOLMBERG & HOWE	800.00
REMAINING BALANCE	0.00

10145.00 Administration Treasurer

BUDGET	4,536.00
HAMP/FRANK COLL TREAS ASSN	10.00
MASS. COLL. & TREAS. ASSOC.	45.00
U S POSTAL SERVICE	440.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	240.00
WARRINER, PETTY CASH, SUSAN	3.84
SOFTRIGHT	2,510.89
BANK OF WESTERN MASS	75.00
SUSAN WARRINER	73.82
W.B. MASON	213.52
PEOPLE'S UNITED BANK	825.00
REMAINING BALANCE	98.93

10146.00 Admin. Tax Collector

BUDGET	3,808.04
UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE SERVIC	95.00
PHOENIX COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INC	750.00
FRCOG/COMM SOFTWARE CONSORT	750.00
IRON MOUNTAIN	258.94
MASS. COLL. & TREAS. ASSOC.	45.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	1,076.00
ARTHUR P. JONES	124.40
W.B. MASON	503.17
JPS COMPUTER SERVICES	150.00
REMAINING BALANCE	55.53

10158.00 Tax Title Expenses

BUDGET	1,215.00
REGISTRY OF DEEDS	350.00
DAILY HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE	442.25
BERKSHIRE EAGLE	422.54
REMAINING BALANCE	0.21

10161.00 Admin. Town Clerk

BUDGET	383.74
SUSAN FORGEA	144.00
IRON MOUNTAIN	239.74
REMAINING BALANCE	0.00

10162.00 Election & Registration

BUDGET	1,360.50
CUNNINGHAM SHARON	224.50
DEGRAVE ELLEN M	80.00
DOUGLAS DONNA	24.00
FORGEA SUSAN	208.00
HORTON JEANNETTE A.	25.50
JAY KRISTIN M	203.50
JORDAN DONNA C	34.00
MERRITT HELEN S	24.00
PERKINS MICHAEL A	213.50
POWERS WILLIAM M	56.00
VANDOLOSKI MONICA	208.00
WOLF CAROLYN	59.50
REMAINING BALANCE	0.00

10171.00 Conservation Commission

BUDGET	162.34
ALLAN DOUGLAS	19.09
DAILY HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE	132.00
ALLAN DOUGLAS	11.25
REMAINING BALANCE	0.00

10175.00 Planning Board Expenses

BUDGET	1,600.00
JOHNS JOY M	120.00
MOORE JUDITH	458.75
JUDI BOGART	9.55
TURLEY PUBLICATIONS, INC	19.49
JUDY MOORE	55.40
REMAINING BALANCE	936.81

10176.00 Zoning Board Expenses

BUDGET	500.00
TURLEY PUBLICATIONS, INC	119.90
DAILY HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE	274.00
REMAINING BALANCE	106.10

20422.00 Highway Garage

BUDGET	8,320.49
CUMMINGTON SUPPLY, INC.	248.35
GRAHAM ELECTRIC	415.00
MILLER'S PETROLEUM SYS INC	255.78
WHITING ENERGY FUELS	4,074.02
TOWN OF CUMMINGTON	519.75
WMECO	1,540.74
RAYNOR DOOR SALES	143.15
HAMPSHIRE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	880.00
DAVES BURNER SERVICE	95.00
W.B. MASON	89.99

REMAINING BALANCE	58.71
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20422.01 Highway Administration	
BUDGET	500.00
TURLEY PUBLICATIONS, INC	33.33
BERK CNTY HWY SUPT ASSN.	40.00
MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY ASSN	50.00
MASS.TRI-COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPT. ASSC	25.00
REMAINING BALANCE	351.67
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20422.02 Highway General	
BUDGET	49,970.00
CUMMINGTON SUPPLY, INC.	583.12
P&M MARCOUX	3,230.00
GRAHAM ELECTRIC	140.00
MCKENNEY ELECTRICAL CO., INC	302.20
DONOVAN BROTHERS, INC	15,968.39
TURLEY PUBLICATIONS, INC	40.98
BACON'S EQUIPMENT	179.77
JMS AUTO PARTS	974.24
MILLER'S PETROLEUM SYS INC	115.00
S & S MACHINE & WELDING	155.00
DONBECK SALES	829.35
COWAN AUTO SUPPLY, INC	352.04
GRAINGER	838.33
AW DIRECT, INC	163.94
LANE CONSTRUCTION CORP.	1,498.82
CERTIFIED LABORATORIES	1,981.83
SAFETY-KLEEN SYSTEMS, INC	297.76
PITTSFIELD FIRE & SAFETY CO INC.	174.40
TRI STATE LAUNDRIES	1,563.35
L.F. POWERS CO.INC.	973.33
KEVIN MARTIN	89.99
SUGARLEDGE STONE QUARRY INC	6,786.13
LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	54.84
HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF PURCHASING	645.56
PETER J. MARCOUX	1,360.00
AIRGAS EAST	139.59
CUSTOM DRUG TESTING	55.00
W.B. MASON	58.39
SEAN NOONAN	330.00
INNOVATIVE MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	3,602.40
WEST COUNTY EQUIPMENT RENTALS	115.00
KIMBALL MIDWEST	246.99
POWER WASHER SALES	417.84
YORK MODERN CORPORATION	768.71
J.W. COTTON LLC	2,572.50
M.L. SCHMITT ELECTRICAL	1,795.00
FRANK LABELLE'S SALES & SERVICES, INC	50.19
REMAINING BALANCE	520.02

20422.06 Highway Tool & Machinery

BUDGET	56,375.00
GRS EQUIPMENT SERVICES	5,852.00
LIEBENOW'S GARAGE	139.98
MISTER TIRE	16.00
G & S INDUSTRIAL, INC	146.51
BACON'S EQUIPMENT	239.43
JMS AUTO PARTS	381.46
MILLER'S PETROLEUM SYS INC	764.00
PITTSFIELD COMMUNICATIONS	340.51
SUPERIOR SPRING & MFG CO	1,136.49
S & S MACHINE & WELDING	925.00
COWAN AUTO SUPPLY, INC	705.12
SCHMIDT EQUIPMENT, INC	1,178.29
MINUTEMAN TRUCKS, INC	145.24
GATEWAY MOTORS	298.34
GATEWAY	245.36
ZWACK, INC.	4,700.00
MASS MOBILE INSPECTIONS	720.75
L.F. POWERS CO.INC.	556.60
PITTSFIELD LAWN & TRACTOR	256.50
FRIENDLY FRED'S	521.72
HOWE BROS. INC	2,351.31
DENNIS K BURKE INC	32,365.04
TOWN OF CONWAY	300.00
GRS EQUIPMENT SERVICES	180.00
RUSSELL JORDAN	400.00
FRANK LABELLE'S SALES & SERVICES, INC	43.81
REMAINING BALANCE	1,465.54

20422.20 Hwy Vac, Hol, Sick & Per

BUDGET	15,266.00
DEXTRAZE JR ROBERT	4,405.10
MARTIN KEVIN C	3,941.44
MEYER RICHARD B	4,755.04
REMAINING BALANCE	2,164.42

20422.22 Highway Salaries

BUDGET	119,356.00
DEXTRAZE JR ROBERT	40,295.51
MARTIN KEVIN C	35,152.04
MEYER RICHARD B	35,084.24
STREETER ALAN	540.00
REMAINING BALANCE	8,284.21

20422.26 Highway Capital

BUDGET	38,000.00
MISTER TIRE	1,472.00
MHQ MUNICIPAL VEHICLES	33,208.00
BELLSTONE CYCLE INC	943.61
REMAINING BALANCE	2,376.39

20423.00 Winter Roads

BUDGET	51,968.00
S & S MACHINE & WELDING	265.00
ATLANTIC BROOM	1,342.00
ZWACK, INC.	1,148.03
GEORGE D. JUDD & SONS LLC	20,265.12
VALK MANUFACTURING COM	2,266.00
MAPLE GROVE EQUIPMENT	743.45
EASTERN MINERALS	25,937.74
REMAINING BALANCE	0.66

30000.01 CBRSD Operating Expense

BUDGET	784,939.00
CENTRAL BERKSHIRE REGIONAL S.D.	784,939.00
REMAINING BALANCE	0.00

30000.02 CBRSD Capital Expense

BUDGET	73,036.00
CENTRAL BERKSHIRE REGIONAL S.D.	73,036.00
REMAINING BALANCE	0.00

30000.03 CBRSD Transportation

BUDGET	328.00
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30000.04 Vocational Tuition

BUDGET	246,700.00
STEVENSVILLE CORP	2,310.00
TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE	8,074.08
SVAHS	162,541.50
Smith Vocational & Agricultural High School	52,875.00
REMAINING BALANCE	20,899.42

30000.06 Vocational Transportation

BUDGET	46,703.00
STEVENSVILLE CORP	36,791.94
REMAINING BALANCE	9,911.06

30610.00 Library Appropriation

BUDGET	6,893.51
TESSIER GREGORY	348.50
WOLF MARIE J	289.00
CUMMINGTON SUPPLY, INC.	33.66
MARK DEMARANVILLE	652.62
DEMARANVILLE, MAUREEN	155.56
ELECTRALARM	250.00
OLD CREAMERY GROCERY, THE	288.98
MACFARLANE OFFICE PROD., INC	295.88
GEORGE PROPANE, INC	107.15
WHITING ENERGY FUELS	1,775.09
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY	59.00

NATIONAL GEORGRAPHIC SOCIETY	150.83
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC	8.00
OUTSIDE MAGAZINE	61.95
NEWSWEEK	100.00
BARNES & NOBLE	875.62
CONSUMER REPORTS	98.00
MATTHEW GRALLERT	200.00
WMECO	482.13
ED KONIECZNY	180.48
HIGHSMITH INC.	251.16
ARCHAEOLOGY	31.95
NELSO HARRIS	15.00
SAM KONIECZNY	150.00
ANCIENT AMERICAN	32.95
REMAINING BALANCE	0.00
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30610.02 Library Capital	
BUDGET	12,500.00
CUMMINGTON SUPPLY, INC.	255.90
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	539.10
CRAIG G. JOHNS	1,605.00
STEVENSVILLE CORP	1,000.00
WILLIAM A DYNOK	1,600.00
REMAINING BALANCE	7,500.00
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40543.00 Veterans Benefits	
BUDGET	27,128.81
Jean Dunham	296.95
DAVID BERGERON	9,160.58
TUFTS HEALTH PLAN	6,292.00
JONATHAN SCHNAUBER	1,454.43
JOHN SCHNAUBER	4,363.29
MARION MARCOUX	1,548.00
REMAINING BALANCE	4,013.56
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60210.00 Police Department	
BUDGET	8,900.00
SENTRY UNIFORM & EQUIP.	484.80
HIGHLAND AMBULANCE EMS INC	35.00
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT CORP	985.00
U S POSTAL SERVICE	56.00
VERIZON	424.53
MICHAEL PERKINS	278.25
MHQ MUNICIPAL VEHICLES	209.17
INTEGRATION PARTNERS CORP	1,402.00
HAMPSHIRE SHERIFF'S OFFICE	909.00
NORMANDEAU COMMUNICATIONS, INC	170.00
SCOTT AND SONS AUTO REPAIR	406.35
W.B. MASON	249.98
MASSMICROELECTRONICS	85.00
EVIDENT	132.00

MIKE PERKINS	41.59
TMDE CALIBRATION LABS, INC.	225.00
REMAINING BALANCE	2,806.33
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60210.01 Police Dept. Salaries	
BUDGET	13,500.00
CUNNINGHAM SHARON	572.00
FORGEA DENNIS	5,947.50
PERKINS MICHAEL A	5,082.00
REMAINING BALANCE	1,898.50
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60220.00 F.D. & Forest Warden	
BUDGET	15,335.90
SENTRY UNIFORM & EQUIP.	59.40
CUMMINGTON SUPPLY, INC.	474.69
BERNARD FORGEA - OTHER	1,413.50
ED'S AUTO REPAIR	390.01
WESTERN MA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSN	75.00
JMS AUTO PARTS	180.08
MILLER'S PETROLEUM SYS INC	95.00
S & S MACHINE & WELDING	325.00
BERK CNTY FIRECHIEF'S ASSN	100.00
LABELLE'S SALES & SERVICE, FRANK	76.96
GLEASON FIRE EQUIPMENT	1,080.00
ADAMSON INDUSTRIES CORP	39.90
UNITED DIVERS, INC	2,264.33
AW DIRECT, INC	259.75
HAMP CNTY FIRE DEFENSE ASSN	532.00
GEORGE PROPANE, INC	67.60
DAILY HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE	122.00
MOUNTAINVIEW GRAPHICS	250.70
MASS MOBILE INSPECTIONS	463.75
NFPA	150.00
FIREHOUSE MAGAZINE	29.95
FIRE ENGINEERING	58.00
NEW ENGLAND FIRE EQUIP. & APPART.	1,995.64
VERONICA MARD	300.00
LAKES REGION FIRE APPARATUS INC	1,944.00
FIRE CHIEF'S ASSC. OF MASS.	200.00
RICHARD MEYER	20.67
ELY, ROBERT	70.97
ACS FIREHOUSE	625.00
PHYSIO CONTROL	52.70
FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS	294.00
MAPLE GROVE EQUIPMENT	74.00
PENN S MOULTON	168.75
WHITE LIGHTNING AUTO BODY	585.28
REMAINING BALANCE	497.27
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60220.08 Fire Dept Capital	
BUDGET	5,543.44

CUMMINGTON SUPPLY, INC.	82.27
ED'S AUTO REPAIR	546.45
PITTSFIELD COMMUNICATIONS	3,132.00
WHITE LIGHTNING AUTO BODY	1,739.28
REMAINING BALANCE	43.44
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60241.00 Building Inspector	
BUDGET	8,000.00
CERONE JAMES A.	7,333.26
REMAINING BALANCE	666.74
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60241.01 Building Inspector Adm	
BUDGET	100.00
CERONE, JAMES	96.35
REMAINING BALANCE	3.65
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60288.00 Public Safety Complex Operating	
BUDGET	13,594.32
LOCK SHOP OF BERKSHIRE COUNTY	354.50
WHITING ENERGY FUELS	6,830.56
VERIZON	374.19
TOWN OF CUMMINGTON	1,125.00
WMECO	3,838.60
FIRE DETECTION SYSTEMS	300.00
NORMANDEAU COMMUNICATIONS, INC	85.00
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	179.48
KINSLEY POWER SYSTEMS	464.00
REMAINING BALANCE	42.99
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60290.00 Public Safety Complex Capital (TS)	
BUDGET	30,000.00
CUMMINGTON SUPPLY, INC.	74.35
P&M MARCOUX	850.00
Underground Supply, Inc.	1,020.00
SIDDALL & SIDDALL, P.C.	400.00
O'SHEA, GETZ & KOSAKOWSKI,P.C.	8,252.66
REMAINING BALANCE	19,402.99
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60291.00 Emergency Management	
BUDGET	2,700.00
BLACKBOARD CONNECT	2,500.00
REMAINING BALANCE	200.00
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60292.00 Animal Control Officer Ex	
BUDGET	2,026.00
JULIE JERNSTROM	1,375.00
HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVRNMT	114.65
BERKSHIRE VETERINARY HOSPITAL	410.65
REMAINING BALANCE	125.70
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60294.02 Tree Account

BUDGET	4,000.00
HOWES TREE & LANDSCAPING	3,860.00
REMAINING BALANCE	140.00

70100.00 Water Department

BUDGET	42,000.00
FORGEA DENNIS	5,200.00
CUMMINGTON SUPPLY, INC.	38.85
DENNIS FORGEA	18.59
DONNA L. FORGEA	118.78
P&M MARCOUX	225.00
SUSAN WARRINER	35.70
BERKSHIRE FENCE CO	615.00
BERKSHIRE ENVIRO-LABS INC	4,420.00
GEORGE PROPANE, INC	2,051.00
ASTRO CHEMICALS, INC	4,298.80
VERIZON	383.48
COMM. OF MASS	84.34
USA BLUE BOOK	72.66
MWWA,INC.	75.00
WMECO	4,302.81
MASS. RURAL WATER ASSC.	175.00
USDA	21,844.40
EJ PRESCOTT INC.	195.31
TOWN OF PLAINFIELD	518.67
DENISE FORGEA	30.15
REMAINING BALANCE	(2,703.54)

70104.00 Fire Hydrant Assessment

BUDGET	10,575.00
TOWN OF CUMMINGTON	10,575.00
REMAINING BALANCE	0.00

70510.00 Board of Health

BUDGET	66,721.58
GRANGER CAMERON R	1,930.00
HATT JACQUELINE E	880.00
LYNDS THEODORE F	3,531.50
MOORE JUDITH	1,311.00
ROBBINS SR LEVI	3,448.50
JUDI BOGART	19.98
CUMMINGTON SUPPLY, INC.	9.15
LYNDS, THEODORE	373.64
US POSTAL SERVICES	88.00
TIGHE & BOND	7,291.71
HILLTOWN RESOURCE MNGMNT COP	25,438.79
HOBBS & WARREN, INC.	119.00
U S POSTAL SERVICE	100.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	44.00

ROBBINS, LEVI	16.00
WMECO	1,013.87
DAVE WICKLES TRUCKING	12,147.23
BARBARA CURRAN	300.00
JUDY MOORE	51.51
FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF	39.08
REMAINING BALANCE	8,568.62
70510.04 Board of Health Capital	
BUDGET	10,000.00
NEWMAN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING	3,600.00
REMAINING BALANCE	6,400.00
70610.00 Highland Ambulance	
BUDGET	13,142.00
HIGHLAND AMBULANCE EMS INC	11,434.00
REMAINING BALANCE	1,708.00
80750.00 Interest on Loans	
BUDGET	5,000.00
80751.00 Safety Complex Loan	
BUDGET	77,574.00
USDA	77,574.00
REMAINING BALANCE	0.00
90192.00 Insurance & Bonds	
BUDGET	46,210.85
DEEP ASSOCIATES	9,486.00
MIIA PROPERTY & CAS GR, INC.	24,349.65
MIIA WORKERS' COMP GROUP	263.00
RENAISSANCE ALLIANCE INS SERVICES LLC	755.00
REMAINING BALANCE	11,357.20
90192.04 Lawn Mowing	
BUDGET	2,620.00
ROBBINS GLORIA	1,793.00
WESTFIELD EQUIPMENT SERVICE	826.89
REMAINING BALANCE	0.11
90192.06 Community House	
BUDGET	10,000.00
DUNHAM JEAN	508.00
HORTON JEANNETTE A.	3,024.00
CUMMINGTON SUPPLY, INC.	237.23
ALTERNATIVE RECYCLING SYSTEMS	326.40
WHITING ENERGY FUELS	3,060.92
TOWN OF CUMMINGTON	504.01
WMECO	958.25
PITTSFIELD FIRE & SAFETY CO INC.	67.50

STEVENSVILLE CORP	849.52
W.B. MASON	113.94
JEANNET HORTON	37.88
REMAINING BALANCE	312.35
90192.08 Internet/Telephone	
BUDGET	12,211.68
VERIZON	2,074.91
MCI COMM SERVICE	124.89
AT & T	640.56
AT & T	142.48
BROADVIEW NETWORKS	9,228.84
REMAINING BALANCE	0.00
90195.00 Town Reports	
BUDGET	3,000.00
ADAMS SPECIALTY & PRINTING C	2,133.00
REMAINING BALANCE	867.00
90541.00 Council on Aging	
BUDGET	1,209.60
ANDERSON DIANE P	275.00
Per Diane	(275.00)
WILLIAMSBURG COA	103.50
WILLIAMSBURG MARKET	156.49
WOHRLE'S	112.03
WOHRLE'S FOODS, INC	82.40
COUNTRY JOURNAL	42.00
VICKI RUSSIN-NASH	29.90
EDITH MORTON	20.00
MARY E. STREETER	29.53
DIANE ANDERSON	336.42
W.B. MASON	242.42
POSTMASTER	40.00
CAROLYN VREKEW	14.91
REMAINING BALANCE	0.00
90630.00 Cummington Recreation	
BUDGET	3,000.00
HILLTOWN JUNIOR OLYMPICS	136.00
CUMMINGTON SUPPLY, INC.	42.30
DENNIS FORGEA	290.95
DONNA L. FORGEA	136.72
ALTERNATIVE RECYCLING SYSTEMS	45.00
GEORGE PROPANE, INC	331.76
TOWN OF CUMMINGTON	511.81
WMECO	443.17
KIRBY BUILT QUALITY PRODUCTS	1,060.21
REMAINING BALANCE	2.08

90912.00 Contributory Retirement	
BUDGET	20,340.00
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT	10,170.00
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT	10,170.00
REMAINING BALANCE	0.00
90912.02 Council of Governments	
BUDGET	992.00
HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVRNMT	991.12
REMAINING BALANCE	0.88
90913.00 Unemployment Compensation	
BUDGET	1,000.00
COMM OF MASS	326.57
REMAINING BALANCE	673.43
90914.00 Medical Insurance	
BUDGET	5,000.00
HAMP CNTY GROUP INS TRUST	1,073.04
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY GROUP INS	3,219.12
REMAINING BALANCE	707.84
90915.00 Medicare/Social Security	
BUDGET	8,000.00
BANK OF WESTERN MASS	7,930.95
REMAINING BALANCE	69.05
90946.00 Audit	
BUDGET	8,000.00
MONICA VANDOLOSKI	8.02
REMAINING BALANCE	7,991.98
90947.00 LPVP Commission	
BUDGET	148.00
PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMM	146.70
REMAINING BALANCE	1.30

Town of Cummington - Combined Balance Sheet - July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

Assets	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Government Grant Funds	Capital Projects	Revolving Funds	Water	Septic	Trusts	Agency	Long Term Debt	Totals
Cash	\$469,364.36	\$313,833.82	\$154,128.63	\$9,214.87	\$10,702.21	\$79,979.99	\$23,909.92	\$1,565,641.78	\$19,647.49	\$0.00	\$2,646,423.07
Other Receivables	\$939.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$82,222.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$83,161.80
Property Taxes	\$85,964.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$85,964.76
Overlays	(\$21,652.69)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$21,652.69)
Tax Liens	\$7,511.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,511.31
MVE	\$27,537.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,537.86
User charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,584.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,584.21
Bonds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,592,944.57	\$1,592,944.57
Total Assets	\$569,665.10	\$313,833.82	\$154,128.63	\$9,214.87	\$10,702.21	\$85,564.20	\$106,132.22	\$1,565,641.78	\$19,647.49	\$1,592,944.57	\$4,427,474.89
Liabilities											
Other Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$548.19	\$0.00	\$548.19
Def Rev Prop Tax	\$64,312.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$64,312.07
Def Rev Tax Liens	\$7,511.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,511.31
Def Rev MVE	\$27,537.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,537.86
Def Rev Other	\$939.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,584.21	\$82,222.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$88,746.01
Bonds Payable	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,592,944.57	\$1,592,944.57
Total Liabilities	\$100,300.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,584.21	\$82,222.30	\$0.00	\$548.19	\$1,592,944.57	\$1,781,600.01
Fund Balances											
Reserved for Encumbrances	\$1,983.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,794.41	\$0.00	\$16,486.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28,263.86
Reserved for Expenditures	\$154,713.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$154,713.99
Reserved for Deficits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Financing Sources	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Designated	\$100.00	\$313,833.82	\$154,128.63	(\$879.54)	\$10,702.21	\$63,493.67	\$14,589.40	\$1,565,641.78	\$19,099.30	\$0.00	\$2,140,709.27
Undesignated	\$312,567.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,320.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$322,187.76
Total Fund Balances	\$469,364.36	\$313,833.82	\$154,128.63	\$9,214.87	\$10,702.21	\$79,979.99	\$23,909.92	\$1,565,641.78	\$19,099.30	\$0.00	\$2,645,874.88
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	\$569,665.10	\$313,833.82	\$154,128.63	\$9,214.87	\$10,702.21	\$85,564.20	\$106,132.22	\$1,565,641.78	\$19,647.49	\$1,592,944.57	\$4,427,474.89

Statement of Revenues

ESTIMATED TO ACTUAL

July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

	Estimated	Actual	Over/Under
Taxes:			
Personal Property	62,906.05	62,241.84	(664.21)
Real Estate	1,530,577.57	1,516,724.54	(13,853.03)
Motor Vehicle	85,000.00	89,450.71	4,450.71
Farm Animal	0.00	939.50	939.50
In Lieu of Taxes	1,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal	42,000.00	46,735.00	4,735.00
State Aid:			
Chapter 70 School Aid	66,390.00	66,390.00	0.00
School Transportation	0.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
Unrestricted Govt Aid	70,560.00	70,560.00	0.00
Abatement Reimbursements	3,715.00	2,315.00	(1,400.00)
State Owned Land	33,532.00	33,532.00	0.00
Veteran's Benefits	16,792.00	15,940.00	(852.00)
Library	1,515.00	1,551.08	36.08
Other:			
Interest of Taxes	9,000.00	12,226.93	3,226.93
Licenses and Permits	6,000.00	16,374.00	10,374.00
Fines	400.00	15.00	(385.00)
Interest on Savings	3,500.00	3,325.22	(174.78)
Fees	2,000.00	6,197.40	4,197.40
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	30,777.69	30,777.69
Totals	1,934,887.62	1,982,795.91	47,908.29

Trust Funds Accounts

July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

Trust Funds:

Stabilization Fund	492,506.95
Cemetery Fund	37,097.33
Community House Fund	2,528.49
Community House Stock Fund	92,000.00
Historical Trust Fund	814,919.29
Library Trust Fund	3,529.87
Library Building Fund	4,365.26
Whiting Street Trust Fund	20,341.81
N.F. Orcutt Charity Fund	20,780.01
School Trust Fund	23,993.71
Town Clock Trust Fund	370.86
Madelyn Orcutt Fund	53,208.20

Total Trust Funds Balance	1,565,641.78
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Reserve Fund

July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

Appropriation	6,000.00
Animal Control Officer	26.00
Tax Title Expenses	215.00
Internet/Telephone	1,637.00
Lawn Mowing	1,020.00
Public Safety Complex	1,551.33
Close To Revenue	1,550.67

6,000.00	6,000.00
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Bank Accounts

July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

	BALANCE 7/1/2010	BALANCE 6/30/2011
CITIZEN'S SAVINGS BANK		
Cemetery Trust Funds	\$37,051.42	\$37,097.33
Charitable Trust Funds	\$65,034.82	\$65,115.53
Town Clock Fund	\$370.41	\$370.86
WEBSTER BANK		
Stabilization	\$391,103.68	\$492,506.95
Community House Trust	\$2,519.69	\$2,528.49
Library Trust	\$3,517.60	\$3,529.87
Library Building Fund	\$4,350.11	\$4,365.26
Madelyn Orcutt Fund	\$4,285.61	\$4,281.83
Arts Council Grant	\$4,591.66	\$4,373.93
Rehab Program Income Acct.	\$109,393.38	\$119,465.96
Helen Muchnic Trust	\$183,243.91	\$183,051.62
BANK OF WESTERN MA		
Septic System Repair Program	\$14,589.40	\$23,909.92
General Fund	\$737,832.42	\$724,573.71
BERKSHIRE BANK		
Money Mkt/pub Safety Complex	\$100.21	\$100.46
FIDELITY INVESTMENT FUNDS		
Community House Trust	\$92,000.00	\$92,000.00
M. Orcutt Fund	\$48,921.45	\$48,926.37
HISTORICAL COMMISSION FUNDS		
Investors Capital	\$814,919.29	\$900,886.28
DEPOSITS IN TRANSIT	\$0.00	\$0.00
CHECKS OUTSTANDING	(\$105,662.00)	(\$41,358.58)
PETTY CASH	\$100.00	\$100.00
TOTAL FUNDS	\$2,503,621.01	\$2,665,825.79

Maturing Debt & Interest

July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

TYPE OF BANK NOTE	DATE OF ISSUE	BEGINNING BAL. 07/01/10	PRINCIPAL PAID	INTEREST PAID	PRINCIPAL REMAINING
VILLAGE WATER FmHA@ 6.50%	11/23/1987	\$148,918.56	\$4,601.69	\$9,679.71	\$144,316.87
VILLAGE WATER FmHA @ 6.125%	6/28/1985	\$81,031.36	\$2,599.83	\$4,963.17	\$78,431.53
USDA PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX	7/15/2009	\$1,385,426.00	\$15,229.83	\$62,344.17	\$1,370,196.17
TOTALS		\$1,615,375.92	\$22,431.35	\$76,987.05	\$1,592,944.57

Tax Collector

July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

Year of Tax	Type	Committed & Balanced	Tax Paid	Abate/ Exempt	Refunds	Tax Title	Balance Due
2000	Motor Vehicle	464.69					464.69
2001	Motor Vehicle	662.50					662.50
2002	Motor Vehicle	261.25					261.25
2003	Motor Vehicle	849.38					849.38
2004	Motor Vehicle	1,271.15					1,271.15
2005	Motor Vehicle	453.65	5.00				448.65
2006	Motor Vehicle	1,056.88	118.65				938.23
2007	Motor Vehicle	532.51	385.00				147.51
2008	Motor Vehicle	8,599.37	50.00				8,549.37
2008	Personal Prop	31.97					31.97
2008	Farm An & Mach	939.50	939.50				0.00
2009	Motor Vehicle	8,294.19	910.12	301.15	301.15		7,384.07
2009	Personal Prop	6.08					6.08
2009	Real Estate	15,148.67	13,000.97			2,147.70	0.00
2009	Farm An & Mach	939.50					939.50
2010	Motor Vehicle	19,869.47	18,974.67	812.81	761.25		843.24

Tax Collector (cont.)

July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

Year of Tax	Type	Committed & Balanced	Tax Paid	Abate/ Exempt	Refunds	Tax Title	Balance Due
2010	Personal Prop	649.64	357.60				292.04
2010	Real Estate	65,430.68	51,584.16				13,846.52
2010	Water	82,925.92	77,356.51		14.80		5,584.21
2011	Motor Vehicle	76,523.04	70,811.89	778.53	785.20		5,717.82
2011	Personal Prop	62,906.05	62,099.83	280.38	215.59		741.43
2011	Real Estate	1,530,577.57	1,450,359.62	12,240.20	3,068.97		71,046.72
TOTALS		1,878,393.66	1,746,953.52	14,413.07	5,146.96	2,147.70	120,026.33

Commissioners of Trust Funds

July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

	Principal	Balance 7/1/2010	Interest	Add (With)	Balance 6/30/2011	Available
BRYANT CEMETERY						
Mary Tower	297.00	1,152.04	1.43		1,153.47	856.47
Bartlett	107.50	408.41	0.51		408.92	301.42
Brewster	100.00	354.78	0.43		355.21	255.21
Donated	775.00	1,935.97	2.41		1,938.38	1,163.38
Total	1,279.50	3,851.20	4.78		3,855.98	2,576.48
DAWES CEMETERY						
Whitmarsh	100.00	457.22	0.55		457.77	357.77
Pratt	50.00	294.91	0.36		295.27	245.27
Thayer-Gurney	200.00	1,042.87	1.28		1,044.15	844.15
C.J. Thayer	1,000.00	2,457.08	3.03		2,460.11	1,460.11
Donated	5,650.00	13,635.68	16.90		13,652.58	8,002.58
Total	7,000.00	17,887.76	22.12		17,909.88	10,909.88
GURNEY CEMETERY						
Donated	400.00	2,025.50	2.51		2,028.01	1,628.01
HARLOW CEMETERY						
Packard	107.50	362.66	0.44		363.10	255.60
Donated	750.00	1,739.32	2.17		1,741.49	991.49
Total	857.50	2,101.98	2.61		2,104.59	1,247.09
STREETER CEMETERY						
Donated	244.20	978.35	1.21		979.56	735.36
VILLAGE CEMETERY						
Adams	100.00	337.49	0.42		337.91	237.91
Bates	100.00	336.92	0.42		337.34	237.34
Donated	674.39	1,942.40	2.43		1,944.83	1,270.44
Total	874.39	2,616.81	3.27		2,620.08	1,745.69
GENERAL CEMETERY						
Donated	5,680.00	7,589.82	9.41		7,599.23	1,919.23
TOTAL CEMETERY	\$16,335.59	\$37,051.42	\$45.91		\$37,097.33	\$20,761.74

	Principal	Balance	Interest	Add	Balance	Available
		7/1/2010		(With)	6/30/2011	
CHARITABLE FUNDS						
N.F. ORCUTT	2,254.63	20,754.27	25.74		20,780.01	18,525.38
WHITING STREET	2,071.27	20,316.60	25.21		20,341.81	18,270.54
TOTAL	4,325.90	41,070.87	50.95		41,121.82	36,795.92
EDUCATION FUND						
O.H. WARNER	1,221.89	23,963.95	29.76		23,993.71	22,771.82
TOWN CLOCK FUND						
E.S. PETTINGILL	200.00	370.41	0.45		370.86	170.86
TOTAL						
TRUST FUNDS	\$22,083.38	\$102,456.65	\$127.07		\$102,583.72	\$80,500.34

Report of Vital Statistics

July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

BIRTHS

December 27, 2010 Kiera Ann Taylor, daughter of Craig and Heather Lynn (Jernstrom) Taylor of 25 West Main St., Cummington at Northampton, MA

MARRIAGES

June 25, 2011 Douglas Keith Jenkins and Deborah Jean Hatt, both of 54 Bryant Rd., Cummington at River Rd., Windsor.

DEATHS

July 1, 2010 James B. Lawrence aged 70, of 616 Berkshire Trail, Cummington at Cummington, MA

July 20, 2010 Linda Marie Sjodal Miller, age 55, of 70 Mount Rd., Cummington at Cummington., MA

October 5, 2010 Robert N. Steele age, 58, of 395 West Cummington Rd., Cummington at Northampton, MA

January 14, 2011 Arlene Lloyd, age 82, of 6 Mouglin Rd., Cummington at Northampton, MA

February 16, 2011 William D. Lafleur, age, 79, of 3 Bates Rd, Cummington at Cummington, MA

March 1, 2011 Harry Betz, age 77 of 30 Main St., Cummington, at Dalton, MA

Registered Voters

July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

Registered Voters 638

ELECTIONS HELD IN FY 2011

September 14, 2010 State Primary 161 Votes Cast

November 2, 2010 State Election 420 Votes Cast

May 9, 2011 Town Election 51 Votes Cast

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan F. Forgea
Town Clerk Of Cummington

Minutes of Special Town Meeting

August 30, 2010

The Meeting was called to order by Moderator Donna L. Forgea at 7:08 p.m. with a quorum of at least fifteen (15) registered voters present. Such is the action taken under the Warrant:

Article 1: Moved seconded and voted unanimously that notwithstanding any General or Special law to the contrary, that Dennis W. Forgea, Chief of the Police Department of the Town of Cummington, may continue in such position until June 30, 2015, or until the date of his retirement, or until his non-re-appointment by the Selectmen whichever occurs first. No further deductions shall be made from the regular compensation of Dennis W. Forgea under Chapter 32 of the General Laws for service subsequent to November 4, 2010.

Article 2: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to declare the following town owned properties as surplus and direct the Board of Selectmen to sell these parcels at a sealed bid sale at their discretion.

- A. Wells property-Snow Road (.75 acres) map 23A, Lot 43. Recorded at the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Book 3845 Page 287.
- B. Adamczek property-Cole Street (8.8 acres) Map 26 Lot 12. Recorded at the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Book 2564, Page 24.

Article 3: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to change section II B of the General By-Laws to read as follows: Annual Election of officers shall be held on the second Monday in May.

Article 4: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to pass over this article.

Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to dissolve this Meeting.

A True Record of this Special Town Meeting to the Best of my Knowledge.

Attest:

Susan F. Forgea, Town Clerk
September 2, 2010

Minutes of Special Town Meeting

February 17, 2011

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with temporary Moderator Brian Anderson, in the absence of Moderator Donna L. Forgea. He opened the Meeting with a quorum of at least fifteen (15) registered voters present. Such is the action taken under the Warrant

Article 1: Moved, seconded, and voted unanimously, with a vote of 21-YES and 0-NO, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all necessary action to establish and to maintain, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 164 of the General Laws and in accordance with the rules and regulations and orders of the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Telecommunications and Cable, a municipal lighting plant for all purposes allowable under the laws of the Commonwealth, including without the operation of a telecommunications system and any related services.

Article 2: Moved, seconded and voted to transfer \$100,000.00 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund.

Article 3: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell certain town owned property/equipment with a value over \$500.00 at auction and or sealed bid.

Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to dissolve this Meeting at 7:24 p.m.

This is a true record to the best of my knowledge.

Attest:

Susan F. Forgea
Town Clerk of Cummington
February 28, 2011

Minutes of Annual Town Meeting

May 6, 2011

The Meeting was called to order by Moderator Donna L. Forgea at 7:00 p.m.

At the Community House with a quorum of at least 15 (fifteen) registered voters present.

Such is the Action taken under the Warrant:

Article 1. Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to fix the salaries of all elected officials of the Town for Fiscal 2012 as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41 of Mass General Law.

Selectboard Chair	\$ 1,200.00
Selectboard 2	1,100.00
Selectboard 3	1,100.00
Assessor Chair	1,200.00
Assessor 2	1,100.00
Assessor 3	1,100.00
Treasurer	8,615.00
Tax Collector	8,615.00
Town Clerk	2,000.00
Moderator	95.00
Tree Warden	45.00
Board of Health, Chair	700.00
Board of Health 2	400.00
Board of Health 3	400.00
Vocational School, Chair	40.00
Vocational School 2	15.00
Vocational School 3	15.00
Water Commission, Chair	400.00
Water Commission 2	300.00
Water Commission 3	300.00
Constables	13.00/hr
Mileage reimbursement for all town officials	50 cents/mile

Article 2: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to accept the “2010 Annual Town Report as printed.

Article 3: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to Raise and Appropriate the following amounts for the School and Library Accounts.

CBRSD Operating Expense	\$ 740,850.00
CBRSD Capital Expense	27,229.00
CBRSD Transportation Expense	38,481.00
Vocational Tuition	186,400.00
Vocation Transportation	38,915.00
Bryant Library Appropriation	6,950.00
TOTAL SCHOOL AND LIBRARY ACCOUNTS	1,038,825.00

Article 4: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to Raise and Appropriate the following sums for General Government Accounts.

Official Salaries	\$ 28,735.00
Admin General	4,750.00
Admin Various Officials	600.00
Town Counsel	5,000.00
Admin Selectmen	12,000.00
Admin Finance Committee	126.00
Account Salary	8,615.00
Admin Account	3,350.00
Admin Assessors	4,732.00
Assessors' Clerk	7,800.00
Assessors' Consultant	8,550.00
Assessor Tax Maps	800.00
Admin Treasurer	4,800.00
Admin Tax Collector	3,900.00
Tax Title Expense	3,000.00
Admin Town Clerk	500.00
Elections & Registrations	1,000.00
Conservation Commission	150.00
Planning Board Expense	1,600.00
Zoning Board	500.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	100,508.00

Article 5: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to Raise and Appropriate the following sums for Highways.

Highway Garage	\$ 14,000.00
Highway Administration	300.00
Highway General	49,000.00
Highway Tool & Machinery	58,000.00
Highway Vac, Hol, Sick, Personal	15,645.00
Highway Salaries	122,065.00
Winter Roads	50,000.00
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	309,010.00

Article 6: Moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the Veterans Account.

Article 7: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the following sums for Protection of Persons and Property.

Police Department	\$ 9,000.00
Police Department Salaries	14,000.00
F.D. & Forest Warden	14,022.00
Building Inspector	8,000.00
Building Inspector Admin	100.00
Safety Complex	14,780.00
Emergency Management	2,700.00
Animal Control Expenses	2,300.00
Tree Account	4,000.00
TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY	68,902.00

Article 8: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the following sums for Health and Sanitation,

Water Operating	\$ 52,000.00
Fire Hydrant Assessment	-----
Board of Health	63,000.00
Highland Ambulance	13,684.00
TOTAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	128,684.00

Article 9: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the following sums for Debt and Interest;

Interest of Loans	\$ 5,000.00
Safety Complex Loan	77,574.00
TOTAL DEBT AND INTEREST	82,574.00

Article 10: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate or transfer the following sums for Unclassified Accounts.

Insurance and Bonds R/A	\$ 41,250.00
Transfer from Historical Commission	3,000.00
Lawn Mowing	2,500.00
Community House	10,000.00
Phone internet	10,250.00
Town Reports	3,000.00
Council on Aging	1,858.00
Cummington Recreation	3,000.00
Contributory Retirement	29,948.00

Council of Government	992.00
Unemployment Compensation	1,000.00
Medical Insurance	5,000.00
Medical and Social Security	8,500.00
Audit	8,000.00
LPVP Commission	148.00
Reserve Fund	6,000.00
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	134,446.00
TOTAL BUDGET	1,882,349.00

Article 11: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to set a cap of \$13,000.00 for the Community House Revolving Account and \$5,000.00 for the Inspectors Account.

Article 12: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 for Library Capital contingent upon passage of Ballot Question #1.

Article 13: Moved, seconded and voted by a majority of 48 – yes and 3 - no to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all necessary and appropriate action to establish and to maintain, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 164 of the General Laws and in accordance with the rules and regulations and orders of the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Telecommunications and Cable, a municipal lighting plant for all purposes allowable under the laws of the Commonwealth, including without limitation the operation of a telecommunications system and any related services.

Article 14: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to transfer \$1,000.00 from Free Cash for Wired West.

Article 15: It was unanimously voted to take no action on this article for establishing a stabilization fund for Central Berkshire School.

Article 16: Moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to approve this article.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will approve the \$1,300,000 borrowing authorized by the vote of the Central Berkshire Regional School District, for the purpose of repair and/or replacement of the roof and skylights at Craneville School located at 71 Park Avenue, Dalton, Ma., including the payment of all costs, incidental or related thereto, which proposed repair projects would materially extend the useful life of the schools and preserve assets that otherwise are capable of supporting the required educational program, said sum

to be expended at the direction of the School Building Committee. The Massachusetts School Building Authority's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs of the Project that the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District, and that the total amount of the borrowing authorized shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement relating to the proposed repair project that may be executed between the District and the MSBA, and any project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District; provided further that any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 56.26 percent (%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA, and that the amount of borrowing authorized shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement relating to the proposed repair project that may be executed between the District and the MSBA; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 17: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to transfer \$17,000.00 from Free Cash for the Highway Capital.

Article 18: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to transfer \$10,000.00 from Free Cash for Radio Capital.

Article 19: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to transfer \$7,000.00 from Free Cash for Computer Capital.

Article 20: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to transfer \$4,500.00 from Free Cash for Fire Department Capital.

Article 21: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to authorize the Selectmen to apply for any Federal, State or other grants that may be available and to expend any money received.

Article 22: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to vote in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 4A of the General Laws to authorize the employment of the members of the Board of Selectmen by the Selectmen, Selectmen by the Highway Department, the members of the Board of Health by the Health department. The Water Commissioners by the Water Department, the Assessors by the Board of Assessors, the Historical Commission members by the Historical Commission, and to fix the rate of compensation for such

employment, and to vote to pay the Highway Department employees hired by the Water Commissioners at their Highway Department rate of pay from the Water Department Account. 15.00/hr.

Article 23: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to accept any available funds relating to highways including, without limitation, so-called Chapter 90 type construction monies and further to vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into contracts for the expenditure of the monies received.

Meeting dissolved at 8:55 p.m.

A True record of this Meeting to the best of my knowledge.

Attest:

Susan F. Forgea, Town Clerk
June 1, 2011

Minutes of Annual Town Election

May 9, 2011

The Polls were open at 1:00 and closed at 8:00 p.m. Such were the result of such election.

Selectman (3 years)	Russell L. Sears III
Town Clerk (3 years)	Susan F. Forgea
Treasurer (3 years)	Susan L. Warriner
Assessor (3 years)	Philip V. Morin
Moderator (1 year)	Donna L. Forgea
Vocational School Comm (3 years)	Lori A. Carver
Almoner Charitable funds (3 years)	Susan F. Forgea
Trustee Bryant Library (5 years)	Brenda Arbib
Finance Comm. 2/3 years	Dennis Forgea
	Daniel Loux
Board of Health (3 years)	Judith C. Bogart
Planning Board (5 years)	Brian Gilman
Recreation Comm (3 years)	Andrew Liebenow
	Peter Feitner
Water Commission (3 years)	Delbert Robbins
Commissioner Trust Funds (3 years)	Stephen Howes

Ballot Question #1: Shall the Town of Cummington be allowed to assess an additional \$5,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of Library Capital expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July first, two-thousand and eleven.

Yes – 38

No – 8

A True record to the best of my knowledge.

Attest:

Susan F. Forgea, Town Clerk of the Town of Cummington

Minutes of Special Town

June 23, 2011

The Meeting was called to order at the Community house at 7:00 P.M. by Moderator Donna Forgea, with a quorum of at least fifteen registered voters present. Such is the action taken under the Warrant:

Article 1: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to transfer \$5,443.00 from Free Cash for the Veterans Benefit Account

Article 2: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to transfer \$1,968.00 from Free Cash to the Winter Roads Account.

Article 3: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to pass over this article.

Article 4: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to transfer \$7,800.00 from the Water Surplus Account to the Water Operating Account.

Article 5: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to transfer \$14,000.00 from Free Cash towards the purchase of the 3,000 gallon fire department vacuum tanker.

Article 6: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously the following: To see if the Town will approve the \$330,000 borrowing authorized by the vote of the Central Berkshire Regional School District for the purpose of repair and/or replacement of the roof and several windows at Kittredge School located at 80 Maple Street, Hinsdale, MA. Including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, said sum to be expended at the direction of the School Building Committee. To meet this appropriate, the District is authorized to borrow said amount, under the pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 16(d) of the General Laws and the District Agreement, as amended or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The District acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority's (MSBA) grant program is a non-entitlement discretionary program based on need as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District; 56.26 percent(%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant

to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement relating to the proposed repair project that may be executed between the District and the MSBA or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 7: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to accept General Laws Chapter 59 s5(54) added by Chapter 159 of the Acts of 2000 – acceptance of small personal property account exemption under \$5,000.00.

Article 8: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to transfer \$7,500.00 from Free Cash for Library Capital.

Motion to dissolve at 8:30 p.m. This is a True Record to the Best of My Knowledge.

Attest:

Susan F. Forgea, Town Clerk of the town of Cummington
June 30, 2011

Board of Assessors

July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

For Fiscal Year 2011, the tax rate was set at \$12.45 per \$1,000 of real and personal property value. The Town of Cummington had a single tax rate that applied to residential, commercial and personal property. The average single family tax bill in Cummington was \$2,778 and the average assessment of a single family residence was \$223,140.

The tax rate for FY2011 was based on the net amount of \$1,594,091.34 needed to be raised by the Town of Cummington. The tax rate, i.e. the dollar amount taxpayers actually pay is based on the Town of Cummington's annual budget. The valuation of real and personal property basically determines what percent of the budget a taxpayer is paying. All taxpayers are welcome to check in with the Board of Assessors to be sure we have the correct information on their property.

At the Special Town Meeting on June 23, 2011 the Board of Assessors proposed the Town of Cummington vote on the Acceptance of Small Personal Property Account Exemption, MGLA 59, Section 5 (54). This allowed the residents of Cummington to vote on whether to exempt from taxation personal property totaling up to \$10,000 of value, the voters would determine the actual amount. At the meeting, some discussion ensued about the possible loss of revenue for the town. One taxpayer indicated that the tax rate has gone up consistently every year and didn't want to see it go up any further. If property values stay the same, the tax rate will go up when the town budget goes up, and the Town of Cummington can raise their budget by 2½ percent every year. The voters at the Special Town Meeting voted to exempt personal property totaling \$5,000 in value. This vote will take effect in FY2013.

Any questions or concerns regarding assessment process or practices can be directed to the Assessors. The office is open to the public on Monday mornings from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. In addition, the Assessors meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday evening of each month at 5:30 pm.

Board of Assessors

Audrey Marcoux	2012
Philip Morin	2014
Richard Roberge	2013

Assessor's Financial Report

July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

RECAPITULATION

	Fiscal 2009	Fiscal 2010	Fiscal 2011
Appropriations voted for Fiscal Year	\$1,769,688.00	\$1,960,759.06	\$2,298,785.00
Appropriations voted for previous Fiscal year after previous fiscal year			
Tax rate was set			
	\$1,769,688.00	\$1,960,759.06	\$2,298,785.00
Other Local Expenditures:			
Total Overlay deficit of prior years	-	-	-
Total Offsets	\$2,468.00	\$1,560.00	\$1,515.00
Snow and ice deficit	-	\$14,267.43	-
Other	-	-	\$9,783.85
TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,468.00	\$15,827.43	\$11,298.85
State Assessments	\$1,433.00	\$1,263.00	\$1,367.00
County Assessments	-	-	-
Overlay	\$9,837.81	\$9,384.43	\$10,041.49
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	\$1,783,426.81	\$1,987,233.92	\$2,321,492.34
Estimated Receipts & Available Funds			
Estimated Receipts - State	\$217,407.00	\$193,908.00	\$192,504.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	\$217,407.00	\$193,908.00	\$192,504.00
Local Estimated Receipts			
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$55,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$85,000.00
Other Excise	\$3,300.00	-	-
Penalties & Interest on Taxes and Excise	\$10,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$9,000.00
Payments in lieu of taxes	-	-	\$1,000.00
Water Charge	-	-	\$42,000.00
Trash Disposal Charge	\$38,121.00	\$30,000.00	\$42,000.00
Other Charges for Services	-	-	\$2,000.00
Fees	\$5,800.00	-	-
Rentals	-	-	-
Department Revenue - Schools	-	\$5,000.00	-
Other Department Revenue	-	\$5,000.00	-
Licenses & Permits	\$10,400.00	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00
Fines & Forfeitures	\$4,000.00	\$803.43	\$400.00
Investment Income	\$21,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,500.00
Miscellaneous recurring	-	-	-
Miscellaneous non-recurring	-	\$3,000.00	-
TOTALS	\$148,121.00	\$122,803.43	\$190,900.00

	Fiscal 2009	Fiscal 2010	Fiscal 2011
Free Cash	-	-	\$114,408.33
Other Available Funds	\$3,310.00	\$154,439.06	\$229,588.67
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUND	\$368,838.00	\$471,150.49	\$727,401.00
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED (Gross amount to be raised minus Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds)	\$1,414,588.81	\$1,516,083.43	\$1,594,091.34
TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS	\$4,638,601.00	\$5,062,080.00	\$5,052,692.00
TOTAL REAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS	\$123,494,443.00	\$122,126,128.00	\$122,986,773.00
TOTAL PERSONAL & REAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS	\$128,133,044.00	\$127,188,208.00	\$128,039,465.00
TAX EXEMPT VALUATION	\$22,623,100.00	\$21,790,300.00	\$22,127,800.00
Tax Rate per 1,000.00 Valuation by Class			
Class I - Residential	\$11.04	\$11.92	\$12.45
Class II - Open Space	\$11.04	\$11.92	\$12.45
Class III - Commercial	\$11.04	\$11.92	\$12.45
Class IV - Industrial	\$11.04	\$11.92	\$12.45
Class V - Personal Property	\$11.04	\$11.92	\$12.45

The Board of Health

And It's Ad Hoc Committee on Transfer Station Renovation July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

The Transfer Station filled Wickles Trucking vehicles with just under 316 tons of our refuse, 60% of it destined for the Northampton landfill, is scheduled to close in 2012. Paper goods for recycling were another 17% and bottles and cans, 8%. The rest was construction debris.

More bang for the buck can hopefully be expected after Transfer Station remodeling, which was prompted by the necessity to replace the aging compactor. This is being planned by an ad hoc committee, with Allan Douglas as an active member. After a preliminary study aided by engineer Gregg Newman, the committee visualizes slight expansion of the current site, its road widened and made to slope more gradually, its containers repositioned for easier “dumping” and hauling. Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative Director Eric Weiss notes that “Single Stream Recycling,” in which everything that can be recycled is mixed together and hauled to a central facility, will be a reality as early as 2015. That would entail a second compactor to replace the collection bins. As an HRMC member town, we have had Weiss’ help with soliciting engineering services, currently in process. Weiss is also examining options for post-Northampton landfills. When engineering drawings are complete, public discussion will be invited.

An immediate prospect is “Pay Per Bag.” This is more complex than it may sound, since purchased bags have proven fragile in some towns, stickers prone to falling off. Color-coded ties are being looked at.

The Board also inspected summer camps and food-serving facilities, including stalls at fairs and festivals. It reviewed nine Title 5 inspections of existing septic systems, approved plans for new ones and checked six installations before covering over. Percolation tests for septic suitability were received from three properties, including the new West Cumington Congregational Church now going up. The Board is pursuing court action on one local property which has not demonstrated septic viability.

Chair Ted Lynds has been active with the Hampshire Public Health Preparedness Coalition, which coordinated grants to towns to outfit potential Emergency Dispensing Sites and shelters. Working with Emergency Management Director Bernie Forgea, the BoH made purchases of supplies to equip the Safety Building as a shelter, as well as an EDS. Over the years we have received many items through these grants. This year we received a TV and a DVD player for use in our Emergency Dispensing Site. Since Berkshire Trail Elementary School is

one of our designated sites, these items now reside there for use by the School. We also received a generator for use in emergencies. If any one is in need of a generator, this can be used on a first-come-first-served basis. We hope that we can continue to take advantage of these grants in years to come.

We hosted an HRMC annual collection of hazardous wastes, oversaw a basement oil spill clean-up, and reviewed plans of a raw milk purveyor.

Regionalization of Public Health services is being pursued statewide. This sets up central professional staffing for a 150-square-mile-wide area (or one containing 50,000 people), but this Board finds more cost-effective for our rural area the current system, which relies on well-trained local volunteers receiving little or no pay.

Currently those volunteers are Judy Bogart, Jack Earls and Chair Ted Lynds.

Bryant Free Library

July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

Total number of patrons	1515
Total circulation of library materials	2275
Interlibrary loans	12
Acquisitions	151
Periodical subscriptions	12

FY11 saw a number of improvements at the library. On the exterior, a roof inspection by BFL trustee Ed Konieczny and Jack Morse found that the chimney flashing had deteriorated, allowing water to enter the building. Fortunately this was discovered before any noticeable damage had occurred. Craig Johns moved swiftly to repair the flashing and re-point the chimney, finishing just before a major system of autumn rains began, so we dodged what could have been a significant problem. Thank you Ed, Jack, & Craig.

The continuing saga of ice build-up on upper steps of the staircase added another chapter. Last year we decided to install a short section of gutter that would keep snowmelt from dripping directly onto the step, which it did to a certain degree. However, the concentrated runoff from the gutter began to undermine our stone stairs. In order to fully rectify the problem we decided that a full-length gutter would properly divert the water away from the building, with heat tape added to prevent a dangerous build-up of ice. Roger Gunn did the installation and we're pleased with the results so far, with the winter test before us. Thank you Roger.

In recent years the library ceiling has suffered from plaster failure, an unsightly problem of heavily peeling paint that continued to worsen. This called for Bill Dynok to the rescue, and voila! ...atop a refurbished base we once again have a smooth shade of the blue that adorned both library and porch ceilings during the latter part of the 19th century. It looks marvelous! Thank you Bill.

Without a doubt the cultural highlight of the year for us occurred on Sunday, October 24th, 2010, when William Jay Smith and Richard Wilbur took the Community House stage together in celebration of the 30th anniversary of a reading they did with Ralph Ellison at the Village Church on August 17th, 1980. Amidst a very tasteful setting reminiscent of a classy living room, with a framed photograph of Mr. Ellison looking on, our treasured Poets Laureate enthralled us with an enchanting mix of poetry and stories, ending with a humorous trading of the legendary limericks they'd scrawled upon each others Sunday New York Times many years ago. Thank you gentlemen...this was truly one for the ages!

Respectfully submitted,
Mark DeMaranville, Librarian

Building Inspector

July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

In FY11, 60 building permits were issued, including on single-family dwelling. The estimated value of construction was \$1,358,122. \$8,191 was collected in permit fees.

The 8th Edition of the Massachusetts State Building Code for 1-2 family dwellings is now exclusively in effect. It has the International Residential Code for its base, with Massachusetts's front-end amendments. Contractors are now required to obtain up to 12 continuing education credits in the 2 year period that follows their renewal date.

Respectfully submitted,
James Cerone
Inspector of Buildings

Conservation Commission

July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

The Cummington Conservation Commission is charged with enforcing the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. The law protects not only wetlands, but other resource areas, such as land open to flooding (100 year flood plains), the riverfront area (added by the rivers protection act), and land under water bodies and waterways. The Con Comm is also responsible for upholding the Westfield Rivers' Wild and Scenic designation. The main objective of all of the legislation/acts is protection of the Town's precious water resources

The law regulates many types of work in resource areas, including vegetation removal, regrading, and construction of houses, additions, decks, driveways, and commercial or industrial buildings. If you want to work in a wetland resource area or within 100 feet of a wetland (an area called the buffer zone), contact the Conservation Commission before you start work.

If you are unsure whether your proposed work site is in a resource area or whether the work will alter a resource area, you can apply for a Request for Determination of Applicability. If the Conservation Commission determines that the work will alter a resource area, you must file an application, called a Notice of Intent (NOI), and pay an application fee.

Most of the meetings held were of a routine nature, i.e., discussion of proposed building projects (along with subsequent visits to 8 sites so as to sign off on the building permit). The Commission held 3 hearings for Requests for Determination for 2 projects at the Fairgrounds as well as 1 for the West Cummington Church. One Notice of Intent hearing was also held for the West Cummington Church as well as extending another NOI for 3 years. The Commission issued an Enforcement Order for an illegal stream crossing on Powell Rd.

Minutes of each meeting and hearings held are published on the Town of Cummington's website.

Respectfully submitted,
Allan Douglas
Chairperson

Conservation Commission Members:

Allan Douglas, Chair	2012		
Brian Anderson	2012	Walter Korzec	2013
Chad Howes	2012	Robert Dextraze	2014
Gerald Howes	2013	John Eisenhour	2014

Council on Aging

July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

The Cummington Council on Aging (COA) provides services to seniors and their families. Funding for projects comes from the town of Cummington, the Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs and Highland Valley Elder Services.

During the 2010-2011 year, the potluck luncheon, which included blood pressure screenings by HOPE nurse Mary Kane and special presentations by speakers and performers, was held monthly. The average attendance was 30 persons. The Annual Picnic occurred in July and included volunteer recognition. Members of the Board were recognized for another year of service to COA and the senior community.

There was a hiatus in the Osteoporosis exercise program while a new leader was being sought.

Chair yoga is into its third year. Sarah Prince leads the hour of warm up movements, breath awareness, postures that stretch, strengthen and balance your body and ends with deep relaxation. It is appropriate for men and women. There is a core group who attends regularly and loves to introduce new persons to the practice.

The Neighbor to Neighbor Ride Program, funded by HVES, continues. A small stipend is provided to neighbors who transport senior neighbors to medical appointments or grocery shopping. The program struggles for lack of willing drivers, but will continue for now due to the continuing need for transportation in the hilltown community.

The New Year/New Decade Party held on January 8 put on by and for the COA was a great success. We look forward to next year's party.

We continue to foster a connection with BTES through shared activities. The children came to two of our luncheon presentations. We helped to fund and sent folks to their mural project. For the third year we bought and distributed ice cream for field day. We look forward to other combined ventures.

The Council on Aging is most grateful to the town for office space in the Community House and we appreciate the many town services that enable us to continue our work. Thanks for supporting our programs.

Board of Directors: Beginning July, 2010 – Ending, June, 2011

Jim Martin, Chair/ Consortium Representative
Janet Martin, Co-Chair
Edith Morton, Treasurer
Worth Noyes, Recording Secretary
Vicky Russin-Nash, Correspondence Secretary
Diane Anderson, Coordinator/ HVES Rep
Carolyn Urekew
Helen Griffith
Don Morton
Mary-Esther Streeter

Respectfully submitted,

Council on Aging
Board of Directors

Finance Committee

July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

Following were the transfers made from the Reserve fund appropriation of \$6000.

Tax Title Account	\$215.00
Public Safety Complex	1551.33
Animal Control	26.00
Lawn Mowing	1020.00
Internet Phone Account	1637.00
Returned to Free Cash	1550.67
Total	\$6000.00

This was the first year in recent history that we did not have to struggle to balance the budget do to several factors. First we had a large graduating class from Smith Volk with only a few freshmen entering. Secondly our assessment for CBRSD was level from the previous year due to the district using some of their reserves to fund the budget. This however was a one time deal. We continue to receive the cooperation of all dept. heads and the selectboard as we shape the budget for the town.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis W. Forgea (chair)

Brian Anderson, Sec.
Susan Warriner, Treas/Coll.
Donna Forgea, Moderator
Maureen Tumenas
Scott Keith
Jill Figlozzi
Daniel Loux

Cummington Fire Association, Inc.

July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

Over the past year the Cummington Fire Association was under the leadership of President Brian Anderson, Treasurer Dennis Forgea and Clerk Bernard L. Forgea.

We are extremely happy to report that our regional ambulance service, Highland, continues to provide an excellent service to the Town of Cummington's residents and to the other five towns in the region as well. Cummington personnel continue to respond to all medical calls as well as all Fire calls. During the past year Cummington First Responders responded to forty four (44) medical calls along with Highland. State law mandates every Firefighter to be trained to a certain level of First Aid with CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) and Defibrillation skills. Cummington works to maintain that level of readiness for its personnel and, in fact, still has seven EMT's on the crew.

Our bucket truck continues to be a mainstay for the Association. Other communities and opportunities are continuously appearing for us to be able to utilize this very versatile piece of equipment. We have reported in the past of the successes we have enjoyed using this vehicle for chimney fires. Well, this past year we found yet another way to deploy the unit that will be refined and put to greater use in the future. Cummington received a call to respond along Route 9 near Swift River for a hiker down on a trail and unable to get up. All hands responded (it was pouring rain. When wasn't it pouring rain last summer?) to find a man down on the ground near the river on a well worn hiking trail. The task at hand was to load the individual in what we call a "stokes" basket which is a litter designed for just such purposes. The patient gets placed into the basket type litter which has sides and is covered with appropriate coverings, given weather conditions, and a multi member crew (2-6 depending on the size of the patient and the distance to be carried) then lugs the patient to the waiting ambulance. In this case the patient was close to Route 9 so we swung the bucket truck boom over the guard railing and extended the winch line from the end of the boom attaching it to the litter. By winching the basket along we were able to bring the basket and patient up a steep hill and over the guard rail greatly shortening the manual carrying distance the crew otherwise would have had to carry the patient. It is just one more example of using our equipment to work smarter rather than harder.

Last year we reported on the progress of setting a pole behind the Public Safety Complex to support the radio communications of the agencies housed there. Over the past year we have made substantial progress in setting up the radio room for use. During the tornado in June (2011), and again during hurricane

Irene (August 2011), we had to staff the radio room with personnel because the Goshen Tower, which is our only link to the outside world, went down. By staffing our radio room with a full time person (Officer Sharon Cunningham) and placing another individual (Sgt. Perkins) in Plainfield's radio room we were able to maintain communication links with our Emergency personnel in the field. It is one thing to be out and about during a tornado or in a hurricane helping other people with their needs and have readily available radio contact with backup support. It is quite another proposition to be out in the same conditions with no way to request additional help or, to even inform anyone where you are! There is a committee working with Mass State Police to rectify the situation with the Goshen tower.

By the way, we need to say THANK YOU to the hearty Firefighters, Police and First Responders who worked so hard all last year to make everything we do possible. Their selfless dedication to duty is incredible. Be it trying to rebuild the gravel bank below the fairgrounds back into a parking lot, working to cover other communities that are involved in some crises or, working here at home these individuals are incredible. There is no better buy than them.

Once again we express our gratitude to Chief Sue Labrie of the Goshen Fire department for operating the S.A.F.E. (Student Awareness of Fire Education) House during the fair. Her commitment to this task is unwavering. Each year she combs area Fire departments for SAFE Educators and each year, all during the fair, this group staffs the House bringing the tremendously important educational messages of Fire Safety to young and those more senior. Thank you Chief Labrie.

In last years report we said we had acquired (through Federal excess property) several ATV's (All Terrain Vehicles) for use in the Fire Dept. We also said we had located a trailer to carry these vehicles and that Rob Dextraze and his crew would prepare the unit for use. Did they ever! We now have a trailer large enough to carry at least two ATV's at the same time and, all of their associated equipment. Great job Rob and crew!

A special THANK YOU goes to Barbara Goldsmith for continuing to allow Cummington Emergency Services to use her field for car parking during the fair. Without her field parking for the fair would be far more difficult! Thank you Barbara. Rich and Sarah Fournier have allowed us to continue to use their property at the Warner Farm (Tap Root) as well. We are grateful for the opportunity to continue to be able to use their land for our fundraising efforts. {The Funds raised through this effort all go back into the town.} The parking work is our way of trying to assist Public Safety during the fair by controlling the vehicle movement and parking to insure a somewhat orderly assembly of vehicles that facilitates emergency vehicle movement on the roads to and from

the fair as the need arises. Since we are in place to perform that task we collect funds for parking that in turn can be used in town to enhance our Emergency Services.

So, what do we do with the money from parking? Over the past year the Cummington Fire Association, Inc. has undertaken the huge task of outfitting a kitchen in the Public Safety Complex. As way of background, when the site was being prepared we ran into much more ledge than was anticipated by the builders. This meant a great deal of additional blasting and since we were on a budget there was no money for the blasting. The only course left was to cut items from the building to fund the rock removal. The building ventilation system, emergency generator, and kitchen all fell victim to the need for funds to complete the blasting. Through hard work and grant seeking the ventilation system and emergency generator were finally acquired. The kitchen was another matter. There is not grant program for building a kitchen so the Fire Association undertook this project. To date the Fire Association has put over \$10,000 into kitchen equipment. Currently the holdup is the need to move a sprinkler head which the builder placed directly over the stove and, the installation of an exhaust hood over the stove. As soon as financially possible these items will be done and there will be a kitchen available for use particularly when the building is utilized as a shelter as it was during the 2008 ice storm and again in 2011 during the flooding caused by hurricane Irene. This is just one example of how the funds raised during the car parking at the fair are utilized.

The members of the Fire Association want to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who assists us during the year. We have individuals who volunteer their bus (Roger Gunn) to transport people on our behalf. Roger not only donates his time he also provides the bus and fuel as a donation. Many, many thanks Roger. To our raffle crew at the fair so many THANK YOUs are necessary to show the appreciation for your dedication and sacrifice helping raise money for the Association. We hesitate to name names for fear of forgetting some well deserved individual so we offer a global THANK YOU to that crew as well and the to individuals and businesses that contribute/donate to our raffle. Please patronize the businesses that donate to us to show how important their support is and how much it is appreciated. To the people who help us park cars, words are impossible to find to accurately express just how much your kind, thoughtful assistance means to the Fire Association and, to each of us as individuals. Mike Robins never misses a day in the heat and dust to help out. Neither does Kathy Stillerman who drives a lemocart for us. Dee and Craig Calvert, Denise Perkins, Donna Forgea, Tina Vandoloski, Gloria Robbins, Lisa DeLisle, Gerry Wilcox, Deb Emerson, the Galloping Gourmet Kevin Martin. There are many more and we will miss some but, that in no way diminishes our gratitude to these individuals for their assistance. Thank You all!!!

Our final THANK YOU is to Northeast Utilities who loans us the portable radios we use each year during our fair exercises. These radios make it possible for our parkers to be in constant contact with not only each other but, also with the command communications trailer we have established specifically for this purpose. This past fair (2011) the radios became even more important since we used them during the hurricane operations on Sunday and Monday. Without the extra (25) radios we would not have had nearly the coverage we had during the storm. The radios enabled our operations center to be in constant contact with every individual we had out in the storm.

In closing the members of the Cummington Fire Association, Inc. say THANK YOU to all residents of Cummington and their friends who so strongly support us each year. Your support is what enables us to provide the Public Safety initiatives we undertake in the hilltowns.

Members of the Cummington Fire Association, Inc.

Cummington Fire Department

July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

During the past year the Fire department was under the leadership of Asst. Chief Dennis Forgea, 2nd Asst. Chief Steve Emerson, Captain Dann Emerson, and Second Lt's. Delbert Robbins, Robert Dextraze, and Richard Meyer.

The Fire department responded to the following calls last year.

Box Alarms (structure fires)	4
Chimney Fires	2
Wires Down	3
Smoke and Alarms Sounding	16
Mutual Aid	3
Motor Vehicle Crashes	8
Outside Burn	2
In Service Assignments	14
Medical Calls	44
ATV Calls	4
Aerial Lift Calls	20
TOTAL	120

The most serious fires this past year were the fires that destroyed the Joyner hay barn and its contents on Dodwells Road January 31, 2011 and, the structure fire at the end of Powell Road on December 24, 2010. In the Joyner fire the family had retired for the evening when they noticed what appeared to be flashing lights in the direction of their hay barn. A quick look confirmed the barn was on fire. Parked inside of the barn was a pickup truck to keep it out of the snow storm that was expected later that night. The fire quickly spread to both truck and to the 5,000+ bales of hay stored in the barn. As readers may recall this was a particularly bad winter for heavy snow and there were no open water supplies at the usual streams. Water had to be carried from a hydrant at the foot of Dodwells Road up the steep, icy, hill to be dumped into the water bags at the fire scene. The going was difficult and the fire was stubborn due to the metal roof collapsing on top of the contents inside of the barn. Once this happened the only course of action was to lift the roof off the contents so the flammable contents could be extinguished. This is another example of how useful the bucket truck has become to our overall efforts. The bucket as winch line at the tip of the boom and by lowering the line into the barn's interior so a Chesterfield Fire Officer could drive a metal hook through the metal roof; we were able to raise large pieces of the roof out, over the top, of the still standing walls. Hour after hour went by and the anticipated snow storm did

not disappoint. It began to snow and the area around the barn and road became a skating rink. Finally the last piece of roofing was removed from the interior and crews were able to control the blaze. Besides the cold and snow to contend with upon arrival the Firefighters became aware of a large farm tractor and dump truck literally parked next to the barn. With some work the assistance of more equipment both pieces of equipment were removed and saved. Next to the barn, some forty (40) feet away, was the Joyner home on one side and on the other, less than forty feet away, was another barn full of cattle. Fortunately both of these structures were undamaged. Cummington would like to thank the Towns of Worthington, Plainfield, Chesterfield, Goshen and Windsor for their invaluable assistance that night.

The second Box alarm the Fire department responded to was on Christmas eve off Powell Road. Just as most Towns were gathering in their local churches for Christmas eve services an alarm came in for a structure fire off Powell Road. The driveway to this property is long and steep. Due to the ice there was no way to get any additional apparatus up to the home. Cummington was able to reach the house with our E-2 and the bucket truck (both are four wheel drive) and all other personnel had to hike the long road to the top, carrying their equipment. After many anxious minutes, and some aggressive work opening walls and ceilings, the fire was discovered in the wall and floor of the first floor, under and around the recently used fireplace. What was discovered, once the fire was extinguished and the home was somewhat cleaned up from the Firefighting operations, was that the fireplace was an after thought when the house was constructed. That is, no provision had been made for a fireplace foundation when the house foundation was poured so the people who built the fireplace (not the current owners) simply opened the end wall of the house and built the fireplace on the wood floor joists of the home! Over time the concrete had cracked leaving direct access to the wood frame of the home. There was more than a little nervousness before all of this was discovered. At the conclusion of the call the Firefighters had cleaned up the mess made tearing out walls and ceilings and wetting down burning wood with foam. The Christmas tree was returned to its location and, believe it or not, all presents were replaced under the tree. Except for some smells and a tarp over the hole that was the fireplace, one would not know anything had taken place. It was a great save for the departments involved and they should be very proud of their hard work that evening. Here Cummington would like to extend its thanks and gratitude to Plainfield, Worthington, Chesterfield, and Windsor for, once again, their great assistance. You see, it was Firefighting personnel from these Towns that actually did the clean up so the residents could stay in their home. Admittedly, when the word came from Command to clean the house and restore the Christmas tree and presents there were some very strange looks at first but, only briefly. Everyone pitched in and did a terrific job. Makes one proud to belong and be part of such a community spirited group.

The Cummington Fire Department takes this opportunity to say a well deserved THANK YOU to Captain Dann Emerson for his forty five years of dedicated volunteer service to the Town of Cummington. Dann did double duty for years serving as an EMT on the Cummington Ambulance prior to the creation of Highland Ambulance. Dann has elected to retire from duty as an active Fire Officer but still remains a member of the Fire Association and, along with his wife Karen, they continue to support the many functions performed to raise money to keep the Emergency Services moving forward. Dann you may have retired and will be missed but you are not forgotten and we truly appreciate all you have done and continue to do for the Town.

In the companion report to the Fire report (Fire Association) we provide an update on the kitchen progress. Slow, but with any luck we should be nearing the finish line soon.

Last year we reported we had applied for a Federal Fire Act grant to replace our current E-3 tanker. (This unit was a military fuel tanker never designed for use in a rural Fire dept. carrying much heavier water.) Our prayers were answered and we did receive a Federal grant to replace this truck. We were awarded \$269,000 toward the cost of a replacement vehicle. As many of you know we conducted a town meeting style presentation with the dealer so the town's people could learn as much about the new plan as possible before the Fire department requested the matching funds for the grant. The idea was so well received by the dealer that it is now part of their regular offerings to any community they do business with. As this report is being written the new truck is nearly finished with an expected delivery date, we hope, of early December 2011. The Fire department is very excited about this vehicle because it is not only completely different from anything we currently have; it provides technology we have never before utilized here In the Hilltowns. As soon as it arrives, and we see a stretch of good weather, we will have a live demonstration for the residents and voters of Cummington. Naturally we will do the same next spring/summer when it will be warmer and much more pleasant to stand around and watch.

In closing the Firefighters, Officers and Friends of the Cummington Fire department take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to the residents and friends of Cummington for all of the support provided to the Fire and Emergency Services over, not only the past year but, also, for every day and every year. We do what we do because your support enables us and provides the necessary tools and equipment for us to be able to perform our duties to the Town. THANK YOU.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernard L. Forgea - Chief

Highway Department

July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

Fairgrounds Road was blacktopped. SRG was put on Packard Road from Route 9 to the Plainfield Town line. We added SRG to the East end of Stage Road. We also had some dead trees on Brickhouse Road removed. Shouldered roads throughout town. Finished burning the brush pile from the ice storm in February.

We needed to add stone to muddy roads in the Spring to make them passable. We also had to put SRG on Honey Hill Road and Tirrell Road.

The Town Employees also attended Driver Safety Training and all passed.

Ongoing repairs to all equipment continues throughout the year.

As always if we are working in your area removing trees, please call the Highway Garage if you are interested in receiving wood.

Thank you for your continued support of the Highway Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Dextraze

Historical Commission

July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

The Cummington Historical Commission is charged with preserving Cummington's historical records and operating the town museum.

The Kingman Tavern Museum, which is open Saturday afternoons in July and August and by appointment welcomed approximately 115 visitors last season. This included a school group who learned how children their age lived in the nineteenth century. Children especially enjoyed the general store, school bus sleigh and hand-crank washing machine.

The theme of the 2010 summer exhibit was heating and lighting prior to electricity. Much of Cummington did not get electricity until 1945. Before that, people employed various technologies to heat and light their homes and farms throughout the year. A Delco generator, Franklin stoves, special travel lanterns, and an oil lamp were among the many artifacts that highlighted how Cummington residents lived without modern conveniences we now take for granted. The Commission would like to thank all the guides and volunteers for their contribution to another successful season.

You may notice a spruced up museum this year. The Commission oversaw window improvements in the barn as well as the painting of the main building. In addition, take a moment to appreciate the new signs at the Dawes, Harlow, Bryant, Village and Gurney cemeteries made by local artist Larry Slezak.

The 2011 William W. Streeter Cummington History Award was awarded to Jennie Wolf for her excellent essay about the Cummington Refugee Hostel. Jennie will receive \$1000 upon completion of her first semester in college. All high school seniors who reside in Cummington are eligible to apply for the award. The deadline for 2012 submissions is May 1, 2012. For more information, please contact a commissioner of your guidance counselor.

The Cummington Historical Commission is a volunteer run organization. We are always seeking new volunteers to help with various projects from filing, to gardening, to textile and diary preservation. If you are interested in learning about and helping preserve your local history, please contact a commissioner by phone or through the town website.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Pasternak, Secretary

Historical Commission

Carla Ness, Chair
Stephen Howes, Vice-Chair
Stephanie Pasternak, Secretary
Karen Westergaard, Archivist
Larry Slezak, Maintenance Chair
Kathy McMahon, Member
Barbara Goldsmith, Emerita
Scott Keith, Treasurer (appointed
by the Commission)

Historical Commission Financial Report

July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

Balance July 1, 2010

Revolving Account

56,722.15

56,722.15

Receipts

Museum Donations	581.55
Sales Tax	10.68
Donation In Memory of Greta and Arthur Pixley	100.00
Donation In Memory of Jean Joyner	25.00
Sale of <i>Only One Cummington Vol I</i> , 4 @ \$25.00	100.00
Sale of <i>Vital Records</i> , 1 @ \$25.00	25.00
Sale of <i>Only One Cummington Vol II</i> , 1 @ \$40.00	40.00
Sale of <i>Only One Cummington Vol II</i> , 1 @ \$43.00	43.00
Sale of <i>Only One Cummington Vol II</i> , 2 @ \$50.00	100.00
Sale of <i>Memories and Musings</i> , 2 @ \$8.00	16.00
Sale of <i>Childhood Memories</i> , 1 @ \$2.50	2.50
Sale of <i>Cummington Cookbook</i> , 6 @ \$5.00	30.00
Sale of <i>Bicentennial History</i> , 3 @ \$5.00	15.00
Sale of <i>Miniature Rooms</i> , 1 @ \$5.00	5.00
Sale of <i>Search for John Remington</i> , 1 @ \$3.00	3.00
Sale of <i>Barns</i> brochure, 1 @ \$5.00	5.00
Sale of Tote Bags, 2 @ \$6.00	12.00

Sale of Jewelry	6.00
Sale of Postcards, 1 @ \$0.25	0.25
Sale of "Books"	101.81
Other	7.28
Memorials	125.00
Sale of Tiles, 3 @ \$3.00	9.00
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	1,363.07

Income:

Dividends and interest:

Common Stock

Allstate Corp, dividends	111.78
Altria Group Inc., dividends	883.50
BP AMOCO PLC SPONS ADR, dividends	166.32
Bristol Meyers Squibb Co., dividends	297.00
Chevron Corp., dividends	1,152.00
Cons Edison Inc, dividends	1,383.30
Discover Financial Services, dividends	6.96
Eastman Chemical Co., dividends	116.48
General Electric Co., dividends	1,500.00
Honeywell Intl Inc., dividends	208.32
Intl Business Machines Corp., dividends	520.00
Johnson and Johnson, dividends	469.80
Eli Lilly Co., dividends	490.00
Morgan Stanley, dividends	23.20
Pfizer, Inc., dividends	888.00
Southern Co, dividends	1,379.56
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	9,596.22

Preferred Stock

Gulf Power Co.(\$50,000.00)	1,752.56
September 15, 2033 interest	
JP Morgan Chase CAP XIV (\$50,000.00)	3,255.00
October 15, 2034 interest	
BAC Capital Trust Ser V (\$50,000.00)	3,150.00
November 3, 2034 interest	
General Electric Cap Corp (\$50,000.00)	3,063.76
June 15, 2046 interest	
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	11,221.32

Government Bonds

U.S. Treasury Bonds of 2016 (\$25,000.00)	1,875.00
Nov 15, 2016, interest	
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	1,875.00

Certificates of Deposit

R G Premier Bank, PR (\$95,000.00)	(11.97)
4.600%, April 29, 2011 (security redeemed 5/07/10)	
Anchor Bank, WI	1,905.21
2.000%, December 13, 2010	
Doral Bank, PR (\$95,000.00)	2,261.79
2.200%, April 30, 2013	
First Bank, PR	1,666.02
1.650%, April 23, 2012	
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	5,821.05

Money Fund Accounts

Federated Capital Reserves Money Fund	64.15
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	64.15
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	86,662.96

Orders, FY11*

Balance on hand June 30, 2011 (Special Revolving Acct.)	18,175.63
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	68,487.33
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	86,662.96

Invested Funds: Market Value as of June 30, 2011

Common Stock:

138 shares Allstate Corp.	4,213.14
775 shares Altria Group Inc.	20,467.75
396 shares BP AMOCO PLC SPONS ADR	17,538.84
900 shares Bristol Meyers Squibb Co.	26,064.00
400 shares Chevron Corp.	41,136.00
580 shares Cons Edison Inc	30,879.20
58 shares Discover Financial Services	1,551.50
64 shares Eastman Chemical Co.	6,532.48
259 shares Eastman Kodak Co.	927.22
3000 shares General Electric Co.	56,580.00
200 shares Motors Liq Com (formerly General Motors)	0.00
168 shares Honeywell Intl Corp.	10,011.12
200 shares Intl Business Machines Corp.	34,310.00
290 shares Johnson and Johnson	19,290.80
500 shares Eli Lilly & Co.	18,765.00
116 shares Morgan Stanley	2,669.16
1200 shares Pfizer Inc.	24,720.00
758 shares Southern Co	30,608.04
630 shares Unilever	20,695.50
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	366,959.75

Government Securities:

US Treasury Bond 7.500% November 15, 2016 (\$25,000.00)	32,252.00	
		32,252.00

Preferred Stock:

2011 shares BAC Capital Trust 6.000%, November 03, 2034	48,888.00	
1900 shares General Electric Cap Corp 6.450%, June 15, 2046	47,918.00	
2100 shares JP Morgan Chase Cap 6.200%, October 15, 2034	53,277.00	
		150,083.00

Certificates of Deposit

Bank of China, NY 0.550%, April 6, 2012	109,990.10	
Doral Bank, PR 2.200%, April 30, 2013	96,876.25	
First Bank, PR 1.650%, April 23, 2012	136,138.05	
		343,004.40

Money Fund Accounts:

Federated Capital Reserves Money Fund	8,409.62	
		8,409.62
Cash Balance	177.51	
		177.51

TOTAL INVESTED FUNDS 900,886.28

* See Town Accountant's report for an itemized accounting of Historical Commission expenditures in FY11

Scott Keith
Historical Commission Treasurer

Planning Board

July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

The planning Board worked on revisions to Section 8 of Zoning Bylaw, dealing with cell towers. Mark Sullivan gave expert consultation. While a number of changes were agreed upon as appropriate to present to a Town Meeting, the effort was tabled pending clarification about historic sites and their viewsheds. Hopefully this issue, arising as it may in considering wind turbine placement, will be managed with help from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. PVPC will be assisting with bylaw to regulate wind energy facilities in Cummington.

Discussion of these facilities began in June. Since more material and sample bylaws are available on wind than on solar facilities, a PVPC consultant recommended as “most efficient” pursuing the former now rather than both at once.

Brian Gilman has become Cummington’s Commissioner on the PVPC.

The Board arranged emissions monitoring of the Town’s two towers, at the expense of providers Verizon and AT&T, as required in Section 8.

A hearing was convened to examine removal of seven live trees on Scenic Stage Road, for purposes of widening it and of facilitating WMECO’s straightening of a line. The removal was approved.

Three applications were received and signed confirming “Approval Not Required” status for planned division of lots. “ANR” status means that State and Town regulations on sub-division of land would not come into play.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Moore, Secretary

Police Department

July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

The department still consists of Officer Sharon Cunningham, Sgt Michael Perkins and myself.

Again we participated in the Governors Highway safety Bureau's "Click it or Ticket" campaign although it was reduced to three mobilizations instead of five. Now it has been eliminated all together. Last year the state eliminated all Community Policing Grant funds. This leaves our entire budget to be funded by the town.

Sgt. Perkins continues to teach the Dare and Safe programs at Berkshire Trail School and attend the emergency planning meetings held monthly in Dalton with all the district Police departments and school administrators.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the area Police Departments and our Fire Department for their support through out the year but especially during emergencies and the Cummington Fair.

We continue to respond to an ever increasing number of calls partly because of a lack of staffing at the State Police barracks in Northampton.

Department Web Site Cummingtonpolice.com continues to be a resource for citizens to utilize to access various forms, accident reports etc.

Calls	335
Felonies	10
Domestics	3
Motor Vehicle complaint	30
Motor Vehicle Crash	23
Medical emergency	42
Missing Person	7
Alarms	34
B+E	3

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis W. Forgea Chief

Recreation Committee

July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

Newly purchased this year are signs for Pettingill Field. We have an entry sign, welcoming you to our Recreation area. Then we have a sign with glass on both sides to let you know the events schedules for the recreation area. Also added for our protection, are the doggie signage, instructing you to please keep your doggie on a leash and PLEASE pick up after your pet. The playground is for children and not your pet! A sign directing you to the Tennis Court and reminding you that no vehicles beyond this point. We do not want bikes, skateboards, roller blades, scooters or any fast wheeling toys to be under the pavilion or on the paths around it. Especially, when functions are going on. Little tots cannot get out of the way and sometimes older citizens as well. So PLEASE, be respectful of our signs for your protection and our liability.

We share our Recreation Field with the children at Berkshire Trail. They often have their recess there. We support their field day in the spring and donate watermelons. We continue to support the Junior Olympics and we thank Nathan Loux and his supporters for representing Cummington.

Our Recreation area is a great place for parties and functions. We encourage you to reserve your date early as it has become a popular spot for these types of events. You can do that by calling Geraldine Wilcox, our Chairperson at 634-2136, she is the keeper of the Calendar. Sometimes picnic tables are loaned out and she would be the person to contact. In reserving your event, we have a short contract that needs to be filled out with a modest donation and sent to Donna Forgea, 6 Porter Hill Road, Cummington, MA 01026 as she is our Treasurer.

Supporting the Family Center is our privilege and heading that up is Amy Grallert as a member of our committee. (She will write a report for you in another section.)

We are enjoying our new Gazebo! Although we have not finished the landscaping around it to the approval of the Building Inspector, we intend to. All things take time and when the labor is by volunteers, we are not complaining. (Inspector please take note!)

When the Gazebo is completed, the family of Doug Wilcox would like to have a dedication.

Our expenses are: general maintenance, supplies, inspections for safety, propane, electric and services to open and close the building. We also budget for Halloween, Christmas and the Junior Olympics. We are always looking for new members. If you are interested notify a member or come to Caucus! We will get you aboard.

We are fortunate enough to get Scott Beach to maintain the playing portion of the Ballfield. He did a great job and “hopefully” will again ready it for our season. Thank you Scott!

A watchful eye by residents of Main Street helps the committee by notifying us of anything out of place or damaged. We often experience destruction of property by persons or persons unknown. Most recently was a break into the kitchen and the breaking of lights. We have notified the Police Department. If you see or hear of anyone of these persons or persons unknown, PLEASE call. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Your Recreation Committee

Geraldine Wilcox, Chair
Andrew Liebenow
Donna L. Forgea, Treasurer
Peter Feitner
Amy Grallert
Charlie Quinlan
Sharon Cunningham
(Your name could be here!)

Vocational School Committee

July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

The students from Cummington are fortunate to be able to attend a vocational school. At the present time we have 15 students at Smith Vocational School and one attending Taconic Vocational.

The Vocational School Committee would like to thank the Cummington Town Meeting members for their continued support of town funding for tuition and transportation of our students. To help defray the cost of transporting our students we again worked with the towns of Windsor and Savoy to transport their students on our bus.

We continue to have a successful relationship with our long time bus contractor, Stevensville Corp.

Congratulations to our graduates:

Ashley Sheppard

Katelyn Sheppard

Jacob Jordan

Troy Howes

Heath Bourdon

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Carver
Sharon Cunningham
Theodore Lynds

Water Commissioners

July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

This year, was a welcome routine year. Only one incident at the West Cumington facility, a snake wedged itself in the gate mechanism, shorting out the board. It has been replaced and with the suggestion of a few mothballs, we hope the problem has been solved.

To finish Fairgrounds Road we paid for backhoe services to P & M Marcoux. The road and the shut-offs are securely in place and look great. It sure was overdue.

The majority of our expenses are the loans that we pay each year to USDA a fixed \$20,000. It is interesting to note that after 26 years of paying them back, we still owe approximately \$230,000. We are four years past the halfway mark. We are stuck in a high interest rate of 6.50% and 6.125%. We have researched the possibility of re-financing with very limited options. It still needs further investigating to reduce our interest.

The electric bills, propane, water operator services, DEP testing, dues and chemicals are our fixed expenses. We occasionally have additional expenses such as: parts, repairs, supplies, postage and additional services above and beyond the negotiated agreement with the Water Operator or testing Laboratory etc.

We are in the process of ordering new meters for all customers; these meters will be purchased in lots of ten to keep the yearly expenses down. They will be installed randomly as needed to start. Installation to begin in fiscal 2012.

A note for future expenses that we will face is the fact that Motorola has told us that our antiquated equipment for the water buildings monitoring systems cannot be serviced. It is 26 years old. We may be facing major expenses. We are definitely in a dilemma.

We are proud to say all users have kept their rents paid. We cannot afford for anyone to be delinquent. We still have many that pay late but with the threat of shut-off, they eventually come through. Keep in mind that is the policy of the Water Commissioners; we do not have options when paying our expenses.

Again, we wish to thank Shire Village for painting our John Deere Fire Hydrants! They still have a few to go but honestly, I don't think they have found them all. If you live next to a Hydrant and it looks like weeds have grown up around it, please feel free to cut the brush or grass, the painters and fireman will be very appreciative. In the winter, feel free to shovel around it, the flag shows where it is! Thanks!

Finally, we would again like to thank our Treasurer Susan Warriner for her commitment to collecting the rents and Dennis Forgea for his everyday commitment to checking and keeping us in compliance with the DEP.

The Commissioners stay committed to serving our customers and maintaining a high standard of your quality drinking water.

Your Water Commissioners

Donna L. Forgea, Chair
Delbert Robbins, Member
Tomasz Jaracz, Member
Dennis W. Forgea, Water Operator

Zoning Board of Appeals

July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

This year the ZBA received three applications for Hearings.

The first applicant, Douglas Ferrante, asked for the board to (1) reach a finding that the use of the property at 9 Main Street as an auto repair business was a pre-existing non-conforming use; (2) that the storage of unregistered motor vehicles was a pre-existing non-conforming use; and (3) he was appealing the Notice of Violation that had been issued by the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

The board found that the previous owner, Brian Dodge, had “through his own actions: allowing the water to be shut off to the property from May 5th 2005 until the property was sold in late 2007 due to non-payment of rents, and; not paying his real estate taxes to the town for 2005 and 2006, and allowing the property to be subject to a Taking for the delinquent taxes, and; for being in violation of the town’s bylaw regarding the storage of unregistered motor vehicles, and for not having responded to the letters from the Selectboard and the Notice of Violation from the Zoning Enforcement Officer, and for having allowed this to escalate to the Town taking civil action against him, and; the lack of business activities or even presence on the property; Brian Dodge did through visible and otherwise apparent intentions discontinued the use.” “We find that operation of an automobile repair business at 9 Main Street is **not** a pre-existing non-conforming use and therefore **does require** a special permit.”

“In the second question the board observed that over the years through the various owners the number of unregistered motor vehicles had varied, but never had there been an occasion where the storage of such vehicles was separate and apart from an auto repair business; it had always only been an integral part of an auto repair business. Therefore, this lawful use ended with the abandonment of the auto repair use. We find that storage of more than one unregistered vehicle at 9 Main Street is **not** a pre-existing non-conforming use and therefore **does require** a special permit.”

Lastly, the board unanimously denied the appeal of the Notice of Violation given the decisions listed above.

The second application was from Judith Bogart and Amy Ostrander regarding the placement of a driveway. “After Judy presented her application there was some general discussion and comments about it and the Zoning Bylaw, after which she choose to withdraw the application. She requested a timeframe

for compliance from the ZEO who agreed to provide it via US Mail the next day.” With the application withdrawn the board took no action and rendered no decision.

The third and final application of the year was from the West Cummington Congregational Church regarding the rebuilding of the church building that had been destroyed by fire.

“...submitted drawings showing the present orientation of the existing foundation on the property, along with the proposed rebuilding plan. The new church will be approximately 2’ longer than the previous one due to the addition of the now required restrooms (the original church had no facilities), and a reduction to the interior size of the sanctuary. From the exterior the church will strongly resemble the original and will be sited with the same orientation as the original. Evidence was also presented showing how the Commonwealth’s 1907 land taking and survey inadvertently annexed a portion of the church property (during the creation of Deer Hill Reservation) and now compounded the lack of setback. It was further explained that the DCR would be most likely granting a ‘construction permit’ to facilitate the reconstruction of the church, once the building permit is issued.”

The board found “...that the proposed reconstruction, with alterations, of the West Cummington Congregational Church building is not substantially more detrimental than the present pre-existing non-conforming structure and therefore is permitted.”

All of the quoted text above is taken directly from the minutes of each respective hearing. The Town Clerk retains all of the full records of these hearings, proceedings, and the decisions.

During the year the board suffered the resignation of longtime member Conrad Liebenow who moved to Plainfield. His thoughtful insight and opinions are missed. The following members serve on the ZBA: Carla Ness, Chair; Kenneth Howes; Michael Holden, Clerk; Bruce Mougin; Ernest Strong and Associate Member: Deborah Emerson; and there is one vacant position as associate member. Often there are vacancies, anyone interest in serving should contact a board member.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Ness, Chair
Michael Holden, Clerk

Cummington Cultural Council

July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

The Cummington Cultural Commission is appointed by the Town from its citizenry on a volunteer basis. The budget of the Cultural Commission is supplied and administrated by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Membership

The current members of the Cummington Cultural Commission are as listed on the letterhead. Jane Neri, the long-time secretary to the Commission, is not a formal member of the Council.

The membership has changed significantly, with the resignation of Christy Knox, both from the leadership and later, the membership of the Commission. We also lost Ted Eiseman, whose wonderful ways will be missed

We are privileged to have added to our membership Jillian Hanson, new to Cummington. We completed a year of the new chair, Kathryn Jensen, assisting Christy Knox, the outgoing chair. Kathryn has been the chair of the Cummington Cultural Commission since January 1, 2011.

Activities

Our main activity is the review of grant applications for state funds. That began in late October, and we made decisions about grants in November. We received \$3,870 in funds from the state for dispersal to local art producers. Some of those funds were dispersed as of June 30, 2011, but the majority awaiting dispersement.

We met several times as a new commission with new leadership. We are currently producing our own show, what we hope will be the first of an annual tradition of one-submission work on a particular theme. We have worked out a plan with the Board of Selectmen around insurance and building use pursuant to issues raised by the Board.

Respectfully,

Kathryn Jensen, Chair

Members:

Eric Smith

June Ferrin

Jillian Hanson

Andrew Liebenow

Jane Neri, Secretary*

*honorary member

Family Center

July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

The Cummington Family Center is a self-funded program. Our primary funding comes from a grant offered by The Collaborative for Educational Services. This grant is awarded to The Collaborative by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The family center also received a grant from The Katherine L.W. & Winthrop M. Crane, 3D Charitable Foundation to cover the costs of printing and mailing our monthly calendar and newsletter. All other program costs are obtained through fundraising efforts. This year we held our first Handmade for Kids Holiday Fair at the Community House in November as our primary fundraising event.

The Cummington Family Center holds three weekly playgroups at the community house from October thru May. The mission of the Family Center is to support local families with young children. We do this by providing playgroups where parents seek community, support, and a safe child-centered environment for their young ones to play and socialize. In addition to playgroups, the Family Center offers enrichment programs, parent education, and cultural programs that are open and free to the whole community. This year we held monthly crafting workshops for families, a four week art class for kids, two movement classes for young children, parenting workshops on child development, sleep and stress reduction. We were also happy to bring back the Tanglewood Marionettes for a performance of *Cinderella*.

The Cummington Family Center continues to be a vital resource for families with young children throughout the hilltowns. We appreciate the opportunity to provide this important resource in Cummington.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Mackowiak - Coordinator

Highland Ambulance EMS

July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

Operations. Highland Ambulance is the primary ambulance service provider for the towns of Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Plainfield and Williamsburg. Highland also provides primary back-up in the town of Worthington in support of Hilltown Ambulance of Huntington. Paramedics are on duty at Highland's station in Goshen from 6 AM until midnight seven days a week. During the midnight to 6 AM time period, on-call Highland EMT's are assisted by Paramedics from other ambulance companies when the service of a Paramedic is required.

Staffing and Training. Highland's active roster consists of 41 members including 15 Paramedics and 26 EMT's. We provided free continuing education courses for all EMT's in the area. We participated in an Emergency Vehicles Operations Course and held a Paramedics Assistants Course for EMT's.

We implemented computer software to meet new State and Federal reporting requirements and the staff was trained in its use.

Emergency Responses. During 2011 Highland responded to 594 emergency calls. These are broken down by Town as follows:

Ashfield	112	Chesterfield	52
Cummington	68	Worthington	31
Goshen	70	Plainfield	60
Williamsburg	194	Other	7

Out of these responses, 366 required advanced life support services of a paramedic.

Community Involvement. We provide Ambulance Coverage for Community events including the Chesterfield 4th of July Parade, the Cummington Fair and the Ashfield Fair. Our 2011 Annual Fund Drive raised over \$13,500 that helped fund equipment upgrades. We received a very generous donation of funds to purchase a new ambulance to replace our 13 year old ambulance. Delivery of this ambulance is expected in February 2012. The depth of ongoing community support we receive is greatly appreciated.

Cash On Hand June 30, 2011

Operating Funds		\$ 7,420.77
Memorial Fund		14,445.71
Dresser Fund		3,007.75
Reserve Funds		
Cummington Funds	\$ 2,978.00	
Williamsburg Funds	67.78	
Highland Funds	<u>6,912.33</u>	
Total		<u>\$ 9,958.11</u>
Total Cash On Hand		<u>\$ 34,832.34</u>

Respectfully Submitted,
Highland Ambulance Board of Directors

Ashfield	Patricia Thayer
Chesterfield	Spencer Timm
Cummington	James Drawe
Goshen	Donald Boisvert
Plainfield	James Pilgrim
Williamsburg	Christopher Smith
At-Large	Francis Dresser
At-Large	Bernard Forgea
At-Large	Douglas Mollison

Hilltown Community Development Corporation

July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

The Hilltown Community Development Corporation (Hilltown CDC) was created in 1981 with a mission to “*improve the quality of life for hilltown residents by addressing economic, housing, educational, social and community needs while preserving the rural character of the area.*” Its core service area includes the ten towns of Chester, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington. In recent years its small business assistance program has expanded to serve 20 Hilltowns. Hilltown CDC’s four major program areas are affordable housing, small business assistance, social services and community facilities development. Hilltown CDC also writes applications for and manages Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds on behalf of Hilltown communities. In Fiscal Year 2011, Hilltown CDC helped the eight towns of Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Peru, Plainfield, Westhampton, Worthington and Williamsburg secure \$2.035 million in CDBG funds to support the programs highlighted below.

Social Services: Hilltown CDC’s Hilltown Elder Network (HEN) Program delivered 7,000 hours of in-home caregiving assistance (primarily chore and transportation assistance) to over 120 low-income Hilltown elders at no cost to the participants. HEN staff provided 20,000 miles of transportation for medical visits and other purposes, and \$10,000 in snow removal help. Hilltown CDC also secured CDBG funding for three locally-based social service programs:

- **The Health Outreach Program for Elders (HOPE)**, administered by Hilltown Community Health Centers (HCHC), provided free in-home nursing care and podiatric services to nearly 250 eligible homebound elders.
- **The Hilltown Food Pantry** distributed 63,000 pounds of food to 287 eligible hilltown individuals. The Pantry is administered by the Northampton Survival Center at the Goshen Town Hall. Call 586-6564 or 268-7578 for information.
- **Families Together**, another HCHC program, offered training and peer support activities focused on family issues such as parenting, family dynamics, and family health education to 52 hilltown households.

Economic Development: Hilltown CDC, from July, 2010 to June, 2011:

- Provided individualized consulting and/or business training to 177 hilltown businesses.
- Published the 2011 Hilltown Business Directory, distributed to 13,000 hilltown households in 20 towns, with contact information and descriptions of 287 hilltown businesses in 88 categories. The Directory

is also on-line at www.hilltowncdc.org.

- Organized the 5th annual Hilltown Spring Festival at the Cummington Fairgrounds, gathering 2,000 hilltowners to enjoy local music and dance groups, food from local vendors, displays by local businesses and non-profit organizations, and children's activities for all ages.

Affordable Housing: We actively pursue opportunities to preserve and create affordable housing to meet the needs of low and moderate income Hilltown residents.

- **Westhampton Woods Senior Housing:** Hilltown CDC submitted applications for funding to expand Westhampton Woods Senior Housing from 7 apartments to 15 apartments and continued with predevelopment planning for the expansion.
- **Rental Housing:** Hilltown CDC continued to improve the management of its 30 units of scarce affordable rental housing in Williamsburg, Huntington, Westhampton and Chesterfield.
- **New Project Development:** Hilltown CDC investigated acquisition of additional rental housing units for rehabilitation in Williamsburg and began the process of seeking funding to recapitalize and make additional improvements to some of its existing rental properties.

First-time Homebuyer Program: Hilltown CDC provided individual homebuyer counseling and workshops to 100 households (representing 253 beneficiaries) to help them prepare for the purchase of homes. In addition, CDBG funding enabled 2 income-eligible households to secure grants and deferred payment loans to help them buy homes in the Hilltowns.

Housing Rehabilitation Program: provides zero percent interest, deferred-payment loans to income eligible homeowners for use in making a wide variety of repairs to their homes, including roofs, septic systems, electrical, plumbing, and heating. In addition, the program provides a source of steady year round employment for area contractors. In FY 2011 HCDC:

- Rehabilitated 13 houses in the towns of Chesterfield, Cummington, Peru, Plainfield, Williamsburg, and Worthington using deferred payment loans for home repairs and lead paint removal totaling \$319,876.

Community Facilities: Hilltown CDC works with municipalities and a wide range of community groups in the public and private sector. The Community Facilities Program provides project management services for development and the construction of buildings or infrastructure projects, large or small. We provide guidance to building committees and town officials. We also assist by researching and completing applications for project funding.

Below is a list of FY 2011 Accomplishments in the Community Facilities Program:

- \$306,690 in CDBG funding was awarded with the Chesterfield Regional Application for the construction of a new elevator and entry at Nash Hill Senior Housing. The project was bid in the spring and construction contract was executed in May.
- Completed Project Management Services for the Town of Chesterfield for the development of a new Highway Garage. In August and October 2010 the project was voted down at a special town meeting.
- \$30,000 of CDBG funding was received through the FY 2010 Cummington Regional Application to conduct to complete an ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan and a Planning Study to provide handicapped access at the Worthington Library Procurement for these services was conducted near the close of FY 11 and the ADA Self Evaluation was awarded to Austin Design. The Library Study will be awarded in the FY12.

Community Planning: We also work closely with municipalities and community groups in our service area to plan for, raise funds for and/or manage a range of projects. During FY11 HCDC:

- Provided planning assistance to the Northern Hilltowns of Chesterfield, Cummington, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg, and Worthington for preparing and updating their Community Development Strategies. A number of new community needs were identified, along with projects to be included in future CDBG funding applications.

Respectfully submitted by:

Dave Christopolis, Executive Director
Hilltown Community Development Corporation

Hampshire Council of Governments

July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

The Hampshire Council of Governments (The Council) is a membership based organization that solves common challenges through regional solutions while retaining local control over local affairs. The total budget for FY 2011 was \$7.856 million. The combined dues for the Council of Governments in Fiscal Year 2011 were \$27,904. The remaining budget is funded by our programs and services and specific Federal Grants. The Council receives no aid from the Commonwealth and exists to save taxpayer money by employing regional solutions and the power of bulk purchasing for a variety of goods and services. It is the continued goal of the Council to increase revenues from a variety of sources to offset the reduced assessment and to expand services.

The Council achieved several key goals in 2011.

- Zero percent increase in health insurance premiums for the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust.
- The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program provided almost 124,000 hours of service to our communities, equaling a contribution of more than \$3.2 million.
- Town of Hadley rejoined Council membership.
- Completion of Courthouse building evaluation for future renovations, repairs, and preservation.
- Sustainability Department created.
- Reorganization of Regional Services and Planning and addition of a new Director.
- Hired Marketing and Branding Consultant to create new rebrand organization and create a revised web page.
- Strategic Plan revised and expanded.
- Solar Renewable Energy Certificates Aggregation
- Municipal Accounting and Bookkeeping service
- Historic records moved to UMass Archives.

Administration

In January 2011 the Councilors hired a new Executive Director to reinvigorate the Council, to create new programs and services, complete a strategic plan, and increase revenue. The focus of the Executive Director has been membership benefits, how the Council functions as a governmental entity and a business, marketing, membership expansion, and encouraging support of local businesses. Staff submitted and was awarded a grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission to conduct a pre-development evaluation of the structural integrity and necessary restoration and repairs of the Courthouse. The result of the

evaluation showed significant areas of deterioration and the Councilors were informed that the cost to restore the Courthouse would be in excess of \$3.7 million. In the coming years the Council will be requesting financial support from local, state, and federal funding sources because the building is owned by the ‘inhabitants of Hampshire County’ and is our shared historic legacy.

Staff worked with the Executive Director to update the Council’s Personnel Policies to bring the Council up to current best practices and to provide support and guidance for the philosophical shifts that are required of the organization in order to remain vibrant and financially sustainable. The Council worked with Hampshire County Selectmen to revive the Hampshire County Selectmen’s Association. Staff hopes to continue this mutually beneficial support of the organization.

The Council was pleased to welcome the Town of Hadley as a returning Council member. The Towns of Hatfield and South Hadley also voted favorably to rejoining the Council July 1, 2011. For the second year in a row, the Councilors awarded two scholarships to help support graduating high school students who have demonstrated civic and community involvement and maintained a grade point average of 3.0 or above.

Electricity

Fiscal Year 2011 was a pivotal year for the Council’s Electricity Department. With the increasing number of customers and load, the Council contracted with Energy New England for purchasing services. This technical expertise was sought in order to decrease risk in purchasing energy from the spot market and decrease the ancillary charges associated with market purchases. This proved to be a timely and wise decision due to increases in certain market related charges. The department increased its staff with the appointment of a Municipal Aggregation (MA) Specialist. Explain what this is. During the year this specialist visited over thirty towns in Hampshire and Franklin Counties explaining this type of aggregation program to Boards of Selectmen. Staff also attended Town Meetings which included MA on their warrants, to educate communities about choices in purchasing electricity. The MA Plan, which was signed by twenty two towns, was sent to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) in June. To increase energy purchasing services, the Council also voted to make application to the DPU for an Electricity Broker’s License. This will enable the program to become even more competitive with the Fixed Price Plan.

Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust (The Trust)

In a year when many towns are facing double-digit rate increases in health insurance premiums, our towns once again held their costs down through a zero percent increase. With the Trust premiums remaining flat our member towns were better able to utilize any increase in town funds to cover other expenses.

The Hampshire Councilors serve as the trustees of the Trust, a cooperative effort to provide health and life insurance with excellent benefits at competitive rates. An Insurance Advisory Committee, made up of representatives of all participating units, meets regularly to discuss problems and possible solutions and to explore new ideas. The Trust manages a self-funded group of health insurance products. In the Insurance Year 2011 (April 1, 2010, to March 31, 2011), the collective premium for the Trust was \$47M. Through the efforts and expertise of the Trust management, the volume of participation in the program, and the participation of the town representatives on the Advisory Board, the Trust is successful at managing costs while providing excellent benefits. The Trust insured 4,524 employees and their dependents.

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

RSVP of Hampshire & Franklin Counties is the Council's community service program that mobilizes adults age 55+ to meet community needs by recruiting, placing, and supporting volunteers in a diverse array of service opportunities at local non-profit and public agencies. RSVP matches people with experience and skills to offer with organizations that need their help. The program benefits the senior population by keeping them active and engaged, and benefits our region by bringing these volunteers' dedication, wisdom, and expertise to bear on our communities' most pressing needs.

During FY11, RSVP brought on 154 new volunteers bringing our total volunteer force to 675. These volunteers gave almost 124,000 hours of service to our communities, equaling a contribution of more than \$3.2 million. RSVP Volunteers serve at hospitals, nursing homes, schools, libraries, after school programs, survival centers, and senior centers in towns across the two counties.

The following are some examples of the impact RSVP volunteers are having on our communities:

- During the reporting period 20 volunteers worked with students in schools and after school programs to improve academic skills.
- Through RSVP's Osteoporosis Exercise Program, 57 volunteers led weekly strength training classes for 424 seniors.
- 126 volunteers increased food security in our region by providing food to more than 800 elders.
- 278 volunteers improved the quality of life for more than 11,000 seniors by leading activities and providing information at senior centers.

Regional Services and Planning

The Regional Services Department develops regional approaches to problems shared by Hampshire County municipalities. During FY2011 the department secured surplus federal equipment for various Massachusetts municipalities

and state entities. The current net savings of property delivered to member communities for Fiscal Year 2011, after fees and delivery charges, totaled \$8,200. Net program income from fees was \$5,400.00. Member communities receive a discount on the fees, as well as the right of first refusal on higher quality pieces of equipment obtained through the surplus program. The Department also incorporates the Hampshire Inspection Program, which provided building inspection and zoning enforcement services to the towns of Huntington, Goshen, Chesterfield and Middlefield, as well as backup and auxiliary service to other communities, on an as-needed basis.

The Cooperative Purchasing program, is celebrating its 30th year serving the purchasing needs of Western Massachusetts' communities and school districts. At the end of FY 11, the Program was moved to the Regional Services and Planning Department. The program coordinates and administers a formal bidding process on behalf of Council departments, municipalities, school districts, human service agencies, and miscellaneous governmental entities throughout the Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire County region. Buying in bulk generates added savings over lone bidding efforts while complying with state procurement statutes and eliminating duplication of administrative work. The total purchasing volume for goods and services for Fiscal Year 2011 was \$6,055,849.08 with a projected savings of \$716,826.27.

Wellness Initiative Program

The Wellness Initiative is a worksite wellness program promoting healthier choices and behaviors amongst employees. There are 65 municipal worksites, including 26 in Hampshire County, who participate the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust which provides health insurance for about 5000 subscribers and their families.

The Wellness Initiative utilizes health risk data and employees' needs and interest surveys to develop program strategies to address the risk factors of the insured. During 2011 eight (8) mini grants were awarded to fund Worksite Wellness Teams, five of these mini grants were awarded to worksites in Hampshire County, Belchertown School District, Gateway Regional School district in Huntington, Hampshire Council of Governments, Hampshire Regional School District in Westhampton, and South Hadley Fire District #2. These teams develop and implement the wellness programs at their worksite, using the data to develop evidence based programs to address the risks of their populations.

A few of the programs support by the Wellness Initiative included:

- Spring Challenge – 225 participated in this physical fitness challenge by walking, biking, raking leaves running logging thousands of hours, steps and miles.
- Passport to Health – screenings conducted at worksites to help employees

- know and understand their biometric numbers
- Nutrition programs including “Start your day the healthy way “and Healthy Local Potlucks
- Colonoscopy Promotion – a yearlong promotion beginning in April 2011 to encourage our subscribers to have a colonoscopy – for both prevention and diagnostic reasons – colonoscopies save lives.

Sustainability Department

In June 2011 the Hampshire Council of Governments created the position of Sustainability Director and hired Eric Weiss to promote green energy development and energy conservation projects throughout the Western Massachusetts region. The Council believes in local first as the prime green development option. The Council supports local businesses, farmers, homeowners and municipalities in their ongoing efforts to develop green energy projects and reduce their carbon footprints. The Council is involved in a long term effort to support the local and regional economy and help it to become more sustainable.

The HCOG sustainability program already is;

- A Massachusetts registered broker for Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECS). The minimal 4% brokering fee charged for this important service will be reinvested by the “Council” locally.
- Engaged in creating a large multi-county RFP to promote the development of solar PV projects in Municipalities throughout Western Massachusetts.
- Assisting Communities in their efforts to become Massachusetts designated “Green Communities’ by Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER).
- Seeking to create and explore regional partnerships and grants opportunities with other Towns, institutions and organizations outside of Hampshire County to promote its sustainability goals.

The Tobacco Free Community Partnership

The Hampshire and Franklin County Tobacco Free Community Partnership (TFCP) supports communities efforts to lower smoking prevalence and exposure to secondhand smoke; enhancing state and local tobacco control efforts by exposing tobacco industry tactics, mobilizing the community to support and adopt evidence-based policies, and changing social norms. Funded by the Massachusetts Cessation and Prevention program, Community Partnerships serves as a resource for local coalitions, health and human service agencies, municipalities, and workplaces on tobacco intervention efforts. The 5 core goals of the tobacco control program are: **1)** Ensure access to safe and effective cessation resources for all Massachusetts residents; **2)** Protect Massachusetts’ young people from tobacco industry tactics; **3)** Increase the Price of Tobacco; **4)** Ensure all health care visits include a tobacco intervention; and **5)** Advance a

smoke free environment for all Massachusetts residents. During FY 2011, seven new youth chapters of the 84 were established at local high schools (Ware High School, Smith Vocational and Agricultural School, Northampton High School, South Hadley High School, Easthampton High and Turners Falls High School). The Ex-Smokers Hall of Fame was on display at Cooley Dickinson Hospital for the month of July and we were able to reach out to folks who were looking for a cessation program. The tobacco program has also received an additional \$22,000 for the smoke free housing strategy, a project that began as a pilot in 2007. There have been new listings added to our smoke free apartment's website, smoke free housing presentations to landlords and housing authorities as well as educational visits with local legislators. An additional priority during FY 2011 was increased knowledge and awareness of OTP (Other Tobacco Products). The products themselves, placement, pricing and packaging are all geared toward youth. It is the goal of the Tobacco Free Community Partnership to inform parents, legislators, educators and other concerned adults that these products exist and the tobacco industry is targeting our youth. Presentation to schools, coalitions and legislators within Hampshire and Franklin Counties began in January and will ongoing.

For further information on Council programs, expenses, and revenues, please contact the Councilors' Office at 413-584-1300 ext. 2. You may also visit the Council website at www.hampshirecog.org.

Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative

July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011

The Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (HRMC) was created 23 years ago and includes the Towns of Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton Williamsburg and Worthington. The HRMC was created by a group of dedicated volunteers from each member Town who had the vision to seek a regional solution to help small towns with volunteer local boards that had a desire to protect the environment, become more sustainable and deal with the expensive problem of rapidly rising solid waste disposal costs. In that time the HRMC has created important environmentally beneficial cost saving recycling programs and develop long term regional and town based sustainability based programs.

The past year has seen a significant change in which the HRMC and the Hampshire Council of Governments are now working closely together on sustainability and green energy issues. In fact the HRMC Administrator now splits his time, spending ½ of each week being Administrator of the HRMC and ½ of each week being the Sustainability Director for the Hampshire Council of Governments.

WHAT PROGRAMS DOES THE HRMC HELP WITH?

The HRMC helps your Town manage disposal, recycling and sustainability related programs. The HRMC sole contracted/consultant employee is its Administrator, Eric Weiss as our one and only staff person he helps with many tasks, including;

- Solid Waste Disposal and Hauling and Contracting
- MRF Household Recycling and Hauling and Contracting
- Electronics, Paint, Propane Tank, Tire, and Clothes Recycling Programs
- Organize and Manage the Annual Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection
- Provide Sustainability and Recycling Outreach and Education efforts
- Assisting local Boards with DEP and Compliance Related Issues
- Assisting with monitoring transfer station efforts costs and activities
- Advocating on behalf of the Towns
- Explore new green energy and sustainability programs and grants
 - Assist member Towns in become Massachusetts designated “Green Communities”
- Coordinate sustainability activities and green energy programs in cooperation with the Hampshire Council of Governments
- Explore zero waste issues on behalf of member Towns

WHO MANAGES THE HRMC?

- Two residents (appointed by your Towns Board of Selectmen) from each of the ten member Towns serve on the HRMC Board which is responsible for the management and oversight of the HRMC.
- The HRMC has an annual assessment which is approved by each Town at their annual Town meeting. The assessment based on population and the amount of tonnage handled at your Towns transfer station. The Total (for the Ten Towns combined) annual assessments are currently \$39,487.56. The HRMC has reduced its assessments by 5% for each of the last 4 years and level funded its assessment budget this fiscal year.
- The HRMC also receives grant and recycling revenues to supplement its budget and many efforts on behalf of its member Communities. The HRMC continues to be a very successful effort for the Hilltown region. It has become a program which local boards of Selectmen and Health and Energy Committees have grown to depend on for sound technical assistance and guidance on recycling and sustainability issues.

HOW DOES THE HRMC HELP THE TOWNS SAVE MONEY?

The HRMC works closely with local officials in every one of its member Towns by providing information and important technical assistance to the Towns. We also help your Towns obtain access to the resources needed for the management of successful solid waste, recycling, sustainability and new solar/wind/green energy programs.

Last year for the 10 HRMC member Town combined the HRMC helped the Towns:

- Recycle 1129.50 tons of material
- Save 6254 tons of greenhouse gas emissions
- Earn over \$47,322 in recycling revenue.

We look forward to continuing to assist your Town during this upcoming year. If you have any questions about recycling or have a waste disposal problem, please call us at (413) 268 – 3845 or (413) 687 – 3356 or email us at hrcm@crocker.com right away.

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