



TOWN OF  
**Cummington**  
MASSACHUSETTS



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**2015**



*Town of*  
**CUMMINGTON  
MASSACHUSETTS**



**ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR  
ENDING  
JUNE 30, 2015**

Adams Specialty & Printing Co.

# *Town of Cummington*

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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  
Elizabeth Warren  
Edward J. Markey

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE  
Richard E. Neal

MASSACHUSETTS STATE SENATOR  
Benjamin B. Downing

MASSACHUSETTS STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
Stephen Kulik

GOVERNOR  
Charles Baker

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*

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*Member* *Term Expires*

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Monica M. Vandoloski	2018
Russell L. Sears, III, Chairman	2017
James A. Drawe	2016

### **TOWN CLERK**

Donna Jordan	2017
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### **TREASURER**

Susan L. Warriner	2017
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### **TAX COLLECTOR**

Susan L. Warriner	2018
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### **BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Samuel Konieczny	2018
Philip Morin	2017
Richard Roberge	2016

### **MODERATOR**

Donna L. Forgea	2016
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### **VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Sharon Cunningham	2018
Lori Carver	2017
Theodore Lynds	2016

### **ALMONER OF CHARITABLE FUNDS**

Joyce A. Wiernasz	2018
Susan F. Forgea	2017
Bernard L. Forgea	2016

*Member**Term Expires***COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUNDS**

Barbara D. Goldsmith	2018
Stephen M. Howes	2017
Joyce A. Wiernasz	2016

**WATER COMMISSIONERS**

Tomasz Jaracz	2018
Dann Emerson	2017
Donna L. Forgea	2016

**TRUSTEES of the BRYANT FREE LIBRARY**

Deborah Hoechstetter	2020
John Maruskin	2019
Eliza Dragon	2018
Helen Larkin	2017
Brenda S. Arbib	2016

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Maureen L. Tumenas	2018
Scott B. Keith	2018
Dennis W. Forgea	2017
Daniel G. Loux	2017
Jill Figlozzi	2016
Geraldine Wilcox	2016
Susan L. Warriner, Treasurer (Ex-officio non-voting member)	2016
Donna L. Forgea, Moderator (Ex-officio non-voting member)	2016

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

John C. Earls	2018
Judith C. Bogart	2017
Roger Gunn	2016

*Member*

*Term Expires*

**PLANNING BOARD**

Robert Taylor	2020
Judith C. Bogart	2019
Richard A. Roberge	2018
Mark Malinak	2017
Brian J. Gilman	2016

**CUMMINGTON RECREATION  
and  
PETTINGILL MEMORIAL FIELD COMMITTEE**

Donna L. Forgea	2018
Amy Grallert	2018
Laurie A. Freitag	2018
Andrew Kurt Liebenow	2017
Jennifer O'Neil	2017
Charles B. Quinlan	2016
Geraldine Wilcox	2016

**COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

James A. Drawe	2016
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**CONSTABLES**

Sharon J. Cunningham	2016
Michael A. Perkins III	2016

**REPRESENTATIVE TO CENTRAL BERKSHIRE REGIONAL  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Sean T. Nyhan  
Patricia Keith starting November 2014

# *Appointed Officials*

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## *Appointments by the Board of Selectmen*

*Member* *Term Expires*

### **AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

Paul H. Streeter	2018
Sarah Scanlon-Fournier	2018
Jeanette A. Horton	2017
Clifford S. Thayer	2017
Daniel G. Loux	2016
H. Sydney O'Leary	2016

### **APPEALS, ZONING BOARD of**

Michael Holden	2018
Deborah L. Emerson, Associate	2018
Ernest T. Strong	2017
Kenneth L. Howes	2017
Carla C. Ness	2016
Bruce A. Mouglin	2016

### **LOCAL CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Jillian Kay Hanson	2018
Gary P. Grosenbeck	2018
Tedric F. Eiseman	2018
Kathryn L. Jensen	2017
Judith Bowerman Slezak	2017
Paula Gottlieb	2017
Kim Wachtel	2017
June D. Ferrin	2016
Andrew Kurt Liebenow	2016

### **CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Robert D. Dextraze	2016
James L. Drawe	2016
Gloria A. Robbins	2016
Dean Carpenter	2016
Russell L. Sears, III	2016
Monica M. Vandoloski	2016

<i>Member</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
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**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

Bernard L. Forgea	2016
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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Alan Douglas	2018
Matthew Drawe	2018
Sarah Scanlon-Fournier	2018
Robert D. Dextraze	2017
John D. Eisenhour	2017
Walter G. Korzec	2016
Gerald F. Howes, Jr.	2016

**COUNCIL on AGING**

Edith Morton	2018
Ann Parsons	2018
Donald E. Morton	2017
Susan Forgea	2017
Margaret L. Daniels	2017
Worth H. Noyes	2016
James D. Martin, Jr.	2016
Elliot Ring	2016
Carolyn J. Urekew – Coordinator	

**FENCE VIEWERS & FIELD DRIVERS**

Dean Carpenter	2016
Bruce W. Harrison	2016

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

Robert D. Dextraze	2016
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**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Patricia Keith	2018
Karen J. Westergaard	2018
Stephen E. Buckley III	2017
Jessy McMahon	2017
Stephen M. Howes	2016
Carla C. Ness	2016
Lawrence R. Slezak	2016
Barbara D. Goldsmith	Emerita

<i>Member</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
<b>INSPECTOR of ANIMALS</b>	
Dean Carpenter	2016
Julie P. Jernstrom	2016
<b>INSPECTOR of BUILDINGS</b>	
James Cerone	2016
<b>INSPECTOR of GAS FITTINGS</b>	
Donald Lawton	2016
<b>INSPECTOR of WIRING</b>	
William Graham	2016
John Lyons, Assistant	2016
<b>POLICE CHIEF</b>	
Dennis W. Forgea	2016
<b>POLICE OFFICERS</b>	
Sharon J. Cunningham	2016
Michael Andrew Perkins II, Sergeant, D.A.R.E. Officer	2016
<b>REGISTRARS of VOTERS</b>	
Donna Jordan	2016
Cynthia M. Volk	2016
Carolyn J. Wolf	2016
Jeanette A. Horton	2016
<b>SELECTMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE to LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b>	
James L. Drawe	2016
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</b>	
Julie P. Jernstrom	2016
Erik C. Jernstrom, Assistant	2016

*Member*

*Term Expires*

**SURVEYORS of WOOD & TIMBER**

Robert D. Dextraze	2016
David F. Robb, Jr.	2016

**TOWN COUNSEL**

Michael Siddall	2016
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**TREE WARDEN**

Robert D. Dextraze	2016
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**VETERANS AGENT**

Inter-Municipal Veterans Services Thomas Geryk	2016
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**LOWER PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION**

Brian J. Gilman	2016
Mark Malinak	2016

**RIGHT TO KNOW COORDINATOR**

Alan Streeter	2016
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**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Elizabeth Braccia	2016
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**SECRETARY to SELECTMEN**

Monica M. Vandoloski	2016
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**HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT PROJECTION COMMITTEE**

Robert D. Dextraze	2016
Peter J. Marcoux, Sr.	2016
Delbert H. Robbins	2016
Russell L. Sears, III	2016
Ernest T. Strong	2016

*Member*

*Term Expires*

**BUILDING REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Mark Demaranville	2016
Roger Bradford Gunn	2016
Craig G. Johns	2016
Elliot Ring	2016
James D. Martin, Jr.	2016

**PERMANENT APPOINTMENT  
FIRE CHIEF**

Bernard L. Forgea

**PETTINGILL CLOCK COMMITTEE**

Scott B. Keith	2016
Alan Streeter	2016

**WESTFIELD RIVER WILD & SCENIC PROGRAM  
Advisory Committee**

Amy Pulley	2016
Matthew John Grallert, Alternate	2016

**CUMMINGTON WEB SITE**

*<http://www.Cummington-Ma.gov>*

## *Selectboard*

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To The Citizens of Cummington

This year began with emotions running high as Central Berkshire Regional School District scheduled hearings to debate the future of Berkshire Trail Elementary School. We thank the citizens of Cummington for the many hours of researching facts and figures to prove to the CBRSD School Committee why our school should not be closed. The folks that attended the many meetings and hearings to prove our case which in the end was to no avail, we say thank you.

Unfortunately most of the year revolved around trying to keep our local school, “Berkshire Trail,” open but in the end CBRSD closed the school. Our elementary age children will now go to Craneville School in Dalton.

An Education AdHoc Committee was formed to explore other options available to us in regards to educating our elementary age students and/or forming a new alliance with another regional school district. In June a vote was taken to inform Central Berkshire School District of our desire to leave the school district.

The closing of the School brought about many issues foremost of which was getting the school district to leave the building in good repair. This has been a work in progress. A major stumbling block has been the condition of the roof and who bears the responsibility for fixing it. Other issues concern the reuse of the building. Fortunately CBRSD agreed to fund a PreSchool Program if the town kept the building open. It was decided to keep the building open using money gifted to us by Helen Muchnic. To help offset operating costs, the kitchen was rented to Michael Tessoro who produces “Ooma Tessor’s Marinara Sauce” and sells it across New England and New York.

The paperwork was filed with DEP finishing the closure of the old landfill on West Cummington Road. This has been a long process.

The winter brought us familiarity with a new phrase, “Polar Vortex,” as it was a record breaking cold winter. It brought much snow and ice and we commend the Highway Crew for the fine job they did throughout the winter.

Chapter 90 projects included West Cummington Road from Route 9 to the old landfill. Using State Pot Hole money a section of Potash Hill Road was ground and graded to be ready as a Chapter 90 project in the summer.

Many years ago a process began to bring high speed internet to the Hilltowns. Referred to as the last mile internet connection, it involved collaboration between the towns, “Wired West” - a Co-Op formed to bring in the internet and the Mass Broadband Institute, “MBI”. Cummington voted at Annual Town Meeting to begin the process. At the general election the voters passed a 1.4 million dollar debt exclusion to finance our portion of the internet buildout. These two votes represent a significant step forward but many hurdles still need to be navigated.

We would like to thank the voters of Cummington for their support of all the endeavors we undertake. This year we were able to purchase a new police vehicle - a “Silverado Pick-up” - and retire the old “Crown Vic” cruiser.

Police Dennis Forgea retired at the end of June. The Board would like to commend him for his years of service. His patience and foresight guiding the department will be sorely missed. Thank you for a job well done.

We want to thank those with whom we work each year for their patience and understanding. Many hours of work, much running around, many phone calls and above all, much cooperation are needed to keep even a small town running smoothly and again to all of you, thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

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



## *Expenditures 2015*

<b>001.100.5110 - Official Salaries</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>33,384</b>			
Bogart Judith C.		1,000		
Carver Lori		40		
Cunningham Sharon		15		
Dextraze Jr. Robert		40		
Drawe James		1,300		
Earls John G.		500		
Emerson Dann M.		325		
Forgea Donna		595		
Gunn Roger B.		500		
Jaracz Tomasz		300		
Jordan Donna C.		4,000		
Konieczny Samuel		1,100		
Lynds Theodore F.		15		
Morin Philip V.		1,100		
Roberge Richard A.		1,200		
Sears Russell		1,500		
Vandoloski Monica		1,300		
Warriner Susan L.		18,554		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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<b>001.100.5400 - Administration General</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>4,850</b>			
Franklin County Selectman's Assoc		30		
Hampshire County Select Board's Assoc		40		
Hobbs & Warren, Inc		136		
James Drawe		137		
MMA		526		
Mohawk Office Equipment Co., Inc		1,259		
Monica Vandoloski		10		
Turley Publications, Inc.		31		
U.S. Postal Service		207		
W.B. Mason		670		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>1,804</b>	<b>0</b>
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<b>001.100.5430 - Admin Various Officials</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>800</b>			
Douglas Donna		93		
Mass Moderators Association		20		
Year End Transfer	(128)			
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>560</b>	
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<b>001.100.5710 - Interfund Transfers</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>2,000</b>			
Transfer to Vocational Tuition	(1,002)			
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>998</b>	

<b>001.122.5400 - Administration Selectmen</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>12,608</b>			
Vandoloski Monica		12,432		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>176</b>	
<b>001.122.5800 - Computer Capital</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>0</b>			
Transferred from Town Report Exp Green Earth Computers	167	167		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
<b>001.122.5810 - Municipal Light Plant</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>1,000</b>			
WiredWest		1,000		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>120</b>	
<b>001.131.5400 - Admin Finance Committee</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>130</b>			
Assoc of Town Finance Committees		129		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>1</b>	
<b>001.132.5400 - Reserve Fund</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>6,000</b>			
Medicare/Social Security	-2,058.82	0		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>3,941</b>	
<b>001.135.5100 - Accountant Salary</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>9,282</b>			
Braccia Elizabeth J.		9,282		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
<b>001.135.5400 - Admin Accountant</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>3,500</b>			
Softright		3,373		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>127</b>	
<b>001.136.5400 - Town Audit</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>8,000</b>			
FY11 Carry Forward	16,000			24,000
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
<b>001.141.5111 - Assessor's Clerk</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>8,500</b>			
Johns Joy M.		8,500		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	

<b>001.141.5200 - Assessor's Consultant</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>7,900</b>			
Sam Konieczny		7,000		
Mayflower Vaulation Ltd.		900		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
<b>001.141.5400 - Admin Assessors</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>3,500</b>			
Community Software Consortium		2,200		
Daily Hampshire Gazette		119		
HHCAA		30		
MAAO		150		
Maine Technical Source		565		
U.S. Postal Service		293		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>143</b>	
<b>001.141.5430 - Assessor's Tax Maps</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>1,900</b>			
MainStreetGIS, LLC		1,900		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
<b>001.145.5400 - Administrator Treasurer</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>5,200</b>			
Hampshire/Franklin County CT		10		
MA Collector & Treasurer Assoc		25		
Softright		3,473		
Susan Warriner		63		
Town of Cummington		185		
U.S. Postal Service		857		
W.B. Mason		47		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>540</b>	
<b>001.146.5400 - Admin Tax Collector</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>4,000</b>			
Community Software Consortium		750		
MA Collector & Treasurer Assoc		25		
Phoenix Computer Systems		750		
Susan Warriner		38		
U.S. Postal Service		1,004		
University Conference Services CS 16-24		90		
W.B. Mason		634		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>710</b>	
<b>001.151.5200 - Town Counsel</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>10,000</b>			
Transfer to Highway	(5,000)			
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>10,000</b>	

<b>001.158.5400 - Tax Title Expenses</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>3,500</b>			
Daily Hampshire Gazette		411		
Hampshire County Registry of Deeds		325		
Siddall & Siddall, P.C.		1,926		
Stevensville Corporation		320		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>518</b>	
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<b>001.161.5400 - Admin Town Clerk</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>1,000</b>			
Danforth Printing		110		
Diversified Business Systems		57		
Donna Jordan		63		
Iron Mountain		340		
U.S. Postal Service		245		
W.B. Mason		175		
Western MA City & Town Clerks' Assoc		23		
Transfer from Town Report	14			
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>1</b>	
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<b>001.162.5110 - Election &amp; Registration</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>2,900</b>			
Cunningham Sharon		480		
Forgea Susan		270		
Horton Jeannette A.		90		
Jay Kristin M.		175		
Merritt Helen S.		190		
Parsons Anne M.		130		
Robb Barbara M.		110		
Vandoloski Monica		330		
Wolf Carolyn		210		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>915</b>	
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<b>001.171.5400 - Conservation Commission</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>150</b>			
Ad in Gazette		(66)		
Daily Hampshire Gazette		66		
Donna Douglas		7		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>143</b>	
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<b>001.175.5400 - Planning Board</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>1,600</b>			
Spectrum Investigative Services, Inc.		500		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>1,100</b>	
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<b>001.176.5400 - ZBA</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>500</b>			
STM June 25, 2015 FC	700			
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission		700		
Turley Publications, Inc.		44		
ZBA -Cost of hearing		(100)		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>556</b>	
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<b>001.192.5340 - Internet/Telephone</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>10,250</b>			
DD Graphics Web Media		380		
Donna Douglas Payroll		267		
Joy Johns		313		
MCI Comm Service		326		
Verizon		5,909		
Verizon Business		15		
Verizon Select Services, Inc.		209		
Transfer To Highway Salaries	(742)			
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>2,089</b>	
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<b>001.192.5400 - Community House</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>15,000</b>			
Alternative Recycling Systems		566		
Cummington Supply Inc.		58		
Cunningham Michael R.		143		
D.J. Clary Plumbing & Heating		85		
Donna Jordan Payroll reclass to 4052.00		(442)		
Eversource		2,439		
George Propane, Inc.		7,438		
Horton Jeannette A.		120		
Jordan Donna C.		442		
Monica Vandoloski		990		
Robbins Gloria		495		
Simplex Grinnell		1,262		
Town of Cummington		190		
Vacuum Peddler		75		
Verizon		0		
W.B. Mason		462		
Wait 'N Save		557		
Wolf Marie J.		120		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
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<b>001.192.5460 - Lawn Mowing</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>3,800</b>			
Robbins Gloria		1,144		
Westfield Equipment Service		1,731		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>925</b>	
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<b>001.192.5820 - Old Garage Capital</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>17,500</b>			
Stevensville Corporation		16,850		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>650</b>	
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<b>001.192.5850 - Community House Capital</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>0</b>			
Carry Forward	12,763			
James Nelson		450		
Murray Solomon		3,043		
Raynor Door Sales		320		
Stevensville Corporation		630		8,320
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
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<b>001.195.5200 - Town Reports</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>3,200</b>			
Adams Speciatly & Printing Co.		2,044		
Transfer to Animal Control	(169)			
Transfer to Computer Capital	(167)			
Transfer to Town Clerk	(14)			
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>806</b>	
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<b>001.210.5100 - Police Dept Salaries</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>17,500</b>			
Cunningham Sharon		45		
Forgea Dennis		8,360		
Perkins Michael A.		8,823		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>272</b>	
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<b>001.210.5400 - Police Department</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>11,700</b>			
Adam Dragon		25		
Berkshire Cycle		19		
Burke Chevrolet		840		
Ed's Auto Repair		35		
Glidden Training & Consulting, LLC		35		
Guardian Uniform and Supply		540		
Hampshire Sheriff's Office		828		
JMS Auto Parts		46		
Joseph P Gomes		0		
MA Chiefs of Police Assoc., Inc.		770		
Massachusetts Police Association		48		
Matthew Bender & CO., Inc.		64		
Michael Perkins		75		
Mister Tire		1,424		
MPA-PAC		16		
Pacific Printing		136		
Poissant Electric, LLC		743		
Public Safety Center, Inc.		95		
Sentry Uniform Inc.		93		
Telrepc0		3,837		

<b>001.210.5400 - Police Department (continued)</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
TMDE Calibration Labs, Inc.		240		
U. S. Postal Service		60		
Verizon		880		
Void check correction		300		
W.B. Mason		372		
Western Mass Chiefs of Police Assoc		100		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>78</b>	
<b>001.210.5410 - Police Expenses</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>0</b>			
Carry Forward	3,500			0
Guardian Uniform and Supply		3,500		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
<b>001.210.5420 - Police Expenses</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>0</b>			
STM March 6, 2014	2,500			
Industrial Residential Sec, LLC		2,500		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
<b>001.210.5800 - Police Capital</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>0</b>			
Carry Forward	45,000			
MHQ Municipal Vehicles		7,320		
Mirak Automotive Group		34,325		
Mister Tire		860		
Pittsfield Communications		1,044		1,451
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
<b>001.220.5400 - FD &amp; Forest Warden</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>19,231</b>			
Adam Dragon		57		
Bernard Forgea		2,193		
Conrad Liebenow		117		
Cummington Supply Inc.		539		
Ed's Auto Repair		35		
Fail Safe Testing, LLC		1,641		
Fire Tech & Safety of New England, Inc.		450		
Firehouse Magazine		30		
Firehouse Software		625		
Hampshire County Fire Defense Assoc		600		
JMS Auto Parts		96		
Mountainview Graphics		34		
Northeast Rescue Systems		394		
Pittsfield Communications		377		
Pittsfield Fire & Safety Co., Inc.		149		
S & S Machine & Welding, Inc.		235		
Telrepc		399		
The Chimney Scrubber		1,199		
The Fire Truck Authority		9,271		

<b>001.220.5400 - FD &amp; Forest Warden</b> <i>(continued)</i>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
Underground Supply, Inc.		83		
Western Mass Fire Chief's Assn		115		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>592</b>	
<b>001.220.5800 - Fire Dept Capital</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>0</b>			
FY2013 Carry Forwards	8,679			
Fire Tech & Safety of New England, Inc.		6,155		
Grainger		475		
MES-New York		1,749		
Telrepc		214		
ATM May 1, 2015	12,044			12,130
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
<b>001.231.5400 - Highland Ambulance</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>22,451</b>			
Highland Ambulance EMS, Inc.		20,800		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>1,651</b>	
<b>001.241.5100 - Building Inspector Wages</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>8,000</b>			
Cerone James A.		8,000		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
<b>001.241.5400 - Building Inspector Admin</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>300</b>			
Cerone James A.		138		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>162</b>	
<b>001.290.5400 - Public Safety Complex</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>17,100</b>			
Eversource		4,226		
Fire Detection Systems		1,147		
Kinsley Power Systems		900		
Mass Mobile Inspections		600		
Susan Forgea		500		
Town of Cummington		1,025		
Whiting Energy Fuels		7,087		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>1,615</b>	
<b>001.290.5800 - Public Safety Complex Cap</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>0</b>			
Carry Forward	12,590			
John Thomas		6,716		5,875
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	

<b>001.291.5400 - Emergency Management</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>5,829</b>			
Blackboard		1,876		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>3,953</b>	
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<b>001.292.5400 - Animal Control Officer</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>2,300</b>			
Berkshire Veterinary Hospital		481		
Hampshire Council of Governments		37		
Julie Jernstrom		1,950		
Transfer from Town Report	169			
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
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<b>001.294.5400 - Tree Account</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>5,000</b>			
Howes Tree & Landscaping		5,000		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
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<b>001.300.5320 - Vocational Tuition</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>157,338</b>			
Smith Vocational & Agricultural High School		158,340		
Transfer from Town Official Mileage	1,002			
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
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<b>001.300.5330 - CBRSD Transportation</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>33,873</b>			
Central Berkshire Regional S.D.		33,873		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
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<b>001.300.5400 - CBRSD Operating Exp</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>818,642</b>			
Central Berkshire Regional S.D.		818,642		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
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<b>001.300.5800 - CBRSD Capital Expense</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>10,874</b>			
Central Berkshire Regional S.D.		10,874		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
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<b>001.301.5330 - Vocational Transportation</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>40,725</b>			
Stevensville Corp		40,725		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
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<b>001.422.5110 - Highway Salaries</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>133,372</b>			
FY2015 Payroll Split		1,071		
Carpenter Dean P.		42,590		
Dextraze Jr Robert		49,815		
Frost Joseph D.		40,370		
Granger Cameren R.		368		
Howes Kenneth L.		64		
Swanda, Jr Wells R.		8,978		
Transfer from Various	7,642			
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>(2,241)</b>	
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<b>001.422.5150 - Highway Vac, Hol, Sick &amp; Pers</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>13,215</b>			
Carpenter Dean P.		3,715		
Dextraze Jr Robert		5,853		
Frost Joseph D.		1,472		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>2,176</b>	
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<b>001.422.5400 - Highway Admin</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>11,100</b>			
Advanced Tank Testing Services, Inc.		105		
AW Direct, Inc.		79		
Bernard Forgea		25		
Cummington Supply Inc.		1,327		
Dave's Oil Burner Service		110		
Eversource		1,550		
John Thomas		200		
MA Tri-County Highway Super Assoc		25		
Mass Mobile Inspections		800		
Raynor Door Sales		30		
Robert Dextraze		19		
Sugarledge Stone Quarry, Inc.		1,095		
Sunnyside Painting		0		
Town of Cummington		616		
W.B. Mason		210		
Whiting Energy Fuels		3,755		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>1,155</b>	
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<b>001.422.5415 - Highway Tool &amp; Machinery</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>65,000</b>			
Carquest of Shelburne Falls		52		
Dennis K. Burke, Inc.		14,204		
Ed's Auto Repair		319		
Frank LaBelle's Sales & Services, Inc.		1,337		
Gateway Motors		140		
GRS Equipment Services		2,625		
Howe Bros., Inc.		696		
Interstate Battery System		645		
JMS Auto Parts		567		
Mirabito Energy - Lenox Dale		32,958		
Pete's Tire Barns, Inc.		150		

<b>001.422.5415 - Highway Tool &amp; Machinery (continued)</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
Schmidt Equipment, Inc.		10,336		
Sessions Repair		40		
Superior Spring & MFG Co.		140		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>792</b>	

**001.422.5420 - Highway General**

<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>62,000</b>			
Airgas East		186		
Bacon's Equipment		171		
Carquest of Shelburne Falls		111		
Certified Laboratories		3,088		
Cintas Corporation		2,449		
Cummington Supply Inc.		1,101		
Dean Carpenter		200		
Donbeck Sales		485		
F.W. Webb Company		1,162		
FleetPride		43		
Frank LaBelle's Sales & Services, Inc.		310		
Frank LaBelle's Sales & Service		796		
G & S Industrial, Inc.		89		
George D. Judd & Sons LLC		4,197		
GRS Equipment Services		70		
Hampshire Council of Governments		188		
Hampshire Purchasing Cooperative		59		
Hiway Safety Systems, Inc.		4,859		
JMS Auto Parts		953		
L.F. Powers Co., Inc.		1,833		
Lashway Bark Mulch		1,536		
Liebenow's Garage		300		
Maintenance Man Inc.		2,640		
Meehan Construction Co., Inc.		21,709		
Mister Tire		1,143		
Palmer Paving Corporation		1,830		
Peter J. Marcoux		340		
R.I. Baker Co. Inc.		1,994		
Robert Dextraze		1,155		
Sessions Repair		251		
Sirum Equipment Company, Inc.		247		
Stanton Equipment, Inc.		369		
Stevensville Corp.		242		
Stevensville Corporation		2,839		
Sugarledge Stone Quarry, Inc.		2,812		
Turley Publications, Inc.		43		
W.B. Mason		65		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>137</b>	

**001.422.5430 - Highway Misc**

<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>500</b>			
Berkshire Cnty Hwy Supt Assn		30		
Hampshire Purchasing Cooperative		240		
Massachusetts Highway Association		80		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>150</b>	

<b>001.422.5800 - Highway Capital</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>0</b>			
Carried Forward	18,061			
Lashway Bark Mulch		180		
Stevensville Corporation		7,000		
Sunnyside Painting		8,550		2,331
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
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<b>001.422.5835 - Lease of Brush Mower</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>3,747</b>			
Deere Credit, Inc		29,511		
Lease of Brush Mower - WMECO		(26,000)		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>236</b>	
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<b>001.423.5400 - Winter Roads</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>60,000</b>			
Bacon's Equipment		180		
George D. Judd & Sons LLC		40,129		
GRS Equipment Services		2,241		
Liebenow's Garage		2,400		
Morton Salt, Inc.		29,413		
Pete's Tire Barns, Inc.		404		
Wholesale Distributors		6,755		
Zwack, Inc.		1,038		
STM June 26 2014	22,561			
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
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<b>001.450.5100 - Water Wages</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>10,700</b>			
Dennis Forgea		5,200		
Forgea Dennis		5,200		
Warriner Susan L.		200		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>100</b>	
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<b>001.450.5400 - Water</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>44,300</b>			
Astro Chemicals, Inc.		4,605		
Dept. of Environmental Protection		90		
E.J. Prescott, Inc.		2,636		
Eversource		5,035		
George Propane, Inc.		1,972		
Housatonic Basin Sampling & Testing		3,340		
Mass Rural Water Association		200		
Massachusetts Water Works Assoc.		75		
R.E. Erickson Co., Inc.		908		
Susan Warriner		68		
USABlueBook		267		
USDA		21,844		
Verizon		201		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>3,058</b>	

<b>001.510.5400 - Board of Health</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>63,000</b>			
A FY2015 Payroll Split		857		
Accufab Ironworks, Inc.		215		
Barbara Curran		350		
Callahan Sign, LLC		229		
Corinne Sharkey		29		
Cummington Supply Inc.		63		
Cunningham Michael R.		100		
Dave Wickles Trucking		17,889		
DD Graphics Web Media		45		
Dextraze Dylan A.		350		
Ely, Jr. Robert J.		3,030		
Eversource		1,945		
Forgea Susan		46		
Foster Farrar		46		
Hampshire County Registry of Deeds		75		
Hatfield Printing & Publishing		408		
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.		198		
HRMC		3,810		
Judith Bogart		50		
Maguire Equipment Inc.		2,500		
Matthew Bender & CO., Inc.		0		
Moore Medical LLC		243		
Northampton Rental Center, Inc.		40		
Office of the Sheriff		57		
Robbins Sr. Levi		2,933		
Shane Wolf		1,200		
Sharkey Corinne		6,423		
Stericycle, Inc.		589		
Stevensville Corporation		500		
Tags-Bags-Containers		750		
Tighe & Bond		7,702		
U.S. Postal Service		746		
W.B. Mason		42		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>9,542</b>	
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<b>001.541.5400 - Council on Aging</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>2,000</b>			
Carolyn Urekew		49		
Northern Hilltown Consortium of COA's		66		
Reclass expense W.B. Mason		53		
Urekew Carolyn J.		1,572		
W.B. Mason		259		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
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<b>001.543.5400 - Veterans</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>18,500</b>			
Eva Howes		3,153		
Northampton Veterans' Service		3,226		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>12,121</b>	

<b>001.610.5400 - Library</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>7,184</b>			
Barnes & Noble, Inc.		958		
Cummington Supply Inc.		4		
Cunningham Brandon		54		
Donald Scheidel		213		
Electralarm		250		
Eliza J. Dragon		483		
Eversource		538		
Home Depot Credit Services		463		
Kenneth Graf		65		
Mark DeMaranville		1,453		
Matthew Grallert		300		
Molly Smith		125		
National Geographic Little Kids		30		
Quilters Newsletter		42		
Rolling Stone		40		
Sherwin-Williams		74		
Smithsonian Institution		16		
Tessier Gregory		128		
The Creamery		25		
The New Yorker		100		
Time		75		
Whiting Energy Fuels		1,451		
Wired		22		
Wolf Marie J.		278		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>(2)</b>	

**001.610.5800 - Library Capital**

<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>0</b>			
Carry Forward	5,780			
Cummington Supply Inc.		1,783		
Donald Scheidel		137		
Joseph P. Gomes		2,288		
Sherwin-Williams		41		
Smith College Museum of Art		75		
Tristan Arsenaault		631		
Void Check Correction		350		
William A. Dynok		475		
ATM May 1, 2015	5,000			5,000
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	

**001.630.5400 - Recreation**

<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>3,000</b>			
Alternative Recycling Systems		183		
Cummington Supply Inc.		242		
Dennis Forgea		290		
Donna L. Forgea		418		
Eversource		487		

<b>001.630.5400 - Recreation (continued)</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
George Propane, Inc.		111		
Hilltown Junior Olympics		25		
Jennifer O'Neill		18		
Peter J. Marcoux		438		
Reynolds Team Sales		416		
Ronald Forgea		160		
Town of Cummington		190		
Verizon		22		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
<b>001.630.5800 - Rec Capital</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>0</b>			
STM June 25, 2015 FC	8,200			8,200
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
<b>001.751.5915 - Safety Complex Loan</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>77,574</b>			
USDA		77,574		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
<b>001.751.5920 - Interest on Loans</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>5,000</b>			
Easthampton Savings Bank		707		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>4,293</b>	
<b>001.830.5400 - Council of Govt's</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>496</b>			
Hampshire Council of Governments	0	496		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
<b>001.830.5401 - LPVP Commission</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>130</b>			
Pioneer Valley Planning		131		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>(1)</b>	
<b>001.911.5400 - Contributory Retirement</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>36,902</b>			
Hampshire Regional Retirement System		36,902		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	

<b>001.913.5400 - Unemployment</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Closed to Surplus</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>1,000</b>			
Dept of Employment & Training		73		
Division of Unemployment Asst		289		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>638</b>	
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<b>001.914.5400 - Medical Insurance</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>13,000</b>			
Hampshire County Group Ins		5,457		
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>7,543</b>	
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<b>001.916.5400 - Medicare/Social Security</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>10,000</b>			
US Treasury SS Admin		12,059		
Reserve Fund Transfer	2,059			
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>0</b>	
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<b>001.945.5400 - Liability Insurance</b>				
<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>42,000</b>			
Deep Associates		9,313		
MIIA Property & Casualty Group		4,045		
MIIA Property & Casualty Group, Inc.		24,976		
Travelers CL Remittance Center		755		
Transfer To Highway Salaries	(1,900)			
<b>TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE</b>			<b>1,011</b>	

## *Other Expenditures 2015*

<b>185472.00</b>	<b>COA Memorial Gifts</b>	
	Anne Parsons	46.15
	Big Y	180.00
	Carolyn Urekew	290.81
	Kenneth Graf	20.00
	MCOA	150.00
	U.S. Postal Service	73.50
	W.B. Mason	163.27
	Whorle's Foods Inc.	20.30
	Williamsburg Market	119.88
	<b>Total COA Memorial Gifts</b>	<b>1,063.91</b>
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<b>230.499.5865.0000</b>	<b>Chapter 90</b>	
	Palmer Paving Corporation	5,956.63
	Rafferty Fine Grading, Inc.	42,286.26
	Warner Brothers, LLC	198,431.88
	<b>Total Chapter 90</b>	<b>246,674.77</b>
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<b>255513.00</b>	<b>COA HV Expenses</b>	
	Elliot Ring	20.00
	<b>Total COA HV</b>	<b>20.00</b>
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<b>300.510.5820.0000</b>	<b>Transfer Station Capital Project</b>	
	Cummington Supply Inc.	290.13
	Frank LaBelle's Sales & Service	14.40
	Levi Robbins	15.40
	Maguire Equipment Inc.	69.35
	New England Fence	16,750.00
	Poissant Electric, LLC	2,825.00
	Stantec Consulting Sevices, Inc.	10,000.00
	Stephen Young	500.00
	Stevensville Corporation	3,953.57
	Sunnyside Painting	1,050.00
	<b>Total Transfer Station Capital</b>	<b>35,467.85</b>

<b>4054.00</b>	<b>Historical Commission</b>	
	Cummington Supply Inc.	128.40
	Dave Wickles Trucking	2,412.25
	Electralarm	510.00
	Elia Sarah Winter	225.00
	Eversource	971.77
	Ginzberg Ezra M.	135.00
	Howes Tree and Landscaping	420.00
	Jensen Kathryn L.	165.00
	Joshua Wachtel	100.00
	Kimberely Wachtel	100.00
	McMahon Jessica E.M.	90.00
	Patricia Keith	398.07
	Peg Cowen & John Bye	100.00
	Peter J. Marcoux	206.00
	Pittsfield Fire & Safety Co., Inc.	327.85
	Quigley Builders, Inc.	270,653.81
	Ronald Woodland	100.00
	Scott B Keith	277.50
	Scott Keith	1,000.00
	Shane Wolf	2,325.00
	Streeter Hannah L.	371.25
	The Creamery	26.95
	Town of Cummington	525.00
	Transfer funds from Historic	3,000.00
	U.S. Postal Service	112.00
	<b>Total Historical Commission</b>	<b>284,680.85</b>
<b>54009.00</b>	<b>Police Gifts &amp; Donations</b>	
	RDJ Specialties, Inc.	240.92
	<b>Total Police Gifts &amp; Donations</b>	<b>240.92</b>
<b>54010.00</b>	<b>Police Dept Special</b>	
	Bacon's Equipment	39.95
	Ed's Auto Repair	373.42
	JMS Auto Parts	182.98
	<b>Total Police Dept Special</b>	<b>596.35</b>
<b>54012.00</b>	<b>Fire Dept Special</b>	
	Bernard Forgea	706.13
	Campaigns That Win.com	1,627.20
	Cummington Fire Association	856.47
	Pacific Printing	222.00
	RDJ Specialties, Inc.	924.05
	Susan Forgea	93.75
	Traffic Safety System	3,955.00
	<b>Total Fire Dept Special</b>	<b>8,384.60</b>

<b>54050.00</b>	<b>Cemetery Expenses</b>	
	Cummington Supply Inc.	9.31
	Howes Tree and Landscaping	650.00
	Jordan Jacob R.	6,040.00
	Peter J. Marcoux	598.50
	<b>Total Cemetery Expenses</b>	<b>7,297.81</b>

<b>54052.00</b>	<b>Community House</b>	
	Alternative Recycling Systems	491.78
	Eversource	1,968.09
	Expense Transfer	122.37
	George Propane, Inc.	4,803.84
	Horton Jeannette A.	720.00
	Jordan Donna C.	416.00
	Pittsfield Fire & Safety Co., Inc.	172.70
	Scott Beach	270.00
	Stevensville Corporation	280.00
	Systems Plumbing & Heating	250.00
	Town of Cummington	375.00
	Vacuum Peddler	28.00
	W.B. Mason	261.13
	Wolf Marie J.	720.00
	<b>Total Community House</b>	<b>10,878.91</b>

<b>54150.00</b>	<b>Septic System Repair Loan</b>	
	Eric Driver	18,500.00
	<b>Total FID State</b>	<b>18,500.00</b>

<b>54210.00</b>	<b>FID State Portion</b>	
	Commonwealth of Mass	1,125.00
	<b>Total FID State</b>	<b>1,125.00</b>

<b>54302.01</b>	<b>Board of Health Grant Expenses</b>	
	Bacon's Equipment	439.96
	Cummington Fire Association	1,405.52
	Grant Budget	0.00
	S & S Machine & Welding, Inc.	150.00
	<b>Total COA State Grant</b>	<b>1,995.48</b>

<b>5514.00</b>	<b>COA State Grant</b>	
	Urekew Carolyn J.	4,000.04
	<b>Total COA State Grant</b>	<b>4,000.04</b>

<b>5522.00</b>	<b>State Aid to Libraries</b>	
	Barnes & Noble, Inc.	359.22
	Eliza J Dragon	163.66
	<b>Total State Aid to Libraries</b>	<b>522.88</b>

<b>5524.00</b>	<b>Arts Council</b>	
	Ashfield Community Theater	250.00
	Beth Skinner	400.00
	Chesterfield 4th of July Assoc	150.00
	Davis Bates	350.00
	Franklin Land Trust	75.00
	Hilltown Choral Society	50.00
	Hilltown Familes, Inc.	100.00
	Jay Mankita	390.00
	John Porcino	375.00
	Kathryn Jensen	67.57
	North Hall Association	200.00
	Plainfield Congregational Church	250.00
	Sarah Pirtle	300.00
	Saralinda LoBrose	150.00
	Tamarack Hollow c/o Aimee Gelinas	450.00
	Trustees of Reservations	100.00
	<b>Total Arts Council</b>	<b>3,657.57</b>

<b>5562.00</b>	<b>53E 1/2 Inspec Rev 6000</b>	
	Bernard Forgea	625.00
	Don Lawton	1,637.00
	Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust	294.00
	William Graham	3,470.00
	<b>Total Inspectors</b>	<b>6,026.00</b>

<b>893.210-5130</b>	<b>Police Outside Detail</b>	
	Cunningham Sharon	15,423.00
	Forgea Dennis	45,019.50
	Granger Taylor A.	23,992.50
	Perkins Michael A.	38,187.20
	Spiess Robert N.	18,819.50
	Town of Goshen	2,688.00
	Town of Peru	756.00
	Town of Plainfield	1,932.00
	Town of Williamsburg	546.00
	Town of Windsor	756.00
	<b>Total Police Outside Detail</b>	<b>148,119.70</b>

# Town of Cummington - Combined Balance Sheet - July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Assets	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Government Grant Funds	Capital Projects	Revolving	Water	Septic	Trusts	Agency	Long Term Debt	Totals
Cash	\$ 280,362	\$ 314,824	\$ 117,690	\$(9,249)	\$ 10,466	\$ 82,284	\$ 98,287	\$ 1,620,754	\$(7,773)	\$ 0	\$ 2,507,645
Other Receivables	0	0	0	0	0	0	17,769	0	0	0	17,769
Property Taxes	90,765	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90,765
Overlay	(17,681)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(17,681)
Tax Liens	44,123	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44,123
MVE	28,999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28,999
User charges	0	0	0	0	0	11,501	0	0	0	0	11,501
Bonds	0	0	0	65,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,241,165	1,306,165
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>426,569</b>	<b>314,824</b>	<b>117,690</b>	<b>55,751</b>	<b>10,466</b>	<b>93,785</b>	<b>116,056</b>	<b>1,620,754</b>	<b>(7,773)</b>	<b>1,241,165</b>	<b>3,989,287</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>											
Other Liabilities	518	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	293	0	811
Def Rev Prop Tax	73,084	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73,084
Def Rev Tax Liens	44,123	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44,123
Def Rev MVE	28,999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28,999
Def Rev Other	0	0	0	0	0	11,501	17,769	0	0	0	29,270
Bans Payable	0	0	0	65,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,241,165	1,306,165
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>146,724</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>65,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,501</b>	<b>17,769</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>1,241,165</b>	<b>1,482,453</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>											
Reserved for Encumbrances	24,000	0	0	0	0	16,686	0	0	0	0	40,686
Reserved for Expenditures	43,307	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43,307
Reserved for Deficits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Designated	100	314,824	117,690	2,438	10,466	46,532	115,827	1,620,754	10,379	0	2,239,010
Undesignated	212,438	0	0	(11,687)	0	19,065	(17,539)	0	(18,445)	0	183,832
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>279,845</b>	<b>314,824</b>	<b>117,690</b>	<b>(9,249)</b>	<b>10,466</b>	<b>82,284</b>	<b>98,287</b>	<b>1,620,754</b>	<b>(8,066)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,506,834</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 426,569</b>	<b>\$ 314,824</b>	<b>\$ 117,690</b>	<b>\$ 55,751</b>	<b>\$ 10,466</b>	<b>\$ 93,785</b>	<b>\$ 116,056</b>	<b>\$ 1,620,754</b>	<b>\$ (7,773)</b>	<b>\$ 1,241,165</b>	<b>\$ 3,989,287</b>

# *Balance Sheet Assets*

## *Town of Cummington*

Balance Sheet General Fund Assets as of June 30, 2015

	Assets	
<b>CASH</b>		
General Fund Cash	\$ 280,362	
Petty Cash	100	
<b>TOTAL FOR CASH</b>		<u>\$ 280,462</u>
<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES</b>		
Levy of 2015	933	
Levy of 2014	586	
Levy of 2013	479	
Levy of 2012	430	
Levy of 2011	483	
<b>TOTAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES</b>		<u>2,912</u>
<b>REAL ESTATE TAXES</b>		
Levy of 2015	53,722	
Levy of 2014	31,891	
Levy of 2013	2,240	
Prior Years	0	
<b>TOTAL OF REAL ESTATE TAXES</b>		<u>87,853</u>
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES</b>		
Levy of 2015	8,852	
Levy of 2014	704	
Levy of 2013	605	
Levy of 2012	695	
Prior Years	18,143	
<b>TOTAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES</b>		<u>28,999</u>
<b>TAX TITLES &amp; POSSESSIONS</b>		
Tax Title	18,563	
Tax Possessions	25,559	
<b>TOTAL TAX TITLE &amp; POSSESSIONS</b>		<u>44,123</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>\$ 444,349.42</u>

***Town of Cummington  
Trust Funds Accounts***

***July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015***

**TRUST FUNDS:**

Stabilization Fund	\$ 623,268.37
Compensated Absences	2,000.00
Cemetery Fund	40,677.17
Community House Fund	2,552.28
Community House Stock Fund	92,000.00
Historical Trust Fund	735,202.67
Library Trust Fund	3,563.16
Library Building Fund	4,406.49
Whiting Street Trust Fund	19,454.79
N.F. Orcutt Charity Fund	19,895.40
School Trust Fund	24,126.14
Town Clock Trust Fund	372.89
Madelyn Orcutt Fund	53,234.80
	\$ 1,620,754.16

***Reserve Fund***

***July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014***

<b>Appropriation</b>		<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>
Public Safety Budget	\$ 340.00	
Medicare / Social Security	288.00	
Public Safety Budget	2,051.42	
Tax Title Transfer	2,508.00	
	<b>\$ 5,187.42</b>	<b>\$ 812.58</b>

## *Statement of Revenues*

### ESTIMATED TO ACTUAL

*July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015*

	Estimated	Actual	Over/Under
<b>TAXES:</b>			
Personal Property	\$ 68,793	\$ 68,670	\$ (123)
Real Estate	1,684,503	1,550,193	(134,309)
Motor Vehicle	58,000	109,352	51,352
Farm Animal	0	0	0
In Lieu of Taxes	1,000	0	(1,000)
Solid Waste Disposal	23,500	36,458	12,958
<b>STATE AID:</b>			
Chapter 70 School Aid	73,684	73,684	0
School Transportation	0	0	0
Unrestricted Govt Aid	76,903	74,231	(2,672)
Abatement Reimbursements	4,629	1,004	(3,625)
State Owned Land	41,438	41,438	0
Veteran's Benefits	1,716	12,080	10,364
Library	1,963	1,939	(24)
<b>OTHER:</b>			
Interest of Taxes	5,000	14,840	9,840
Licenses and Permits	5,000	9,407	4,407
Fines	1,000	1,878	878
Interest on Savings	1,000	888	(112)
Fees	2,000	29,748	27,748
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	0	4,439	4,439
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 2,050,129</b>	<b>\$ 2,030,250</b>	<b>\$ (19,879)</b>

***Town Treasurer's Report  
Bank Accounts - FY 2015***

<b>BANK</b>	<b>BALANCE 6/30/2014</b>	<b>BALANCE 6/30/2015</b>
<b>CENTURY BANK</b>		
Cemetery Trust Funds	\$ 35,831.31	\$ 40,677.17
Charitable Trust Funds	63,317.86	63,476.33
Town Clock Fund	371.96	372.89
<b>UNIBANK</b>		
Stabilization	196,400.88	196,648.21
Community House Trust	2,548.50	2,552.28
Library Trust	3,557.84	3,563.16
Library Building Fund	4,399.90	4,406.49
Madelyn Orcutt Fund	4,290.15	4,283.84
Arts Council Grant	4,352.15	5,099.54
Rehab Program Income Acct.	105,188.86	76,126.28
Helen Muchnic Trust	175,748.53	175,489.43
<b>EASTHAMPTON SAVINGS BANK</b>		
Stabilization	325,147.81	426,620.16
<b>PEOPLE'S UNITED BANK</b>		
Septic System Repair Program	115,826.63	98,287.25
General Fund	537,365.45	702,493.05
<b>BERKSHIRE BANK</b>		
Money Mkt/Pub Safety Complex	100.65	100.65
Fidelity Investment Funds		
Community House Trust	92,000.00	92,000.00
M. Orcutt Fund	48,943.10	48,950.96
<b>HISTORICAL COMMISSION FUNDS</b>		
Investors Capital	969,914.12	735,202.67
<b>DEPOSITS IN TRANSIT (REHAB)</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>CHECKS OUTSTANDING</b>	(8,849.15)	(27,240.04)
<b>PETTY CASH</b>	100.00	100.00
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 2,676,556.55</b>	<b>\$ 2,649,210.32</b>

***Commissioners of Trust Funds***  
***July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015***

	Principal	Balance 7/1/2014	Interest	Add (With)	Balance 6/30/2015	Available
<b>BRYANT CEMETERY</b>						
Mary Tower	297.00	1,156.98	2.89		1,159.87	862.87
Bartlett	107.50	410.11	1.02		411.13	303.63
Brewster	100.00	356.28	0.89		357.17	257.17
Donated	775.00	1,274.23	3.19		1,277.42	502.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,279.50</b>	<b>3,197.60</b>	<b>7.99</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,205.59</b>	<b>1,926.09</b>
<b>DAWES CEMETERY</b>						
Whitmarsh	100.00	459.19	1.15		460.34	360.34
Pratt	50.00	296.13	0.74		296.87	246.87
Thayer-Gurney	200.00	1,047.30	2.62		1,049.92	849.92
C.J. Thayer	1,000.00	2,467.47	6.17		2,473.64	1,473.64
Donated	5,650.00	13,877.98	36.22	1,750.00	15,664.20	10,014.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>	<b>18,148.07</b>	<b>46.90</b>	<b>1,750.00</b>	<b>19,944.97</b>	<b>12,944.97</b>
<b>GURNEY CEMETERY</b>						
Donated	400.00	2,034.13	5.09	0.00	2,039.22	1,639.22
<b>HARLOW CEMETERY</b>						
Packard	107.50	364.18	0.92	0.00	365.10	257.60
Donated	750.00	1,334.75	3.34	0.00	1,338.09	588.09
<b>Total</b>	<b>857.50</b>	<b>1,698.93</b>	<b>4.26</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1703.19</b>	<b>845.69</b>
<b>STREETER CEMETERY</b>						
Donated	244.20	502.46	1.26	0.00	503.72	259.52
<b>VILLAGE CEMETERY</b>						
Adams	100.00	338.92	0.85	0.00	339.77	239.77
Bates	100.00	338.35	0.84	0.00	339.19	239.19
Donated	674.39	1,950.72	4.88	0.00	1,955.60	1,281.21
<b>Total</b>	<b>874.39</b>	<b>2,627.99</b>	<b>6.57</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,634.56</b>	<b>1,760.17</b>
<b>GENERAL CEMETERY</b>						
Donated	5,680.00	7,622.13	23.79	3,000.00	10,645.92	4,965.92
<b>TOTAL CEMETERY</b>	<b>\$16,335.59</b>	<b>\$35,831.31</b>	<b>\$95.86</b>	<b>\$4,750.00</b>	<b>\$40,677.17</b>	<b>\$24,341.58</b>

## *Commissioners of Trust Funds (continued)*

	Principal	Balance	Interest	Add	Balance	Available
		7/1/2014		(With)	6/30/2015	
<b>CHARITABLE FUNDS</b>						
N.F. Orcutt	2,254.63	19,845.73	49.67		19,895.40	17,640.77
Whiting Street	2,071.27	19,406.22	48.57		19,454.79	17,383.52
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,325.90</b>	<b>39,251.95</b>	<b>98.24</b>		<b>39,350.19</b>	<b>35,024.29</b>
<b>EDUCATION FUND</b>						
O.H. Warner	1,221.89	24,065.91	60.23		24,126.14	22,904.25
<b>Town Clock Fund</b>						
E.S. Pettingill	200.00	371.96	0.93		372.89	172.89
<b>TOTAL</b>						
<b>TRUST FUNDS</b>	<b>\$22,083.38</b>	<b>\$99,521.13</b>	<b>\$255.26</b>	<b>\$4,750.00</b>	<b>\$104,526.39</b>	<b>\$82,443.01</b>

\*Withdrawals are for care of cemeteries offset by donations

## *Maturing Debt & Interest - FY 2015*

Type of Bank Note	Date and Issue	Beginning Bal. 07/01/14	Principal Paid	Interest Paid	Principal Remaining
VILLAGE WATER					
FmHA@ 6.50%	11/23/1987	128,638.11	5,919.92	8,361.48	122,718.19
VILLAGE WATER					
FmHA @ 6.125%	6/28/1985	69,636.99	3,297.73	4,265.27	66,339.26
USDA PUBLIC SAFETY					
COMPLEX	7/15/2009	1,070,269.88	18,161.86	59,412.14	1,052,108.02
COMPACTOR SITE					
REFURBISHING	6/5/2013	85,000.00	20,000.00	422.60	\$65,000.00
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$1,353,544.98</b>	<b>\$47,379.51</b>	<b>\$72,461.49</b>	<b>\$1,306,165.47</b>

## ***Tax Collector***

*June 30, 2015*

<b>Year of Tax</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Committed &amp; Balanced</b>	<b>Tax Paid</b>	<b>Abate/ Exempt</b>	<b>Refunds</b>	<b>Tax Title</b>	<b>Balance Due</b>
2000	Motor Vehicle	464.69					464.69
2001	Motor Vehicle	662.50					662.50
2002	Motor Vehicle	238.75					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	65.00					65.00
2008	Motor Vehicle	6,435.00					6,435.00
2009	Motor Vehicle	6,393.44					6,393.44
2010	Motor Vehicle	127.50	50.00				77.50
2011	Motor Vehicle	332.19	33.33				298.86
2011	Personal Prop	483.06					483.06
2012	Motor Vehicle	763.74	68.34				695.40
2012	Personal Prop	843.39	413.10				430.29
2012	Real Estate	2,157.78	1,557.26			600.52	0.00
2013	Motor Vehicle	1,928.65	1,324.07				604.58

## *Tax Collector (continued)*

Year of Tax	Type	Committed & Balanced	Tax Paid	Abate/ Exempt	Refunds	Tax Title	Balance Due
2013	Personal Prop	1,398.12	919.33				478.79
2013	Real Estate	24,795.92	21,562.68	993.37			2,239.87
2014	Motor Vehicle	23,220.88	22,071.70	493.95	48.33		703.56
2014	Personal Prop	1,807.71	1,221.30				586.41
2014	Real Estate	53,854.32	21,963.09				31,891.23
2015	Motor Vehicle	95,387.68	86,083.06	599.17	146.98		8,852.43
2015	Personal Prop	69,779.29	68,809.98	175.74	139.75		933.32
2015	Real Estate	1,614,568.25	1,548,675.73	12,503.76	333.33		53,722.09
	Water	60,702.84	49,201.43				11,501.41
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1,969,918.11</b>	<b>1,823,954.40</b>	<b>14,765.99</b>	<b>668.39</b>	<b>600.52</b>	<b>131,265.59</b>

*Report of Vital Statistics  
for the Town of Cummington*

*Ending June 30, 2015*

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**BIRTHS**

- July 17, 2014 Charlotte Belle Perkins, daughter of Michael Andrew Perkins II and Denise Lee Forgea Perkins, at Northampton, MA
- September 2, 2014 Caleb Edward Gould, son of Seth Andrew Gould and Elizabeth Jayne Kellogg Gould, at Greenfield, MA
- October 23, 2014 Nora Emerson Konieczny, daughter of Samuel Emerson Konieczny and Ashli Lauren Hewitt Konieczny, at Northampton, MA
- October 27, 2014 Gabriel Coureton Dalton, son of Coureton Chambers Dalton and Michelle Anne Vigeant, at Greenfield, MA
- February 26, 2015 Mirela Jozefina Wachtel, daughter of Joshua Wachtel and Kimberly Hope Repas Wachtel, at Greenfield, MA

**MARRIAGES**

- July 26, 2014 Donald Lee Scheidel and Elise Maria Ames, both of Cummington, MA, at 43 Brick House Road, Cummington, by Minister Stephen Philbrick
- June 21, 2015 Antoni Joseph Sakowicz and Catherine Elizabeth Winston, both of Cummington, MA, at The Bend of Ireland Road, Chesterfield, MA, by Justice of the Peace Irving Seidman

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**DEATHS**

August 14, 2014 William A. Volk, age 66,  
of 73A W. Main Street, at Pittsfield, MA

September 19, 2014 Barbara Jellison Spencer, age 84,  
of 49 Porter Hill Road, at Cummington, MA

March 2, 2015 Peter Lawrence Thomson, age 63,  
of 11 Lightning Bug Road, at Northampton, MA

April 22, 2015 Glenora F. Porter, age 92,  
of 20 Main Street, at Cummington, MA

June 7, 2015 Kyle Jeffrey Crosier, age 19,  
of Florida, MA, at Cummington, MA

June 8, 2015 Thomas Ross Hatfield, age 56,  
of 485 W. Cummington Road, at Worcester, MA



# *Results of State Election*

## *November 4, 2014*

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth  
 Elections Division

**STATE ELECTION** November 4, 2014 for the Town of Cummington

Total Number of Persons Who Voted in the **STATE ELECTION** 425

I certify that all ballots cast for candidates in the **STATE ELECTION** held on **November 4, 2014** have been counted and recorded in accordance with the law, and that the following return of votes is correct.

Clerk: Donna C. Jordan

<b>District</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Votes</b>
Statewide	Senator In Congress	<b>Edward J. Markey</b>	D	306
Statewide	Senator In Congress	<b>Brian J. Herr</b>	R	106
Statewide	Senator In Congress	<b>Brian R. Muello</b>	U	0
Statewide	Senator In Congress	Blanks		13
Statewide	Governor & Lieutenant Governor	<b>Baker and Polito</b>	R	120
Statewide	Governor & Lieutenant Governor	<b>Coakley and Kerrigan</b>	D	248
Statewide	Governor & Lieutenant Governor	<b>Falchuk and Jennings</b>	UI	36
Statewide	Governor & Lieutenant Governor	<b>Lively and Saunders</b>	U	12
Statewide	Governor & Lieutenant Governor	<b>McCormick and Post</b>	U	4
Statewide	Governor & Lieutenant Governor	Others		2
Statewide	Governor & Lieutenant Governor	Blanks		3
Statewide	Attorney General	<b>Maura Healey</b>	D	301
Statewide	Attorney General	<b>John B. Miller</b>	R	111
Statewide	Attorney General	Blanks		13
Statewide	Secretary of State	<b>William Francis Galvin</b>	D	280
Statewide	Secretary of State	<b>David D'Arcangelo</b>	R	92
Statewide	Secretary of State	<b>Daniel L. Factor</b>	G/R	39
Statewide	Secretary of State	Blanks		14
Statewide	Treasurer	<b>Deborah B. Goldberg</b>	D	245
Statewide	Treasurer	<b>Michael James Heffernan</b>	R	112
Statewide	Treasurer	<b>Ian T. Jackson</b>	G/R	47

District	Office	Candidate	P	Votes
Statewide	Treasurer	Blanks		21
Statewide	Auditor	<b>Suzanne M. Bump</b>	D	251
Statewide	Auditor	<b>Patricia S. Saint Aubin</b>	R	101
Statewide	Auditor	<b>MK Merelice</b>	G/R	44
Statewide	Auditor	Blanks		29
First District	Repre. in Congress	<b>Richard E. Neal</b>	D	341
First District	Repre. in Congress	Others		2
First District	Repre. in Congress	Blanks		82
8th District	Councillor	<b>Michael J. Albano</b>	D	321
8th District	Councillor	Blanks		104
NW District	District Attorney	<b>David E. Sullivan</b>	D	335
NW District	District Attorney	Blanks		90
Hampshire County	Register of Probate	<b>Michael J. Carey</b>	D	328
Hampshire County	Register of Probate	Blanks		97
Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin & Hampden District	Senator in Gen. Court	<b>Benjamin Downing</b>	D	338
Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin & Hampden District	Senator in Gen. Court	Blanks		87
First Franklin District	Repre. in Gen. Court	<b>Stephen Kulik</b>	D	310
First Franklin District	Repre. in Gen. Court	<b>Dylan E. Korpita</b>	R	102
First Franklin District	Repre. in Gen. Court	Blanks		13

**Question 1:**

**C: REPEAL 2013 GAS TAX INDEXING (LAW)**

Yes 173                      No 236                      Blank 16                      Total 425

**Question 2:**

**E: UPDATING BOTTLE BILL (LAW)**

Yes 236                      No 182                      Blank 7                      Total 425

**Question 3:**

**P: PROHIBIT CASINO GAMBLING**

Yes 245                      No 173                      Blank 7                      Total 425

**Question 4:**

**G: EARNED SICK TIME (LAW)**

Yes 290                      No 103                      Blank 32                      Total 425

# *Minutes of Special Town Meeting*

## *May 1, 2015*

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The special town meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Moderator Donna L. Forgea at the Community House on Main St. She opened the meeting with over the town quorum required of 15 registered voters present.

**Article 1:** Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$7,000.00 from Free Cash for the Maturing Debt and Interest Account.

Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously to dissolve this meeting at 6:50 p.m.

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

Attest:

Donna C. Jordan

Town Clerk of Cummington

May 21, 2015

# *Town of Cummington Annual Town Meeting*

## *Friday, May 1, 2015*

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The meeting was called to order by moderator Donna L. Forgea at 7:00 p.m. at the Community House on Main St with the required town quorum (96 registered voters were present). Such is the Action taken under the Warrant:

**Article 1:** Motion was made, and seconded to fix the salaries of all **elected officials** of the Town for Fiscal 2016 as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41 of Mass General Law.

Selectboard, Chair	\$ 1,500.00
Selectman 2	1,300.00
Selectman 3	1,300.00
Assessor, Chair	1,200.00
Assessor 2	1,100.00
Assessor 3	1,100.00
Treasurer	9,468.00
Tax Collector	9,468.00
Town Clerk	4,000.00
Moderator	100.00
Tree Warden	50.00
Board of Health, Chair	1,000.00
Board of Health 2	500.00
Board of Health 3	500.00
Vocational School, Chair	40.00
Vocational School 2	15.00
Vocational School 3	15.00
Water Commission, Chair	500.00
Water Commission 2	300.00
Water Commission 3	300.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 33,756.00</b>
Constables	<b>\$ 15.00/hr.</b>
Mileage reimbursement for all town officials	<b>50 cents/mile</b>
<b>The Article passed by a requisite majority.</b>	<b>One no vote.</b>

**Article 2:** Motion moved and seconded to raise and appropriate the following amounts for the **School and Library Accounts**.

CBRSD Capital Expense	9,682.00
CBRSD Transportation	40,064.00
Vocational Tuition	\$ 175,560.00

Vocational Transportation	\$ 41,540.00
Bryant Library Operating	7,330.00
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL AND LIBRARY</b>	<b>\$ 274,176.00</b>

**This part of the article passed by a requisite majority. One no vote**

CBRSD OperatingExpense	\$ 834,747.00
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CBRSD Operating Expense was put on hold by Dennis Forgea. Discussion ensued. Town voters asked how our Town Operating expense could go up when the School District closed our elementary school to save the District money. After much back and forth with the Superintendent, **the Motion did not Pass on the CBRSD Operating Expense.**

**Article 3:** Motion moved and seconded to raise and appropriate the following amounts for the **General Government Accounts.**

Official Salaries	\$ 33,756.00
Administration General	4,850.00
Administration Various Officials	800.00
Town Counsel	10,000.00
Administration Selectboard	12,860.00
Administration Finance Committee	130.00
Accountant Salary	9,468.00
Administration Accountant	3,500.00
Administration Assessors	3,500.00
Assessors Clerk	8,500.00
Assessors Consultant	7,900.00
Assessors Tax Maps	1,900.00
Administration Treasurer	5,720.00
Administration Tax Collector	4,000.00
Tax Title Expense	4,000.00
Administration Town Clerk	1,855.00
Election and Registration	2,000.00
Conservation Commission	150.00
Planning Board Expense	1,600.00
Zoning Board of Appeals	500.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$ 116,989.00</b>

**The Article passed by a requisite majority. One no vote.**

**Article 4:** Motion moved and seconded to raise and appropriate the following amounts to the **Highway Department Accounts.**

Highway Garage	\$ 12,200.00
Highway Administration	580.00

Highway General	\$ 65,000.00
Highway Tool and Machinery	65,000.00
Highway Vac., Hol., Sick & Personal	14,973.00
Highway Salaries	123,464.00
Highway Overtime	18,240.00
Winter Roads	60,000.00
Lease Brush Tractor/Mower	3,747.00

**TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT** **\$ 363,204.00**

**After discussion on Highway Salaries and Overtime the Article was passed by a requisite majority. One no vote.**

**Article 5:** Motion moved and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,500.00 to the **Veterans Account.**

**After discussion of who benefits from this account the Article passed by a requisite majority. One no vote.**

**Article 6:** Motion moved and seconded to raise and appropriate the following amounts to the **Protection of Persons and Property.**

Police Department	\$ 12,000.00
Police Department Salaries	19,000.00
F.D. and Forest Warden	20,113.00
Building Inspector	8,000.00
Building Inspector Administrative	300.00
Public Safety Complex Operating	17,527.00
Emergency Management	7,705.00
Animal Control Expenses	2,436.00
Tree Account	6,000.00

**TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY** **\$ 93,081.00**

**After discussion on Police Department, Police Salaries and Emergency Management the Article passed by a requisite majority. One no vote.**

**Article 7:** Motion moved and seconded to raise and appropriate the following amounts to **Health and Sanitation.**

Water Operating	\$ 60,000.00
Board of Health	63,500.00
Highland Ambulance	26,431.00

**TOTAL HEALTH AND SANITATION** **\$ 149,931.00**

**After discussion on Water operating the Article passed by a requisite majority. One no vote.**

**Article 8:** Motion moved, seconded and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the following amounts to the **Debt and Interest Accounts**.

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

**Article 9:** Motion moved and seconded to raise and appropriate or transfer the following amounts to **Unclassified Accounts**.

Insurance and BondsR/A	\$ 39,000.00
And transfer from Historical Commission	3,000.00
Lawn Mowing	3,800.00
Community House	15,204.00
Phone/Internet Various Depts.	12,000.00
Town Reports	3,400.00
Council on Aging	4,400.00
Recreation Committee	3,500.00
Contributory Retirement	37,893.00
Council of Governments	496.00
Unemployment Compensation	1,000.00
Medical Insurance	5,000.00
Social Security/Medicare	12,000.00
Audit	8,000.00
Lower Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	130.00
Reserve Fund	6,000.00
<b>TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNT</b>	<b>\$ 154,823.00</b>

**The Article passed by a requisite majority. One no vote.**

**Article 10:** Motion moved, seconded to set a cap of **\$10,000.00** for the **Community House Revolving Account** and the **Inspectors Revolving Account**.

**The Article passed by a requisite majority. One no vote.**

**Article 11:** Moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to accept the Annual 2014 Town Report as printed.

**Article 12:** Motion moved, seconded to transfer **\$12,044.00** from Free Cash for **Fire Department Capital**.

**The Article passed by a requisite majority. One no vote.**

**Article 13:** Motion moved, seconded and voted unanimously to transfer **\$5,000.00** from Free Cash for **Library Capital**.

**Article 14:** Motion 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.

**Article 15:** Motion moved, seconded and voted unanimously 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 \$16.00 as compensation for such employment; and voted to pay the Highway Department employees hired by the Water Commissioners at their Highway Department rate of pay from the Water Department Account.

**Article 16:** Motion moved, seconded and voted unanimously to accept any available funds relating to highways including without limitations, so-called Chapter 90 type construction monies and further voted to authorize the Selectmen to enter into contracts for the expenditure of the monies received.

**Article 17:** Motion to carry over to Tuesday, May 5, 2015 was voted down.

**All but 5 stood to continue with Town Meeting.**

Motion moved, seconded and voted 91 to 5 to borrow 1.4 million for the Town's share of the costs of the construction, installation and start-up of a high speed broadband network including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, such project to be carried out by the Town's Municipal Light Plant acting as a member of a cooperative of such Plants formed under Chapter 164, Section 47C of the General Laws to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise under Chapter 44, Section 8(8) of the General Laws and contingent upon the ballot question passage where voters agree by their vote to exempt from the limitation on taxes imposed by G.L.c59s21C (Proposition 2 1/2) amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote.

Meeting dissolved at 10:32 p.m.

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

Attest:

Donna C. Jordan, Town Clerk of Cummington  
May 21, 2015

# *Results of Annual Town Election*

## *May 11, 2015*

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The polls were open, the ballot box declared empty and voting began. Such are the results of this election as 178 voters were cast under this warrant:

Selectman for three years	Monica 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
Recreation Committee for three years	Donna Forgea
	Amy Grallert
	Laurie Freitag
Trustee Bryant Library for five years	Deborah Hoechstetter
Finance Committee for three years	Maureen L. Tumenas
	Scott Keith
Board of Health for three years	John Earls
Planning Board for five years	Robert Taylor
Almoner of Charitable Funds for three years	Joyce Wiernasz
Commissioner of Trust Funds for three years	Barbara D. Goldsmith
Water Commissioner for three years	Tomasz Jaracz

Ballot Question: Shall the Town of Cummington be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition 2 ½, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds to be issued in order to fund the Town's share of the costs of construction, installation and start-up of a high-speed broadband network, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, such project to be carried out by the Town's Municipal Light Plant?

**Yes: 110**

**No: 66**

**Blank: 2**

Such are the results of this Annual Town Election of May 11, 2015.

Attest:

Donna C. Jordan  
Town Clerk of Cummington  
May 28, 2015

# *Minutes of Special Town Meeting*

## *June 25, 2015*

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The special town meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Moderator Donna L. Forgea at the Community House on Main St. She opened the meeting with over the town quorum required of 15 registered voters present.

**Article 1:** Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously to Raise and Appropriate the sum of \$834,747.00 for the FY16 Operating Budget of Central Berkshire Regional School District.

**Article 2:** Motion made, seconded and voted 59 yes, 8 no for the Town of Cummington to petition withdrawal from Central Berkshire Regional School District and to authorize the Selectmen to notify the School Superintendent and the School Committee of the Towns decision.

Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously to dissolve this meeting at 7:55 p.m.

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

Attest:

Donna C. Jordan

Town Clerk of Cummington

July 2, 2015

# *Minutes of Second Special Town Meeting*

## *June 25, 2015*

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The Second Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by Moderator Donna L. Forgea at the Community House on Main St. She opened the meeting with over the town quorum required of 15 registered voters present.

**Article 1:** Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$22,561.00 for the Winter Road Account.

**Article 2:** Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$8,200.00 for the Recreation Committee Account.

**Article 3:** Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously for the Town to accept the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 13D—establish, appropriate or transfer money to a reserve fund for the future payment of accrued liabilities for compensated absences due any employee upon the termination of the employee’s employment. The treasurer may invest the monies in the manner authorized by Section 54 of Chapter 44, and any interest earned thereon shall be credited to and become part of the fund. The town meeting may designate the municipal official to authorize payments from this fund, and in the absence of a designation, it shall be the responsibility of the chief executive officer of the town. At the end of each fiscal year the Selectmen may transfer remaining monies from Vacation, Holiday, Sick, Personal Account to the Compensated Absences Account.

**Article 4:** Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$2,000.00 for the Compensated Absences Account.

**Article 5:** Motion made, seconded and voted yes with 5 no, to have the Town accept General Laws Chapter 59s5(54) added by Chapter 159 of the Acts of 2000—acceptance of small personal property account exemption, \$10,000.00 & under.

**Article 6:** Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously to have the Town transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$700.00 for a FY14 unpaid Planning Board bill—money owed Lower Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

**Article 7:** Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously for the Town to transfer \$100,000.00 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Account.

Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously to dissolve this meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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

Attest:

Donna C. Jordan, Town Clerk of Cummington  
July 9, 2015

# *Board of Assessors*

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## Assessors Report

For Fiscal Year 2015, the tax rate was set at \$12.97 per \$1,000 of real and personal property value. The Town of Cummington had a single tax rate that applied to residential, commercial, industrial, and personal property. The average single family tax bill in Cummington went from \$3,001 (FY2014) to \$2,993 (FY2015) and the average assessment of a single family residence went from \$229,253 (FY2014) to \$230,746 (FY2015).

Fiscal 2015 was a Triennial Recertification year. The Department of Revenue (DOR) reviewed our assessments and looked at all arms-length sales from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014. The Board of Assessors also received new cost tables, as required by the DOR. The cost tables determine the replacement cost of a building. After reviewing the sales, the Board reduced the cost tables by 20%. As part of the Triennial Recertification, Income and Expense forms were mailed out, as well as the Form of List. The Board would like to thank our taxpayers for filling out and mailing back these complicated forms.

The Board of Assessors continues to inspect properties to keep our property data up-to-date. Personal Property will also be viewed with our regular Real Property inspections. Please contact the Board of Assessors to schedule a viewing.

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 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

We welcome all questions and comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Roberge	2016
Philip Morin	2017
Samuel Konieczny	2018

# Assessor's Financial Report

## RECAPITULATION

	Fiscal 2013	Fiscal 2014	Fiscal 2015
<b>Appropriations voted for Fiscal Year</b>	<b>\$ 2,194,282.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,434,200.20</b>	<b>\$ 2,261,166.00</b>
Appropriations voted for previous Fiscal year after previous Fiscal year tax rate was set			
	<b>2,194,282.00</b>	<b>2,434,200.20</b>	<b>2,261,166.00</b>
<b>Other Local Expenditures:</b>			
Total Overlay deficit of prior years	476.23	11,146.49	0.00
Total Offsets	1,439.00	1,400.00	1,938.00
Other	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,915.23</b>	<b>12,546.49</b>	<b>1,938.00</b>
State Assessments	1,354.00	1,414.00	2,197.00
County Assessments	-	-	-
Overlay	15,097.60	14,348.04	13,492.68
<b>GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED</b>	<b>2,212,648.83</b>	<b>2,462,508.73</b>	<b>2,278,793.68</b>
Estimated Receipts & Available Funds			
Estimated Receipts - State	204,384.00	200,771.00	205,654.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS</b>	<b>204,384.00</b>	<b>200,771.00</b>	<b>205,654.00</b>
<b>Local Estimated Receipts</b>			
Motor Vehicle Excise	58,000.00	58,000.00	58,000.00
Penalties & Interest on Taxes and Excise	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Payments in lieu of taxes	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Water Charge	45,340.00	46,200.00	47,200.00
Trash Disposal Charge	23,500.00	23,500.00	23,500.00
Other Charges for Services	-	-	-
Fees	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Department Revenue - Schools	-	-	-
Other Department Revenue	-	-	-
Licenses & Permits	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Fines & Forfeitures	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Investment Income	1,500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous recurring	-	-	-
Miscellaneous non-recurring	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL LOCAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 142,340.00</b>	<b>\$ 142,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 143,700.00</b>

<b>Other Revenue Sources</b>			
Free Cash	\$ 214,550.00	\$ 203,594.60	\$ 238,119.00
Other Available Funds	39,187.00	213,605.60	6,974.00
Overlay Surplus	-	11,146.49	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER REVENUE SOURCES</b>	<b>253,737.00</b>	<b>428,346.69</b>	<b>245,093.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND OTHER REVENUE SOURCES</b>			
	<b>600,461.00</b>	<b>771,817.69</b>	<b>594,447.00</b>
<b>NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED</b>	<b>1,612,187.83</b>	<b>1,690,691.04</b>	<b>1,684,346.68</b>
(Gross amount to be raised minus Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds)			
<b>TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS</b>			
	<b>5,517,429.00</b>	<b>5,260,556.00</b>	<b>5,380,051.00</b>
<b>TOTAL REAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS</b>			
	<b>125,129,883.00</b>	<b>123,898,423.00</b>	<b>124,484,766.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PERSONAL &amp; REAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS</b>			
	<b>130,647,312.00</b>	<b>129,158,979.00</b>	<b>129,864,817.00</b>
<b>TAX EXEMPT VALUATION</b>	<b>\$ 22,764,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 22,777,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 23,243,100.00</b>
<b>Tax Rate per 1,000.00 Valuation by Class</b>			
Class I - Residential	\$ 12.34	\$ 13.09	\$ 12.97
Class II - Open Space	12.34	13.09	12.97
Class III - Commercial	12.34	13.09	12.97
Class IV - Industrial	12.34	13.09	12.97
Class V - Personal Property	\$ 12.34	\$ 13.09	\$ 12.97

# *Board of Health*

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## **Annual Report for FY2015**

A Board of Health is responsible for attending to conditions and environments that could threaten health of local residents, mainly through implementing State regulations. Board of Health activities for Fiscal Year 2015 (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015) include:

### **Transfer Station Renovation**

In the previous fiscal year, bids for an extensive redesign of the transfer station far exceeded the estimated cost of \$205,000. In addition, the existing compactor for rubbish was past its end-of-life, and with the redesign-plans, would have been scrapped and replaced, but was not in the redesign budget. The Board of Health, instead of requesting additional funds to cover the redesign and a new rubbish compactor, proceeded with a budget of \$85,000 to refurbish the existing facility and equipment, be used in conjunction with an additional \$20,000 that was already earmarked for a recycling bin and recycling compactor. Renovations began in FY 2014 and were complete in April 2015.

These renovations included repair of the rubbish compactor to improve its function to last a few more years, repair of the existing wooden sheds, installing new a fence and entry gates, poured concrete and other material and labor for sitework, purchase of the recycling bin and recycling compactor, building a roof for it, and painting new and existing sheds and structures. Renovation costs totaled \$72,500, staying within the projected cost of \$85,000, and this included \$350 to cover an overage in the cost of the new recycling compactor. Continued improvements are being implemented through Board of Health general funds which they've newly designated for ongoing repair-and-maintenance.

### **Transfer Station Permits and Bag Tags**

The current bag tag system began in 2011 (FY 2012), and the cost of the annual permit remains unchanged. With everyone paying for bag tags to discard their rubbish, residents pay according to use. The new compactor for recyclables was added in FY 2014, and the new recycling facility accepts a wider variety of items. As a result, (no-fee) recycling continued to increase throughout FY 2015.

The Board of Health members thank you, the Cummington townspeople, for your recycling efforts. Please also remember that all recycling is monitored by the receiving facility and the town is cited if collections are contaminated with non-recyclable materials. Therefore, be very careful and avoid putting any household trash into the recycling bin. Your cooperation is essential to help our Transfer Station build and keep a good reputation.

### **Disposal Containers for Sharps**

Improper disposal of hypodermic needles and other “sharps” presents a hazard to anyone handling trash containing these items. The Board of Health offers quart-size disposal boxes that can be purchased for a nominal cost at the Transfer Station.

### **Town Septic Pumping Program**

In fiscal year 2014 The Board initiated a septic system pumping program that made it easier for residents to have their septic system pumped, with a small discount. Many residents participated in the autumn of 2014, and also in the summer of 2015. The Board plans to continue the program in the summer of 2016.

### **West Cummington Landfill**

Repairs to the former landfill site were completed, inspected, and approved in FY2014. This year’s first annual post-closure inspection detected three minor problems that were fixed and approved. Ongoing monitoring and inspections will continue.

### **Septic Inspections**

Every year the Board of Health monitors septic installations, perc tests, septic design approvals, and does sign-offs before finished systems are covered. The Board of Health also reviews all Title 5 inspections (as is necessary when property changes hands).

### **Well Water Testing**

Owners of wells should have their well’s water-quality tested annually for any of a variety of specific possible contaminants.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Bogart, Chair	2017
Roger Gunn	2016
John Earls	2018

## *Bryant Free Library*

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Total number of patrons	1,014
Total circulation of library materials	1,570
Interlibrary loans	29
Acquisitions	235
Periodical subscriptions	15

Among the improvements made at the BFL this year was the addition of decorative signage to indicate the location of our various collections. These were designed and created by Cummington's own Eliza Dragon in a style suggestive of those used during the early years of the library towards the end of the nineteenth century. These signs are both functional and charming, and we've received many compliments about them. Thank you Eliza for your inspiring work.

Thanks to the wonders of eBay we were able to acquire some vintage brass William Cullen Bryant bookends at a tag-sale price. Twenty-five years ago it would've been nearly impossible to find them at any price, but such is the state of the world today. They are a fitting addition to the BFL, and I'm sure our founder would be pleased to see them propping-up the many books we have by and about him.

The most significant capital project of FY15 was the structural repair work to the porch of the library house. Damaged elements of the substructure and flooring were repaired at a significant savings over total replacement. The wooden portions of the porch are now sound and should be solid far into the future.

In my opinion the highlight of the year was the computer course held at the BFL during the winter months of 2015. This was the brainchild of our resident computer whiz Ken Graf, whose persistent efforts to get a simple listing in the Daily Hampshire Gazette resulted in a full article about him and the upcoming classes by editor Larry Parnass. All of our available seats ended-up being filled by eager and attentive students. Ken's voluminous knowledge of this subject coupled with his teaching abilities had everyone moving ahead by leaps and bounds, and Rosemary was always there to help keep things purring along smoothly. The two-hour classes flew by, and all of us were sad to see them come to a close. Thank you so much Ken and Rosemary for your complete dedication to making this all that it could be. We hope there's another one in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark DeMaranville  
Librarian

# *Building Inspector*

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## **Annual Report**

The Inspector of Buildings is charged with the duty of enforcing the Massachusetts State Building Code (780 CMR), the Regulations of the Architectural Access Board (521 CMR), and the Town's Zoning By-Law. These regulations can be complicated, even for professionals. Please feel free to bring your questions to the table before your project begins. The regulations can be found at the Board of Building Regulations and Standards website:

*[http://www.mass.gov/eopss/consumer-prot-and-bus-lic/  
license-type/csl/building-codebbrs.html](http://www.mass.gov/eopss/consumer-prot-and-bus-lic/license-type/csl/building-codebbrs.html)*

In FY15, 58 building permits were issued with a total estimated value of construction of \$990,097. The sum of \$5,220 was collected in permit fees.

Respectfully submitted,

James Cerone  
Inspector of Buildings

## *Central Berkshire Regional School District*

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We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following Cummington graduates from Wahconah Regional High School:

Aurora Bartley

Shelby Tonelli

We wish you nothing but the best in your new endeavors.

# *Conservation Commission Report*

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## **FY 2015**

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

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

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

Most of the meetings held were of a routine nature, i.e., discussion of proposed building projects (along with subsequent visits to 6 sites so as to sign off on the building permit). The Commission held one Request for Determination Hearing outlining eradication of invasive species at Bryant Homestead presented by the Trustees of Reservations. One Order of Conditions was extended for 3 years.

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	2018	Sarah Fournier-Scanlon	2018
Robert Dextraze	2017	Gerald Howes	2016
Matthew Draw	2018	Walter Korzec	2016
John Eisenhour	2017		

# *Council on Aging*

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**July 2014 – June 2015**

The Cummington Council on Aging (COA) provides services to seniors and their families. Funding for projects come from the Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs, the town of Cummington, Highland Valley Elder Services and through the generous donations from our caring community.

During the 2014-2015 year, the potluck luncheon on the 3rd Tuesday of the month included blood pressure screenings by HOPE nurse Mary Kane. The luncheons also featured presentations and performers and were greatly attended with an average of 42 persons. The annual picnic occurred in July and included recognition of the Board of Directors for another year of service to COA and the senior community.

Sue Forgea continues to lead the Osteoporosis exercise program with an average of 8 people in attendance. Movement, balance and strengthening muscles makes this class healthy for both men and women elders. Sue is also leading a Tap Dancing class also with 8 people in attendance. The COA thoroughly enjoys the recitals the dancers provide.

The Neighbor to Neighbor ride program continues, funded solely by the generous donations of our caring community. A small reimbursement is provided to neighbors who transport senior neighbors to medical appointments or grocery shopping. However, while seniors are encouraged to use the FRTA van for transportation, the need for the one-on-one driver still continues in our hilltown community. The one-on-one driver also provides companionship and thereby helps reduce the amount of isolation the senior might otherwise be feeling.

The newsletter continues to be a popular source of information now being mailed to 200 Cummington seniors 60 years old and above. The newsletter is also emailed to a good number of folks who prefer to receive it that way.

The COA has always had a relationship with Berkshire Trail Elementary School. This June marked the final Field Day for students as sadly the school has been closed. Thanks so much to our board of directors who volunteered on a yearly basis with a willingness to serve.

The Council on Aging is most grateful to the town for the office space provided in the Community House and our monthly use of the Conference Room and Kitchen. We appreciate the many services that the town provides that enable us to continue to serve our senior population.

Also a sincere thank you to our very generous and caring community.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cummington Council on Aging Board of Directors: July 2014-June 2015**

Anne Parsons and Elliot Ring, CO-Chairpersons

Edith Morton, Treasurer

Margaret Daniels, Corresponding Secretary

Worth Noyes, Recording Secretary

Don Morton, Jim Martin and Carolyn Urekew, Director/HVES rep.

# *Cummington Family Center*

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## **2015 Annual Town Report**

The Cummington Family Center's season runs from October-May of each year. During the summer months parents meet at the park, but it is not organized or coordinated by the CFC.

At the beginning of the 2014-15 season, Stacey Mackowiak stepped down from the role of coordinator for the CFC, and Jennifer Lee Wildermuth took over.

The other major change in the beginning of the 2014 season was to increase the amount of parent involvement in the day to day running of the CFC. Our play groups are now completely run and maintained by parent volunteers.

In an effort to be more environmentally friendly and economical we switched from paper mailings to an online newsletter and calendar.

We typically had a turnout of 10-15 children at our bi-weekly play groups.

At the beginning of our 2015-16 season, we moved from the Community House to the former Berkshire Trail Elementary School building. We're currently occupying two classrooms across the hall from the Preschool.

We have lots of new faces at our new location, and are looking forward to this season being a huge hit!

# *Cummington Cultural Council*

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## **Annual Report December 1, 2015**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of the Cummington Cultural Council, the local arm of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, has undergone a near-complete changeover. Paula Gottlieb, Kim Wachtel, and Judith Bowerman joined last year, as Eric Smith retired. This year, Barbara Konieczny and Beckie Kravetz have joined. Kathryn Jensen has retired as Chair, and, along with June Ferrin, continues in an Emerita status. Judith Bowerman Slezak and Kim Wachtel will function as Co-Chairs, with Paula Gottlieb overseeing the Community House gallery. Membership terms, as appointed by the Town are as follows.

	<b>Term end</b>
Andrew Liebenow	2016
Kim Wachtel	2017
Paula Gottlieb	2017
Judith Bowerman Slezak	2017
Barbara Konieczny	2018
Beckie Kravetz	2018

### **COUNCIL ACTIVITIES - July 1, 2014 through July 30, 2015**

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

### **GRANTS**

Each year the Cultural Council receives funds from the state to grant for arts, humanities and science projects. The state grant for FY 2015 was \$4,250, several hundred dollars greater than the previous few years. We received 34 applications by the October 15th deadline, and awarded funds to 21 applicants. As has been the Council's habit, there were several programs specific to elementary school children and to seniors. Other awards included some established annual events like Bryant Day, events developing into annual events like Grasshoppas in the Park, and others that are one-time projects. The closing of Berkshire Trail School will affect the Council's grants to benefit children.

## **GALLERY**

The gallery, while used less than in previous years, has been the subject of increased interest. As a council, we submitted a grant proposal ourselves in order to purchase materials for protecting and mounting work. While we decided to table the idea of a community show of wedding portraits, we have been granted an extension to go ahead with the purchase of such supplies. The idea is for the gallery to be a resource to community groups or beginning artists without the need to frame two-dimensional work.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn L. Jensen, past Chair  
Cummington Cultural Council

## *Finance Committee*

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**July 1 2014 thru June 30 2015**

Following is the only transfer made from the reserve fund of \$6,000.

Medicare/Social Security	\$2,058.82
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This years budget increase was approximately 3% with the schools accounting for a \$41,000 increase. The committee was adamantly opposed to the closing of Berkshire Trail as a money saving measure. The committee would have preferred more information on Broadband service prior to a town vote. We felt there were too many unanswered questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Forgea Chair  
Susan Warriner, Treas/Coll  
Donna Forgea Moderator  
Maureen Tumenas  
Scott Keith  
Jill Figlozzi  
Daniel Loux  
Gerry Wilcox

# *Fire Association*

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**July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015**

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

As we enter our eleventh (11th) year with Highland Ambulance as our Regional service we continue to enjoy the benefits of Highland's rapid response and Paramedic level service. A Paramedic service, especially of the quality provided by Highland, was a dream those eleven years ago. Now our First Responders work hand in hand with Highland providing care for our residents and visitors. Even though we only responded to some thirty eight medical calls this year with our trained First Responders, several of the calls called for extreme medical assistance for the victims. Between freeing victims of vehicle crashes using the "Jaws of life," and providing emergency scene life support, our First Responders worked alongside Highland's Paramedics to save the lives of several crash victims. All of our First Responders must still maintain their First Aid, CPR and Defibrillation skills. Presently we maintain six EMT's on our squad with three more interested in taking the next available course. There is always room for additional EMT's.

Last year we continued reporting on the success of our bucket truck as an adjunct to the Fire Department. This effort continues with even greater results this past year. Once again we worked to keep ice from building up and causing water to run down inside of Berkshire trail school. Several local residents were also assisted in a similar manner.

We have been forced to use the bucket truck as more than simply an aerial lifting device. Because modern Fire apparatus is not constructed with an "open" body style, like many of the older trucks were, we no longer have space to carry the many and varied pieces of necessary equipment that, when needed, can be, and usually are, desparately needed. So, to accommodate this need we have pressed the bucket into service as our "rescue" unit. What this actually means in operating terms is, now we carry everything on the bucket that we can't carry anywhere else. This includes; a spare salamander kerosene heater and heat tubes, five gallons of kerosene, a portable water pump and suction hose along with five gallons of gasoline for the pump. We have a twenty pound LP gas cylinder, hose and nozzle for thawing couplings, as well as a five gallon pail of foam for chimney fires. There are three chain saws, two for cutting wood (trees and limbs out of roads) and one for cutting through roofs, three twenty-pound dry chemical Fire extinguishers, primarily for vehicle fires, and three (SCBA) Self Contained Breathing Apparatus packs. Two generators are carried on board. One generator is for power to operate the newly mounted light on the boom by

the bucket and the second one operates power tools aloft. One is gasoline so we have that covered with the five gallons for the portable pump. The second generator is diesel and we carry a spare five-gallon can of diesel for this unit. There are various chimney cleaning tools stored in the body as well as a new chimney cleaning device we have yet to try out. There are various electrical cords for the generators, as well as tire chains for the four wheel truck. If we ever need the chains we are in serious trouble.

We reported last year that we had completed our radio upgrade as of January 2013. While this improvement has helped tremendously we still needed to improve our mutual aid communication ability across Hampshire County. To this end we have embarked with the Council of Governments on a project to now include Mt. Lincoln and Skinner Mt. sites with new radio equipment and a **VOTING** system (a **VOTING** system receives a radio signal at all tower sites and the system automatically determines which tower has the best signal for transmitting). So now instead of the three original towers we reported on last year, we will, hopefully, be looking at five towers across Hampshire County. This will vastly improve our communications capability especially on mutual aid calls within Hampshire County. Mass State Police are working closely with the Council and our State Representative Stephen Kulik, as well as Representative John Scibak of South Hadley to, again hopefully, secure Legislative funding for this \$500,000 project.

Another year and another fair is behind us. Once again we say a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to the many individuals who assist us every year. Many are family. Many are friends and co-workers of family members. To each we say a most profound and sincere **THANK YOU** for all of the help and sacrifices you make to be there assisting the Cummington Fire Association with this huge task. There is no way we have sufficient members to cover all aspects of this project. Everyone who participates donates 100% of their time so the Fire Association can realize a true fund raiser in support of the many community projects we support. The work on next year's fair has already begun. In fact, it never truly ends. We take lessons learned each year, make modifications and keep moving forward. The setup for parking really begins a couple of weeks prior to the fair and goes non-stop until everything is picked up and properly put away after the event. As always we owe a debt of gratitude to Barbara Goldsmith and Rich and Sarah Fournier (Warner Farm) for the use of their land for our parking efforts. Every cent we earn parking goes back into the projects the Fire Association supports such as the bucket truck and Rescue vehicle. So, again, **THANK YOU** to everyone who lends such terrific help.

Also, we want to recognize and say **THANK YOU** to those who silently, well sort of, assist us all year long. Once again a **THANK YOU** to Roger Gunn for his continued assistance with our projects and the loan of his busses for parking at the fair or in cases of emergency evacuations due to flooding, etc.

Never a question asked. This year we had an unusual circumstance occur that required us to borrow a bucket truck because of mechanical problems with our own unit. Mike and Mark George, of George Propane, immediately stepped up and offered their bucket truck to us until we could have repairs made to our own unit. Fortunately we were able to make quick work of the problem but their generous offer is not forgotten or, taken lightly.

Included in this section is the raffle group who toils before, during and after the fair to be sure we have great prizes for our Fire Rescue Raffle at the fair, sells the tickets and then has to distribute the prizes. Most probably think that everyone who wins a prize is in attendance at the fair when the drawing takes place so they get their prize and that is the end of it. Not so!! Many prizes are not claimed at the table during the drawing so, the chair of the committee (Sue Forgea) gets to take all of the unclaimed prizes home and begin the tortuous task of calling every single winner and making some sort of arrangement to get them their rightful prize. Sometimes this is by mailing. Sometimes they meet half way. Sometimes it is plain and simple delivery. Yogi Berra is famous for saying "It isn't over until it's over." For this event truer words were never spoken! We don't want to forget the individuals and businesses that donate the really great prizes to us. These great prizes make a great raffle and we wish the very best for support of everyone who so generously gives to our event. Many, many thanks to all who help us.

Finally, we want to express our gratitude to Northeast Utilities (Eversource now) for loaning us the portable radios we use to control our parking efforts. These radios make it possible for us to coordinate our efforts over many, many acres of fields separated by roads, tree lines and buildings. Without them we would have a very difficult, if not impossible time of coordinating our efforts. We have even used these radios during emergencies not involving the fair if we should happen to still have them once the fair is concluded and some hurricane or wind event happens. Next, we want to say **THANK YOU** to all of our mutual Aid Fire and EMS partners who come each year and provide endless hours of coverage, insuring the safety of everyone at the fair. Without this help the fair could be a very different place. Lastly, we receive a huge boost in communications support from our partners at Mass Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). They bring a mobile communications trailer and park it next to our command center and through the magic of electronics and wiring they integrate the two units so seamlessly no one, except the MEMA individuals and our individuals, even realizes these are two separate and distinct units. Words are so inadequate to express our gratitude and gratefulness to everyone who supports us all year long.

**THANK YOU ALL!!**

Members of the Cummington  
Fire Association, Inc.

# *Fire Department*

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**July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015**

During the past year the Fire Department was under the leadership of First Asst. Chief Dennis Forgea, 2nd Asst. Chief Steve Emerson, Second Lt. Robert Dextraze and newly promoted Lt. Robert Ely.

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

Chimney Fires	4
Vehicle accidents	6
Trees on lines	3
Wires down	2
Vehicle Fires	1
In service responses	11
Mutual Aid (E-2)	1
<b>Mutual Aid (E-3)</b>	<b>6</b>
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Alarms	1
Brush fire	1
Medical calls	38
Aerial lift calls (recorded)	16
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<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>

Our total call volume remained nearly the same as last year. We did respond Mutual Aid to several structure fires last year. One particularly bad incident was in Worthington on July 27. A barn housing stray animals caught fire and was completely destroyed despite best efforts of all to save it. (No animals suffered so much as a scratch!) The fire is so typical of calls here in the hill towns. The event took place on a dirt, back, road that was barely passable by two cars, much less large Fire trucks carrying water to the scene. Water supply was limited to tankers traveling a couple of miles. When water was needed at one location on the scene it was also needed at several others. With daytime personnel so limited here, this became a challenge.

Another incident of note was a chimney fire at 24 Maine St. on December 30th. This is a three story residence and the chimney runs from the cellar to the top of the peaked roof. The chimney suffered damage and needed to be repaired but the structure was saved and immediately livable. Many thanks to all responders that cold night and Congratulations on a job well done!

Turning to vehicle crashes, our most significant call was on June 6, 2015 at the intersection of Route 9 and Fairgrounds Road. A multiple (3) vehicle crash

resulted in the need to extricate a local resident using the “Jaws.” This was a busy Saturday morning on Route 9 so one can only imagine the confusion and frustration of drivers when **Route 9 was closed to ALL traffic** during the extrication! It took some time but, eventually our crew was able to successfully remove the trapped victim from the vehicle and send him on his way to the hospital. Unfortunately for another of our residents, who was minding his own business driving along Main St., when the crash occurred between two of the vehicles at the intersection, the force drove one of the two vehicles into this third party damaging his vehicle.

We reported here last year that with the arrival of our new vacuum tanker we have been busy with drills practicing the new technology and have attended and participated in several out of town demonstrations and shows to promote this technology. Well, over the past year we actually had six (6) mutual aid calls specifically for this piece of equipment due to its unique ability to gain access to difficult to reach water sites. As you may have noticed we actually made a separate reporting line item this year high-lighting this request. We participated in the New England Fire Chief’s Equipment show for the last time this past June. Cummington had been demonstrating vacuum tanker technology and techniques at this show for the past four years. Normally, a Fire department is invited to participate one time only. This is a great acknowledgement and pat on the back to Cummington’s Volunteer Firefighters who gave their time to go to the Big E Fairgrounds in West Springfield for three days each year and put on demonstrations of vacuum tankers. Another job well done!! These individuals worked the shows from 9 AM until 9 PM every day it was open. It is no wonder they are requested so many times with our vacuum unit on these out of town calls. In fact, as testament to our Firefighters reputations with the vacuum system, they were requested by Northampton Fire Department to respond to a fire on North Farms Road in that community to assist at a scene where there were no hydrants in the immediate area! Another great job well done!

Last winter the Cummington Fire department developed what we call our **Cold Weather drafting protocol**. At first we experimented with an idea that came from brainstorming the various constraints we face when attempting to locate and access water supplies during the winter. First, there is the issue of snow. Last winter was a great test of any plan to deal with snow banks. A stream, or running water, at a culvert **may** be open but getting over, through the snow banks plowed up by the snow removal crews, and then wallowing through waist deep snow lugging fifteen (15) foot lengths of six (6) inch diameter hard suction hose, a strainer (weighing nearly 40 lbs.), shovels, as well as some type of tools (axes, chain saws, etc.) for making a sufficiently large enough hole through goodness only knows how many inches-thick ice, tests the will and determination of any group of individuals, no matter how hearty they think they are. This is a huge problem for rural Fire services and especially so when there are absolutely no

fire hydrants and only ponds and streams in the area. In fact, we had so much snow last winter that the river and small streams were completely covered so there was no open water. What the department came up with is quite a solution. Upon arrival at a potential water source the crew unloads a snow blower on tracks from the back of the bucket truck while more Firemen begin to unload the fifteen foot suction hose and, specially made for this project, a “through the ice strainer.” The snow blower operator can go right down over road-side banks, through the banks, and out onto the water source, creating a 28 inch wide path to where he, or she, continues clearing a space on the ice for the **Ice Auger** crew to bore a hole through the ice for the ice strainer. This is the second great challenge for rural Firefighting with no hydrants; the thickness of the ice. This entire process is now measured in ten minutes or less whereas prior to this endeavor we could spent hours chopping through the ice with no path or, cleared space, to work from. This process has revolutionized our cold weather operations for drafting water. Oh, we are able to bore a 10 inch hole through 28 inches of ice in about 10 seconds!! A vast improvement! Congratulations to our Cummington FireFighters for developing such a time saving plan. As far as we know we are the only ones operating in this manner.

We continue to utilize outside vendors to annually test our hose and pumps as well as perform annual service on our trucks. This, as you may recall, was instituted two years ago to build a testing record that could be relied on in case of any legal action is ever taken against the town due to failure of our equipment. We had been doing our own “home grown” testing for the past 30 years but we have no credentials to prove our testing was certifiable and met any standards. It has been a ton of work through the years to perform all of the testing that we did. However, not all was a loss. We knew our hose, pumps and trucks were tested and worked. We now have the added relief that the town of Cummington has at least some limited protection as well.

As a result of our testing we had two ground ladders fail that previously we had been using and thought they we OK. We had several lengths of hose fail the previous test and need to be replaced. Thank you to the town of Cummington who voted the money at annual town meeting to replace the failed equipment. Now we are at a point where any future equipment failures won’t be “catching up.” Anything from here on out will be caught through regular annual testing and monitoring.

As always, the plea for new members continues. What we do isn’t for everyone and, everyone isn’t for what we do. However, the **REWARDS** are **HUGE!!** Just ask anyone who is on the Fire department. We all recognize the limits on everyone’s time. It is not any different for those who have chosen to serve than it is for those who may be thinking about it. The difference is, those who are on have worked hard to understand the dynamics of small town, rural,

life and the necessary concept of “giving forward.” We used to say “giving back” but if you think about it, what it is we do is “give forward,” not back. So please reassess your schedules and lives to see if there is some time you may be able to free up to “give forward” to **YOUR** community, the community you have chosen to live and raise a family in. This does not happen by itself and, you don’t have to look very far away in other towns to see the consequences of lack of participation.

“... some men and women possess the strength and confidence to ... protect others from the harsh reality of [life]. As a reward for their courage and commitment, society places a badge over their hearts, a symbol of appreciation and an expression of the desire to shield them from harm. The right to wear the badge must be earned, and those who have earned it consider their membership in the Fire community an honor and a privilege.”\*<sup>1</sup>

Thank you.

Finally, the members and Friends of the Cummington Fire Dept. want to say **THANK YOU** to the residents and Friends of the Town of Cummington for all of the support you do provide. Without your support and encouragement a tough job would be that much more difficult. Your support and kind thoughts are what enable us to perform our duties for the town.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard L. Forgea - Chief  
Cummington, Fire Dept.

\*<sup>1</sup>Don Massey, Rick Davey, *A MATTER OF DEGREE, The Hartford Circus Fire and the Mystery of Little Miss 1565* (Simsbury, CT.: Willow Brook Press 2001), 152.

# *Highway Department*

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2015 - 2016

The funds received from the State for potholes reclaimed Potash Hill Road and blacktopped West Cummington from Luther Shaw to Route 9 as well as the required patch needed for other town roads. This winter the Department did gravel Stage Road by the 200 block. We continued with brush cutting during the summer. The Town did hire/replace the third member of the department. We replaced a culvert on Honey Hill road as well as on the west end of Stage Road. We continued with annual patching and laid 100 tons of blacktop.

The Town received a grant from MIIA, our insurance company, to install CCTV equipment on the Highway Garage. I would like to thank Mike Perkins for writing and obtaining the grant.

The Highway Department assisted with redecking the walking bridge over the Westfield River, at the end of Bridge Road. This is the bridge from Route 9 to West Main Street in West Cummington.

The Town also invested money into the Salt Shed, repairing the inner and outer walls. By fixing the top of the inner wall it keeps material from compromising the outer wall.

We are most grateful to the citizens of Cummington for their support of the Highway Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Dextraze, Jr.  
Highway Superintendent

# *Historical Commission*

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**July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015**

The Cummington Historical Commission is pleased to report on another stellar year of activity. Most importantly, the continued work on the restoration of 38 Main Street, which we call, “the Old Parsonage.”

The commission consists of seven appointed members. Our duties include all aspects of overseeing Cummington’s Kingman Tavern Museum, which includes: maintaining the buildings and grounds, preserving and providing rotating displays of our collections and opening the museum for tours during the summer. Commissioner Jessy McMahon offered to serve as Volunteer Coordinator; she will be responsible for the scheduling and training of our guides. Every commissioner is to be commended for their many hours of volunteered time.

We wish to express a very heartfelt thank you to Barbara Goldsmith, a founding member of the Historical Commission, for her many years as a commissioner and genealogist. Her dedication and thorough work in research is a testament to her love and passion for history, especially Cummington’s. She retired from active research this year.

The exciting, labor intense work of restoring the Old Parsonage is being done by Quigley Builders, Inc. of Ashfield. Mary Quigley and her crew are doing an amazing job of bringing the building into a suitable space for the preservation of historical documents and other materials that were in need of a climate controlled environment. The first floor will include exhibit space, a library for research and meetings, an office, bathroom and a small kitchenette. All spaces are handicapped accessible, and of course, up to current building codes. Many local contractors are involved in the project. A special note of appreciation goes to Sean McWilliams, for historical consulting, research, design and advice. The project consumed many hours of discussion, research and meetings to settle on details of the house ranging from layout to paint colors. We look forward to the completion of the Old Parsonage and grand opening.

The museum was open eight Saturdays and one Sunday for Greenwood Music Camp. Attendance hit an all time high of 189+ visitors. The commissioners were ably assisted by our paid guides: Hannah Streeter, Winter Elia, Ezra Ginzberg, Kathryn Jensen and Jessy McMahon. Volunteers are also an essential part of our Saturday crew; thank you to: Laura Sheridan, Barbara Goldsmith, Paul Gariepy, Victor Morrill, Scott Keith, Charles Quinlan, Betsy Barrows, Gretta Slezak, Wesley Bertrand, Helen Larkin, Coureton Dalton, Ron Woodland and Chris Bagg. Special programs were held on 4 afternoons. Thank you to: Josh Wachtel - music, Peg Cowen & John Bye - music, Kim Wachtel - stenciling, and to Ron Woodland for organizing our 2nd annual Shape Note Singing School. Karen Westergaard and Stephen Howes co-created an exhibit highlighting winter in Cummington throughout the ages. Several private tours were also given. The Kingman Tavern Museum is always in need of volunteers, guides and program suggestions to help with our summer schedule.

Thank you to Murray Solomon for his time repairing the rear Tavern door.

The William W. Streeter Cummington History Award was given this year to Shelby Tonelli for her excellent essay, "*Cummington's Namesake - Squire John Cuming.*"

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

- Berkshire Snow Basin sign,  
given by Ken Cyr, painted by Eleanor Green of Goshen.
- Barbara Bates ephemera,  
given by family members Mae Daw and Robert Bates.
- Sermons of William Leese Giles, Baptist minister of Cummington,  
given by Bob Giles.

The Historical Commission encourages donations related to the history of Cummington, which is easily done by contacting one of the commissioners. Don't hesitate to call to discuss items you may have to donate. It is through the generosity of past donations that we hold such a complete collection of historical significance. We especially want to acknowledge past benefactors for their dedication to ensuring that the Kingman Tavern Museum continues to grow, flourish and preserve the vast and interesting history of Cummington.

The commission invites one and all to visit the museum Saturdays during July and August from 2-5 pm or by special arrangement.

I would like to close with a quote from the Report of the Historical Group (FY 1957).

*"We thank you and our pleased with the information so many of you have given us each year and know that in the time to come, it will be as complete a history as we all wish it to be."*

Mildred D. Bates

Our goals have not changed as we continue to uphold the visions of our founding members.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Keith, Chair

**Historical Commission**

Pat Keith, Chair  
Carla Ness, Co-Chair  
Stephen Howes, Historian  
Karen Westergaard,  
Archivist & Secretary

Larry Slezak, Maintenance Chair  
Stephen Buckley, Maintenance  
Jessy McMahon, Volunteer Coordinator  
Barbara Goldsmith, Emerita  
Scott Keith, Treasurer

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[cummington-ma.gov/History.php](http://cummington-ma.gov/History.php)  
[cummingtonhistoricalcommission.weebly.com](http://cummingtonhistoricalcommission.weebly.com)



## **Income:**

### **Dividends and Interest:**

#### **Common Stock**

Allstate Corp	\$ 157.32
Altria Group Inc.	1,581.00
BP AMOCO PLC SPONS ADR	938.52
Bristol Meyers Squibb Co.	1,314.00
Chevron Corp.	1,712.00
Cons Edison Inc.	1,473.20
Discover Financial Services	58.00
Eastman Chemical Co.	192.00
Emerson Elec Co.	1,080.00
General Electric Co.	2,700.00
Honeywell Intl Inc.	325.08
Intl Business Machines Corp.	880.00
Johnson and Johnson	812.00
Kellogg Co.	1,100.10
Merck & Co.	1,424.00
Eli Lilly Co.	985.00
Morgan Stanley	52.20
Pepsico Inc.	1,179.00
Pfizer, Inc.	1,272.00
Proctor & Gamble	1,219.03
Southern Co.	1,591.80
Unilever	788.25
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	\$ 22,834.50

#### **Government Bonds**

U.S. Treasury Bonds of 2016 (\$25,000.00)	
Nov 15, 2016, 7.500%	1,875.00
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	1,875.00

#### **Certificates of Deposit**

First Bank, PR	
1.050%, June 8, 2015	944.99
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	944.99

#### **Money Fund Accounts**

Federated Capital Reserves Money Fund	\$ 0.93
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	0.93
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	\$ 369,163.90

**Balance; June 30, 2015**

**\$ 84,483.05**

**\$ 84,483.05**

**Expenses**

**Transfer to Town:**

Water Account 525.00  
Insurance Account 3,000.00

**Guides:**

Hannah Streeter 371.25  
Ezra Ginzburg 135.00  
Kathryn Jensen 165.00  
Winter Elia 225.00  
Jessy McMahan 90.00

**Honoraria:**

Peg Cowen and John Bye 100.00  
Josh Wachtel 100.00  
Ron Woodland 100.00  
Kim Wachtel 100.00

**Quigley Builders Inc.,**

construction work at 38 Main Street 270,653.81  
Howes Tree Service, tree removal 420.00  
Shane Wolf, grounds work, Kingman Tavern 2,325.00  
Pittsfield Fire and Safety, extinguisher service 327.85  
Cummington Supply, materials 128.40  
Electralarm, annual monitoring fee/call 510.00  
WMECO/Eversource 971.77  
US Postal Service, annual PO Box fee 112.00  
Old Creamery, cookies/sandwiches 26.95  
Pat Keith, repay; bench/keys/paper/hardware/refreshments 398.07  
Peter Marcoux, fill in pre-existing septic tank 206.00  
Dave Wickles Trucking, dumpster service 2,412.25  
Scott Keith, treasurer services 1,000.00  
Scott Keith, grounds work, 38 Main Street 277.50

**284,680.85**

**\$ 369,163.90**

## Invested Funds: Market Value as of June 30, 2015

### Common Stock:

138 shares Allstate Corp.	\$ 8,952.06
775 shares Altria Group Inc.	37,905.25
396 shares BP AMOCO PLC SPONS ADR	15,824.16
900 shares Bristol Meyers Squibb Co.	59,886.00
400 shares Chevron Corp.	38,588.00
580 shares Consolidated Edison Inc	33,570.40
58 shares Discover Financial Services, Inc	3,341.96
128 shares Eastman Chemical Co.	10,472.96
600 shares Emerson Electric Co.	33,258.00
3000 shares General Electric Co.	79,710.00
168 shares Honeywell Intl Corp.	17,130.96
200 shares International Business Machines Corp.	32,532.00
290 shares Johnson and Johnson	28,263.40
570 shares Kellogg Co.	35,739.00
500 shares Eli Lilly & Co.	41,745.00
800 shares Merck and Co.	45,544.00
116 shares Morgan Stanley Co.	4,499.64
450 shares Pepsico Inc.	42,003.00
1200 shares Pfizer Inc.	40,236.00
470 shares Proctor and Gamble Co.	36,772.80
758 shares Southern Co.	31,760.20
630 shares Unilever	26,359.20
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	<b>\$ 704,093.99</b>

### Government Securities:

#### US Treasury Bond

7.500% November 15, 2016 (\$25,000.00)	27,416.00
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	<b>27,416.00</b>

### Money Fund Accounts:

Federated Capital Reserves Money Fund	3,376.55
Cash Balance	316.13
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	<b>3,692.68</b>

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**TOTAL INVESTED FUNDS \$ 735,202.67**

Scott Keith  
Historical Commission Treasurer

## *Planning Board*

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The Planning Board had a very quiet FY 15 as far as regular business goes. We approved just one ANR. With the limited amount of activity, we moved to meet on an as-needed basis. We are planning to bring the cleaned-up draft of the zoning bylaws before the town in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

**Planning Board Members:**

Judith Bogart

Richard A. Roberge

Mark Malinak

Brian J. Gilman

Robert Taylor

# *Police Department*

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**July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015**

**Department Members:** Chief Dennis Forgea, Sergeant Michael Perkins, Officer Sharon Cunningham, Officer Taylor Granger and Special Officer Robert Spiess.

The department continues to focus on providing a high level of professional service to the community. We strive to ensure the community receives the services requested from the Police Department and welcome any feedback from the community.

We continued our work with State Police, Cummington Fire/Rescue, Highland EMS and the Central Berkshire Regional School District Emergency Planning Committee conducting school safety initiatives at Berkshire Trail Elementary School.

In March the department took delivery of our new vehicle, a 2015 Chevrolet Silverado crew cab four wheel drive truck. The added versatility this vehicle provides is a welcomed addition. **THANK YOU AGAIN TO THE VOTERS FOR APPROVING THIS PURCHASE!**

I would be remiss if I didn't thank our public safety partner, Cummington Fire & Rescue for their support in ensuring the citizens of Cummington receive unmatched public safety services.

The department's business line (413.634.0056) can be utilized for other routine business. Please checkout the department's website: [www.cummingtonpolice.com](http://www.cummingtonpolice.com). There are forms available for downloading, reports and other department news. In addition you can follow [@CummingtonPD](https://twitter.com/CummingtonPD) on Twitter!

**Department Weekly Office Hours are Saturday Mornings from 8am - 10am.**

Please Stop In! No appointment necessary!

**PLEASE DIAL 911 to report all emergencies  
both from landline and mobile devices!**

Calls for Service (Include, but not limited to)

Alarms:	45	Medical Emergencies:	39
Property Checks:	43	Investigations:	98
Traffic/Safety Hazards:	45	Motor Vehicle	
Motor Vehicle Crashes:	32	Stops/Complaints:	92
		<b>Total Calls for Service:</b>	<b>532</b>

I would personally like to thank the community for their support of the Police Department throughout the year, it is greatly appreciated!

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis W. Forgea - Chief of Police

# *Cummington Recreation Report*

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**July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015**

Let's welcome three new members to the Recreation Committee. Jennifer O'Neill who championed the Junior Olympics this year, Laurie Fritag, and appointed until the next election, Nicole Wortis. We welcome you and look forward to new ideas, suggestions and the help we need to keep the committee active.

Dennis Forgea continues to open/close our building and ready us for both seasons. We appreciate all you do. Gloria Robbins keeps us mowed and neat in the summer. This year we had Ronald Forgea rototill the infield to prepare for the softball season. The field looks very good and we received compliments from the Women's Softball Teams that used it.

It was voted by the Junior Olympic Committee to hold the Olympics in Goshen from now on. They have a great facility and it worked out well for Plainfield this year. The hosting town will still be responsible for the cooking and serving of the food. Advertising the Olympics changed to banners instead of selling ads in the Junior Olympic program. It seemed to generate enough money to sustain them. Many volunteers are needed from each of the towns to make it work. Seeing past Olympians volunteering is a welcome sight. All volunteers, young and older, are welcome and needed each year. Thank you if you have volunteered!

Santa visited the Gazebo again this year. Thank you to our very own Fire Truck for delivering/returning him safely. Refreshments were served and everyone gave their letters and wishes to Santa.

I hope you all have noticed that the Gazebo is seasonally decorated. Fall (Halloween) Winter (Christmas) Spring (Valentines/St. Patrick's) and Summer. The Gazebo is a comfortable place to sit and enjoy the seasons. Please use it often!

We hired Stevensville Corporation to replace all the boards on the five benches. What an improvement and much needed. We repaired a back-up Lawn mower, thank you Adam Dragon. Conrad Liebenow fixed and replaced the lights in the Scoreboard. Well done! Keeping the Recreation area updated is important to everyone.

This year at a Special Town meeting we asked for money to repaint and repair the Tennis Court. Thank you all who voted, now we can enhance the Court. This will probably be done in the Spring/Summer of 2016.

Finally, let us thank Peter Feitner for his time spent on the Committee.

If you wish to rent the Recreation Area for your special event, please contact Geraldine Wilcox at 634-2136. She is the keeper of the Calendar and schedules the events. Mail your donations to Donna Forgea at 6 Porter Hill Road, Cummington, MA 01026.

Respectfully submitted,

Your Recreation Committee

Geraldine Wilcox, Chair  
Donna L. Forgea, Treasurer  
Amy Grallert, Secretary  
Andrew Liebenow  
Jennifer O'Neill  
Laurie Fritag  
Nicole Wortis

## *Vocational School Committee*

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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 attend Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School. Our students are receiving an excellent education with many vocational options to choose from.

Again we thank our long time bus contractor, Roger Gunn and Stevensville Corp. for the dependable service rendered to our students.

Congratulations to our only graduate in 2015:

Cheyenne Wells

We wish her well in her chosen career.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Carver  
Sharon Cunningham  
Theodore Lynds

# *Water Commissioners Report*

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**July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015**

This year's report will be of great significance to all of you on the water system as well as the Commissioners. The Water Commissioners met on April 22, 2015 to discuss the issues and updates needed to be completed to the water system. It was suggested that we begin a significant increase in the water rates beginning in Fiscal 2016. Over the past three years we have minimally increased the rates to see if that would help, but we are just meeting our increases in electric, propane, chemicals, testing, licenses, repairs/parts and misc. upkeep. We have voted to make a much larger increase in all areas, including the base rate, overages and the fire hydrant assessment. Therefore, we are increasing the base rate by \$25.00 for each of the next three years. We are increasing the overages from 0.0350 to 0.0450 the first year, 0.0550 the second year and 0.0650 the third year. The hydrant assessments will increase \$25 per hydrant for a one time only increase. Our rates have always been below the state average, and after these next three years we will still be below the state average.

In the year 2025, our 40-year obligation on one our loans will be satisfied and two years later, the second one will be satisfied. That's a \$22,000 payment that will be freed up, to be used on improvements.

Our testing is still being done by Housatonic Basin Sampling and Testing in Lee, MA. They continue to do a good job for us. We have purchased a few new hydrant markers and some new water meters and readers. We installed a new sensor and ph analyzer in West Cummington and fixed broken valve box covers. This year was down on minor repairs with major repairs on hold.

Dennis Forgea remains our go-to man for maintenance and reporting to the DEP. Thanks again Dennis for keeping us safely monitored and clear of defaults.

Susan Warriner, our Town Collector, continues to make sure everyone pays their water rents in a timely fashion. Thanks Susan!

To our West Cummington customers, we greatly appreciate your vigilance in calling us when the water pressure gets low. Thunder storms and heavy rain still trip the well pumps. You can call the water operator, Dennis, at any time you notice a problem. (634-5358)

We are committed to delivering the finest quality of water to each and every one of you.

Donna L. Forgea, Chair  
Dann Emerson, Member

Respectfully submitted,  
Your Water Commissioners,  
Tomasz Jaracz, Member  
Dennis W. Forgea, Water Operator

# *Zoning Board of Appeals*

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**July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015**

During FY 2015 there was only one hearing held by the ZBA. On Thursday, December 18, 2014, a hearing was held to consider the application of Jill Hazen (dba T & J Stone Properties, LLC, 416 Grange Hall Road, Dalton, MA 01226) for a Special Permit “To operate a stone quarry consistent with the same terms and conditions as the existing special permit” at the Berkshire Trail location of the existing Swift River Quarry, Assessor’s map 32, lot 8.

The Board granted the Special Permit with the following conditions which includes modifications from the Special Permit that was granted to the previous owner.

1. Hours of operations: Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM; Saturday 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM with no quarrying activities (open for retail sales, maintenance, etc., but no actual quarrying); closed Sundays.
2. Crusher activities limited to 20 days per year,  
Monday – Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.
3. Must observe 100’ setback on all boundaries, as shown on plan, to act as a buffer and to remain in its natural state.
4. The owner shall craft an effective plan for notifying abutters and other interested parties 2-3 days in advance of any blasting activities. The ZBA shall hold a public hearing in January 2016 to monitor and/or alter this notification plan, if needed, based on testimony at the hearing.
5. Within six months of the cessation of quarrying activities or the apparent cessation of any business activities, a plan (closing plan) describing by word, and showing by drawing, actions to be taken to beautify and make safe the quarry for future generations shall be submitted for approval to the ZBA. The plan should, for example but not limited to, include grading, seeding, perhaps some filling, etc.; and comply with any local, state, or federal laws, by-laws, ordinances, or regulations in force at the time of the closing. The closing plan must be executed and completed within six months of approval by the ZBA.
6. This special permit is being granted to Jill Hazen as prospective buyer subject to her purchase of the property. It becomes effective only upon the completion of the sale, otherwise it is null and void.”

All Special Permits issued by the ZBA in the Town of Cummington are issued to the Permittee, and do not “run with the land”. For a true and complete record of these proceedings please contact the Town Clerk.

There currently is one vacancy for a second Associate Member. Typically the board only convenes when there is an application before us; there are no regularly scheduled meetings. Anyone who is interested in joining the ZBA should contact either Carla or Michael for more information. Your objectivity and analytical skills would be two important qualities that you should be able to bring to the board.

The members of the Cummington Zoning Board of Appeals are:

Carla Ness, Chair

Michael Holden, Clerk

Kenneth Howes, Member

Bruce Mougín, Member

Ernest Strong, Member

Deborah Emerson, Associate Member

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Holden, Clerk

## *Annual Report of Highland Ambulance EMS Inc.*

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**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 as of June 30, 2015 consisted of 37 members including 19 Paramedics and 18 EMT's.

**Mission.** The mission of Highland Ambulance EMS, Inc. is to provide the full range of emergency medical services to the member communities. These services include:

- Providing training and certification testing for all first responders.
- Providing mandatory inoculations for all first responders.
- Running blood pressure clinics for residents of the six towns.
- Developing and practicing emergency response plans with the schools and camps in the member towns.
- Conducting health and safety classes for the schools.
- Working with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and Homeland Security to develop emergency response plans for the member towns.
- Providing mutual aid and paramedic intercept services to the neighboring communities.
- Providing transport services.
- Providing standby service for major emergency situations, e.g. house fire.
- Providing standby service for major community events such as the Chesterfield Parade, the Ashfield Fall Festival and the Cummington Fair.
- Responding to all 911 calls that may require emergency medical services.

**Emergency Responses.** During FY 2015 Highland responded to 537 emergency calls of which 101 were no service. These are broken down by Town as follows:

Ashfield	81 (13 No Service)	Chesterfield	58 (12 No Service)
Cummington	63 (12 No Service)	Goshen	70 (21 No Service)
Plainfield	42 (7 No Service)	Williamsburg	188 (21 No Service)
Worthington	14 (4 No Service)	Other	15 (5 No Service)

Out of these responses, 351 required advanced life support (ALS) services.

**Training.** The following special training events were held:

- CPR training for Emergency Service Personnel.
- Quick clot training for EMT personnel and first responders.
- Ebola response review plan with Cooley Dickinson Hospital.
- New National (NCCR) EMT recertification classes for area EMTs.
- Medical Management Classes.
- ALS/BLS interface class for area EMTs.
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support training.
- Paramedic transition class to conform to National Core Curriculum.
- Dog and cat resuscitation class for all first responders.
- Application to become a certified AHA training site.

**Community Involvement.** Highland provided support to our communities including:

- Ambulance Coverage for Community events including the Chesterfield 4th of July Parade, the Cummington Fair, and the Ashfield Fall Festival.
- Safety Committee meeting at Sanderson Academy.
- Flu shot clinic for area first responders and EMT’s.
- Ebola Response plan for the Ashfield Fire Department.
- Lock down drill and tour of the newly refurbished Anne T. Dunphy School in Williamsburg.

**Operating Expenses in FY 2015**                      \$468,288.16

**Cash On Hand June 30, 2015**

Operating Funds	\$ 8,478.19
Building Fund	40,069.72
Ambulance Fund	150,029.59
Memorial Fund	3,086.30
Dresser Fund	3,697.37

**Total Cash On Hand**                                      \$205,361.17

**Grants.** \$25,400 from the Assistance to Fire Fighters Grants for the purchase of two automated CPR devices called LUCAS IIs. They can help improve the chance of survival for cardiac arrest patients.

**Building Project.** During this fiscal year, Highland Ambulance committed to building a permanent facility for its operations. From its very beginning, it was clear that Highland Ambulance was “borrowing” the Goshen Fire House and would need to eventually establish itself elsewhere. Highland Ambulance chose a lot at 12 Williams Drive in Goshen for its facility. Site development has commenced. Anticipated costs of the entire project will be in the range of \$750,000.

**In Memoriam.** We are saddened by the deaths of Francis Dresser of Goshen, at-large member of the Board and one of our founding members and Kit (Christopher) Smith, our valued Williamsburg representative, also a founding member and our Board President for over a decade. Both are greatly missed by all of us.

Respectfully submitted,

Highland Ambulance Board of Directors

Ashfield	Patricia Thayer
Chesterfield	Spencer Timm
Cummington	James Drawe
Goshen	Donald Boisvert
Plainfield	Michael Packard
Williamsburg	Leslie Smith
At-Large	Cassandra Morrey
At-Large	Bernard Forgea
At-Large	Douglas Mollison

# *Hilltown Community Development Corporation*

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## FY 2015

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 also administers a regional grant program that secures federal grant funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to ensure housing and services are provided to the homeless through a Continuum of Care (CoC) model which serves Hampshire, Franklin and Berkshire Counties.

Hilltown CDC works with the community to identify and secure financial resources to serve the community development needs of the region. In 2015, 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 began initiatives that support local agriculture such as the Keep Farming initiative and the formation of a Transportation committee looking at the transportation needs of the hilltown region.

**Social Services:** Hilltown CDC’s **Hilltown Elder Network (HEN)** Program delivered in-home caregiving assistance (primarily chore and transportation assistance) to low-income Hilltown elders at no cost to the participants. HEN staff provided transportation for medical visits and other purposes, including snow removal. CDBG funding was awarded allowing Hilltown CDC to provide CDBG funded HEN services. This grant allowed these services to be delivered through calendar year 2015.

The following social service programs provided assistance to residents in the hilltowns with CDBG funds:

- **The Health Outreach Program for Elders (HOPE)**, administered by Hilltown Community Health Centers (HCHC), provided free in-home nursing care and podiatric services to homebound elders.
- **The Hilltown Food Pantry** distributed food to hilltown individuals. The Pantry is administered by the Northampton Survival Center at the Goshen Town Hall.
- **Child Care Subsidies**, hilltown families were provided subsidies through this program to assist them with child care expenses.

**Economic Development/Small Business Assistance:**

- Provided individualized business consulting and/or training to hilltown businesses, ranging from one hour to 30 hours per business.
- Published the 2015 Hilltown Business Directory, distributed to 13,000 hilltown households in 22 towns, with contact information and descriptions of 337 hilltown businesses in 94 categories. The Directory is also on-line at: [www.hilltowncdc.org](http://www.hilltowncdc.org)

**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 owns and operates Westhampton Woods Senior Housing which provides 15 apartments for low-to-moderate income seniors over 60 years old.
- **Rental Housing:** Hilltown CDC began renovating 24 units of scattered affordable rental housing in Williamsburg, Westhampton and Chesterfield in December of 2014 and is made significant improvements to all existing properties in 2015. This includes the acquisition of a new property in Haydenville. Hilltown CDC has hired a local contractor to complete this project. All of the properties will be completed and fully occupied by April 2016.
- **New Project Development:** Hilltown CDC is working with the Town of Goshen and its Senior Housing Committee to develop 10 rental units of affordable senior housing. Hilltown CDC is pursuing a permit and securing the financing to develop this project. Hilltown CDC has secured a piece of land in Goshen to develop these units. We hope to build this project in 2017.

**Housing Rehabilitation Program:** This 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 2015 HCDC:

- Hilltown CDC rehabilitated 22 homes in the Towns of Williamsburg, Cummington, Chesterfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg, Peru and Plainfield.

**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 2015 HCDC:

- Completed phase I of our Keep Farming in the Hilltowns initiative where we worked with a number of local farmers, buyers and local residents to develop a community action plan based on agricultural. Our action plan will be released in February 2016 once our final public comment period is over.
- We also secured funding to engage the local community and conduct a study on rural transportation needs. We are working across 15 hilltowns inclusive of the Northern and Southern Hilltowns. Phase I includes administering a community survey to be followed up by focus groups and interviews. Our goal at the end of year one (July 2016) is to develop a rural transportation business plan with a pilot period where we will experiment with a few different transportation models.

Please visit [www.hilltowncdc.org](http://www.hilltowncdc.org) for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Christopolis,  
Executive Director  
Hilltown Community  
Development Corporation

# *Hampshire Council of Governments*

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*“In Fiscal Year 2015, The Council saved over \$4.6 Million for our member towns. That’s an average of \$72 per resident. We’re proud to support local town governments, and we look forward to offering even greater value and expanded services in 2016.”*

—Todd Ford  
Executive Director

## **Council Overview**

The Hampshire Council of Governments (HCOG) is a collective body made up of representatives from 15 Hampshire County towns. HCOG has two key focuses: to improve residential life in Hampshire County, and to provide our small towns with the advantage of economies of scale typically available only to larger cities. We accomplish these goals by promoting the local economy, investing in sustainable infrastructure, and aggregating the buying power of our residents. HCOG is not funded primarily by grants or taxes, but rather by fee-for-service programs that generate revenue sufficient to support its operating costs. Modest membership fees are also collected from member communities.

## **2015 - Our Best Year Yet!**

HCOG has consistently demonstrated a high return on investment for our member communities: this year has been no exception. There was a simultaneous upswing in value provided and a large drop in dues collected. In fiscal year 2015 (FY15), the total estimated savings secured for member towns was \$4,626,195. During the same period, member towns paid a collective \$25,509 in dues to HCOG - approximately half of what they paid in the previous year. That means our member towns saw an increase in return on investment of over 200%!

## **About our Programs: Hampshire Power**

Hampshire Power is HCOG’s competitive electricity supply subsidiary and the only non-profit in the industry, statewide. Our pricing is highly competitive when compared to both utility rates and other competitive suppliers. We have been successful in procuring rates as low as \$.108 per KWh for entire cities (like Lowell), as well as businesses, non-profits, and municipal clients.

## **Sustainability**

Our sustainability department has grown over the past three years. In the last years, revenue has gone from \$3,437 (FY13), to \$13,100 (FY14), to \$25,883. We are now brokering Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECs) for

600 people - almost three times as many as last year (214 clients). These clients represent over 4.5 million annual kilowatt hours, 266,443 square feet of solar arrays, and 4,478 SRECs - valued at \$1,369,540. Generating this amount of power through solar technology avoided the release of 3,136 tons of carbon dioxide byproduct.

### **Hampshire County Group Insurance**

The Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust (HCGIT) provides health and life insurance to over 10,000 individuals. The HCGIT's revenue increased from \$49,097,910 to \$53,770,883 over the past fiscal year: a 9.5% increase. 11 out of 15 member towns use the HCGIT in place of the state plan. Member towns secured \$2.9 million in savings through the HCGIT.

### **Purchasing Cooperative**

The Purchasing Cooperative (The Co-Op) - now in its 34th year serving the communities of western Massachusetts - leverages its relationship with vendors to secure better deals for municipalities. By aggregating the buying power of many small communities, the Co-Op helps smaller towns and cities attain the benefits of economies of scale that would normally not be possible for them. In the last fiscal year, all 15 member towns made use of the Co-Op, saving an estimated \$412,000 collectively. State-wide savings a total of \$802,786 over the same period.

### **Hampshire IT**

The Hampshire I.T. program is a partnership with the region's largest I.T. company, Paragus IT. By hiring Paragus through HCOG, customers are able to receive a discounted rate on I.T. services. 8 municipalities saved \$34,549 through Hampshire I.T.

### **RSVP of Hampshire & Franklin Counties**

RSVP (the Retired Senior Volunteer Program) of Hampshire & Franklin Counties provides opportunities for people 55 and older to use their expertise for the benefit of their communities. These volunteers focus on helping seniors remain independent and in their own homes, increasing food security in the region, and building nonprofits' capacity to do great work through fundraising and program support.

### **Tobacco Free Community Partnership**

The mission of the Tobacco Free Community Partnership is to encourage and support smokers in Franklin and Hampshire County to quit. It also aims to create awareness of harmful, smokeless tobacco products that are often marketed towards young people.

**Regional Accounting**

As part of HCOG's mission to serve our smaller communities, we provide a regional accounting service to towns without municipal accountants. In FY15, HCOG supplied accounting services to 4 area non-profits as well as 3 towns. These financial services include town accountant services, bookkeeping, and payables.

**Cummington**

Cummington saved \$56,808 through HCOG services in FY15.

**The Town used the following services:**

Hampshire County group Insurance Trust, the Purchasing Coop, and RSVP of Hampshire and Franklin Counties.

Unused services included Tobacco Free Partnership, Hampshire Solar, Regional Accounting, Hampshire IT, and Hampshire Power.

Cummington's Councilor is James Drawe

# *Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative*

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## **FY15 Report**

To the Residents of the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative:

The Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (HRMC) was created in 1989 by a group of dedicated volunteers who had the vision to seek a regional solution to help small towns with volunteer local boards attain sustainability and environmental objectives.

The member Towns that comprise the HRMC include: Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg, and Worthington. Each Town appoints two representatives to serve on the HRMC Board. Board Officers for FY15 included: Joe Kearns, Chair (Middlefield); Adam Leach, Vice Chair (Worthington); and Tom Martin, Treasurer (Westhampton). In October, Kathleen Casey assumed the contracted half-time position of HRMC Administration filling the position that had been vacated in July.

The HRMC has been helping hilltown member communities manage all aspects of their solid waste including: municipal waste hauling and disposal, recycling, hazardous waste, DEP compliance assistance, and sustainability services. In FY15 those services comprised:

- Bid Administration, Contract Administration, and contractor transition to both a 3-year Municipal Recycling Facility (MRF) hauling contract and a 3-year Municipal Solid Waste Hauling and Disposal Contract for each of the member towns.
- Administration and Execution of a new 5-year MRF contract with DEP and Waste Management.
- Execution of an annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event.
- Program management of Transfer Station Recyclables including collection, hauling and recycling of tires, electronic waste, universal waste, and Freon removal from appliances. Implementing a new Call2Recycle battery collection service. Additionally, the Town of Williamsburg became a regional mattress-recycling center for HRMC community residents.
- Transfer Station operations and compliance monitoring including the implementation of DEP transfer station regulations that were announced in February 2014.
- Preparation and submittal of DEP annual surveys and reports.
- DEP Grant Administration including reporting and grant writing.

In addition to the managing the day to day business and program operations of the HRMC, the HRMC Administrator also serves as a representative on behalf of its member Towns to the MRF Municipal Advisory Board, the State Solid Waste Advisory Committee and, the Western Mass Regional Recycling Coordinators; advocates with local, regional, and State officials; and, is available to provide technical assistance on DEP and compliance related issues.

In FY15, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced their Small-Scale Initiative Grants under the annual Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP). Nine of HRMC town received a grant award of \$500. Collectively, the grant awards totaled \$4,500, which the towns used to acquire transfer station signs to meet new regulatory requirements, and to do public outreach. In addition, two HRMC Towns were the recipients of additional grants under the Recycling Dividends Program (Goshen and Williamsburg). In total, the HRMC Towns received \$7,300.00 in grant funding - an increase of \$2,300.00 over the previous year. Grant applications for FY16 were submitted in June for a total of more than \$18,000 in funding requests.

The HRMC has an annual assessment that is approved by each Town at their annual Town meeting. The annual Assessment Budget is based on tonnage and population. In FY15 the combined assessment for all ten towns was \$39,487.56. After two years of budget reductions, the Assessment Budget has remained level funded for the past 5 years. The Assessments are intended to offset base operating expenses. Recycling program/collection costs (other than MRF) are pass-thru expenses from the HRMC to the Towns to best maximize the economy of scale and to enable the HRMC administrator to have review and oversight of vendor contracts/relations, and program operations.

A review of recycling tonnage for FY 2015 shows an increase of nearly 43 tons compared to FY14. In FY15, the HRMC member Towns collectively diverted 1,085.57 tons of recyclable materials (paper, and bottles/cans) to the MRF and earned \$19,018.14 in recycling revenue despite low market prices throughout the year.

The HRMC looks forward to continuing to assist the member Towns during the upcoming year. If you have questions about HRMC programs, call us at 413-685-5498 or by email at: [hrcm@hrcm-ma.org](mailto:hrcm@hrcm-ma.org).

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