



TOWN OF ATHOL ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020



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**FINANCIAL REPORTS
FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Town Manager and the Citizens of Athol, Massachusetts:

The following reports are the financial transactions of the Town of Athol for the twelve (12) month period ending June 30, 2020

Receipts and Payments July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020		
General Fund Revenue		
Taxes & Excises:		
Personal Property Taxes	461,129	
Real Estate Taxes	13,479,377	
Tax Title Redeemed	170,912	
Sale of Tax Title Possessions	208,000	
Motor Vehicle Excises	1,221,593	
Penalties & Interest Earned on Taxes	194,147	
In Lieu of Taxes	6,456	
Total Taxes & Excises		15,741,614
Department Revenue		
Animal Control	-	
Board of Health	53,503	
Town Clerk	50,175	
Library	600	
Police	19,041	
Fire	16,080	
Ambulance	974,192	
Wire	48,127	
Building	110,140	
Tax Collector Fees	38,885	
Sealer WM	4,554	
Cemetery Receipts	32,858	
Conservation/Misc DPW	7,000	
Selectmen	20,157	
DPW Permits	750	
Rentals	78,224	
Parking Fines	2,005	
Investment Income	32,664	
Court Fines	9,981	
Miscellaneous	44,251	
CDBG	35,063	
Veteran's District	26,452	

ACO District	39,889	
Septic Betterment Revenue	14,098	
Total Departmental Revenue		1,658,689
State Revenue		
Abatements - Vets, Blind, Surv.	18,072	
Additional Assistance General		
UGG Aid (Lottery)	2,811,281	
Veterans Benefits	165,096	
Reimbursement of Taxes - State Land	48,004	
Urban Redevelopment	45,800	
Meals Tax	163,495	
Library	24,952	
Assessments	(111,528)	
Total State Revenue		3,165,172
Transfers from Other Funds		
Special Revenue Funds	339,000	
Trust Funds		
Water Enterprise	150,358	
Sewer Enterprise	156,120	
Transfer Enterprise	18,040	
Total From Other Funds		663,518
Total General Fund Revenue		21,228,993

Town of Athol
Expense to Budget
July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Group	Department	Budget	Expended	Ending Balance
FINANCE				
	Finance Committee	85,250	77,210	8,040
	Accounting	131,831	130,974	857
	Assessor	141,266	140,000	1,266
	Treasurer/Collector	2,609,953	2,461,978	147,975
	Treasurer/Debt	1,638,755	1,596,268	42,487
	Capital Planning Com	1,120	1,020	100
Total Finance		4,608,175	4,407,450	200,725
PUBLIC SAFETY				
	Police	2,028,173	2,017,058	11,115
	Fire	1,952,684	1,952,684	-
	Inspectional Services	166,870	159,592	7,278
	Animal Control	90,698	90,698	-
	Board of Health	131,430	129,201	2,229
Total Public Safety		4,369,855	4,349,233	20,622
PUBLIC SERVICE				
	Selectmen	548,477	481,765	66,712
	Town Manager	145,963	133,594	12,369
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	Town Clerk	158,631	156,770	1,861
	Elect / Registration	21,344	18,563	2,781
	Conservation Comm	26,900	25,758	1,142
	Zoning Board	2,600	1,790	810
	Planner	117,566	115,500	2,066
	Memorial Hall	144,662	95,423	49,239
	Professional Services	357,434	352,383	5,051
	Council on Aging	128,437	107,713	20,724
	Veterans Department	246,406	246,030	376
	Library	587,362	520,905	66,457
	Parking Clerk	11,725	3,915	7,810
	Recreation	23,384	23,384	-
	Beaches	43,121	30,415	12,706
Total Public Service		2,564,012	2,313,908	250,104

PUBLIC WORKS

	DPW Administration	255,670	248,049	7,621
	Highway Department	1,106,450	1,106,450	-
	Cemetery	426,536	401,222	25,314
Total Public Works		1,788,656	1,755,721	32,935

OTHER

	Retirement	1,491,426	1,464,108	27,318
	Retirement BuyBacks	130,000	69,288	60,712
		1,621,426	1,533,396	88,030

SCHOOL

	ARRSD	4,747,060	4,747,060	-
	Vocational	342,092	328,275	13,817
Total School		5,089,152	5,075,335	13,817

ASSESSMENTS

	Air Pollution Control	2,709	2,712	(3)
	Montachusset RTA	86,491	86,496	(5)
	RMV Non-Renewal	23,940	22,320	1,620
Total Assessments		113,140	111,528	1,612

TOTAL OPERATIONAL SPENDING	20,154,416	19,546,571	607,845
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ARTICLES/HOLDOVERS

Description	Amount	
2009 Capital Plan	756	
2012 Capital Plan	229	
2013 Capital Plan	791	
2015 Capital Plan	11,598	
2016 Capital Plan	645	
2017 Capital Plan	73,121	
2018 Capital Plan	24,291	
2019 Capital Plan	1,506	
2020 Capital Plan	363,154	
Total Capital Funds		476,091
Disposition of Schools	3,900	
Silver Lake Mst Plan	600	
FY15 Reval	3,155	
FY17 Reval	39,645	
FY18 Reval	48,413	
FY19 Reval	48,500	
T Clerk Codification	6,993	
Upgrades to ACO	8,959	

DEP Phase 1	18,638	
Lake Ellis Treatment	4,060	
		182,863
Selectmen	57,907	
ZBA	133	
Town Hall	977	
Police	695	
Beaches	80	
DPW	94	
Prof Services	5,031	
Treasurer	79	
Vets	194	
C O Aging	2,483	
		67,673
Total Funds to be Heldover		250,536
Sewer Fund		
Holdover	-	
FY14 Replace UV Lamp	3,635	
FY19 Equip and Infrastructure	32,799	
FY20 Equip and Infrastructure	225,000	
Retirement Buybacks	61,000	
Total Sewer Funds Heldover		322,434
Water Fund		
Water Holdover	-	
FY19 Equip and Infrastructure	92,307	
FY20 Equip and Infrastructure	150,000	
Retirement Buybacks	86,258	
Total Water Funds Heldover		328,565
Transfer Station		
Transfer Sta Holdover	-	
		-
Total of Funds Heldover		1,377,626

**Water Enterprise
Income Statement
July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020**

Receipts			Budget	Actual	Variance
	Water Charges/Service		1,215,915	1,117,779	(98,136)
	Water Interest		5,000	30,916	25,916
	Water Acct Charge		80,000	79,126	(874)
	Water Liens to Taxes			727	727
	Miscellaneous Revenue			1,629	1,629
	Total Water Revenue		1,300,915	1,230,177	(70,738)

Expenses					
	Operational Expenses		897,918	655,860	242,058
	Debt		192,639	192,639	0
	Health Insurance		55,358	55,358	0
	Overhead		95,000	95,000	0
	OPEB		60,000	60,000	0
	Total Water Expenses		1,300,915	1,058,857	242,058

**Sewer Enterprise
Income Statement
July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020**

Receipts		Budget	Actual	Variance
	Sewer Charges/Service	1,468,335	1,448,306	(20,029)
	Sewer Interest	5,000	9,466	4,466
	Sewer Acct Charge	70,000	79,793	9,793
	Sewer Liens to Taxes		3,851	3,851
	Sale of Inventory			0
	Total Sewer Revenue	1,543,335	1,541,416	(1,919)

Expenses				
	Operational Expenses	1,001,633	802,200	199,433
	Debt	350,582	350,581	1
	Health Insurance	61,120	61,120	0
	Overhead	95,000	95,000	0
	OPEB	35,000	35,000	0
	Total Sewer Expenses	1,543,335	1,343,901	199,434

Transfer Station Enterprise
Income Statement
July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Receipts			Budget	Actual	Variance
	Transfer Receipts		504,725	470,446	(34,279)
	Retained Earnings				0
	Total Transfer Revenue		504,725	470,446	(34,279)

Expenses					
	Operational Expenses		499,235	490,858	8,377
	Debt		37,450	36,850	600
	Health Insurance		18,040	18,040	0
	Overhead				0
	Total Transfer Expenses		554,725	545,748	8,977

Special Revenue Fund Grants - Federal Grants

Community Block Grant		Lake Ellis Dam Grant	
Beginning Balance	143,425	Beginning Balance	31,210
Revenues	773,150	Revenues	0
Expenditures	839,597	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	76,978	Ending Balance	31,210
COPS More Grant		Asst To FireFighters Grant	
Beginning Balance	5,353	Beginning Balance	0
Revenues	0	Revenues	228,343
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	228,343
Ending Balance	5,353	Ending Balance	0
LLEGD 2004			
Beginning Balance	1,617		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	1,617		
Byrne Youth Employment Grant			
Beginning Balance	1,971	Total Federal Grants	
Revenues	0	Beginning Balance	184,003
Expenditures	0	Revenues	1,001,493
Ending Balance	1,971	Expenditures	1,067,940
		Ending Balance	117,556
Library Planning Grant			
Beginning Balance	73		
Revenues			
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	73		
N Central Tech Assist Grant			
Beginning Balance	354		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	354		

Special Revenue Fund Grants - State Grants

Arts Lottery		Election & Regis Reimb	
Beginning Balance	7,691	Beginning Balance	3,216
Revenues	11,361	Revenues	1,083
Expenditures	7,086	Expenditures	2,447
Ending Balance	11,966	Ending Balance	1,852
Comm Septic System		Clean Energy CHC Matching Grant	
Beginning Balance	1,405	Beginning Balance	345
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,405	Ending Balance	345
43D Expedite Grant		BOH Skin Cancer Grant	
Beginning Balance	6,703	Beginning Balance	241
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	52
Ending Balance	6,703	Ending Balance	189
Council on Aging Boyton Fund		Library Grant	
Beginning Balance	0	Beginning Balance	121,604
Revenues	0	Revenues	24,953
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	16,099
Ending Balance	0	Ending Balance	130,458
Fed Bio Terrorism Grant		MLBC Construction Grnt Lib Expansion	
Beginning Balance	290	Beginning Balance	97,030
Revenues	0	Revenues	287
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	290	Ending Balance	97,317
Homeland Sec Grant		Energy Audit Rocket Grant	
Beginning Balance	15	Beginning Balance	1,517
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	15	Ending Balance	1,517
Composting Grant		MA Forest Stewardship Plan	
Beginning Balance	125	Beginning Balance	500
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	125	Ending Balance	500

FY19 Greene Comm Grant		FY17 Comm Compact IT Computers	
Beginning Balance	0	Beginning Balance	229
Revenues	29,190	Revenues	0
Expenditures	29,190	Expenditures	229
Ending Balance	0	Ending Balance	0
BOH Immunication Disparity Grant		FY19 Complete Sts Mass DOT	
Beginning Balance	3,209	Beginning Balance	0
Revenues	0	Revenues	37,971
Expenditures	358	Expenditures	37,971
Ending Balance	2,851	Ending Balance	0
FY16 Small Scale Transf Station		FY19 Matress Recycle	
Beginning Balance	1,000	Beginning Balance	4,090
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,000	Ending Balance	4,090
FY18 MassWorks PreDevelopment		FY19 Recycling Div Trans Station	
Beginning Balance	0	Beginning Balance	3,500
Revenues	8,894	Revenues	0
Expenditures	8,894	Expenditures	3,122
Ending Balance	0	Ending Balance	378
FY18 Recycling Div Prog Transf Station		FY19 MEDA Grant	
Beginning Balance	1,480	Beginning Balance	0
Revenues	0	Revenues	13,985
Expenditures	1,480	Expenditures	13,985
Ending Balance	0	Ending Balance	0
FY20 Recycling Div Prog Transf Station		FY20 Lake Ellis Watershed Grant	
Beginning Balance	0	Beginning Balance	0
Revenues	4,200	Revenues	7,655
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	8,862
Ending Balance	4,200	Ending Balance	(1,207)
FY20 DCR Comm Wood Bank Grant		FY20 LSTA Libarary Manuscript Grant	
Beginning Balance	0	Beginning Balance	0
Revenues	1,629	Revenues	10,000
Expenditures	1,629	Expenditures	3,673
Ending Balance	0	Ending Balance	6,327
FY19 MVP Planning Grant		FY20 Street Lights Program	
Beginning Balance	0	Beginning Balance	0
Revenues	53,000	Revenues	4,760
Expenditures	53,000	Expenditures	4,760
Ending Balance	0	Ending Balance	0

		Total State Grants	
		Beginning Balance	254,190
		Revenues	208,968
		Expenditures	192,837
		Ending Balance	270,321
Board of Health Grants			
BOH Mass Poll Abate Trust ATM15		FY17 Police K9 Stanton Grant	
Beginning Balance	18,603	Beginning Balance	16,813
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	3,624
Ending Balance	18,603	Ending Balance	13,189
FY17 FDA Retail Garnt		FY20 Police Drug Take Back Grant	
Beginning Balance	669	Beginning Balance	0
Revenues	0	Revenues	1300
Expenditures	157	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	512	Ending Balance	1,300
Total Board of Health Grants		Total Police Grants	
Beginning Balance	19,272	Beginning Balance	46,215
Revenues	0	Revenues	1,300
Expenditures	157	Expenditures	26,446
Ending Balance	19,115	Ending Balance	21,069
		Council on Aging Grants	
Police Department Grants			
		CO Aging Formula Grant	
Police DARE Grant		Beginning Balance	1,960
Beginning Balance	4,307	Revenues	29,802
Revenues	0	Expenditures	30,490
Expenditures	0	Ending Balance	1,272
Ending Balance	4,307		
		CO Aging Boynton Fund	
Police VOWA Grant		Beginning Balance	5,717
Beginning Balance	293	Revenues	2,168
Revenues	0	Expenditures	854
Expenditures	0	Ending Balance	7,031
Ending Balance	293		
		MCO Aging Grant	
FY16 PSAP Training Grant		Beginning Balance	2,087
Beginning Balance	22,822	Revenues	0
Revenues	0	Expenditures	0
Expenditures	22,822	Ending Balance	2,087
Ending Balance	0		

		Total C O Aging Grants	
FY19 Police Comm IT Grant		Beginning Balance	9,764
Beginning Balance	1980	Revenues	31,970
Revenues	0	Expenditures	31,344
Expenditures	0	Ending Balance	10,390
Ending Balance	1,980		
Fire Department Grants			
Emergency Planning Comm		FY19 Mass Decon Unit Grant	
Beginning Balance	141	Beginning Balance	1846
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	141	Ending Balance	1,846
Emergency MGT Grant		FY19 Fire EMP Grant	
Beginning Balance	316	Beginning Balance	0
Revenues	0	Revenues	1,150
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	1,150
Ending Balance	316	Ending Balance	0
FY20 Fire Turnout Gear Grant		FY20 SAFE Grant	
Beginning Balance	0	Beginning Balance	0
Revenues	0	Revenues	4,530
Expenditures	2,490	Expenditures	1,604
Ending Balance	(2,490)	Ending Balance	2,926
FY20 Senior SAFE Grant			
Beginning Balance	0		
Revenues	2,348		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	2,348		
FY19 Fire SAFE Grant			
Beginning Balance	3,571		
Revenues	341		
Expenditures	3,912		
Ending Balance	0		
FY19 Fire Senior SAFE Grant		Total Fire Dept Grants	
Beginning Balance	2,400	Beginning Balance	8,274
Revenues	0	Revenues	8,369
Expenditures	2,400	Expenditures	11,556
Ending Balance	0	Ending Balance	5,087

Special Revenue Funds - Other

Council on Aging Special		Library Memorial Book	
Beginning Balance	54,061	Beginning Balance	3,477
Revenues	7,173	Revenues	1,735
Expenditures	9,788	Expenditures	1,365
Ending Balance	51,446	Ending Balance	3,847
Council on Aging Parmenter		Mass. Decon Unit Training	
Beginning Balance	80	Beginning Balance	1,516
Revenues	2,200	Revenues	0
Expenditures	1,480	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	800	Ending Balance	1,516
Agriculture Comm Donations		Safety Education Fund	
Beginning Balance	1,852	Beginning Balance	322
Revenues	250	Revenues	0
Expenditures	625	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,477	Ending Balance	322
Bunzl Extr/Construct Dynamics		DARE Donation Account	
Beginning Balance	889	Beginning Balance	1,196
Revenues	0	Revenues	131
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	889	Ending Balance	1,327
Building and Fire Dept Fines		Veterans Park Donations	
Beginning Balance	2,782	Beginning Balance	150
Revenues	200	Revenues	0
Expenditures	38	Expenditures	150
Ending Balance	2,944	Ending Balance	0
Drug Forfeiture		Teen Task Force Donations	
Beginning Balance	10,451	Beginning Balance	2,247
Revenues	735	Revenues	0
Expenditures	5,793	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	5,393	Ending Balance	2,247
Parmenter Large Print		Town Hall Flag Pole Donations	
Beginning Balance	677	Beginning Balance	1,159
Revenues	2,500	Revenues	0
Expenditures	2,121	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,056	Ending Balance	1,159

Care of Animals Donations		Memorial Hall Revitalization	
Beginning Balance	10,081	Beginning Balance	6,693
Revenues	10,510	Revenues	0
Expenditures	24,941	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	(4,350)	Ending Balance	6,693
Shade Tree Comm Donations		Fire Dept Donations	
Beginning Balance	1,724	Beginning Balance	4,749
Revenues	10	Revenues	14,244
Expenditures	214	Expenditures	9,018
Ending Balance	1,520	Ending Balance	9,975
Holiday Decorations Donations		Friends of Library Donation	
Beginning Balance	504	Beginning Balance	3,469
Revenues	0	Revenues	400
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	400
Ending Balance	504	Ending Balance	3,469
ACO Van/Equip Donations		Community Safty Day/Police	
Beginning Balance	616	Beginning Balance	525
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	616	Ending Balance	525
Bearsdn Donations		Police Donations	
Beginning Balance	410	Beginning Balance	1,683
Revenues	50	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	583
Ending Balance	460	Ending Balance	1,100
Silver Lake Lights Donations		Retail Mgt Devel for MarketBasket	
Beginning Balance	1,114	Beginning Balance	15,350
Revenues	0	Revenues	54
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,114	Ending Balance	15,404
ACO Facility Donations		Expedited Permitting 43D MarketBasket	
Beginning Balance	190	Beginning Balance	29,795
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	190	Ending Balance	29,795
Recreation Comm Donations		Buiding/Inspectional Enforcement	
Beginning Balance	13,041	Beginning Balance	25,652
Revenues	0	Revenues	5,025
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	335
Ending Balance	13,041	Ending Balance	30,342

Police K9 Donations		DPU TNC Funds	
Beginning Balance	10,851	Beginning Balance	16
Revenues	0	Revenues	15
Expenditures	1,254	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	9,597	Ending Balance	31
Millers River Floating Dock Donations		HCGIT Wellness Program	
Beginning Balance	3,254	Beginning Balance	94
Revenues	0	Revenues	767
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	125
Ending Balance	3,254	Ending Balance	736
3824 ChestnutHill Solar Peer Review		100 Main St Wheel Chair Life Donations	
Beginning Balance	0	Beginning Balance	
Revenues	1250	Revenues	15,000
Expenditures	1250	Expenditures	15,000
Ending Balance	0	Ending Balance	0
Conant Road Solar Peer Review		706 Peterhsam Rf MJ Peer Review	
Beginning Balance	16	Beginning Balance	1250
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	1250
Ending Balance	16	Ending Balance	0
Thrower Road Solar Peer Review		Downtown Events and Initiatives	
Beginning Balance	144	Beginning Balance	(250)
Revenues	0	Revenues	
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	300
Ending Balance	144	Ending Balance	(550)
Nationalgrid Comm Pocket Park			
Beginning Balance	0		
Revenues	5,010		
Expenditures	5,010		
Ending Balance	0		
1620 Labs Host Agreement			
Beginning Balance	0		
Revenues	10,000		
Expenditures	0	TOTAL Special Revenue Funds	
Ending Balance	10,000	Beginning Balance	211,830
		Revenues	77,259
		Expenditures	81,040
		Ending Balance	208,049

Revolving Funds

Ch 525 Insurance Reimbursement	
Beginning Balance	35,800
Revenues	14,373
Expenditures	21,753
Ending Balance	28,420
Conservation Fund	
Beginning Balance	7,837
Revenues	5,081
Expenditures	1,811
Ending Balance	11,107
VABC Receivership/Rehab Liens	
Beginning Balance	131,354
Revenues	0
Expenditures	47,487
Ending Balance	83,867
VABC Demo Lien Grants Appropriations	
Beginning Balance	110179
Revenues	75000
Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	185,179
Accident Recovery Account	
Beginning Balance	117
Revenues	0
Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	117
Fire Dept Hazmat Training Fund	
Beginning Balance	0
Revenues	7404
Expenditures	7209
Ending Balance	195
Total Revolving Funds	
Beginning Balance	285,287
Revenues	101,858
Expenditures	78,260
Ending Balance	308,885

Receipts Reserved for Appropriation

Equipment Rental	
Beginning Balance	5,624
Revenues	372
Expenditures	538
Ending Balance	5,458
Parking Meter	
Beginning Balance	78,388
Revenues	8,128
Expenditures	24,000
Ending Balance	62,516
Sale of Cemetery Lots	
Beginning Balance	2,983
Revenues	600
Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	3,583
Reserve for Ambulance Expenses	
Beginning Balance	346,618
Revenues	97,963
Expenditures	315,000
Ending Balance	129,581
Conservation Fund	
Beginning Balance	26,109
Revenues	0
Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	26,109
Sale of Real Estate Proceeds	
Beginning Balance	41,871
Revenues	68,000
Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	109,871
Total Receipts Reserved for Appropriation	
Beginning Balance	501,593
Revenues	175,063
Expenditures	339,538
Ending Balance	337,118

Agency and Trust

Plumbing Inspector Fees		Septic Revenue	
Beginning Balance	8,472	Beginning Balance	953
Revenues	13,530	Revenues	0
Expenditures	12,860	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	9,142	Ending Balance	953
Gas Inspector Fees		Trench Permitting Account	
Beginning Balance	5,418	Beginning Balance	450
Revenues	7,265	Revenues	0
Expenditures	7,290	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	5,393	Ending Balance	450
Tailings		Compost Bins	
Beginning Balance	7,717	Beginning Balance	425
Revenues	0	Revenues	699
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	7,717	Ending Balance	1,124
Fire Dept Outside Details		Building Dept Outside Detail	
Beginning Balance	916	Beginning Balance	781
Revenues	1,742	Revenues	0
Expenditures	1,742	Expenditures	570
Ending Balance	916	Ending Balance	211
Ch 773 - Police Outside Detail		Conservation Maps	
Beginning Balance	23,098	Beginning Balance	185
Revenues	229,830	Revenues	0
Expenditures	232,270	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	20,658	Ending Balance	185
Deputy Tax Collector		Health Vaccines	
Beginning Balance	494	Beginning Balance	4,123
Revenues	41,547	Revenues	0
Expenditures	42,631	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	(590)	Ending Balance	4,123
Fire Arm & Licenses			
Beginning Balance	6,817		
Revenues	21,988		
Expenditures	23,313		
Ending Balance	5,492		

Recreation Fees			
Beginning Balance	10,385		
Revenues	7,248		
Expenditures	7,463		
Ending Balance	10,170		
Agency and Trust			
Beginning Balance	3,099		
Revenues	2,000		
Expenditures	2,000		
Ending Balance	3,099		
Agency and Trust Summary			
Beginning Balance	73,333		
Revenues	325,849		
Expenditures	330,139		
Ending Balance	69,043		

**Non-Expendable Trust Funds
Revenue and Expenditures**

Spaight Street School		Craignin Downing	
Beginning Balance	1,000	Beginning Balance	6,700
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,000	Ending Balance	6,700
Charles Cooke School		Richard B Ellis Memorial	
Beginning Balance	3,000	Beginning Balance	1,002
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	3,000	Ending Balance	1,002
Gertrude M Hale Scholarship		Barbara Dexter	
Beginning Balance	102,620	Beginning Balance	500
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	102,620	Ending Balance	500
Lyman Ward School		Dr. Talcott Memorial	
Beginning Balance	1,000	Beginning Balance	565
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,000	Ending Balance	565
Edwin C Hale Library		Martha Talcott Memorial	
Beginning Balance	102,221	Beginning Balance	4,375
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	102,221	Ending Balance	4,375
Kate Fay Library		Russell Field Library	
Beginning Balance	26,000	Beginning Balance	1,000
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	26,000	Ending Balance	1,000
Fay Johnstone Library		Talcott Historical	
Beginning Balance	500	Beginning Balance	153
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	500	Ending Balance	153

Adele Parmenter		Waterman Flower	
Beginning Balance	500	Beginning Balance	300
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	500	Ending Balance	300
Millers River Translator		Wilder Cemetery Flower	
Beginning Balance	226	Beginning Balance	300
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	226	Ending Balance	300
Gladys Green Library		White Taylor Boland Flower	
Beginning Balance	225	Beginning Balance	150
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	225	Ending Balance	150
Herbert L Bartlet Library		Kate Fay Flower	
Beginning Balance	1,000	Beginning Balance	400
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,000	Ending Balance	400
Helen Aiken Library		Allen Warrell Flower	
Beginning Balance	33	Beginning Balance	500
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	33	Ending Balance	500
A Harding Library		Charles Everett Flower	
Beginning Balance	300	Beginning Balance	500
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	300	Ending Balance	500
Marion Crane Flower		HC Morse Flower	
Beginning Balance	500	Beginning Balance	300
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	500	Ending Balance	300
Morse Davidson Flower		Marie/Virginia Phillips Flower	
Beginning Balance	300	Beginning Balance	300
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	300	Ending Balance	300

Carrie/Flora Hale Flower		G/R Sprague Charity Fund	
Beginning Balance	300	Beginning Balance	3,000
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	300	Ending Balance	3,000
Winnie Burnham Flower		Cemetery General Fund	
Beginning Balance	300	Beginning Balance	620,058
Revenues	0	Revenues	12,690
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	90
Ending Balance	300	Ending Balance	632,658
Albert Drury Flower		Coffin Fund	
Beginning Balance	300	Beginning Balance	300
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	300	Ending Balance	300
Wiley Flower		Gamon Flower Fund	
Beginning Balance	300	Beginning Balance	500
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	300	Ending Balance	500
Elizabeth Cropper Flower		Melvina Lukus Library	
Beginning Balance	300	Beginning Balance	4,684
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	300	Ending Balance	4,684
Marjorie Hill Flower		Ruby Cook Library Trust Fund	
Beginning Balance	500	Beginning Balance	32,220
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	500	Ending Balance	32,220
Nellie Byron Fountain		McGuirk Floer Fund	
Beginning Balance	4,452	Beginning Balance	300
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	4,452	Ending Balance	300
Cemetery Tomb Fund		Johnson Library Trust	
Beginning Balance	2,000	Beginning Balance	960
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	2,000	Ending Balance	960

MaGranis/Davenport Trust			
Beginning Balance	10,000	Ben & Margaret Feldman	
Revenues	0	Beginning Balance	325
Expenditures	0	Revenues	0
Ending Balance	10,000	Expenditures	0
		Ending Balance	325
Lillian Plotkin Scholarship Fund			
Beginning Balance	10,000		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	10,000		
Amelia Gibson Library Trust			
Beginning Balance	78,261		
Revenues	0	Non-Expendable Trust Summary	
Expenditures	0	Beginning Balance	1,606,338
Ending Balance	78,261	Revenues	12,690
		Expenditures	90
Nye Library Trust		Ending Balance	1,618,938
Beginning Balance	2,000		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	2,000		
Frawley Flower			
Beginning Balance	300	OPEB Liability Trust	
Revenues	0	Beginning Balance	246,969
Expenditures	0	Revenues	143,538
Ending Balance	300	Expenditures	0
		Ending Balance	390,507
Thomas Flower			
Beginning Balance	325		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	325		
H and C Brouillet Library Trust			
Beginning Balance	5,000		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	5,000		
C Brouillet Apprenticeship			
Beginning Balance	573,183		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	573,183		

**Expendable Trust Funds
Revenue and Expenditures**

Spaight Street School		Craignin Downing	
Beginning Balance	463	Beginning Balance	1,456
Revenues	54	Revenues	299
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	517	Ending Balance	1,755
Charles Cooke School		Richard B Ellis Memorial	
Beginning Balance	636	Beginning Balance	416
Revenues	133	Revenues	52
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	769	Ending Balance	468
Gertrude M Hale Scholarship		Barbara Dexter	
Beginning Balance	3,772	Beginning Balance	1,066
Revenues	3,905	Revenues	57
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	7,677	Ending Balance	1,123
Lyman Ward School		Dr. Talcott Memorial	
Beginning Balance	3,877	Beginning Balance	821
Revenues	179	Revenues	51
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	4,056	Ending Balance	872
Edwin C Hale Library		Martha Talcott Memorial	
Beginning Balance	13,514	Beginning Balance	1,610
Revenues	4,247	Revenues	220
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	17,761	Ending Balance	1,830
Kate Fay Library		Russell Field Library	
Beginning Balance	6,993	Beginning Balance	834
Revenues	1,211	Revenues	67
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	8,204	Ending Balance	901
Fay Johnstone Library		Talcott Historical	
Beginning Balance	1,152	Beginning Balance	1,226
Revenues	60	Revenues	51
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,212	Ending Balance	1,277

Adele Parmenter		Waterman Flower	
Beginning Balance	855	Beginning Balance	1,024
Revenues	49	Revenues	49
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	20
Ending Balance	904	Ending Balance	1,053
Millers River Translator		Wilder Cemetery Flower	
Beginning Balance	1,763	Beginning Balance	540
Revenues	73	Revenues	31
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	20
Ending Balance	1,836	Ending Balance	551
Gladys Green Library		White Taylor Boland Flower	
Beginning Balance	2,141	Beginning Balance	343
Revenues	87	Revenues	18
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	7
Ending Balance	2,228	Ending Balance	354
Herbert L Bartlet Library		Kate Fay Flower	
Beginning Balance	2,703	Beginning Balance	924
Revenues	136	Revenues	49
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	40
Ending Balance	2,839	Ending Balance	933
Helen Aiken Library		Allen Warrell Flower	
Beginning Balance	506	Beginning Balance	1,355
Revenues	20	Revenues	68
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	20
Ending Balance	526	Ending Balance	1,403
A Harding Library		Charles Everett Flower	
Beginning Balance	2,818	Beginning Balance	2,190
Revenues	114	Revenues	99
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	20
Ending Balance	2,932	Ending Balance	2,269
Marion Crane Flower		Laban Morse Flower	
Beginning Balance	1,503	Beginning Balance	381
Revenues	74	Revenues	25
Expenditures	16	Expenditures	19
Ending Balance	1,561	Ending Balance	387
Morse Davidson Flower		Marie/Virginia Phillips Flower	
Beginning Balance	782	Beginning Balance	603
Revenues	40	Revenues	33
Expenditures	20	Expenditures	19
Ending Balance	802	Ending Balance	617

Carrie/Flora Hale Flower		G/R Sprague Charity Fund	
Beginning Balance	339	Beginning Balance	23,688
Revenues	23	Revenues	997
Expenditures	19	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	343	Ending Balance	24,685
Winnie Burnham Flower		Cemetery General Fund	
Beginning Balance	392	Beginning Balance	51,563
Revenues	25	Revenues	24,771
Expenditures	19	Expenditures	320
Ending Balance	398	Ending Balance	76,014
Albert Drury Flower		Coffin Fund	
Beginning Balance	279	Beginning Balance	82
Revenues	21	Revenues	14
Expenditures	11	Expenditures	7
Ending Balance	289	Ending Balance	89
Willey Flower		Gamon Flower Fund	
Beginning Balance	110	Beginning Balance	357
Revenues	15	Revenues	31
Expenditures	7	Expenditures	7
Ending Balance	118	Ending Balance	381
Elizabeth Cropper Flower		Melvina Lukus Library	
Beginning Balance	82	Beginning Balance	1,139
Revenues	14	Revenues	214
Expenditures	8	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	88	Ending Balance	1,353
Marjorie Hill Flower		Ruby Cook Library Trust Fund	
Beginning Balance	144	Beginning Balance	5,884
Revenues	24	Revenues	1,398
Expenditures	16	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	152	Ending Balance	7,282
Nellie Byron Fountain		McGuirk Flower Fund	
Beginning Balance	19,566	Beginning Balance	290
Revenues	877	Revenues	22
Expenditures	461	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	19,982	Ending Balance	312
Cemetery Tomb Fund		Johnson Library Trust	
Beginning Balance	30,341	Beginning Balance	667
Revenues	1,187	Revenues	59
Expenditures	39	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	31,489	Ending Balance	726

MaGranis/Davenport Trust		Library Book Fund	
Beginning Balance	1,812	Beginning Balance	164
Revenues	433	Revenues	6
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	2,245	Ending Balance	170
Lillian Plotkin Scholarship Fund		Conservation Fund	
Beginning Balance	208	Beginning Balance	2,069
Revenues	374	Revenues	76
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	582	Ending Balance	2,145
Amelia Gibson Library Trust		Davenport Trust	
Beginning Balance	13,507	Beginning Balance	2,205
Revenues	3,367	Revenues	81
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	16,874	Ending Balance	2,286
Nye Library Trust		Lake Park Fund	
Beginning Balance	1,135	Beginning Balance	12,383
Revenues	115	Revenues	391
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	3,807
Ending Balance	1,250	Ending Balance	8,967
Frawley Flower		Charles Starrett	
Beginning Balance	130	Beginning Balance	18,340
Revenues	15	Revenues	673
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	145	Ending Balance	19,013
Thomas Flower		Library Capital Improvement	
Beginning Balance	12	Beginning Balance	2,221
Revenues	13	Revenues	81
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	25	Ending Balance	2,302
H and C Brouillet Library Trust		Bassett Trust for Fire	
Beginning Balance	1,689	Beginning Balance	5,579
Revenues	246	Revenues	162
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	3,367
Ending Balance	1,935	Ending Balance	2,374
		Ben & Margaret Feldman	
C Brouillet Apprenticeship		Beginning Balance	16
Beginning Balance	35,938	Revenues	13
Revenues	22,355	Expenditures	0
Expenditures	0	Ending Balance	29
Ending Balance	58,293		

M G Foster Mann Library Fund			
Beginning Balance	5254		
Revenues	193		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	5447		
DM Goldsher Friends of Library		Expendable Trust Summary	
Beginning Balance	4,993	Beginning Balance	1,933,905
Revenues	183	Revenues	336,622
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	160,199
Ending Balance	5,176	Ending Balance	2,110,328
A & K Ralys Library Trust			
Beginning Balance	1,506,411		
Revenues	58,862		
Expenditures	33,388		
Ending Balance	1,531,885		
Thomas Fitzgerald Trust Police			
Beginning Balance	46257		
Revenues	53185		
Expenditures	51531		
Ending Balance	47,911		
Thomas Fitzgerald Trust Fire			
Beginning Balance	16270		
Revenues	152201		
Expenditures	66991		
Ending Balance	101,480		
Sherm Plotkin Library Trust		Capital Stabilization	
Beginning Balance	25066	Beginning Balance	838
Revenues	920	Revenues	268,216
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	25986	Ending Balance	269,054
Ruth Marzec Vets Park Trust		Stabilization	
Beginning Balance	12895	Beginning Balance	864,262
Revenues	473	Revenues	146,620
Expenditures		Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	13,368	Ending Balance	1,010,882
Insurance Stabilization Fund		Stabilization Summary	
Beginning Balance	26,161	Beginning Balance	865,100
Revenues	961	Revenues	414,836
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	27,122	Ending Balance	1,279,936

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**Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
as of June 30, 2020
(Unaudited)**

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Internal Services	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt	
<u>ASSETS</u>								
Cash and cash equivalents	3,887,362.03	1,384,206.37	461,216.21	1,274,302.21		5,437,636.28		12,444,723.10
Investments								0.00
Receivables:								
Personal property taxes	13,224.51							13,224.51
Real estate taxes	498,968.82							498,968.82
Deferred taxes	21,939.32							21,939.32
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(283,675.30)							(283,675.30)
Special assessments	98,545.31							98,545.31
Tax liens	864,260.87			685.54				864,946.41
Tax foreclosures	187,576.71							187,576.71
Motor vehicle excise	285,050.11							285,050.11
Other excises								0.00
User fees								0.00
Utility liens added to taxes								0.00
Departmental	578,514.95	2,233,585.51		139,414.90		31,128.51		2,982,643.87
Other receivables				8,078.49				8,078.49
Due from other governments			679,116.68					679,116.68
Due to/from other funds								0.00
Working deposit								0.00
Prepays								0.00
Inventory								0.00
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation								0.00
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds							22,141,111.00	22,141,111.00
Amounts to be provided - vacation/sick leave								0.00
Total Assets	6,151,767.33	3,617,791.88	1,140,332.89	1,422,481.14	0.00	5,468,764.79	22,141,111.00	39,942,249.03

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:								
Accounts payable								0.00
Warrants payable								0.00
Accrued payroll and withholdings	(30,543.78)							(30,543.78)
Accrued claims payable								0.00
IBNR								0.00
Other liabilities								0.00
Agency Funds						69,045.05		69,045.05
Deferred revenue:								
Real and personal property taxes	228,518.03							228,518.03
Deferred taxes	21,939.32							21,939.32
Prepaid taxes/fees								0.00

Special assessments	98,545.31							98,545.31
Tax liens	864,260.87			685.54				864,946.41
Tax foreclosures	187,576.71							187,576.71
Motor vehicle excise	285,050.11							285,050.11
Other excises								0.00
User fees								0.00
Utility liens added to taxes								0.00
Departmental	578,514.95	2,082,745.30		139,414.90				2,800,675.15
Deposits receivable								0.00
Other receivables				8,078.49				8,078.49
Due from other governments								0.00
Due to other governments								0.00
Due to/from other funds								0.00
Bonds payable							22,141,111.00	22,141,111.00
Notes payable								0.00
Vacation and sick leave liability								0.00
Total Liabilities	2,233,861.52	2,082,745.30	0.00	148,178.93	0.00	69,045.05	22,141,111.00	26,674,941.80
Fund Equity:								
Reserved for encumbrances	726,628.85			650,999.60				1,377,628.45
Reserved for expenditures	0.00			350,000.00				350,000.00
Reserved for continuing appropriations								0.00
Reserved for petty cash								0.00
Reserved for appropriation deficit								0.00
Reserved for snow and ice deficit								0.00
Reserved for COVID-19 deficit								0.00
Reserved for debt service								0.00
Reserved for premiums	84,697.56							84,697.56
Reserved for working deposit								0.00
Undesignated fund balance	3,106,579.40							3,106,579.40
Unreserved retained earnings		1,535,046.58	1,140,332.89	273,302.61		5,399,719.74		8,348,401.82
Investment in capital assets								0.00
Total Fund Equity	3,917,905.81	1,535,046.58	1,140,332.89	1,274,302.21	0.00	5,399,719.74	0.00	13,267,307.23
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	6,151,767.33	3,617,791.88	1,140,332.89	1,422,481.14	0.00	5,468,764.79	22,141,111.00	39,942,249.03

PROOF BALANCE SHEET IS IN BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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PROOF FUND BALANCE DETAIL AGREES TO THE BALANCE SHEET	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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PROOF RECEIVABLES DETAIL AGREES TO THE BALANCE SHEET	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Athol
General Fund Accounts Receivable Detail
as of June 30, 2020
(Unaudited)

Account Number	Account Name	Accounts Receivable	Deferred Revenue	Receipts thru 9/30/2020	Remaining Receivable 6/30/2020
0100-000-1341	Accts Rec Cemetery	4,959.50	4,959.50		0.00
0100-000-1342	Accts Rec Veterans	147,814.17	147,814.17		0.00
0100-000-1345	Accts Rec Ambulance	408,121.28	408,121.28		0.00
0100-000-1347	Accts Rec Parking Tickets	17,620.00	17,620.00		0.00
		578,514.95	578,514.95	0.00	0.00

Athol
Special Revenue Fund Balance Detail
as of June 30, 2020
(Unaudited)

und Number	Fund Name	Accounts Receivable	Deferred Revenue	Fund Balance 6/30/2020	Receipts thru 9/30/2020	Remaining Deficit 6/30/2020
						0.00
2100-000-3511	Comminuty Block Grant			66,058.93		0.00
2100-000-3515	NQLF Revolving Account			157,123.15		0.00
2100-216-3511	FY16 Insfrastructure					0.00
2100-216-3512	FY16 Housing Rehap					0.00
2100-217-3511	FY17 CDBG					0.00
2100-218-3511	FY18 CDBG					0.00
2150-000-3510	CDBG Loan Repayment Program	2,226,681.67	2,082,745.30	174,030.27		0.00
2200-000-3513	Cops More Grant			5,353.39		0.00
2200-000-3517	Police LLEGB Grant			1,617.06		0.00
2200-000-3518	Byrne Youth Employ Grant			1,970.91		0.00
2200-000-3522	Library Planning Grant			73.27		0.00
2200-000-3537	NC Techl Assistance Grant			354.37		0.00
2200-000-3538	Lake Ellis Dam Grant			31,210.39		0.00
2500-000-3284	Arts Lottery			11,965.91		0.00
2500-000-3287	Community Septic Grant			1,405.00		0.00
2500-000-3288	43D Expedite Permit Grant			6,703.08		0.00
2500-000-3290	Federal Bio-Terrorism Grant			290.37		0.00
2500-000-3591	Homeland Sec Grant Citizens Corp			15.10		0.00
2500-000-3513	Composting Grant			125.00		0.00
2500-000-3521	Election & Registration Reimb.			1,852.14		0.00
2500-000-3522	Clean Energy CHC Matching Grant			345.54		0.00
2500-000-3523	BOH Skin Cancer Grant			189.32		0.00
2500-000-3526	B Health Supplies Grant			0.33		0.00
2500-000-3528	Library Grant			130,458.35		0.00
2500-000-3530	MLBC Construction Grant Lib Exp Project			97,317.44		0.00
2500-000-3539	Energy Audit Program Grant			1,517.00		0.00
2500-000-3543	MA Forest Stewardship Plan 1.12			500.00		0.00
2500-215-3523	BOH Immunization Disparity Grant			2,851.65		0.00
2500-216-3512	FY16 Small Scale Grant Trans Sta			1,000.00		0.00
2500-217-3520	Comm Compact IT Grant FY17 Computers			0.00		0.00
2500-219-3515	FY19 Recycling Dividiends Program			378.40		0.00
2500-220-3515	FY20 Recycling Dividends Program			4,200.00		0.00
2500-220-3521	FY20 DC Wood Bank Grant	1629		0.00		(1,629.00)
2500-219-3514	FY19 Mattress Recycling Grant			4,090.00		0.00
2500-220-3523	FY20 Lake Ellis Watershed Grant			(1,207.43)	2758.28	0.00
2500-220-3524	FY20 LSTA Library Manuscript Grant			6,327.50		0.00
2500-220-3544	FY20 Street Lights Program	4759.84		0.00	131289.04	0.00
2510-215-3512	BOH Mass Poll Abate Trust ATM15AR			18,603.17		0.00
2510-217-3511	FY17 FDA Retail Grant BOH			512.03		0.00
2511-000-3515	Police DARE Grant			4,307.28		0.00
2511-000-3516	Police VOWA Grant			292.71		0.00
2511-217-3511	FY17 Police K9 Stanton Grant			13,189.11		0.00
2511-219-3520	FY19 Comm Compact IT Grant Police			1,980.00		0.00
2511-220-3511	FY20 Drug Take Back Grant			1,300.00		0.00
2512-000-3282	Co Aging Formula Grant			1,272.32		0.00
2512-000-3289	COA Boyton Fund			7,031.80		0.00
2512-000-3292	MCOA Grant 3.11			2,086.58		0.00
2515-000-3538	Emergency Planning Committee Grant			141.14		0.00
2515-000-3540	Emergency Mgt Planning Grant (Fire)			316.19		0.00
2515-219-3534	FY19 Fire SAFE Grant			0.00		0.00
2515-219-3535	FY19 Senior SAFE Grant			0.00		0.00
22515-219-3540	FY19 EMP Grant			0.00		0.00
2515-219-3541	FY19 Mass Decon Unit Grant			1,845.72		0.00
2515-220-3521	FY20 Turnout Gear Grant			(2,490.00)	2490	0.00
2515-220-3534	FY20 SAFE Grant			2,925.63		0.00
2515-220-3535	FY20 Senior SAFE Grant			2,348.00		0.00
2598-000	COVID-19 CARES Act			(20,507.48)		(20,507.48)
2599-000	COVID-19 FEMA			(60,526.90)		(60,526.90)
2600-000-3286	Equipment Rental	515		3,704.00		0.00
2600-000-3301	Parking Meter Accounts			62,516.66		0.00
2600-000-3303	Sale of Cemetery Lots			3,582.50		0.00
2600-000-3305	Conservation Fund			26,109.25		0.00
2600-000-3307	Reserve for Ambulance			129,581.34		0.00
2600-000-3308	Sale of Real Estate Proceeds			109,871.35		0.00
2700-000-3281	VABC Receivership/Rehab Liens Grant Approp			83,868.65		0.00
2700-000-3282	VABC Demo Leins Grants Appropriations			185,179.55		0.00
2700-000-3283	Fire Dept HazMat Training Fund			195.20		0.00
2700-000-3284	PEG Access and Cable Related Fund			0.00		0.00
2700-000-3285	Chapter 525 Insurance			28,419.79		0.00

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		Accounts	Deferred	Fund Balance	Receipts thru	Remaining Deficit
und Number	Fund Name	Receivable	Revenue	6/30/2020	9/30/2020	BAN's 6/30/2020
						0.00
3000-000-	Police Station			1,307.63		0.00
3000-000-	Repairs to South Street Deck			3,847.45		0.00
3000-000-	Chapter 90	679,116.68		0.00	649,771.44	(29,345.24)
3000-000-	Sewer Ejector System			2,632.22		0.00
3000-000-	Consultant to Upgrade STP			9,734.69		0.00
3000-000-	Replace Gates			17,606.87		0.00
3000-000-	Water Inflow / Infiltration			16,781.00		0.00
3000-000-	Lord Pond Plaza Drainage			6,726.66		0.00
3000-000-	Senior Center			1,929.98		0.00
3000-214-3	NQ Bus Park Water Ext FY14			2,703.64		0.00
3000-214-3	Elementary School FY14 Bond 2			0.00		0.00
3000-214-3	Elementary School FY14 Final Bond			794,752.30		0.00
3000-218-3	FY18 DPW Bridge, Roof, Sidewalks			139,265.59		0.00
3300-000-3792	Water Tank			108,005.48		0.00
3400-000-3766	Reconstruct STP			387.69		0.00
3500-000-3766	Transfer Station			34,651.69		0.00
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
Total Capital Projects Fund Balance		679,116.68	0.00	1,140,332.89	649,771.44	0.00 (29,345.24)

Combining Balance Sheet - Enterprise Funds
as of June 30, 2020
(Unaudited)

	Water Enterprise Fund	Sewer Enterprise Fund	Transfer Station Enterprise Fund	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	627,202.48	678,284.44	(31,184.71)	1,274,302.21
Investments				0.00
Receivables:				
User Fees	54,570.20	84,844.70		139,414.90
Special assessments				0.00
Utility liens added to taxes	2,804.59	(2,119.05)		685.54
Tax foreclosures				0.00
Departmental				0.00
Other receivables	9,627.25	(1,548.76)		8,078.49
Due from other governments				0.00
Due to/from other funds				0.00
Prepays				0.00
Inventory				0.00
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation				0.00
Amounts to be provided - vacation and sick leave				0.00
Total Assets	<u>694,204.52</u>	<u>759,461.33</u>	<u>(31,184.71)</u>	<u>1,422,481.14</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u>				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable				0.00
Warrants payable				0.00
Accrued payroll and withholdings				0.00
Other liabilities				0.00
Deferred revenue:				
User Charges	54,570.20	84,844.70		139,414.90
Special assessments				0.00
Utility liens added to taxes	2,804.59	(2,119.05)		685.54
Tax foreclosures				0.00
Departmental				0.00
Other receivables	9,627.25	(1,548.76)		8,078.49
Due from other governments				0.00
Due to other governments				0.00
Due to/from other funds				0.00
Vacation and sick leave liability				0.00
Total Liabilities	<u>67,002.04</u>	<u>81,176.89</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>148,178.93</u>
Fund Equity:				
Reserved for encumbrances	328,565.20	322,434.40		650,999.60
Reserved for expenditures	150,000.00	200,000.00		350,000.00
Reserved for continuing appropriations				0.00
Reserved for petty cash				0.00
Reserved for appropriation deficit				0.00
Reserved for debt service				0.00
Unreserved retained earnings	148,637.28	155,850.04	(31,184.71)	273,302.61
Investment in capital assets				0.00
Total Fund Equity	<u>627,202.48</u>	<u>678,284.44</u>	<u>(31,184.71)</u>	<u>1,274,302.21</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>694,204.52</u>	<u>759,461.33</u>	<u>(31,184.71)</u>	<u>1,422,481.14</u>
PROOF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Athol
Trust Fund Balance Detail
as of June 30, 2020
(Unaudited)

Fund Number	Fund Name	Accounts Receivable	Deferred Revenue	Fund Balance 6/30/2020	Receipts thru 9/30/2020	BAN's	Remaining Deficit 6/30/2020
							0.00
8100-000-3501	Spaight Street School			1,000.00			0.00
8100-000-3502	Charles Cooke School			3,000.00			0.00
8100-000-3503	Gertrude Hale Scholarship			102,620.66			0.00
8100-000-3504	Lyman Ward School			1,000.00			0.00
8100-000-3505	Edwin Hale Library			102,220.66			0.00
8100-000-3506	Kate Fay Library			26,000.00			0.00
8100-000-3507	Fay Johnstone Library			500.00			0.00
8100-000-3508	Craigin Downng			6,700.00			0.00
8100-000-3509	Richard Ellis Memorial			1,001.50			0.00
8100-000-3510	Barbara Dexter			500.00			0.00
8100-000-3511	Dr. Talcott Memorial			565.00			0.00
8100-000-3512	Martha Talcott Memorial			4,375.07			0.00
8100-000-3513	Russell Field Library			1,000.00			0.00
8100-000-3514	Talcott Historical			153.00			0.00
8100-000-3515	Adele Parmenter			500.00			0.00
8100-000-3516	Millers River Translator			226.52			0.00
8100-000-3517	Gladys Greene Library			225.00			0.00
8100-000-3518	Herb Bartlet Library			1,000.00			0.00
8100-000-3520	Helen Aiken Library			33.25			0.00
8100-000-3521	A. Harding Library			300.00			0.00
8100-000-3522	Marion Crane Flower			500.00			0.00
8100-000-3523	Morse Davidson Flower			300.00			0.00
8100-000-3524	Waterman Flower			300.00			0.00
8100-000-3525	Wilder Cemetery Flower			300.00			0.00
8100-000-3526	White Taylor Boland Flower			150.00			0.00
8100-000-3527	Kate Fay Flower			400.00			0.00
8100-000-3528	Allen Warrell Flower			500.00			0.00
8100-000-3529	C. Everett Flower			500.00			0.00
8100-000-3530	H.C. Morse Flower			300.00			0.00
8100-000-3531	Marie/Virginia Phillips Flower			300.00			0.00
8100-000-3532	Carie/Flora Hale Flower			300.00			0.00
8100-000-3533	Winnie Burnham Flower			300.00			0.00
8100-000-3534	Albert Drury Flower			300.00			0.00
8100-000-3535	Willey Flower Fund			300.00			0.00
8100-000-3536	Elizabeth Cropper Flower			300.00			0.00
8100-000-3537	Marjorie Hill Flower			500.00			0.00
8100-000-3538	Nellie Byron Fountain			4,451.96			0.00
8100-000-3539	Cemetery Tomb Fund			2,000.00			0.00
8100-000-3540	Sprague Charity Fund			3,000.00			0.00
8100-000-3541	Cemetery General Fund			632,657.60			0.00
8100-000-3544	Coffin Fund			300.00			0.00
8100-000-3545	Gamon Flower Fund			500.00			0.00
8100-000-3546	Melvina Lukas Library			4,684.00			0.00
8100-000-3547	R. Cook Library Trust Fund			32,220.00			0.00
8100-000-3549	McGuirk			300.00			0.00
8100-000-3552	Johnson Library Trust			960.00			0.00
8100-000-3553	Magranis/Davenport Trust			10,000.00			0.00
8100-000-3554	Lillian Plotkin Scholarship			10,000.00			0.00
8100-000-3555	Amelia Gibson Library			78,260.77			0.00
8100-000-3556	Nye Library Trust			2,000.00			0.00
8100-000-3558	Frawley Flower Fund			300.00			0.00
8100-000-3559	Thomas Flower Fund			325.00			0.00
8100-000-3560	H & C Brouillet Library Fund			5,000.00			0.00
8100-000-3561	Claire Brouillet Apprentice Fund			573,182.85			0.00
8100-000-3565	Ben and Margaret Feldman			325.00			0.00
8200-000-3501	Spaight Street School			516.64			0.00
8200-000-3502	Charles Cooke School			769.17			0.00
8200-000-3503	Gertrude Hale Scholarship			7,676.86			0.00
8200-000-3504	Lyman Ward School			4,056.20			0.00
8200-000-3505	Edwin C. Hale Library			17,761.12			0.00
8200-000-3506	Kate Fay Library			8,203.48			0.00
8200-000-3507	Fay Johnstone Library			1,212.83			0.00
8200-000-3508	Craigin Downing			1,754.82			0.00
8200-000-3509	Richard Ellis Memorial			468.49			0.00

8200-000-3510	Barbara Dexter Library	1,123.24	0.00
8200-000-3511	Dr. Talcott Memorial Fund	872.37	0.00
8200-000-3512	Martha Talcott Memorial	1,830.07	0.00
8200-000-3513	Russell Field Library	901.25	0.00
8200-000-3514	Talcott Historical	1,277.09	0.00
8200-000-3515	Adele Parmenter	904.40	0.00
8200-000-3516	Millers River Translator	1,835.84	0.00
8200-000-3517	Gladys Greene Library	2,227.86	0.00
8200-000-3518	Herb Bartlet Library	2,838.69	0.00
8200-000-3519	Library Book Fund	169.58	0.00
8200-000-3520	Helen Aiken Library	525.92	0.00
8200-000-3521	A. Harding Library	2,932.63	0.00
8200-000-3522	Marion Crane Flower	1,561.30	0.00
8200-000-3523	Morse Davidson Flower	802.36	0.00
8200-000-3524	Waterman Flower	1,053.02	0.00
8200-000-3525	Wilder Cemetery Flower	551.42	0.00
8200-000-3526	White Taylor Boland Flower	353.32	0.00
8200-000-3527	Kate Fay Flower	933.32	0.00
8200-000-3528	Allen Warrell Flower	1,403.72	0.00
8200-000-3529	Charles Everett Flower	2,269.78	0.00
8200-000-3530	Laban Morse Flower	387.13	0.00
8200-000-3531	Marie/Virginia Phillips Flower	617.08	0.00
8200-000-3532	Carie/Flora Hale Flower	343.43	0.00
8200-000-3533	Winnie Burnham Flower	397.88	0.00
8200-000-3534	Albert Drury Flower	289.12	0.00
8200-000-3535	Willey Flower	117.75	0.00
8200-000-3536	Elizabeth Cropper Flower	88.71	0.00
8200-000-3537	Marjorie Hill Flower	151.99	0.00
8200-000-3538	Nellie Byron Fountain	19,982.00	0.00
8200-000-3539	Cemetery Tomb Fund	31,489.32	0.00
8200-000-3540	Sprague Charity Fund	24,684.63	0.00
8200-000-3541	Cemetery General Fund	76,014.83	0.00
8200-000-3543	Conservation Fund	2,144.88	0.00
8200-000-3544	Coffin Fund	88.65	0.00
8200-000-3545	Gamon Flower Fund	380.74	0.00
8200-000-3546	Melvina Lukas Library	1,352.90	0.00
8200-000-3547	Davenport Trust Fund	2,285.55	0.00
8200-000-3548	R. Cooke Fund	7,282.68	0.00
8200-000-3549	Lake Park Fund	8,967.05	0.00
8200-000-3550	Charles Starrett	19,012.94	0.00
8200-000-3551	McGuirk Trust Fund	311.96	0.00
8200-000-3552	Johnson Library Fund	726.61	0.00
8200-000-3553	Magranis/Davenport Trust Fund	2,245.18	0.00
8200-000-3554	Lillian Plotkin Scholarship	582.43	0.00
8200-000-3555	Gibson Trust	16,874.73	0.00
8200-000-3556	Library Capital Improvement	2,302.32	0.00
8200-000-3557	Nye Library Trust	1,249.91	0.00
8200-000-3558	Frawley Flower Fund	145.56	0.00
8200-000-3559	Thomas Flower Fund	25.00	0.00
8200-000-3560	H & C Brouillet Library Trust Fund	1,935.09	0.00
8200-000-3561	C. Brouillet Apprenticeship Fund	58,292.95	0.00
8200-000-3563	Bassett Trust - Fire	2,373.67	0.00
8200-000-3564	Insurance Stabilization Account	27,122.00	0.00
8200-000-3565	Ben & Margaret Feldman Flower Fund	29.17	0.00
8200-000-3566	DM Goldsher Friend of Library Fund	5,176.63	0.00
8200-000-3567	A & K Ralys Library Trust Fund	1,531,885.44	0.00
8200-000-3569	Sherman Plotkin Library Trust	25,985.88	0.00
8200-000-3570	T Fitzgerald Trust Police	47,910.83	0.00
8200-000-3571	T Fitzgerald Trust Fire	101,480.72	0.00
8200-000-3587	Mildren G Foster Mann Library Fund	5,447.13	0.00
8200-000-3572	R Marzzec Vets Park Trust	13,368.43	0.00
7000-000-3556	OPEB	390,507.45	0.00
8500-000-3542	Stabilization	1,010,882.58	0.00
8500-000-3568	Capital Stabilization	269,054.18	0.00
TOTAL TRUST FUND BALANCE DETAIL		<u>5,399,719.74</u>	0.00 0.00 0.00

Athol
Agency Fund Detail
as of June 30, 2020
(Unaudited)

Fund Number	Fund Name	Accounts Receivable	Deferred Revenue	Balance 6/30/2020	Receipts thru 9/30/2020	BAN's	Remaining Deficit 6/30/2020
							0.00
8900-000-1700	A/R Chapter 773			0.00			0.00
8900-000-2581	Plumbing Inspector Fees			9,142.00			0.00
8900-000-2582	Gas Inspector Fees			5,392.90			0.00
8900-000-2583	Tailings			7,716.80			0.00
8900-000-2585	Ch 773 - Outside Detail	31,128.51		20,658.62	30,851.53		0.00
8900-000-2586	Deputy Tax Collector			(590.31)	2,465.00		0.00
8900-000-2588	Firearms and Licenses			5,492.50			0.00
8900-000-2589	Septic Revenue			953.51			0.00
8900-000-2590	Trench Permitting			450.00			0.00
8900-000-2591	Compost Bins			1,124.44			0.00
8900-000-2592	Building Dept. Outside Detail			211.50			0.00
8900-000-2594	Conservation Committee Maps			185.15			0.00
8900-000-2595	Board of Health Vaccines			4,123.62			0.00
8900-000-2596	Fire Outside Details			916.04			0.00
8900-000-2597	Recreation Fee's			10,169.45			0.00
8900-000-3293	Agency & Trust			3,098.83			0.00
							0.00
							0.00
Total Agency Balance		31,128.51	0.00	69,045.05	33,316.53	0.00	0.00
Please enter amount reported in the agency fund liability cell of the combined balance sheet				69,045.05			
Please enter amount reported in the fund balance section of the combined balance sheet							
Total Agency Balance				69,045.05			



**ATHOL POLICE DEPARTMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2020
ANNUAL REPORT**

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Athol:

The mission of the Athol Police Department is the protection of lives and property, the preservation of peace in our community, and the improvement of the quality of life of all of our citizens. We accomplish these goals through efforts of prevention; the enforcement of state, federal, and municipal laws in accordance with the Constitutions of the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and through working in partnership with all segments of our community. We endeavor to provide the delivery of high quality professional police services, making respect for individuals' rights, fairness, and human dignity a priority.

We started Fiscal Year 2020 with three unfilled patrolman positions. We were pleased to appoint Officers Charles Pinder and Elizabeth Unaitis to full time status in July, and Officer Brandon Newell in April of 2020. These appointments brought our staffing levels back to the previous year levels of 10 Patrolmen, 3 Sergeants, 2 Detectives, a full time School Resource Officer, one Lieutenant, and the Chief. We also welcomed aboard our new Administrative Assistant Amanda Carey and promoted dispatcher Tom Martin to Dispatch Supervisor.

Our Department continues the tradition of community engagement. We now have a clothing donation box outside the station with all proceeds from the donations helping to support our DARE programs throughout the Commonwealth. Officer Hager put together a "No Shave November" event, raising \$1,500 that was donated to a local family, and Officer Call organized her first "Cram-a-Cruiser" event which turned out to be a huge success. Police Officers and Firefighters joined together to deliver toys to local families and to the Shriners Children Hospital. We also took part in numerous birthday drive-by's, collaborating with neighboring police and fire departments.

In October of 2019 we experienced a devastating wind storm which left many residents without power for days. Our officers worked around the clock answering calls of downed wires and trees blocking many roads. Our Dispatch Center did a tremendous job of handling the increased call volume and keeping track of which roads were blocked.

In March of 2020 the onset of COVID began effecting our operations. Court closures, remote trainings, COVID tests, quarantines, lobby closures, daily station and cruiser cleanings, temperature checks, 1/12th budgets and face masks all became part of our daily lives. I have never been more proud of the men and woman who serve our community. Our officers and dispatchers quickly adjusted to our new routine and never missed a beat, and the support shown from our local business was heartwarming. Donations were received from Ocean State, Walmart, Hannaford, Market Basket, Family Dollar, Kessler Investments, CVS and 110 Grill just to name a few. This allowed us to purchase the necessary PPE and cleaning supplies that were crucial to keep our personnel safe. Local

businesses as well as private citizens would stop by the station weekly, delivering meals to our staff and I can't thank them enough.

Even throughout all of the shutdowns due to COVID, our K-9, Gronk, and Officer Deveneau still managed to have a busy year. Some of their statistics include:

- 11 call outs for criminal tracks
- 1 call out for an article search
- 2 missing person tracks
- 2 suicidal person tracks
- 7 call outs for narcotic searches
- 4 call outs for warrant services
- 6 building searches

In a year that ended up being anything but normal, I can say that I am honored and proud to work alongside such a dedicated and professional group of officers. Not once did anyone let the gloom of COVID change the outlook they had on being a first responder and an essential employee. They all came to work every day with positive attitudes and the commitment to their duties. They are an incredible group of hardworking, dedicated professionals the Town can be proud of.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Craig Lundgren

CRIME STATISTICS

Criminal Homicide	1
Manslaughter	0
Kidnapping Abduction	1
Rape	11
Robbery	5
Assault	170
Intimidation	14
Arson	1
Burglary/B&E	18
Larceny	106
Shoplifting	10
Motor Vehicle Theft	4
Counterfeiting/Forgery	9
Fraud	27
Vandalism	117
Drug/Narcotic Violation	29
Weapons Law Violation	16
Disorderly Conduct	25
OUI	10
Liquor Law Violation	3
Town By-Law Violation	154
All Other Violations	394
Identity Theft	27

Total Arrests/Summons/Protective Custody: 286

Traffic Statistics:

M/V Citations	399
Civil	68
Arrest	49
Criminal	105

Call for Service:

Parking Tickets	160
M/V Accidents	255

Total Call for Service: 17,554

Crime Statistics:

Over \$1000	310
Under \$1000	37

Total Offenses Reported: 475

**ATHOL BOARD OF ASSESSORS
FISCAL YEAR 2020
ANNUAL REPORT**

The new FY2020 values were based on figures as approved by the DOR. Real Estate sales show property values in all areas and types of properties across town increased 6.7%. The next triennial revaluation will be for FY2022 and will be conducted by the Firm of Vision Government Solutions Inc. There are various town projects above the 2 ½ restrictions, however, for the second year in a row, the tax rate decreased by twenty-seven cents (\$.27). New growth for FY2020 was \$260,963. Members of the Board are Kenneth Vaidulas, Chairman, Edward Ledgard and Lisa Aldrich, Principal Assessor (Full Time) and Jean Robinson, Asst. Assessor.

ASSESSING STATISTICS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020:

Total Amt. to be raised	\$25,558,481.21
Est. Receipts/Revenues	\$11,321,386.00
Tax Levy	\$14,237,095.21
Tax Rate	\$ 17.18

There were over 217 exemptions and work-off program granted in the tax amount of \$117,124.61. Of this amount, \$87,949.61 was given out to (132) qualifying veterans and their wives and \$29,175 to (85) qualifying applicants. An additional \$15,666.10 was given out for the Senior Work-Off Program.

The Board of Assessors committed during FY2020 \$13,777,364.72 in Real Estate; \$460,527.81 in Personal Property; \$1,350,715.99 in Excise; \$15,692.20 in Title V Betterments; \$8,744.88 for Omitted (Athol Housing, etc.). PILOT (Auction) \$3,003.55; \$3,694.00 (Sewer) and \$1,062.06 in (Water) Liens.

The Board granted \$467.85 in Personal Property Abatements and \$3,774.39 in Real Estate Abatements.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kenneth A Vaidulas, Chairman
Lisa M Aldrich MMA Principal Assessor
Edward Ledgard
Jean W Robinson MMA, Asst. Assessor



**BOARD OF HEALTH
FISCAL YEAR 2020
ANNUAL REPORT**

To: The Honorable Board of Selectman and the Citizens of Athol

The Athol Board of Health has a wide range of responsibilities mandated by state law and regulation to protect the health and safety of our community each and every day. All of our lives changed on March 10, 2020 when Governor Baker declared a State of Emergency in the Commonwealth in response to the threat to public health posed by the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The Athol Board of Health and all Health Departments across the Commonwealth switched gears to help prevent the transmission of this novel virus by educating the public, enforcing the Governor's Orders, investigating complaints, and providing guidance to schools and businesses.

1. Ensuring food safety by inspecting restaurants, school cafeterias, church kitchens, mobile food trucks, nursing homes, hospital, day cares and food concession stands according to the National Food Code.
2. Protection of our water supply by enforcing Massachusetts Title 5 regulations; approximately one third of Athol properties have private onsite septic systems. Title 5 reports are reviewed, soil evaluation/perc tests observed, onsite septic plans are reviewed and repairs and installation of new systems are inspected along with review of well installation applications and drinking water quality reports.
3. Safe and healthy housing for everyone by enforcing the MA State Sanitary Code and the MA Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Regulations. Housing issues occur year-round with complaint based and pre-rental inspections to ensure minimum housing standards are met. A multi Department Housing Task is in place to collaboratively address difficult property cases.
4. Investigate nuisance (air, odor and noise) and trash complaints, illegal dumping and participate in a hazardous waste collection day. Residents are able to drop off hazardous materials free of charge at this yearly event funded by the Health Department.
5. Emergency Preparedness mandated by the federal government. The Health Department participates in the Region 2 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition consisting of seventy-four cities and towns in Worcester County. Computer drills are conducted randomly by the Department of Public Health to keep local boards of health trained for emergency response.
6. The BOH is a member of the Montachusett Public Health Network (MPHN) consisting of 11 cities and towns to increase the capacity of each Health Department. The MPHN public health nurse provides infectious disease follow-up.
7. The BOH inspects public/semipublic pools, recreational children's camp, tanning salon. The BOH proactively addresses a number of health issues related to mosquitoes and ticks, low lead screening rates for children and many other concerns when alerted by the Department of Public Health.

8. The BOH issues retail nicotine delivery device/tobacco permits to local businesses; one method to help prevent the sale of tobacco products to minors. The Tobacco Control Alliance conducts compliance checks of retail stores and investigates Smoke-Free Work Place smoking complaints.

PERMITS ISSUED		INSPECTIONS	
Burial	84	Housing:	
Disposal Septic Construction	33	Complaints	37
Septage Hauler	9	Follow-ups	83
Septage Installer	13	Pre-Rental	6
Well	10	Vacant Abandoned	33
Trash Hauler	18	Trash:	
Tobacco	1	Complaints	34
Tanning Operator/Salon	1	Follow-ups	47
Pool /Spa	3	Illegal Dumping	0
Recreational Camp	0	Food:	
Mobile Home Park	2	Routine	85
Lodging House	2	Follow-ups	30
Funeral Director	1	Complaint	4
Food Establishment	37	Temporary Day Events	4
Retail Food	35	Septic:	
Temporary Food Establishments	4	Soil Evaluations	24
FEES		Septic installation	98
Food Establishment Review	6		
Title 5 Review	36	Pool	3
		Recreational Camp	0
Tobacco Control Alliance		Tanning	1
Access Compliance Checks	14	Nuisance/Miscellaneous	12
Retail Education Checks	20		
Pricing Survey Inspections	17	Miscellaneous:	
Smoke Free Work Place complaints	1	Court appearances	6
Referrals:		Office Phone calls	1642
Smoke-free housing website	0	Office Visits	289
Quit line for nicotine patch	2	COVID-19 calls	132

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Vondal, RS	Health Agent
Jane O'Brien:	Assistant Health Agent
Marty Miarecki:	Board of Health Chair
Joan Hamlett:	Board of Health Vice Chair
Norma Purple:	Board of Health Member



**ATHOL BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FISCAL YEAR 2020
ANNUAL REPORT**

To the Citizens of Athol:

The year was certainly a historic one! Just when the economic conditions in Athol had improved, the world was struck by a pandemic. In an unprecedented response, the town in accordance with the State, experienced shut downs creating a hardship for local business, and a significant threat to public health.

All of the various Town Departments stepped up, worked together and overcame these obstacles, continuing to provide critical infrastructure to the community. The Finance team and the FWAC worked with the Board of Selectman to maintain a stable budget, and still plan for a stable and thriving future. The Health Department worked with their networks to develop and implement state health protocols and inform the public. First responders stayed on the front lines to protect our residents. Under the Town Manager's leadership, the Town Hall staff were able to build systems to continue to function in a remote and new digital world.

As the world begins to emerge from the threat of Covid-19, the Town of Athol is in a strong position to grow and continue to thrive.

The Board of Selectmen also approved the yearly license renewal for the following businesses:

Class I Automobile License: None at this time

Class II Automobile License: Bill's Motor Mart, 12 Lewis Street, Dales Auto Body, 25 Bickford Drive, Flint's Garage Sales, 990 South Main Street, Main Street BP, 223 Main Street, Wilson & Steely Kustom Coachworks, 280 Main Street

Class III Automobile License: Hayes Auto Body, 81 Rich Place

Common Victualer Licenses: 110 Grill, American-Lithuanian Naturalization Club, Athol House of Pizza, Athol Cinema 8, Asia Gourmet, Conway Petro, LLC, Country Convenience, Cumberland Farms, 297 Main and 109 Brookside Road, Dominos Pizza, Edward H. Phillips Post Home, Eight Dragons Restaurant, Ellinwood Country Club, Franco-American De Naturalization Club, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Friendly Town Pizza, Mr. Mike's, Hannaford Supermarket, Larry's Variety, The Dery Bar, Los Agaves, Market Basket, McDonald's, Kellie's Breakfast and Lunch, Olde Time New England Seafood Company, Piper's, Dunkin Donuts: 2143 Main St., 1634 South Main St., 1271 Templeton Road, Starbucks, Subway, Taco Bell, Tea Garden, The steel Pub, Tool Town Pizza, Verc Athol, Village Grill, Wendy's, Zedas, Traverse Street Café

Liquor Licenses/Pouring All Alcohol: 110 Grill, American Lithuanian Club, Asia Gourmet, American Legion, Ellinwood Country Club, Franco-American Club, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Los Agaves, The Dery Bar, The Steel Pub, The Tea Garden, Traverse Street

Liquor Licenses/Pouring Wine and Malt: Athol House of Pizza, Olde Time New England Seafood, Tool Town Pizza

Liquor Licenses Package/All Alcohol: Athol Spirits, Stan's Liquor Mart, Uptown Package Store

Liquor Licenses Package/Wine and Malt: Country Convenience, The Corner Store, Athol Mini Mart, Verc Athol

Auto-Amusements: 110 Grill, American-Lithuanian Club, Asia Gourmet, American Legion, Ellinwood Country Club, Franco-American Club, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Los Agaves, The Dery Bar, The Steel Pub

Live Entertainment & Sunday Entertainment: 110 Grill, American Lithuanian Club, American Legion, Ellinwood Country Club, Franco-American Club, Fraternal Order of Eagles, The Dery Bar, The Steel Pub

Taxi/Livery License: None at this time

Lodging/Boarding License: Athol YMCA, Carl E. Dahl House, Harold Robinson, Providence Cliff House

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca J. Bialecki, *Chairman*

Lee E. Chauvette, *Vice Chairman*

Stephen R. Raymond, *Selectmen*

William E. Chiasson, *Selectmen*

Alan D. Dodge, *Selectmen*

**ATHOL BOARD OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT (BPCD)
FISCAL YEAR 2020
ANNUAL REPORT**

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Athol:

The Board of Planning and Community Development (BPCD) consists of the following members:

- David Small (Chair)
- Aimee Hanson (Vice-Chair)
- Jacqueline M. Doherty (Clerk)
- Rick Hayden
- Kathy Norton
- Marc Morgan
- Duane Truehart

The BPCD is supported by Eric R. Smith, AICP, Director of Planning and Community Development, as well as Sarah-Ann Schouler, who has served as the Board's Recording Secretary since April 25, 2019.

The BPCD generally met on the first Wednesday of the month, for 1-2 hours. There were months, however, the Board met twice a month depending on the agenda items and the projects being worked on. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board cancelled their April 2020 meeting and then held meetings for the remainder of FY 2020 virtually via Zoom-based meetings.

FY 2020 was the fourth full fiscal year that the BPCD completed the additional responsibilities of the former Athol Planning Board, which consist of reviewing and endorsing Approval Not Required (ANR) plans, Site Plan Reviews, various Special Permits, development/reviewing various zoning bylaw amendments and other town planning-related projects. The BPCD provides recommendations on zoning bylaw amendments and makes recommendations on all matters concerning the physical, economic, and environmental development of the Town per the Town of Athol Town Charter.

During FY 2020, the BPCD members reviewed the following plans, zoning bylaw amendments, and other related planning matters:

ANR plans reviewed and endorsed:

- property located off 2381 Old Keene Road (Map 1 Parcel 7)
- property located off 1781 Old Keene Road (Map 1 Parcels 45 and 53)
- property located off of Cottage Street (Map 28 Parcel 207)
- property located off 84 Concord Street (Map 31 Parcels 131 and 132)

Special Permits reviewed and approved:

- Licensed Marijuana Establishment Special Permit for marijuana cultivation and processing, for property located at 706 Petersham Road (Because this project involved new construction it was also reviewed and approved as a Major Site Plan Review)

- Licensed Marijuana Establishment Special Permit for marijuana cultivation and processing, for property located at 201 Daniel Shays Highway
- Approved a road name change for the Benwoods Phase 2 Open Space Residential Design (OSRD) Definitive Plan to Benwoods Drive (previously Jeanne Drive extension)
- Flag Lot Special Permit application for John Patrick and Joyce O'Hara, for property located at 2381 Old Keene Road (Map 1 Parcel 7)
- Licensed Marijuana Establishment Special Permit application for Treevit, LLC, for a marijuana delivery service establishment, for property located at 134 Chestnut Hill Avenue (specifically Map 31 Parcel 121)

Zoning Bylaw Amendments Reviewed:

- Amendments to the Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations section of the Zoning Bylaw (Section 3.24) and use changes from by-right to Special Permit in the R-C District and from Special Permit to not allowed in all other Zoning Districts (subsequently passed at the October 19, 2020 Town Meeting)
- Battery Energy Storage Systems Zoning Development (Large Scale Battery Energy Storage Systems Zoning s subsequently passed at the October 19, 2020 Town Meeting)

Other activities included:

- Held public hearing on and voted to support the NewVue Liabilities to Assets (LTA) Project Proposal to help facilitate redevelopment of vacant housing units by adding in 204 Freedom Street into the approved set of Athol's LTA housing units

I look forward to continuing to work with the Board of Planning and Community Development as well as other Town Officials, Boards and Committees as well as the Town residents in the upcoming fiscal year.

Respectively submitted on behalf of the Board of Planning and Community Development,

Eric R. Smith, Director of Planning and Community Development

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2020
ANNUAL REPORT**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen & the Citizens of the Town of Athol:

In FY20 the building department collected \$105,589.65 in permit fees with municipal permit fees waived). Vacant and Abandoned properties registration fees of \$5,000.00 110 inspection fees of \$759.00, and zoning fees of \$940.00. For a total of \$112,288.65 The operating budget was \$166870.00 The number of building permits that were approved totaled 433 with a total valuation of \$ 16,448,098.85

Building Permits Issues FY2018	
Single Family Homes	19
Multi-Family Homes	0
Commercial, including Municipal	4
Additions	8
Garages/Carports	14
Decks/Porches	18
Pools	5
Wood/Pellet Stoves	29
Sheds	1
Demo	11
Other, Including roofs, siding, & signs	291
Foundation Only	3
Solar Panels	36
Vacant & Abandoned Property	50
CMR 780 sec. 110 Inspections	53
On Site Inspections	382

Plumbing Permits 93
Gas Permits 96
Wiring Permits 363

Total Plumbing & Gas Fees: \$18780.00

Total Wiring Fees: \$45,262.00

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Legare

Inspector of Buildings

**ATHOL COUNCIL ON AGING
SENIOR CENTER
FISCAL YEAR 2020
ANNUAL REPORT**

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Athol:

Mission Statement

Councils on Aging are the principal agencies of local government that serve older adults. First authorized by special legislation in 1956, there are now over 347 Councils in the Commonwealth. The three core responsibilities of the Councils on Aging are but not limited to:

- To identify the needs of senior citizens along with the available resources within the community.
- To educate the community at large in the challenges of aging and advocate for the needs of its senior citizens.
- To design, promote and put in place services that are needed and to coordinate the efforts of agencies which serve older people.

The Athol Council on Aging office and Senior Center is located at 82 Freedom Street in Lord Pond Plaza. The COA office hours are: Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Later hours can be accommodated by appointment. Hours may be flexible to provide for special senior programming.

This past year the Council on Aging and Senior Center was closed to the public on March 16th, 2020 due to the COVID Pandemic but was able to meet with people by appointment only practicing all safety protocols. Special meeting tables were created using plexi-glass to meet with clients. Most of our work was completed by phone or virtually. At the time of the closure all in-person programming was suspended until further notice.

Over the past year approximately 9,000 units of service were performed for seniors in various capacities by the Council on Aging and Senior Center by the numerous programs provided through funding from the Town of Athol, the Executive Office of Elder Affairs Formula Grant, Frank S. Parmenter Trust Fund, LifePath, Inc., Title IIIB, Friends of the Athol Council on Aging and individual contributors.

The Senior Center congregate dining program, sponsored by LifePath, Inc. and the Town of Athol provided approximately 800 nutritionally balanced congregate dinner meals served at 12 noon three (3) times weekly. Additional meals were offered by the Council on Aging staff and board members outside of the established congregate program. This program was suspended in March 2020 until further notice.

Social services available to area seniors/disabled include SNAP (supplemental nutrition) applications, food security counseling, fuel assistance, benefits counseling, housing assistance, tax preparation, SHINE, a program of LifePath, Inc., (serving health insurance needs of everyone), RMV host agency, information and referral services as well as other benefits and programming intended to improve an individuals' quality of life.

Activities at the Senior Center include health and wellness related activities and screenings including hearing tests, foot screening, blood pressure clinics, flu clinics, senior fitness, yoga, congregate meals, home safety seminars and educational forums. Social activities include bingo, red aces, somba, senior arts, painting,

quilting, movies, wood carving, meetings, a lending library and other special events. Through a Title III D Grant administered through LifePath Inc. and the Executive Office of Elder Affairs the Council was able to offer a "Wellness for Life" program "Yoga for Every Body" facilitated by Pat Roix. Our innovative Birthday Card Outreach Program continues and is funded through donations. All of these activities were temporarily suspended in March 2020 due to the COVID Pandemic.

Through Formula grant funding, the Council was able to continue the well attended "Senior Fitness" program, instructed by certified staff of the Athol area YMCA two mornings a week. The fitness program served 57 unduplicated seniors for 136 sessions. The fitness and wellness classes are extended year round, but temporarily suspended due to the Pandemic.

The Brown Bag distribution continues with approximately 135 elders receiving surplus food each month. Approximately 50 of the brown bags are delivered by volunteer drivers. The program is supervised and led by the COA staff and 25 volunteers, who unload the truck, package the brown bags and distribute at the center site or deliver to homebound seniors and the disabled. Due to the COVID Pandemic the brown bags are arriving at the center already packaged and seniors are picking them up by using a drive through system.

The Council on Aging participated in the "Truck to Trunk" program during April through September. Frozen meats and cheeses were delivered to the center for distribution to area seniors. The Council also worked with the Salvation Army to secure food for those in need.

Seventy nine seniors received assistance in the preparation of their state and federal income taxes through AARP and Mr. Plotkin. Through outreach efforts the tax preparation program has shown a significant increase in demand over the past several years. Approximately 25 seniors were assisted with filing the "Circuit Breaker" a State Tax Rebate program. The number of those served through the tax assistance program was greatly reduced due to the COVID Pandemic and AARP was unable to complete the tax season at the center.

The "Shine" program assisted approximately 229 area seniors with health insurance issues and assisted with the Prescription Advantage program and the changes in the H.M.O. programs. The Council currently has one (1) SHINE counselor that has been trained and certified through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and LifePath, Inc. and who continues to participate in monthly trainings to keep up with the changing health care system. In-kind support and administrative support for the program is provided by the Council on Aging. To date most all SHINE program work is being completed via telephone.

The Council has maintained the foot-screening clinic available to seniors twice a month. 151 screenings were performed during the 15 sessions. The remainder of sessions were temporarily suspended.

Fuel assistance was primarily provided through phone support. Approximately 20 seniors were assisted by appointment. New applications were not available at the Council and had to be requested by phone through the Fitchburg Fuel Assistance office. The Council looks forward to being able to assist seniors in person during the next fuel assistance season.

Through the generosity of the North Worcester County Board of Realtors and their "Adopt an Elder" Christmas program, the Council was able to identify and deliver 50 Christmas gifts to isolated and less fortunate elders.

The Council on Aging provided assistance and referral services to 32 seniors for free legal assistance offered through North Central Legal assistance and the Franklin County Bar Association.

On Christmas Day, 250 plus homebound elders and disabled were delivered a complete ham dinner. With the assistance of the COA Board and volunteers, the dinners were cooked, packed & delivered. The Christmas dinner program is a three day project. This year due to COVID and social distancing approximately 10 volunteers and staff worked on the program.

The Council on Aging provided assistance with the Wm. J. O'Brien Thanksgiving community dinner. 250 meals were cooked and packaged at the Senior Center and distributed by an outside pick up system and volunteer drivers on Thanksgiving Day. It is hoped that the program will be able to return to the American Legion in Athol for the preferred sit-down annual meal and gathering.

Throughout the year the Council on Aging Director contributed time to the Friends of the Athol Council on Aging board, AARP, the Golden Ages Club, the Athol Housing Authority, Life Path Inc., and various facilitated meetings and groups.

The Council on Aging applied for and received three grants to support various programming for the Fiscal Year 2020.

Due to the COVID Pandemic the annual Volunteer Recognition in June and the annual North Quabbin Senior Picnic was not held this year.

The following residents served the Athol Council on Aging Board during FYI 2019:

Margaret Young, Chairperson
Jean Ryder
Walter Lehman
Lillian Batchelder
Arthur (Tim) Herk
Jackie Paluilis
Ann Shea

The Board would like to thank the 160 volunteers that make the many Council on Aging programs possible. We are indebted to the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, the Massachusetts Councils on Aging, LifePath Inc., the Friends of the Athol Council on Aging, the Frank S. Parmenter Trust Fund, Athol Hospital, the local Cultural Council grantors, Senior Dining Center assistant, meal site volunteers, AARP tax assistants, Western Mass Food Bank, the Athol Public Library, the North Central County Board of Realtors, and many other clubs, organizations and individuals.

In conclusion, the Council on Aging wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, town departments and the citizens of Athol for their support and assistance throughout the year. If any citizen has questions regarding our services and programs please do not hesitate to contact the Council office at (978) 249-8986.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy A. Savoy
Executive Director

Judy Thayer
Program Coordinator



**ATHOL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
FISCAL YEAR 2020
ANNUAL REPORT**

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Athol:

The Town of Athol Department of Public Works consists of 26 full time employees working across multiple divisions within the DPW. Highway, Cemetery/Park/Tree, Water/Sewer and Transfer Station. The Department is fortunate to have multiple professionals representing all disciplines across the DPW keeping your water safe to drink, wastewater flowing, cemeteries and parks maintained, and bridges, roads and drainage systems operational. The Town of Athol DPW continues to attend professional development trainings to help improve all aspects of the DPW. Efficiency and improving delivery of our services is a priority. We continue to implement best practices.



The Town of Athol entered into a regional pilot program with our neighbors to the North; the Town of Royalston. Athol will provide Wastewater services for a fee to the community and operate its wastewater treatment facility to maintain compliance with State and Federal regulations. The DPW is happy to report the Royalston plant was brought back into compliance within a week of Athol



operational staff oversight. Great work by a group of dedicated professionals.

Storm water culverts and drainage piping continue to be a source of concern for the DPW and the resulting effects of extreme weather. The Town is currently working on DCR grant funding for drainage projects on Doe Valley Road, and the Planning office is working on a Municipal Vulnerability grant at the Lord Pond Plaza. In a cooperative effort by both offices, Lake Ellis and the construction of a new outfall structure are also in process.

The Athol Water Division has been granted State DEP approval to connect the replacement well in the Tully Wellfield. This project is to the procuring of parts for pumping controls. We hope to have this project completed in



still not finished due to electronic well and have this long the spring of 2021.

The sewer division continues to inspect and repair the sewer collection system to reduce infiltration of surface and ground water which ultimately adds to the cost of treatment. Major repairs to the Pequig Avenue sewer line were completed. This involved new manholes and sewer lining. This work was completed with minimal roadway disruption. This work was completed at depths of 25 feet deep.

Routine sewer cleaning and emergency clearing of sewerage blockages continue to be a major problem in Town. Disposable wipes marketed as “flushable”, create troublesome blockages in sewer laterals and main lines causing expensive repairs. We strongly urge sewer customers to dispose of these wipes into their Household trash.

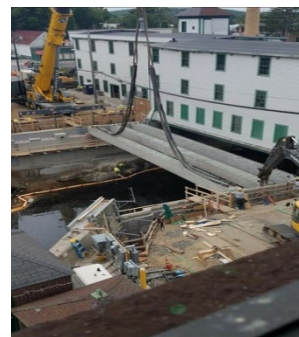


This year the Community Development Block Grant was completed on Church Street. Water mains and hydrants were replaced, new 8”sewer mains installed and drainage was corrected to prevent flooding. Street paving was completed in the spring. This continues the long standing tradition of receiving this Federal Funding and placing it back into Athol neighborhoods.

The Highway Division completed the paving of 2 portions of roadways; Church Street and Exchange Street Bridge. This continues to improve the roadway network. Regular sweeping, pothole patching, catch basin repair, plowing and salting continue as well. There are many other tasks and assistance is provided to other DPW Divisions upon request. Roadside dumping and graffiti continue to be a big and expensive issue. If you see this kind of activity, please contact the Police Department.



Bridge repair/replacement has been a large component of the DPW work this past year. Exchange and Chestnut Hill were (Town Funded). Crescent, Morgan, Washington and Chestnut Hill over Rail-Road were (State Funded). Local support was provided on the State bridges.



The Town of Athol DPW completed the Streetlight conversion project. This project involved converting 805 lights to energy efficient LEDs this project are significant. Projects like of improving efficiency and redirecting



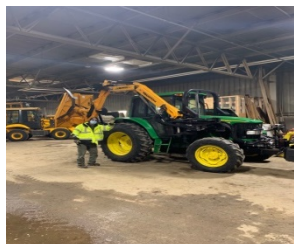
throughout town. The cost savings for this continue to meet the DPW mission cost savings back into the community.

The Cemetery Park & Tree Division with 60 acres of parks and ball fields. Athol wood bank. This wood bank by volunteers and can be accessed by the public through a voucher system in Town Hall. The wood bank

continues to maintain 9 cemeteries They also oversee operation of the recycles town wood. It is cut and split

has been moved to a new location (the old gun club on Pinedale Avenue). This was to improve the safety of the employees and volunteers who work this program. This location also affords the DPW to create and manage mulching piles/bins for use by residents. This program receives assistance from Mass DCR.

The roadside mowing program will be back in full swing as the equipment has been updated with a new mowing arm/deck and roadway tires. This machine has been out of service for some time. Equipment repair has been a very difficult task during the COVID-19 Pandemic. We will begin by cutting and mapping the most dangerous areas first followed by general roadside mowing as time and weather allows.



Projects in the Works

- Walnut Street Reconstruction Project
- Chestnut Hill Avenue Bridge Repair
- Washington Avenue Bridge (Mass DOT funded)
- Pinedale Avenue Bridge engineering
- Tully Well replacement completion
- Continued replacement/reallocation of DPW vehicles
- Complete Streets Sidewalks (Fish Park area)
- Silver Lake Street Paving Project
- Batchelder Road Paving Project
- Five Points TIP Reconstruction Project
- Silver Lake Cemetery Expansion

DPW Fun Facts...Did You Know?

- Sold 1120 Transfer Station Stickers
- Supplied 16 ½ cord/loads of wood for the wood bank
- Issued multiple street numbers & driveway permits
- Pumped 247,604 million gallons of water
- Completed 60 Burials this year
- \$404,836 Snow & Ice removal costs
- Processed 291,800,000 gallons of wastewater
- Removed 835,862 pounds of Total Suspended Solids (TSS); 99.0% Removal
- Removed 752,377 pounds of Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD); 98.9% Removal
- Received 779,750 gallons of septage from Athol residents with no tipping fee (Saving residents approximately \$77,975)
- Chapter 90 funding allows approximately 1 mile of roadway resurfacing each year
- Athol has 110 miles in its roadway network to maintain

Respectfully Submitted with DPW pride,

Richard Kilhart

Department of Public Works

"at your service"



ATHOL FIRE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2020



To: The Honorable Board of Selectman and the Citizens of Athol

The Athol Fire Department takes pride in our commitment to providing professional fire service protection, emergency medical service, and other fire service functions to the citizens and businesses of Athol and its surrounding communities.

Again this year, the department has been tasked with a significant increase in call volume. Call volume has increased from 3245 calls in 2019 to 3457 in 2020 which represents an increase of 6.5% in one year and 40.7% since 2015. This increase in call volume has incurred a great strain on our minimal staffing capabilities. Once again, the number of calls is steadily increasing yet staffing is the same. As Chief, I cannot stress enough that this is not safe for the firefighters or for the citizens to which we protect. The lack of manpower is not only dangerous for the firefighters but cost the Town of Athol hundreds of thousands of dollars in overtime to minimally man the station. The fire department runs out of one main station which was never designed to be a main station. Due to having only one station, the building is very cramped with barely enough room for the apparatus and equipment need to serve the public. Having only one station, at one side of a 34 square mile town, dangerously reduces response time to areas of Athol which could result in extremely perilous results. The need for at least one additional station has past a decade ago. The Athol Fire Department will continue to serve the citizens and business of Athol to the best of our abilities. Besides an extreme need to increase staffing, the department is in great need of updated equipment notably a Pumper of which is approaching 24 years of age and Non NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) compliant as a front-line piece, and after next year will be totally Non-NFPA Compliant to be used at all. The replacement of this pumper is a great liability to the town and the personnel operating it. The other major concern is the current town public safety radio system. The radios themselves are Non NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) compliant and sometimes cannot transmit a few blocks away, and the repeaters are underpowered, and antiquated. Both Police and Fire cannot do their jobs safely without proper communications. The lack of proper communications is an imminent threat and liability to the safety of both police, fire, and EMS.

In 2020, one career Firefighters EMT was hired to fill a current vacancy. This Firefighter graduated the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Recruit where he achieved his National Firefighter I/II Certification.

I am pleased to say that through the generosity of private donations, the department was able to some much need equipment including hand tools, chairs for the station, as well as small upgrades to our living quarters.

The department was able to secure a FEMA AFG (Assistance to Firefighting Grant) in the amount of \$605,000 to replace the non-compliant Fire Pumper, and \$16,194 for Emergency Vehicle Operations training, Massachusetts Department of Fire Services SAFE (Student Awareness of Fire Education) Grant of \$3,754 for Fire Education in the schools, AARP Grant in the amount of \$5000 for an Elderly House Numbering Project, Massachusetts Department of Fire Services Senior SAFE Grant of \$2,400 FOR Fire

Education for Senior Citizens, MEMA/DOT EMPG Grant of \$7,000 for various emergency power tools, ice rescue equipment and lighting, , FEMA AFG-S (Assistance to Firefighting Grant Supplemental) in the amount of \$ 16,670 for COVID related Personal Protection Equipment. The Department is very excited with the purchase of a new Ford Lifeline Advanced Life Support Ambulance which was purchased with funds raised through ambulance billing.

I am sad to say that the Athol Fire Department Firefighter Memorial Sunday was cancelled this year due to COVID. Firefighter Memorial Sunday is a tribute and celebration and tribute to firefighter's both current and past for their sacrifices throughout their careers. This celebration is conducted both nationally and locally, and I proud to say that the Athol Fire Department is now part of that tradition. Attendees included Members from State and Local government, retired firefighters, families and the public. A wreath was laid onto the Athol Fire Department Memorial, Career & Call Fire Service wards were awarded, special career recognition awards, and citizen's recognition were presented while bag pipes echoed in the background. This memorial will be held in June of each year and I am inviting all of you to attend to show support and recognition for the firefighters locally and nationally that keep you safe each day.

In closing I would like to thank the residents and taxpayers of the Town of Athol for their continual support of your fire department. I feel that 2020 was a phenomenal year of progress due to the hard work of the members of the Athol Fire Department. I look forward to an even more progressive year in 2021.

Fire Department Calls for Service 2020 = 3457

Fire Department Vehicles Statistics

Vehicle	Year	Make	Condition
Engine 1	1976	Maxim	Extremely Poor Pumper – Spare/Front Line Not NFPA Compliant
Engine 3	1998	HME	Extremely Poor Pumper – Front line Not NFPA Compliant
Engine 4	2012	KME	Good Pumper – Front line
Engine 2	2006	Ford	Good Special Operation Rescue Equipment
Ladder 1	2006	E-One	Good
Ambulance 1	2015	Dodge	Excellent
Ambulance 2	2019	Ford	Good

Chiefs Car	2010	Ford	Extremely Poor
Deputy Car	2017	Ford	Excellent
Utility Pick Up	2016	Chevy	Good
Utility Pumper	2005	Ford	Good
Brush Truck 2	1970	Farrar	Fair
Fire Alarm Bucket	1980	Ford	Poor
ATV 1	2005	Artic Cat	Fair
ATV 2	2005	Artic Cat	Fair
UTV 1	2018	Polaris	Excellent
Fire Boat 1	2005	Clark	Good
Fire Boat 2	1963	Star Craft	Fair

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Guarnera, M.Ed., CFO
Chief of Department

FINANCE AND WARRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FISCAL YEAR 2020
ANNUAL REPORT

The members of the Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee are appointed by the Town Moderator to be an independent advisory committee, representing our fellow citizens and taxpayers of the Town of Athol in the process of local town government.

The committee, comprised of seven members, reviews all warrant articles including the town budget and advises the citizens attending the town meeting what we feel is the best course of action to take on a given article.

The committee holds monthly meetings throughout the year, meeting with the Town Manager along with various boards, committees and department heads as needed, reviewing any matter of importance that may come up during the year. We also are responsible for the administration of the town's annual Reserve Account, where we authorize use of these funds by a majority vote of the committee, without the need of town meeting approval for unexpected situations that may occur in a given fiscal year.

This budget season started like any other. The Town Manager sent out his budget requests to department heads, boards and committees in December. After the holidays, he began the process of reviewing those requests and at the same time the Town Hall finance team worked on anticipated revenues for FY21. In February, the Governor made public his budget – which promised an increase in funding for both municipal and educational services.

Like most towns, we were pleased with what we were seeing for anticipated revenues. In addition, the economy was strong at both the State and local levels. We all had the feeling that this would be a solid fiscal year resulting in improved support and services– both for the municipal side and the school district.

All of that optimism changed within a matter of weeks during March with the onslaught of the COVID-19 virus. What started out as a “normal” budget process, changed suddenly as the national, state and local economies came to a screeching halt.

As a result, the total effects of this virus on municipal and educational budgets and services may be long felt – not only for the new fiscal year but in upcoming fiscal years as well. We are in uncharted territories. In most cases – there is a warning when tough financial times are coming. Usually the economy sends us signals that we are headed into a slowdown or a difficult economic period. This is not the case we are dealing with now.

This virus came upon us seemingly-suddenly, with little warning – allowing for little preparation or “game-planning”. No community could or did envision how life would change – both personally or publicly.

So where do we go from here.....

From an operational standpoint – since we were still analyzing the effects of the virus situation on anticipated revenues it was the collective opinion of all involved that the allowed use of a 1/12th operational budget made the most sense to start the new fiscal year. In June, the Board of Selectmen authorized the use of this 1/12th budget, with the approval of the Department of Revenue.

The net effect of this type of budget allowed the town to continue operations, while giving us time to get a better understanding of the funding that would be available to us - so a viable, valid budget could be put in place for the fiscal year. It should be pointed out that cities and towns must operate with a budget that is balanced. Unlike the federal government-we cannot operate with a deficit.

The budget you have before you this evening is balanced given the information we currently have. It has been put together with an understanding that revenues will be less for this fiscal year.

The goal of this budget is to keep the various programs and personnel in place the best we can - so that we can maintain the service levels we have all come to expect.

In doing so – we are taking a risk. To maintain these service levels – with the understanding we have less revenue to work with, we are “backfilling” this budget with the use of one –time revenues (also known as “free cash”) in the amount of about \$160,000.

When it comes time to put the FY22 budget together, the first issue to be dealt with will be how to we deal with that \$160,000 in funding that we used for the FY21 budget. That issue will need to be addressed at the outset of the budget planning for the FY22 budget. In all likelihood – given prior history it will take us a couple of years to “wean” off the use of this “one-time” funding for future operational budgets.

These are uncertain times – there is no “blue-print” for this type of situation that we are experiencing. Going forward, we will need to be flexible, and do the best we can to analyze the various situations as they arise. There is a distinct possibility that the virus situation will have a multi-year effect on our budgets, our planning and our operations.

Lastly, a special “tip of the hat” to all municipal employees for their efforts during these challenging times. No matter the department, no matter the responsibility, each and every unit and employee met the challenge in front of them with little, if any, negative effect to the community at large. To all of you – your efforts on behalf of your fellow citizens, neighbors and friends have been – and continue to be, greatly appreciated.

On behalf of the FWAC – I would like thank the various department heads, boards and committees for their help and cooperation during the past unique year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Duffy
Chairman FWAC

FWAC members: Ken Duffy (Chairman) Ben Feldman (Vice Chairman), Mike Butler, Amy Craven, Gary Deyo, Paul Nelson and Michele Tontodonato.

**ATHOL PUBLIC LIBRARY
FISCAL YEAR 2020
ANNUAL REPORT**

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Athol:

The Athol Public Library celebrated “A Universe of Stories” Summer Reading Program to start the FY20 year. A total of 202 adults and teens read 922 books and 259 children read for a total of 1,172 hours during July and August 2019. The Summer Lunch Program provided 582 lunches for teens and children here at the library. Road construction on Marble Street during most of the summer did not deter people from finding their way into the library and resulted in a nice smooth road to access the parking lot by fall.

In September the library increased hours, staying open until 6:00 pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, until 8:00 pm on Tuesday, and open on Saturdays, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm. All the staff computers were upgraded to Windows 10. Major staff changes occurred this year. William Adams, custodian, retired and custodial duties were taken over by the town hall custodial staff. Margaret Young, a library trustee for over 40 years, did not run for re-election and Nancy Tatro was elected to fill her position. Children’s Librarian, Angela Dumas, left in August and was replaced in November by Sarah Stanley. Karen McNiff, Children’s Room assistant for 25 years, passed away in November 2019. Robin Brzozowski was promoted from part-time technician to Children’s Room technician in February 2020. Katie Theriault was hired as Children’s Room page in March 2020, just in time to work a week before the pandemic closed the library for a few months.

Adult Services

The “Universe of Stories” Summer Reading Program for 2019 inspired 123 adults to read 567 books to earn raffle tickets for prizes. Two programs, Davis Bates, storyteller, and “Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing with Virtual Reality” were attended by 48 people. September was “Library Card Sign-Up Month” and a special promotion resulted in 35 new library cards. A raffle for a gift certificate to a local restaurant or business was provided by the Friends of the Library and won by Doug Walsh, head of the Athol DPW. The Seventh Day Adventist Church presented two programs promoting a plant-based diet and donated funds for the purchase of books on the subject. “An Introduction to Plant-Based Cuisine” featured a gourmet feast prepared by the members of the South Athol church. This was followed in September with a screening of the film “Forks Over Knives”, with the showing rights purchased by the church. Peter Christoph’s photo presentation of “Owls of New England” was enjoyed by 64 attendees. Flower and herb swags were made by the 20 attendees of Rachel Gonzales’ craft program. Larry Spotted Crow Mann presented “When the Land Speaks” to a large crowd of 80 in November 2019. Local business owner Diane DiPietro explained “Energy Medicine” and the showing of “WWII Homecoming Parade” films of Athol servicemen was preceded by a moving depiction of the “White Table” by members of the Rolling Thunder in honor of Veterans’ Day. A screening of the film “Under Pressure” was provided by North Quabbin Energy Group. In February 2020, Maile Shoul had a full house (53) for her presentation on the Kon Mari Method of decluttering the home. Vision Boarding was presented by the library’s own Robin Brzozowski and Kim Larkin’s “Chocolate and Love” happened in February.

Several authors presented programs at the library –

Chaya Grossber, author of “Freedom from Psychiatric Drugs” spoke, Renee Hurteau, “Antiquity’s Gate” author held a talk and book-signing, LGBT author Felice Picano presented “Coming to Hollywood: 1935 to 2000”. In November 2019, author Martha Ackmann discussed her book “The Mercury 13”, in collaboration with Mt. Wachusett Community College, Christine Noyes read and signed copies of her “Big Al” books, Cynthia Crosson read from her book “You Cannot Cage the Wolf”, and Diane Kane held two Pop-Up Writing Workshops. A major author event in November featured a talk by author Archer Mayor. This program was funded by a Cultural Council grant and held in celebration of the Mystery Discussion Group’s 25th anniversary.

The Friends of the Library held two activities that were new, exciting, and very popular. In December, an “Accessory Sale” was organized, bringing in great donations and thoroughly enjoyed on Midnight Madness night and throughout the month of December 2019. In February 2020, the Friends held a “Craft Swap”, inviting donors of items to “shop” for the first half hour of the event before the general public was invited in. There were great craft items shared and all materials were free to attendees.

Booked for Lunch, the noontime book discussion group, led by Robin Brzozowski, met to enjoy lunch and dessert while discussing a variety of books during the year. The evening Mystery Discussion group, facilitated by Karen McNiff, discussed mysteries monthly. Creative Crafting with Robin Brzozowski and Emily Boughton entertained faithful fans each month. David Price and Clint Eklund led the adult chess players on Tuesday evenings and the teens and younger chess players on Thursday afternoons. The Knit Wits knitting group continued to meet on Wednesday afternoons under the guidance of volunteer Jean White. A new group was formed to help maintain the gardens and landscape around the library and provided a valuable amount of expertise and manpower. The library provided delivery service to more than a dozen home-bound readers, thanks to our senior tax abatement volunteers Virginia Berry and Randy Mitchell. All of these monthly and weekly programs were halted temporarily when the library had to close on March 16.

The library received an LSTA Grant for \$10,000 to organize and preserve materials in the Archives Room. The consultant hired for this project began in November, creating a work plan for the project and training several volunteers.

In January, a late-night fire in one of the HVAC system air exchange units brought three police officers and cruisers and two fire trucks with three firemen to the library. After much searching, town hall building supervisor, John Duguay, finally discovered the source of the burning plastic smell and we could all return home to sleep.

The first week of mandatory state shutdown, March 16-20, 2020, the staff worked regular hours on building and cleaning projects. On March 23, the staff did not come in to the building and began skill-building by watching library-related webinars and online workshops that were provided by the MA Library System, CWMARS, the MA Board of Library Commissioners, and others. Five part-time staff were furloughed on June 15 until the end of September. The full-time staff returned to the library building in May/June on split shifts and curbside service began on June 8 with a Monday & Wednesday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm shift and a Tuesday & Thursday, 2:00-6:00 pm shift. Laptop computers, photocopying, notary, and FAX services were offered beginning in July. Three of the part-time staff returned to work in October and on October 19, the library reopened its doors with reduced hours (Monday – Thursday, 9:30 am – 6:00 pm), limits on occupancy, sign-in for contact tracing, sanitizing protocols, and social-distanced computers.

The 2020 Summer Reading Program, “Imagine Your Story”, was quite different. Readers logged their reading and earned badges and prizes through the online program “Beanstack” which was provided through a grant from the MA Board of Library Commissioners.. Lawn signs proclaiming “A Summer Reader Lives Here”, made possible by a donation from Valuing Our Children, were given to all participants, showing up on lawns all over town.

Young Adult Department

Seventy-nine teens participated in the “Universe of Stories” Summer Reading Program, reading 355 books and writing over one hundred book reviews. Twenty-three programs were offered for teens with 307 attendees. Some teen favorites included Snack Food Olympics, Nerf Battles at the Y, Tie Die, making ice cream sundaes, and Life-Sized Candy Land. An MBLC grant funded a teen internship program during the summer of 2019. From the 21 applications received, six teens were selected to participate. The group dubbed “The Spontaneous Spoons,” worked closely with staff over the summer to create an original and interactive library mystery performance for teens and adults.

In September, regular weekly and monthly programs for teens resumed. A Candy Game Challenge was held to kick off the school year. Special movie showings, a dream boards program, button making and crafts were also offered to teens. Teen clubs also resumed including ATAC (Athol Teen Advisory Council), Anime Club, two book clubs, gaming, anime, and the volunteer chess club run by David Price and Clint Eklund.

After hours have high teen appeal and are big hits at the library. The fall’s afterhours “Stranger Things” drew 17 teens to the library to celebrate the Netflix show with themed decorations, snacks and activities. During the week of February vacation, 18 teens came to the library after hours, to play rounds of hide & seek in the dark.

Virtual craft programs were introduced on the library’s YouTube and social media pages in April 2020. The new videos provided tutorials on how to make monster bookmarks, paper flowers, sock bunnies, paper beads, one-page books, origami crowns and beaded geckos throughout the spring and summer. Funding from Valuing Our Children and The Friends of the Library also helped the library provide a variety of craft kits, book bundles, and reading incentives that could be picked up at the library and enjoyed at home.

The 2020 Summer Reading program was conducted online, since the library was not yet open to the public. The new Beanstack reading challenge for teens embraced the theme of “Imagine your Story,” with a variety of STEAM, craft, literate, and nature-based activities that could be completed at home.

Children’s Department

The “Universe of Stories” Summer Reading Program in the Children’s Department attracted 259 registered children who read a total of 1,172 hours. The library was a site for the Summer Lunch program, serving 582 lunches. Fifty-seven programs were held, attended by 778 children and family members. Summer programs included a Fancy Nancy Party for 40, decorating Space Cakes for 34, Nerf Battle held in the Y gym, a puppet show by Sparky’s Puppets, and Life-Size Candyland. Regular weekly offerings continued during the summer – Story Times, Playgroups, LEGO Club, PAWS (reading with a therapy dog), and a twice-weekly Story Walk set up by Valuing Our Children.

The fall brought staff changes in the Children's Room. Angela Dumas, Children's Librarian left in August and Karen McNiff went out on medical leave and passed away. Sarah Stanley was promoted to Children's Librarian in November, Robin Brzozowski became the Children's Full-Time Technician in February 2020, and Katie Theriault was hired as the Page in March 2020. Sarah Stanley and Olivia Skinner kept the Children's Room running smoothly and continued to offer the regular programming while short-staffed. In October, a Captain Underpants party entertained 22 children, 29 decorated cookies in December, in January, a Make and Take LEGO workshop was held thanks to some generous donations of LEGOs, 65 families participated in the February "Kards for Kids", creating cards to be sent to hospitalized children. Other activities included making Bee Houses, Minecraft programs, K'NEX, Robots, a Dance Party, and the ongoing Scavenger Hunts, Guessing Contests, and Drop-In Crafts.

Virtual Story Hours were introduced in April 2020, with a reading of "Mother Bruce". The "Imagine Your Story" Summer Reading Program was held through Beanstack, an online format that was made possible with a grant from the MBLC. Prizes, craft kits and activities, "A Summer Reader Lives Here" lawn signs, book bundles, and other incentives, made possible with funds from Valuing Our Children and the Friends of the Library, helped to make reading a summer priority.

Memorial Donations

Materials were purchased with donations in memory of:

Judith Herbert, Evelyn King, Karen McNiff, Arlan Butler, Jean Garbarino, and Mary Cass.

A donation for books was received from The Miller's Woods Craft Fair Committee.

Friends of the Library Executive Board

President: Lillian Bachelder

Treasurer: Jean White

Secretary: Patricia Ray

Trustee Representative: Margaret Young

Directors: Lynn Carpenter, Vera Coupal, Dianna Dugas, Marilyn Firth, Julianne Matthews, Florence Pelletier, Mary Roberts, Barbara Robichaud.

Friends of the Library Volunteer Greeters

Michael Cygan, Ann Emery, Muriel Holden, Randy Mitchell, Patricia Ray.

Senior Tax Abatement Volunteers 2019 and 2020

Sandra Bachelder, Virginia Berry, Michael Cygan, Elizabeth McCallum, Deborah Miller, Randy Mitchell, Susan Ray, Sandra Vysocky, Ellen Woodbury

Art Exhibitors

Nancy Lagimoniere – photographs

Donna Peck – paintings

Erin Shaughnessy – photographs

James Blackmore – sketches and paintings

**Library Staff
Adult Department**

Jean Shaughnessy, *Director*

Robin Shtulman, *Assistant Director*

Marie Lehmann, Emily Boughton (YA), Kelsey Matthews, *Senior Library Technicians*

Robin Brzozowski (until February 2020), Julianne Matthews, Victoria Deneault, Cynthia Coffin, Virginia Berry, *Part-Time Technicians*

Sandra Bachelder, *Substitute*

Children's Department

Angela Dumas (until August 2019), Sarah Stanley (November 2019), *Children's Librarian*

Karen McNiff (until November 2019), Robin Brzozowski (February 2020), *Children's Assistant/Full-Time Technician*

Olivia Skinner, Sarah Stanley (until November 2019), *Part-Time Technicians*

Katie Theriault, *Page (February 2020)*

**ATHOL PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES
FISCAL YEAR 2020
ANNUAL REPORT**

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Athol:

The Athol Public Library started FY20 celebrating “A Universe of Stories” with summer reading programs and promotions. Road construction on Marble Street sometimes made getting to the library difficult, but 202 adults and teens still read 922 books and 259 children read for 1,172 hours. The Summer Lunch Program provided 582 lunches for teens and children here at the library.

The major events in 2019-2020 were staff changes and the COVID-19 pandemic. William Adams, custodian, retired, and Margaret Young, a trustee for over 40 years, did not run for re-election. Nancy Tatro was elected to fill this trustee position in June 2020. Children’s Librarian, Angela Dumas, left to take a school librarian position in August. Karen McNiff, Children’s Room technician for 25 years, passed away in November 2019. Sarah Stanley was hired in October to replace Angela, and Robin Brzozowski was promoted to Karen’s position in February 2020. Katie Theriault was hired as the Children’s Room page, starting her new job just one week before the pandemic closed our doors.

The fifteen staff and workstation computers were upgraded to new Windows 10 devices. The new increased hours started in September allowing the library to be open until 6:00 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and until 8:00 pm on Tuesdays. A successful campaign to encourage people to get a library card was promoted in September – “National Library Card Month”.

Some of the many uses of the library that were encouraged and/or approved by the Trustees included meetings and workshops held by the North Quabbin Community Coalition, a YMCA trauma workshop and a Santa visit for the preschool classes, the United Way for presentations and a sewing project on the Annual Day of Caring, the LVOA for tutoring, meetings, and trainings. Mass DOT held a Route 2 meeting, Mass Gro held trainings, the United ARC hosted an author talk, and the MBLC held a State Aid workshop here. Other town departments used space at the library. The Planning Department held a pre-development meeting, Lake Ellis Water Quality presentation, Silver Lake Master Plan and Downtown Parking public input meetings. The Building Department hosted a MA Builders Association meeting, building inspector’s trainings, and a National Grid regional meeting. Athol Historical Commission, Athol Cultural Council, and the town department heads meetings were held at the library.

Programs that the library presented or hosted included two book discussion groups, several author visits, including one by Archer Mayor to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Mystery Discussion Group, several writers’ groups, artist exhibitions, Story Times, Playgroups, and craft programs for all ages. Major programs sponsored by the Friends of the Library were the second annual Club Fair, an Accessory Fair in December, a Craft Swap in February, and the annual Holiday Open House.

Grants and donations to the library, in addition to the support from the town and the Friends, were received from Valuing Our Children, the Parmenter Trust Fund for the purchase of large print materials, an LSTA grant for an archives project, and an MBLC grant for the summer reading program which funded a teen internship program last summer. Applications for this internship were received from 21 teens and, after interviews, six teens were selected to participate. This group created and provided two performances of a library mystery as part of the 2019 Universe of Stories Summer Program. The summer reading program of 2020 was “Imagine Your Story”. Funding from Valuing Our Children, the

Friends, and the MBLC allowed us to hold summer reading totally online through Beanstack with great prizes, lots of craft kits to do at home, and lawn signs proclaiming *"A Summer Reader Lives Here!"*. The library closed to the public on March 14 and reopened for curbside pickup of materials in July 2020.

MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT 2020



MONTY TECH

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As I reflected on the 2019-2020 school year, and considered what might be included in the 2020 Annual Report, I was reminded of the progress and accomplishments made by our students and staff, during an incredibly challenging time. While each year at Monty Tech is exciting and includes many “firsts”, traditional instruction ended abruptly in 2019-2020, and students and instructors were forced to turn to technology to watch, learn and collaborate. The all-important hands-on learning was not possible because of the unexpected pandemic, and so for the first time ever, our vocational instructors relied solely on their creativity, their understanding of instructional technology, and their technical skills to carry them through the end of the year. Our academic teachers collaborated to create lessons and assessments that would effectively measure learning in a remote setting, and explored countless apps and platforms to increase engagement. Students who looked forward to events like SkillsUSA competitions, prom and graduation, grappled with disappointment and the unknown, and Guidance Counselors worked diligently to reach out to students who were now more isolated from their peers than ever before. To say 2019-2020 was challenging may be an understatement, but to disregard our progress as an educational community would be a disservice to everyone who worked so hard to serve our students. While the traditional school year may have been abbreviated, so many incredible achievements were recognized in this historic year.

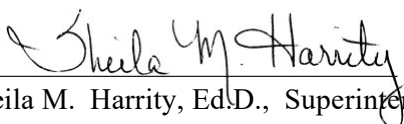
A project more than 7 years in the making, the Monty Tech Veterinary Clinic, opened and began providing affordable veterinary care to pets in need, across our district. Routine wellness care visits, affordable medications and vaccinations, diagnostic services, primary care surgical services, stable urgent care, compassionate end of life care, and dentistry services were delivered by our talented Veterinary Medical Director, Dr. Kayla Sample. Students worked in the new state-of-the-art clinic, learning techniques and gaining knowledge that align with veterinary assistant programs across the Commonwealth. In fact, Becker College has recognized the Monty Tech Veterinary Science program for its rigor and content, and has offered qualified program graduates up to 13 college credits. Further, relying on the school’s trusted model of school-to-business partnerships, a unique collaboration between Monty Tech and VCA has resulted in co-op placements for Seniors in the program.

In August 2019, Monty Tech accepted a \$384,257 award from the Massachusetts Skills Cabinet. This award provided funding to update technology and equipment in two shops: Health Occupations and Automotive Technology. Health Occupations students worked and learned in updated shop facilities, to include new hospital beds and lifts, as well as new diagnostic equipment to train students in the proper procedures for testing for cholesterol, blood sugar, lead, lung volume, and more. In addition, the program received state-of-the-art virtual dissection technology, bringing lessons in anatomy and physiology to new heights. This equipment, provided by Anatomage and most often found on college campuses, immediately engaged students, bringing a deeper level of knowledge and understanding to students as they explored the human body and its complex systems.

Students in the Automotive Technology program were introduced to an all-new simulation lab, that now includes the latest technology in trainers and simulators aligned with NATEF standards. The shop was updated to include new automotive lifts, floor jacks, engine stands, chargers, an air table, and a redesigned tool crib with all new hand tools. Further, in 2019-2020, in partnership with Snap On Tools, instructors rolled out a more sophisticated technical training program and increased opportunities to earn all-new diagnostic credentials, validating their experience and ability to diagnose and service today’s computer-controlled vehicles. With new curriculum, technology and the addition of NC3 Automotive Diagnostic Certifications to the program, our Automotive Technology program graduates will enter a competitive workforce poised for success.

Students who attend Monty Tech have chosen a high school experience unlike any other. While completing all of the same high school requirements of students enrolled in a traditional, comprehensive high school, our students are also learning a valuable trade – skills they will carry with them for a lifetime. In the most challenging times, our students are called upon to demonstrate creativity, innovation and technical skill proficiency, and though face-to-face instruction may have been interrupted, their achievements continued. On behalf of our talented educators and administrators, who remain focused on delivering the highest quality academic and vocational-technical education possible, I am delighted to present the District’s 2019-2020 annual report to you.

Respectfully submitted,


Sheila M. Harrity, Ed.D., Superintendent-Director

Our Mission

Every student will graduate from Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School with the skills, knowledge, and abilities to be a productive and effective member of an ever-changing society.

Our District

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School is a four-year career and technical high school serving the member towns of:

Ashburnham
Ashby
Athol
Barre
Fitchburg
Gardner

Harvard
Holden
Hubbardston
Lunenburg
Petersham
Phillipston

Princeton
Royalston
Sterling
Templeton
Westminster
Winchendon

Leadership

The leadership team at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School is comprised of ten talented administrators whose varied educational backgrounds, professional experiences, and areas of expertise contribute to the success of the school. Working collaboratively, and under the direction of the Superintendent and Principal, the team has transformed the school into one of the most sought-after high schools in North Central Massachusetts.

Sheila M. Harrity, Superintendent-Director

Tom Browne, Principal

Dayana Carlson, Assistant Principal

Tammy Crockett, Business Manager

Christina Favreau, Director of Academic Programs

Jim Hachey, Director of Vocational Programs

Michael Gormley, Director of Facilities

Donald Kitzmiller, Director of Technology

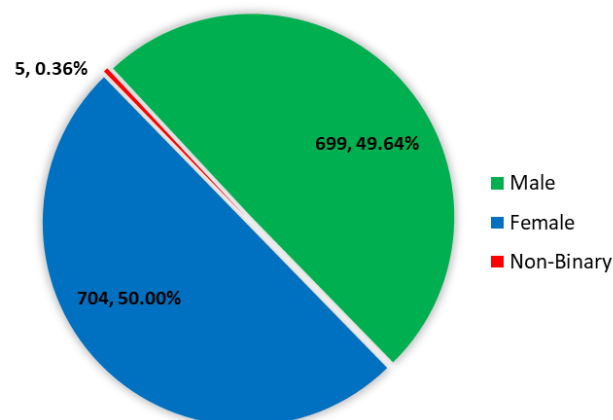
Katy Whitaker, Development Coordinator

Victoria Zarozinski, Director of Student Support Services

Enrollment

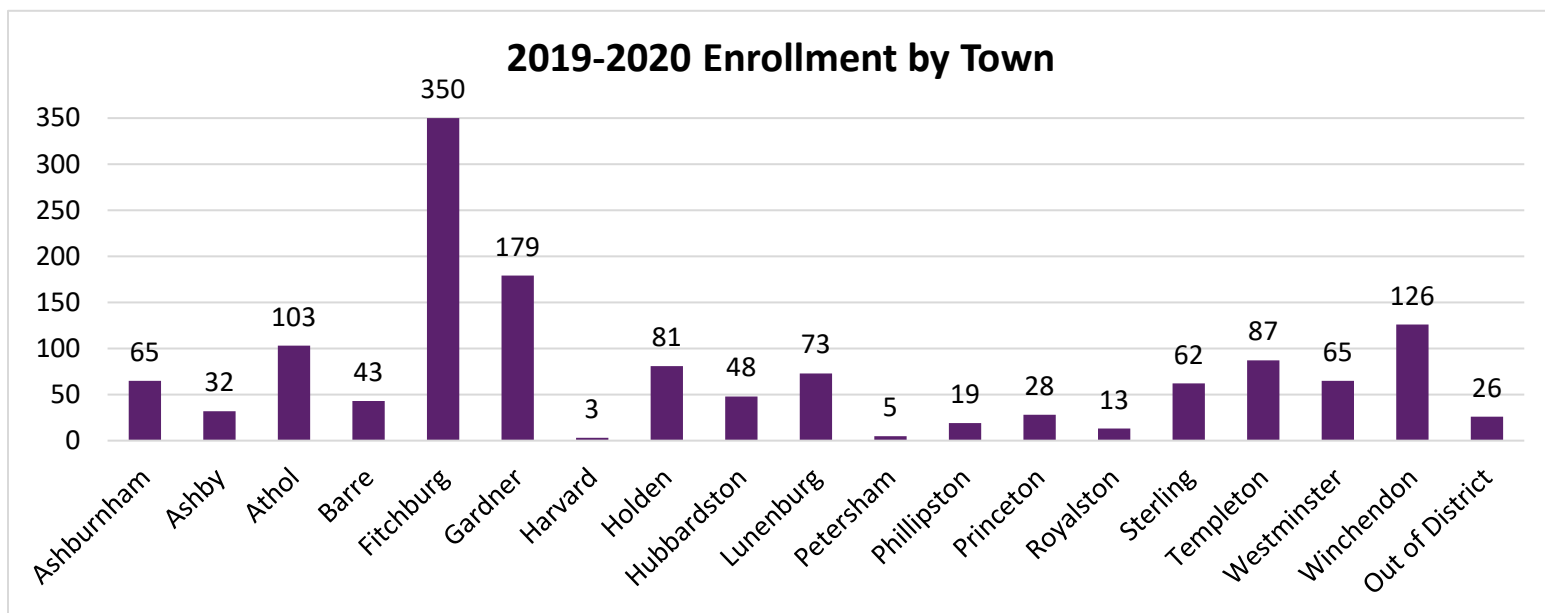
On June 1, 2020, student enrollment at Monty Tech included 1,408 students in grades nine through twelve, representing each of the district's eighteen sending communities. Each class of students is comprised of a relatively equal balance of male vs. female students, and each student attending Monty Tech has elected to do so, prepared to explore an interest in one of the school's twenty-one rigorous vocational-technical programs. While the school currently offers only five programs non-traditional for male students, and twelve programs non-traditional for female students, we are proud to have a student population that is well-balanced by gender and a variety of academic interests and achievements.

2019-2020 STUDENT ENROLLMENT



Throughout 2019-2020, Monty Tech offered a variety of opportunities for students, parents, and community members to learn about and visit the school. In October 2019, approximately 450 district eighth graders participated in the annual “Tour Day” event. Students toured our twenty-one vocational-technical areas and learned about the school’s challenging academic offerings and exciting athletic and extracurricular programs. Career Awareness Night offered interested students the opportunity to return in the evening with their family members to further explore the facilities and speak with staff members.

The Vocational Interest Program (V.I.P.) offers area seventh and eighth grade students the chance to visit Monty Tech after school and participate in hands-on learning experiences across a variety of vocational-technical areas. While the program continued to attract a large number of students during the Fall and Winter sessions in the 2019-2020 school year, serving 518 area students, the Spring session was cancelled due to the widespread pandemic.



Class of 2020 Awards

Members of the Class of 2020 were awarded approximately \$200,000 in scholarships, tools, and equipment. The Monty Tech Foundation generously provided \$28,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors, ranging in amounts from \$400 to \$2,000. The Foundation also awarded \$3,570 to the Practical Nursing graduates. Once again, local and state organizations, as well as generous individuals, continue to recognize the ability and potential of Monty Tech graduates in the form of financial donations. The School Committee, administration, faculty, and graduates are grateful for this support.

Articulation Agreements with local colleges also play an important role in helping reduce the cost of higher education. Qualified Monty Tech students are eligible to receive college credits through a number of articulation agreements with public and private colleges across the country. Approximately 31% of the graduating class of 2020 reported plans to enroll at a 4-year college/university upon graduation. By earning college credits while still in high school, these students will save both time and money as they pursue advanced educational programs.

Financial Report

In an effort to develop a cost-effective budget for the fiscal year 2019-2020, a great deal of effort was put forth by the School Committee, administration, and staff. The final fiscal year 2019-2020 Educational Plan totaled \$28,760,202 which represents a 3.62% increase over the 2018-2019 Educational Plan. The District's FY20 budget only exceeds the minimum spending required by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 70 by \$145,657 or .6%.

The District was audited in December 2020 as part of the yearly financial audit by the accounting firm of Melanson, Heath and Co. from Greenfield, MA and expects to receive a good report.

Grants and Contracts

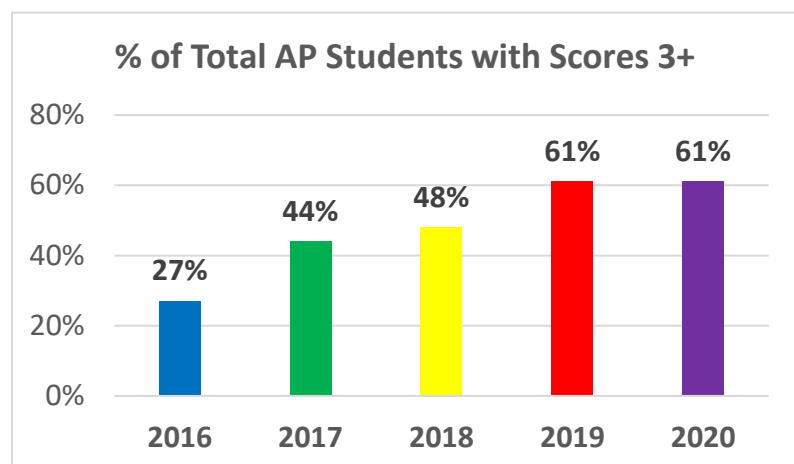
Monty Tech continues to pursue grant funding on an annual basis. These funds help provide many educational and social services to the student population. For fiscal year 2020, state and federal grant sources provided the school with \$978,827. Programs funded by these grants include: Essential Health Services, Improving Teacher Quality, Special Education Services and Program Improvement, Title I Support, Perkins Occupational Education, Student Support and Academic Enrichment and Marine Corp Junior Reserve Officer Training.

Academic Achievement

During the spring of 2020, the administration of the MCAS was postponed due to COVID-19 safety precautions. Last year, Monty Tech's passing rate on the English Language Arts was 99%, Mathematics 97%, Biology 99%. Monty Tech students exceeded the state averages in all 3 subjects. With regard to our Accountability status, Monty Tech made "Substantial Progress Toward Meeting Targets."

Monty Tech is committed to providing students with rigorous STEM learning opportunities, and so in recent years, the curriculum has been expanded to include Advanced Placement Programs (two English courses, two mathematics courses, two science courses, and one computer science course). In addition, teachers have participated in meaningful, high-quality professional development which has enabled us to successfully implement two Project Lead the Way biomedical courses and 2 dual enrollment science courses (Biology and Biotechnology).

During the spring of 2020, students at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School continued to demonstrate high academic achievement, earning commendable scores on AP exams. It is important to remember that these exams took place during remote learning. AP exams were modified significantly prior to testing, the testing environment was remote, and teachers may have faced some challenges in planning some of the components of the curriculum (due to COVID-19). Although we are pleased with the results, we are aware that these issues, in



addition to potential internal scaling applied by the College Board, may have significantly impacted the final results.

The school is in its 8th year of administering Advanced Placement exams, and students enrolled in AP courses continue to improve their performance.

- In the spring of 2020, 89 out of 146 (61%) exams earned qualifying credit - the highest number of “exams” with qualifying scores we’ve ever had.
- This year, more than half of the students who tested in the following subjects received qualifying scores: AP Literature, AP Language, AP Environmental, AP Chemistry and AP Statistics (5 out of 7 subjects).
- The AP subject with the highest number of students with qualifying scores was AP Literature & Composition with 41 out of 54 students (76%). It was also the AP subject with the most “test takers” with 54 students taking this exam.
- Students who completed the AP Literature, AP Chemistry, and AP Environmental exams exceeded the “state” averages in Massachusetts. In addition, students who completed the AP Literature, AP Language, and AP Environmental exceeded “global” averages.
- Most notably, AP Literature and AP Environmental exceeded both state and global averages.

	Spring 2016 (SY15-16)	Spring 2017 (SY16-17)	Spring 2018 (SY17-18)	Spring 2019 (SY18-19)	Spring 2020 (SY19-20)
MT AP Courses	5	6	7	7	7
MT AP Student Enrollment	188	151	135	157	179
Students with Qualifying Scores	39 (27%)	53 (44%)	46 (48%)	68 (61%)	89 (61%)
AP Test Takers	145	120	95	111	146
Total # of Qualifying Exams	44 (24%)	65 (44%)	58 (43%)	79 (54%)	75 (71%)
Total # of AP Exams	187	148	134	146	106

Vocational Projects in the District Communities

Unlike students in traditional, comprehensive high schools, students at Monty Tech are asked to put their education into practice on a daily basis. Students across the twenty-one different vocational-technical education programs are building homes, reconstructing damaged properties, repairing service vehicles, making walkways more accessible, and performing countless community services. Unfortunately, the widespread pandemic forced a school closure, and vocational instruction was delivered remotely beginning March 2020. In turn, opportunities for hands-on learning were impacted, and cooperative education placements available to students were also restricted, as business partners were unable to sustain full staffing.

Auto Body Collision Repair Technology: The Monty Tech Auto Body program benefitted from much-needed, new instructional equipment in 2019-2020, receiving a new Snap-On Air conditioning machine and a wall-mounted pressure washer, which provided additional floor space. Students were trained with the Pro-Spot M.I.G brazing and aluminum M.I.G.Welder, and all Seniors received their EPA 6 H Certificate, I-Car Pro Level 1 in Refinishing and Non- Structural Repair Certifications. A bridge project was completed in collaboration with Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), and soon thereafter our community service projects were discontinued due to the pandemic. Three Seniors and two Juniors earned co-op placements, and students performed quite well at the SkillsUSA District competition, earning a gold medal

in Collision Damage Appraisal, a silver medal in Refinishing, and silver and bronze medals for Collision Repair. (Total student enrollment: 63)

Automotive Technology: The Monty Tech Automotive Technology program was awarded the FY20 Skills Capital Grant, and as a result students and instructors began the 2019-2020 school year in a shop that included a newly designed and outfitted tool crib, five new floor jacks, three new automotive lifts, one air table, five engine stands, three chargers, and an all-new Auto Lab that includes high tech trainers and simulators aligned with NATEF standards. Two additional certification opportunities (digital multimeters and scan tool applications) were made available to students, using the newly purchased Snap-On NC3 certified training equipment. These industry-recognized credentials and the new equipment will enhance our students' level of competency within the automotive industry for years to come. Until the pandemic forced a building closure, students and staff in the Automotive Technology program had worked on or diagnosed more than 200 vehicles. Students performed repairs that included transmission replacements, intake manifolds, brake work, and various other technical repairs, demonstrating technical skills that are required for any service technician in our area. Three Seniors and one Junior earned co-op placements, while instructors continued to utilize e-learning program options to keep the remaining students on track and engaged during the closure. (Total student enrollment: 62)

Business Technology: Monty Tech's Business Technology program continues to benefit from a unique partnership with Workers Credit Union. The opportunity to participate in teller training and financial literacy workshops has been met with great enthusiasm from students, who completed 9 modules and earned a financial literacy certificate. Instructors, in collaboration with their post-secondary colleagues, continue to refine and develop new articulation agreements. The agreement with Mount Wachusett Community College will provide qualified students with college credits at no cost to the student. Students are eligible to receive 24 credits from Mount Wachusett Community College. Opportunities to demonstrate customer service, cash handling, and accounting skills are ever-present as the Business Technology students successfully operate an in-house retail location, The Gear House School Store, and the Monty Tech Greenhouse. Five Seniors and five Juniors were out on co-op placements during the 2019-2020 school year. (Total student enrollment: 71)

Cabinetmaking: Monty Tech Cabinetmaking students are called upon for a number of projects small and large, across the campus and beyond. 2019-2020 was no exception. Students completed projects that include: building a beautiful solid oak cabinet for the Fitchburg Alumni class of 1969, to be presented as a gift to Fitchburg High School's library; designing and using CNC technology to manufacture signage for the Devens Fire Department; and collaborating with Worcester Polytechnic Institute to mill and CNC over 400 pieces of ash to be used for strength testing for their engineering students. Sophomores in the Cabinetmaking program also designed and constructed three hundred fifty 10"x19" sapele charcuterie boards with pocketed cut-outs to accommodate two serving dishes and slate tray. The finished pieces will be used to raise funds for the Student Scholarship Program, supporting the Class of 2021. Eight Seniors and four Juniors earned co-op placements, representing the program so well. (Total student enrollment: 67)

CAD/Drafting & Design: In 2019-2020, the Monty Tech CAD/Drafting & Design program welcomed a new instructor, Jesse Veinotte, whose talents will help guide the Freshmen and Senior experience for years to come. While the school closure certainly curtailed the number of community serve jobs our students were able to complete, the curriculum was easily adapted into an online platform, and students were able to achieve a number of valuable industry-recognized certifications, including AutoCAD, Inventor, Revit, and Solidworks. Twelve students advanced to the SkillsUSA States competition, representing the program well, while two Senior students were proud to earn coveted co-op placements, working at Process Cooling in Leominster, MA and United Plastic Fabricating in North Andover, MA. (Total student enrollment: 61)

Cosmetology: The Monty Tech Cosmetology program is one of the only programs that students may leave and directly enter the industry, fully-licensed and ready for a career. The state-approved program is rigorous and provides students with countless opportunities to refine their cosmetology skills on clientele who understand and appreciate the learning environment. 2019-2020 was an exceptionally busy year for the Monty Tech Cosmetology students, who were compelled to raise funds for a local family in need, and did so by hosting "Staff Nights." Monty Tech staff and their families were invited into the shop for discounted services, and proceeds were donated to support a young girl who tragically lost her father in an accident. Their dedication to community service and "giving back" was a hallmark of the Cosmetology Class of 2020, and a testament to the students who worked so hard and learned so much while in the Monty Tech program. Eighteen students took and passed the Cosmetology State Board exam, and are now prepared for careers

in the field. In addition, a total of one nine Seniors earned co-op placements in local salons – more than any year before. (Total student enrollment: 86)

Culinary Arts: In a typical year, Monty Tech Culinary Arts students and instructors operate a full-service restaurant and bakery, serving 90-120 patrons daily. They might also showcase their talents at regional events and fundraisers, working side-by-side with some of the area's finest chefs. But 2019-2020 was no ordinary year. The school's Mountain Room Restaurant closed in March, and all in-person dining/serving experiences were cancelled for the students. Curriculum transitioned from in-person to a virtual platform, which is challenging for the culinary trade, but the instructors did so effectively, seeking meaningful opportunities for their students to continue to develop in their chosen trade. Despite the pandemic, all students successfully earned Allergen Awareness and ServSafe Certifications, which are important credentials to have for any entry-level position in the culinary and hospitality trades. (Total student enrollment: 97)

Dental Assisting: A critical component of the Monty Tech Dental Assisting curriculum is the preparation for the Dental Assisting National Board certification exams. In 2019-2020, all students who sat for both the DANB Infection Control exam and the DANB Radiology exam, passed. This 100% pass rate is a true testament to the high quality instruction in the Monty Tech Dental Assisting program, and something we continue to be so proud of. A total of four students (two Seniors and two Juniors) earned co-op placements, while the remaining Juniors and Seniors participated in affiliation/externship experiences in area dental clinics and offices. Monty Tech Dental Assisting students and instructors also worked closely with local health provider, Community Health Connections, and provided dental services to more than 35 students in need through this beneficial school-based dental hygiene program. This experience provided valuable hands-on experience, as students were called upon to assist the staff from CHC during each dental procedure performed. (Total student enrollment: 60)

Early Childhood Education: Students and instructors in the Monty Tech Early Childhood Education program are committed to community service activities, and the 2019-2020 school year was no exception. Students and instructors raised funds for SkillsUSA Change for Children and held a Sesame Street themed "Baby Show" for the Gardner VNA "Healthy Families" program. Two Juniors and one Senior were out on co-op, gaining valuable experience working with young children, and instructors worked closely with colleagues at Fitchburg State University to develop the program's first-ever articulation agreement between the two institutions. Fitchburg State University will now grant qualified program graduates up to 6 college credits, at no charge, recognizing the work they have completed while enrolled in the Monty Tech Early Childhood Education Program. The Monty Tech Child Care Center continues to operate at full capacity but in a hybrid model, providing meaningful hands-on learning opportunities for all students in the Early Childhood Education program. (Total student enrollment: 60)

Electrical: Throughout 2019-2020, students and instructors in the Electrical program wired numerous machines, equipment, computers, and lights throughout Monty Tech. Students and instructors successfully completed wiring new equipment in the AutoBody Shop, and CAD/ Drafting & Design shop. The students wired the new electronic parking lot gate, and began wiring two homes in Ashburnham, constructed in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity. Unfortunately, when the school closed in March 2020, all hands-on projects for students ceased, so wiring those homes was completed by our instructors, who volunteered their time to do so. Fourteen Seniors and two Juniors earned co-op placements, and continued their work throughout the Spring and into the summer months. The Freshman class was filled with first choice students, which is a credit to the talents of the program's newest instructor, Alex Thibeault. (Total student enrollment: 89)

Engineering Technology: The Engineering Technology program at Monty Tech is a rigorous program, infused with a nationally certified curriculum provided by Project Lead the Way, and countless hands-on learning opportunities that provide students with opportunities to demonstrate creativity, make connections with prior learning, and earn college credits. On October 22, 2019, the school welcomed Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, to celebrate the completion and ribbon cutting of the school's new ARM (Automation, Robotics and Mechatronics) Lab. All Engineering Technology students benefitted from the new technology available in the lab, including three Amatrol tabletop mechatronics learning systems with Pegasus robots, one Fanuc LR Mate 200ID/4S robot, one Festo MPS 203 mechatronics system, and one Stratasys F270 3D printer. All Freshmen completed the OSHA 10-hour General Industry training and certification program, while two Seniors participated in meaningful co-op placements. (Total student enrollment: 57)

Graphic Communications: Throughout the 2019-2020 school year, the students in Monty Tech's Graphic Communications shop produced numerous projects for our district cities and towns, and a variety of non-profit organizations in the district. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, hands-on learning opportunities were halted in March, so students were unable to complete all community services that were requested. A program highlight for the year was having twelve students earn awards at the Printing Industries of New England's Award of Excellence Gala. Having their talents recognized by industry professionals is not only rewarding to the student, but also validates the efforts of our talented teaching staff. Four Seniors and one Junior pursued and earned co-op placements. Of the twenty-one talented Seniors who graduated from the Graphic Communication program in 2020, all twenty-one were accepted into colleges/universities and eight chose to enter the workforce in related careers. (Total student enrollment: 85)

Health Occupations: The Health Occupations program continues to be one of the more popular programs here at Monty Tech, providing a rigorous education grounded in current medical knowledge and practice. A Skills Capital Grant award provided the program with \$180,246 in additional funding, so during the Summer of 2019, great efforts were made to improve the instructional spaces, and bring in added technology and equipment for student training purposes. In addition to new hospital/nursing home beds, exam tables, EKG machines, geriatric manikins, CPR manikins, stethoscopes, blood pressure and phlebotomy training arms, and five new testing/diagnostic machines, the school was able to purchase the program's first-ever Virtual Dissection Technology. The high-capacity Anatomage table is something most often found on college campuses, but has proven to be an invaluable training device to Monty Tech Health occupations students studying for one of their many certification exams. Every Junior enrolled in the Health Occupations program earned CPR certification; thirteen Juniors received their nursing assistant certificate (only fourteen students took the exam prior to school closing in March 2020. Those who did not pass or complete the CNA exam will be able to do so during the 2020-2021 school year.) Students at all levels completed pandemic-specific training, and obtained the National COVID-Ready Caregiver Certification, which was recommended by the Department of Public Health for all healthcare professionals. Finally, through a unique collaboration with Mount Wachusett Community College, three motivated Seniors completed the Emergency Medical Technician training program, earning eight college credits at no cost, and now have a valuable career pathway available to them. (Total student enrollment: 107)

House Carpentry: The Monty Tech House Carpentry program supported a number of community organizations during the abbreviated 2019-2020 school year, completing projects that include: building a 24'x40' lean-to roof at the Hubbardston DPW Salt Barn, construction of a Habitat for Humanity home in Ashburnham, and finishing all interior trim at the NEADS carriage house, located in Princeton. Students and instructors were also called upon construct a prefabricated stage for the Fitchburg State University Theatre Club, and were delighted to work closely with our post-secondary partners in doing so. Sophomore students handcrafted a number of beautiful Adirondack chairs, which will be used for charitable donations in the months to come. Finally, eight Senior students earned co-op placements, and enjoyed working with area businesses representing the carpentry and construction trades. (Total student enrollment: 54)

HVAC & Property Maintenance: Monty Tech HVAC and Property Maintenance students and instructors participate in the home building project each year, installing the HVAC system and a number of other tasks associated with residential construction efforts. In 2019-2020, Monty Tech HVAC students and instructors worked in Ashburnham to support the Habitat for Humanity community service project. In addition, they traveled to Sterling Municipal Light Department to complete work there. The Monty Tech HVAC & Property Maintenance program also established a partnership with the Monty Tech School of Continuing Education, to offer Oil Burner Technician training and certification to the high school students. After earning National EPA Certification for refrigerant recovery, a total of nine Seniors were placed in area businesses through the school's popular co-op program. HVAC Technicians, and specifically Oil Burner Technicians, are in demand across North Central Massachusetts, so the addition of this credential will prove to be beneficial to all program graduates who choose to stay in the HVAC and Property Maintenance trades. While Junior students were not eligible to go out on co-op in 2019-2020, instructors offered high-quality online instruction and support, so that they might continue to refine their technical skills and proficiency using various online lessons and assessments. (Total student enrollment: 64)

Information Technology: The Information Technology program continues to offer students more industry-recognized certificates than any other program at Monty Tech, an accomplishment our instructors are so proud of, as these certifications affirm the technical skill proficiency needed for entry-level careers in networking and information technology. In 2019-2020, all Freshmen completed the OSHA 10-hour General Industry training, and all Sophomore students passed the Test-out PC Pro Certificate exam, the Cisco IT Essential course for computer repair and maintenance,

and the Introduction to Networking course. One Sophomore, one Junior, and one Senior elected to take, and passed, the COMPTIA A+ exam. All Seniors completed the Python Programming course and participated in the AP Computer Science Principles course. Seven Seniors and one Junior earned co-op placements, applying their technical skills in area businesses. In total, approximately 100 hours of community tech support were completed, which involved hardware and software troubleshooting on desktops, laptops, printers, and mobile devices. (Total student enrollment: 36)

Machine Technology: Throughout the 2019-2020 school year, Monty Tech Machine Technology instructors were able to effectively train students in precision measurement, CNC operation and cutter technology. Students worked on the shop floor and in the program's relatively new Clean Room environment, which was an addition to the program in 2018, funding by a \$435,000 Skills Capital Grant. A new print reading curriculum was adapted and applied, to expand the already comprehensive curriculum. All Freshman students earned the OSHA 10-hour general industry certification, while seven Seniors and four Juniors earned co-op placements, working and learning in area machine shops. (Total student enrollment: 45)

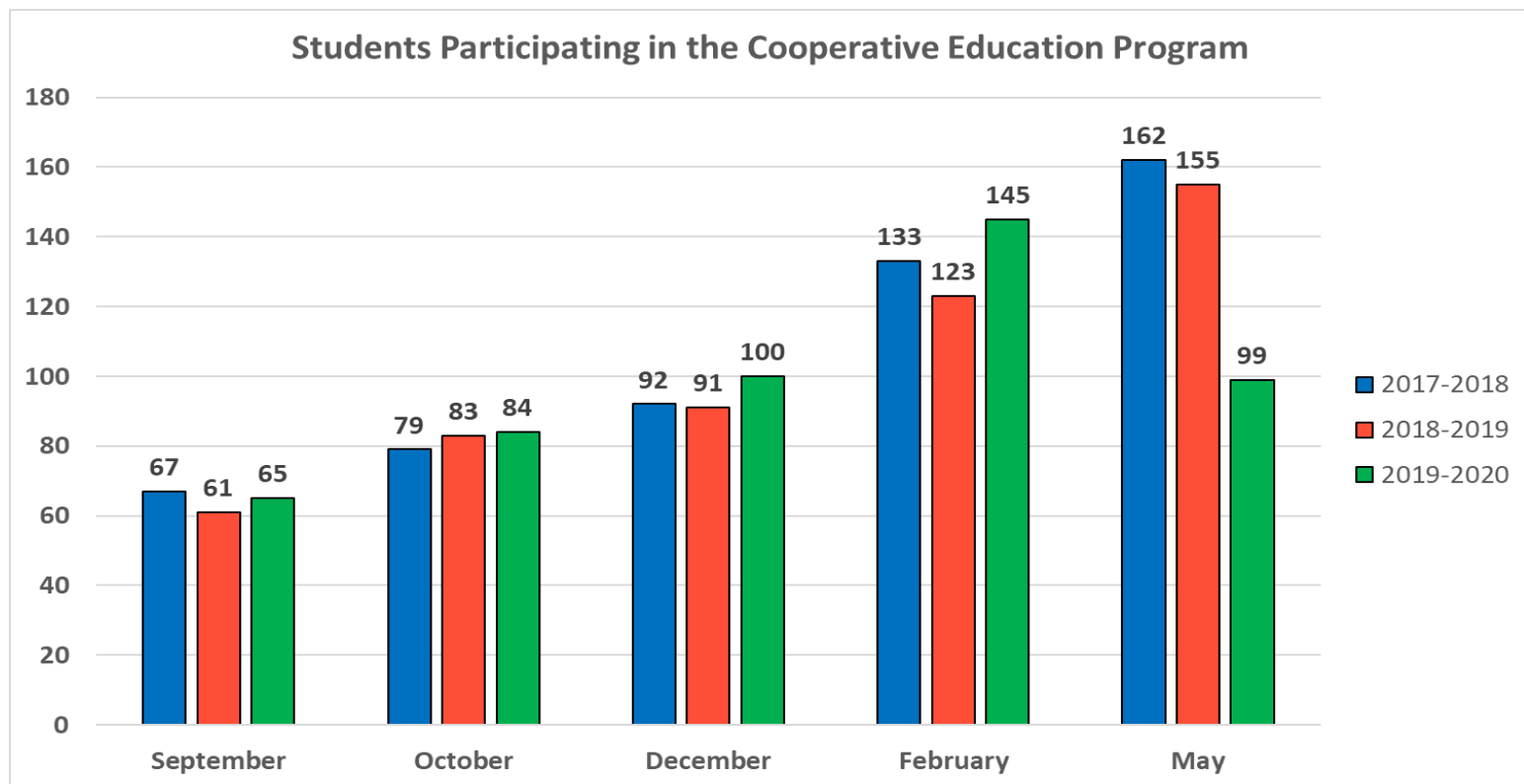
Masonry: The talents of Monty Tech Masonry students are on display throughout district communities, as projects that were completed during the 2019-2020 school year include: a block garage at the Lunenburg North Cemetery, block renovations for Sterling Municipal Light Department, a handicap ramp for the Hubbardston Police Department, and a detailed repair of the marble floor at the Forest Hill Cemetery Mausoleum. Students continued to maintain the OSHA silica standard, in a program that operates in compliance with all trade regulations. Three Seniors earned co-op placements, and continued to refine their skills working with business partners through the school's co-op program. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions in place due to COVID-19 closure, Juniors were not able to participate in the co-op program. (Total student enrollment: 53)

Plumbing: In the 2019-2020 school year, eighteen Freshmen entered the Plumbing trade at Monty Tech, all of whom successfully completed OSHA 10-hour General Industry safety training. Sophomore Plumbing students completed OSHA 10-hour Construction Training. Students and instructors completed replacement of water coolers throughout the Winchendon Public School District. Juniors and Seniors also gained valuable experience working on the plumbing at the two Habitat for Humanity homes in Ashburnham. Ten Seniors and one Junior participated in the co-op program. One Senior received the prestigious 2020 Vocational Tech Plumbing All-Star Award, given by the Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling Contractors Association of Massachusetts, and all Seniors earned industry-recognized NFPA Hot Works safety training certificates. The program proudly graduated 18 students. (Total student enrollment: 71)

Veterinary Science: The school's newest vocational training program, Veterinary Science, entered its third year, and after many years of planning, opened the doors of the clinic to pets in need. A successful Exploratory program resulted in a full class of twenty-two eager Freshmen, who were quick to get to work, completing the OSHA 10-hour healthcare training and certification program, and spending the remainder of the second semester engaged in introductory animal science lessons, with a virtual field trip to see cattle owned by a classmate. Sophomores worked through some very challenging curriculum, covering units in client services, hospital management, anatomy, pathology and laboratory procedures. They visited Flying High Farm in Lunenburg to work with horses and complete the program's large animal requirements, and also toured Idexx laboratories in North Grafton, MA to observe all aspects of clinical pathology. The Juniors delved into even more rigorous curriculum, which would complement their hands-on work in the clinic. Lessons in pharmacology, grooming, surgical and nursing care, and anesthesiology proved to be invaluable to the program's first class of students to work in the clinic, applying their knowledge as they worked alongside veterinarians, groomers, and veterinary technicians. (Total student enrollment: 64)

Welding/Metal Fabrication: The 2019-2020 school year brought new equipment to the school's popular Welding/Metal Fabrication program. A 4 ft. squaring shear was added to the training program, to better prepare students for entry level careers in the trade. Numerous projects were completed by talented students, including more than fifty requests for individual projects from community members residing in the school's sending district. In response to the school closure, instructors implemented a new online learning platform from Miller Welding Open Book for grades 11 and 12. All Freshmen students successfully completed the OSHA 10-hour General Industry training, and earned that certification. Juniors and Seniors participated in Careersafe Online Employability Interview skills, which is a targeted effort to compliment their already strong technical skills with the soft skills needed to succeed in life. Eight Seniors and one Junior were placed in area shops, working and learning from trade professionals who support the school's co-op program. (Total student enrollment: 55)

Co-operative Education and Student Placement



The Cooperative Education Program is an extension of the student's technical education that combines classroom instruction with on-the-job-training. The Co-op Program provides students with an opportunity to further develop academic, technical and employability skills in an industry work environment. All students are eligible to participate in the Co-op Program, provided they satisfy state and school grade, attendance and performance requirements. All Co-op students have completed the OSHA recognized Career Safe online health and safety course.

The Cooperative Education Program is beneficial for both student and employer. For the student, it is a chance to gain on-the-job training that improves both their technical and employability skills. Additionally, making industry connections enhances post-graduate employment opportunities. The Co-op Program allows students to earn while they learn.

Employer benefits include addressing workforce needs in an efficient manner. Co-op students provide a pool of temporary and potential full-time employees who are already trained, thus reducing employer training costs. Co-op work hours may be tailored to suit the needs of partnering employers. Monty Tech was on pace for a record-breaking year for co-op placements, with 145 students (Juniors and Seniors) working, learning and applying their technical skills related in area businesses in February of 2020. Unfortunately, due to the ongoing pandemic, co-op opportunities for our students have declined slightly, but are expected to rebound when local businesses are able to open and operate at full capacity.

Student Support Services

During the 2019-2020 school year, Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District provided special services to approximately three hundred students – measuring progress of over two hundred students on Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and just under one hundred students adhering to individualized Section 504 plans. While the

Student Support Services (SSS) Department encompasses special education, the department provides support and is available to all Monty Tech students.

The department includes a full-time nursing staff that administers medications, performs state-mandated health screening exams, and provides, when necessary, health information to the special education team for a student's IEP meeting. The department benefits from a full-time school social worker that participates in departmental meetings and assists students who have needs concerning finances, family issues, homelessness, maternity, health issues, and proper food and clothing. The school is also fortunate to have on staff a full-time psychologist, whose role it is to evaluate all students referred for an initial evaluation or who require a three-year re-evaluation. In addition, we have a full-time speech language pathologist, who is available to assist students with disabilities, assess these students and consult with teachers. Our students also have access to the services of a full-time adjustment counselor and part-time school psychologist. All of these individuals are available for scheduled counseling sessions, mental health emergency treatment, medical/mental health re-entry and transition support services, as well as crisis intervention.

The school's Director of Student Support Services oversees the District's Special Education Program, which is reviewed annually in May, in accordance with regulatory requirements. The comprehensive review and evaluation are done in collaboration with the Parent Advisory Council, and the results of the evaluation are used to improve the special education procedures and programs in place at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School.

During the 2019-2020 Montachusett Regional Technical School District's Department of Student Support Services made a concerted effort to increase social, emotional, and community based supports. In addition to our current re-entry and school based counseling services, Monty Tech and LUK, Inc. joined forces with the help of the Department of Public Health to provide services to at-risk students and their families. Couple this with the further expansion of our partnership with the SHINE Initiative, it has allowed the district to build upon our mission to provide opportunities for all students to be engaged, lead, and access the supports necessary to improve their social and emotional wellbeing.

Technology

The 2019-2020 school year proved to be a test in many ways for the Monty Tech educational community, but was no match for the school's Technology Department. Because of forward thinking on the part of the department's Director and the school's leadership team, 2019-2020 was the school's 4th year for the 1:1 Chromebook initiative, so students and instructors had previous experience with the tools and technology needed to learn in a remote setting. To support the additional and now required use of this technology, the Technology Department spent countless hours during the school year upgrading the network and increasing the bandwidth coming into the school to sustain video and audio conferencing.

Department personnel upgraded the learning experience for students, by purchasing laptops for students and teachers, building new iMacs for the Graphic Communications program, and rebuilding surplus computers for full remote students in CAD Drafting & Design, Graphic Communications, Business Technology, and Engineering, so that they may work from home on their vocational assignments. A ZOOM license was purchased, and the Instructional Technologist worked diligently to purchase and deploy software for all teachers. Camcorders, wireless headsets, interactive displays and a variety of apps were purchased, installed, and put into the hands of our educators to engage learners at all levels.

Finally, to ensure "business as usual," we invested in Splashtop, VPN client and configured the firewall, so that faculty and staff laptops could be fixed remotely if a software issue presented itself, and so that the Business Office would have remote access into the school to maintain a secure working environment, even when the building was closed.

Marine Corps JROTC

The Monty Tech Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) remains one of the school's most worthwhile and engaging programs available to our students. Due to outstanding performance throughout the year, Monty Tech's Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program was, once again, designated as a Marine Corps Honor School. Selection for the Marine Corps Honor School means that the school's Marine Corps JROTC program was in the top 15% of the 68 other programs in Region 1. Region 1 includes schools from the mid-Atlantic and Northeast U.S. The selection is based on several criteria including:

- *Inspector General's inspection results*
- *Number of cadets in the program*
- *Number of community service hours conducted*
- *Number of public affairs events attended by cadets*
- *Number of academic awards presented to cadets*
- *Participation in drill team competitions, marksmanship competitions, physical fitness competitions, and field trips that support the growth and development of the cadet*

Because of this distinction, Monty Tech MJROTC instructors are allowed to nominate up to six cadets to each of the three service academies — U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Military Academy and U.S. Air Force Academy. This is the 9th time the program has earned this distinction since 2007.

The 2019-2020 Corps of Cadets completed over 4,800 hours of community service in the abbreviated year, completing a 10 mile March A Thon that raised \$20,000 to support local nonprofit organizations. The Cadets volunteered time during their weekends, working with the local Salvation Army, and helped raise more than \$25,000 for families in need. Finally, the Monty Tech Cadet Corps provided 11 Color Guards for local civic and veteran ceremonies, a highlight for students and instructors alike.

Monty Tech School of Continuing Education

The Monty Tech School of Continuing Education continues to update and add courses that emphasize a commitment to excellence by offering affordable, quality, and enjoyable educational experiences. For the Fall of 2019, Monty Tech offered 142 classes and another 114 in the Spring 2020 semester.

The program is on track to support the North Central Massachusetts workforce readiness pipeline with an increase in career and licensure courses. The pivot to a hybrid learning model has been beneficial to both our career/licensure students as well as our personal enrichment students. During the Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 sessions, we realized the resiliency of our students and their willingness to persevere with their training despite the challenges. Our instructors worked tirelessly to maintain training programs timelines.

Our medical students' skill set was and continues to be in high demand due to the pandemic. We were able to support our local medical facilities with newly license healthcare workers, to include Pharmacy Technicians, Medical Billing and Coding Specialists, EKG Technicians, Phlebotomists, CNAs, and Patient Care Technicians.

The continued success and sustainability of an adult education program is based on hiring quality instructors and meeting the needs of the community and supporting workforce development. Our goals in the coming year include: identifying additional training opportunities to meet the needs of the regional workforce, provide affordable and meaningful training opportunities to our nontraditional student population, and expanding programming to include off-site, daytime training opportunities across the region.

Practical Nursing Program

The Monty Tech Practical Nursing Program is designed to prepare graduates to practice safely and ethically in a caring manner for patients who are experiencing common variations in health status in diverse health care settings.

On June 25, 2020 a graduating class of 28 students completed the Practical Nursing Program and entered the nursing profession. The class has thus far achieved a pass rate of 75%, with 21 of the 28 graduates passing the NCLEX-PN exam (National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses). Due to the pandemic, the testing period has been extremely delayed. Seven graduates will pursue the examination in the coming months.

All of the 2020 graduates are currently employed in the health care profession throughout Massachusetts, working in various health care settings, such as long-term care, sub-acute care, mental health/substance abuse facilities, physician's offices and correctional medicine.

The Monty Tech Practical Nursing Program continues to strengthen the “LPN to BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) Bridge” relationship with Fitchburg State University. Several 2019 and 2020 graduates are pursuing seats in the LPN to BSN program at FSU and will be continuing their education to the Bachelors in Nursing. Many class applicants cited their attraction to Monty Tech as the opportunity to complete a ten-month accelerated program and then bridge to Fitchburg State University. In the 6-year history of the Bridge Program, all of Monty Tech’s Practical Nursing graduates reaching graduation at FSU have passed their RN-NCLEX exam.

Monty Tech Practical Nursing students are now completing patient scenarios in the Sim Lab on a weekly basis in Terms 2, 3, and 4. The Faculty Sim team has implemented National League of Nursing (NLN) patient scenarios and authored several others consistent with our curriculum frameworks, and have also utilized the Sim lab setting to instruct students in developing nursing skills that they may not be experiencing in the clinical setting. Instructors have successfully developed and implemented a library of scenarios reflecting INASCAL Standards (International Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning).

In Maternity Sim Lab Boot Camp, students utilize the new simulation models to imitate the birthing process, from obstetric office visits through labor and common post-partum complications. Well newborn care is also taught. Student feedback has been positive regarding these new maternity scenarios, stating it better prepares them for an unexpected outcome during a delivery. This expanded content also better prepares students for NACE (Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exam) success at FSU.

Substance abuse and the mental health setting job opportunities have increased with more funding being provided to combat the opiate crisis. Even without having specialty clinical rotations, students performing simulation scenarios involving substance abuse clients, has prepared our graduates to work in a substance abuse clinical setting, as well.

We are expecting an accreditation visit from the Massachusetts Board of Registration in the coming year. Our goals include stabilization of faculty positions, securing a certified Simulation Instructor, and pursuance of ACEN (Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing) to more accurately reflect the changing environment of nursing education.

Looking Ahead

While 2019-2020 ended in an unexpected manner, with students and instructors working and learning from home, we were able to use that time to reflect on the core values represented within our educational community and consider how we might improve the educational experience for all students upon their return. We understand that the pandemic brought about many changes to the way we live and work. Our students were isolated for weeks and months, while our instructors were asked to completely redefine their instruction to deliver an entirely remote curriculum. People of all ages, socio-economic classes and intellectual abilities feared for the safety of their family, friends and loved ones – compounding feelings of loneliness and uncertainty. As we looked ahead, then, a number of priorities for the upcoming school year emerged.

Supporting students and staff both socially and emotionally, providing the resources needed to succeed in a remote learning environment, and maintaining a clean and safe learning environment have become our latest priorities.

The changes brought upon by the pandemic were not expected. There was no time to prepare our staff and students for what might lie ahead, but I am thankful for the expertise and flexibility demonstrated by our very talented faculty and staff, and the students who made the most of a very difficult end of the 2019-2020 school year.

Programs and initiatives that we expect to implement in 2020-2021 that will have a positive impact on our school and students are as follows:

Support faculty, staff and students' socio-emotional wellness, and develop a community-wide understanding of equity (or lack thereof) and how it contributes to a safe and supportive learning environments for all students. We recognize that students and staff have been home and isolated from others for months. Learning from home may have presented an unintended result - unequal learning opportunities. There are fears and concerns among staff, and there is a heightened sensitivity to what this isolation has meant to our student population. Collaborating with community service agencies, we will address efforts to create a healthy school climate, and will provide targeted training opportunities to better serve our students. A diverse team of professionals (teachers, paraprofessionals, guidance counselors, and support staff) will review existing district and school documents and policies, survey staff and students regarding school climate, and develop a comprehensive action plan, and infuse those elements into the 2021-2024 District Improvement Plan.

Expand technology resources and infrastructure to support Hybrid and/or Remote Learning Platforms. Monty Tech is fortunate to have been able to provide all students with a Chromebook for the past several years, and all teachers with Chromebooks or laptops to support curriculum development efforts while away from the school. That technology proved to be invaluable during the 2019-2020 school year, and so the District is committed to maintaining and expanding access to instructional technology that will enhance at-home learning moving forward. During the summer of 2020, we learned that school would not resume with all students in-person. A complex schedule (balancing academic and vocational in-person instructional time) was negotiated and agreed upon, and students/parents were given the option of returning in a hybrid of fully remote model. By purchasing and maintaining ZOOM licenses, increasing bandwidth, reconfiguring surplus equipment, and continuing to work with the school's Instructional Technologist to provide a variety of workshops to academic and vocational instructors who have come to rely of any one of the two school's Learning Management Systems (Google Classroom or Schoology), Monty Tech will be well-positioned and prepared to deliver instruction either in-person or remotely, at a moment's notice.

Modify facilities and infrastructure to ensure students, faculty and staff are working and learning in a safe environment. While the school is prepared to provide all faculty and staff with required and requested PPE, many upgrades to the school building must be completed prior to and maintained throughout the 2020-2021 school year. All rooftop units will be upgraded from MERV 8 to MERV 13 rated air filters, which are high quality air filters typically used in general surgery or hospital settings, capturing down to 0.3 – 1.0 micron particle size. iWave units will be added to the HVAC system, reducing pathogens, allergens, particles, smoke and odors in the air, creating a healthy environment without producing any harmful byproducts. Installing sanitizing stations, redirecting traffic patterns, and limiting the number of desks/seats in a confined space will provide a comfortable setting for the students during their in-person learning days, while limiting access to the school (parents and visitors must wait outside) will aide in screening and tracing efforts throughout the year.

The Monty Tech School Committee

The Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District Committee is comprised of twenty-two dedicated individuals, whose expertise proves invaluable in advising the district's operations, policies, and procedures. Our students continue to benefit from the broad scope of their experiences and varying perspectives, and we are thankful to the following members of the 2019-2020 School Committee for their outstanding service.

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Sheila M. Harrity, Ed.D., Superintendent-Director January 22, 2021

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FY2020 Payroll Data

Name	Department	Hire Date	Base	Overtime
Adams David L	Fire Call	05/29/12	\$ 2,212.00	
Adams William D	Library	03/10/10	\$ 2,243.86	
Adams Jr Steven L	Police	09/21/15	\$ 49,898.88	\$ 26,490.57
Aldrich Lisa	Assessors	09/08/97	\$ 70,736.89	
Andrews Madeleine A	Senior Tax Abatement	12/11/07		
Arnot Ben	DPW-Highway	06/12/18	\$ 40,214.24	\$ 6,555.18
Arsenault Jennifer	Dog Officer	04/17/01	\$ 41,811.47	\$ 524.16
Arsenault Rene	DPW-Supt.	09/04/18	\$ 5,338.01	
Aucoin Richard	Outside Detail	05/06/96		
Bachelder Carol A	Town Clerk	10/27/10	\$ 49,120.49	\$ 540.82
Bachelder Sandra E	Library	12/14/17	\$ 1,300.15	
Balben William G	DPW-Highway	08/25/15	\$ 45,865.60	\$ 6,508.44
Bardsley Matthew R	DPW-Water	11/02/19	\$ 32,132.84	\$ 5,613.50
Bartus John F	Outside Detail	08/17/09		
Bass Vernon	DPW-Highway	09/02/81	\$ 55,870.40	\$ 10,879.04
Belloli Andrew P	DPW-Water	08/29/05	\$ 55,808.00	\$ 7,324.83
Bergquist Elizabeth J	Fire-Reg	11/19/14	\$ 22,952.16	
Berkall Marcia K	Council On Aging	01/01/19		
Berry Virginia S	Library	12/20/17	\$ 1,489.52	
Bialecki Rebecca J	Selectmen	04/13/17	\$ 1,694.28	
Bond Andrew R	Fire-Reg	07/08/19	\$ 38,724.60	\$ 11,532.52
Bond Andrew R	Fire-Reg	07/08/19	\$ 1,264.79	
Boucher Brian D	Fire Call	09/07/10	\$ 2,115.00	
Boughton Emily L	Library	06/28/10	\$ 34,315.85	
Bowdridge Todd M	Fire Call	09/17/19	\$ 3,892.00	
Bowers Kenneth O.	Senior Tax Abatement	03/26/13		
Brailey Travis R	Fire-Reg	09/10/12	\$ 46,522.13	\$ 7,452.04
Britt Ernest J	Outside Detail	01/01/01		
Brown Corey C	Police	02/09/12	\$ 49,564.88	\$ 1,185.21
Bruso Jr Brian W	Town Hall	12/19/19	\$ 18,388.68	\$ 2,381.35
Brzozowski Robin M	Library	09/27/10	\$ 21,959.60	
Buck Peter J	Police	05/23/94	\$ 54,489.39	\$ 20,842.60
Burnett Jeremy W	DPW-Water	07/29/16	\$ 50,289.60	\$ 5,248.82
Butler Heather J	Selectmen	09/30/02	\$ 1,020.00	
Call Courtney	Police	02/05/18	\$ 46,318.48	\$ 11,900.31
Carey Amanda M	Dispatcher	02/18/20	\$ 15,732.00	
Carey Trevor W	Fire Call	08/20/15	\$ 980.00	
Caron Janelle D	Dog Officer	06/26/17	\$ 14,074.88	\$ 228.00
Carr David	DPW-Water	10/07/91	\$ 60,889.60	\$ 11,330.85
Carra Francisco	Fire-Reg	04/14/16	\$ 29,367.57	\$ 15,165.57
Casella Christopher	Outside Detail	01/01/01		
Chapalonis Mark M	Outside Detail	05/01/19	\$ 7,368.00	\$ 45.00
Chauvette Corey J	Outside Detail	09/04/14	\$ 560.00	

Chauvette Lee	Selectmen	01/01/01	\$ 1,411.18	
Chevarie Madison M	Police	09/26/19	\$ 24,100.75	\$ 1,701.75
Chiasson William	Selectmen	04/22/19	\$ 1,411.18	
Clifford Carla H.	Senior Tax Abatement	11/25/96		
Coffin Cynthia L	Library	02/20/19	\$ 6,259.93	
Coflesky John P	Outside Detail	11/27/19	\$ 552.00	
Coller Tammy M	Tax Collector	09/26/17	\$ 44,219.22	
Collins Kyle F	Fire Call	09/17/19	\$ 1,246.00	
Cooley Diana L.	DPW-Supt.	12/22/97	\$ 48,711.98	\$ 741.00
Cormier Samantha L	Dispatcher	11/05/17	\$ 44,624.16	\$ 8,878.05
Costa Robert N	DPW-Highway	03/13/85	\$ 63,494.08	\$ 13,956.04
Cote Ronny R	Police	07/06/87	\$ 87,556.40	\$ 122.28
Cotter John E	Senior Tax Abatement	12/01/19		
Craven David S.	DPW-Water	09/11/06	\$ 53,600.80	\$ 9,138.88
Croteau Marie L	DPW-Supt.	10/05/11	\$ 37,537.24	
Cummings Thomas A	Police	12/17/07	\$ 29,828.00	\$ 1,625.10
Custer Sarah C	Veterans Services	02/07/19	\$ 47,972.33	
Cygan Michael W	Senior Tax Abatement	12/31/07		
Deneault Victoria	Library	10/09/18	\$ 8,684.23	
Deveneau Craig	Police	05/20/96	\$ 68,654.84	\$ 8,537.37
Dodge Howard	Senior Tax Abatement	06/14/18		
Dodge Kevin	Outside Detail	09/02/08		
Dubrulle Scott A	Police	08/18/97	\$ 64,512.63	\$ 2,055.17
Dubrulle Jr. Bruce	Fire-Reg	07/10/98	\$ 34,426.11	\$ 5,371.50
Duguay JR John	Town Hall	10/15/18	\$ 25,337.42	\$ 2,403.48
Dumas Angela M	Library	10/19/15	\$ 8,971.29	
Duran Lisa A	Council On Aging	08/16/18	\$ 400.00	
Dyer Brock L	Lifeguard	06/19/18	\$ 4,315.88	
Evans Ellen R	DPW-Supt.	06/13/19	\$ 10,900.50	
Ferguson James M	Fire-Reg	09/08/09	\$ 61,238.49	\$ 43,163.49
Filieo Kimberly M	Dispatcher	10/19/18	\$ 23,215.11	\$ 524.48
Fisher Kala S.	Zoning/Planning	03/01/04	\$ 1,400.00	
Forte Alexandra M	Lifeguard	06/25/19	\$ 2,436.00	
FORTES GREGORY E.	Police	10/09/01	\$ 53,317.77	\$ 4,106.95
Fowler Bruce	Senior Tax Abatement	12/03/13		
Fredette Erick J	Police	11/10/15	\$ 49,564.88	\$ 20,152.89
Geyster Rick P	Building Dept	08/12/13	\$ 1,050.00	
Gibree Rachel A	Dispatcher	07/18/19	\$ 34,443.38	\$ 2,689.36
Girard Chad M	Fire-Reg	10/15/12	\$ 48,144.35	\$ 42,149.26
Gray Joseph T	Recreation	07/17/18	\$ 1,335.25	
Greene John R	Weights & Measures	01/01/01	\$ 6,875.00	
Griffith Timothy D	Fire Call	05/29/12	\$ 420.00	
Guarnera Joseph P	Fire-Reg	10/08/18	\$ 106,065.59	
Hager Donald B	Outside Detail	06/30/14	\$ 49,572.25	\$ 3,208.65
Hager Kent A	Outside Detail	01/01/01		
Hamilton Jamal L	Fire-Reg	03/16/10	\$ 56,554.93	\$ 40,957.54
Hamlett Joan	Health	09/29/03	\$ 1,408.13	

Hannon William H	Senior Tax Abatement	01/01/19		
Harris Adam J	Fire-Reg	06/06/17	\$ 46,486.96	\$ 24,097.86
Harris Philip J	Weights & Measures	06/15/20	\$ 512.50	
Heath Kevin	Outside Detail	12/21/79	\$ 150.88	
Herk Arthur C	Council On Aging	12/16/14	\$ 195.00	
Herk Ryan M	DPW-Water	07/13/17	\$ 16,306.96	\$ 1,425.14
Hippler Melissa A	Dispatcher	09/27/17	\$ 37,656.80	\$ 90.60
Hogan Ian C	Fire-Reg	06/25/19	\$ 39,594.14	\$ 5,963.64
Holtorf Mary E	Senior Tax Abatement	12/05/19		
Horrigan Hugh A.	Election	06/24/02	\$ 408.00	
Horrigan Kevin S	Fire-Reg	12/01/87	\$ 49,889.49	\$ 64,306.78
Hughes Robert L	DPW-Highway	06/07/11	\$ 51,361.60	\$ 9,849.24
Hughes Robert L.	DPW-Water	06/09/97	\$ 60,873.60	\$ 7,109.15
Jack Eric R	Fire-Reg	05/13/96	\$ 62,185.92	\$ 93,295.92
Jackson James P	DPW-Cemetery	06/09/16	\$ 3,099.25	
Jackson Jr. Raymond O	Outside Detail	09/02/08		
Jenks Warren A	Wire Inspector	08/03/17	\$ 420.00	
Jillson Erin R	Dispatcher	11/25/19	\$ 19,455.00	\$ 1,813.66
Jobst Jeffrey	Recreation	07/10/00	\$ 4,800.00	
Joly Daniel J	Building Dept	09/06/11	\$ 19,100.00	
Jurek Kelsey A.	Library	02/28/05	\$ 34,909.41	
Kaczmarczyk Douglas	Police	06/30/97	\$ 66,647.86	\$ 15,057.68
Kaczmarczyk Kelly R	Recreation	07/10/17	\$ 4,200.00	
Kaczmarczyk Kevin	Fire-Reg	09/03/96	\$ 60,574.51	\$ 50,840.96
Kay Lori R	Senior Tax Abatement	01/01/19		
Keddy Jr. Alan W	DPW-Cemetery	03/24/08	\$ 52,084.80	\$ 2,080.82
Kiely Pauline	Senior Tax Abatement	12/03/15		
Kilhart Richard P	DPW-Supt.	04/23/18	\$ 89,673.07	
Kimball Gregory H	Fire Call	05/29/12	\$ 1,988.00	
King Benjamin	Lifeguard	07/01/94	\$ 5,500.00	
Knechtel Travis S.	DPW-Cemetery	06/06/05	\$ 63,462.40	\$ 7,660.97
Kozak Jami L	Dispatcher	06/11/19	\$ 6,300.00	
LaFountain Roseanna M	Senior Tax Abatement	12/08/15		
Ledgard Edward F	Assessors	05/30/17	\$ 1,411.00	
Legare Josiah R	Fire Call	09/24/19	\$ 14.00	
Legare Robert	Building Dept	01/03/17	\$ 69,175.85	
Lehmann Marie	Library	10/10/86	\$ 41,808.15	
Leonard Keri L	Dispatcher	01/08/19	\$ 8,130.42	\$ 2,459.20
Levreault Catherine E	Tax Collector	02/08/18	\$ 41,291.83	
Lichtenberger Jason	DPW-Highway	04/10/00	\$ 51,941.76	\$ 7,373.53
Livingston Jordan	Dispatcher	06/27/18	\$ 42,068.64	\$ 15,062.60
Lozier Gerard J	Election	12/07/09	\$ 408.00	
Lundgren Craig	Police	07/07/03	\$ 115,900.00	
Lupaczyk Jason T	Town Hall	06/08/20	\$ 405.00	
Mahan Katelyn J	Lifeguard	06/19/19	\$ 780.00	
Mailloux Christine E	Accountant	07/28/87	\$ 77,338.21	
Mailloux Shelby M	Recreation	07/02/16	\$ 1,262.25	

Maroni Andrew J	Wire Inspector	09/17/19	\$ 3,710.00	
Martin Richard	Outside Detail	01/01/01	\$ 1,448.00	
Martin Thomas E	Dispatcher	01/21/16	\$ 50,358.40	\$ 29,062.25
Martineau Mary J	Dispatcher	01/28/19	\$ 20,314.73	
Mason Colby L	Recreation	07/02/18	\$ 1,237.50	
Matthews Julianne	Library	03/22/18	\$ 9,103.79	
McIntyre Patrick J	Tax Collector	01/27/20	\$ 30,334.08	
McNiff Karen	Library	01/18/94		
McNiff Karen	Library	11/10/08	\$ 15,504.34	
Miarecki Martin J	Health	12/08/11	\$ 1,690.50	
Mitchell Randy L	Senior Tax Abatement	12/02/15		
Moore Alyssa M	Community Development	05/01/17	\$ 29,771.76	
Morris Sean M	Fire-Reg	08/15/19	\$ 11,663.11	\$ 863.15
Mousseau Jarret	Police	02/26/96	\$ 73,064.43	\$ 11,709.02
Murphy Maryann	Accountant	10/20/11	\$ 48,712.49	
Muzzy Cathy	Conservation	09/05/06	\$ 1,800.00	
Neale Todd W.	Police	07/24/95	\$ 56,029.87	\$ 5,174.05
Nelson Robbie W	Lifeguard	06/19/19	\$ 2,616.00	
Newell Brandon R	Police	01/27/20	\$ 11,676.70	\$ 1,026.26
Newton Thomas S	DPW-Highway	05/06/19	\$ 32,377.50	
O'Brien Jane M	Health	12/05/17	\$ 43,256.17	
O'Lari Albert	Police	07/28/97	\$ 67,143.89	\$ 8,586.50
Otto Karen S	Senior Tax Abatement	12/05/19		
Parker Jeffrey	Fire-Reg	10/23/95	\$ 89,909.20	
Peirce Herbert	DPW-Highway	08/10/92	\$ 20,070.00	
Perry Derek	Fire-Reg	01/08/18	\$ 46,050.78	\$ 45,551.84
Pinder Charles Frank	Outside Detail	05/01/19	\$ 43,439.72	\$ 5,918.82
Pollard James	Outside Detail	01/01/01		
Pothier JR Paul J	Outside Detail	03/18/19		
Price Lynn	Council On Aging	04/11/19	\$ 6,000.00	
Publicover William C	Fire-Reg	08/21/18	\$ 43,807.69	\$ 10,234.16
Purple Norma	Health	07/02/93	\$ 1,408.13	
Purple Norman W	Dispatcher	08/30/11	\$ 726.00	
Putnam Sophie J	Recreation	07/02/18	\$ 1,139.25	
Raymond Allison M	Lifeguard	06/25/19	\$ 1,806.00	
Raymond Stephen	Selectmen	06/01/10	\$ 1,411.18	
Reicker Aaron L	Lifeguard	06/19/18	\$ 3,621.00	
Rice Kyle J	Dog Officer	06/03/19	\$ 12,460.17	
Robertson Madelyn L	Lifeguard	06/19/19	\$ 2,604.00	
Robideau Kayla M	Recreation	07/17/14	\$ 1,573.00	
Robidoux Jason M	DPW-Highway	06/11/18	\$ 45,535.05	\$ 9,078.33
Robinson Jean W.	Assessors	03/03/97	\$ 47,267.65	
Roraback William E	Fire Call	08/08/19	\$ 1,736.00	
Rumrill Megan S	Dispatcher	01/02/11	\$ 19,368.62	
Russell Patricia M.	Dog Officer	03/18/02	\$ 13,061.29	
Saisa Kainen M	Lifeguard	07/01/15	\$ 4,895.00	
Saisa Ryley E	Lifeguard	06/28/17	\$ 3,786.75	

Sandova Dana	Fire-Reg	08/15/05	\$ 834.97	
Santa Xavier	DPW-Supt.	01/03/17	\$ 9,666.07	
Santana Savannah Lynne	Recreation	07/09/18	\$ 1,323.00	
Savoy Cathy A.	Council On Aging	10/09/06	\$ 62,441.00	
Schouler Sarah A	Zoning/Planning	05/05/19	\$ 1,400.00	
Sexton Robert A.	DPW-Water	02/27/06	\$ 63,025.60	\$ 8,153.65
Shaughnessy Jean E	Library	01/01/01	\$ 81,066.93	
Shaw Jennifer J	DPW-Water	10/09/18	\$ 59,674.80	\$ 11.48
Shepardson Jr Arthur C	Fire-Reg	07/01/88	\$ 59,603.55	\$ 32,876.62
Shtulman Robin	Library	07/01/10	\$ 54,002.75	\$ 88.62
Skinner Olivia M	Library	07/01/15	\$ 14,392.39	
Small David	Conservation	12/21/16	\$ 1,000.00	
Smith Betty Ann	Senior Tax Abatement	12/31/07		
Smith Eric R	Community Development	04/14/16	\$ 77,338.21	
Smith Kyle J	DPW-Cemetery	07/10/17	\$ 40,883.20	\$ 4,070.09
Smith Shana E	Tax Collector	04/22/19	\$ 36,622.60	
Smith Sheila	Senior Tax Abatement	01/01/01		
Soltysik Andrew	Fire-Reg	08/25/97	\$ 65,289.31	\$ 47,856.38
Soucie Timothy J	Fire Call	09/26/19	\$ 168.00	
Stange Randal	Police	07/24/00	\$ 73,064.43	\$ 2,799.41
Stanley Sarah E	Library	07/07/08	\$ 31,502.80	
Stepanian John Oscar	Council On Aging	02/06/19	\$ 12,895.50	\$ 91.00
Stoddard Gloria D	Senior Tax Abatement	12/07/09		
Strickland Adelheid K	Senior Tax Abatement	05/10/17		
Suhoski Shaun A	Selectmen	08/06/14	\$ 130,700.99	
Sullivan Bridget A	Selectmen	10/23/17	\$ 50,443.22	
Summers Mark D	DPW-Cemetery	09/05/17	\$ 47,054.08	\$ 6,573.19
Tarara Nicholas V	Conservation	01/03/17	\$ 750.00	
Tarara Sally F.	Council On Aging	08/08/05	\$ 185.00	
Terroy Gary E.	Wire Inspector	04/11/05	\$ 24,811.00	\$ 570.00
Tessier Andrew	DPW-Water	07/01/96	\$ 26,522.48	\$ 2,084.61
Thayer Judith G	Council On Aging	12/10/07	\$ 24,774.43	
Theriault Katie E	Library	03/11/20	\$ 2,173.88	
Thiem Jamison R	Dispatcher	01/18/18	\$ 25,058.64	\$ 4,119.16
Thiem Jeffrey W	DPW-Cemetery	09/22/16	\$ 49,478.40	\$ 5,982.21
Torraco Celeste M	Recreation	07/02/18	\$ 1,378.13	
Truehart Duane S.	DPW-Supt.	12/10/01	\$ 65,805.60	
Turner Thomas	DPW-Highway	03/06/00	\$ 56,113.28	\$ 11,197.41
Unaitis Elizabeth A.B.	Police	05/01/19	\$ 43,563.83	\$ 2,457.11
Vaidulas Kenneth	Assessors	01/01/01	\$ 1,694.00	
Vitale Mark T	Outside Detail	08/29/18	\$ 7,590.00	\$ 75.00
Vondal Deborah K	Health	10/02/06	\$ 66,279.65	
Walsh Douglas	DPW-Supt.	02/02/86	\$ 110,964.42	
Watson Nancy E	Town Clerk	12/19/88	\$ 77,950.21	\$ 855.96
Watts Roger J	Senior Tax Abatement	07/12/12	\$ 264.00	
Wheeler William P	Conservation	01/03/17	\$ 750.00	
Whelpley Virginia A	Council On Aging	07/02/19	\$ 1,480.00	

Whitcomb David B	Dispatcher	12/17/18	\$ 11,460.00	
Winters Bruce	Fire Call	07/01/09	\$ 1,424.00	
Woodbury Ellen M	Senior Tax Abatement	04/01/18		
Wright Timothy R.	Outside Detail	09/11/06		
Young Becky J.	Building Dept	05/05/03	\$ 44,803.62	
Young Holly A	Selectmen	04/03/17	\$ 1,411.18	

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\$	41,291.83
\$	61,522.25
\$	61,790.74
\$	408.00
\$	116,500.00
\$	405.00
\$	784.00
\$	78,338.21
\$	1,262.25

\$	3,710.00
\$	10,437.00
\$	87,132.79
\$	20,638.23
\$	1,237.50
\$	9,103.79
\$	30,334.08
\$	22,223.72
\$	16,432.54
\$	1,690.50
\$	750.00
\$	29,771.76
\$	13,814.46
\$	108,209.59
\$	49,522.49
\$	1,800.00
\$	67,696.92
\$	2,630.00
\$	15,211.63
\$	32,377.50
\$	43,256.17
\$	102,701.08
\$	750.00
\$	94,860.20
\$	20,070.00
\$	104,487.56
\$	53,843.93
\$	6,802.48
\$	2,707.82
\$	6,000.00
\$	67,779.75
\$	1,408.13
\$	726.00
\$	1,139.25
\$	1,806.00
\$	1,411.18
\$	3,643.00
\$	12,460.17
\$	2,618.00
\$	1,573.00
\$	55,579.42
\$	49,272.73
\$	1,736.00
\$	19,889.62
\$	13,061.29
\$	4,917.00
\$	3,818.75

\$	62,818.24
\$	9,666.07
\$	1,323.00
\$	63,301.00
\$	1,400.00
\$	82,006.13
\$	82,126.93
\$	59,894.53
\$	105,558.05
\$	55,839.99
\$	14,392.39
\$	1,750.00
\$	480.00
\$	78,363.82
\$	45,962.17
\$	36,622.60
\$	444.00
\$	124,109.70
\$	168.00
\$	85,426.21
\$	31,502.80
\$	13,282.34
\$	750.00
\$	750.00
\$	131,900.99
\$	50,443.22
\$	54,812.27
\$	750.00
\$	185.00
\$	33,219.21
\$	68,361.01
\$	24,774.43
\$	2,173.88
\$	36,776.55
\$	58,589.65
\$	1,378.13
\$	66,108.10
\$	69,366.61
\$	50,166.51
\$	1,694.00
\$	10,832.00
\$	68,004.65
\$	111,924.42
\$	80,866.17
\$	1,098.00
\$	750.00
\$	1,480.00

\$	11,460.00
\$	1,424.00
\$	750.00
\$	226.32
\$	45,713.62
\$	1,411.18

\$ 7,779,301.95

FACTS ABOUT ATHOL

HISTORY	April 20, 1733, General Court of Massachusetts laid out the township of Pequage. September 17, 1735, the first five families settled here. March 6, 1762, the township was incorporated and the name changed to Athol.	
LOCATION	North central Massachusetts, 38 miles north of Worcester, and 71 miles west of Boston.	
AREA	Land	32.34 square miles
	Water	.73 square miles
	Total	33.07 square miles
POPULATION	11,584	
REGISTERED VOTERS	7,127	
POLLING PLACES	Precinct 1 – 3: Athol Town Hall 584 Main Street	
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION	First Monday in April	
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING	Second Monday in June	
FALL TOWN MEETING	Third Monday in October	
TOWN GOV'T	Open Town Meeting Five Member Board of Selectmen Town Manager	
TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS	Mon, Wed., Thurs. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM Tuesday 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM Friday CLOSED	

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Fair Labor: 617-727-3465
Insurance Hotline Toll Free: 1-888-830-6277
Insurance Fraud Tipline: 617-573-5330
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anne.gobi@masenate.gov

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Washington DC 20510
Phone: 202-224-4543

Edward Markey

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Northampton MA 01060
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Worcester Office

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Worcester MA 01604
Phone: 508-831-7356

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Lawrence P. McLaughlin, 2021

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Lee E. Chauvette, 2021

William B. Chiasson, 2022

Stephen R. Raymond, 2022

Rebecca Bialecki, 2023

Alan D. Dodge, 2023

ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

From Athol:

Joao Baptista, 2021

Deborah Kuzmeskas, 2021

William B. Chiasson, 2022

Tammy Duquette, 2022

Kenneth A. Vaidulas, 2022

Lee E. Chauvette, 2023

Mitchell Grosky, 2023

From Royalston:

Carla Rabinowitz, 2021

Charles Pretti, 2023

Nancy D. Melbourne, 2023

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Francis W. Foster, 2021

Christine Miranda, 2021

Sharon A. Brighenti, 2022

Margaret Feldman, 2022

John R. Greene, 2023

Nancy Tatro, 2023

ATHOL HOUSING AUTHORITY

Vacant, 2021

Joseph Hawkins, 2021 (State Appointee)

Cathy Savoy, 2022

Edward Ledgard, 2024

Edward C. Sawin, 2025

CONSTABLES

Kenneth A. Vaidulas, 2021

Kevin Materas, 2022

Randy Mitchell, 2023

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

Admin. Asst., Board of Selectmen/Town Manager	Bridget Sullivan
Alternate Inspector of Buildings/Zoning Agent	Phil Harris
Animal Control Officer	Jennifer Arsenault
Assessor	Lisa Aldrich
Asst. Agent Board of Health	Jane O'Brien
Assistant Collector	Shana Smith
Assistant Gas Inspector	Robert Mallet
Assistant Municipal Coordinator	Jeffrey Parker
Assistant Plumbing Inspector	Rick Geyster
Assistant Superintendent of Public Works	Richard Kilhart
Assistant Town Accountant	Mary Ann Murphy
Assistant Town Clerk	Carol Bachelder
Assistant Treasurer	Catherine Levreault
Assistant Wire Inspector	Andrew Maroni
Board of Health Agent	Deborah Karan
Civil Defense Director	Joseph Guarnera
Collector/Treasurer	Patrick McIntyre
Deputy Fire Chief	Jeffrey Parker
Director, Council on Aging	Cathy Savoy
Director of Veterans' Benefits & Services	Sarah Custer
Emergency Management Director	Joseph Guarnera
Fire Chief	Joseph Guarnera
Inspector of Animals	Jennifer Arsenault
Inspector of Buildings/Zoning Agent	Robert Legare
Inspector of Gas Piping & Appliances	Daniel Joly
Inspector of Wires	Gary Terroy
Library Director	Jean Shaughnessy
Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School Committee	Toni L. Phillips
Municipal Coordinator	Joseph Guarnera
Parking Meter Attendant	Ronny Cote
Plumbing Inspector	Daniel Joly
Police Chief	Craig Lundgren
Police Lieutenant	Ronny Cote
Sealer of Weights & Measures	John R. Greene
Superintendent of Public Works	Douglas Walsh
Superintendent of Schools	Darcy Fernandes
Town Accountant	Christine Mailloux
Town Clerk	Nancy E. Burnham
Town Counsel	John Barrett
Town Manager	Shaun A. Suhoski
Town Planner	Eric Smith

TOWN BOARDS/COMMITTEES

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Pam Browning, 2021
Mary E. Holtorf, 2021
Cathleen O'Keefe, 2021
Kim Fitzgerald, 2022
Aimee Hanson, 2022
Vacant –Alternate, 2021
Vacant –Alterate, 2021

ATHOL CULTURAL COUNCIL

Emily Boughton, 2021
Brianna Haskins, 2021
Jean Shaughnessy, 2021
Deborah Taylor, 2021
Robin Brzozowski, 2022
Tabitha DeHays, 2022
Bonnie Hodgdon, 2022
Joann Deacon, 2023
Kristin Riordon, 2022

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Edward Ledgard, 2021
Kenneth A. Vaidulas, 2023
Lisa Aldrich, indefinite

BOARD OF HEALTH

Norma Purple, 2021
Joan Hamlett, 2022
Martin Miarecki, 2023

BOARD OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Aimee Hanson, 2021
Kathy Norton, 2021
Calvin Taylor, 2022
David Small, 2023
Jacqueline Doherty, 2024
Richard Hayden, 2025
Duane Truehart, 2025

BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

Heather Brissette, 2021
Nancy Burnham, 2021
Jean Robinson, 2021
Bridget Sullivan, 2021
Vacant, 2021
Vacant, 2021

Vacant, 2021

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Daniel Carey, 2021
Mark Wright, 2021
Tyker A. Mason, 2021

CAPITAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Kathy Norton, 2021
Linda Oldach, 2021
John Lambert, 2021
Robert Muzzy, 2022
Gary Deyo, 2023
James Smith, 2023
Gino Tontodonato, 2024

CDBG CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Gary Deyo, 2021
Eric Smith, 2021
Heidi Stickland, 2021
Jamie Woods, 2021

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Walter Lehmann, 2021
Jamie Mallet, 2021
Robert Muzzy, 2021
Katheryn Harrow, 2022
James Smith, 2022
John R. Greene, 2023
Laura Smith, 2023

Associate Members:

Brian Hall, 2021
David Small, 2021
Nicholas Tarara, 2021
William Wheeler, 2021

COUNCIL ON AGING

Lillian Bachelder, 2021
Jean Ryder, 2021
Walter Lehman, 2021
Arthur Herk, 2022
Barbara Savoy, 2022
Margaret Young, 2022
Jackie Paluilis, 2023
Ann E. Shea, 2023
Vacant, 2023

DOWNTOWN VITALITY COMMITTEE

Althea Bramhall, 2020
Daphna DiPietro, 2020
Mary Holtorf, 2020
Paula Robinson, 2020
Steve Wills, 2020
Holly Young, 2020
Alan Dodge, 2021
Morgan Woroner, 2021

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION (EDIC)

James W. Meehan, Jr., 2022
Keith McGuirk, 2022
Mark Wright, 2022
Clinton Sykes, 2023
Calvin Taylor, 2023
Richard Plotkin, 20124
Martin Robichaud, 2024
Associate Members:
Vacant, 2020
Vacant, 2020

FINANCE AND WARRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Amy Craven, 2021
Gary Deyo, 2021
Ben Feldman, 2022
Paul Nelson, 2022
Michael Butler, 2023
Kenneth Duffy, 2023
Michele Tontodonato, 2023

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Vincent Cerez, 2021
Carolyn Brouillet, 2022
John R. Greene, 2022
Shelly Small, 2023
Jean Shaughnessy, 2023

HOLIDAY DECORATING COMMITTEE

Patrick DiPietro, 2021
Charles Shatos, 2021
Ann Willhite, 2021

INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Carol Bachelder, 2021
Ben Feldman, 2021
Robert Hughes, 2021
Doug Kaczmarczyk, 2021

MEMORIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Nancy E. Burnham, 2021
Heather Butler, 2021
Lee E. Chauvette, 2021

Ben J. Feldman, 2021
John R. Greene, 2021
Bridget Sullivan, 2021
Holly Young, 2020

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Joshua Feldman, 2021
Brian Hall, 2021
Travis Knechtel, 2021
Jamie Mallet, 2021
David Small, 2021

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Richard D. Godin, 2021
Gerard Lozier, 2022
Hugh A. Horrigan, 2023
Nancy E. Burnham, Town Clerk

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Anthony Brighenti, 2021
Sharon Brighenti, 2021
Margaret Feldman, 2021
Travis Knechtel, 2021
Robert Mallet, 2021
Jared Robinson, 2021
Paula Robinson, 2021

TOWN ENERGY COMMITTEE

William Aucoin, 2021
Aimee Hanson, 2021
Melissa Orren, 2021
Kenneth Vaidulas, 2021
Vacant, 2020

VACANT & UNOCCUPIED BUILDING COMMITTEE

Rebecca Bialecki, 2021
Lee Chauvette, 2021
Harry Haldt, 2021
Robert Legare, 2021
Jeffrey Parker, 2021
Deborah Vondal, 2021
Bruce Winters, 2021

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Susan Mondy Sykes, 2022
Elvin Chartrand, 2023
Kala Fisher, 2024
Harry Haldt, 2024
Robert Mallet, 2025
Associate Members:
Marc Freeman, 2022

VITAL RECORDS

	7/1/18- 6/30/19	7/1/19- 6/30/20
Births	108	105
Marriages	46	60
Deaths	204	248

WHEN BOARDS & COMMITTEES MEET

DATE OF MEETING	TIME OF MEETING	PLACE OF MEETING
ATHOL HOUSING AUTHORITY		
1st Wednesday	9:15 AM	21 Morton Meadows
ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE		
3rd Wednesday	6:30 PM	Middle School
BOARD OF ASSESSORS		
Tuesday	As posted	Room 15
BOARD OF HEALTH		
4th Tuesday	4:00 PM	Room 1
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES (no meeting July & August)		
3rd Wednesday	6:00 PM	Library
BOARD OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT		
1 st Wednesday	7:00 PM	Liberty Hall
BOARD OF SELECTMEN		
1 st & 3rd Tuesday	7:00 PM	Room 21
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
4th Tuesday	6:00 PM	Liberty Hall
COUNCIL ON AGING		
3rd Tuesday	1:00 PM	Room 21
EDIC		
3 rd Wednesday	7:00 PM	Liberty Hall
FINANCE AND WARRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE		
2 nd Tuesday	6:30 PM	Room 21
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS		
4th Wednesday	7:00 PM	Room 21

Meeting notices and agendas are available on the Town of Athol website at www.athol-ma.gov

**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
MARCH 3, 2020**

In each precinct polling place, the polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. and the ballot box in each precinct registered 0.

Ballots received in each of the polling places were as follows:

Precinct 1: Regular Ballots - 500 Democrat; 395 Republican; 10 Green-Rainbow; and 10 Libertarian
 Absent Voter Ballots - 18 Democrat; 3 Republican; 0 Green-Rainbow; and 0 Libertarian
 Early Voter Ballots – 152 Democrat; 58 Republican; 1 Green-Rainbow; and 0 Libertarian.

Precinct 2: Regular Ballots - 494 Democrat; 400 Republican; 9 Green-Rainbow; and 10 Libertarian
 Absent Voter Ballots - 5 Democrat; 3 Republican; 0 Green-Rainbow; and 0 Libertarian
 Early Voter Ballots – 99 Democrat; 48 Republican; 1 Green-Rainbow; and 1 Libertarian.

Precinct 3: Regular Ballots - 500 Democrat; 395 Republican; 10 Green-Rainbow; and 9 Libertarian
 Absent Voter Ballots - 10 Democrat; 2 Republican; 0 Green-Rainbow; and 0 Libertarian
 Early Voter Ballots – 132 Democrat; 33 Republican; 0 Green-Rainbow; and 0 Libertarian.

The polls in each precinct were closed at 8:00 p.m. and after all the ballots, including absent voter ballots, were cast, the ballot boxes registered as follows:

Precinct 1: 718 on the ballot box and 4 in the auxiliary compartment.

Precinct 2: 589 on the ballot box and 2 in the auxiliary compartment.

Precinct 3: 623 on the ballot box and 2 in the auxiliary compartment.

The number of names checked on the voting list was as follows:

Precinct 1: On the ballot clerk's list and on the list at the ballot box: 531 Democrat; 184 Republican; 2 Green-Rainbow; 0 Libertarian

Precinct 2: On the ballot clerk's list and on the list at the ballot box : 480 Democrat; 175 Republican; 2 Green-Rainbow; 5 Libertarian

Precinct 3: On the ballot clerk's list and on the list at the ballot box : 485 Democrat; 132 Republican; 1 Green-Rainbow; 2 Libertarian

NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST

Precinct 1: Number of Ballots Cast: 533 Democrat ; 186 Republican; 2 Green-Rainbow; 0 Libertarian
Spoiled Ballots: 4 Democrat; 1 Republican; 0 Green-Rainbow; 0 Libertarian
Provisional Ballots: 1 Democrat; 0 Republican; 0 Green-Rainbow; 0 Libertarian
Unused Ballots: 131 Democrat; 270 Republican; 9 Green-Rainbow; 10 Libertarian

Precinct 2: Number of Ballots Cast: 407 Democrat ; 177 Republican; 2 Green-Rainbow; 4 Libertarian
Spoiled Ballots: 2 Democrat; 1 Republican; 0 Green-Rainbow; 1 Libertarian
Provisional Ballots: 0 Democrat; 0 Republican; 0 Green-Rainbow; 0 Libertarian
Unused Ballots: 188 Democrat; 275 Republican; 8 Green-Rainbow; 6 Libertarian

Precinct 3: Number of Ballots Cast: 487 Democrat ; 10 Republican; 1 Green-Rainbow; 2 Libertarian
Spoiled Ballots: 2 Democrat; 1 Republican; 0 Green-Rainbow; 0 Libertarian
Provisional Ballots: 2 Democrat; 0 Republican; 0 Green-Rainbow; 0 Libertarian
Unused Ballots: 149 Democrat; 298 Republican; 9 Green-Rainbow; 7 Libertarian

ELECTION OFFICERS

Precinct 1: Warden (U) Patricia Kacmarczyk ; Clerk (U) Allen Hodgdon; Inspectors: (U) Bonnie Hodgdon; (R) James Lake; (U) Charles Shatos; (U) Matthew Glover; (U) Elizabeth Hager; (R) Charles Shemchuk, Jr.; (U) David Small

Precinct 2: Warden (U) Kevin Heath; Clerk (U) Madeleine Andrews; Inspectors: (U) Betty Anne Smith; (U) Muriel Holden; (U) Margaret Feldman; (U) Ann Cutler-Russo; (U) Carol Clark; (U) Jared Harvey

Precinct 3: Warden (U) Ben Feldman; Clerk (U) Dawn Maroni; Inspectors: (D) Linda Lozier; (U) Jean White; (U) Mary-Ann Linton; (U) Bonnie Stewart; (U) Julia Temple; (U) David Bachelder; (U) Diane Page

In each precinct, all of the election officers were sworn in by the warden.

The votes were canvassed, counted, recorded and declared by law as required, and were as follows:

DEMOCRAT	1	2	3	TOTALS
TOTAL DEMOCRATS	535	409	491	1435

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE						
DEVAL PATRICK	5		2		10	17
AMY KLOBUCHAR	10		9		6	25
ELIZABETH WARREN	78		47		61	186
MICHAEL BENNET	0		0		0	0
MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG	55		38		44	137
TULSI GABBARD	5		4		2	11
CORY BOOKER	2		0		0	2
JULIAN CASTRO	0		0		0	0
TOM STEYER	11		5		10	26
BERNIE SANDERS	204		175		171	550
JOSEPH F. BIDEN	123		113		155	391
JOHN K. DELANEY	0		0		0	0
ANDREW YANG	3		2		1	6
PETE BUTTIGIEG	37		14		23	74
MARIANNE WILLIAMSON	0		0		0	0
NO PREFERENCE	0		0		4	4
ALL OTHERS	2		0		2	4
BLANKS	0		0		2	2
TOTALS	535		409		491	1435
STATE COMMITTEE MAN						
WILLIAM R. SHEMETH, III	359		307		329	995
ALL OTHERS	2		1		4	7
BLANKS	174		101		158	433
TOTALS	535		409		491	1435
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN						
LAURA L. JETTE	370		312		339	1021
ALL OTHERS	2		3		3	8
BLANKS	163		94		149	406
TOTALS	535		409		491	1435
TOWN COMMITTEE						
BLANKS	18679		14281		17088	50048
MITCHELL GROSKEY	4		3		8	15
WANDA DAVIS	3		3		8	14
CHRISTINE MUSANTE	3		3		6	12
JOHN R. GREENE	4		2		5	11
MAXFIELD MACPHEE	3		2		5	10
MARE HAWTHORNE	3		2		5	10
JAMES MEEHAN	3		2		4	9
JOAN MACPHEE	3		2		4	9
SCOTT MACPHEE	3		2		4	9
MARGOT PARROT	2		2		5	9
JOHN MUSANTE	3		2		3	8

SUSAN ROYLANCE	1		2		5		8
ROBERT OSBORNE	0		2		5		7
HELEN ROYLANCE	1		1		4		6
JAMES MAXWELL	0		1		3		4
AUDREY PAGNATTO	0		0		2		2
SARAH PAQUETTE	0		0		2		2
JAMIE LAJOIE	0		0		2		2
WILLIAM CHIASSON	1		0		0		1
LAWRENCE PIEDEL	1		0		0		1
ROBERT MCPHERSON	0		1		0		1
JAMES JACKSON	0		0		1		1
JOHN JACKSON	0		0		1		1
RICHARD RAY	0		0		1		1
ALL OTHERS	8		2		14		24
TOTALS	18725		14315		17185		50225
REPUBLICAN							
TOTAL REPUBLICAN	186		176		131		493
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE							
WILLIAM F. WELD	11		16		6		33
JOE WALSH	0		1		1		2
DONALD J. TRUMP	170		153		119		442
ROQUE "ROCKY" DE LA FUENTE	1		0		0		1
NO PREFERENCE	3		3		1		7
ALL OTHERS	0		1		4		5
BLANKS	1		2		0		3
TOTALS	186		176		131		493
STATE COMMITTEE MAN							
MICHAEL J. VALANZOLA	137		134		103		374
ALL OTHERS	1		3		28		32
BLANKS	48		39		0		87
TOTALS	186		176		131		493
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN							
LINDSAY A. VALANZOLA	101		91		76		268
JORDAN WILLOW EVANS	48		54		32		134
ALL OTHERS	0		0		0		0
BLANKS	37		31		23		91
TOTALS	186		176		131		493
TOWN COMMITTEE							
ALL OTHERS	5		3		1		9
BLANKS	6501		6156		4575		17232
LEE CHAUVETTE	1		0		0		1
GARY GRIFFITH	1		0		0		1
JEFF PARKER	1		0		0		1

JEFF RAYMOND	1		0		0		1
CATHERINE LEVEREAULT	0		1		0		1
KIM STUART	0		0		2		2
JEFF STUART	0		0		2		2
CLARK JONS	0		0		1		1
MISSI EATON	0		0		2		2
DANIEL EATON	0		0		2		2
TOTALS	6510		6160		4585		17255
GREEN-RAINBOW							
TOTAL GREEN-RAINBOW	2		2		1		5
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE							
DARIO HUNTER	0		0		0		0
S.K.C. MOYOWASIFZA-CURRY	0		1		0		1
KENT MESPLAY	0		0		0		0
HOWARD HAWKINS	1		0		0		1
NO PREFERENCE	1		0		0		1
ALL OTHERS	0		1		1		2
BLANKS	0		0		0		0
TOTALS	2		2		1		5
STATE COMMITTEE MAN							
ALL OTHERS	0		1		1		2
BLANKS	2		1		0		3
TOTALS	2		2		1		5
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN							
ALL OTHERS	0		1		0		1
BLANKS	2		1		1		4
TOTALS	2		2		1		5
TOWN COMMITTEE							
ALL OTHERS	0		1		0		1
BLANKS	20		19		10		49
TOTALS	20		20		10		50
TOTAL LIBERTARIAN	0		4		2		6
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE							
ARVIN VOHRA	0		0		0		0
VERMIN LOVE SUPREME	0		0		0		0
JACOB GEORGE HORNBERGER	0		0		0		0
SAMUEL JOSEPH ROBB	0		0		0		0
DAN TAXATION IS THEFT BEHRMAN	0		2		0		2
KIMBERLY MARGARET RUFF	0		1		0		1
KENNETH REED ARMSTRONG	0		1		0		1
ADAM KOKESH	0		0		0		0
JO JORGENSEN	0		0		0		0
MAX ABRAMSON	0		0		0		0

NO PREFERENCE	0		0		2		2
ALL OTHERS	0		0		0		0
BLANKS	0		0		0		0
TOTALS	0		4		2		6
STATE COMMITTEE MAN							
ALL OTHERS	0		0		0		0
BLANKS	0		4		2		6
TOTALS	0		4		2		6
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN							
ALL OTHERS	0		0		0		0
BLANKS	0		4		2		6
TOTALS	0		4		2		6
TOWN COMMITTEE							
ALL OTHERS	0		0		0		0
BLANKS	0		40		20		60
TOTALS	0		40		20		60
TOTAL # OF DEMOCRATS	1434						
TOTAL # OF REPUBLICANS	493						
TOTAL # OF GREEN-RAINBOW	5						
TOTAL # OF LIBERTARIAN	6						
TOTAL # VOTED	1938						
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS	7018						
VOTER TURNOUT PERCENTAGE	27.61%						

We have canvassed the returns of votes cast in Precincts 1, 2, and 3, Town of Athol, and the Presidential Primary Election this date, and declare the foregoing to be so.

In accordance with the requirements of General Laws, chapter 51, section 61, as amended, we certify that the number of registered voters in each voting precinct in the Town of Athol at the close of registration on February 12, 2020 was as follows. viz.-

Precinct	Registered Voters
1	2448
2	2323
3	<u>2247</u>
Total	7018

Nancy E. Burnham
Richard D. Godin
Hugh A. Horrigan
Gerard Lozier
REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
APRIL 6, 2020
POSTPONED UNTIL JUNE 22, 2020

Pursuant to Chapter 45 of the Acts of 2020 resulting from the COVID-19 Emergency, the Board of Selectmen voted to postpone the Annual Town Election that was originally scheduled for April 6, 2020 to June 22, 2020.

In each precinct polling place, the polls were opened at 12:00 p.m. and the ballot box in each precinct registered 0.

Ballots received in each of the polling places were as follows:

Precinct 1: 500 Regular Ballots; 13 Absent Voter Ballot; 4 Early Voted Ballots
Precinct 2: 500 Regular Ballots; 4 Absent Voter Ballots; 0 Early Voted Ballots
Precinct 3: 500 Regular Ballots; 9 Absent Voter Ballots; 2 Early Voted Ballots

The polls in each precinct were closed at 4:00 p.m. and after all the ballots, including absent voter ballots, were cast, the ballot boxes registered as follows:

Precinct 1: 68 on the ballot box and 0 in the side pocket.
Precinct 2: 60 on the ballot box and 0 in the side pocket
Precinct 3: 56 on the ballot box and 0 in the side pocket

The number of names checked on the voting list was as follows:

Precinct 1: On the ballot clerk's list and on the list at the ballot box : 68
Precinct 2: On the ballot clerk's list and on the list at the ballot box : 60
Precinct 3: On the ballot clerk's list and on the list at the ballot box : 56

NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST

Precinct 1: Number of Ballots Cast, 68; Spoiled Ballots, 2; Provisional Ballots, 0; Unused Ballots, 447
Precinct 2: Number of Ballots Cast, 60; Spoiled Ballots, 1; Provisional Ballots, 0; Unused Ballots, 443
Precinct 3: Number of Ballots Cast, 56; Spoiled Ballots, 0; Provisional Ballots, 0; Unused Ballots, 455

ELECTION OFFICERS

Warden: Kevin Heath (U) and Clerk (U) Carol Bachelder

Precinct 1: Inspectors: **(U)** Allen Hodgdon and (U) Kent Hager

Precinct 2: Inspectors: **(U)** Ann Cutler-Russo; and (U) Carol Bachelder

Precinct 1: Inspectors: **(U)** Mary-Ann Linton and (U) Bonnie Stewart

In each precinct, all of the election officers were sworn in by the warden.
The votes were canvassed, counted, recorded and declared by law as required, and were as follows:

OFFICE/CANDIDATE				
TOTALS	1	2	3	TOTALS
MODERATOR				
LAWRENCE P. MCLAUGHLIN	60	55	50	165
ALL OTHERS	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	8	5	6	19
TOTALS	68	60	56	184
SELECTMAN - 3 YEARS				
REBECCA J. BIALECKI	53	45	41	139
ALAN D. DODGE	44	44	45	133
CHARLES PONUSKY	1	0	0	1
LINDA COTTER	1	0	0	1
JON ROBBINS	0	1	0	1
RICHARD SKINNER	0	1	0	1
DAVID SMALL	0	0	1	1
HOLLY YOUNG	0	0	1	1
MITCHELL R. GROSKY	0	0	1	1
ALL OTHERS	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	37	29	23	89
TOTALS	136	120	112	368
SCHOOL COMMITTEE FROM ATHOL - 3 YEARS				
LEE E. CHAUVETTE	50	50	42	142
MITCHELL R. GROSKY	49	49	41	139
CHARLES PONUSKY	1	0	0	1
CHARLIE LARKIN	1	0	1	2
DAVID RUNYAN	0	0	1	1
ALL OTHERS	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	35	21	27	83
TOTALS	136	120	112	368
SCHOOL COMMITTEE FROM ROYALSTON - 3 YEARS				
NANCY D. MELBOURNE	55	53	44	152
ALL OTHERS	0	1	0	1
BLANKS	13	6	12	31
TOTALS	68	60	56	184
LIBRARY TRUSTEE				
JOHN R. GREENE	60	57	51	168
NANCY TATRO	2	2	4	8
KENT HAGER	1	0	0	1
LEON LOZIER	1	0	0	1
RICHARD SKINNER	0	1	0	1

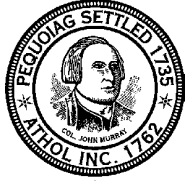
SUSAN BOWDRIDGE	0	1	0	1
ALL OTHERS	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	72	59	57	188
TOTALS	136	120	112	368
HOUSING AUTHORITY				
EDWARD C. SAWIN	53	52	43	148
ALL OTHERS	1	0	0	1
BLANKS	14	8	13	35
TOTALS	68	60	56	184
CONSTABLE				
RANDY L. MITCHELL	57	55	46	158
RICHARD SKINNER	0	1	0	1
ALL OTHERS	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	11	4	10	25
TOTALS	68	60	56	184
QUESTION 1 – REPAIR TOWN HALL ROOF & CUPOLA				
YES	51	43	38	132
NO	15	16	18	49
BLANKS	2	1	0	3
TOTALS	68	60	56	184
	136			
Total # of registered voters	7127			
Turnout	3.00%			

We have canvassed the returns of votes cast in Precincts 1, 2, and 3, Town of Athol, and the Annual Town Election this date, and declare the foregoing to be so.

In accordance with the requirements of General Laws, chapter 51, section 61, as amended, we certify that the number of registered voters in each voting precinct in the Town of Athol at the close of registration on June 12, 2020 was as follows. viz.-

Precinct	Registered Voters
1	2464
2	2367
3	<u>2296</u>
Total	7127

Nancy E. Burnham
Richard D. Godin
Hugh A. Horrigan
Gerard Lozier
REGISTRARS OF VOTERS



**TOWN CLERK
FISCAL YEAR 2020
ANNUAL REPORT**

**FALL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2019**

The 2019 Fall Town Meeting was held on October 21, 2019 in Memorial Hall. The Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. The number of voters checked as being present was as follows: Precinct 1, 37; Precinct 2, 32; and Precinct 3, 30. Total present: 99.

Town Clerk, Nancy Burnham, read the return of service from Constable.

The Moderator called for a moment of silence for the following:

Elizabeth V. "Betty" Leete - She worked in the Athol school in 1953 and retired after 32 years.

Donald MacGregor MacKay – He served as Chairman the Athol School Committee.

William S. Page, Sr. – He served on the Personnel Board for several years.

Evelyn King – She spent over 52 years working in town government. She began her work as secretary for the Superintendent of Schools for several years. She was elected to School Committee and served from 1960-1967 and was the first woman chairman. She was Athol's first woman Zoning Committee agent from 1966-1969. She was elected to the Board of Selectmen from 1977 to 1989 being the first woman Selectman and Chairman of the board. She also served as the Clerk of the Board of Selectmen from 1965-1968. She volunteered for various committees including advocating Athol to membership in the regional vocational school district, guiding the Athol welfare office to a state-run system and Montachusett Opportunity System.

The following is a true record of the votes taken at the October 21, 2019 Fall Town Meeting.

Article: 1: On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED:** That the Town amend the Athol Zoning Bylaws by amending Article III, Section 3.4, Home Occupations, by adding "Light Service", "General Repairs", "Home-based Internet Business", and "Computer/Software Repair" to the list of home occupation uses under Section 3.4.2 as follows by deleting the following language :

"3.4.2 A home occupation includes, but is not limited to, the following:

Art Studio, commercial artist, photography

Day Care

Musician

Hairdresser, Barbershop

Real Estate Offices, Broker, Insurance

Dressmaker, Millinery, Handicraft

Professional office of a physician, surgeon, optometrist, upholsterer, veterinary, accountant, dentist, lawyer, engineer, architect, landscape architect, or clergyman, within a dwelling occupied by the same."

And replacing it with:

“3.4.2 A home occupation includes, but is not limited to, the following:

Art Studio, commercial artist, photography

Day Care

Musician

Hairdresser, Barbershop

Real Estate Offices, Broker, Insurance

Dressmaker, Millinery, Handicraft

Professional office of a physician, surgeon, optometrist, upholsterer, veterinary, accountant, dentist, lawyer, engineer, architect, landscape architect, or clergyman, within a dwelling occupied by the same.

Light Service of Motor Vehicles, Boat or Farm Implements (Within Residential-C only and subject to Special Permit)

General Repairs of Motor Vehicles, Boat or Farm Implements (Within Residential-C only and subject to Special Permit)

Home-based Internet Business

Computer/Software Repair

And to further amend the Athol Zoning Bylaws Article II, Section 2.3, Use Regulation Schedule, by changing, under the category of COMMERCIAL USES, the sub-category Home Occupation, the use for Residence C to “Y” from “Y21” (by adding a new footnote 21, text of which is indicated below with the **bold font represents the new language**).

	Residence A	Residence B	Residence C	Central Commercial	Neighborhood Commercial	General Commercial	Industrial Commercial
<u>2.3 Use Regulation Schedule</u>	<u>RA</u>	<u>RB</u>	<u>RC</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>CB</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>I</u>
COMMERCIAL USES							
Home Occupation	Y	Y	Y21	Y	Y	Y	Y

21. Per Section 3.4.2, a Special Permit is required for the two auto-related home occupation uses: Light Service of Motor Vehicles, Boat or Farm Implements; and General Repairs of Motor Vehicles, Boat or Farm Implements in the Residence C Zoning District.

Required a 2/3rd's vote. The vote was 84 yes and 1 no.

Article: 2: On the Motion of Ben J. Feldman, it was **VOTED:** That the Town amend the Athol Zoning Bylaws by amending article III, Section 3.4, Home Occupations, by adding the following two new performance standards as new subsections 3.4.1.6 and 3.4.1.7, respectively, as follows by deleting the following language:

“3.4 Home Occupation

3.4.1.1 Home occupations proposed by right or through a Special Permit in accordance with Table 2.3 shall conform to the following minimum standards. (*Amended at the October 16, 2006 Fall Town Meeting. Approved by the Attorney General on February 13, 2007.*)

3.4.1.2 The occupation or profession shall be carried on wholly within the principal building, or within a building or other structure accessory thereto, provided that no more than twenty-five (25%) percent of the floor area of the residence is used for the purpose of the home occupation or the professional use.

3.4.1.3 Not more than one person outside the family shall be employed in the home occupation.

3.4.1.4 There shall be no exterior display, no exterior sign, except as permitted under the Sign By-Law, no exterior storage of materials and no other exterior indication of the home occupation or other variation from the residential character of the principal building.

3.4.1.5 No offensive noise, vibration, smoke, dust, odors, heat or glare shall be produced.”

And replacing it with the following:

“3.4 Home Occupation

3.4.1.1 Home occupations proposed by right or through a Special Permit in accordance with Table 2.3 shall conform to the following minimum standards. (*Amended at the October 16, 2006 Fall Town Meeting. Approved by the Attorney General on February 13, 2007.*)

3.4.1.2 The occupation or profession shall be carried on wholly within the principal building, or within a building or other structure accessory thereto, provided that no more than twenty-five (25%) percent of the floor area of the residence is used for the purpose of the home occupation or the professional use.

3.4.1.3 Not more than one person outside the family shall be employed in the home occupation.

3.4.1.4 There shall be no exterior display, no exterior sign, except as permitted under the Sign By-Law, no exterior storage of materials and no other exterior indication of the home occupation or other variation from the residential character of the principal building.

3.4.1.5 No offensive noise, vibration, smoke, dust, odors, heat or glare shall be produced.

3.4.1.6 Adequate off-street parking is available.

3.4.1.7 The home occupation use is not detrimental to a residential or rural neighborhood, and the existing character of the neighborhood is preserved.”

Required a 2/3rd's vote. The vote was 91 yes and 2 no.

Article 3: **No Motion. No Action taken on** “To see if the Town will vote to amend the Athol Zoning Bylaws by amending Article II, Section 2.3, Other Uses by changing the permitted use category of Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations from Y (A permitted use by-right) to SP (Use authorized under Special Permit) in the RC zoning district) as follows by deleting the following language:

2.3 Use Regulation Schedule

Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations

<u>RA</u>	<u>RB</u>	<u>RC</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>CB</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>I</u>
SP	SP	Y	SP	SP	SP	SP

And replacing it with:

And to further see if the Town of Athol will vote to amend the Athol Zoning Bylaws by amending Article III, GENERAL REGULATIONS, Section 3.24, Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations, by deleting the following last sentence of Section 3.24.2, Applicability:

“Subject to the requirements of this bylaw, ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations shall be permitted in all zoning districts.”

And replacing it with the following new text:

“Subject to the requirements of this bylaw, large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations may be permitted in all Zoning Districts subject to a Special Permit from the Athol Board of Planning and Community Development, pursuant to meeting the Special Permit Criteria and Procedures below.

The Board of Planning and Community Development shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority for ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations. In addition to the findings required in Section 1.2.6.2, the Special Permit Granting Authority must also find that the proposal does not contravene the purposes of this section. Ground-mounted solar photovoltaic Special Permit applications shall be filed in accordance with the Board of Planning and Community Development Filing Requirements & Fees.”

Article 4: On the Motion of Rebecca Bialecki, it was **DEFEATED:** That the Town to amend Chapter V, Section 27 – Keeping of Unregistered Motor Vehicles, by deleting Section 27.4 and 27.5 in their entirety and inserting a new 27.4 as follows;

27.4 The Board of Selectmen may issue a permit for the keeping of one unregistered motor vehicle on real property as provided in subsections b(1) and (2). Said permit may only be issued after the Board has held an open meeting on the application thereof in accordance with the provisions of Section 27.4b

a) The permit application shall include;

1. Make, model, color, year of manufacture, and vehicle identification number (V.I.N.) of the unregistered motor vehicle.
2. Photograph of the vehicle.
3. Name, address, date of birth, and telephone number of the applicant.
4. Name, address, and telephone number of the owner of the vehicle (if different).
5. The purpose for which the unregistered motor vehicle is being stored.

b) Permits shall only be issued for the following purposes;

1. A permit may be issued annually, renewable for a year at a time, for vehicle restoration, provided evidence of substantial improvements to the vehicle can be adequately demonstrated upon renewal. A nonrefundable application fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each vehicle will be assessed for each permit and subsequent renewal. Property owners within one hundred (100) feet of the applicant’s real property shall be notified of the open meeting concerning the permit or renewal application no less than one (1) week prior to the open meeting.
2. The private sale of each vehicle, provided the vehicle is capable of being registered in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and does not display any obviously visible safety violations as described in c. 90, Section 7 of M.G.L. (e.g. missing or broken windshield, headlights, taillights,

etc.) and provided a Class I or II license is not required for said sale. A permit may be issued for a thirty (30) day period, renewable for one (1) additional thirty (30) day period only. A nonrefundable application fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) per vehicle will be assessed for both the original application and the renewal (if any).

- c) Upon the filing of a petition signed by no fewer than ten (10) registered voters of the Town of Athol with the Board of Selectmen asking for the revocation of any permit issued under this section, the Selectmen shall hold a public hearing to review the conduct of the holder of the permit. If the Selectmen determine that the activities of the permit holder are not in keeping with the purpose stated in the permit, or that said activities constitute a public nuisance or hazard to the public safety, the Selectmen may, by majority vote, revoke said permit.

and by renumbering subsequent sections as 27.5 and 27.7. *Defeated by a majority vote.*

Article 5: On the Motion of Stephen Raymond, it was **DEFEATED:** That the Town amend the General By-laws Chapter V by deleting Section 20 in its entirety:

Section 20. No person unless required by law so to do, shall without a permit from the Selectmen, post or affix in any manner, paint, print, write or cause to be painted, printed or written any notice, advertisement, bill, picture, drawing or writing upon any curbstone, sidewalk, tree, pole, post or hydrant in any street or public place, or upon any walk or fence or upon or in any public buildings. All of the above must be removed within forty-eight (48) hours after the event. If not removed, the Town of Athol is authorized to remove all of the above at the owner's expense. *(Amended at the October 17, 2005 Fall Town Meeting. Approved by the Attorney General on February 28, 2006.)*

And replacing it with the following:

Section 20. No person unless required by law so to do, shall without a permit from the Selectmen, post or affix in any manner, paint, print, write or cause to be painted, printed or written any notice, advertisement, bill, picture, drawing or writing upon any curbstone, sidewalk, tree, pole, post or hydrant in any street or public place, or upon any walk or fence or upon or in any public buildings. All of the above must be removed within forty-eight (48) hours after the event. If not removed, the Town of Athol is authorized to remove all of the above at the owner's expense. Signs or notices approved under this section shall not be greater in size than 16 square feet. *Defeated by a majority vote.*

Article 6: On the Motion of Paul Nelson, it was **VOTED:** That the Town amend the Athol Zoning Bylaws by amending Article III, Section 3.27, Adaptive Overlay District, by adding "Residential – Two Family", "Residential – Multi-Family up to Four Units", and "Residential – Multi-Family over Four Units" to the list of Appropriate Uses under Section 3.27 by deleting the following language:

3.27.4 Appropriate Uses

In addition to the uses that are permitted by the underlying zoning, the following uses may be permitted by Special Permit for buildings defined in Section 3.27.4 a:

- a. Community Centers
- b. Dance Studios
- c. Music Academies
- d. Industrial – Light
- e. Nursery or Greenhouse – With Retail Sales
- f. Parking – Business

- g. Private, for profit school
- h. Arts Centers
- i. Retail Business
- j. Restaurant – Indoor
- k. Restaurant – With Outside Service
- l. Wholesaling – Without Storage
- m. Wholesaling – With Storage

And replacing it with the following:

3.27.4 Appropriate Uses

In addition to the uses that are permitted by the underlying zoning, the following uses may be permitted by Special Permit for buildings defined in Section 3.27.4 a:

- a. Community Centers
- b. Dance Studios
- c. Music Academies
- d. Industrial – Light
- e. Nursery or Greenhouse – With Retail Sales
- f. Parking – Business
- g. Private, for profit school
- h. Arts Centers
- i. Retail Business
- j. Restaurant – Indoor
- k. Restaurant – With Outside Services
- l. Wholesaling – Without Storage
- m. Wholesaling – With Storage
- n. Residential – Two-Family**
- o. Residential – Multi-Family up to Four Units**
- p. Residential – Multi-Family over Four Units**

And to amend the Athol Zoning Bylaws, Section 3.27.5, Standards, by adding a new sub-section d. that would allow for additional residential development at a density beyond what is required in the existing RB and RC zoning districts for the first unit with 4,000 sq. ft. required for each additional unit as follows by deleting the following language:

3.27.5 Standards

- a. The proposed use shall not exceed the total square footage or footprint of the building.
- b. Hours of Operation as defined by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to ensure compatibility with the neighborhood.
- c. The ZBA may require a traffic impact statement to demonstrate the operations shall not adversely impact the neighborhood.

And replacing it with the following:

3.27.5 Standards

- a. The proposed use shall not exceed the total square footage or footprint of the building.
- b. Hours of Operation as defined by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to ensure compatibility with the neighborhood.
- c. The ZBA may require a traffic impact statement to demonstrate that operations shall not adversely impact the neighborhood.
- d. **4,000 sq. ft. is required for each additional residential unit in the Residential B and Residential C zoning district.**

Required a 2/3rd's vote. The vote was 76 yes and 1 no.

Article 7: On the Motion of Amy Craven, it was **VOTED:** That the Town amend the Zoning Bylaws by amending Article IV Definitions, Section 4.1 by adding the following language for a new definition of Mobile Food Vendor:

ARTICLE IV – DEFINITIONS

Section 4.1

Mobile Food Vendor – Any person who travels from place to place upon public ways and dispenses food from a food truck, food cart, beverage/coffee truck, ice cream truck, canteen truck, catering truck, breakfast truck, lunch truck, lunch wagon, or any other mobile food vehicle.

All Mobile Food Vendor's vehicles must be registered with the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, as required. The following Mobile Food Vendor uses are exempt from this definition and do not require zoning approval.

- a. A Mobile Food Vendor operating at a special event approved by Board of Selectmen, such as a carnival, Downtown festival, or similar event.
- b. A Mobile Food Vendor operating as an accessory use to an outdoor municipal or governmental recreational use, including but not limited to public beaches, municipal playing fields or similar use, and also includes recreational uses on town-owned property that have been leased to a non-profit entity.
- c. A Mobile Food Vendor catering a private event in any zoning district, which shall remain on the property for a period not to exceed 48 –hours.
- d. With the exception of food safety, public safety, and hawker and peddler requirements, if applicable, this Mobile food Vendor definition shall not apply to: canteen trucks, coffee trucks, breakfast trucks, lunch trucks, or lunch wagons that move from place to place and are stationary for no more than thirty minutes at a time; and, ice cream trucks which move from place to place, excluding any areas prohibited by Town-by-law, and are stationary for no more than ten minutes.

And to further see if the Town of Athol will vote to amend Zoning Bylaws by amending Article II, Section 2.3, Use Regulation Schedule, by adding, under the category of COMMERCIAL USES, the sub-category of Mobile Food Vendors, which would be allowed by-right, indicated as such by "Y" in Central Commercial (CA), Neighborhood Commercial (CB), General Commercial (G), and Industrial Commercial (I) but not allowed in the Residence A (RA), Residence B(RB), and Residence C (RC) Athol Zoning districts and (indicated as such by "N").

<u>2.3 Use Regulation Schedule</u>	Residence A	Residence B	Residence C	Central Commercial	Neighborhood Commercial	General Commercial	Industrial Commercial
COMMERCIAL USES	<u>RA</u>	<u>RB</u>	<u>RC</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>CB</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>I</u>
Mobile Food Vendor	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y

Required a 2/3rd's vote. The vote was 76 yes and 0 no.

Meeting dissolved at 7:54 p.m.

Attest:

Nancy E. Burnham
Town Clerk

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 8, 2020
POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

Pursuant to Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020 resulting from the COVID-19 Emergency, the Board of Selectmen voted to postpone the Annual Town Meeting that was originally scheduled for June 8, 2020 to September 14, 2020.

Pursuant to Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2020 resulting from the COVID-19 Emergency, the Board of Selectmen voted to reduce the Town Meeting quorum to 60.

The 2020 Annual Town Meeting was held on September 14, 2020 in Memorial Hall. The Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The number of voters checked as being present was as follows: Precinct 1, 66; Precinct 2, 59; and Precinct 3, 55. Total present: 180.

Town Clerk, Nancy Burnham, read the return of service from Constable.

The Moderator called for a moment of silence for the following:

Mary K. Cass – She was an elementary school teacher in the Athol-Royalston Regional School District for many years.

Elizabeth J. Hillis – She served as Chairperson of the Athol Council on Aging and was instrumental in bringing senior transportation to the Athol area.

John A. Lambert – He was a member of the Planning Board and the Capital Program Committee.

Karen M. McNiff – She worked in the children's room at the Athol Public Library for 25 years. She also served as Chairperson of the Athol-Royalston Regional School Committee and was the chair of the Building Committee for the new elementary school in Athol (ACES).

Robert A. Shepardson – He served as Lieutenant of the Athol Volunteer Fire Department and also served on the Athol Conservation Commission.

Betty Tolppa – She worked as an educational tutor at Pleasant Street School and Athol High School.

The following is a true record of the votes taken at the September 14, 2020 Annual Town Meeting.

CONSENT MOTION

The Moderator explained that the Consent motion speeds the passage of Articles that the Board of Selectmen anticipate, in consultation with the Moderator and Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee, are likely to generate no controversy and can be properly voted on without debate. The purpose of the Consent article is to allow these Articles to be acted upon pursuant to a single motion, and to be passed without debate.

MOTION: On the Motion of Rebecca Bialecki, it was **VOTED:** That Articles 1 through 7 be considered in one motion, and that they are hereby adopted as printed in the warrant. *Passed by a majority vote.*

Article 1 **VOTED:** That the Town choose all necessary Town Officers not already elected. *Passed by a majority vote.*

Article 2 **VOTED:** That the Town review and act upon the reports of Town Offices and to receive the reports of any committee. *Passed by a majority vote. Chairman Ken Duffy presented a report of the Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee.*

Article 3 **VOTED:** That the Town accept all donations and gifts received and turned into the treasury during fiscal year 2021. *Passed by a majority vote.*

Article 4 **VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17. *Passed by a majority vote.*

Article 5 **VOTED:** That the Town accept all cemetery and other funds received and provided to the treasury during fiscal year 2021. *Passed by a majority vote.*

Article 6: **VOTED:** That the Town authorize the treasurer to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for fiscal year 2021 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F of the Massachusetts General Laws. *Passed by a majority vote.*

Article 7: **VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Town Manager to apply for, accept and expend any and all State and Federal grants for fiscal year 2021, for which no additional appropriation by the Town is required. *Passed by a majority vote.*

Article 8: On the Motion of Rebecca Bialecki, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$15,724,781 from taxation, and to transfer \$159,520 from free cash, to fund the \$15,884,301 fiscal year 2021 budget as follows:

Division/Department	FY19	FY20	FY21	% DIF
Finance				
Accountant	127,345	131,831	136,425	3.48%
Assessor	132,951	141,266	145,743	3.17%
FWAC	84,530	85,250	92,250	8.21%
Capital Planning Committee	1,120	1,120	1,120	0.00%
Collector/Treasurer	2,857,148	2,609,953	2,414,007	-7.51%
Debt Exclusions	1,520,855	1,638,755	2,077,058	26.75%
Subtotal	4,723,949	4,608,175	4,866,603	5.61%
Public Safety				
Dept. Inspectional Services	156,488	166,870	174,330	4.47%
Fire Department	1,816,456	1,952,684	2,254,416	15.45%
Health Department	124,082	131,430	135,025	2.74%
Police Department	1,932,447	2,028,173	2,111,987	4.13%
Animal Control (regional)	86,248	90,698	92,133	1.58%
Subtotal	4,115,721	4,369,855	4,767,891	9.11%

Public Services				
Board of Selectmen	527,497	548,477	573,556	4.57%
Council on Aging	112,719	128,437	127,021	-1.10%
Conservation Commission	23,350	26,900	29,325	9.01%
Retirement	1,474,103	1,621,426	1,735,000	7.00%
Elections & Registration	29,344	21,344	36,344	70.28%
Library	545,968	587,362	582,574	-0.82%
Parking	11,125	11,725	11,425	-2.56%
Dept. Planning & Development	111,404	117,566	136,945	16.48%
Professional Services	324,798	357,434	360,925	0.98%
Recreation	21,525	23,384	22,020	-5.83%
Beaches	38,335	43,121	43,670	1.27%
Town Buildings	136,050	144,662	148,180	2.43%
Town Clerk	145,809	158,631	159,817	0.75%
Town Manager	138,860	145,963	155,609	6.61%
Veterans Services	244,529	246,406	267,154	8.42%
Zoning Board of Appeals	2,500	2,600	2,800	7.69%
Subtotal	3,887,916	4,185,438	4,392,365	4.94%
Public Works	1,668,508	1,788,656	1,857,442	3.85%
TOTAL GENERAL GOV'T	14,396,094	14,952,124	15,884,301	6.23%

Passed by a majority vote.

Article 9: On the on the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate by transferring \$583,000 from free cash to fund the fiscal year 2021 Capital Improvement Plan voted by the Capital Program Committee as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Item/Project</u>	<u>FY21 Amount</u>
Police	Police vehicle	\$55,000
Police	Portable radio replacements	\$48,000
Public Works	(2) Freightliner combo body trucks (lease)	\$150,000
Public Works	DPW Grant Match	\$150,000
Public Works	Non Chapter 90 road improvements	\$150,000
Public Works	Portion of utility vehicle for water/public works	\$30,000

And further to rescind the amount of \$122,246.85 in unexpended funds approved by Article 9 of the June 10, 2019 Annual Town Meeting for the purchase of certain items for the Fire Department and to re-purpose those funds as follows:

- \$34,320 to the Fire Dept. for the purchase of structural firefighting gear and helmets
- \$86,560 to the Fire Dept. for the purchase of battery powered hydraulic extrication equipment, and
- \$1,366.85 to the Capital Stabilization Fund.

Passed by a majority vote.

Article 10: On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED:** That the Town transfer the sum of \$150,000 from the Water Enterprise retained earnings to be used as follows: \$120,000 for the purchase of equipment and infrastructure

improvements and \$30,000 for a portion of a utility vehicle for water / public works. *Passed by a majority vote.*

Article 11: On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED:** That the Town transfer from the Sewer Enterprise retained earnings the sum of \$200,000 for the purchase of equipment and infrastructure improvements for the Sewer Division. *Passed by a majority vote.* a

Article 12: On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate from taxation the sum of \$4,746,530 for the fiscal year 2021 assessment as follows: \$4,699,852 for operations and \$46,678 for debt service to the Athol-Royalston Regional School District. *Passed by a majority vote.*

Article 13: On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate from taxation the sum of \$374,915 for the fiscal year 2021 assessment to the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District. *Passed by a majority vote.*

Article 14: On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED:** That the Town set the salaries of several elected officers and appointed positions of the boards of the Town.

Moderator	\$ 210.00
Selectmen, Chairman	\$1735.00
Selectmen, all other (4)	\$1446.00
Assessors, Chairman	\$1735.00
Assessors, all other (1)	\$1446.00
Constable	None
Board of Health, Chairman	\$1735.00
Board of Health, all other (2)	\$1446.00
Library Trustees	None
School Committee	None

Passed by a majority vote.

Article 15: On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$1,324,511 to operate the Department of Public Works/Water Division Enterprise Fund as follows:

Water Division	Expenses
Operational Expenses	\$ 982,208
Debt Service	\$ 131,434
Health Insurance	\$ 55,869
Overhead	\$ 95,000
Retirement Benefits	\$ 60,000
Total	\$ 1,324,511

and that \$1,324,511 be raised as follows with any balance in the retirement benefits be transferred to retirement benefit fund balance account:

Water Division	Revenues
Water Rates	\$ 1,222,511
Water Service	\$ 17,000
Water Interest	\$ 5,000
Water Account Charges	\$ 80,000
Total	\$ 1,324,511

Passed by a majority vote.

Article 16. On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$1,540,573 from available funds to operate the Department of Public Works/Sewer Division Enterprise Fund as follows:

Sewer Division	Expenses
Operational Expenses	\$ 1,024,960
Debt Service	\$ 349,794
Health Insurance	\$ 35,819
Overhead	\$ 95,000
Retirement Benefits	\$ 35,000
Total	\$ 1,540,573

And that \$1,540,573 be raised as follows with any balance in the retirement benefits be transferred to a retirement benefits fund balance account:

Sewer Division	Revenues
Sewer Rates	\$ 1,461,573
Sewer Service	\$ 4,000
Sewer Interest	\$ 5,000
Sewer Account Charges	\$ 70,000
Total	\$ 1,540,573

Passed by a

vote.

majority

Article 17. On the Motion of Kennety Duffy, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$511,152 from available funds to operate the Department of Public Works /Transfer/Recycling Enterprise Fund as follows:

Transfer Station	Expenses
Operational Expenses	\$ 457,887
Debt Service	\$ 36,250
Health Insurance	\$ 17,015
Overhead	\$ 0
Retirement Benefits	\$ 0
Total	\$ 511,152

And that

raised as follows:

\$511,152 be

Transfer Station	Revenues
Department Receipts	\$ 511,152
Retained Earnings	\$ 0
Total	\$ 511,152

Passed by a majority vote.

Article 18. On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$30,687 from free cash to the "Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund. *Passed by a majority vote.*

Article 19. On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was VOTED: That the Town reauthorize revolving funds for certain Town departments under Massachusetts General Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for fiscal year 2021.

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Revolving fund	Authorized to spend	Revenue source	Use of fund	FY2021 spending limit
Plumbing Inspection	Selectmen	Plumbing Inspection fees	Pay plumbing insp. & asst. plumb. insp.	\$20,000
Recycling	Board of Health Town Manager	Grants, bulky waste, PAYT, recycling containers, compost bins	Expenses and equipment	\$20,000
Gas Inspections	Selectmen	Gas inspection fees	Pay gas insp. & asst. gas insp.	\$10,000
Waste Facility Debt	Town Manager	Sewer user fees	Pay upgrade debt	\$60,000
Trench Permit	Building Dept.	Permit Fees & Reimbursement	Enforcement	\$5,000
Vaccinations	Board of Health	Insurance Reimbursements & User Fees	Public Health Administration	\$25,000
Recreation	Recreation Commission	Registration Fees	Program Administration	\$10,000
Memorial Building	Memorial Building Cmte.	Building Use Fees and Donations	Maintenance and Improvements to Memorial Building	\$20,000

Passed by a majority vote.

Article 20. On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was VOTED: That the Town reauthorize the revolving funds for certain Town departments under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53C and Section 53F¾ for fiscal year 2021.

Revolving fund	Authorized to spend	Revenue source	Use of fund	FY2021 spending limit
Police Detail	Police Chief	Contractors	Pay police	\$200,000
PEG Access and Cable Related	Town Manager	Cable franchise fees and related revenues	In accordance with by-laws and the cable operator franchise agreement	\$200,000

Passed by a majority vote.

Article 21. On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was VOTED: That the Town transfer from free cash the sum of \$50,000 for the purposes of demolishing or securing unsafe structures and to remove debris and other materials for the health and safety of the public and ancillary costs thereto. *Passed by a majority vote.*

Article 22. On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$825,000 to pay the costs to replace and repair the roof and cupola of the Town Hall, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amounts under and pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. No amounts shall be borrowed or expended hereunder unless the Town shall have voted to exclude the amounts required to repay any such borrowing from the limits on total property taxes set forth in M.G.L. c. 59, §21C (Proposition 2 ½).

Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Required a 2/3rd's vote. The vote 81 yes and 5 no.

Article 23. On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was VOTED: That the Town reimburse the Stabilization Account from money received from New England Equestrian Land Management Conservation Corporation for the construction of a road in the Equestrian Park for vehicle traffic as voted at the June 23, 2011 Annual Town Meeting. *Passed by a majority vote.*

Article 24. No Motion. No Action taken on "To see if the Town will vote to accept MGL chapter 33, section 59 (Effect of Military Service on Salary, Seniority and Leave Allowances of Public employees), or act in relation thereto.

Article 25. On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was VOTED: That the Town rescind the authorized but unissued balances on borrowing authorizations for which the projects have been completed for less than the voted authorizations at the following Town Meetings:

Purpose	Date of Vote	Article No.	Amount Authorized	Amount Issued	Remaining Balance
Water Line DIF	Oct. 21, 2013	21	\$3,065,000	\$3,000,500	\$64,500
New Elementary School	Jan. 13, 2014	1	\$43,931,363	\$14,430,000	\$29,501,363
Millers River Park	Oct. 21, 2013	12	\$400,000	\$280,700	\$119,300
School Feasibility Study	June 14, 2010	20	\$400,000	\$101,200	\$298,800
Library Expansion	Jan. 31, 2011	2	\$8,500,000	\$3,927,853	\$4,572,147

Passed by a majority vote.

Article 26. On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was VOTED: That the Town amend the ambulance reserve for appropriations fund created by Article 21 of the May 1, 2000 Annual Town Meeting to provide that fifteen (15%) percent of ambulance revenues received in the preceding fiscal year may be used for ambulance / emergency medical service capital expenses, equipment, supplies, training, personnel and related costs.

Passed by a majority vote.

Article 27. No motion. No Action taken on "To see if the Town will vote to accept provisions of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016 ("An Act Modernizing Municipal Finance and Government") Sections 26, 27 and 30, allowing the Town to establish Parking Benefits Districts, in which parking revenue collected therein may be designated in whole or in part for use in that district through a dedicated fund in accordance with the purposes and uses listed in Section 22A of Chapter 40; or act in relation thereto.

Article 28. On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was VOTED: move that the Town vote transfer from free cash the sum of \$171.76 to pay a prior fiscal year bill from the wiring department. *Required a 9/10's vote. The vote was 89 yes and 0 no.*

Article 29. On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was VOTED: that the Town transfer the balance of \$1,366.85 from Article 9 of the June 10, 2019 Annual Town Meeting for the purchase of certain items for the Fire Department to the Capital Stabilization Fund. *Passed by a majority vote.*

Article 30. On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$153,437 from free cash to the Stabilization Fund. *Passed by a majority vote.*

CITIZEN PETITION

Article 31. On the Motion of Lee Chauvette, it was VOTED: That the Town amend the Town of Athol Massachusetts Zoning Bylaws by amending Article III, GENERAL REGULATIONS, Section 3.24, Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations, amending the effective date of the moratorium, by striking Section 3.24.16.2a) which currently reads as follows:

"2 Temporary Moratorium

a) For the reasons stated above and notwithstanding any other provision in the Town of Athol Zoning Bylaws to the contrary, the Town hereby adopts a temporary moratorium on the issuance of permits for the use of land for ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations. Furthermore, no application shall be accepted for a special permit or for site plan approval with the Board of Planning and Community Development for the construction of any ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installation. The temporary moratorium shall be effective through October 31, 2020 or until such time as the Town adopts Zoning Bylaw amendments that regulate said use, whichever occurs earlier.”

and replace it with the following:

2 Temporary Moratorium

a) Due to the corona virus pandemic, the certainty of and the ability to hold the planned October 19, 2020 town meeting to consider the adoption of amendments to Section 3.24 of the Town of Athol zoning bylaws is in question. If not held due to the pandemic, ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations after October 31, 2020 would continue to be permitted in the RC zone as of by right and without adequate siting criteria. Therefore, notwithstanding any other provision in the Town of Athol Zoning By-laws to the contrary, the Town hereby adopts a temporary moratorium on the issuance of permits for the use of land for ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installation. Furthermore, no application shall be accepted for a special permit or site plan approval with the Board of Planning and Community Development for the construction of any ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installation during the moratorium. The temporary moratorium shall be effective through April 30, 2021 or until such time as the Town adopts comprehensive Zoning By-law amendments that regulate said use, whichever occurs earlier, provided however that an amendment of the use table section 2.3 alone shall not constitute a comprehensive amendment of the Zoning By-law.

Required a 2/3rd's vote. The vote was 84 yes and 9 no.

Meeting dissolved at 8:30 p.m.

Attest:

Nancy E. Burnham, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

**TREASURER/COLLECTOR
FISCAL YEAR 2020
ANNUAL REPORT**

Catherine Levreault – Assistant Treasurer
Shana Smith – Assistant Tax Collector
Patrick McIntyre - Treasurer/Tax Collector

The Treasurer/Tax Collectors office oversees the Towns investment, cash management and revenue collection. It also manages the issuance of all Town debt and the administration of payroll and employee benefits.

The revenue collection consists of real estate, personal property, motor vehicle excise taxes, water/sewer charges and tax title redemptions. The department also collected other fees and/or charges generated by town departments along with receipts received electronically by the Town. Some examples of electronic payments would be state aid, grant receipts and ambulance service fees.

During Fiscal Year 2020 the office processed the following tax payments:

Real Estate	\$13,176,887.66
Water Sewer Liens	\$4,070.52
Septic Betterments	\$13,507.57
Personal Property	\$457,977.10
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$1,195,127.71
Water/Sewer	\$2,503,449.15
	<u>\$17,351,019.71</u>

The Town holds accounts at several banking institutions. Below is a list of the cash balances in those accounts as of June 30, 2020.

Athol Savings Bank	\$2,063,747.38
Bartholomew Investments	\$5,341,303.02
Eastern Bank	\$2,831,914.26
Bank ESB	\$1,379,360.67
Mass Municipal Depository Trust	\$310,506.48
TD Bank	\$330,074.88
UniBank	\$188,139.63
	<u>\$12,445,046.32</u>

Respectfully Submitted:
Patrick McIntyre



**ATHOL - DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES, NEQ DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2020
ANNUAL REPORT**

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Athol:

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts began providing for its veterans and their families in need, immediately following the Revolutionary War. In 1861, at the start of the Civil War, the state legislature formalized the assistance provided to veterans by establishing Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 115 and the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services (DVS).

DVS is the state's lead agency for overseeing the general welfare of the Commonwealth's nearly 400,000 living veterans. DVS establishes policy, proposes legislation, provides annual training, and ensures compliance with MGL Chapter 115 and other laws and regulations germane to serving veterans.

MGL Chapter 115: Section: 3B was passed into law by the Commonwealth during FY15 establishing the mandatory requirement whereby Directors of Veterans' Services/Veterans' Services Officers (VSO) must become legally certified. Mandatory recertification is required every three-years.

MGL Chapter 115 authorizes an eligible veteran to receive certain financial, medical, and other benefits earned by their military service. Services are available through the local area Director of Veterans' Services/Veterans' Services Officers living in one of the Commonwealth's 351 communities.

DISTRICT GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

The Secretary – DVS authorized the Northeast Quabbin Veterans' Services District to begin operations in January 2006. DVS requires the district to reapply every two years to continue operations. On March 7, 2017 DVS granted approval for the district to continue operating through June 30, 2021.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 115: Section 11, for every authorized district, there shall be a Board of Directors. The board consists of a representative appointed by the Board of Selectmen from each member community. The Board establishes By-Laws to define district administration and operations compliant with MGL Chapter 115.

Led by the Director of Veterans' Services, the district serves veterans and dependents having a formal residence in Athol, Orange, Petersham, Phillipston and Royalston.

VETERANS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFERED BY THE DISTRICT

A. MGL Chapter 115

1. A program of financial and medical assistance that may be available to veterans and/or dependents based on eligibility requirements.
2. The following chart represents FY19 Veterans' Benefits paid, by community, to its eligible veterans and/or dependents. Benefits paid are normally reimbursed at 75% by the

commonwealth. There are exceptions, where some benefits are eligible for 100% reimbursement.

FY20 VETERANS' BENEFITS DATA

Town	Benefits Paid	State Reimbursements	% Reimbursed
Athol	\$196,670.01	\$147,813.88	75%
Orange	\$101,982.13	\$76,486.62	75%
Petersham	\$3,176.62	\$2,382.45	75%
Phillipston	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
Royalston	\$2,647.20	\$1,985.41	75%

3. Burials in one of two Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemeteries, Winchendon and Agawam.
4. Women Veterans' Network – Provides women veterans with information on benefits, expand awareness of the needs, and identify health and human resources to meet those needs.
5. Homeless prevention, Transitional Housing and outreach services.
6. Wartime Bonuses, Annuities, etc.
7. And more...

B. UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

1. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA): Applications for Agent Orange illnesses, Mesothelioma, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Military Sexual Trauma (MST) service-connected disabilities, pensions, Dependency & Indemnity Compensation, healthcare, veterans' grave markers, and more.
 - a. VA Compensation & Benefits (VBA) paid nearly **\$1.4M** (MVSOA) dollars in annual compensation to veterans, dependents and surviving spouses living in the North Quabbin District of Athol, Orange, Petersham, Phillipston and Royalston.
 - b. VA Central-Western-Massachusetts Healthcare System – Headquartered at Northampton VA Medical Center, Leeds has five Community Based Outpatient Clinics delivering medical and mental health treatment to over 90,000 veterans with an annual budget of **\$250 M.** (Duane Gill named director of VA Central Western Massachusetts Healthcare System - masslive.com)
2. Department of Defense (DOD): Military records; medical records; medals, decorations and awards not previously issued; applications to correct Military Records, and more.
3. Other Agencies including:
 - a. Massachusetts Department of Health & Human Services
 - b. Massachusetts Department of Workforce Development
 - c. U.S. Social Security Administration
 - d. U.S. Department of Labor
 - e. MassHire Franklin Hampshire

- f. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- g. U.S. Department of Justice
- h. Other Massachusetts & U.S. Departments, Non-Profit Organizations and state agencies.

The office has continued to see an increase in the numbers of veterans applying for service-connected disabilities, both new and increases. Operating under COVID guidelines for the second half of FY 2020, has seen some challenges. These challenges were met and overcome with the excellent support of the NQD town offices, supporting working from home, email voicemail, regular mail considerations. The office has managed to successfully take care of all supportive needs presented by veterans' and their families.

Veterans with service-connected disabilities are eligible for VA Healthcare. All other veterans may be eligible for VA Healthcare based on defined criteria. Due to the Affordable Care Act, wartime and peacetime veterans may qualify for VA Healthcare.

I look forward to serving veterans, spouses, surviving spouse of a deceased veteran, and dependents formally residing in one of the District's communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah C. Custer

Sarah C. Custer
Director, NorthEast Quabbin District
Veterans' Services