

Town of
**CUMMINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS**



**ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR
ENDING
JUNE 30, 2012**

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
James A. Drawe

TOWN MEETING DATE – First Friday in May

TOWN ELECTION – Second Monday in May

POPULATION – Census 2010 - 872



Elected Officials

Term Expires

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monica M. Vandoloski	2015
Russell L. Sears III, Chairman	2014
James A. Drawe	2013

TOWN CLERK

Susan F. Forgea	2014
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TREASURER

Susan L. Warriner	2014
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TAX COLLECTOR

Susan L. Warriner	2015
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BOARD of ASSESSORS

Samuel Konieczny	2015
Philip Morin	2014
Richard Roberge	2013

MODERATOR

Donna L. Forgea	2013
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VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Sharon Cunningham	2015
Lori Carver	2014
Theodore Lynds	2013

ALMONER OF CHARITABLE FUNDS

Joyce A. Wiernasz	2015
Susan F. Forgea	2014
Bernard L. Forgea	2013

Term Expires

COMMISSIONERS of TRUST FUNDS

Barbara D. Goldsmith	2015
Stephen M. Howes	2014
Joyce A. Wiernasz	2013

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Tomasz Jaracz	2015
Delbert Robbins	2014
Donna L. Forgea	2013

TRUSTEES of the BRYANT FREE LIBRARY

Helen Larkin	2017
Brenda S. Arbib	2016
Deborah Hoechstetter	2015
John Maruskin	2014
William Powers	2013

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Maureen L. Tumenas	2015
Scott B. Keith	2015
Daniel G. Loux	2014
Dennis W. Forgea	2014
Brian R. Anderson	2013
Jill Figlozzi	2013
Susan L. Warriner, Treasurer (Ex-officio non-voting member)	2013
Donna L. Forgea, Moderator (Ex-officio non-voting member)	2013

BOARD of HEALTH

John C. Earls	2015
Judith C. Bogart	2014
Theodore Lynds	2013

Term Expires

PLANNING BOARD

Mark Malinak	2017
Brian J. Gilman	2016
Robert Taylor	2015
Judith C. Bogart	2014
Richard A. Roberge	2013

CUMMINGTON RECREATION

And

PETTINGILL MEMORIAL FIELD COMMITTEE

Donna L. Forgea	2015
Amy Grallert	2015
Suzanne White	2015
Andrew Kurt Liebenow	2014
Peter J. Feitner	2014
Charles B. Quinlan	2013
Geraldine Wilcox	2013

COUNCIL of GOVERNMENTS

James A. Drawe	2014
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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	2015
Sarah Scanlon-Fournier	2015

APPEALS, ZONING BOARD of

Ernest T. Strong	2014
Kenneth L. Howes	2014
Carla C. Ness	2013
Bruce A. Mouglin	2013
Deborah L.Emerson,Associate	2015
Michael Holden	2015

LOCAL CULTURAL COUNCIL

Kathryn L. Jensen	2014
June D. Ferrin	2013
Andrew Kurt Liebenow	2013
Jillian Kay Hanson	2015
Eric M. Smith	2015
Gary P. Grosenbeck	2015
Tedric F. Eiseman	2015

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Robert D. Dextraze	2013
James L. Drawe	2013
Gloria A. Robbins	2013
Almond L. Streeter	2013
Russell L. Sears, III	2013
Monica M. Vandoloski	2013

Member

Term Expires

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Bernard L. Forgea 2013

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Robert D. Dextraze 2014

John D. Eisenhour 2014

Walter G. Korzec 2013

Gerald F. Howes, Jr. 2013

Allan J. Douglas 2015

Chad E. Howes 2015

Sarah Scanlon-Fournier 2015

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 2015

Anne Parsons 2015

Edith E. Morton 2015

Diane P. Anderson – Coordinator

FENCE VIEWERS & FIELD DRIVERS

Dean Carpenter 2013

Bruce W. Harrison 2013

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Robert D. Dextraze 2013

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Stephanie L. Pasternak 2014

Kathy McMahan 2014

Stephen M. Howes 2013

Carla C. Ness 2013

Lawrence R. Slezak 2013

<i>Member</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Karen J. Westergaard	2013
Scott B. Keith	2015
Barbara D. Goldsmith	Emerita

INSPECTOR of ANIMALS

Gerald F. Howes, Jr.	2013
Julie P. Jernstrom	2013

INSPECTOR of BUILDINGS

James Cerone	2013
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INSPECTOR of GAS FITTINGS

Donald Lawton	2013
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INSPECTOR of WIRING

William Graham	2013
John Lyons, Assistant	2013

POLICE CHIEF

Dennis W. Forgea	2013
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POLICE OFFICERS

Sharon J. Cunningham	2013
Michael Andrew Perkins II, Sergeant, D.A.R.E. Officer	2013

REGISTRARS of VOTERS

Susan L. Forgea	2013
Cynthia M. Volk	2013
Carolyn J. Wolf	2013
Jeanette A. Horton	2013

SELECTMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE to LIBRARY TRUSTEES

James L. Drawe	2013
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ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Julie P. Jernstrom	2013
Erik C. Jernstrom, Assistant	2013

Member

Term Expires

SURVEYORS of WOOD & TIMBER

Robert D. Dextraze	2013
David F. Robb, Jr.	2013

TOWN COUNSEL

Michael Siddall	2013
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TREE WARDEN

Robert D. Dextraze	2013
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VETERANS AGENT

Inter-Municipal Veterans Services Joseph Russo	2013
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LOWER PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

Brian J. Gilman	2013
Mark Malinak	2013

RIGHT TO KNOW COORDINATOR

Alan Streeter	2013
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TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Elizabeth Braccia	2013
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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT to SELECTMEN

Monica M. Vandoloski	2013
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HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT PROJECTION COMMITTEE

Robert D. Dextraze	2013
Peter J. Marcoux, Sr.	2013
Delbert H. Robbins	2013
Russell L. Sears, III	2013
Ernest T. Strong	2013

Member

Term Expires

BUILDING REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mark Demaranville	2013
Roger Bradford Gunn	2013
Craig G. Johns	2013
George E. Racz	2013
James D. Martin, Jr	2013

PERMANENT APPOINTMENT

FIRE CHIEF

Bernard L. Forgea

PETTINGILL CLOCK COMMITTEE

Scott B. Keith	2013
Alan Streeter	2013

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.	2013
Matthew John Grallert, Alternate	2013

CUMMINGTON WEB SITE

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

Selectboard

To the Citizens of Cummington

Early Sunday morning on August 28, 2011 Hurricane Irene approached Cummington. Before it was over we had over seven inches of rain in less than four hours and wind gusts of 70-80 MPH. The Westfield River had risen to the bridge deck of the Plainfield Road bridge and the Swift River bridge on Route 9. Luckily for everyone the rain abruptly stopped and the streams began to subside.

The areas where the most damage occurred was along the course of the Westfield River, the Lightning Bug section of town suffered severe damage, the Pettingill Field area had substantial damage and the Robert Quigley and Jean Mangan-Quigley area of Swift River suffered severe damage. Severe bank erosion also occurred across from the Deer Hill House. The other major problems occurred on Stage Road near the Marcoux homestead where a beaver dam broke and blocked the big culvert under the road which forced water to build up and run over the road. In the aftermath of Irene substantial repairs began accompanied by reams of paperwork.

Tireless efforts by our Emergency Management Director Bernard Forgea, Administrative Assistant Monica Vandoloski and Highway Superintendent Robert Dextraze in coordinating work with FEMA, Army Corps of Engineers, Westfield River Wild & Scenic, National Heritage etc. got the bank on the West Cummington section of the Westfield River rip-rapped, the ballfield repaired and the culvert on Stage Road re-opened and better. This work is not finished yet.

The Town acted as a pass through agency in helping repair the damage around the Quigley home.

Another big project which was started and completed was the reclamation and repaving of Route 112 from the Worthington Line to the five corners. Using a combination of STRAP grant monies and Chapter 90 monies over \$486,843.58 was spent on this project.

We would like to thank the citizens for their support of capital purchases which included a new dump body for the Highway Department and a new furnace for the Community House. Also we were able to pave the parking lot around the church. All the computers in the Community House were replaced with newer updated models.

It is with regret that we accepted the resignation of Arlin “Stub” Stevens as Electrical Inspector. We all owe him sincere thanks for over 60 years of service.

We would also like to thank Kevin Martin for his ten years of service on the Highway Department. Unfortunately he left us for greener pastures. We wish him well. He was replaced by Dean Carpenter another Cummington resident who has shown himself to be quite capable and a great addition to the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

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



Expenditures 2012

10100.00 - Official Salaries	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	28,735.00			
BOGART JUDITH C.		400.00		
CARVER LORI		40.00		
Correct FY11 Payroll		-1,400.87		
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		300.00		
KONIECZNY SAMUEL		137.50		
LYNDS THEODORE F		715.00		
MARCOUX AUDREY		1,050.00		
MORIN PHILIP V		1,100.00		
ROBBINS DELBERT		300.00		
ROBERGE RICHARD A		1,112.50		
SEARS RUSSELL		1,200.00		
VANDOLOSKI MONICA		1,100.00		
WARRINER SUSAN L		18,630.87		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			-	0
10100.02 - Administration General	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	4,750.00			
CUMMINGTON SUPPLY, INC.		8.75		
DD GRAPHICS WEB MEDIA		240.00		
HAMP COUNTY SELECTMEN'S ASSN		75.00		
TURLEY PUBLICATIONS, INC		123.23		
MMA		447.00		
HOBBS & WARREN, INC.		128.00		
COMMONWEALTH OF MASS		25.00		
BERKSHIRE EAGLE		412.20		
MOHAWK OFFICE EQUIPMENT CO.INC		1,101.30		
W.B. MASON		962.81		
POSTMASTER		56.00		
MONICA VANDOLOSKI		63.40		
Interfund Transfer year end	-274.78	0.00		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			832.53	0
10100.04 - Admin Various Officials	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	600.00			
Carried Forward	142.50			
Brian Anderson		142.50		
DOUGLAS DONNA		395.00		
Warrant AP 12-09 - Invoice Payment		20.00		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			185.00	

10111.00 - Town Counsel	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	5,000.00			
SIDDALL & SIDDALL, P.C.		2,703.66		
O'SHEA, GETZ & KOSAKOWSKI, P.C.		4,996.69		
Reimbursement for overpaid invoice	210.00	-210.00		
STM March 22, 2012	2,000.00			
Reserve Fund Transfer	280.35			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			-	
10122.01 - Administration Selectmen	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	12,000.00			
Correct FY11 Payroll		-156.52		
JORDAN DONNA C		125.00		
VANDOLOSKI MONICA		10,971.52		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			1,060.00	
90195.00 - Town Reports	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	3,000.00			
ADAMS SPECIALTY & PRINTING C		1,821.00		
MONICA VANDOLOSKI		5.30		
Interfund Transfer	-1,116.00			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			57.70	
90146.00 - Town Audit	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	8,000.00			
FY11 Carry Forward	7,991.98			
Carry Forward to FY13				14,500.00
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			1,491.98	
10122.04 - Computer Capital	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	7,000.00			
STM March 22, 2012	4,500.00			
DD GRAPHICS WEB MEDIA		159.32		
DELL MARKETING L.P.		8,621.73		
W.B. MASON		399.99		
Newegg.Com		878.47		1,440.49
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			-	
10122.05 - Municipal Light Plant	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	1,000.00			
Wired West		1,000.00		
Interfund Transfer	1,116.00			
James Drawe		1,116.00		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			-	

10122.06 - Paving Village Church	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	26,187.00			
Warner Brothers, LLC		15,231.40		
Peter J Marcoux		850.00		10,105.60
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			-	
10131.00 - Admin Finance Committee	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	126.00			
Assn of Town Finance		126.00		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			-	
10135.00 - Accountant Salary	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	8,615.00			
BRACCIA ELIZABETH J		6,798.75		
COOK ANGELA		2,481.25		
Correct FY11 Payroll		-161.87		
Transfer to Accounting exp	665.00			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			161.87	
10135.01 - Admin Accountant	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	3,350.00			
Softright		2,620.50		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			729.50	
10141.00 - Administrators Assessors	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	4,732.00			
CUMMINGTON SUPPLY, INC.		197.30		
U. S. POSTAL SERVICE		225.00		
COMMUNITY SOFTWARE CONSORTIUM		1,900.00		
MAAO		75.00		
U S POSTAL SERVICE		42.00		
US POSTAL SERVICE		264.00		
HHCAA		30.00		
HAMPSHIRE CTY REGISTER OF DEEDS		226.00		
W.B. MASON		590.89		
JOY JOHNS		71.09		
VMS Inc.		28.96		
Apple Store		946.90		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			134.86	
10141.01 - Assessor's Clerk	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	7,800.00			
Correct FY11 Payroll		-472.50		
JOHNS JOY M		7,800.00		

TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			472.50	
10141.03 - Assessor's Consultant	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	8,550.00			
MAYFLOWER VALUATION LTD		1,500.00		
SAMUEL KONIECZNY		7,049.98		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0.02	
10141.04 - Assessor's Tax Maps	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	800.00			
Holmberg & Howe		800.00		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			-	
10145.00 - Administrator Treasurer	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	4,800.00			
HAMP/FRANK COLL TREAS ASSN		10.00		
MASS. COLL. & TREAS. ASSOC.		45.00		
US POSTAL SERVICE		360.00		
SOFTRIGHT		2,880.50		
SUSAN WARRINER		55.26		
W.B. MASON		385.34		
POSTMASTER		21.00		
PEOPLE'S UNITED BANK		825.00		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			217.90	
10145.00 - Admin Tax Collector	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	3,900.00			
SUSAN WARRINER		31.40		
PHOENIX COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INC		750.00		
FRCOG/COMM SOFTWARE CONSORT		750.00		
MASS. COLL. & TREAS. ASSOC.		45.00		
US POSTAL SERVICE		1,205.00		
W.B. MASON		386.03		
POSTMASTER		461.00		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			271.57	
10158.00 - Tax Title Expenses	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	3,000.00			
REGISTRY OF DEEDS		75.00		
SIDDALL & SIDDALL, P.C.		300.00		
DAILY HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE		230.00		
HAMPSHIRE CTY REGISTER OF DEEDS		425.00		1,970.00
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			-	

10161.00 - Admin Town Clerk	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	500.00			
Iron Mountain		285.19		
Susan Forgea		85.00		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			129.81	
10162.00 - Election & Registration	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	1,000.00			
BOGART JUDITH C.		70.00		
CUNNINGHAM SHARON		156.00		
FORGEA SUSAN		130.00		
HORTON JEANNETTE A.		40.00		
JAY KRISTIN M		190.00		
JORDAN DONNA C		60.00		
PERKINS MICHAEL A		117.00		
VANDOLOSKI MONICA		130.00		
WOLF CAROLYN		200.00		
Reserve Fund Transfer	93.00			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			-	
10171.00 - Conservation Commission	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	150.00			
Daily Hampshire		14.87		
Donna Douglas		76.00		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			59.13	
10175.00 - Planning Board	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	1,600.00			
Correct FY11 Payroll		-195.00		
MOORE JUDITH		1,072.50		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			722.50	
10176.00 - ZBA	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	500.00			
TURLEY PUBLICATIONS, INC		62.49		
DAILY HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE		120.00		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			317.51	
90192.06 - Community House	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	10,000.00			
Correct FY11 Payroll		-120.00		
DUNHAM JEAN		820.96		
HORTON JEANNETTE A.		2,880.00		
HORTON, JEANNETTE		180.00		

ALTERNATIVE RECYCLING SYSTEMS		869.33
WHITING ENERGY FUELS		4,111.54
SIMPLEX GRINNELL		1,824.50
TOWN OF CUMMINGTON		185.00
WMECO		1,443.50
W.B. MASON		548.71
STM March 22, 2012	1,549.00	
Reserve Fund Transfer	1,127.10	
Interfund Transfer	67.44	

TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE -

90192.08 - Internet/Telephone	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
	10,250.00			
DD GRAPHICS WEB MEDIA		480.47		
VERIZON		8,096.53		
AT & T		85.81		
AT & T		5.59		
Verizon Select Services, Inc.		65.62		
Chambers Advisory Group		981.74		
Expense Transfer		-310.00		

TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE **844.24**

60288.00 - Public Safety Complex	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
	14,780.00			
BROWN OIL, INC.		234.00		
GEORGE PROPANE, INC		446.09		
WHITING ENERGY FUELS		6,367.10		
VERIZON		500.41		
TOWN OF CUMMINGTON		850.00		
WMECO		4,938.94		
FIRE DETECTION SYSTEMS		300.00		
KINSLEY POWER SYSTEMS		2,663.00		
STM March 22, 2012	1,226.00			
Reserve Fund Transfer	293.54			

TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE -

60290.00 - Public Safety Complex Cap	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
	19,402.99			
O'SHEA, GETZ & KOSAKOWSKI, P.C.		1,536.40		17,866.59

TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE -

60290.02 - Radio Purchases Capital	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
	10,000.00			
Pittsfield		9,973.00		

TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE **27.00**

60290.03 - FCC License Renewal	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	2,000.00			
Cummington Fire		1,505.00		
Washington Radio Reports, Inc		435.00		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			60.00	
70610.00 - Highland Ambulance	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	13,684.00			
Highland Ambulance EMS, Inc		12,025.00		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			1,659.00	
60210.01 - Police Dept Salaries	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	14,000.00			
Correct FY11 Payroll		-1,757.00		
CUNNINGHAM SHARON		351.00		
FORGEA DENNIS		6,405.00		
PERKINS MICHAEL A		7,056.00		
SPIESS ROBERT N		52.00		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			1,893.00	
60210.00 - Police Department	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	9,000.00			
SENTRY UNIFORM & EQUIP.		665.80		
DENNIS FORGEA		14.15		
WESTERN MASS CHIEFS OF POLICE		100.00		
ED'S AUTO REPAIR		554.35		
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT CORP		1,010.00		
PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER, INC		104.79		
INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM OF WM		299.90		
MA CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSN		700.00		
MASS POLICE ASSC. INC		30.00		
MATTHEW BENDER & CO., INC.		53.49		
MPA-PAC		16.00		
VERIZON		480.14		
WMLEC		200.00		
MICHAEL PERKINS		41.94		
INTEGRATION PARTNERS CORP		1,402.00		
HAMPSHIRE SHERIFF'S OFFICE		909.00		
HIGGINS		250.00		
W.B. MASON		437.15		
POSTMASTER		56.00		
DENISE FORGEA		0.00		
MIKE PERKINS		76.74		
RDJ Specialties, Inc.		412.76		
Newegg.Com		617.40		
TMDE CALIBRATION LABS, INC.		215.00		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			353.39	

60220.00 - FD & Forest Warden	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	14,022.00			
CUMMINGTON SUPPLY, INC.		58.85		
BERNARD FORGEA		1,609.18		
LIEBENOW'S GARAGE		222.00		
ED'S AUTO REPAIR		175.76		
G & S INDUSTRIAL, INC		3,495.14		
JMS AUTO PARTS		56.84		
PITTSFIELD COMMUNICATIONS		2,605.96		
S & S MACHINE & WELDING, INC		230.00		
Berkshire Cty Fire Chiefs Assoc		100.00		
GLEASON FIRE EQUIPMENT		495.00		
UNITED DIVERS, INC		920.70		
HAMP CNTY FIRE DEFENSE ASSN		532.00		
MOUNTAINVIEW GRAPHICS		-125.35		
MASS MOBILE INSPECTIONS		434.75		
NFPA		165.00		
FIREHOUSE MAGAZINE		29.95		
GRAINER, INC, W.W.		294.75		
NEW ENGLAND FIRE EQUIP. & APPART.		1,177.37		
DUFOUR INC		104.00		
L.F. POWERS CO.INC.		130.15		
NE NOZZLE VALVE AND GATE		638.58		
FIRE CHIEF'S ASSC. OF MASS.		200.00		
RICHARD MEYER		16.97		
NEW ENGLAND EMERGENCY EQUIP		226.20		
Conrad Liebenow		22.75		
ELY, ROBERT		29.58		
ACS FIREHOUSE		625.00		
BERNARD FORGEA		862.14		
ROBERT ELY		10.79		
CHESTERFIELD TIRE SERVICE		35.00		
WESTERN MASS FIRE CHIEFS		325.00		
VERMONT FIRE TECHNOLOGIES		1,633.60		
Valley Motorsports, Inc.		94.14		
Fotronics Corp		84.65		
STM June 14, 2012	3,500.00			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			5.55	
60220.02 - Fire Truck	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	14,000.00			
Vermont Fire		140,000.00		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			(126,000.00)	
60220.08 - Fire Dept Capital	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	4,500.00			
GLEASON FIRE EQUIPMENT		2,975.65		
Fotronics Corp		1,524.35		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			-	

60241.00 - Building Inspector	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
	8,000.00			
CERONE JAMES A.		8,666.74		
Correct FY11 Payroll		-666.74		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			-	
60241.01 - Building Inspector Admin	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
	100.00			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			100.00	
60291.00 - Emergency Management	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
	2,700.00			
BLACKBOARD CONNECT		1,913.52		
TAPLIN YARD, PUMP % POWER		930.60		55.88
Carry Forward FY11	200.00			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0.00	
60292.00 - Animal Control Officer	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
	2,300.00			
JULIE JERNSTROM		1,800.00		
HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVRNMT		29.37		
BERKSHIRE VETERINARY HOSPITAL		262.00		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			208.63	
30000.01 - CBRSD Operating Expense	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
	740,850.00			
CENTRAL BERKSHIRE REGIONAL S.D.		740,850.00		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			-	
30000.02 - CBRSD Capital Expense	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
	27,229.00			
CENTRAL BERKSHIRE REGIONAL S.D.		27,229.00		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			-	
30000.03 - CBRSD Transportation	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
	38,481.00			
CENTRAL BERKSHIRE REGIONAL S.D.		38,481.00		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			-	

30000.04 - Vocational Tuition	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	186,400.00			
TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE		8,880.84		
Smith Vocational & Agricultural High School		134,100.00		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			43,419.16	
30000.06 - Vocational Transportation	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	38,915.00			
Stevensville Corp		39,052.77		
Reserve Fund Transfer	137.77			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			-	
20422.00 - Highway Garage	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	14,000.00			
GRAHAM ELECTRIC		4,005.00		
WHITING ENERGY FUELS		2,967.46		
TOWN OF CUMMINGTON		390.00		
WMECO		2,274.27		
PITTSFIELD FIRE & SAFETY CO INC.		214.90		
STM March 22, 2012	1,287.00			
Interfund Transfers	(337.22)			
Interfund Transfers	(3,855.28)			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			1,242.87	
20422.01 - Highway Admin	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	300.00			
BERK CNTY HWY SUPT ASSN.		20.00		
MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY ASSN		60.00		
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		50.00		
ROBERT DEXTRAZE		70.98		
HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF PURCHASING		294.94		
AIRGAS EAST		63.05		
MASS.TRI-CTY HIGHWAY ASSC		25.00		
Dean Carpenter		53.25		
Interfund Transfers	337.22			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			-	
20422.02 - Highway General	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	49,000.00			
Correct FY11 Payroll		-527.80		
CUMMINGTON SUPPLY, INC.		1,150.75		
STREETER, ALMOND L		250.00		
MEEHAN CONSTRUCTION CO., INC		1,525.02		
ED'S AUTO REPAIR		89.81		
MISTER TIRE		16.00		
Underground Supply, Inc.		1,133.60		
BACON'S EQUIPMENT		3.09		

JMS AUTO PARTS	207.54
JOHNS BUILDING SUPPLY CO INC	1,820.26
S & S MACHINE & WELDING, INC	168.00
DONBECK SALES	184.00
COWAN AUTO SUPPLY, INC	129.26
ATLANTIC BROOM, INC	553.74
LANE CONSTRUCTION CORP.	2,300.54
INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM OF WM	235.90
GEORGE D. JUDD & SONS LLC	1,312.50
MASS MOBILE INSPECTIONS	550.75
TRI-STATE INDUSRIAL LAUNDRIES, INC	410.47
FASTENAL	73.32
CERTIFIED LABORATORIES	1,858.41
SAFETY-KLEEN SYSTEMS, INC	228.00
TRI STATE LAUNDRIES	1,359.36
SUGARLEDGE STONE QUARRY INC	7,607.77
LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	67.94
ROBERT DEXTRAZE	119.33
HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF PURCHASING	495.63
PETER J. MARCOUX	26,482.25
AIRGAS EAST	627.76
CUSTOM DRUG TESTING	110.00
Town of Cummington	2,860.00
Dean Carpenter	119.99
Lockwood Construction Services, inc.	437.50
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission	1,162.19
Upland Meadows Farm	93.00
FRANK LABELLE'S SALES & SERVICES,	18.27
Hurricane Irene exp transfers	-8,811.00

TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE **2,576.85**

20422.06 - Highway Tool & Machinery	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
	58,000.00			
GRS EQUIPMENT SERVICES		640.00		
ED'S AUTO REPAIR		2,196.78		
BACON'S EQUIPMENT		548.85		
JMS AUTO PARTS		241.95		
SUPERIOR SPRING & MFG CO		654.29		
COWAN AUTO SUPPLY, INC		667.54		
SCHMIDT EQUIPMENT, INC		759.39		
ZWACK, INC.		5,000.00		
DUFOUR INC		104.00		
L.F. POWERS CO.INC.		1,569.85		
PETER J. MARCOUX		25,046.38		
FRIENDLY FRED'S		447.74		
WOODS CRW CORP		1,769.07		
DENNIS K BURKE INC		31,822.69		
TOWN OF CONWAY		300.00		
CHESTERFIELD TIRE SERVICE		74.10		
E.B. Atmus Co., Inc.		74.38		
Lockwood Construction Services, inc.		875.00		
FRANK LABELLE'S SALES & SERVICES,		45.77		
Hurricane Irene exp transfers		-10,982.50		
Interfund Transfer year end	3,855.28			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			(0.00)	

20423.00 - Winter Roads	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
	50,000.00			
DONOVAN BROTHERS, INC		5,842.62		
ED'S AUTO REPAIR		1,988.36		
S & S MACHINE & WELDING, INC		1,385.00		
ATLANTIC BROOM, INC		3,910.00		
ZWACK, INC.		44.25		
GEORGE D. JUDD & SONS LLC		18,660.90		
International Salt Co., LLC		16,792.48		
MAPLE GROVE EQUIPMENT		209.24		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			1,167.15	
20422.20 - HWY Vac, Hol, Sck, & Per	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
	15,645.00			
CARPENTER DEAN P		264.00		
Correct FY11 Payroll		-933.80		
DEXTRAZE JR ROBERT		6,289.80		
MARTIN KEVIN C		3,316.87		
MEYER RICHARD B		4,289.71		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			2,418.42	
20422.22 - Highway Salaries	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
	122,065.00			
CARPENTER DEAN P		13,454.00		
Correct FY11 Payroll		-2,603.52		
DEXTRAZE JR ROBERT		43,048.20		
MARTIN KEVIN C		19,326.63		
MEYER RICHARD B		40,329.81		
STREETER ALAN		405.00		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			8,104.88	
60294.02 - Tree Account	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
	4,000.00			
HOWES TREE & LANDSCAPING		3,975.00		
TURLEY PUBLICATIONS, INC		21.38		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			3.62	
20422.26 - Highway Capital	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
	17,000.00			
GRS Equipment Services		15,330.00		1,670.00
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			-	
70510.00 - Board of Health	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
	63,000.00			

Carry Forward FY2011	1,535.00			
Carry Forwards		1,500.00		
CURRAN, BARBARA		50.00		
JUDI BOGART		34.77		
CUMMINGTON SUPPLY,		10.85		
Theodore Lynds		40.00		
SHANE WOLF		1,385.00		
Highland Ambulance		306.70		
HATFIELD PRINTING		894.56		
NORTHAMPTON SANITARY		1,514.03		
TIGHE & BOND		9,340.47		
HILLTOWN RESOURCE		8,860.02		
HRMC		9,421.07		
SIDDALL & SIDDALL,		120.00		
US POSTAL SERVICE		120.00		
ROBBINS, LEVI		47.65		
WMECO		1,552.12		
DAVE WICKLES TRUCKING		10,155.60		
BARBARA CURRAN		250.00		
POSTMASTER		56.00		
DAVE WICKLES TRUCKING		1,450.20		
The Library Store, Inc.		63.79		
STM March 22, 2012	834.00	0.00		
Correction to Payroll		75.00		
Stericycle, Inc.		127.02		
Tags-Bags-Containers		1,500.00		
BOGART JUDITH C.		30.00		
GRANGER CAMERON R		1,020.00		
GRANGER CAMERON R		2,120.00		
LYNDS THEODORE F		3,757.00		
MOORE JUDITH		1,437.50		
ROBBINS SR LEVI		3,245.00		

TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			4,884.65	
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70510.04 - Board of Health Capital	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	-			
Carry Forward	6,400.00			
Stantex Consulting Services		6,400.00		

TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			-	
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90541.00 - Council on Aging	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	1,858.00			
ANDERSON DIANE P		858.00		
TURLEY PUBLICATIONS, INC		46.00		
WILLIAMSBURG MARKET		117.80		
WOHRLE'S FOODS, INC		85.28		
HILLTOWN COA CONSORTIUM		101.00		
US POSTAL SERVICE		87.00		
VICKI RUSSIN-NASH		14.00		
WMACA		30.00		
MARY E. STREETER		24.66		
MARGARET DANIELS		41.10		
MARY ESTHER STREETER		26.66		

DIANE ANDERSON	47.73
RUSSIN-NASH, VERONICA	46.67
W.B. MASON	239.63
CAROLYN UREKEW	41.37

TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE **51.10**

40543.00 - Veterans	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	20,000.00			
Veteran Benefit		3,532.95		
Veteran Benefit		8,481.71		
TUFTS HEALTH PLAN		5,284.00		
Central Hampshire Veterans' Service		3,233.00		
Reserve Fund Transfer	324.32			
Interfund Transfer	207.34			

TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE -

30610.00 - Library	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	6,950.00			
TESSIER GREGORY		76.50		
WOLF MARIE J		335.75		
CREAMERY, THE		25.00		
CUMMINGTON SUPPLY, INC.		197.20		
MARK DEMARANVILLE		1,233.68		
DEMARANVILLE, MAUREEN		147.96		
ELECTRALARM		315.00		
GRALLERT, MATTHEW J		200.00		
WHITING ENERGY FUELS		1,817.07		
NEW YORKER, THE		149.99		
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES		163.33		
Rolling Stone		19.95		
BARNES & NOBLE		1,511.26		
WMECO		842.17		
Oxford American		34.98		
GOOD WILL MESSENGER		10.00		
ANCIENT AMERICAN		32.95		
National Geographic Traveller		18.00		
Judd LaFreniere Plumbing, LLC		170.00		
STM March 22, 2012	392.00			

TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE **41.21**

30610.02 - Library	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	5,000.00			
Carry Forward FY11 Capital	7,500.00			
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CO, THE		1,108.68		
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CO, THE		244.05		
STEVENSVILLE CORP		686.53		
FREDERICK CARLISLE		50.00		
WILLIAM A DYNOK		4,700.00		
SAMUEL KONIECZNY		150.25		

TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE - **5,560.49**

90630.00 - Recreation	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	3,000.00			
HILLTOWN JUNIOR OLYMPICS		85.00		
CUMMINGTON FIRE ASSOCIATION		86.00		
CUMMINGTON SUPPLY, INC.		93.20		
DENNIS FORGEA		200.00		
DONNA L. FORGEA		346.42		
ALTERNATIVE RECYCLING SYSTEMS		142.03		
GEORGE PROPANE, INC		80.13		
TOWN OF CUMMINGTON		180.00		
NATHAN LOUX		325.00		
WMECO		507.76		
AMY GRALLERT		76.23		
PETER J. MARCOUX		348.23		
SCOTT, RONALD		350.00		
BERNARD FORGEA		180.00		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			-	
80750.00 - Interest on Loans	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	5,000.00			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			5,000.00	
80751.00 - Safety Complex Loan	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	77,574.00			
USDA		77,574.00		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			-	
90192.00 - Insurance & Bonds	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	41,250.00			
DEEP ASSOCIATES		9,494.00		
MIIA PROPERTY & CAS GR, INC.		484.00		
MIAA		18,730.00		
Travelers CL Remittance Center		755.00		
Expense Transfer		-3,000.00		
Refund		-5,064.00		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			19,851.00	
90192.04 - Lawn Mowing	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
Appropriation	2,500.00			
WESTFIELD EQUIPMENT SERVICE		429.02		
Gloria Robbins		1,760.00		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			310.98	

95781.00 - Reserve Fund	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
	6,000.00			
Reserve Fund Transfers	-2,495.25			
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			3,504.75	
90912.00 - Contributory Retirement	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
	29,948.00			
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT		29,377.00		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			571.00	
90913.00 - Unemployment	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
	1,000.00			
Carry Forward	105.63			
Comm of Mass		105.63		
DIVISION OF UNEMPLOYMENT ASST		509.50		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			490.50	
90914.00 - Medical Insurance	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
	5,000.00			
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY GROUP INS		4,292.16		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			707.84	
90915.00 - Medicare/ Social Security	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
	8,500.00			
US Treasury SS Admin		8,023.81		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			476.19	
90912.02 - Council of Govt's	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
	992.00			
HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVRNMT		991.12		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			0.88	
90947.00 - LPVP Commission	Appropriation	Expended	Closed to Revenue	Carried Forward
	148.00			
Pioneer Valley Planning		130.80		
TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE			17.20	

Other Expenditures 2012

185472.00	COA Memorial Gifts	
	Journal Entry	-135.00
	DALE GRIFFITH	100.00
	DIANE ANDERSON	197.90
	MCOA	100.00
	SPRUCE CORNER RESTAURANT	140.00
	WOHRLE'S	37.05
20140.00	Chapter 90	
	ALL STATES ASPHALT, INC	52,333.40
	WARNER BROTHERS, LLC	195,987.92
2354018.00	Strap Grant Expenses	
	WARNER BROTHERS, LLC	238,522.26
255513.00	COA HV Expenses	
	DIANE ANDERSON	170.00
	GRAF, KEN	2,365.17
	POSTMASTER	305.20
	SARAH PRINCE	1,025.00
	US POSTAL SERVICE	216.00
	US POSTAL SERVICE	427.20
2557014.00	CDC Program Grant Expenses	
	Journal Entry	-20,000.00
	HILLTOWN CDC	522,755.00
2557015.00	MA Rehab Program Income Expenses	
	Journal Entry	20,000.00
	HILLTOWN CDC	5,000.00
290.490.5240.0000	FEMA - Hurricane Irene	
	Journal Entry	20,368.50
	Commonwealth Guardrail Inc.	21,086.25
	PETER J. MARCOUX	1,000.00
4008.00	Police Outside Detail	
	Payroll	46,192.75
	PERU POLICE DEPT	1,500.00
	TOWN OF GOSH EN	175.00
	TOWN OF HINSDALE	150.00
	TOWN OF PLAIN FIELD	500.00
	TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG	675.00
4054.00	Historical Commission	
	Payroll	4,270.00
	AT&T	0.00
	Audio Visual Archives	372.00
	CARROT-TOP INDUSTRIES, INC	977.51
	COLLECTIVE COPIES	67.07

	CUMMINGTON SUPPLY, INC.	641.13
	ELECTRALARM	449.50
	ELIA RENOVATIONS	5,167.09
	JANE NERI	815.00
	Jennie Wolf	1,000.00
	JOHN TALIAFERRO	3,334.00
	LARRY SLEZAK	930.00
	Old Creamery Grocery, The	57.50
	PERSHING LLC	30,274.11
	PITTSFIELD FIRE & SAFETY CO INC.	121.00
	SCOTT KEITH	1,100.00
	SHANE WOLF	2,125.00
	STEPHANIE PASTERNAK	1,811.25
	TOWN OF CUMMINGTON	360.00
	US POSTAL SERVICE	100.00
	WMECO	548.90
54052.00	Community House Expenses	
	Payroll	1,498.80
5514.00	Council on Aging - State	
	Payroll	3,501.00
	DIANE ANDERSON	180.00
	MCOA	125.00
5516.00	GHSB Grant	
	ATLANTIC BROOM, INC	400.00
5517.02	AWG GRANT	
	VERMONT FIRE TECHNOLOGIES	260,489.50
5519.00	DARE Grant - State	
	CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCING	86.57
	MIKE PERKINS	28.64
5522.00	State Aid to Libraries	
	BARNES & NOBLE	116.32
	WMECO	34.95
5524.00	Arts Council	
	Aimmee Gelas	250.00
	ASHFIELD COMMUNITY THEATER	200.00
	Becket/Washington PTO	150.00
	BLANCHE DERBY	350.00
	Cummington Family Center	150.00
	DEBORAH FITZROY	147.38
	Earthworks Programs	200.00
	FRANKLIN LAND TRUST	187.50
	FRIENDS OF THE WILLIAMSBURG LIBRARY	60.00
	HILLTOWN 6	200.00
	HILLTOWN CDC	350.00
	Jay Mankita	250.00
	JOSHUA WACHTEL	0.00

	Kathryn Jensen	256.50
	LIEBENOW'S GARAGE	650.00
	MAUREEN SHEA	500.00
	Natalie Stafford, Arts Alive	100.00
	PLAINFIELD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	200.00
	SARAH STOCKWELL-ARTHEN	300.00
	SIENNA WILDFIELD	100.00
	Steven Henderson	300.00
	TIM VAN EGMOND	425.00
	TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS, THE	100.00
	VALERIE KOHN	0.00
5562.00	53E 1/2 Inspec Rev 6000	
	Payroll	75.00
	ARLIN V. STEVENS	1,285.00
	BERNARD FORGEA	600.00
	DENNIS FORGEA	25.00
	DON LAWTON	929.00
	GRAHAM ELECTRIC	0.00
	HILLTOWN CDC	0.00
	STEVEN EMERSON	25.00
	William Graham	820.00
70100.00	Water Department	
	Payroll	16,240.00
	ASTRO CHEMICALS, INC	5,829.40
	BERKSHIRE ENVIRO-LABS INC	3,844.00
	COMM OF MASS	42.00
	CORGI ELECTRIC & EXCAVATING	1,164.96
	CUMMINGTON SUPPLY, INC.	50.30
	DENNIS FORGEA	220.40
	Dept. of Environmental Protection	76.35
	DONNA L. FORGEA	109.98
	E.J. PRESCOTT INC.	1,608.79
	EVERETTJ PRESCOTT, INC	130.52
	GEORGE PROPANE, INC	1,953.35
	GRAPHIC CONTROLS	110.97
	Hach Company	124.23
	JOHN THOMAS	379.26
	Mass Rural Water Association	451.06
	MASS. RURAL WATER ASSC.	175.00
	MWWA, INC.	75.00
	NEWWA TRAINING CENTER	330.00
	SUSAN WARRINER	71.22
	TOWN OF CUMMINGTON	180.00
	TOWN OF PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPT	666.59
	USDA	21,844.40
	VERIZON	199.82
	WMECO	3,910.15

Interfund Transfers

ADMINISTRATION GENERAL TO VETERANS ACCOUNT	\$ 207.34
ADMINISTRATION GENERAL TO COMMUNITY HO9USE	67.44
HIGHWAY GARAGE TO TOOL & MACHINERY	3,855.28
HIGHWAY GARAGE TO HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION	337.22
TOWN REPORT TO MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT	1,116.00

Balance Sheets - Assets

Town of Cummington

From 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012

Balance Sheet GENERAL ACCOUNTS ASSETS

ASSETS

CASH	Assets	Total
General Cash	\$ 386,895.68	
TOTAL FOR CASH		<u>\$ 386,895.68</u>
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS		
Gifts and Donations Cash	\$ 294,452.62	
TOTAL FOR ESTIMATED RECEIPTS		<u>\$ 294,452.62</u>
GIFTS AND BEQUESTS		
Deputy Collector Fees	244.00	
LIEBENOW PAYMENTS	583.68	
Police Outside Detail	49,192.75	
Fire Department Special	148.31	
Fire Safe Grant	696.41	
Helen Muchnic Gift	109.54	
Family Center Gifts	264.55	
Cemetery	765.34	
Historical Commission	54,521.06	
TOTAL FOR GIFTS AND BEQUESTS		<u>\$ 106,525.64</u>
REVOLVING		
Council on Aging - State	3,806.00	
GHSB Grant	400.00	
Community Policing Gr-St	271.94	
AWG GRANT	260,489.50	
DARE Grant - State	115.21	
State Aid to Libraries	151.27	
Arts Council	5,426.38	
Recreation Revolving	259.97	
53E 1/2 Inspec Rev 6000	3,759.00	
TOTAL FOR REVOLVING		<u>\$ 274,679.27</u>

	Assets	Total
RCPTS RESVRD FOR APPROP		
MA Rehab Program	<u>15,089.71</u>	
TOTAL FOR RCPTS RESVRD FOR APPROP		<u>\$ 15,089.71</u>
APPROPRIATIONS BALANCES		
Chapter 90	<u>248,321.32</u>	
TOTAL FOR APPROPRIATIONS BALANCES		<u>\$ 248,321.32</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$1,325,964.24</u>

Balance Sheet - Liabilities

Town of Cummington

From 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012

Balance Sheet GENERAL ACCOUNTS LIABILITIES

LIABILITIES

FARM EXCISE TAXES	Liabilities	Total
Farm Animal & Mach. Excise	<u>939.50</u>	
TOTAL FOR FARM EXCISE TAXES		<u>\$ 939.50</u>
TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS		
Tax Titles	<u>7,020.16</u>	
TOTAL FOR TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS		<u>\$7,020.16</u>
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS		
Vets, Blind, Spouse Abate Reimb	2,315.00	
State Owned Land	80,104.00	
Selectmen Licences	865.00	
Community House Rent	1,240.00	
Abatements to Elderly	2,350.00	
Interest on Farm Animal	<u>158.58</u>	
TOTAL FOR ESTIMATED RECEIPTS		<u>\$ 87,032.58</u>
AGENCY		
FICA/Medicare	11.70	
Health/Life	165.44	
State FID Permits	900.00	
FBI Police FID Permits	<u>400.00</u>	
TOTAL FOR AGENCY		<u>\$ 1,477.14</u>
GIFTS AND BEQUESTS		
Tax Collector's Costs	355.00	
Library Gifts	600.00	
Police Gifts	1,050.12	
Fire Department Kitchen Gifts	1.00	
Emergency Management Grant	5,068.82	
Community House	1,237.62	
Council on Aging Memorial	<u>685.00</u>	
TOTAL FOR GIFTS AND BEQUESTS		<u>\$ 8,997.56</u>

	Liabilities	Total
REVOLVING		
Public Safety Complex/Interest	41,225.00	
Council on Aging Grant HV	4,271.17	
Conservation Comm Revolv	<u>284.00</u>	
TOTAL FOR REVOLVING		<u>\$ 45,780.17</u>
 APPROPRIATIONS BALANCES		
Tax Title Expenses	1,970.00	
Water Department	2,612.25	
Board of Health Expenses	7,954.65	
Interest on Loans	<u>5,000.00</u>	
TOTAL FOR APPROPRIATIONS BALANCES		<u>\$ 17,536.90</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES		 <u>\$ 168,784.01</u>

***Town of Cummington
Balance Sheet
Trust Funds Accounts
From 07/01/2011 to 06/30/2012***

TRUST FUNDS	ASSETS	LIABILITIES
Trust Cash	\$ 1,822,667.64	
Stabilization Trust		\$ 594,000.46
Cemetery		37,114.31
Community House		2,536.16
Community House Stock		92,000.00
Historical		972,356.91
Library		3,540.61
Library Building Fund		4,378.54
Whiting Street Charity		19,356.80
N.F. Orcutt Charity Fund		19,795.19
School		24,004.69
Town Clock		371.02
Madelyn Orcutt Fund		53,212.95
TOTAL FOR TRUST FUNDS	\$ 1,822,667.6	\$ 1,822,667.64

***Reserve Fund
July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012***

Appropriation		6,000.00
Public Safety Complex	293.54	
Town Counsel	280.35	
Elections & Registration	93.00	
Vocational Transportation	137.77	
Veterans Benefits	324.32	
Community House	1,127.10	
Medicare/Social Security	239.17	
	2,495.25	6,000.00

Statement of Revenues

ESTIMATED TO ACTUAL

July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

	Estimated	Actual	Over/Under
TAXES:			
Personal Property	63,168.83	62,276.67	- 892.16
Real Estate	1,480,424.39	1,493,763.19	13,338.80
Motor Vehicle	60,000.00	87,444.04	27,444.04
Farm Animal	0.00	939.50	939.50
In Lieu of Taxes	1,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal	30,000.00	51,544.00	21,544.00
STATE AID:			
Chapter 70 School Aid	73,684.00	18,421.00	- 55,263.00
School Transportation	0.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
Unrestricted Govt Aid	65,458.00	65,458.00	0.00
Abatement Reimbursements	2,315.00	4,665.00	2,350.00
State Owned Land	39,801.00	39,801.00	0.00
Veteran's Benefits	29,185.00	21,157.00	-8,028.00
Library	1,504.00	1,504.00	0.00
OTHER:			
Interest of Taxes	5,000.00	13,286.86	8,286.86
Licenses and Permits	5,000.00	13,797.85	8,797.85
Fines	0.00	3,160.00	3,160.00
Interest on Savings	2,000.00	2,428.42	428.42
Fees	2,000.00	3,120.50	1,120.50
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	33,893.24	33,893.24
Totals	1,860,540.22	1,927,660.27	67,120.05

Town Treasurer's Report

Bank Accounts - FY 2012

BANK	BALANCE 7/1/2011	BALANCE 6/30/2012
CITIZEN'S SAVINGS BANK		
Cemetery Trust Funds	37,097.33	37,114.31
Charitable Trust Funds	65,115.53	63,156.68
Town Clock Fund	370.86	371.02
UNIBANK		
Stabilization	492,506.95	494,000.46
Community House Trust	2,528.49	2,536.16
Library Trust	3,529.87	3,540.61
Library Building Fund	4,365.26	4,378.54
Madelyn Orcutt Fund	4,281.83	4,281.65
Arts Council Grant	4,373.93	4,132.67
Rehab Program Income Acct.	119,465.96	94,781.25
Helen Muchnic Trust	183,051.62	182,378.79
BANK OF WESTERN MA		
Septic System Repair Program	23,909.92	48,713.73
General Fund	724,573.71	337,222.77
BERKSHIRE BANK		
Money Mkt/Pub Safety Complex	100.46	100.65
FIDELITY INVESTMENT FUNDS		
Community House Trust	92,000.00	92,000.00
M. Orcutt Fund	48,926.37	48,931.30
HISTORICAL COMMISSION FUNDS		
Investors Capital	900,886.28	972,356.91
DEPOSITS IN TRANSIT	0.00	0.00
CHECKS OUTSTANDING	(41,358.58)	(9,584.50)
PETTY CASH	100.00	100.00
TOTAL FUNDS	\$2,665,825.79	\$2,380,513.00

\$100,000.00 moved to Stabilization from STM 6/14/12 after July 1, 2012
6/30/2012 warrant processed in July Arts Council 1297.38

Commissioners of Trust Funds

July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

	Principal	Balance 7/1/2011	Interest	Add (With)	Balance 6/30/2012	Available
BRYANT CEMETERY						
Mary Tower	297.00	1,153.47	0.55		1,154.02	857.02
Bartlett	107.50	408.92	0.16		409.08	301.58
Brewster	100.00	355.21	0.16		355.37	255.37
Donated	775.00	1,938.38	0.90		1,939.28	1,164.28
TOTAL	1,279.50	3,855.98	1.77		3,857.75	2,578.25
DAWES CEMETERY						
Whitmarsh	100.00	457.77	0.24		458.01	358.01
Pratt	50.00	295.27	0.12		295.39	245.39
Thayer-Gurney	200.00	1,044.15	0.47		1,044.62	844.62
C.J. Thayer	1,000.00	2,460.11	1.10		2,461.21	1,461.21
Donated	5,650.00	13,652.58	6.24		13,658.82	8,008.82
TOTAL	7,000.00	17,909.88	8.17		17,918.05	10,918.05
GURNEY CEMETERY						
Donated	400.00	2,028.01	0.94		2,028.95	1,628.95
HARLOW CEMETERY						
Packard	107.50	363.10	0.16		363.26	255.76
Donated	750.00	1,741.49	0.82		1,742.31	992.31
TOTAL	857.50	2,104.59	0.98		2,105.57	1,248.07
STREETER CEMETERY						
Donated	244.20	979.56	0.43		979.99	735.79
VILLAGE CEMETERY						
Adams	100.00	337.91	0.15		338.06	238.06
Bates	100.00	337.34	0.15		337.49	237.49
Donated	674.39	1,944.83	0.90		1,945.73	1,271.34
TOTAL	874.39	2,620.08	1.20		2,621.28	1,746.89
GENERAL CEMETERY						
Donated	5,680.00	7,599.23	3.49		7,602.72	1,922.72
TOTAL CEMETERY	\$16,335.59	\$37,097.33	\$16.98		\$37,114.31	\$20,778.72

Commissioners of Trust Funds (continued)

	Principal	Balance	Interest	Add	Balance	Available
		7/1/2011		(With)	6/30/2012	
CHARITABLE FUNDS						
N.F. Orcutt	2,254.63	20,780.01	9.31	(994.13)	19,795.19	17,540.56
Whiting Street	2,071.27	20,341.81	9.12	(994.13)	19,356.80	17,285.53
TOTAL	4,325.90	41,121.82	18.43	(1,988.26)	39,151.99	34,826.09
EDUCATION FUND						
O.H. Warner	1,221.89	23,993.71	10.98		24,004.69	22,782.80
TOWN CLOCK FUND						
E.S. Pettingill	200.00	370.86	0.16		371.02	171.02
TOTAL						
TRUST FUNDS	\$22,083.38	\$102,583.72	\$46.55	(\$1,988.26)	\$100,642.01	\$78,558.63

Maturing Debt & Interest - FY 2012

Type of Bank Note	Date And Issue	Beginning Bal. 07/01/11	Principal Paid	Interest Paid	Principal Remaining
VILLAGE WATER					
FmHA @ 6.50%	11/23/1987	144,316.87	4,900.80	9,380.60	139,416.07
VILLAGE WATER					
FmHA @ 6.125%	6/28/1985	78,431.53	2,759.07	4,803.93	75,672.46
USDA PUBLIC					
Safety Complex	7/15/2009	1,370,196.17	15,915.17	61,658.83	1,354,281.00
TOTALS		\$1,592,944.57	\$23,575.04	\$75,843.36	\$1,569,369.53

Tax Collector ***6/30/2012***

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	22.50				238.75
2003	Motor Vehicle	849.38					849.38
2004	Motor Vehicle	1,271.15					1,271.15
2005	Motor Vehicle	448.65					448.65
2006	Motor Vehicle	938.23					938.23
2007	Motor Vehicle	147.51	30.00				117.51
2008	Motor Vehicle	8,549.37	1,958.75				6,590.62
2008	Personal Prop	31.97	31.97				0.00
2009	Motor Vehicle	7,384.07	765.31				6,618.76
2009	Personal Prop	6.08	6.08				0.00
2010	Farm An & Mach	939.50	939.50				0.00
2010	Motor Vehicle	843.24	484.17				359.07
2010	Personal Prop	292.04	101.32	190.72			0.00
2010	Real Estate	13,846.52	10,442.90		501.83	3,905.45	0.00
2011	Motor Vehicle	21,191.72	19,397.54	948.32	917.07		1,762.93

Tax Collector (continued)

Year of Tax	Type	Committed & Balanced	Tax Paid	Abate/ Exempt	Refunds	Tax Title	Balance Due
2011	Personal Prop	741.43	258.37				483.06
2011	Real Estate	71,046.72	52,614.91		548.64	2,785.28	16,195.17
2012	Motor Vehicle	74,572.52	68,804.37	411.55	389.99		5,746.59
2012	Personal Prop	63,168.83	61,878.93	282.58	215.48		1,222.80
2012	Real Estate	1,480,424.39	1,430,705.38	10,152.41	3,474.65	2,657.03	40,384.22
	Water	52,424.45	48,285.76		8.65		4,147.34
	TOTALS	1,800,506.21	1,696,727.76	11,985.58	6,056.31	9,347.76	88,501.42

**FY 2012 Real Estate \$100.00 refund check issued after July 1, 2012.

Report of Vital Statistics for the Town of Cummington

BIRTHS

Feb. 7, 2011	Cordelia Rose Woodard, daughter of Corydon Steven Woodard and Kathryn Regina Eiseman, at Northampton, MA
April 11, 2011	Connor Murphy Perkins, son of Michael Andrew Perkins, II and Denise Lee (Forgea) Perkins, at Northampton, MA
April 4, 2011	Kazimierz Lukasz Jaracz, son of Tomasz and Heather Joanne (Thompson) Jaracz at Northampton, MA
May 11, 2011	Danielle Jayde Wolf, daughter of Shane Travis Wolf and Brenda Lee (Brooks) Wolf, at Northampton, MA
June 25, 2011	Molly Shannon O'neill, daughter of Joseph Edward Lettner O'neill and Jennifer Ann (Ball) O'neill, at Springfield, MA
July 14, 2011	Samuel Louis Konieczny, son of Samuel Edward Konieczny and Ashley Lauren Hewitt, at Northampton, MA
July 19, 2011	Anthony Robert Litchfield, son of William George Litchfield and Nicole Rae (Maugen) Litchfield, at Northampton, MA
August 10, 2011	Tayla Ray Eiseman, daughter of Tedric Feist Eiseman and Emily Rachel Cohen, at Cummington, MA
August 15, 2011	Eliza Rose Jenkins, daughter of Douglas Keith Jenkins and Deborah Jean (Hatt) Jenkins, at Springfield, MA
September 2, 2011	Cooper Thomas Johns, son of Craig Gifford Johns and Joy Mary (Chapman) Johns, at Northampton, MA
October 29, 2011	Abrham James Kellogg, son of H. Jason Kellogg and Christine Butler (Omasta) Kellogg, at Northampton, MA
April 26, 2012	Lorelei Ingrid Gilman, daughter of Brian Joseph Gilman and Stacey Lynn Mackowiak, at Northampton, MA
June 29, 2012	Kazmir Bernard Wachtel, son of Joshua Wachtel and Kimberly Hope (Repas) Wachtel, at Northampton, MA

MARRIAGES

- June 25, 2011 Douglas Keith Jenkins and Deborah Jean Hatt, both of Cummington, 1838 River Road, Windsor by William M. O’Riordan, Justice of the Peace.
- October 9, 2011 Peter C. Mclean, Jr and Pamela S. Doyle, both of Cummington, at West Street, Worthington by Berri Jacque, Solemnizer.

DEATH

- July 8, 2011 Marion Marcoux, age 88, of 482 Stage Rd., at Northampton, MA
- August 22, 2011 Eric Holzle, age 47, of Maples, Fl., at Cummington, MA
- December 10, 2011 Ethel Morey, age 104, of 65 Mount Rd., at Cummington, MA
- March 20, 2012 Ferdinand Round Merritt Jr, age 80, of 42 Powell Rd., at Cummington, MA
- May 12, 2012 Almond L. Streeter, age 72, of 43 Lilac Avenue, at Boston, MA
- May 13, 2012 Dorothy Jean Hayes, age 96, of 17 Nash Rd., at Cummington, MA

Minutes of Special Town Meeting

March 22, 2012

In the absence of Town Moderator Donna L. Forgea, Brian Anderson was appointed Moderator for this Meeting. The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Cummington Community House 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 \$2,000.00 from Free Cash for the renewal of FCC licenses for the Fire Department, Police Department, and Highway Department.

Article 2. Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to transfer \$5,289.00 from Free Cash for the following accounts:

\$1,226.00 – Public Safety Complex Operating
\$ 392.00 – Library Appropriation
\$1,549.00 – Community House
\$ 834.00 - Board of Health – Old Highway Garage
\$1,287.00 - Highway Garage

Article 3. Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to transfer \$4,500 from Free Cash for the Computer Capital.

Article 4. Moved, seconded to transfer \$2,000 from Free Cash to the Town Counsel Account,

Article 4A. Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to PASS OVER this article for the Water Operating account.

Article 5. Moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer \$26,187 from the December 2008 Ice Storm Account for the paving of the roadway/parking area around the Village Church.

Article 6. Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to convey to Shari McCarthy 770 square feet more or less of a travelled way as shown on a plan prepared by Holmberg & Howe, Inc. This travelled way asking to be released by the Town to Shari McCarthy includes a way from Thayer Corner Road to Bates Road.

This Meeting was dissolved by unanimous vote at 7:50 p.m.

A True Record to the Best of My Knowledge.

Attest:

Susan F. Forgea, Town Clerk
April 2, 2012

Minutes of Annual Town Meeting

May 4, 2012

The Meeting was called to order by Moderator Donna L. Forgea at 7:00 p.m. at the Community House with the suggested quorum. 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 2013 as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41 of Mass General Law.

Selectboard Chairman	\$1,200.00
Selectperson 2	1,100.00
Selectperson 3	1,100.00
Assessor Chairman	1,200.00
Assessor 2	1,100.00
Assessor 3	1,100.00
Treasurer	8,830.00
Tax Collector	8,830.00
Town Clerk	2,000.00
Moderator	95.00
Tree Warden	40.00
Board of Health Chairman	700.00
Board of Health 2	400.00
Board of Health 3	400.00
Vocational School Chairman	40.00
Vocational School 2	15.00
Vocational School 3	15.00
Water Commissioner Chairman	400.00
Water Commissioner 2	300.00
Water Commissioner 3	300.00
TOTALS	\$29,165.00

Constables \$14.00/hr

Mileage Reimbursement .50 cents/mile

Article 2: Moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to Raise and Appropriate the following amounts for the School and Library Accounts.

CBRSD Operating Expense	\$807,247.00
CBRSD Capital Expense	27,161.00
CBRSD Transportation Expense	36,691.00
Vocational Tuition	166,991.00

Vocation Transportation	38,915.00
Bryant Library Appropriation	7,040.00
TOTAL SCHOOL AND LIBRARY ACCOUNTS	\$1,084,045.00

Article 3: Moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to Raise and Appropriate the following sums for General Government Accounts.

Official Salaries	\$29,165.00
Admin. General	4,750.00
Admin. Various Officials	800.00
Town Counsel	8,000.00
Admin. Selectmen	12,300.00
Admin. Finance Committee	126.00
Account Salary	8,830.00
Admin. Account	3,500.00
Admin. Assessors	4,732.00
Assessors Clerk	7,800.00
Assessors Consultant	8,550.00
Assessors Tax Maps	800.00
Admin. Treasurer	5,100.00
Admin. Tax Collector	4,000.00
Tax Title Expense	2,000.00
Admin Town Clerk	1,600.00
Elections & Registrations	1,000.00
Conservation Commission	150.00
Planning Board Expense	1,600.00
Zoning Board	500.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$106,303.00

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

Highway Garage	\$11,000.00
Highway Administration	500.00
Highway General	51,000.00
Highway Tool & Machinery	62,000.00
Highway Vac, Hol, Sick, Personal	14,341.00
Highway Salaries	124,438.00
Winter Roads	50,000.00
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	\$313,279.00

Article 5: Moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to Raise and Appropriate the sum of \$18,447.00 for the Veterans Account.

Article 6: Moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to Raise and Appropriate the following sums for Protection of Persons and Property.

Police Department	\$9,500.00
Police Department Salaries	15,000.00
F.D. & Forest Warden	14,447.00
Building Inspector	8,000.00
Building Inspector Admin.	100.00
Safety Complex	15,600.00
Emergency Management	3,150.00
Animal Control Expenses	2,300.00
Tree Account	4,500.00
TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY	\$72,597.00

Article 7: Moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to Raise and Appropriate the following sums for Health and Sanitation.

Water Operating	\$53,000.00
Board of Health	63,000.00
Highland Ambulance	16,794.00
TOTAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	\$132,794.00

Article 8: Moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to Raise and Appropriate the following sums for Debt and Interest.

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

Article 9: Moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to Raise and Appropriate or transfer the following sums for Unclassified Accounts.

Insurance and Bonds	R/A	\$35,000.00
Transfer from Historical Commission		3,000.00
Lawn Mowing		2,800.00
Community House		13,000.00
Phone/Internet Various depts.		10,250.00
Town Reports		3,000.00
Council on Aging		1,900.00
Recreation Committee		3,000.00
Contributory Retirement		31,433.00
Council of Governments		992.00
Unemployment Compensation		1,000.00
Medical Insurance		5,000.00

Social Security/Medicare	9,000.00
Audit	8,000.00
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	131.00
Reserve Fund	6,000.00

TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED \$133,506.00

Article 10: Moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to set a cap of \$13,000.00 for the Community House Revolving Account and the Inspectors Revolving Account.

Article 11: Moved, and seconded to pass over.

Article 12: Moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer \$50,000.00 from Free Cash to the Board of Health Old Landfill closure.

Article 13: Moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer \$12,000.00 from Free Cash to Board of Health Compactor Engineering.

Article 14: Moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer \$600.00 from Free Cash to Municipal Light Plant.

Article 15: Moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer \$15,000.00 from Free Cash to Community House Capital.

Article 16: Moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer \$9,661.00 from Free Cash to Fire Department Capital.

Article 17: Moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer \$10,000.00 from Free Cash to the Library Capital.

Article 18: Moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for any Federal, State, or other grants that may be available and to expend any money received, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 19: 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 20: 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.

Article 21: Moved, seconded, and voted by majority, with a nay vote of one to accept the following resolution: Whereas, government of, by and for the people has long been a cherished American value, and We The People’s fundamental and inalienable right to self-govern, and thereby secure rights to life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness is guaranteed in the US Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, and;

Whereas, free and fair elections are essential to democracy and effective self-governance, and;

Whereas, persons are rightfully recognized as human beings whose essential needs include clean air, clean water, safe and secure food, and;

Whereas, corporations are entirely human-made legal fictions created by express permission of We The People and our government, and;

Whereas, corporations can exist in perpetuity, can exist simultaneously in many nations at once, need only profit for survival, and exist solely through the legal charter imposed by the government of We The People, and;

Whereas, in addition to these advantages, the great wealth of large corporations allows them to wield coercive force of law to overpower human beings and communities, thus denying We The People’s exercise of our Constitutional rights, and;

Whereas, corporations are not mentioned in the Constitution, and the People have never granted constitutional rights to corporations, nor have We decreed that corporations have authority that exceeds the authority of We The People of the United States.

Whereas, interpretation of the US Constitution by unelected Supreme Court justices to include corporations in the term “persons” has long denied We The People’s exercise of self-governance by endowing corporations with Constitutional protections intended for We The People, and;

Whereas, the illegitimate judicial bestowal of civil and political rights upon corporations usurps basic human and Constitutional rights guaranteed to human persons, and also empowers corporations to sue municipal and state governments for adopting laws that violate “corporate rights” even when those laws serve to protect and defend the rights of human persons and communities, and;

Whereas, corporations are not and have never been human beings, and therefore are rightfully subservient to human beings and governments as our legal creations, and;

Whereas, large corporations’ profits and survival are often in direct conflict with the essential needs and rights of human beings, and;

Whereas, large corporations have used their so-called “rights” to overturn democratically enacted laws passed at municipal, state and federal levels, aimed at curbing corporate abuse, thereby rendering local governments ineffective in protecting their citizens against corporate harms to the environment, to health, to workers, to independent business, to local and regional economies, and;

Whereas, the recent Citizens United v. the Federal Election Commission Supreme Court decision that rolled back the legal limits on corporate spending in the electoral process creates an unequal playing field and allows unlimited corporate spending to influence elections, candidate selection, policy decisions and sway votes, and forces elected officials to divert their attention from The Peoples’ business, or even vote against the interest of their human constituents, in order to ensure competitive campaign funds for their own re-election, and;

Whereas, large corporations own most of American’s mass media and use that media as a megaphone to express loudly their political agenda and to convince Americans that their primary role is that of consumers, rather than sovereign citizens with rights and responsibilities within our democracy, and this forces citizens to toil to discern the truth behind headlines and election campaigning, and;

Whereas, people and municipalities across the nation are joining with the Campaign to Legalize Democracy in the United States to call for an Amendment to the US Constitution to Abolish Corporate Personhood;

Therefore be it resolved that the people of Cummington, Massachusetts hereby

calls on our Selectboard to join the citizens, grassroots organizations and local governments across the county in the Campaign to Legalize Democracy in the US and to call for an Amendment to the Constitution to Abolish Corporate Personhood and return our democracy, our elections, our communities back to America's human persons and to thus reclaim our sovereign right to self-governance.

Be it further resolved that the people of Cummington, Massachusetts supports education to increase public awareness of the threats to our democracy posed by Corporate Personhood and encourages lively discussion to build understanding and consensus to take appropriate community and municipal actions to democratically respond to these threats.

Be it further resolved, that the people of Cummington, Massachusetts hereby instruct our state and federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort.

Meeting has dissolved at 8:55 p.m.

A true record of this meeting to the best of my knowledge.

Attest:

Susan F. Forgea
Town Clerk of Cummington
June 1, 2012

Results of Annual Town Election

May 14, 2012

The Polls were open at 1:00 p.m., the ballot box declared empty and voting began. Such are the results of this election as 67 votes were cast under this Warrant;

Selectperson for three years	Monica M. Vandoloski
Assessor for three years	Samuel Konieczny
Moderator for one year	Donna L. Forgea
Tax Collector for three years	Susan L. Warriner
Vocational School Committee for three years	Sharon Cunningham
Almoner of Charitable Funds for three years	Joyce Wiernasz
Commissioner of Trust Funds	Barbara D. Goldsmith
Hampshire Council of Government for two years	James A. Drawe
Trustee of Bryant Library for five years	Helen Larkin
Finance Committee 2 for three years	Maureen Tumenas
	Scott Keith
Board of Health for three years	John Earls
Planning Board for 5 years	Mark Malinak
Recreation Committee 3 for three years	Donna L. Forgea
	Amy Grallert
	Suzanne White
Water Commissioner for three years	Tomasz Jaracz

Such are the results of this Annual Town Election of May 14, 2012.

Attest:
Susan F. Forgea, Town Clerk
June 1, 2012

Meeting of Special Town Meeting

June 14, 2012

The Meeting was called to order by Moderator Donna L. Forgea, with a quorum of at least fifteen (15) registered voters present.

In the absence of the Town Clerk, Susan Forgea, a motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to appoint Monica Vandoloski Acting Town Clerk for this meeting.

The following is the action under the warrant.

Article 1. Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously to transfer from Free Cash \$3,000 to the Fire Department Operating budget.

Article 2. Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously to transfer \$10,000 from Water Surplus Account to the Water Operating Account.

Article 3 Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously to transfer \$100,000 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Account.

Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously to dissolve this meeting at 7:09 p.m.

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

Monica M Vandoloski
Acting Town Clerk of Cummington

Results of the Presidential Primary
March 6, 2012

Democrats	16
Republicans	59
Green Rainbow	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	76

Board of Assessors

Richard Roberge	2013
Philip Morin	2014
Samuel Konieczny	2015

ASSESSORS REPORT

For Fiscal Year 2012, the tax rate was set at \$11.09 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 \$2,726 and the average assessment of a single family residence was \$245,800.

Fiscal 2012 was a Recertification year. The Department of Revenue (DOR) reviewed our Assessments and looked at all arms-length sales from 2009 and 2010. The Board of Assessors also received new cost tables required by the DOR. The cost tables determine the replacement cost of a building. The Board of Assessors was surprised to find the cost tables went up quite a bit from the ones they had been previously using. The DOR also required the town to increase the land values of the two stone quarries in town. After reviewing the sales, the Board was allowed by the DOR to take the cost tables down by 10%. Despite this, building values did increase. However, the net amount needed to be raised by the town went down by \$50,361. When values go up, the tax rate goes down, so the tax rate went down \$1.36. Because the budget went down, although the average single family home value went up by \$22,360, the average bill went down by \$50 from last year.

The Board of Assessors hired Samuel Konieczny to do viewings. All properties will be remeasured and reevaluated to ensure the Board has the most accurate and up-to-date information in their database.

Chairperson Audrey Marcoux chose not to run again when her term ended. Samuel Konieczny was elected as an Assessor in May, 2012.

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 Thursday evening of each month at 6:00 pm.

Assessor's Financial Report

RECAPITULATION

	Fiscal 2010	Fiscal 2011	Fiscal 2012
Appropriations voted for Fiscal Year	\$1,960,759.06	\$2,298,785.00	\$2,064,160.00
Appropriations voted for previous Fiscal year after previous fiscal year			
Tax rate was set	1,960,759.06	2,298,785.00	2,064,160.00
Other Local Expenditures:			
Total Overlay deficit of prior years	-	-	2,002.86
Total Offsets	1,560.00	1,515.00	1,504.00
Snow and ice deficit	14,267.43	-	-
Other	-	9,783.85	-
TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES	15,827.43	11,298.85	3,506.86
State Assessments	1,263.00	1,367.00	993.00
County Assessments	-	-	-
Overlay	9,384.43	10,041.49	15,568.07
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	1,987,233.92	2,321,492.34	2,084,227.93
Estimated Receipts & Available Funds			
Estimated Receipts - State	193,908.00	192,504.00	211,947.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	193,908.00	192,504.00	211,947.00
Local Estimated Receipts			
Motor Vehicle Excise	60,000.00	85,000.00	60,000.00
Penalties & Interest on Taxes and Excise	10,000.00	9,000.00	5,000.00
Payments in lieu of taxes	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Water Charge	-	42,000.00	44,340.00
Trash Disposal Charge	30,000.00	42,000.00	30,000.00
Other Charges for Services	-	2,000.00	-
Fees	-	-	2,000.00
Department Revenue - Schools	5,000.00	-	-
Other Department Revenue	5,000.00	-	-
Licenses & Permits	5,000.00	6,000.00	5,000.00
Fines & Forfeitures	803.43	400.00	-
Investment Income	4,000.00	3,500.00	2,000.00
Miscellaneous recurring	-	-	-
Miscellaneous non-recurring	3,000.00	-	-
TOTAL LOCAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	122,803.43	190,900.00	149,340.00

	Fiscal 2010	Fiscal 2011	Fiscal 2012
Other Revenue Sources			
Free Cash	-	114,408.33	168,411.00
Other Available Funds	154,439.06	229,588.67	10,800.00
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE SOURCES	154,439.06	343,997.00	179,211.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND OTHER REVENUE SOURCES	471,150.49	727,401.00	540,498.00
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED (Gross amount to be raised minus Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds)	1,516,083.43	1,594,091.34	1,543,729.93
TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS	5,062,080.00	5,052,692.00	5,708,560.00
TOTAL REAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS	122,126,128.00	122,986,773.00	133,500,614.00
TOTAL PERSONAL & REAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS	127,188,208.00	128,039,465.00	139,209,174.00
TAX EXEMPT VALUATION	21,790,300.00	22,127,800.00	23,865,500.00
Tax Rate per 1,000.00 Valuation by Class			
Class I - Residential	11.92	12.45	11.09
Class II - Open Space	11.92	12.45	11.09
Class III - Commercial	11.92	12.45	11.09
Class IV - Industrial	11.92	12.45	11.09
Class V - Personal Property	11.92	12.45	11.09

Board of Health

Annual Report -- FY 2012

By June 30, the Board was set to begin charging by the bag for trash bound for the Transfer Station compactor. Vehicle window stickers permitting T.S. entry would now cost a straight \$40 per household (\$5 for a second Permit); tags would pay for various amounts of trash. Tags were chosen rather than special bags because experience in other towns showed up durability problems. There would be renewed emphasis on charging individually for larger loads—demolition debris, metals, bulk items—since hauling costs can be high.

Hauling of recyclables including cans, jars and papers would continue to be supported by the purchase of an annual permit. There continues to be much discussion of “Single Stream Recycling,” in which all are compacted together before leaving a transfer station. Eric Weiss, of the ten-town Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative, is keeping track of developments here, and says it’s just a matter of a few years, with neighboring Westhampton already hosting a successful trial run. That would mean a second compactor in Cummington’s renovated T.S.

Meanwhile, the Board’s Ad Hoc Committee on Transfer Station Renovation continued busy, with much help from Allan Douglas. They’ve stressed the development of two-lane traffic, gentling of its slope, and arranging bins and compactor(s) for ease of loading and unloading. Assisted by HRMC’s Weiss, competitive bidding resulted in selection of Stantec Engineering. Its preliminary drawings were shown at a public meeting, and feedback there was incorporated into a final plan. Cost estimates are being developed from that and will be presented at a Special Town Meeting.

A W. Cummington property owner was brought to court to remediate a failed septic system. There were inspections of summer camps and of food vendors, and an infectious disease report followed up on. An ongoing issue was payment for remediating an episode of erosion at the closed Town Dump. (Engineers Tighe & Bond claim “Act of God” for which they are not responsible.) The Board is continuing to work with engineers to determine the cause and responsibility for the erosion. Two permits were issued to trap beaver, based on threat to the welfare of humans whose land the unfortunate beavers had selected for flooding.

Chair Ted Lynds stayed active with the Hampshire Coalition for Emergency Services, which distributes grants for emergency supplies. The Hampshire Council of Governments pressed consideration of regionalization/professionalization of public health services. So far the State’s practice of

distributing help with start-up costs on a decreasing basis, over five years, makes this structuring change appear impractical. Cummington’s largely-volunteer board finds professional expertise readily accessible through helpful Department of Public Health and Department of Environmental Protection officials.

The Board oversaw septic installations with one soil percolation test, five septic design approvals (including a “tight tank” installed at the new West Cummington Congregational Church), three sign-offs before covering of finished systems, and review of five “Title 5” inspections necessary when property changes hands.

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore Lynds, Chair	2013
Judy Bogart	2014
Jack Earls	2015

Bryant Free Library

Total number of patrons	1,423
Total circulation of library materials	2,372
Interlibrary loans	51
Acquisitions	169
Periodical subscriptions	14

The waning days of FY12 marked the 140th anniversary of the founding of the BFL by Cummington native son William Cullen Bryant in June of 1872, after purchasing the eleven-acre Holmes lot for \$350. He had already expended \$4000 on books and shipping, with many titles sent from London. The masonry work on the library building began that July.

Our biggest achievement during the past year was finally having the house repainted. According to Barbara Goldsmith's research, the last time it had seen a new coat of paint was in 1953, so it was long overdue. This presented us with the opportunity to restore an architectural element much favored by WCB but obliterated sometime in the past: the quoins, derived from the French word coin meaning corner or angle. These can be seen at Cedarmere, his Roslyn property on Long Island, and of course at the Bryant Homestead where he almost assuredly directed these to be added during the major renovation that followed his purchase of it in 1865. It's probable he also played a key role in having them incorporated into the design of the library, where bricks serve the purpose, as well as at the librarian's residence. The earliest photograph we have of the latter shows quoins painted in the trim color. This helps explain why a stone block construction was simulated by having recessed grooves set in the stucco "skin" that covers the ten-inch-thick concrete walls, for this made it possible to enhance the grandeur of the building by simply painting in the quoins delineated by the grooves. This provided a less expensive way of complementing the features of the library without resorting to the expense of a stone-and-brick construction. The appearance of the house now more closely matches that of the original, which Bryant gazed upon during those last half-dozen years of his life. The restoration of the quoins allows us, in a small but significant way, to recapture a lost aspect of Bryant's personal touch as it pertained to this noble institution of learning that he so generously donated to the town of his birth.

Before it is time for another yearly report, why not come in and see all that is available in your public library?

Respectfully submitted,

Mark DeMaranville
Librarian

Building Inspector

Annual Report

In FY12, 58 building permits were issued, including a permit to rebuild The West Cummington Church. The estimated value of construction was \$2,379,456. The sum of \$7,898 was collected in permit fees.

Contractors whose license expires after July 1, 2013 will be required to obtain up to 12 continuing education credits before renewing the license. Visit: www.mass.gov/dps for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

James Cerone
Inspector of Buildings

Conservation Commission Report

FY 2012

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.

In May of 2012, we said good bye to Brian Anderson who was on the Commission for several years. We welcomed Sarah Fournier-Scanlon as the newest member of the Commission.

Most of the meetings held in FY 2012 were of a routine nature, i.e., discussion of proposed building projects (along with subsequent visits to 3 sites so as to sign off on the building permit). The Commission held 4 hearings for Requests for Determination: one project on Old Rte 9; 1 new building on Stage Road; 1 building addition on Stage Rd.; resurfacing of Rt. 112 from 5 corners to Worthington town line; driveway at the Fairgrounds. One Notice of Intent hearing was also held for construction of bridge on Powell Rd. Several Emergency Certificates were signed to allow work to repair damages that were caused by Hurricane Irene in October 2011.

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	2015
Robert Dextraze	2014
Matthew Drawe	2015
John Eisenhour	2014
Sarah Fournier-Scanlon	2015
Gerald Howes	2013
Walter Korzec	2013

Council on Aging

July, 2011 - June, 2012

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 2011-2012 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.

Sue Forgea took on the task of leader for the Osteoporosis exercise program after taking the training.

Chair yoga is into its fourth 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 attend regularly and love 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 second annual New Year's Party held on January 7 put on by and for the COA was a great success. We had Dale Griffith DJing and lots of good food. We look forward to next years party.

In March we had an evening program with Steve Henderson, AKA Jerry Atric, a comedian, and Glenn Ceili, an Irish band. Tom and Kristin Jay brought over their popcorn wagon and treated us to bags of popcorn.

We continue to foster a connection with BTES through shared activities. We brought ice cream for field day. Jim Martin and Don Morton helped to serve lunch...men of many talents and willingness.

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, 2011 – Ending, June, 2012

Jim Martin, Chair/ Consortium Representative
Carolyn Urekew Travel Coordinator
Edith Morton, Treasurer
Worth Noyes, Recording Secretary
Vicky Russin-Nash, Correspondence Secretary
Diane Anderson, Coordinator/ HVES Rep
Anne Parsons
Helen Griffith (*resigned in October*)
Don Morton
Mary Esther Streeter
Margaret Daniels

Respectfully submitted,

Council on Aging
Board of Directors

Cummington Cultural Council

Annual Report December 1, 2012

Membership

The members of the Cummington Cultural Council, the local arm of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, were appointed by the Town at the dates below. Please also find the dates our terms will expire.

	Start date	End date
June Ferrin	9/17/2008	9/17/2014
Jillian Hanson	11/5/2010	11/5/2015
Kathryn Jensen	9/17/2008	9/17/2014
Andy Liebenow	11/5/2010	11/6/2015
Eric Smith	1/15/2009	1/15/2015

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES - July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012

The activities of the Cummington Cultural Council are chiefly to administer state-granted funds and to manage the gallery aspect to room at the rear of the Community House.

GRANTS

Each year, the Cultural Council receives funds from the state to disburse to grantees by the end of the calendar year. The granted amount in July 2011 was \$3780. The Council received applications from 32 sources. The deadline for applications was October 15, 2011. After that date, we reviewed the written applications for several weeks, then had a series of meetings in November to discuss the proposals and make our funding decisions. Of the 32 applicants, we awarded funds to 18. These included programs involving the elementary school, the community of seniors as well as interesting arts & culture programs in Cummington and adjoining communities.

GALLERY

The Community House gallery has been host to many artist exhibits throughout the year. Besides the Home show, many community artists have had the chance to exhibit. We hosted a Cummington-wide gallery show choosing a theme, "Home", and publicized for entries. We had entries of great variety, and held an opening on Labor Day weekend. We intend to establish a community gallery show annually.

The Select Board was very responsive to requests for one-day wine & beer permits for evening art openings in the gallery. In another concern, we have had one member supervise the installation of all gallery shows so that the integrity of the walls is respected. We did some repair of pinholes, but found much more damage than could be attributed to the one artist whose use of pushpins had been an issue.

REGIONAL MEETING

We requested that the Massachusetts Cultural Council help us consider ways to regionalize our process. On June 27, 2012, representatives from the state MCC office and other local cultural council members gathered at the Cummington Community House to share thoughts about ways to coordinate with one another. While no one was interested in formal regionalization in which local cultural councils are combined (such as the structure of Peru and Hinsdale), there was interest in developing some regional efforts. Foremost of these issues was publicity, as the Hilltowns have a diffuse information network.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Jensen, Chair
Cummington Cultural Council

Finance Committee

JULY 1, 2011--- JUNE 30, 2012

Following were the transfers made from the Reserve Fund Appropriation of \$6,000.

Veterans Benefits	324.32
Medicare/ss	239.17
Vocational Trans.	137.77
Community House	1,127.10
Town Counsel	280.35
Safety Complex	293.54
Election&Registration	93.00
Returned to Free Cash	3,504.75

The largest budget increase was \$66,000 for the Central Berkshire Regional District but we saw a \$20,000 decrease in our Vocational budget. All other operating budgets were either level funded or had slight increases.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Fire Association

July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

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

Cummington Fire Association continues to support Highland Ambulance, our Regional service ambulance provider. It has now been since October 2004 when Cummington formally ended providing service for Plainfield and Cummington. Highland has more than filled the void. They continue to provide excellent service and continue to improve their equipment. Still, in the past year Cummington personnel responded to 42 medical calls most of which ended up being transported by Highland. Even though Highland now provides our ambulance service our local First Responders must still maintain their certifications in CPR (Cardo Pulmonary Resuscitation), Defibrillation and First Aid skills. Currently Cummington has six EMT's on the squad and there is always room for more.

As well, over the past year we have recorded 11 calls for just the bucket truck which is now a major mission for the Association. While mostly used on chimney fires this piece of equipment is used for many issues. We have actually rescued a cat stuck in a tree for three days. Was he ever happy to be down!! We continue to use this equipment to fix, repair, install wiring and lighting for our car parking efforts at the fair. Once in a while we are called to assist with clearing ice dams from roofs or lifting personnel aloft so they are able to repair their roofs. We do manage to keep the vehicle busy.

We are closing in on the radio replacement/upgrade we reported on last year. Working with MA State Police and Motorola Radio we have managed to replace all of the antiquated radio equipment at the Goshen tower and install new equipment at the new Plainfield (Northeast Utilities) tower as well as at the Stage Road (behind Streeter's farm) tower in Cummington. With all of these sites up and working we will be able to eliminate the telephone lines and operate on microwave for transmission and receiving. The important issue here is, if we now lose our single point of transmission and receipt (Goshen) we still have a path back to Northampton Control for communications. This is a new and very welcome improvement for us. In the past once Goshen went off the air, for whatever reason. Cummington, because of our valley location was virtually cut off from everyone else beyond a small immediate area. The final improvements should be completed by December 31, 2012.

With another Fair successfully behind us (Hurricane Irene) we want to say thank you to Chief Sue Labrie of the Goshen Fire Dept. for her support and leadership with the S.A.F.E. House at the fair. Although the fair was shortened because of Irene Sue nevertheless was there with her crew throughout the operating time of the fair. Thank you Chief Labrie.

Last year we noted that the Highway crew under the leadership of Robert Dextraze had refitted a trailer for us to be able to carry our ATV's (All Terrain Vehicles). This year we had a call to the Hawley State forest for a lost party and were able to transport out large tracked rescue sled to the site for assistance. Having a trailer appropriate to the size of our equipment makes for a much safer operation. Many thanks again Rob and crew.

As most realize, our major fund raising is parking cars at the local fair. Well, without the graciousness of Barbara Goldsmith and Sarah and Rich Fournier (Warner Farm) who allow us to use their land for parking we would not have nearly the success we enjoy. Both of these parties generously donate their land to the Cummington Fire Association so we can control the movement of vehicles and general traffic around the fair and in the process make a few dollars for Public Safety. We would like to remind everyone that all of the money we raise during this event goes directly into Public Safety for the area. We may purchase some necessary equipment, pay registration and insurance on vehicles (bucket truck and Rescue), work to complete the much needed kitchen in the Public Safety Complex, make needed modifications to the Public Safety building, etc. None of the money raised goes toward paying anyone.

We reported last year in this space that we were working on the kitchen in the Public Safety Complex and that we had to move a sprinkler head from directly over the stove so it wouldn't go off when the stove is used. We also said we need to install an exhaust hood over the stove. All of these improvements were dependent on money. These projects have been completed and this is where money from car parking is used. The money was used here as well as some labor equity by members of the Association (Tom Jaracz, Matt Hathaway and Dennis Forgea) who installed the hood and vent fan. Now we have facility enough to be able to properly feed individuals who may need to seek shelter here in storms.

As we continue to look for ways to support the Town of Cummington we are also mindful of the individuals who have come forward to assist us with many of our projects. Roger Gunn is one such person. Roger has provided us with busses to transport people during evacuations (Irene), Ice storms, and flooded parking lots at the fair. We fully expect to engage his expertise when we

undertake a project we have wanted to do since we first moved into the building. That project is the building of a mezzanine around much of the inside of the Fire and Rescue bays for the storage of valuable equipment and supplies. Some of the equipment is seasonal as are some of the supplies. Instead of having the “out of season” material and supplies strewn around the bays on the floor we plan to have everything neatly stacked and inventoried on the proposed mezzanine.

The members of the Association want to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt THANK YOU to all who assist us all year long. From those who assist with the raffle at the fair to those who swelter and thirst in the sun parking cars. To those who so generously donate their products and provisions as prizes in our raffle. We hesitate to identify individuals for fear of missing anyone so have take the broader approach to say a huge THANK YOU to all who give so unselfishly of their time and themselves to help us.

We would be remiss if we did not say a final THANK YOU to Northeast Utilities for their generous support by loaning us the portable radios we use each year to control and coordinate the traffic and parking all during the fair. If we didn't have such support we would never be able to do all that we do!

THANK YOU to everyone who supports and assists us all year long!

Members of the Cummington
Fire Association, Inc.

Fire Department

July 1, 2011 – June 30 2012

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

The Fire Department responded to the following calls during this period.

Box Alarms (structure fires)	1
Box Alarms Mutual Aid	6
Chimney Fires	3
Propane gas tanks floating	2
Propane Gas tanks leaking	1
Smoke and Alarms Sounding	7
Lightning strike	1
Motor Vehicle Crashes	4
Outside Burns	1
In Service Assignments	9
Vehicle leaking Fluids	1
Medical Calls	42
ATV Calls	1
Aerial Lift Calls	(recorded) 11
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Total	91

We experienced a dramatic drop in recorded calls this past year. Some of this is attributed to the lack of logging calls on each run with the aerial lift. While we responded to 6 mutual aid structure fire calls we had one structure fire of our own. Lightning struck a large barn on Stage Road and if it had not been for the owners' arriving home just before the strike, and then taking prompt action immediately after, the entire structure would have most likely have burned to the ground. The homeowner arrived home just before the lightning strike. When the lightning struck the owners looked toward their barn and noticed what they at first thought was a light on in the barn. This puzzled them because the strike had knocked out power to everything on their property. Suddenly they realized the light they were observing was fire. The barn was on fire!! Without hesitation they called 911 for the fire department and ran for the garden hose still connected to the faucet outside the barn. Luckily, there was still pressure in the water tank even though there was no electricity to rebuild pressure and provide more water. With the limited amount of water left in the system the owner managed to extinguish the flames and save his barn. Great job and quick thinking by the owner!

What could have been a very serious call was the call to a chimney fire on January 7, 2012 at the Sears Farm on Upper Bryant Road. Upon arrival the crews were confronted with a three story home in which the chimney extended from the roof into the cellar. Dealing with the chimney fire was serious enough but just as the crew on scene called for more assistance (there is no water there and the home sits alone on top of a mountain) our radio system completely failed!! There were many anxious moments before the situation was finally controlled and thanks the Plainfield Fire Department for listening to our plight and coming to our aid. Investigation showed the Verizon central office in Williamsburg had experience an equipment failure that completely disconnected all communications west of Williamsburg for the County Dispatch system. Steps have been taken to rectify this problem by eliminating all telephone lines and going to micro wave for our radio communications. More on this in the future.

The calls involving floating and leaking propane tanks occurred during Hurricane Irene. As the rain and wind pounded the town, causing the East Branch of the Westfield River to rise enough to force evacuation of a number of residents, the Fire Department was called to catch several propane tanks that had floated free along the river due to the rising waters and were headed downstream. At the height of the storm the Department was called to a reported structure fire on Main St. Fortunately this turned out to be smoke from wet electrical equipment and was quickly stopped.

Residents may recall that the Cummington Fair was on during Hurricane Irene as well. This, in and of itself, presented some challenges never before face by our Emergency crews. Working closely with the Fair Board of Directors, the decision was made to close and evacuate the Fair on Saturday night to avoid having livestock, tents and tall standing rides in the way of the pending storm which was due to strike us during the night and early Sunday morning. The decision was the correct course of action as Hurricane Irene took direct aim at western Massachusetts. The Fairgrounds was flooded and all of the parking off the grounds was lost but, there were no injuries, no animals lost or injured and, local responders were able to concentrate their limited resources on local road wash outs, culvert failures and cellar pumping.

Reported in this space last year was the award of a new Fire Tanker to the Town of Cummington. Cummington received a \$269,000 grant toward the purchase price of a Vacuum tanker. This is the first of its kind technology in this area, soon to be followed by Plainfield and with several other departments also seeking a similar unit. The vehicle arrive just in time for Christmas in 2011 (delivered by Santa Clause and we have the pictures to prove it!!) and we promptly set about training on the new equipment. Unfortunately we experienced a system failure during the initial training so the truck had to return to the dealer for repairs and modification. However, shortly thereafter the

truck was returned to us with a clean bill of health and we began some serious practicing. Good thing too! Immediately after receiving the truck back we were called (February 15) to Worthington for a serious structure fire. Upon arrival Cummington became part of a nearly 5 mile round trip water tanker shuttle. Analysis of the situation by the crew on the new vacuum tanker determined that there was a water supply within site of the fire and, using the unique features of this piece of equipment, they were able to establish a much closer water supply using far fewer personnel than a conventional setup requires. The vehicle has proved its value time and again since it has been in service and now the dealer is requesting some Cummington Firefighters to do training for the dealership as more vacuum units arrive in this area.

We continue with our annual hose testing and replacement of the lengths that fail. We do not have many that fail but, there are some and, to date, the Town has been able to fund their replacement.

We continue our search and recruitment for new members to the Fire service in Cummington. Admittedly this isn't for everyone and everyone isn't for this type of work. For those who do come on the department the rewards of serving the community and helping those in need by far outweigh the negatives. Please give some serious consideration to assisting your community.

In closing, the members and Friends of the Cummington Fire Department want to say thank you to the residents of the Town for your unfettered support and understanding of all we do here in the Fire Department. Your support and encouragement enable us to continue providing the services we do and, enable us to perform our duties for the Town.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard L. Forgea - Chief

Highway Department

The Highway department built three catch basins on Route 112, cut some dead trees on Route 112. The road was ground up and repaved for two miles from the five corners to the Worthington line.

The Town also hired a new operator to fill an open position vacated by Kevin Martin, who moved on after 10 years. Dean Carpenter started in February 2012.

The Department also replaced some culverts on the East end of Stage Road—Goshen end. The Team also patched holes and cut brush with the “WMECO program” shared mower.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Dextraze

Historical Commission

The Cummington Historical Commission (CHC) functions both as a historical commission and as a historical society. The 7- member board is responsible for overseeing the maintenance and operation of Cummington's Kingman Tavern Museum; maintaining the town historic archives; performing reviews of changes to historical structures; maintaining a record of historic buildings; and supporting the preservation and promotion of Cummington history through lectures, projects, historical contributions, and a college award program.

Each year the commission awards the \$1000 William W. Streeter History Award to one or two college-bound graduating high school seniors who are Cummington residents. This year's recipient was Taylor Whelihan. We commend Ms. Whelihan for her informative essay on the history of the Berkshire Snow Basin, located on Route 9 heading west past the Creamery, which was once a thriving ski hill drawing hundreds of people to Cummington. **The deadline for 2013 submissions is May 1.** For more information, please contact a commissioner or school guidance counselor or view the guidelines at <http://cummingtonhistoricalcommission.weebly.com>.

This past year Commissioners made great progress in diary and document preservation. Vulnerable 18th, 19th and early 20th century documents and diaries were placed in archival sleeves and boxes to ensure long-term survival. However, there is much more to be done and volunteers are always appreciated.

This year the commission presented two public programs. Ralmon Black spoke about the history of the potash industry while Sally Bagg discussed Aaron Copland's music before a screening of *The Cummington Story*. Also this year the Commission provided the town with 25 new flags that you may notice on Main St. during the 4th of July and other holidays.

The Commission was sorry to bid farewell to Kathy McMahan. The Commission is grateful for her many contributions to the museum during her tenure. The Commission warmly welcomed new commissioner Daniel Dashnaw.

The Commission would like to thank all the guides and volunteers for their contribution to another successful season at the Kingman Tavern museum. This year our summer exhibit focused on the Civil War. The many artifacts on display remind us that all history is local. While the decisions of the Union and Confederate leaders determined the general course of the war, the victory was won by the grit of the soldiers from places like Cummington. This December, 1864 letter of one such soldier, Eleazer Bryant of Cummington, describes the challenging physical environment of war in winter:

“We Marched about two miles and it was dark and it Commence to rain and hail So I put my tent under me and a blanket and a rubber over me. So I went to Slepp when I woke up the blanket was froze all around. I had to work for 5 minute before I could throw the cloth off from me. They was 5 inches of crust and hail. Some froze to death and it was Cold.”

Our small town is fortunate to have literally thousands of artifacts such as this letter that give us a glimpse into our town’s and nation’s past. To learn more, or to volunteer, please contact a commissioner or stop by the museum this summer. You may also visit our website at <http://cummingtonhistoricalcommission.weebly.com/>

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Pasternak, Secretary

Historical Commission

Carla Ness, Chair

Stephen Howes, Vice-Chair

Stephanie Pasternak, Secretary

Karen Westergaard, Archivist

Larry Slezak, Maintenance Chair

Daniel Dashnaw, Member

Barbara Goldsmith, Emerita

Scott Keith, Treasurer (*appointed by the Commission*)

Historical Commission Financial Report

July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

Balance July 1, 2011

Revolving Account	68,487.33	
		68,487.33

Receipts

Museum Donations	278.80	
Sales Tax	14.46	
Sale of <i>Only One Cummington Vol I</i> , 6 @ \$25.00	150.00	
Sale of <i>Vital Records</i> , 2 @ \$25.00	50.00	
Sale of <i>Only One Cummington Vol II</i> , 2 @ \$50.00	100.00	
Sale of <i>Childhood Memories 1</i> @ \$5.00	5.00	
Sale of <i>Cummington Cookbook</i> , 2 @ \$5.00	10.00	
Sale of <i>Bicentennial History</i> , 3 @ \$5.00	15.00	
Sale of <i>Miniature Rooms</i> , 2 @ \$4.00	8.00	
Sale of <i>Search for John Remmington</i> , 1 @ \$5.00	5.00	
Sale of <i>Aunt Teeks</i> , 2 @ \$8.00	16.00	
Sale of Tote Bags, 2 @ \$6.00	12.00	
Sale of Jewellery	5.00	
Sale of Postcards, 20 @ \$0.25	5.00	
Sale of Notecards	3.00	
Mass Humanities Grants	4,200.00	
Shipping and Handling	10.00	
Geneology Research	25.00	
		4,912.26

Income:

Dividends and interest:

Common Stock

Allstate Corp, dividends	117.30
Altria Group Inc.	1,247.75
BP AMOCO PLC SPONS ADR, dividends	689.04
Bristol Meyers Squibb Co.	1,206.00
Chevron Corp., dividends	1,272.00
Cons Edison Inc, dividends	1,394.90
Discover Financial Services, dividends	12.76
Eastman Chemical Co., dividends	129.92
General Electric Co., dividends	1,920.00
Honeywell Intl Inc., dividends	236.88

Intl Business Machines Corp., dividends	600.00	
Johnson and Johnson	661.20	
Eli Lilly & Co.	980.00	
Morgan Stanley, dividends	29.00	
Pfizer, Inc., dividends	984.00	
Southern Co, dividends	1,432.64	
Unilever	750.15	
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		13,663.54
Preferred Stock		
JP Morgan Chase CAP XIV (\$50,000.00)	3,255.00	
October 15, 2034 interest		
BAC Capital Trust Ser V (\$50,000.00)	3,915.94	
November 3, 2034 interest		
General Electric Cap Corp (\$50,000.00)	2,297.82	
June 15, 2046 interest		
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		9,468.76
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		
Bank of China, NY NY (\$110,000.00)	606.66	
0.550%, April 6, 2012		
First Bank, PR (\$135,000.00)	2,062.69	
1.650%, April 23, 2012		
Doral Bank, PR (\$95,000.00)	2,095.74	
2.200%, April 30, 2013		
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		4,765.09
Money Fund Accounts		
Federated Capital Reserves Money Fund	5.07	
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		5.07
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		103,177.05
Orders, FY12*		
	54,521.06	
Balance on hand June 30, 2012		
(Special Revolving Acct.)	48,655.99	
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		103,177.05

Invested Funds: Market Value as of June 30, 2012

Common Stock:

138 shares Allstate Corp.	4,842.42
775 shares Altria Group Inc.	26,776.25
396 shares BP AMOCO PLC SPONS ADR	16,053.84
900 shares Brisyl Meyers Squibb Co.	32,355.00
400 shares Chevron Corp.	42,200.00
580 shares Cons Edison Inc	36,070.20
58 shares Discover Financial Services	2,005.64
128 shares Eastman Chemical Co.	6,447.36
259 shares Eastman Kodak Co.	57.76
600 shares Emerson Electric Co.	27,948.00
3000 shares General Electric Co.	62,520.00
168 shares Honeywell Intl Corp.	9,381.12
200 shares Intl Business Machines Corp.	39,116.00
290 shares Johnson and Johnson	19,592.40
570 shares Kellogg Co.	28,118.10
500 shares Eli Lilly & Co.	21,455.00
800 shares Merck and Co.	33,400.00
116 shares Morgan Stanley	1,692.44
450 shares Pepsico Inc.	31,797.00
1200 shares Pfizer Inc.	27,600.00
470 shares Proctor and Gamble Co.	28,787.50
758 shares Southern Co	35,095.40
630 shares Unilever	21,010.50
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	554,321.93

Government Securities:

US Treasury Bond

7.500% November 15, 2016 (\$25,000.00)	32,336.00
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	32,336.00

Preferred Stock:

2100 shares BAC Capital Trust 6.000%, November 03, 2034	51,870.00
1900 shares General Electric Cap Corp 6.450%, June 15, 2046	49,647.00
2100 shares JP Morgan Chase Cap 6.200%, October 15, 2034	53,487.00
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	155,004.00

Certificates of Deposit

Doral Bank, PR 2.200%, April 30, 2013	96,294.85	
Goldman Sachs BK, NY 0.850%, June 21, 2013	30,074.10	
First Bank, PR 1.050%, June 08, 2015	89,555.40	
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Money Fund Accounts:

Federated Capital Reserves Money Fund	14,528.75	
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Cash Balance

241.88	
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TOTAL INVESTED FUNDS 972,356.91

* See Town Accountant's report for an itemized accounting of
Historical Commission expenditures in FY12

Scott Keith
Historical Commission Treasurer

Planning Board

Annual Report, FY '12

Membership effective 6-30-12:

Mark Malinak	Exp 2017
Brian Gilman, Chair	Exp 2016
Robert Taylor	Exp 2015
Judith Bogart	Exp 2014
Richard Roberge	Exp 2013
Judy Moore, Secretary	

Activities and Developments through 6-30-12

Zoning Bylaw occupied most of the Planning Board's attention, with drafts of various changes emerging for later Town Meeting action. These included—

- “By-right” provisions allowing certain modifications in “pre-existing” (before 1972's first zoning code) non-conforming structures, such as many in Village Residential districts, without special Zoning Board of Appeals action. There was much discussion of the meaning of the term “abandonment.” Lack of use for how long? What constitutes evidence of such lack?
- Regulation of wind and photovoltaic installations. Commercial scale wind development may be prohibited; it is not likely right now anyway, given local weather and current technology. Small-scale residential or business exploitation would be permitted.
- Updating of Section 8 on cell towers.

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission technical assistance from Senior Planner Larry Smith, a membership benefit, stimulated meetings with “Stakeholders”—Town officials charged with implementing Bylaw—and prompted scheduling of a July '12 public meeting to elicit opinion about Zoning Bylaw. It was becoming clear that a first priority must be simplifying the whole thing for ease of reference and use.

Hiking trails' development got lots of attention. Americorps and the State DCR could help put them in, along with people involved with the Wild & Scenic Westfield River and those on the Route 112 Scenic Byway committee. But ongoing maintenance would be up to a committed local group—a “Friends of Trails.” Liability issues would have to be addressed.

Also needing local advocacy groups are action concerning Route 9 near Town—lowered speed limits, crosswalks—and upgrading of recreational facilities, especially those for children.

The Planning Board signed on to two applications for “Approval Not Required” under Subdivision Regulations for a planned division of a lot. One of those was complicated by a question of viable access onto a public way should the “ANR” be granted, resolved finally by a ZBA decision that cleared the way for Planning Board confirmation.

With much regret the Board said good-bye to Ed Konieczny, who declined nomination to a second term. There is appreciation for his steady and responsive Chairmanship. Mark Malinak was elected to membership, and Brian Gilman unanimously elected by the Board to be Chair.

Police Department

JULY 1, 2011 - JUNE 30, 2012

The Department consists of special Officer Robert Spiess, Officer Sharon Cunningham, Sgt. Michael Perkins and myself.

We have continued to provide a high level of service despite no longer receiving any Federal or State grant money.

The Dare program at Berkshire Trail School is alive and well being taught by Sgt Perkins. We thank the Berkshire Trail staff for all their support.

We continue to take advantage of new training opportunities as well as keeping current with our annual requalification.

SGT. Perkins has spent endless hours keeping our computer system running and up to date. He has also worked closely with the Fire Chief to prepare our radio communications equipment to become compliant with new FCC regulations.

The dept. is still attending the emergency planning meetings held monthly in Dalton between all district police and fire departments as well as school administrators. We in coordination with the Massachusetts State Police conduct lock down drills at Berkshire Trail School.

The Department had a very busy year starting with Hurricane Irene during the Cummington Fair. Thanks again to our Fire Department for all their support during emergencies.

Dept. WEB SITE Cummingtonpolice.com should be utilized by citizens to access various forms and reports etc and you can follow the department on Twitter @CummingtonPD.

Calls: 363

Welfare Checks:	10	Investigations:	20
Motor Vehicle Complaints:	27	Motor Vehicle Crashes:	26
Medical Emergencies:	37	Missing Persons:	16
Alarms:	36	B&E:	4
Larceny:	3		

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis W. Forgea,
Chief of Police

Recreation Committee

July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012

IRENE, (Hurricane that is) you were not nice to us and our beautiful Recreation Field. You came with such force and destruction. First, you overflowed the river sending boulders, large and small, damaging our fences and literally displacing the riverbed onto the Tennis Court. As you continued on, washing away every chip under the playground equipment. Your force flattened the fence bordering the riverbank. You eroded the ballfield and took out first base and third base. The water was two feet deep in the recreation building that we use for cooking and both bathrooms. It was like a river flowing through the Pavilion washing away most of our trash receptacles. The picnic tables were saved. The newly erected fence that divides the pavilion and the water building eroded around the bottom posts. We have learned first hand how powerful water can be.

Now we have a dilemma. The Junior Olympics was to be held in our town in September. We certainly cannot make the necessary repairs in time. It was voted by the committee to hold it at the Cummington Fairgrounds. It turned out just fine, although the Fairgrounds had damage too, but not enough to cancel our Olympics. The Recreation bought shirts for our Olympians which hadn't been done in many years. We wish to thank Nathan Loux, for his leadership and coordination as our representative to the Olympic Committee.

We had the building closed and winterized and tried to gather our thoughts of how we will repair and clean up the Recreation area. In the spring we tackled the eroded areas with the rental of a tractor and a few man hours by Dennis Forgea to fill in and smooth out the worse areas. We hired Pete Marcoux to gently clean the tennis court with his machinery. Pete also smoothed the ballfield so that games and tournaments scheduled could be played that summer.

What remains are major repairs to the fences and the replacement of the wood chips for the playground. We will tackle these issues next year. The Berkshire Trail School was notified of the missing wood chips under the playground equipment.

The Gazebo should be completed next year with a dedication to Douglas Wilcox by his family.

We encourage families to use the Recreation area and Gazebo. If you have a special function and need it reserved, please call Geraldine Wilcox at 634-2136 as she is the keeper of the Calendar. A small donation is required and a contract to be signed. We continue to make improvements and try to maintain our Recreation Area. We ask that you help us to keep it clean by using the trash containers and cleaning up after your animals.

Respectfully submitted,

The Recreation Committee

Geraldine Wilcox, Chair
Amy Grallert, Secretary
Donna L. Forgea, Treasurer
Andrew Liebenow
Peter Feitner
Charlie Quinlan
Suzanne Ryan

Vocational School Committee

July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012

Due to the increased number of applicants from Hampshire County cities and towns, student acceptance is determined by previous school performance and vocational testing. No longer can it be said “I can always go to Smith School” or another vocational school. There are vast programs to choose from at our vocational schools.

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

Again we thank our long time bus contractor, Stevensville Corp and of course the great busy driver Roger Gunn for the dependable service rendered our students.

Graduates in June 2012 from Smith are:

Anthony Golembski
Damien Ritz
Dylan Vandoloski

Graduating in 2012 from Taconic is:

Ryan Stupplebean

Congratulations to the above graduates and we wish them well in their new endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Carver
Sharon Cunningham
Theodor Lynds

Water Commissioners

July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

This year I find it necessary to set the record straight about the number of water users in West Cummington at 29, not 7. Our six foot high fence with barbed wire was a requirement from the DEP. A grant was issued under the Well head protection plan to install the fence through the Lower Pioneer Valley Planning Commission in 2004. The upgrade to the West Cummington water system distribution was in 1989 along with the Cummington water systems distribution upgrade. All borrowed money from the FHA. The two loans are for 40 years and repayment is accomplished through the rents received by the users. Keep in mind that all expenses incurred by the water systems are paid for by the water users. It becomes a balancing act to make certain we do not overspend our income. In the past the Commissioners by law must increase the rents to balance the expenses. Our expenses are fixed to what is charged us, such as electricity, water testing, chemicals, propane, taxes, supplies, parts and loans.

We have successfully wired both Pump houses for emergency generator hook-ups. We have purchased 10 new meters and read outs as a start to upgrade our meters. Two have been installed so far. We needed to buy replacement parts for the filter system at the Cummington pump house. Other then the above we have had a regular year. Each year we test our RP values required by the DEP and the water testing each month on both systems.

As a customer, please make sure you have no leaks, check toilets, sinks and outside faucets, just a drip will increase your bill. When ever construction or repairs are done inside your home with the plumbing, please notify the water operator for a simple inspection. If you experience low pressure or air in the lines please call, this could mean a break in the line, our tank is very low, or a pump malfunction. In West Cummington lightning can knock out the power to the pump. If you have a hydrant near your home, please try to keep it shoveled out and the brush and grass cut around it. It would help in case of an emergency use of the hydrant.

We again want to thank everyone for paying your rents on time. Thanks to the Town Collector Susan Warriner for collected those rents, our Water Operator for your continued maintenance of our two systems and the many reports sent to the DEP. We know without your effort we could easily fall into non-compliance.

Respectfully submitted,
Your Water Commissioners

Donna L. Forgea, Chair
Delbert Robbins, Member
Tomasz Jaracz, Member

Dennis W. Forgea, Water Operator

Zoning Board of Appeals

July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

This year the ZBA received two applications for **Special Permits**, and three requests for determinations or **findings**.

August 11, 2011

Approved application... “To grant a **Special Permit** to Sarah Fournier-Scanlon and Richard Fournier to host wedding receptions; fundraisers; community non-profit, educational, and other similar events in the barn at what is now called Taproot Commons Farm, located on the property they own at 11 Porter Hill Road, Assessor’s map 35, lot 4.”

November 10, 2011

A request from Verizon to make repairs and alterations to the facility located on Main Street. The proposed work included removing the old AC units and relocating new ones. A finding was reached that the proposed alterations were not substantially more detrimental than the existing structure or use.

March 22, 2012

Re: Swift River Stone, Matt White came before the board and explained that it had come to his attention that the Special Permit that had been issued by the ZBA in 2008 had inadvertently never been properly filed with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds. He was seeking to have the permit issued anew in his name (the previous special permit had been issued to his father, Jim White) and to extend the days of operation of the crusher from 10 days to 20 days. No other changes to the conditions that were originally specified were requested. Discussion center around the fact that the quarry had been operating since the issuance of the original Special Permit in 2008 and to date no complaints had been received. It seemed more that the board would be rectifying the error of failing to file, rather than again deliberating the merits of issuance, and that the request for increase of crusher days was reasonable. The **Special Permit** was granted.

March 22, 2012

Peter LaPointe, Architect for the Old Creamery Co-op, and Michael Kalagher of the Co-op Board of Directors presented plans for the renovation of the Creamery building with site changes. The Creamery had applied for a building permit for the project but was referred to the ZBA by Jim Cerone, the Building Inspector due to the “pre-existing, nonconforming” status of the structure. This status triggers a review by the ZBA before the permit can be issued.

Peter explained that the footprint of the structure was not going to be substantively enlarged. The existing open air porches are to be enclosed and become part of the interior space; and the existing storeroom ell would be demolished and rebuilt on its original footprint. Only one small area on the west side toward the rear would be added to accommodate an interior stair to the second floor, but it would be located out of the setback area and would not increase the nonconformity of the structure. There also will be the addition of a Florence Savings ATM on the end of the rebuilt storeroom.

In the store wider isles will be realized along with approximately 20% more shelf space. The second floor would continue to house the Sustainability Library and the office, but the existing apartment would be converted to a storage area and an employee lounge, thus eliminating the current “mixed use” designation.

The site plan revealed new parking, entrance, and exit configurations for additional safety and convenience; and the addition of between 8 to 12 new parking spaces.

Given these facts a motion was made and seconded that “The Board **finds** that the proposed alterations to The Creamery are not substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming structure/use.”

May 10, 2012

Larry Remby came before the board requesting a determination for his proposed plan to divide his 58 ac. parcel into two parcels, one 44 ac. and one 14 ac. He had been directed to the ZBA after a Planning Board review of the proposed plan. The ZBA reached a **finding** that the proposed division of the property was not substantially more detrimental than the existing use, and therefore was allowed.

The members of the Cummington Zoning Board of Appeals are:

Carla Ness, Chair; Michael Holden, Clerk; Kenneth Howes, Member; Bruce Mougins, Member; Ernest Strong, Member and; Deborah Emerson, Associate Member.

For a true and complete record of all of the proceedings listed above please contact the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Ness, Chair
Michael Holden, Clerk

Highland Ambulance EMS

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, Highland EMT’s are assisted by Paramedics from other ambulance companies when the service of a Paramedic is required. Highland’s active roster consists of 36 members including 12 Paramedics and 24 EMT’s.

Donations and Grants. In March Highland dedicated a new ambulance generously donated by John April of Goshen in memory of his father and grandfather. In May Highland received a \$20,000 grant from FEMA for an “Active Shooter” program. This program provided area EMT’s and Police with training regarding emergency response when there is risk in an active shooting situation. In December we were awarded a \$77,000 Assistance to Firefighters Grant from FEMA. This grant will provide for the purchase of cardiac monitors for each of our ambulances. These monitors will replace our existing monitors and offer enhancements compliant with current technology.

During Fiscal Year 2012 we received \$39,944 in donations. We are grateful for the level of support we receive from the community.

Emergency Responses. During 2012 Highland responded to 616 emergency calls. These are broken down by Town as follows:

Ashfield	100	Chesterfield	68	Cummington	67	Worthington	29
Goshen	62	Plainfield	77	Williamsburg	199	Other	14

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

Community Involvement. Highland provided support to our communities including:

- Ambulance Coverage for Community events including the Junior Olympics held in Chesterfield, Chesterfield 4th of July Parade, the Cummington Fair and the Ashfield Fall Festival.
- Safety Day programs at New Hingham School and at Sanderson Academy.
- A Flu shot clinic for area first responders and EMT’s.

- CPR training. Training is offered on the third Thursday of each month. Information is available by calling Highland Ambulance at 268-7272.

Cash On Hand June 30, 2012

Operating Funds	\$ 4,125.94
Memorial Fund	17,678.58
Dresser Fund	2,726.59
Cummington Funds	1,328.95
Highland Funds	<u>6,955.14</u>
Total Cash On Hand	\$ 32,815.20

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

FY 2012

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 development/planning.

Hilltown CDC works with the community to identify and secure financial resources to serve the community development needs of the region. In Fiscal Year 2012, Hilltown CDC helped the hilltown region care for the elderly, provided safe affordable housing to seniors and low income families, improved many hilltown homes and sponsored an annual hilltown spring festival celebrating the hilltown region. The following details provide more information about services delivered in 2012.

Social Services: Hilltown CDC’s Hilltown Elder Network (HEN) Program delivered over 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 over 20,000 miles of transportation for medical visits and other purposes, and \$8,000 in snow removal help. CDBG funding was not awarded in 2012 but Hilltown CDC continued to provide HEN services by seeking alternate funding. Hilltown CDC utilized 2011 CDBG funding for four 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 96 eligible homebound elders.
- **The Hilltown Food Pantry** distributed over 75,000 pounds of food to almost 300 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 60 hilltown households.
- **Child Care Subsidies**, 13 hilltown families were provided subsidies to assist them with child care expenses this past year.

Economic Development: Hilltown CDC, from July, 2011 to June, 2012:

- Provided individualized business consulting and/or training to 68 hilltown businesses, ranging from one hour to 60 hours per business.
- Published the 2012 Hilltown Business Directory, distributed to 13,000 hilltown households in 20 towns, with contact information and descriptions of 282 hilltown businesses in 84 categories. The Directory is also on-line at www.hilltowncdc.org.
- Worked with WiredWest to move closer to its goal of universal access to high speed broadband service in all of Western Massachusetts, including the hilltowns.
- Organized the 6th 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 secured funding to expand Westhampton Woods Senior Housing from 7 apartments to 15 apartments. Construction will begin in the Spring of 2013.
- **Rental Housing:** Hilltown CDC continued to improve the management of its 30 units of scarce affordable rental housing in Williamsburg, Huntington, Westhampton and Chesterfield and is applying for funding to do significant improvements to all existing properties in 2014. This includes the acquisition of a new property in Haydenville.
- **New Project Development:** Hilltown CDC completed a senior housing market study in Goshen and is discussing the next steps toward development with the Town of Goshen and its senior housing committee. Hilltown CDC has also assisted the Town of Chesterfield in exploring senior housing this past year. Finally, Hilltown CDC completed a senior housing market study in Becket.

First-time Homebuyer Program: Hilltown CDC provided individual homebuyer counseling and workshops to 155 beneficiaries to help them prepare for the purchase of homes. In addition, CDBG funding enabled 4 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 2012 HCDC:

- Rehabilitated 16 houses in the towns of Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Peru, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg, and Worthington using deferred payment loans for home repairs and lead paint removal totaling \$367,815.

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 FY12 HCDC:

- Provided planning assistance to the Northern Hilltowns of Chesterfield, Cummington, Plainfield, Westhampton, Peru, Williamsburg, and Worthington for preparing and updating their Community Development Strategies. Community needs were identified along with projects to be included in the CDBG funding application. Unfortunately, an FY 2012 CDBG grant was not awarded to the region. Hilltown CDC will work with local tons to prepare an FY 2013 CDBG application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Hilltown Community Development
Corporation

Hampshire Council of Governments

Annual Report For Fiscal Year 2012

The Hampshire Council of Governments (Council) is a membership based organization that solves common challenges through regional solutions while retaining local control over local affairs. The combined dues for the Council of Governments in Fiscal Year 2012 were \$52,256. The dues collected help support Council programs and services. It is the continued goal of the Council to increase revenues from a variety of sources to offset the assessment and to expand services.

For every dollar spent on Council programs, participating western Massachusetts communities receive at least three dollars back in taxpayer savings and value. All of our programs and services are designed to save taxpayer money, keep investments local, and contribute to a healthy, sustainable environment. You can also be sure that the revenue generated is reinvested into local communities.

The Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust serves 63 units in Hampshire, Franklin, and Hampden counties with over 4,500 members, which translates into more than 9,000 insured participants. In 2012, the Trust saved members in excess of \$3.2 million in insurance costs when compared to the State benchmark. Since 2006, the Council's electricity customers have saved over \$2.1 million as compared to the default utility service price. These are dollars that can be used to improve town services, hire new teachers, or keep tax rates stable.

In Fiscal Year 2012 the Town of Cummington used the following Council programs and services with an estimated savings and value of \$11,963: Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust; Hampshire Purchasing Cooperative; Municipal Aggregation; Municipal Solar RFP; Hampshire Power; RSVP of Hampshire & Franklin Counties; Tobacco Free Community Partnership for Hampshire and Franklin Counties.

Programs and services that the town did not use for additional savings and value include Healthy Hampshire/Mass In Motion grant; grant research and writing; regional accounting program; Hampshire IT; green community support; sustainability and green energy consulting. By taking advantage of the unused programs and services the town can maximize value and increase savings. It is also suggested that the town increase participation in the Cooperative Purchasing program, and sign up for free IT security check provided by Hampshire IT.

The Council achieved several key goals in Fiscal Year 2012.

- Zero percent increase in health insurance premiums for the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust.

- The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program provided more than 124,000 hours of service to our communities, equaling a contribution of more than \$3.2 million.
- Towns of Hatfield and South Hadley rejoined Council membership.
- Moving forward with fundraising for Courthouse building renovations, repairs, and preservation.
- Hampshire/Municipal Solar Program.
- Solar Renewable Energy Certificates Aggregation.
- New Program: Regional Municipal Accounting and Bookkeeping service.
- New Program: Hampshire Information Technology Program.

Administration

The Council continues to enhance current programs and services while looking to develop new projects to increase savings and value for our members. Continued Administration efforts include a review of membership benefits, marketing, and encouraging support of local businesses. Meetings with local elected and appointed officials and outside organizations were held to help with development of new programs and services and to provide information about the Council's evolving mission.

May 7th was the opening ceremony celebrating Hampshire County's 350th Anniversary. The event was attended by local elected and appointed officials and legislators. The Governor proclaimed May 7, 2012, to be Hampshire County Day and a joint Senate and House Resolution honoring Hampshire County Day acknowledged the County's richness and diversity of history, and its cultural and educational presence. May 7th was also the first time that copies of a part of the County's vast historic archive of maps and historic documents were made available for sale in cooperation with the Special Collections at UMass Archives. Proceeds from the sale go to the preservation and restoration of the historic Courthouse. Other 350th celebrations included local historic commissions, societies, and museums displaying a portion of their collections and meeting with the public touring the exhibits as part of the Arts Night Out.

The Council began a campaign to address significant areas of deterioration of the structural integrity of the historic Courthouse. The cost to restore the Courthouse is in excess of \$3.7 million. The Council has approached local Community Preservation Act Committees requesting financial support. State and federal funding sources will also be identified because the building is owned by the 'inhabitants of Hampshire County' and is our shared historic legacy.

The Council was pleased to welcome the Towns of Hatfield and South Hadley as returning Council members. For the second year in a row the Councilors awarded 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. The Councilors also doubled the number of scholarships awarded to four.

Electricity Department

In Fiscal Year 2012, electricity prices in New England dropped to historically low levels, prompting a change of strategy towards new customers. Instead of recruiting new customers for its supply program, Hampshire Power expanded its services by becoming a licensed broker for fixed price electricity and sold a number of large contracts with major energy companies at extremely favorable rates. About 20 percent of Hampshire Power's load is now brokered through these fixed-price multi-year arrangements. Meanwhile, the Real-Time indexed program saved Hampshire Power customers \$212,348.53 in Fiscal Year 2012, with a total cumulative savings of \$2.1 million since the program's inception in 2006.

Municipal Aggregation

The Municipal Aggregation program for residential and business customers moved forward with the filing of a plan on behalf of twenty-eight communities. The Department of Energy Resources recommended approval of the plan by the Department of Public Utilities. Additional towns are expected to sign agreements to join the program in the coming months. With its Hampshire Green option, Municipal Aggregation will complement the Council's Sustainability programs.

Municipal Services

Cooperative Purchasing

The Hampshire Purchasing Cooperative is celebrating its 31st year serving the purchasing needs of western Massachusetts' communities and school districts. 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 2012 was \$5,173,292.05 with an estimated savings of \$733,098.49 for participating communities.

Hampshire Inspection Program

After many years of providing inspection and zoning services, the program was discontinued.

Hampshire IT

The Council initiated a professional, affordable, and comprehensive IT service tailored to our member communities by partnering with Paragus, Strategic

IT. The rapid evolution of technology and the growing expectation of citizens to interact with government electronically combined with the requirements of the Data Privacy Law, the need to have secure and comprehensive information technology capacity has dramatically increased. Currently Hadley is being provided this service and we expect rapid growth in the future.

Regional Municipal Accounting and Bookkeeping

Recognizing that towns have experienced a decline in available and qualified town accountants, the Council established a professional accounting and bookkeeping service. In Fiscal Year 2012 the Council provided accounting services for the Town of Granby, WiredWest, Springfield Materials Recycling Facility, Hampshire Group Insurance Trust, and Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative.

Healthy Hampshire/Mass in Motion Grant

The Council was awarded a multi-year grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to create Healthy Hampshire (HH) and we have been working through municipal and community leaders in Amherst, Belchertown, Northampton, and Williamsburg to effect changes to community policies and systems that have been shown to have a measurable impact on health. Goals of Healthy Hampshire include:

- Improve nutritional quality of school meals and snacks
- Increase the number of students walking and biking to school
- Increase the number of healthy options available to consumers in small retail outlets
- Create healthy design standards for municipalities to follow when considering any new development or retrofits

Over the past year Healthy Hampshire consultants have supported the Williamsburg Greenway Committee in assessing the viability of the proposed bike trail between Northampton and Williamsburg. At least two routes have been developed, and barriers/opportunities discussed. HH identified concerns from parents at Hilltown Charter School regarding walkability/bikeability around the school, and brought these to the Greenway Committee for consideration. Those parents continue to be involved in the committee.

HH administered the CHANGE Tool, a community health survey that included questions about communitywide efforts impacting the social and built environments, such as improving food access, walkability or bikeability, tobacco use and exposure, and personal safety. The survey was administered in all four towns, and follow-up focus groups were held in Amherst and Belchertown. Results of the survey and focus groups were shared with municipal leaders and local elected officials, and are being used to develop effective strategies for each town.

HH launched the Healthy Markets Initiative in January with the first meeting of the Healthy Markets Committee. Belchertown participants identified several local markets they hope to involve, and are making plans for incorporating cultural competence into their approach. And finally, HH partnered with MASSBike to do bicycle safety audits at over 40 intersections throughout the four towns. Results of the audits will be available February 2013.

Healthy Hampshire is a collaboration between the Hampshire Council of Governments, the SPIFFY Coalition, and the municipalities of Amherst, Belchertown, Northampton and Williamsburg.

Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust (HCGIT)

The Trust has once again held their costs down with NO premium increases for the 2012 insurance year. 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 Hampshire County Group Insurance 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 2012 (April 1, 2011, to March 31, 2012), the collective premium for the Trust was slightly over \$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 Insurance Trust is successful at managing costs while providing excellent health benefits.

Wellness Initiative Program

The Wellness Initiative is a worksite wellness program promoting healthier choices and behaviors amongst employees covered by the HCGIT.

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, including one to the Belchertown School District. 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 is involved in a long term effort to support the local and regional economy and help it to become more sustainable.

In Fiscal Year 2012 the Sustainability Department has;

- Initiated and managed a Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECS) brokering program which as of 6/30/12 had 206kW (35 clients) under contract.
- Created and administered a large multi-county RFP to promote the development of solar PV projects in Municipalities throughout Western Massachusetts. The RFP covered 115 properties in 38 Communities throughout Western Massachusetts; we received proposals from 5 vendors.
- Assisted the Town of Middlefield to implement its Green Community Energy reduction plan by assisting with the bidding and construction of a 12kW solar array at the Town hall as well as energy consumption improvement efforts for other Town buildings.
- Worked closely with Hampshire Power to create and offer a financial viable solar net metering option for Hampshire Power member municipalities.

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 Fiscal Year 2012, 722 RSVP volunteers gave more than 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:

- 26 volunteers worked with students in schools and after school programs to improve academic skills.
- Through RSVP's Osteoporosis Exercise Program, 62 volunteers led weekly strength training classes for more than 400 seniors.
- 187 volunteers increased food security in our region by providing food to more than 2000 elders.
- 326 volunteers improved the quality of life for more than 13,000 seniors by leading activities and providing information at senior centers.

The Tobacco Free Community Partnership (TFCP)

The Hampshire and Franklin County Tobacco Free Community Partnership (TFCP) supports communities' efforts to lower smoking prevalence and exposure to secondhand smoke by enhancing state and local tobacco control efforts, 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, TFCP serves as a resource for local coalitions, health and human service agencies, municipalities, and workplaces on tobacco intervention efforts. The five core goals of the 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. TFCP programs and services include the Ex-Smoker Hall of Fame, policy promotion and support, 84 promotion, cessation education, other tobacco products (OTP) presentations, updating board of health tobacco regulations, and smoke free housing.

During Fiscal Year 2012, the seven youth chapters of the 84 showed a great presence at Kick Butts Day on March 21st held in Boston at the State House. The Ex-Smokers Hall of Fame was on display at UMass, the Hampshire Mall, Franklin County Community Health Center (Greenfield and Orange sites), Forbes Library, and Athol Hospital. TFCP presented at three health care organizations and four community based organizations. The smoke free housing initiative has been making strides. Two housing complexes have requested and received assistance on adopting a smoke free policy. This work takes the housing management from the initial steps of tenant survey through to legal assistance in creating and adopting their smoke free policy. Continuing legislative visits both in Boston and in the district provide TFCP with the opportunity to educate

lawmakers to current trends in adult and youth smoking, to youth use rates of other tobacco products, usage of the MassHealth and Commonwealth Care cessation benefit, and updates on local tobacco regulations.

In Fiscal Year 2012 Cummington did not use the TFCP's enhanced services. Please contact staff to learn how your town can utilize the program's services to fully benefit from their programs.

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, FB, and Twitter.

Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative

Annual Report for FY 2012

The Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (HRMC) was created 24 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 manage the expensive problem of rapidly rising solid waste disposal costs.

In the past 24 years the HRMC has created cost saving recycling and sustainability programs. The past year has also been one in which the HRMC and the Hampshire Council of Governments continued their partnership by working closely together on sustainability and green energy development issues. In fact the HRMC Administrator splits his time, spending _ of each week being Administrator of the HRMC and _ of each week being the Sustainability Director for the Hampshire Council of Governments.

WHAT PROGRAMS DOES THE HRMC HELP WITH?

The HRMC contracted Administrator, Eric Weiss, helps your Town manage disposal recycling and sustainability programs, including;

- Solid Waste Disposal and Hauling 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 Compliance Related Issues
- Assisting with monitoring transfer station efforts costs and activities
- Advocating on behalf of the Towns with State Legislators
- Explore new green energy and sustainability programs and grants
- Assist member Towns in becoming Massachusetts designated “Green Communities”
- Coordinate sustainability activities and green energy program development 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 current Chairman of the HRMC is Joe Kearns from Middlefield, the current Vice-Chairman of the HRMC is Donna Gibson from Williamsburg and the current Treasurer of the HRMC is Tom Martin from Westhampton.
- The HRMC has an annual assessment which is approved by each Town at their annual Town meeting. The annual assessment is 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. After two years of budget reductions the HRMC has level funded its assessment budget for two the past two fiscal years in a row.
- 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.
- 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 green energy (solar) programs.

Last year the HRMC helped the 10 member Towns:

Recycle 1083 tons of material
Save \$73,644 in disposal costs
Save 6001 tons of greenhouse gas emissions
Earn over \$49,472 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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WiredWest Report

FY 2012

Organizational Developments

2012 was a busy year for WiredWest that included the addition of 16 new towns to the Cooperative, bringing the current membership to 42 towns eager to work together to create a long-term, comprehensive solution to the problem of inadequate broadband access.

Policies pertaining to cabling of residences and confidentiality of competitively sensitive information were developed and ratified by the Board of Directors. Modifications to WiredWest's bylaws were also approved as part of the Cooperative's annual bylaws review.

Regular meetings of WiredWest's organizational bodies were conducted throughout the year, with Board of Directors meeting monthly, Executive Committee meeting weekly and sub-committees meeting as needed.

WiredWest launched a new website in 2012, and continues to interact with constituents through its social media presence on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

Business Planning

Significant work was undertaken in 2012 to enable financing and buildout of the network. That work was made possible by grants from the Massachusetts Broadband Institute, Berkshire Regional Planning Commission and the Central Berkshire Fund, in addition to support from donations, cooperative membership fees, and thousands of volunteer hours.

In the spring of 2012, WiredWest hired Market Street Research to conduct a comprehensive market survey in our member towns. The survey provided detailed information on residents' satisfaction and usage of existing services and demand for new services, including pricing. The results from the survey indicated strong demand for the network across the region, and are being used to develop service offerings and support revenue projections in our pro-forma financial statements.

In the fall of 2012, WiredWest launched a Support Card campaign in its member towns. The Support Cards will help WiredWest determine the level of interest for services in each town; assist with network design; and will also provide assurances to potential financing sources that WiredWest has sufficient revenues to sustain the network. The Support Card campaign is continuing into the first quarter of 2013.

WiredWest has created comprehensive pro-forma financial statements with input from municipal fiber network operators and appropriate financial expertise. The leadership team has met with a number of public and private financing sources and advisors to refine our financing strategy and ensure the project is on track for financing in 2013.

Network Planning

To complete the engineering work required for financing, a GIS database containing maps of all utility poles, structures and roads in WiredWest towns was created. Potential network distribution locations in each town were also visited and evaluated for their suitability.

To complete the engineering, WiredWest issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for high level network design and cost estimation. The Matrix Design Group was chosen to complete the contract, and have provided WiredWest with their final report and potential network designs. We are evaluating the options presented to create a final estimate for use in the financial statements.

FY 2013 Plans

WiredWest will be focused on finalizing the business plan, with a particular focus on the pro-forma financial statements, final network design and other information needed for financing, including the final numbers for the Support Card campaign.

WiredWest will also continue working with public and private financing sources to determine the best and most expedient strategy for financing the network. We will also continue to solicit grants and donations for interim funding.

In addition, WiredWest will be working on an economic impact study to quantify the regional economic impact of the network which will be important to garnering grant support.

Towns are encouraged to stay abreast of WiredWest developments through their appointed Delegates and Alternates, and to refer to the WiredWest website at www.wiredwest.net for further information.

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