

# CHAPTER ONE

# PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Reports of the  
Board of Selectmen,  
Town Manager, Town Clerk,  
Finance Warrant & Advisory  
Committee, Library Trustees &  
Housing Authority



**Stephen R. Raymond**, *Chairman*  
**William J. Caldwell**, *Vice Chairman*  
**Lee E. Chauvette**  
**Rebecca J. Bialecki**  
**Holly A. Young**

**Shaun A. Suhoski**, *Town Manager*  
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**Bridget A. Sullivan**, *Administrative Asst.*  
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To the Citizens of the Town of Athol;

The Board of Selectmen welcomed two (2) new board members, Rebecca Bialecki and Holly Young who replaced Alan Dodge and Anthony Brighenti. We also welcomed a new Town Counsel, John Barrett who replaced Town Counsel Mark Goldstein who was nominated by Gov. Charlie Baker to be a Worcester District Court judge.

### **Policy Discussions:**

The Board worked along with Town Manager Shaun Suhoski and others to continue the growth of the North Quabbin Commons by welcoming Starbucks, Verizon Wireless, Sally's Beauty Supplies and Great Clips hair salon.

### **Licensing:**

The Board completed its annual licensing by approving the following permits and licenses for the 2017 calendar year:

**Class II Automobile Licensing:** Bills Motor Mart, 12 Lewis St., Buy Good Deals located 134 Chestnut Hill Ave., C&D Towing located 158 Marble St., Dales Auto Body located at 25 Bickford Drive, Flint's Garage Sales located at 990 So. Main St., Main St. BP located at 223 Main St., Victory Lane Motors located at 22 Chestnut Hill Ave., Wilson & Steely, Kustom Coachworks, LLC located at 280 Main St.

**Class III Automobile Licensing:** Hayes Auto Body located at 81 Rich Place

**Common Victualler Licensing:** American-Lithuanian Naturalization Club, Athol Mini Mart DBA The Corner Store, Kashvi, Inc. DBA Athol General Store, Athol Pizza House, The Atholl House, Blind Pig, LLC, Conway Petro, LLC, Narayandeve, Inc. DBA Country Convenience, Cumberland Farms Store 6688, 297 Main St., Cumberland Farms Store 6706, 1304 So. Main St., Edward H. Phillips Post Home, Inc., Ellinwood Country Club, Franco-American De Naturalization Club, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Athol Orange Aerie #4545, Inc., Nick's Breakfast & Lunch, Victory Distributors LLC DBA Hannaford Supermarket, Super Larry's Variety Store, Losier's Café DBA The Dery Bar, DeMoulas Supermarket DBA Market Basket, Olde Time New England Seafood Co., Karas & Mathew Inc. DBA Tool Town Pizza, Village Grill & Pizza, 11 Exchange St. LLC DBA The Steel Pub, Chi Gourmet, Inc. DBA Tea Garden, Mark IV, Inc. DBA Traverse St. Café, MySubs3 DBA Subway, Global Montello Group Corp. DBA Mr. Mikes Mini Mart, Gomez Enterprises III LLC DBA McDonalds Restaurant, R+13 Donuts LLC DBA Dunkin Donuts (1634 So. Main St.), R+13 Donuts LLC DBA Dunkin Donuts (2143 Main St.), Eight Dragon Restaurant

**Pouring/All Liquor Licensing (Club Licenses):** American Lithuanian Naturalization Club located at 365 South Main St. and managed by Paul Sundstrom. Edward H. Phillips Post Home, Inc. located at 325 Pequoig Ave. and managed by David Graham. Ellinwood Country Club located at 1928 Pleasant St. and managed by Vicki Johnson. Franco American De Naturalization Club of Athol located at 592-594 South St. and managed by Norman LaFountain.

Fraternal Order of Eagles, Athol Orange Aerie #4545, Inc. located at 99 Hapgood St., and managed by Clyde Woodbury. Losier's Café DBA The Dery Bar of Athol located at 5 Pine St. and managed by Richard Dery.

**Pouring/All Liquor Licensing (Restaurant Licenses):** Blind Pig, LLC located at 98 Exchange St. and managed by David Veautour. 11 Exchange Street LLC DBA The Steel Pub located at 11 Exchange St. and managed by Irvin Hartin. The Atholl House located at 491 Main St. and managed by Brian Dodge and Raeann Meunier. Mark IV Lounge DBA Traverse St. located at 73 Traverse St and managed by David Caldwell. Chi Gourmet DBA Tea Garden located at 631 Main St. and managed by Koulson Wu Chi.

**Pouring/Wine and Malt Licensing:** Athol House of Pizza located at 522 Main St. and managed by Agathi Spanakis. Olde Time New England Seafood located 2143 Main St. and managed by Leon Drouin.

Karas & Mathews Inc DBA Tool Town Pizza located at 246 Exchange St. and managed by Ayman E. Fares.

**Package/All Licensing:** Foster Liquors Corp DBA Athol Spirits located at 9 Tunnel St. and managed by Shawn Foster. Stan's Liquor Mart located at 1586 South Main St. and managed by Christopher Milusich.

Uptown Package Store located at 2280 Main St. and managed by John Cotter and Brad Cass

**Package/Wine and Malt Licensing:** Kashvi, Inc. DBA Athol General Store located at 390 Crescent St. and managed by Bhavikaben J. Patel. Narayandev. Inc. DBA Country Convenience located at 49 So. Main St. and managed by Gaurang Patel. Athol Mini Mart Corp. Inc DBA The Corner Store located at 229 Pinedale Ave. and managed by Jignesh Patel.

**Auto-Amusement Licensing: 11-15 auto amusement devices:** 11 Exchange Street LLC DBA The Steel Pub

**6-10 auto amusement devices:** American Lithuanian Naturalization Club, Losier's Café, Inc. DBA The Dery Bar, Franco De Naturalization Club of Athol, Fraternal Order of Eagles Athol Orange Aerie #4545, Inc.

**1-5 auto amusement devices:** The Atholl House, Mark IV Inc., DBA Traverse St. Café, The Blind Pig, Edward H. Phillips Post Home Inc.

**Entertainment, Including Sunday (before 1 p.m.):** American Lithuanian Naturalization, including Sunday, Franco American De Naturalization Club of Athol, Losier's Café DBA / The Dery Bar of Athol, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Athol Orange Aerie #4545, Inc., 11 Exchange Street LLC DBA The Steel Pub

**Entertainment, including Sunday (after 1 p.m.):** Ellinwood Country Club, Edward H. Phillips Post Home, Inc.

**Entertainment, not including Sunday:** Blind Pig, LLC, The Atholl House

Sincerely,

Stephen R. Raymond, Chairman  
William J. Caldwell, Vice Chairman  
Lee E. Chauvetter  
Rebecca J. Bialecki  
Holly A. Young

## **TOWN MANAGER ANNUAL REPORT**

Greetings,

In preparing this fourth annual report I remain amazed at the substantial re-investment in the community of Athol over the past several years. Taxpayers and private-sector investors alike have demonstrated their resolve to grow and improve the quality of life and economic health of this wonderful town. The following reflects activity in the fiscal year running from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

In 2014, with the support of the Board of Selectmen and Finance & Warrant Advisory Committee, the “Finance Team” (Accountant, Treasurer-Collector and Principal Assessor) developed Athol’s first set of written financial policies and yielding an improved, investment-grade AA- bond rating by Standard & Poor’s. Today, by managing taxpayer funds a consistent and pragmatic manner, the Town’s fiscal posture remains stable with sufficient stabilization reserves.

Against that backdrop, Athol continues to witness job creation, growth in its commercial tax base, and sustained public and private investment. With a stable financial foundation, my office has been able to assist in aligning municipal operations and securing assistance for projects including:

- Completed parcel assembly for planned convenience store and gas station at Exit 18
- Improved coordination for code compliance through Housing Task Force
- Continued outreach and discussion with potential investor/owners for new hotel
- Advanced design for reconstruction of Exchange Street Bridge with DPW Superintendent
- Successfully budgeted to return one worker to the DPW – Cemetery and Parks Division
- Reached cost-sharing agreement with Athol-Royalston Regional School District to hire and staff a School Resource Officer
- Fully eliminated the use of “free cash” (one-time revenue) to balance operating budgets

Many positive strides have been made to improve the long-term prospects for the the town of Athol thanks to the deep commitment of department heads and staff, board and committee volunteers, elected officials and our residents.

Please email me at [ssuhoski@townofathol.org](mailto:ssuhoski@townofathol.org) should you have any questions or suggestions surrounding the operations of local government. I remain honored to serve as your Town Manager. Thank you.

Sincerely,

**Shaun A. Suhoski**  
Town Manager

## FACTS ABOUT ATHOL

<b>HISTORY</b>	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.
<b>LOCATION</b>	North central Massachusetts, 38 miles north of Worcester, and 71 miles west of Boston.
<b>AREA</b>	Land 32.34 square miles Water .73 square miles Total 33.07 square miles
<b>POPULATION</b>	11,584
<b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b>	6,274
<b>POLLING PLACES</b>	Precinct 1 – 3: Athol Senior Center 82 Freedom Street
<b>ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION</b>	First Monday in April
<b>ANNUAL TOWN MEETING</b>	Second Monday in June
<b>FALL TOWN MEETING</b>	Third Monday in October
<b>TOWN GOV'T</b>	Open Town Meeting Five Member Board of Selectmen Town Manager
<b>TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS</b>	Mon, Wed., Thurs. 8:00 AM-5:00 PM Tuesday 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM Friday CLOSED

## STATE OFFICIALS

### **Governor**

Charles D. Baker  
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Boston, MA 02133  
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### **Lieutenant Governor**

Karyn E. Polito  
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Boston, MA 02133  
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### **Attorney General**

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TTY: 617-727-4765  
Fax: Call for specific fax numbers  
**Attorney General Hotlines:**  
Consumer Hotline: 617-727-8400  
Elder Hotline Toll Free: 1-888-AG ELDER (243-5337)  
Fair Labor: 617-727-3465  
Insurance Hotline Toll Free: 1-888-830-6277  
Insurance Fraud Tipline: 617-573-5330  
Utilities Division Hotline Toll Free: 1-888-514-6277

### **Secretary of the Commonwealth**

William Francis Galvin  
State House, Room 340  
Boston, MA 02133  
Executive Office: 617-727-9180  
General Information: 617-727-7030

### **Treasurer and Receiver-General**

Deborah B. Goldberg  
State House, Room 227  
Boston, MA 02133  
Executive Office: 617-367-6900  
Connecting all divisions: 617-367-3900

### **State Auditor**

Suzanne M. Bump  
State House, Room 230  
Boston, MA 02133  
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### **State Senator** (*Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex*)

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### **State Representative** (*2<sup>nd</sup> Franklin District*)

Susannah Whipps  
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## FEDERAL OFFICIALS

### **U.S. Senators**

#### **Elizabeth Warren**

##### *Boston Office*

2400 JFK Federal Building  
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##### *Springfield Office*

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Springfield MA 01103  
Phone: 413-788-2690

##### *Washington Office*

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Washington DC 20510  
Phone: 202-224-4543

#### **Edward Markey**

##### *Boston Office*

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Fall River MA 02721  
Phone: 508-677-0523

##### *Fall River Office*

222 Milliken Blvd, Suite 312  
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Phone: 508-677-0523

##### *Springfield Office*

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Springfield MA 01101  
Phone: 413-785-4610

##### *Washington Office*

255 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington DC 20510  
Phone: 202-224-2742

### **U.S Congress** (2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District)

#### **James McGovern**

##### *Washington DC Office*

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Washington DC 20515  
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##### *Leominster Office*

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##### *Northampton Office*

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Northampton MA 01060  
Phone: 413-341-8700

##### *Worcester Office*

12 East Worcester Street  
Suite 1  
Worcester MA 01604  
Phone: 508-831-7356

## **ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS**

### **MODERATOR**

Lawrence P. McLaughlin, 2018

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Lee E. Chauvette, 2018

William J. Caldwell, 2019

Stephen R. Raymond, 2019

Rebecca Bialecki, 2020

Holly Young, 2020

### **ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

From Athol:

Joao Baptista, 2018

Deborah Kuzmeskas, 2018

Dale H. Lougee, 2019

Joseph F. Maga, 2019

Kenneth A. Vaidulas, 2019\* (appointed until April 2, 2018 to fill vacancy)

Lee E. Chauvette, 2020

Mitchell Grosky, 2020

From Royalston:

Carla Rabinowitz, 2018

Charles Pretti, 2019

Nancy D. Melbourne, 2020

### **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Francis W. Foster, 2018

Christine Miranda, 2018

Sharon A. Brighenti, 2019

Margaret Feldman, 2019

John R. Greene, 2020

Margaret L. Young, 2020

### **ATHOL HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Edward Ledgard, 2019

Edward C. Sawin, 2020

Cathy Muzzy, 2021

Joseph Hawkins, 2021 (State Appointee)

Cathy Savoy, 2022

### **CONSTABLES**

Kenneth A. Vaidulas, 2018

Kevin Materas, 2019

Randy Mitchell, 2020



## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

Admin. Asst., Board of Selectmen/Town Manager	Heather Brissette
Alternate Inspector of Buildings/Zoning Agent	Brianna Skowyra
Animal Control Officer	Jennifer Arsenault
Assessor	Lisa Aldrich
Asst. Agent Board of Health	Melanie Rajaniemi
Assistant Collector	Susan M. Sargent
Assistant Gas Inspector	Robert Mallet
Assistant Municipal Coordinator	Jeffrey Parker
Assistant Plumbing Inspector	Rick Geyster
Assistant Superintendent of Public Works	Duane Truehart
Assistant Town Accountant	Mary Ann Murphy
Assistant Town Clerk	Carol Bachelder
Assistant Treasurer	Bridget Jowder
Assistant Wire Inspector	Gordon Dickie
Board of Health Agent	Deborah Karan
Civil Defense Director	John Duguay
Collector/Treasurer	Melissa Murphy
Deputy Fire Chief	Jeffrey Parker
Director, Council on Aging	Cathy Savoy
Director of Veterans' Benefits & Services	Neil McGuirk
Emergency Management Director	John Duguay
Fire Chief	John Duguay
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	John Duguay
Parking Meter Attendant	Ronny Cote
Plumbing Inspector	Daniel Joly
Police Chief	Russell Kleber
Police Lieutenant	Kevin Heath
Sealer of Weights & Measures	John R. Greene
Superintendent of Public Works	Douglas Walsh
Superintendent of Schools	Anthony Polito
Town Accountant	Christine Mailloux
Town Clerk	Nancy E. Burnham
Town Counsel	Mark Goldstein
Town Manager	Shaun Suhoski
Town Planner	Eric Smith

## TOWN BOARDS/COMMITTEES

### AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Sydney Adams, 2018  
Aimee Hanson, 2018  
Ranee LaPointe, 2018  
Casey Smith, 2019  
Pam Browning, 2020  
Laurie Parker, 2020

### AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

John Gostan, 2018  
Vacant, 2018  
Vacant, 2018  
Vacant, 2018  
Vacant, 2018

### ATHOL CULTURAL COUNCIL

Robin Brzowski, 2019  
Tabitha DeHays, 2019  
Bonnie Hodgdon, 2019  
Kelsey Matthews, 2019  
Joann Deacon, 2020

### BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Edward Ledgard, 2018  
Kenneth A. Vaidulas, 2020  
Lisa Aldrich, indefinite

### BOARD OF HEALTH

Norma Purple, 2018  
Joan Hamlett, 2019  
Martin Miarecki, 2020

### BOARD OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

David Small, 2018  
Jacqueline Doherty, 2019  
Richard Hayden, 2020  
Duane Truehart, 2020  
Aimee Hanson, 2021  
Kathy Norton, 2021  
Calvin Taylor, 2022

### BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

Heather Brissette, 2018  
Nancy Burnham, 2018  
Toni Phillips, 2018  
Jean Robinson, 2018  
Holly Young, 2018  
Vacant, 2018  
Vacant, 2018

### CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Daniel Carey, 2018  
Mark Wright, 2018

### CAPITAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Robert Muzzy, 2018  
Gary Deyo, 2018  
James Smith, 2019  
Gino Tontodonato, 2020  
Kathy Norton, 2021  
Linda Oldach, 2021  
John Lambert, 2021

### CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Heather Bialecki-Canning, 2018  
Gary Deyo, 2018  
Eric Smith, 2018  
Heidi Stickland, 2018  
Thomas Tourigny, 2018

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Walter Lehmann, 2018  
Robert Muzzy, 2018  
Katheryn Harrow, 2019  
Dennis Killay, 2019  
James Smith, 2019  
John R. Greene, 2020  
Laura Smith, 2020

### Associate Members:

Elwin Bacon, 2018  
Jamie Briggs, 2018  
Nicholas Tarara, 2018  
William Wheeler, 2018

### COUNCIL ON AGING

Lillian Bachelder, 2018  
Walter Lehman, 2018  
Jean Ryder, 2018  
Arthur Herk, 2019  
Stephen Larry, 2019  
Margaret Young, 2019  
Kathy Cygan, 2020  
Linda Grenier, 2020  
Barbara Smith, 2020

**DOWNTOWN VITALITY COMMITTEE**

Jonathan Eldridge, 2018  
Ranee LaPointe, 2018  
Stephen Raymond, 2018  
Ann Willhite, 2018

## Associate Members:

Paula Robinson, 2018  
David Small, 2018  
Shelly Small, 2018

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION (EDIC)**

Clinton Sykes, 2018  
Calvin Taylor, 2018  
Richard Plotkin, 2019  
Martin Robichaud, 2019  
James W. Meehan, Jr., 2022  
Keith McGuirk, 2022  
Mark Wright, 2022

## Associate Members:

Vacant, 2018  
Vacant, 2018

**FINANCE AND WARRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Amy Craven, 2018  
Gary Deyo, 2018  
Ben Feldman, 2019  
Paul Nelson, 2019  
Michael Butler, 2020  
Kenneth Duffy, 2020  
Erik Euvrard, 2020

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Vincent Cerez, 2018  
Carolyn Brouillet, 2019  
John R. Greene, 2019  
Shelly Small, 2020  
Jean Shaughnessy, 2020

**HOLIDAY DECORATING COMMITTEE**

Patrick DiPietro, 2018  
Charles Shatos, 2018  
Ann Willhite, 2018

**INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Lisa Aldrich, 2018  
Ben Feldman, 2018  
Kevin Heath, 2018  
Robert Hughes, 2018  
Doug Kaczmarczyk, 20178  
Paul Landry, 2018

**MEMORIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Heather Brissette, 2018  
Nancy E. Burnham, 201  
Lee E. Chauvette, 2018  
Ben J. Feldman, 2018  
John R. Greene, 2018  
Holly Young, 2018  
Vacant, 2018

**MEMORIAL HALL REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE**

Bonnie Benjamin, 2018  
Rene Lake-Gagliardi, 2018  
Ethan Stone, 2018

**OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Jaimee Briggs, 2018  
Joshua Feldman, 2017  
Brian Hall, 2018  
Travis Knechtel, 2018  
David Small, 2018

## Associate Members:

Robert Muzzy, 2018

**PLEASANT ST. SCHOOL REUSE & DISPOSITION COMMITTEE**

Rebecca Bialecki, 2018  
Alan Dodge, 2018  
Aimee Hanson, 2018  
Richard Hayden, 2018  
Eric Jack, 2018  
Deborah Kuzmeskas, 2018  
James Smith, 2018  
Kenneth Vaidulas, 2018  
Steve Wills, 2018

**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

Vacant, 2018  
Gerard Lozier, 2019  
Hugh A. Horrigan, 2020  
Nancy E. Burnham, Town Clerk

**SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

Anthony Brighenti, 2018  
Sharon Brighenti, 2018  
Margaret Feldman, 2018  
Travis Knechtel, 2018  
Robert Mallet, 2018  
Paul Robinson, 2018  
David Small, 2018

**TAX INCREMENTAL FINANCING COMMITTEE**

Lisa Aldrich, 2018  
Ken Duffy, 2018  
Christine Mailloux, 2018  
Vacant, 2018  
Vacant, 2018

**TOWN ENERGY COMMITTEE**

Bill Aucoin, 2018  
 Aimee Hanson, 2018  
 Heidi Strickland, 2018  
 Vacant, 2018  
 Vacant, 2018

Robert Matthews, 2018  
 Calvin Taylor, 2018  
 Deborah Vondal, 2018  
 Bruce Winters, 2018

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Elvin R. Chartrand, 2018  
 Kala Fisher, 2019  
 Robert Mallet, 2020  
 Richard Coburn, 2021  
 Susan Mondy Sykes, 2022

## Associate Members:

Vacant, 2018  
 Vacant, 2018

**VITAL RECORDS**

	7/1/15- 6/30/16	7/1/16 - 6/30/17
Births	116	107
Marriages	50	52
Deaths	199	207

**VACANT & UNOCCUPIED BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Rebecca Bialecki, 2018  
 Lee Chauvette, 2018  
 Alan Dodge, 2018  
 John Duguay, 2018  
 Harry Haldt, 2018  
 Robert Legare, 2018

**WHEN BOARDS & COMMITTEES MEET**

DATE OF MEETING	TIME OF MEETING	PLACE OF MEETING
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**ATHOL HOUSING AUTHORITY**

1st Wednesday	9:15 AM	21 Morton Meadows
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**ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

3rd Wednesday	6:30 PM	Middle School
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**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Tuesday	As posted	Room 15
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**BOARD OF HEALTH**

4th Tuesday	4:00 PM	Room 1
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**BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES (no meeting July & August)**

3rd Wednesday	6:00 PM	Library
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**BOARD OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	7:00 PM	Liberty Hall
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

1 <sup>st</sup> & 3rd Tuesday	7:00 PM	Room 21
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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

4th Tuesday	6:00 PM	Liberty Hall
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**COUNCIL ON AGING**

3rd Tuesday	1:00 PM	Room 21
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**EDIC**

3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	7:00 PM	Liberty Hall
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**FINANCE AND WARRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	6:30 PM	Room 21
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**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

4th Wednesday	7:00 PM	Room 21
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Meeting notices and agendas are available on the Town of Athol website at [www.athol-ma.gov](http://www.athol-ma.gov)



## **The Annual Report of the Chairman of the FWAC**

### **June 2017**

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. But the voters are not bound by any recommendations made by the committee.

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 before us 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.

As you will see shortly – the budget that is being presented for your consideration is a budget that serves the community well, while at the same time puts funding into various accounts to prepare us for the future. This proposed budget also provides \$100,000 in taxpayer relief. It has been many years – since we have been able to have this type of flexibility in the budget process.

There are a few main reasons for this positive situation. A constant effort by the town's financial team to review expenses and work with town employees to do what is necessary to hold various costs in check. This is a team effort between the management of the town and its employees – in the spirit of cooperation that makes these actions possible.

Another reason for our improving financial situation is increased revenues – due mainly to the uptown shopping district – which continues to add businesses each year. This added revenue stream is vital to the future of our community. For Fiscal year 17 alone, the town has realized over \$262,000 in added tax revenues. In the coming years – this business district will continue to add revenues – which could reach a million dollars yearly. If these added revenues are used properly they will ensure that our town will be a vibrant community in the years ahead.

For a community of less than twelve-thousand people – we have a lot going for us. Very few communities have what we have. At times, I think many of us overlook what we have in our community.

Very few towns of this size have multiple shopping districts, have two newer schools, newer police and fire stations. Have a newly renovated library – which is one year away from being completely paid for.

Very few towns our size have recreational facilities such as our YMCA and an 18-hole golf course, various hiking and walking trails and lakes. In addition, few – if any - have a hospital (which will begin a major addition shortly) located within their town.

As you can see – we do have a lot going for us. But the most important aspect of any community are the people. People who live and take part in their community. It is vital that those of us who live in this community – also become active in this community.

During this past winter, we saw what can happen when people become involved. It does not matter what side of an issue you are on. It is important that you ask questions – state your case – cast your vote.

Our votes carry much more influence at the local level. Many local issues are decided by tens of votes.... not thousands or even hundreds of votes. In fact, over the years we have seen issues at town meetings decided by less than 10 votes.

Tonight, the assembly will be voting on a operational budget of just over 19 million dollars –this is a significant amount of money.

Many people who do not take an interest in their town – except to voice their concern about their tax bill, fail to realize the cost to operate this town. When I ask them what they think it costs to run the town on a yearly basis – I usually hear a number of 6 to 8 million dollars. When I ask these people about the costs to run the school district - again I often hear the 8-million-dollar number. When I tell them that between the municipal and educational budgets we are looking at almost 44 million dollars – they are shocked.

We encourage you to ask questions – and to give your opinions. You have a vested interest in these issues. The votes taken tonight – and at any town meeting have a direct result in shaping the services you receive, the amenities you enjoy and the taxes you pay. We truly control what type of community we live in and what type of community we will leave for future generations.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Duffy  
Chairman FWAC

FWAC members: Ken Duffy (Chairman) Ben Feldman (Vice Chairman), Amy Craven, Gary Deyo, Erik Euvrard, Paul Nelson.

Athol Public Library  
Report of the Board of Library Trustees  
July 2016 - June 2017

To: The Board of Selectman and Citizens of Athol

The Library completed the Long Range Plan for 2017-2022 that is required by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. During the summer, several focus groups were held and a paper and online survey was conducted to collect information to use in creating the long range plan. The main response was the request for Saturday hours, while most feedback was very positive for what the library is doing and for the staff.

The library promoted summer reading for all ages. Participation in the adult reading incentive was great with about 300 adults submitting 657 entry tickets for the 94 prizes awarded. There were 26 active teen participants and 345 attended the 52 programs held during the summer. In the Children's Room, 211 children participated in the reading club, reading over 900 hours to earn 182 cans of food to donate to the Salvation Army food pantry, paid for by the Friends of the Library. The 67 different programs were attended by 1,249 children. The library participated in the summer free lunch program and 252 lunches were served. The library remained open late one evening as a cooling station at the request of the Athol Fire Department with several patrons taking advantage of the extra hours to stay cool.

Chibi Moku, a video marketing company hired by Tappe Architects, filmed a great 7 minute piece on the Athol Library on September 30 and October 1. Many people who were instrumental in the library renovation project were interviewed and Chibi Moku captured on film the beauty of the library and its history.

Additional lighting was installed in the Conference Room to highlight art works on display. In February, four data loggers were installed by Gregor Trinkaus-Randall, preservation specialist of the MA Board of Library Commissioners. They were placed in the Archives Room, Children's Room, adult stack area, and on the roof to monitor temperature, relative humidity, and ultraviolet radiation. They will be picked up in July, after six months, and the data analyzed and



reported back to the library. Ten new laptop computers were purchased for Mine Craft clubs and other programs.

The most important improvement of the year was the work on repairing and rejuvenating the landscaping which was undertaken by Noel's Nursery in June 2017. They added 2 ½ yards of loam and compost to the grounds, spread 38 pounds of grass seed, and trimmed the shrubs and trees. Ken Vaidulas, David Brothers, and Tom Henry were instrumental in keeping the sprouting grass seed watered during the summer.

The library was open on Saturday during the downtown festival, offering a Story Walk and craft for children, an exhibit of art by Ida Waslaske, and a Friends' Book Sale. The library was also open on Saturday, May 6 to host a Plein-Air Paint-In of Millers River, hosted by Millers River Watershed Council, followed by a month-long exhibit of submitted art work.

At the June town meeting, the library budget which included funding for Saturday hours, was approved. Beginning in the fall of 2017, the library will be open on Saturdays from Labor Day until Memorial Day, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm. Prudent Investor legislation was also approved at the town meeting, allowing the Trustees to next submit it to the State Legislature for approval. Karen McNiff and Anne Cutler-Russo were honored with the Margaret Grazis Employee of the Year Award.

The Board of Trustees reorganized in April and re-elected the following officers: Margaret Young as chair and Susie Feldman as clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Young, Chair

Margaret "Susie" Feldman, Clerk

Sharon Brighenti

Frank Foster

J.R. Greene

Christine Miranda

**ATHOL HOUSING AUTHORITY  
ANNUAL REPORT  
7/1/16 – 6/30/17**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Athol Housing Authority provides affordable housing to low and moderate income families, as well as to the elderly and disabled. Housing is available based on Federal and State Program Regulations.

The Authority owns 78 Elderly/Handicapped units under the Massachusetts Chapter 667 Housing Program as well as 16 units of Family units under the Massachusetts Chapter 705 Housing Program.

Additionally, the Authority administers housing subsidies for 45 families under the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program and 58 families under the Federal Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Effective January 5, 2015, the Orange Housing Authority (OHA) shares office space with the Athol Housing Authority (AHA). The combined staff is made up of the following:

Christi Martin, Executive Director/Secretary to the Board (AHA)  
Diane Praplaski, Program Administrator (AHA)  
Connie Parmenter, MRVP Administrator (AHA)  
Linda Lefebvre, Receptionist (OHA)  
Barbara Smith, Receptionist (OHA)  
Nicholas Tarara, Maintenance Supervisor (AHA)  
Steven Belanger, Maintenance Supervisor (OHA)  
Joseph Chiasson, Jr., Maintenance Staff (AHA)  
David Brothers, Maintenance Staff (OHA)

The Authority is overseen by the Board of Commissioners, which meet on a monthly basis. The Board is made up of the following:

Cathy Savoy, Chairperson  
Edward Sawin, Vice-Chairperson  
Ted Ledgard, Treasurer  
Cathy Muzzy, Commissioner  
Joseph Hawkins, Governor's Appointee

The office of the Athol Housing Authority is located at 21 Morton Meadows and is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Phone 978-249-4848. Fax 978-249-9604.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christi Martin  
Executive Director  
Athol Housing Authority

# CHAPTER TWO

## FINANCE

Reports of the  
Accountant, Collector,  
Treasurer & Assessor

**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, 2017.

<b>Receipts and Payments July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017</b>		
<b>General Fund Revenue</b>		
<b>Taxes &amp; Excises:</b>		
Personal Property Taxes	490,794	
Real Estate Taxes	12,418,103	
Tax Title Redeemed	145,190	
Sale of Tax Title Possessions		
Motor Vehicle Excises	1,073,780	
Penalties & Interest Earned on Taxes	190,309	
In Lieu of Taxes	3,711	
Meals Tax	111,360	
<b>Total Taxes &amp; Excises</b>		<b>14,433,247</b>
<b>Department Revenue</b>		
Animal Control	65	
Board of Health	52,314	
Town Clerk	58,448	
Library	653	
Police	15,297	
Fire	16,752	
Ambulance	894,689	
Wire	33,058	
Building	145,555	
Tax Collector Fees	28,617	
Sealer WM	4,193	
Cemetery Receipts	16,850	
Conservation/Misc DPW	50,798	
Selectmen	18,435	
DPW Permits	350	
Rentals	78,363	
Parking Fines	6,697	
Investment Income	9,809	
Court Fines	8,991	
Miscellaneous	14,833	
CDBG	46,747	
Veteran's District	65	

ACO District	47,764	
Septic Betterment Revenue	18,514	
<b>Total Departmental Revenue</b>		<b>1,567,857</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
Abatements - Vets, Blind, Surv.	78,147	
Additional Assistance General		
Lottery	2,545,694	
Veterans Benefits	115,344	
Reimbursement of Taxes - State Land	44,464	
Urban Redevelopment	44,787	
Library	22,422	
Assessments	(74,086)	
<b>Total State Revenue</b>		<b>2,776,772</b>
<b>Transfers from Other Funds</b>		
Special Revenue Funds	29,185	
Trust Funds	5,000	
Water Enterprise	161,126	
Sewer Enterprise	185,338	
Transfer Enterprise	21,037	
<b>Total From Other Funds</b>		<b>401,686</b>
<b>Total General Fund Revenue</b>		<b>19,179,562</b>



**Town of Athol**  
**Expense to Budget**  
**July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017**

Group	Department	Budget	Expended	Ending Balance
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**FINANCE**

	Finance Committee			0.00
	Accounting	120,966.00	118,855.08	2,110.92
	Assessor	116,191.00	114,877.79	1,313.21
	Treasurer/Collector	2,803,141.00	2,653,214.88	149,926.12
	Treasurer/Debt	2,344,029.00	2,344,025.17	3.83
<b>Total Finance</b>		<b>5,384,327.00</b>	<b>5,230,972.92</b>	<b>153,354.08</b>

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

	Police	1,685,138.00	1,666,136.88	19,001.12
	Fire	1,767,634.00	1,741,287.13	26,346.87
	Building Department	142,516.00	130,582.72	11,933.28
	Wiring Inspector			0.00
	Sealer Weights Meas.			0.00
	Animal Control	78,698.00	74,642.31	4,055.69
	Board of Health	110,924.00	110,003.03	920.97
<b>Total Public Safety</b>		<b>3,784,910.00</b>	<b>3,722,652.07</b>	<b>62,257.93</b>

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

	Selectmen	521,915.00	474,120.78	47,794.22
	Town Manager	124,983.00	120,058.92	4,924.08
	Capital Planning Com			0.00
	Town Clerk	140,644.00	139,716.32	927.68
	Elect / Registration	31,744.00	29,943.62	1,800.38
	Conservation Comm	13,800.00	13,800.00	0.00
	Planning Board			0.00
	Zoning Board	2,400.00	1,638.44	761.56
	Planner	99,467.00	95,847.09	3,619.91
	Memorial Hall	136,127.00	125,029.95	11,097.05
	Professional Services	297,022.00	291,973.29	5,048.71
	Council on Aging	102,538.00	92,596.74	9,941.26
	Veterans Department	216,140.00	216,140.00	0.00
	Library	498,451.00	498,451.00	0.00
	Parking Clerk	10,375.00	9,715.49	659.51
	Recreation	19,565.00	19,565.00	0.00
	Beaches	34,160.00	34,160.00	0.00
<b>Total Public Service</b>		<b>2,249,331.00</b>	<b>2,162,756.64</b>	<b>86,574.36</b>

**PUBLIC WORKS**

	DPW Administration	218,199.00	218,199.00	0.00
	Highway Department	924,644.00	1,108,056.68	(183,412.68)
	Cemetery	294,619.00	294,619.00	0.00
<b>Total Public Works</b>		<b>1,437,462.00</b>	<b>1,620,874.68</b>	<b>(183,412.68)</b>

**OTHER**

	Retirement	1,718,246.00	1,718,246.00	0.00
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**SCHOOL**

	ARRSD	4,074,026.00	4,074,026.00	0.00
	Vocational	252,544.00	252,544.00	0.00
	Franklin Tech School	35100	34478	622.00
<b>Total School</b>		<b>4,361,670.00</b>	<b>4,361,048.00</b>	<b>622.00</b>

**ASSESSMENTS**

	Air Pollution Control	2,609.00	2,609.00	0.00
	Montachusett RTA	49,008.00	49,008.00	0.00
	RMV Non-Renewal	23,660.00	22,469.00	1,191.00
<b>Total Assessments</b>		<b>75,277.00</b>	<b>74,086.00</b>	<b>1,191.00</b>

**TOTAL OPERATIONAL SPENDING**                      **19,011,223.00**                      **18,890,636.31**                      **120,586.69**

**ARTICLES/HOLDOVERS**

Description		Amount	
	FY09 Capital Plan		756.21
	FY10 Capital Plan		0.00
	FY11 Capital Plan		0.00
	FY12 Capital Plan		229.25
	FY13 Capital Plan		35,791.12
	FY14 Capital Plan		37,971.22
	FY15 Capital Plan		81,159.20
	FY16 Capital Plan		21,664.63
	FY17 Capital Plan		211,092.00
	<b>Total Capital Funds</b>		
	Disposition of Schools		3,900.00
	FY15 Reval		40,981.57
	FY17 Reval		51,000.00
	Paramedic Cert		2,956.94
	Infusion Pumps		585.00
	FY16 Demo		7,251.00
	FY17 Demp		441.47
	DEP Site Invest		18,638.10
			<b>388,663.63</b>



	Retirement Payout FY16		3,051.29
	Insurance & Donnelly		28,095.22
	Sanders St School		2,300.00
	West Entrance Stairs		4,900.00
	Copier		16.40
	Copier		7.04
	Coper		97.3
	Copier		108.40
	Halh Ins and Bank Fee		8,100.00
	Hazard Duty and Clothing		1,443.21
			2,516.78

**Total Funds to be Heldover**

**176,389.72**

**Sewer Fund**

	Holdover		51.83
	FY14 Replace UV Lamp		15,946.57
	FY16 Capital		11,456.31
	FY17 Capital		20,000.00
	<b>Total Sewer Funds Heldover</b>		

**47,454.71**

**Water Fund**

	Water Holdover		70.00
	FY17 Capital		51,336.40
	<b>Total Water Funds Heldover</b>		

**51,406.40**

**Transfer Station**

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**Total of Funds Heldover**

**663,914.46**




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**Water Enterprise  
Income Statement  
July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017**

<b>Receipts</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
	Water Charges/Service	1,100,328	1,200,660	100,332
	Water Interest	5,000	34,287	29,287
	Sale of Inventory			0
	Water Acct Charge	77,500	82,075	4,575
	Water Liens to Taxes			0
	Miscellaneous Revenue		2,598	2,598
	<b>Total Water Revenue</b>	<b>1,182,828</b>	<b>1,319,620</b>	<b>136,792</b>

<b>Expenses</b>				
	Operational Expenses	823,001	706,999	116,002
	Debt	203,396	202,113	1,283
	Health Insurance	63,326	63,326	0
	Overhead	97,800	97,800	0
	<b>Total Water Expenses</b>	<b>1,187,523</b>	<b>1,070,238</b>	<b>117,285</b>

**Sewer Enterprise  
Income Statement  
July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017**

<b>Receipts</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
	Sewer Charges/Service	1,392,473	1,437,926	45,453
	Sewer Interest	4,000	10,933	6,933
	Sewer Acct Charge	67,500	78,488	10,988
	Sewer Liens to Taxes		1,483	1,483
	Retained Earnings for Expenses			0
	Sale of Inventory			0
	<b>Total Sewer Revenue</b>	<b>1,463,973</b>	<b>1,528,830</b>	<b>64,857</b>

<b>Expenses</b>				
	Operational Expenses	911,177	738,966	172,211
	Debt	367,458	366,803	655
	Health Insurance	87,538	87,538	0
	Overhead	97,800	97,800	0
	<b>Total Sewer Expenses</b>	<b>1,463,973</b>	<b>1,291,107</b>	<b>172,866</b>



**Transfer Station Enterprise**  
**Income Statement**  
**July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017**

<b>Receipts</b>			<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
	Transfer Receipts		418,310	376,839	(41,471)
	Retained Earnings		4,769	4,769	0
	<b>Total Transfer Revenue</b>		<b>423,079</b>	<b>381,608</b>	<b>(41,471)</b>

<b>Expenses</b>					
	Operational Expenses		363,242	318,596	44,646
	Debt		38,800	38,800	0
	Health Insurance		21,037	21,037	0
	Overhead				0
	<b>Total Transfer Expenses</b>		<b>423,079</b>	<b>378,433</b>	44,646

**Special Revenue Fund Grants - Federal Grants**

<b>Community Block Grant</b>		<b>Lake Ellis Dam Grant</b>	
Beginning Balance	61,730	Beginning Balance	31,210
Revenues	452,853	Revenues	0
Expenditures	335,226	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	179,357	Ending Balance	31,210
<b>COPS More Grant</b>			
Beginning Balance	5,353		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	5,353		
<b>LLEGD 2004</b>			
Beginning Balance	1,617		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	1,617		
<b>Byrne Youth Employment Grant</b>			
Beginning Balance	1,971	<b>Total Federal Grants</b>	
Revenues	0	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>102,280</b>
Expenditures	0	<b>Revenues</b>	<b>452,881</b>
Ending Balance	1,971	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>335,226</b>
		<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>219,935</b>
<b>Library Planning Grant</b>			
Beginning Balance	45		
Revenues	28		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	73		
<b>N Central Tech Assist Grant</b>			
Beginning Balance	354		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	354		

**Special Revenue Fund Grants - State Grants**

<b>Arts Lottery</b>		<b>Election &amp; Regis Reimb</b>	
Beginning Balance	2,041	Beginning Balance	2,676
Revenues	7,446	Revenues	5,391
Expenditures	5,972	Expenditures	3,207
Ending Balance	3,515	Ending Balance	4,860
<b>Comm Septic System</b>		<b>Clean Energy CHC Matching Grant</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,405	Beginning Balance	345
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,405	Ending Balance	345
<b>43D Expedite Grant</b>		<b>BOH Skin Cancer Grant</b>	
Beginning Balance	6,703	Beginning Balance	434
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	193
Ending Balance	6,703	Ending Balance	241
<b>Council on Aging Boyton Fund</b>		<b>Library Grant</b>	
Beginning Balance	0	Beginning Balance	60,006
Revenues	2,410	Revenues	22,422
Expenditures	2,298	Expenditures	499
Ending Balance	112	Ending Balance	81,929
<b>Fed Bio Terrorism Grant</b>		<b>MLBC Construction Grnt Lib Expansion</b>	
Beginning Balance	290	Beginning Balance	127,170
Revenues	0	Revenues	294
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	10,884
Ending Balance	290	Ending Balance	116,580
<b>Homeland Sec Grant</b>		<b>Energy Audit Rocket Grant</b>	
Beginning Balance	15	Beginning Balance	2,179
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	15	Ending Balance	2,179
<b>Composting Grant</b>		<b>MA Forest Stewardship Plan</b>	
Beginning Balance	125	Beginning Balance	500
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	125	Ending Balance	500

<b>FY14 Greene Comm Grant</b>		<b>FY17 MIIS Sewer Preventative</b>	
Beginning Balance	0	Beginning Balance	0
Revenues	36,147	Revenues	5,000
Expenditures	36,147	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	0	Ending Balance	5,000
<b>DOER Library Green Comm Grant</b>		<b>FY17 Recycling Div Trans Station</b>	
Beginning Balance	10,791	Beginning Balance	0
Revenues	0	Revenues	2,600
Expenditures	10,791	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	0	Ending Balance	2,600
<b>MA DEP RDP Grant Trans Station</b>		<b>FY17 Comm Compact IT Computers</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,400	Beginning Balance	0
Revenues	0	Revenues	13,440
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	13,212
Ending Balance	1,400	Ending Balance	229
<b>BOH Immunization Disparity Grant</b>			
Beginning Balance	3,919		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	507		
Ending Balance	3,412		
<b>FY16 Small Scale Transf Station</b>			
Beginning Balance	1,000		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	1,000		
<b>Recycling Div Prog Transf Station</b>			
Beginning Balance	2,400		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	2,400		
<b>FY16 MHMPG Bearsden ConComm</b>			
Beginning Balance	0		
Revenues	24,610		
Expenditures	24,610		
Ending Balance	0		
<b>FY16 Green Communities Grant</b>		<b>Total State Grants</b>	
Beginning Balance	0	Beginning Balance	223,399
Revenues	17,741	Revenues	137,501
Expenditures	17,741	Expenditures	126,061
Ending Balance	0	Ending Balance	234,840

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<b>Fire Department Grants</b>			
<b>Fire SAFE Grant</b>		<b>FY17 Mass Decon Unit Grant</b>	
Beginning Balance	4,635	Beginning Balance	0
Revenues	0	Revenues	4,000
Expenditures	988	Expenditures	4,000
Ending Balance	3,647	Ending Balance	0
<b>Emergency Planning Comm</b>		<b>Total Fire Dept Grants</b>	
Beginning Balance	141	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>5,092</b>
Revenues	0	<b>Revenues</b>	<b>20,987</b>
Expenditures	0	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>15,428</b>
Ending Balance	141	<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>10,652</b>
<b>Emergency MGT Grant</b>			
Beginning Balance	316		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	316		
<b>FY16 Emergency MGT Grant</b>			
Beginning Balance	0		
Revenues	3,220		
Expenditures	3,220		
Ending Balance	0		
<b>FY17 Fire SAFE Grant</b>			
Beginning Balance	0		
Revenues	3,951		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	3,951		
<b>FY17 Senior SAFE Grant</b>			
Beginning Balance	0		
Revenues	2,596		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	2,596		
<b>FY17 EMPG Grant</b>			
Beginning Balance	0		
Revenues	7,220		
Expenditures	7,220		
Ending Balance	0		









**Special Revenue Funds - Other**

<b>Council on Aging Special</b>		<b>Library Memorial Book</b>	
Beginning Balance	45,537	Beginning Balance	2,346
Revenues	8,008	Revenues	714
Expenditures	3,952	Expenditures	147
Ending Balance	49,593	Ending Balance	2,913
<b>Council on Aging Parmenter</b>		<b>Mass. Decon Unit Training</b>	
Beginning Balance	0	Beginning Balance	2,000
Revenues	2,825	Revenues	0
Expenditures	2,490	Expenditures	484
Ending Balance	335	Ending Balance	1,516
<b>Agriculture Comm Donations</b>		<b>Safety Education Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,533	Beginning Balance	322
Revenues	139	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,672	Ending Balance	322
<b>Bunzl Extr/Construct Dynamics</b>		<b>DARE Donation Account</b>	
Beginning Balance	889	Beginning Balance	796
Revenues	0	Revenues	200
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	889	Ending Balance	996
<b>Building and Fire Dept Fines</b>		<b>Veterans Park Donations</b>	
Beginning Balance	491	Beginning Balance	500
Revenues	300	Revenues	1,410
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	1,635
Ending Balance	791	Ending Balance	275
<b>Drug Forfeiture</b>		<b>Teen Task Force Donations</b>	
Beginning Balance	2,472	Beginning Balance	2,247
Revenues	1,068	Revenues	0
Expenditures	3,340	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	200	Ending Balance	2,247
<b>Parmenter Large Print</b>		<b>Town Hall Flag Pole Donations</b>	
Beginning Balance	(35)	Beginning Balance	1,159
Revenues	2,000	Revenues	0
Expenditures	1,307	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	658	Ending Balance	1,159

<b>Care of Animals Donations</b>		<b>Memorial Hall Revitalization</b>	
Beginning Balance	3,100	Beginning Balance	5,278
Revenues	22,489	Revenues	0
Expenditures	27,739	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	(2,150)	Ending Balance	5,278
<b>Shade Tree Comm Donations</b>		<b>Fire Dept Donations</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,716	Beginning Balance	1,881
Revenues	965	Revenues	915
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	2,681	Ending Balance	2,796
<b>Holiday Decorations Donations</b>		<b>Friends of Library Donation</b>	
Beginning Balance	(61)	Beginning Balance	3,469
Revenues	715	Revenues	0
Expenditures	50	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	604	Ending Balance	3,469
<b>ACO Van/Equip Donations</b>		<b>Community Safty Day/Police</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,090	Beginning Balance	525
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	474	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	616	Ending Balance	525
<b>Bearsden Donations</b>		<b>Police Donations</b>	
Beginning Balance	265	Beginning Balance	2,078
Revenues	45	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	395
Ending Balance	310	Ending Balance	1,683
<b>Silver Lake Lights Donations</b>		<b>Retail Mgt Devel for MarketBasket</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,114	Beginning Balance	15,187
Revenues	0	Revenues	56
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,114	Ending Balance	15,243
<b>ACO Facility Donations</b>		<b>Expedited Permitting 43D MarketBasket</b>	
Beginning Balance	190	Beginning Balance	29,795
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	190	Ending Balance	29,795
<b>Recreation Comm Donations</b>		<b>Buiding/Inspectional Enforcement</b>	
Beginning Balance	13,041	Beginning Balance	0
Revenues	0	Revenues	9,075
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	13,041	Ending Balance	9,075

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### Revolving Funds

<b>Ch 535 Insurance Reimbursement</b>	
Beginning Balance	35,899
Revenues	40,553
Expenditures	49,336
Ending Balance	27,116
<b>Conservation Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,860
Revenues	2,263
Expenditures	4,348
Ending Balance	(225)
<b>VABC Receivership/Rehab Liens</b>	
Beginning Balance	36,163
Revenues	45,531
Expenditures	12,363
Ending Balance	69,331
<b>Accident Recovery Account</b>	
Beginning Balance	117
Revenues	0
Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	117
<b>Total Revolving Funds</b>	
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>74,039</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>88,347</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>66,047</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>96,339</b>

### Receipts Reserved for Appropriation

<b>Equipment Rental</b>	
Beginning Balance	3,704
Revenues	60
Expenditures	60
Ending Balance	3,704
<b>Parking Meter</b>	
Beginning Balance	68,304
Revenues	11,328
Expenditures	17,000
Ending Balance	62,632
<b>Sale of Cemetery Lots</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,180
Revenues	533
Expenditures	500
Ending Balance	1,213
<b>Reserve for Ambulance Expenses</b>	
Beginning Balance	100,141
Revenues	89,715
Expenditures	11,685
Ending Balance	178,171
<b>Conservation Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	26,109
Revenues	0
Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	26,109
<b>Sale of Real Estate Proceeds</b>	
Beginning Balance	5,000
Revenues	36,780
Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	41,780
<b>Total Receipts Reserved for Appropriation</b>	
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>204,438</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>138,416</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>29,245</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>313,609</b>

### Agency and Trust

<b>Plumbing Inspector Fees</b>		<b>Septic Revenue</b>	
Beginning Balance	10,822	Beginning Balance	953
Revenues	9,757	Revenues	0
Expenditures	14,050	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	6,529	Ending Balance	953
<b>Gas Inspector Fees</b>		<b>Trench Permitting Account</b>	
Beginning Balance	4,578	Beginning Balance	390
Revenues	3,410	Revenues	0
Expenditures	3,695	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	4,293	Ending Balance	390
<b>Tailings</b>		<b>Compost Bins</b>	
Beginning Balance	7,717	Beginning Balance	1,569
Revenues	0	Revenues	905
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	1,820
Ending Balance	7,717	Ending Balance	654
<b>Fire Dept Outside Details</b>		<b>Building Dept Outside Detail</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,540	Beginning Balance	818
Revenues	1,011	Revenues	1,760
Expenditures	1,463	Expenditures	1,831
Ending Balance	1,088	Ending Balance	747
<b>Ch 773 - Police Outside Detail</b>		<b>Conservation Maps</b>	
Beginning Balance	33,425	Beginning Balance	1,313
Revenues	170,468	Revenues	0
Expenditures	165,409	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	38,484	Ending Balance	1,313
<b>Deputy Tax Collector</b>		<b>Health Vaccines</b>	
Beginning Balance	0	Beginning Balance	1,509
Revenues	192,801	Revenues	3,461
Expenditures	48,655	Expenditures	2,000
Ending Balance	144,146	Ending Balance	2,970
<b>Fire Arm &amp; Licenses</b>			
Beginning Balance	5,663		
Revenues	18,080		
Expenditures	18,888		
Ending Balance	4,855		

<b>Recreation Fees</b>			
Beginning Balance	16,061		
Revenues	6,389		
Expenditures	8,062		
Ending Balance	14,388		
<b>Agency and Trust</b>			
Beginning Balance	(546)		
Revenues	148,328		
Expenditures	145,033		
Ending Balance	2,749		
<b>Agency and Trust Summary</b>			
Beginning Balance	85,812		
Revenues	556,370		
Expenditures	410,906		
Ending Balance	231,276		

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

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



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

<b>Carrie/Flora Hale Flower</b>		<b>G/R Sprague Charity Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	300	Beginning Balance	3,000
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	300	Ending Balance	3,000
<b>Winnie Burnham Flower</b>		<b>Cemetery General Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	300	Beginning Balance	577,028
Revenues	0	Revenues	11,005
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	300	Ending Balance	588,033
<b>Albert Drury Flower</b>		<b>Coffin Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	300	Beginning Balance	300
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	300	Ending Balance	300
<b>Willey Flower</b>		<b>Gamon Flower Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	300	Beginning Balance	500
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	300	Ending Balance	500
<b>Elizabeth Cropper Flower</b>		<b>Melvina Lukus Library</b>	
Beginning Balance	300	Beginning Balance	4,684
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	300	Ending Balance	4,684
<b>Marjorie Hill Flower</b>		<b>Ruby Cook Library Trust Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	500	Beginning Balance	32,220
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	500	Ending Balance	32,220
<b>Nellie Byron Fountain</b>		<b>McGuirk Floer Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	4,452	Beginning Balance	300
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	4,452	Ending Balance	300
<b>Cemetery Tomb Fund</b>		<b>Johnson Library Trust</b>	
Beginning Balance	2,000	Beginning Balance	960
Revenues	0	Revenues	0
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	2,000	Ending Balance	960

<b>MaGranis/Davenport Trust</b>			
Beginning Balance	10,000	<b>Ben &amp; Margaret Feldman</b>	
Revenues	0	Beginning Balance	325
Expenditures	0	Revenues	0
Ending Balance	10,000	Expenditures	0
		Ending Balance	325
<b>Lillian Plotkin Scholarship Fund</b>			
Beginning Balance	10,000	<b>OPEB Liability Trust</b>	
Revenues	0	Beginning Balance	20,116
Expenditures	0	Revenues	10,933
Ending Balance	10,000	Expenditures	0
		Ending Balance	31,049
<b>Amelia Gibson Library Trust</b>			
Beginning Balance	78,261		
Revenues	0	<b>Non-Expendable Trust Summary</b>	
Expenditures	0	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>1,583,424</b>
Ending Balance	78,261	<b>Revenues</b>	<b>21,938</b>
		<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Nye Library Trust</b>		<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>1,605,362</b>
Beginning Balance	2,000		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	2,000		
<b>Frawley Flower</b>			
Beginning Balance	300		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	300		
<b>Thomas Flower</b>			
Beginning Balance	325		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	325		
<b>H and C Brouillet Library Trust</b>			
Beginning Balance	5,000		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	5,000		
<b>C Brouillet Apprenticeship</b>			
Beginning Balance	573,183		
Revenues	0		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	573,183		

**Expendable Trust Funds  
Revenue and Expenditures**

<b>Spaight Street School</b>		<b>Craignin Downing</b>	
Beginning Balance	409	Beginning Balance	1,156
Revenues	13	Revenues	72
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	422	Ending Balance	1,228
<b>Charles Cooke School</b>		<b>Richard B Ellis Memorial</b>	
Beginning Balance	502	Beginning Balance	364
Revenues	32	Revenues	12
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	534	Ending Balance	377
<b>Gertrude M Hale Scholarship</b>		<b>Barbara Dexter</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,440	Beginning Balance	1,008
Revenues	948	Revenues	14
Expenditures	500	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,888	Ending Balance	1,022
<b>Lyman Ward School</b>		<b>Dr. Talcott Memorial</b>	
Beginning Balance	3,698	Beginning Balance	771
Revenues	43	Revenues	12
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	3,741	Ending Balance	783
<b>Edwin C Hale Library</b>		<b>Martha Talcott Memorial</b>	
Beginning Balance	9,854	Beginning Balance	1,391
Revenues	1,021	Revenues	53
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	10,875	Ending Balance	1,443
<b>Kate Fay Library</b>		<b>Russell Field Library</b>	
Beginning Balance	5,782	Beginning Balance	767
Revenues	290	Revenues	16
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	6,072	Ending Balance	783
<b>Fay Johnstone Library</b>		<b>Talcott Historical</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,092	Beginning Balance	1,176
Revenues	15	Revenues	12
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,106	Ending Balance	1,188

<b>Adele Parmenter</b>		<b>Waterman Flower</b>	
Beginning Balance	805	Beginning Balance	1,042
Revenues	12	Revenues	12
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	23
Ending Balance	817	Ending Balance	1,031
<b>Millers River Translator</b>		<b>Wilder Cemetery Flower</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,690	Beginning Balance	576
Revenues	17	Revenues	8
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	23
Ending Balance	1,707	Ending Balance	561
<b>Gladys Green Library</b>		<b>White Taylor Boland Flower</b>	
Beginning Balance	2,054	Beginning Balance	358
Revenues	21	Revenues	5
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	12
Ending Balance	2,075	Ending Balance	351
<b>Herbert L Bartlet Library</b>		<b>Kate Fay Flower</b>	
Beginning Balance	2,567	Beginning Balance	999
Revenues	32	Revenues	13
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	42
Ending Balance	2,599	Ending Balance	970
<b>Helen Aiken Library</b>		<b>Allen Warrell Flower</b>	
Beginning Balance	486	Beginning Balance	1,354
Revenues	5	Revenues	17
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	23
Ending Balance	491	Ending Balance	1,348
<b>A Harding Library</b>		<b>Charles Everett Flower</b>	
Beginning Balance	2,704	Beginning Balance	2,159
Revenues	27	Revenues	24
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	23
Ending Balance	2,731	Ending Balance	2,160
<b>Marion Crane Flower</b>		<b>Laban Morse Flower</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,497	Beginning Balance	424
Revenues	18	Revenues	7
Expenditures	23	Expenditures	23
Ending Balance	1,492	Ending Balance	407
<b>Morse Davidson Flower</b>		<b>Marie/Virginia Phillips Flower</b>	
Beginning Balance	809	Beginning Balance	637
Revenues	10	Revenues	9
Expenditures	23	Expenditures	23
Ending Balance	796	Ending Balance	623

<b>Carrie/Flora Hale Flower</b>		<b>G/R Sprague Charity Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	383	Beginning Balance	32,341
Revenues	6	Revenues	322
Expenditures	23	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	366	Ending Balance	32,663
<b>Winnie Burnham Flower</b>		<b>Cemetery General Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	434	Beginning Balance	37,343
Revenues	7	Revenues	5,595
Expenditures	23	Expenditures	6,739
Ending Balance	417	Ending Balance	36,199
<b>Albert Drury Flower</b>		<b>Coffin Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	292	Beginning Balance	102
Revenues	5	Revenues	4
Expenditures	12	Expenditures	12
Ending Balance	286	Ending Balance	94
<b>Willey Flower</b>		<b>Gamon Flower Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	129	Beginning Balance	359
Revenues	4	Revenues	8
Expenditures	12	Expenditures	12
Ending Balance	121	Ending Balance	355
<b>Elizabeth Cropper Flower</b>		<b>Melvina Lukus Library</b>	
Beginning Balance	102	Beginning Balance	925
Revenues	4	Revenues	51
Expenditures	12	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	94	Ending Balance	977
<b>Marjorie Hill Flower</b>		<b>Ruby Cook Library Trust Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	187	Beginning Balance	4,486
Revenues	6	Revenues	334
Expenditures	23	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	170	Ending Balance	4,820
<b>Nellie Byron Fountain</b>		<b>McGuirk Flower Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	20,278	Beginning Balance	269
Revenues	225	Revenues	5
Expenditures	450	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	20,052	Ending Balance	274
<b>Cemetery Tomb Fund</b>		<b>Johnson Library Trust</b>	
Beginning Balance	29,288	Beginning Balance	607
Revenues	285	Revenues	14
Expenditures	46	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	29,527	Ending Balance	621

<b>MaGranis/Davenport Trust</b>		<b>Library Book Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,378	Beginning Balance	158
Revenues	104	Revenues	1
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,482	Ending Balance	159
<b>Lillian Plotkin Scholarship Fund</b>		<b>Stabilization</b>	
Beginning Balance	(167)	Beginning Balance	620,369
Revenues	90	Revenues	20,081
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	(77)	Ending Balance	640,450
<b>Amelia Gibson Library Trust</b>		<b>Conservation Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	10,139	Beginning Balance	1,993
Revenues	805	Revenues	18
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	10,944	Ending Balance	2,011
<b>Nye Library Trust</b>		<b>Davenport Trust</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,020	Beginning Balance	2,124
Revenues	28	Revenues	19
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,047	Ending Balance	2,143
<b>Frawley Flower</b>		<b>Lake Park Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	114	Beginning Balance	11,928
Revenues	4	Revenues	109
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	118	Ending Balance	12,037
<b>Thomas Flower</b>		<b>Charles Starrett</b>	
Beginning Balance	0	Beginning Balance	17,667
Revenues	3	Revenues	161
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	3	Ending Balance	17,828
<b>H and C Brouillet Library Trust</b>		<b>Library Capital Improvement</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,444	Beginning Balance	2,139
Revenues	59	Revenues	20
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	1,503	Ending Balance	2,159
<b>C Brouillet Apprenticeship</b>		<b>Bassett Trust for Fire</b>	
Beginning Balance	14,519	Beginning Balance	44,348
Revenues	5,355	Revenues	406
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	775
Ending Balance	19,874	Ending Balance	43,978

<b>Bassett Trust for Police</b>		<b>Ben &amp; Margaret Feldman</b>	
Beginning Balance	0	Beginning Balance	4
Revenues	0	Revenues	3
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	0	Ending Balance	7
<b>Insurance Stabilization Fund</b>		<b>M G Foster Mann Library Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	25,202	Beginning Balance	5061
Revenues	230	Revenues	46
Expenditures	0	Expenditures	0
Ending Balance	25,431	Ending Balance	5108
<b>DM Goldsher Friends of Library</b>			
Beginning Balance	4,771		
Revenues	43		
Expenditures	0		
Ending Balance	4,815		
<b>A &amp; K Ralys Library Trust</b>		<b>Non-Expendable Trust Summary</b>	
Beginning Balance	1,430,201	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>2,371,508</b>
Revenues	28,613	<b>Revenues</b>	<b>65,861</b>
Expenditures	7,375	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>16,251</b>
Ending Balance	1,451,439	<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>2,421,119</b>



# ATHOL BOARD OF ASSESSORS

## ANNUAL REPORT 2016/2017

The new FT2017 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 5.4%. The next triennial revaluation will be for FT2022 and will be conducted by the Firm of Vision Government Solutions, Inc. With the completion of the Library, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year payment schedule and various other town projects above the 2 ½ restrictions, the tax rate increased fifty-nine cents. Members of the Board are Kenneth Vaidulas; Chairman, Edward Ledgard and Lisa Aldrich; Principal Assessor (full-time) and Jean Robinson; Assistant Assessor.

### ASSESSING STATISTICS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017:

Total amount to be raised:	\$23,873,070.75
Estimated Receipts/Revenues:	\$10,459,573.94
Tax Levy:	\$13,413,496.81
Tax Rate:	\$ 20.40

There were 195 exemptions and work-off program granted in the tax amount of \$119,310.96. Of this amount there was \$99,100.00 given out for qualifying veterans and their wives and \$68,000 to qualifying applicants. A total of \$20,210.96 (29) was given out for the Senior Work-Off Program.

The Board of Assessors committed during FY2017:

Real Estate:	\$12,898,522.72
Personal Property:	\$ 514,974.20
Excise:	\$ 1,177,169.12
Title V Betterments:	\$ 18,228.18
Omitted (Athol Housing):	\$ 3,626.40

The Board of Assessors granted during FY2017:

Personal Property Abatements:	\$ 13,802.22
Real Estate Abatements:	\$ 21,970.80

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth A. Vaidulas, Chairman  
Lisa M. Aldrich, Principal Assessor  
Edward F. Ledgard  
Jean W. Robinson, Assistant Assessor

# Report of the Town Treasurer/Collector

For Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Athol:

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

The collection consists of real estate, personal property, motor vehicle excise, water/sewer charges, tax title, fees and charges due to other town departments, ambulance, grants, along with state and local aid payments.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melanie Rajaniemi – Assistant Treasurer

Cathy Levreault – Assistant Collector

Tammy Collier – Treasurer/Collector

## Tax Collections FY2017

Receivable	Beginning Balance	Additional Commitments	Net to Tax Title	Payments	Abatements	Exemptions	Refunds	Ending Balance
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$367,973.01	\$1,177,169.12	\$0.00	\$1,125,168.99	\$38,685.04	\$0.00	(\$22,015.58)	\$403,301.18
Personal Property	\$18,773.61	\$514,974.20	\$0.00	\$507,904.71	\$13,802.22	\$0.00	(\$17,110.49)	\$29,151.37
Septic Betterments	\$1,131.59	\$14,082.89	\$0.00	\$15,504.35	\$266.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$555.97)
Real Estate	\$579,602.18	\$12,898,522.73	\$203,909.78	\$12,454,718.36	\$25,822.28	\$117,945.22	(\$57,949.06)	\$733,678.33
Water/ Sewer Lien	\$25.00	\$1,831.66	\$0.00	\$1,135.96	\$695.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
WATER/SEWER	\$183,955.20	\$2,804,174.41	\$0.00	\$2,767,777.35	\$155,503.01	\$0.00	(\$31,454.92)	\$96,304.17

## Treasurers Cash

Cash and Checks in Office	\$307.91
Non-Interest Bearing Checking Accounts	\$22,580.39
Interest Bearing Checking Accounts	\$1,365,117.94
Liquid Investments	\$3,214,844.84
Trust/Stabilization Funds	<u>\$4,011,660.48</u>
Total Cash	\$8,614,511.56

## Debt

	Outstanding 7/1/2016	Issued	Retired	Outstanding 6/30/2017	Interest Paid in FY2017
GRAND TOTAL All Debt	\$26,829,981.00	\$3,430,000.00	\$5,706,278.00	\$24,553,703.00	\$757,722.01

<b><i>LAST NAME</i></b>	<b><i>FIRST NAME</i></b>	<b><i>CURR GROSS</i></b>	<b><i>Department-name</i></b>
BACHELDER	CAROL	48401.14	Town Clerk
BRISSETTE	HOLLY	198.00	Town Clerk
WATSON	NANCY E	88491.19	Town Clerk
HORRIGAN	HUGH	408.00	Election
LOZIER	GERARD	408.00	Election
HAMLETT	JOAN	1620.00	Health
MIARECKI	MARTIN	1350.00	Health
PURPLE	NORMA	1350.00	Health
VONDAL	DEBORAH	61519.25	Health
ADAMS	WILLIAM	10952.41	Library
BOUGHTON	EMILY	9589.50	Library
BRZOZOWSKI	ROBIN	10705.86	Library
BUCK	BRENDA	30.00	Library
CUTLER-RUSSO	ANNE	38316.31	Library
DUMAS	ANGELA	39687.81	Library
FISK	CAROL	8614.50	Library
GAGNE	RHEBA	8281.00	Library
LEHMANN	MARIE	40623.47	Library
MATTHEWS	KELSEY	29363.19	Library
MCNIFF	KAREN	37364.82	Library
SHAUGHNESSY	JEAN E	68469.76	Library
SHTULMAN	ROBIN	49213.59	Library
SKINNER	OLIVIA	7579.00	Library
SPOONER	MALGORZATA	130.00	Library
TOMLINSON	SEAN	2663.50	Library
BOYER	JEFFREY	23377.60	Dispatcher
CUMMINGS JR	JOSEPH	7073.25	Dispatcher
DAVIS	PATRICE	52198.01	Dispatcher
DIAMOND	JOCELYN	2600.00	Dispatcher
GABRENAS	LISA	50630.09	Dispatcher
GAMBRELL	SARAH	21151.79	Dispatcher
HASTINGS	DIANE	7489.69	Dispatcher
ISAKSON	BECKY	60693.72	Dispatcher
LONG	MARIE	5611.12	Dispatcher
MARONI	DAWN	6314.00	Dispatcher
MARTIN	THOMAS	3964.00	Dispatcher
MORGAN	ALEXA	7169.24	Dispatcher
PURPLE	NORMAN	2497.00	Dispatcher
RUSSELL	PATRICIA	9692.90	Dispatcher
ARSENAULT	JENNIFER	46735.07	Dog Officer
MCLAUGHLIN	LAWRENCE	194.00	Moderator
FISHER	KALA	1510.76	Zoning/Planning
TAYLOR	ANN	400.00	Zoning/Planning
BIALECKI	REBECCA	344.25	Selectmen
BRIGHENTI	ANTHONY	1163.78	Selectmen
BRISSETTE	HEATHER	55360.83	Selectmen

CALDWELL	WILLIAM	1374.75	Selectmen
CHAUVETTE	LEE	1505.98	Selectmen
DODGE	ALAN	1030.50	Selectmen
RAYMOND	STEPHEN	1374.75	Selectmen
SUHOSKI	SHAUN	117126.71	Selectmen
YOUNG	HOLLY	344.25	Selectmen
MALLET	JOHNNY	8958.29	Animal Inspector
MOORE	ALYSSA	3184.64	nunity Development
SMITH	ERIC	71487.70	nunity Development
BARRY	BARBARA	5700.00	Tax Collector
JOWDER	BRIDGET	33837.72	Tax Collector
MURPHY	MELISSA	56383.08	Tax Collector
RAJANIEMI	MELANIE	36174.98	Tax Collector
SARGENT	SUSAN	42923.25	Tax Collector
ALDRICH	LISA	58353.10	Assessors
LEDGARD	EDWARD	225.00	Assessors
ROBINSON	JEAN W.	40309.72	Assessors
VAIDULAS	KENNETH	1652.04	Assessors
GREENE	JOHN R	7074.11	Weights & Measures
FITCH	FEDENCIA	5271.36	Veterans Services
MCGUIRK	NEIL	44941.60	Veterans Services
MAILLOUX	CHRISTINE E	73414.70	Accountant
MURPHY	MARYANN	48274.05	Accountant
KIMBALL	DENNIS	49944.52	Town Hall
JOLY	DANIEL	17745.00	Building Dept
LEGARE	ROBERT	28686.50	Building Dept
SKOWYRA	BRIANNA	21387.58	Building Dept
YOUNG	BECKY	37288.13	Building Dept
ADAMS	LARRY	58942.13	DPW-Supt.
BALBEN	WILLIAM	30025.71	DPW-Supt.
BASS	VERNON	63030.06	DPW-Supt.
BELLOLI	ANDREW	69340.31	DPW-Supt.
BURNETT	JEREMY	38629.88	DPW-Supt.
CAREY	JASON	48692.61	DPW-Supt.
CARR	DAVID	63340.21	DPW-Supt.
COOLEY	DIANA L.	47187.49	DPW-Supt.
COSTA	ROBERT N	67205.22	DPW-Supt.
CRAVEN	DAVID	59833.52	DPW-Supt.
CROTEAU	MARIE	29517.74	DPW-Supt.
HUGHES	ROBERT	44436.29	DPW-Supt.
HUGHES	ROBERT L.	65326.41	DPW-Supt.
KEDDY	PAUL	4652.78	DPW-Supt.
KISTNER	JONATHAN	2320.00	DPW-Supt.
LEBLANC	GARY	71366.65	DPW-Supt.
LICHTENBERGER	JASON	53117.22	DPW-Supt.
MUSHNICK	REBECCA	10260.25	DPW-Supt.
PEIRCE	HERBERT	64308.12	DPW-Supt.

ROY	ROBERT	3330.08	DPW-Supt.
SANTA	XAVIER	6161.13	DPW-Supt.
SEXTON	ROBERT	73394.15	DPW-Supt.
SUPERCHI	DANIEL	64196.32	DPW-Supt.
TESSIER	ANDREW	94484.46	DPW-Supt.
TRUEHART	DUANE	79143.49	DPW-Supt.
TURNER	THOMAS	58851.96	DPW-Supt.
WALSH	DOUGLAS	99957.67	DPW-Supt.
KEDDY JR.	ALAN	52160.94	DPW-Cemetery
KNECHTEL	TRAVIS	71244.94	DPW-Cemetery
THIEM	JEFFREY	30385.41	DPW-Cemetery
AUCOIN	RICHARD	551.18	Outside Detail
BARTUS	JOHN	690.70	Outside Detail
BOUCHARD	JAMES S	1257.75	Outside Detail
BRITT	ERNEST J	1040.00	Outside Detail
CASELLA	CHRISTOPHER	2890.11	Outside Detail
DION	LAURINDA	3169.10	Outside Detail
HAGER	KENT A	2330.76	Outside Detail
MARTIN	RICHARD	9567.72	Outside Detail
POLLARD	JAMES	5170.23	Outside Detail
ADAMS JR	STEVEN	75814.22	Police
ANDERSON	TIMOTHY	56579.65	Police
BROWN	COREY	62824.98	Police
BUCK	PETER J	71422.88	Police
CHAUVETTE	COREY	63984.05	Police
COOLEY	ADAM	58369.00	Police
COTE	RONNY R	71388.66	Police
CUMMINGS	THOMAS	64277.95	Police
DEVENEAU	CRAIG	77659.19	Police
DUBRULE	SCOTT A	78752.53	Police
FORTES	GREGORY	85998.90	Police
FREDETTE	ERICK	40182.25	Police
HAGER	DONALD	60396.20	Police
HEATH	KEVIN	99468.02	Police
KACZMARCZYK	DOUGLAS	75698.25	Police
KLEBER	RUSSELL	95822.50	Police
MORSE	MICHAEL	4340.00	Police
MOUSSEAU	JARRET	98341.66	Police
NEALE	TODD W.	60400.07	Police
O'LARI	ALBERT	58458.51	Police
SARDELIS	RYAN	2254.00	Police
STANGE	RANDAL	80024.56	Police
BERGQUIST	ELIZABETH	34665.50	Fire-Reg
BRAILEY	TRAVIS	1941.00	Fire-Reg
DISALLE	DANIEL	61691.93	Fire-Reg
DUBRULE JR.	BRUCE	86591.02	Fire-Reg
DUGUAY SR	JOHN L	101391.92	Fire-Reg

ERALI	CHAD	104691.72	Fire-Reg
FERGUSON	JAMES	91149.80	Fire-Reg
GIRARD	CHAD	107350.44	Fire-Reg
HAMILTON	JAMAL	83033.92	Fire-Reg
HARRIS	ADAM	2579.57	Fire-Reg
HORRIGAN	KEVIN S	113401.18	Fire-Reg
JACK	ERIC R	146800.79	Fire-Reg
KACZMARCZYK	KEVIN	100953.04	Fire-Reg
LACKI	LESTER	9449.21	Fire-Reg
LANDRY JR	PAUL	93646.21	Fire-Reg
MITCHELL	ADAM	9021.18	Fire-Reg
PARISI	TRAVIS	79385.66	Fire-Reg
PARKER	JEFFREY	83080.86	Fire-Reg
RICHARDSON	TINA	2345.66	Fire-Reg
SANDOVA	DANA	60184.50	Fire-Reg
SHEPARDSON JR	ARTHUR C	101537.95	Fire-Reg
SICARD	ETHAN	59559.22	Fire-Reg
SOLTYSIK	ANDREW	129568.60	Fire-Reg
ADAMS	DAVID	1596.00	Fire Call
BOUCHER	BRIAN	2085.00	Fire Call
BOURQUE	TREVOR	560.00	Fire Call
CAREY	TREVOR	2575.00	Fire Call
CARRA	FRANCISCO	4132.00	Fire Call
GRIFFITH	TIMOTHY	182.00	Fire Call
JOHNSON	RYAN	50.00	Fire Call
KIMBALL	GREGGORY	1148.00	Fire Call
NOLETTE	CODY	2470.00	Fire Call
POWELL	RUSSELL	60.00	Fire Call
WINTERS	BRUCE	1696.00	Fire Call
GALE	JOHN	2366.61	Council On Aging
MITCHELL	RANDY	5727.06	Council On Aging
SAVOY	CATHY	55811.54	Council On Aging
TARARA	SALLY	925.00	Council On Aging
THAYER	JUDITH	18710.00	Council On Aging
BRIGGS	JAIMEE	750.00	Conservation
MUZZY	CATHY	1506.37	Conservation
SMALL	DAVID	1000.00	Conservation
TARARA	NICHOLAS	750.00	Conservation
WHEELER	WILLIAM	750.00	Conservation
DICKIE	GORDON J	1800.00	Wire Inspector
TERROY	GARY	27410.40	Wire Inspector
BRISSETTE	JACOB	2729.50	Lifeguard
CAPUZZO	JOSEPH	1700.07	Lifeguard
DOIRON-LARUE	WYATT	4082.50	Lifeguard
IOZZO	COTY	1938.26	Lifeguard
KING	BENJAMIN	5500.00	Lifeguard
MARSHALL	SAMANTHA	3170.51	Lifeguard

PAYNE	DELANEY	400.00	Lifeguard
PAYNE	KYRA	2054.50	Lifeguard
POSK	JAMIE	2947.83	Lifeguard
SAISA	KAINEN	2592.88	Lifeguard
AMBROZY	CAROL	750.00	Senior Tax Abatement
ANDREWS	MADELEINE	1500.00	Senior Tax Abatement
BULBUK	JOHN	750.00	Senior Tax Abatement
BUTLER	LINDA	558.00	Senior Tax Abatement
CLIFFORD	EMILIE	750.00	Senior Tax Abatement
COLE JR.	WILLIAM	750.00	Senior Tax Abatement
CYGAN	MICHAEL	750.00	Senior Tax Abatement
DODGE	LENO	750.00	Senior Tax Abatement
DURKEE	GLORIA	750.00	Senior Tax Abatement
FELDMAN	BEN	750.00	Senior Tax Abatement
FOWLER	BRUCE	750.00	Senior Tax Abatement
GOYETCHE	PAUL	750.00	Senior Tax Abatement
HEBERT	PETER	750.00	Senior Tax Abatement
HENRY	THOMAS	750.00	Senior Tax Abatement
HERK	ARTHUR	1810.29	Senior Tax Abatement
HERSH	WILLIAM	4802.50	Senior Tax Abatement
JACKSON	JAMES	3035.00	Senior Tax Abatement
KIELY	PAULINE	750.00	Senior Tax Abatement
LAFOUNTAIN	ROSEANNA	750.00	Senior Tax Abatement
MCGUIRK	BETTY	750.00	Senior Tax Abatement
MILLIGAN	JAMES	750.00	Senior Tax Abatement
O'CONNOR	THOMAS	750.00	Senior Tax Abatement
SMITH	BETTY ANN	630.00	Senior Tax Abatement
SMITH	SHEILA	520.00	Senior Tax Abatement
STODDARD	GLORIA	1500.00	Senior Tax Abatement
STRICKLAND	ADELHEID	750.00	Senior Tax Abatement
WATTS	ROGER	3191.00	Senior Tax Abatement
WHITE	JEAN	750.00	Senior Tax Abatement
CARRASQUILLO	MICHELLE	2100.00	Recreation
FINDLAY	MICHAEL	2100.00	Recreation
JOBST	JEFFREY	4700.00	Recreation
MAILLOUX	SHELBY	1155.00	Recreation
MELANSON	BRYCE	1081.38	Recreation
O'REGAN	HALEIGH	1350.00	Recreation
RIDDELL	ALICIA	1230.01	Recreation
ROBIDEAU	KAYLA	1255.64	Recreation
ROUSSEL	SHELBY	1286.25	Recreation
WHITE	RYAN	1391.25	Recreation

# CHAPTER THREE

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Reports of the  
Fire, EMS, Police &  
Inspectional Services





**ATHOL FIRE DEPARTMENT  
ANNUAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017**



**To: The Honorable Board of Selectpersons and the Citizens of Athol**

Once again the Athol Fire Department has had a very busy year. Medical responses again as in years past was the major workload for the department. As is with every year the cost of patient care continues to rise therefore the cost of medicals supplies continue to increase as well. Every year the State seems to implement new guidelines and requirements that ultimately end up costing municipalities more and more money to operate their ambulance services.

Again it has been a continuous struggle to hire Firefighter/Paramedics through the Civil Service process, several certification lists were requested with no results. An attempt was made to hire through a provisional process with no results as well. I can't stress enough how extremely difficult it is to hire personnel through the Civil Service process and continues to be very costly to the Town of Athol. I will continue to do my best to try and get the department fully staffed.

The current Call Force staffing is at an all time low, it is very difficult to hire individuals due to the extreme commitment to becoming a fully certified firefighter. There is training two nights a week and weekends for six continuous months to accomplish the certification.

The fire department received a Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency grant in the amount of \$3220.00 which was used to purchase a 5000 watt generator for Engine 3.

A vehicle to replace a 2005 Chevy Tahoe was approved at the Annual Town Meeting.

The Fire Prevention Division has been very again this year with an increase in home sales and as in the previous year an increase in plan reviews for the new construction taking place at the North Quabbin Commons.

If any citizens of the town of Athol are in need of Smoke and or carbon Monoxide detectors please feel free to contact the Athol Fire Department at 978-249-8275 and arrangements will be made to provide and install if requested.

**Fire Department Calls for Service**

**Fiscal Year 2016-2017**

Fire	792
Medical	1998
Smoke Detector Inspections	263
Oil Burner Inspections	48
Oil Tank Inspections	26
Propane Tank Inspections	44
Oil Tank Removals	13
Fire Reports	7
Medical Reports	8
Fuel Dispenses	12
General Permits	25

School Inspections	12
School Fire Drills	12
Nursing Home Inspections	4
Assisted Living Inspections	4
Clinic Inspections	4
Hospital Inspections	4
Hospital Fire Drills	4
Class II License Inspections	7
Multi Unit Apartment 110 Inspections	90
Alcohol License Renewal Inspections	13
Commercial Property Inspections	60
<b>Total calls for Service:</b>	<b>3450</b>

There were 467 burning permits issued for the 2017 open burning season.

### Fire Vehicle Statistics

VEHICLE	MAKE	YEAR	MILAGE	COMMENT
Engine 1	Maxim	1976	38750	Reserve engine, not front line apparatus, declining condition.
Engine 2	Central	2006	6517	Excellent condition
Engine 3	Central States	1998	Broken odometer	Body deteriorating, front line
Engine 4	KME	2012		Excellent condition, front line
Ladder 1	E-One	2006	8624	Very good condition
Brush 1	Ford	2005	68828	Good condition
Brush 2	Farrah	1970	10974	Poor condition
R-1 Command	Ford	2010	37328	Excellent condition
R-3	Ford	2017	1793	Excellent condition
Fire Alarm Truck	Ford		19401	Fair condition
ATV 1	Arctic Cat		453	Fair condition
ATV 2	Arctic Cat		457	Fair condition

The Athol Fire Department wishes to thank the Town Manager, Board of Selectpersons, Boards and Committees and all Department Heads and staff for all their assistance throughout the year. Most importantly the citizens of Athol for all their support.

Respectfully Submitted,

John L. Duguay  
Fire Chief



## Athol Police Department

### Fiscal Year 2017

### Annual Report

All members of the Athol Police Department are dedicated to our mission of protecting lives and property in our community, and providing services that increase the quality of life for all of Athol's residents.

This is my second annual report that I submit to you as your Chief of Police. Lieutenant Kevin Heath will retire from APD after 38 years of dedicated service. Please thank him and wish him well in the next chapter of his journey. The wishes of the voters in town have been realized with combined dispatch. The central dispatch at the police department is up and running very well. I would like to thank each and every member of the Athol Police Department for all their efforts and dedication to serve the mission to serve and protect our community. We continue to move forward with new additions to our department including K-9 Gronk. We have a full-time School Resource Officer helping to protect our most precious resource, our children.

I would also like to thank all of the other town department, committees, officers, agents, and elected officials for their continued support of my efforts as Chief of Police, as well as the efforts of all the members of the Police Department.

Finally, I would like to thank the residents and taxpayers of the Town of Athol for their continued support of the police department.

I am honored to serve as your Police Chief.

Sincerely,

***Russell T. Kleber***  
***Chief of Police***

#### **Calls for Service**

Total Calls for Service	<b>15,008</b>
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#### **Crime Statistics**

<b>Total Offenses Reported</b>	<b>1726</b>
Criminal Homicide	0
Manslaughter	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	0
Rape	5
Statutory Rape	12
Robbery	4
Aggravated Assault	73
Simple Assault	132
Intimidation	45
Arson	2
Burglary / B&E	93
Larceny – Theft (no vehicles)	202
Shoplifting	15
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	6

Counterfeiting/Forgery	3
Fraud	42
Vandalism	90
Drug/Narcotics Violation	41
Weapons Law Violation	20
OUI	39
Liquor Law Violation	12
Town Bylaw Violation	246
All Other Violations	653
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>335</b>

Juvenile Arrests	12
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<b>Persons Summoned to Court</b>	<b>248</b>
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<b>Persons Held in Protective Custody</b>	<b>56</b>
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### **Traffic Statistics**

#### **FY 2017**

<b>M/V Citations</b>	<b>460</b>
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Civil	48
Warning	277
Arrest	70
Criminal	65

<b>Parking Tickets</b>	<b>322</b>
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<b>M/V Accidents</b>	<b>399</b>
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Over \$1000	266
Under \$1000	133

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT  
ANNUAL REPORT  
JULY 1, 2016 – JUNE 30, 2017**

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

The building department is operated on a budget that is generated from the fees brought in and typically it pays for itself. After a few years of decline in building fees, there has been a steady increase in the few last years. In FY17 the building department collected \$150,266.00 in permit fees, with 4 municipal permit fees waived (totaling \$350.00). The operating budget was \$148,216.40., out of that was the electrical inspectors budget of \$24,636.00. The number of building permits that were approved totaled 307 total valuation of \$20,706,320.00

<b>Building Permits Issues FY2017</b>	
Single Family Homes	8
Multi-Family Homes	0
Commercial, including Municipal	5
Additions	4
Garages/Carports	5
Decks/Porches	14
Pools	8
Wood/Pellet Stoves	27
Sheds	4
Demo	8
Other, Including roofs, siding, & signs	190
Foundation Only	5
Solar Panels	29
Vacant & Abandoned Property	86
CMR 780 sec. 110 Inspections	82
On Site Inspections	413

Plumbing Permits	87
Gas Permits	51

Total Plumbing & Gas Fees:     \$15,537.00

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Legare  
Inspector of Buildings

# WIRE INSPECTOR

## Annual Report

July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

The following is a report of the activities of the Wire Inspection Department for the fiscal year 20

MONTH	NUMBER OF PERMITS	FEES COLLECTED
July	25	\$2,190.00
August	24	\$5,990.00
September	24	\$2,443.00
October	39	\$3,220.00
November	23	\$3,285.00
December	18	\$1,755.00
January	15	\$1,490.00
February	22	\$1,980.00
March	23	\$1,760.00
April	20	\$2,390.00
May	30	\$2,085.00
June	26	\$3,375.00
Totals	289	\$31,963.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary E. Terroy  
Wire Inspector

# **WIRE INSPECTOR**

## **Annual Report**

**July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017**



## Athol Board of Health: FY 2017 Annual Report

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

The Athol Board of Health has a wide range of responsibilities which are mandated under state law and regulation to protect the health and safety of our community.

- ❖ *Protection of the food supply:* One hundred and three (103) inspections were conducted to ensure public food safety at restaurants, school cafeterias, church kitchens, farmer's market and food concession stands. The Board issued fifty seven (57) food service and seventeen (17) food retail operation permits. Additionally, temporary food establishments are issued and inspected at the River Rat Race carnival and downtown fall fest.
- ❖ *Protection of the water supply:* Enforcement of the Title 5 Septic Code: Thirty five (35) Title 5 reports reviewed, fifteen (15) perc tests observed, reviewed and issued eighteen (18) Disposal Septic Construction Permits and eight (8) component permits, conducted fifty eight (58) septic system inspections. The Board issued permits to eleven (11) septic system installers, eight (8) septage haulers and issued ten (10) well permits. The office issued three (3) beaver removal permits and applied for a MA Fisheries and Wildlife permit to addle Canadian Geese eggs; measures to reduce nuisance wildlife posing health threats to Athol's open water.
- ❖ *Enforcement of state sanitary and lead poisoning regulations and Codes:* Sixty two (62) trash complaints and six (6) incidents of illegal dumping were investigated and required eighty four (84) follow up inspections. The office conducted twenty nine (29) pre-rental housing, two (2) routine lodging inspections, fifty one (51) sanitary code inspections for housing complaints and sixty eight (68) follow-up inspections. Thirty two (32) inspections of vacant buildings and receivership properties were conducted. Ten (10) Worcester County Housing Court appearances were needed. A multi Town Department Housing Task Force is in place to seek collective solutions for difficult cases. The Board of Health actively works with the Attorney General's Receivership program to help mitigate the impact of foreclosures and combat its negative impact on neighborhoods.
- ❖ *Enforcement of no-smoking and nuisance laws.* The Board issued twenty five (25) tobacco and electronic cigarette device permits to local businesses; one method to help prevent the sale of tobacco products to minors. The Board issued twenty (20) permits to refuse haulers
- ❖ *Inspection of pools, beaches, camps, mobile home parks, tanning salons:* The Board issued one(1) tanning salon, three (3) public and semi-public swimming pool, two (2) mobile home parks and one (1) recreational camp permits. This resulted in three (3) tanning salon, seven (7) pool and two (2) camp inspections.
- ❖ *Participation in hazardous waste collection Day:* Residents are able to drop off hazardous materials free of charge at this yearly fall event funded by the Health Department.



- ❖ *Disease prevention and health promotion:* The Montachusett Public Health Network (MPHN) Nurse investigated sixteen (16) communicable diseases and reported the results to the MA Department of Public Health Division of Communicable Disease Control. The Board contracted Athol Hospital to provide three (3) flu clinics. Twenty two (22) animal bites were reported to the animal inspector for rabies prevention follow up. The Athol Board of Health maintains a Facebook page to post health/safety issues and announcements. The Board proactively addresses a number of health issues related to ticks and mosquitoes, low lead screening rates for children and many other concerns when alerted by the MA Department of Public Health.
  
- ❖ *Participation in emergency preparedness mandated by the federal government:* The Health Department participates in the Region 2 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition consisting of seventy four (74) cities and towns in Worcester County. The satellite phone, provided by the Coalition, is tested monthly. It would be used in time of a wide scale emergency when communications are also affected. The Athol Board of Health is the host for a regional Emergency Preparedness trailer. The Department of Public Health conducts four (4) computer drills a year to keep all local boards of health trained for emergency response. The Board of Health has an Emergency Dispensing Site plan and would be able to activate it within 24 hours' notice.
  
- ❖ *Public Health Regionalization:* The Athol Health Department is a member of the Montachusett Public Health Network (MPHN); Eleven (11) towns are participating; Athol, Clinton, Fitchburg, Gardner, Leominster, Phillipston, Princeton, Royalston, Sterling, Templeton, and Westminster. Regionalization is one way to increase the capacity of the Health Departments in each town. MPHN provides infectious disease follow-up and beach testing services at a lower fee. We continue to be a part of the Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative (MOAPC) and the Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative (SAPC); network grants received from the Department of Public Health to develop a regional response to opioid misuse and abuse and to address underage drinking. The Network received funding for low and moderate income owner-occupants and investors who rent to low income tenants in Athol, Gardner, Clinton and Fitchburg to remove lead paint hazards from homes.

Respectfully submitted,

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

# CHAPTER FOUR

## PUBLIC SERVICE

Reports of the  
Council on Aging, Public Library,  
Veterans Services &  
Sealer of W&M



## **ATHOL COUNCIL ON AGING**

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Cathy A. Savoy  
Executive Director

Margaret L. Young  
Chairman

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**July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017**

To: The Honorable Board of Selectpersons

The 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: Mon. Wed. & Thurs. 8:00-5:00, Tues. 8:00-8:00 and closed Fridays. The Senior Center is open 8:00-3:30 Monday through Thursday with occasional night and weekend activities. Hours are flexible and can accommodate special programming.

Over the past year approximately 7,679 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. (formerly known as Franklin County Home Care Corporation), EOE Title IIIB, Friends of the Athol Council on Aging and individual contributors.

The Senior Center congregate dining program, sponsored by LifePaths, Inc, provided approximately 1,044 nutritionally balanced congregate dinner meals served at 12 noon on Tuesday's and Wednesday's. Additional meals were offered by the Council outside of the established congregate program.

Activities at the Senior Center include health and wellness related activities and screenings including, hearing tests, foot screening, blood pressure clinics, flu clinics, preventive dental services, senior fitness, yoga, congregate meals, home safety seminars and educational forums. Social activities include bingo, red aces, somba, senior arts, painting, quilting, card making, movies, meetings, a lending library and other special events. Social services include food stamp applications, food security counseling, fuel assistance, benefits counseling, tax preparation, SHINE, a program of LifePaths, Inc., (serving health insurance needs of everyone) and information and referral services.

Through a Title III D Grant administered through LifePaths 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.

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 48 unduplicated seniors for 98 sessions. The fitness and wellness classes are extended year round.

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.

One hundred and fifty one seniors received assistance in the preparation of their state and federal income taxes through AARP and the Council on Aging. Through outreach efforts the tax preparation program has shown a significant increase in demand over the past several years. Eighteen seniors were assisted with filing the “Circuit Breaker” a State Tax Rebate program.

The “Shine” program assisted over 500 area seniors with health insurance issues and assisted with the Prescription Advantage program and the changes in the H.M.O. programs. Two volunteer SHINE counselors have been trained through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and LifePath, Inc. and continue to participate in monthly trainings to keep up with the changing health care system. In-kind support for the program is provided by the Council on Aging.

The Council has maintained the foot-screening clinic available to seniors twice a month. Two hundred forty three (243) screenings were performed during the 24 sessions.

Fuel assistance – One hundred forty four (144) elders were assisted with Fuel Assistance applications for the FY17 season. Twenty Six (26) were informed of and referred to other weatherization and enrolled social service programs

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 17 seniors for free legal assistance offered through North Central Legal assistance and the Franklin County Bar Association.

On Christmas Day, 237 homebound elders and disabled were delivered a complete ham dinner. With the assistance of the COA Board and the **MANY** volunteers, the dinners were cooked, packed & delivered. The Christmas dinner program is a three day project.

The Council on Aging provided assistance with the Wm. J. O’Brien Thanksgiving community dinner where over 100 community residents were served a sit down meal on Thanksgiving Day that is annually held at the Athol American Legion.

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 focus groups.

The Director and Board members participated in the Mass. Council on Aging, Western Mass. Council on Aging, Mass. Public Health Assoc., local school programs, (Inter-generational) and numerous other senior and municipal connected classes and seminars.

The Council on Aging applied for and received four grants to support various programming for the Fiscal Year 2017.

In June, a Volunteer Recognition luncheon was held at the Athol Senior Center with 76 volunteers present. State and municipal representatives were among those who honored the volunteers for their commitment in assisting the COA with the many programs it offers to elder and disabled community residents. Guest Speaker Win Brown, President and CEO of Heywood Hospital facilitated a power point presentation on the Athol Hospital expansion program at the hospital and Medical Arts Building and the progress on the North Quabbin Retreat facility in Petersham serving the local region.

The Friends of the Athol Council on Aging (a non-profit 501c3 organization) conducted their annual membership drive and raffle fundraisers with proceeds to benefit programming and other educational and social events for seniors at the Center.

In June the following slate of officers were elected for the coming year:

Margaret Young, Chairperson  
Stephen Larry, Vice-Chairperson  
Kathy Cygan, Secretary  
Other board members  
Jean Ryder  
Walter Lehman  
Lillian Batchelder  
Arthur Herk  
Linda Grenier

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, LifePaths 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 Mgr., 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 Town Manager, Board of Selectmen 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 our Council office at (978) 249-8986.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Cathy A. Savoy*  
*Executive Director*

*Judy Thayer*  
*Program Coordinator*



**NORTHEAST QUABBIN VETERANS' SERVICES DISTRICT**

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*Serving the Towns of Athol, Orange, Petersham, Phillipston and Royalston*

***"To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan." – A Lincoln***

**FY16 ANNUAL REPORT July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017**

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**To the Citizens of the Northeast Quabbin Veterans' Services District:**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts began providing for its needy veterans 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, 2019.

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.

After 10 years of service, Neil McGuirk retired as Director of Veterans' Services on June 30, 2017. In advance of his retirement date, a transition plan was implemented for the period May 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017. Fedencia Fitch was appointed Director of Veterans' Services.

## **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 FY16 Veterans' Benefits paid, by community, to its eligible veterans and/or dependents. Benefits paid are reimbursed at
3. 75% by the commonwealth.

FY17 VETERANS' BENEFITS DATA

Town	Benefits Paid	State Reimbursement	% Reimbursed
Athol	\$180,278.49	\$135,211.15	75%
Orange	\$108,860.52	\$80,895.39	75%
Petersham	\$4,216.32	\$3,162.24	75%
Phillipston	\$7,225.80	\$5,419.35	75%
Royalston	\$2,700.00	\$2,092.50	75%

4. Burials in one of two Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemeteries, Winchendon and Agawam.
5. 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.
6. Homeless prevention, Transitional Housing and outreach services.
7. Wartime Bonuses, Annuities, etc.
8. 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 \$7.1M dollars in annual compensation to veterans, dependents and surviving spouses living in the district. b. VA Central-Western-Massachusetts Healthcare System – Headquartered at Northampton VA Medical Center, Leeds has five Community Based Outpatient Clinics delivering medical treatment to over 25,000 veterans with an annual budget of \$162.2M.
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. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- f. U.S. Department of Justice
- g. Other Massachusetts & U.S. Departments and Agencies.

The office has seen an increase in the numbers of veterans applying for service-connected disabilities including most notably Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Military Sexual Trauma (MST), Agent Orange illnesses, Mesothelioma, and more.

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,

*Fedencia P. Fitch*

Fedencia P. Fitch Director of Veterans' Services



# CHAPTER FIVE

## PUBLIC WORKS

Report of the  
Department of Public Works

## **Annual Report of the Department of Public Works**

### **July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2018**

The Town of Athol Department of Public Works is a consolidated department of 25 full time employees and two part time employees who are responsible for streets, sidewalks, drainage, water and sewer, parks, cemeteries, Town trees, solid waste and administrative duties.

The DPW maintains a roadway network of over 110 miles. We are also responsible for mowing and maintaining 9 cemeteries, 60 acres of parks and ball fields, pruning and removal of town trees. The Water and Sewer Division operates and maintains 4 wells and four water storage tanks as well as many miles of water and sewer distribution and collection system. There are nearly 4000 water meters that are read quarterly.

There are also 26 buildings under the DPW's direct responsibility ranging from small sheds to multi-million dollar facilities including a wastewater treatment plant, six wastewater pump stations; two water treatment facilities, two water booster pump stations and a maintenance depot. We also operate the Transfer Station.

The Transfer Station is nearing 10 successful years of operation as a full enterprise, self sustaining operation. We have also added a yard waste composting area for disposal of grass clippings, leaves and small diameter brush. We now provide a location for disposal of solid waste and demolition and more importantly, provides the opportunity to recycle.

Our current staff represents a significant cut in manpower. In 1995 there were 36 full time and one part time on staff and in the 1980's there were 42. In spite of the cuts in manpower, the need for service has not decreased. Many dedicated volunteers and Senior Tax Abatement participants have helped with the increased maintenance needs. We sincerely appreciate their efforts.

Our normal maintenance activities include; snow & ice control, sweeping streets and sand removal, pothole patching, cleaning and rebuilding collapsed manholes and catch basins, clearing sewer blockages, reading and repairing water meters, fixing water and sewer pipes, rebuilding pumps and motors, installing signs, mowing grass in parks and cemeteries, burials and roadside brush control, removal of hazardous roadside trees, managing and maintaining a solid waste handling facility and maintaining a fleet of vehicles; as well as maintenance of several buildings. There are also many administrative duties including customer relations, water and sewer billing, cemetery records, grant coordination, project preparation, review and inspection; contract preparation and bidding; environmental permitting and many other miscellaneous tasks.

The following are just some of the many projects that have been in progress or completed in fiscal 2017:

- ✓ Completed the Chlorination Improvements Project at the South Street Well.
- ✓ Continued replacement of fire hydrant
- ✓ Continued replacement/conversion of all water meters to allow for radio read meter reading
- ✓ Completed reclamation, and paving binder surface on Pleasant St., Dorset Ave., Rice St. Hackett St., Flat Rock Rd., and Roosevelt Ave. Also complete reconstruction of Victoria Ave. and Barrett Ave.
- ✓ Completed the Grove Street/ Main Street extension CDBG project which included new water, sewer, drainage, road surface and improvements to Phillips Parks.

Respectfully,

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

# CHAPTER SIX

## ELECTIONS & TOWN MEETINGS

Report of the  
Election Officers & Town Clerk

**STATE PRIMARY  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2016**

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; 501 Republican; 47 Green-Rainbow; and 48 United Independent  
                  Absent Voter Ballots - 5 Democrat; 5 Republican; 0 Green-Rainbow; and 0 United Independent
- Precinct 2:**    Regular Ballots - 500 Democrat; 501 Republican; 56 Green-Rainbow; and 52 United Independent  
                  Absent Voter Ballots - 2 Democrat; 6 Republican; 0 Green-Rainbow; and 0 United Independent
- Precinct 3:**    Regular Ballots - 501 Democrat; 502 Republican; 44 Green-Rainbow; and 48 United Independent  
                  Absent Voter Ballots - 5 Democrat; 2 Republican; 0 Green-Rainbow; and 0 United Independent

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: 84 on the ballot box and 1 in the side pocket.  
Precinct 2: 63 on the ballot box and 0 in the side pocket  
Precinct 3: 88 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 : 35 Democrat; 50 Republican; 0 Green-Rainbow; and 0 United Independent
- Precinct 2:**    On the ballot clerk's list and on the list at the ballot box : 22 Democrat; 41 Republican; 0 Green-Rainbow; and 0 United Independent
- Precinct 3:**    On the ballot clerk's list and on the list at the ballot box : 38 Democrat; 50 Republican; 0 Green-Rainbow; and 0 United Independent

**NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST**

- Precinct 1:**    Number of Ballots Cast: 35 Democrat ; 50 Republican; 0 Green-Rainbow; and 0 United Independent  
                  Spoiled Ballots: 0 Democrat; 0 Republican; 0 Green-Rainbow; and 0 United Independent

Provisional Ballots: 0 Democrat; 0 Republican; 0 Green-Rainbow; and 0 United Independent

Unused Ballots: 470 Democrat; 456 Republican; 47 Green-Rainbow; and 48 United Independent

**Precinct 2:** Number of Ballots Cast: 22 Democrat ; 41 Republican; 0 Green-Rainbow; and 0 United Independent

Spoiled Ballots: 0 Democrat; 1 Republican; 0 Green-Rainbow; and 0 United Independent

Provisional Ballots: 0 Democrat; 0 Republican; 0 Green-Rainbow; and 0 United Independent

Unused Ballots: 480 Democrat; 465 Republican; 56 Green-Rainbow; and 52 United Independent

**Precinct 3:** Number of Ballots Cast: 38 Democrat ; 50 Republican; 0 Green-Rainbow; and 0 United Independent

Spoiled Ballots: 0 Democrat; 1 Republican; 0 Green-Rainbow; and 0 United Independent

Provisional Ballots: 0 Democrat; 0 Republican; 0 Green-Rainbow; and 0 United Independent

Unused Ballots: 468 Democrat; 453 Republican; 44 Green-Rainbow; and 48 United Independent

## ELECTION OFFICERS

**Precinct 1:** Warden (U) Allen Hodgdon; Clerk (U) Carol Bacheldor; Inspectors: (U) Nancy Daub; (U) Bonnie Hodgdon; (R) James Lake; (U) Kent Hager

**Precinct 2:** Warden (U) Ben Feldman; Clerk (U) Madeleine Andrews; Inspectors: (U) Betty Anne Smith; (U) Catherine Foster; (U) Jean White; (U) Margaret Feldman; (U) Joan Starrett

**Precinct 3:** Warden (U) Ben Feldman; Clerk (U) Dawn Maroni; Inspectors: (U) Gloria Stoddard; (D) Linda Lozier; (U) Claire Butler; (U) Mary-Ann Linton; (U) Shirley Hyre; (U) David Bachelder

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	35	22	38	95
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS				
BLANKS	2	1	4	7

JAMES P. MCGOVERN	33		21		34		88
WRITE-INS	0		0		0		0
TOTALS	35		22		38		95
<b>COUNCILLOR</b>							
BLANKS	6		2		6		14
MATTHEW CJ VANCE	29		20		32		81
WRITE-INS	0		0		0		0
TOTALS	35		22		38		95
<b>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT</b>							
BLANKS	0		0		2		2
ANNE M. GOBI	34		22		36		92
WRITE-INS	1		0		0		1
TOTALS	35		22		38		95
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT</b>							
BLANKS	5		3		7		15
DENISE ANDREWS	25		19		29		73
WRITE-INS	5		0		2		7
TOTALS	35		22		38		95
<b>SHERIFF</b>							
BLANKS	28		17		30		75
WRITE-INS	7		5		8		20
TOTALS	35		22		38		95
<b>REPUBLICAN</b>							
<b>TOTAL REPUBLICAN</b>	<b>50</b>		<b>41</b>		<b>50</b>		<b>141</b>
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</b>							
BLANKS	46		32		32		110
WRITE-INS	4		9		18		31
TOTALS	50		41		50		141
<b>COUNCILLOR</b>							
BLANKS	11		5		6		22
JENNIE L. CAISSIE	39		36		44		119
WRITE-INS	0		0		0		0
TOTALS	50		41		50		141
<b>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT</b>							
BLANKS	14		3		7		24
JAMES P. EHRHARD	36		38		40		114
WRITE-INS	0		0		3		3
TOTALS	50		41		50		141
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT</b>							
BLANKS	0		0		0		0
SUSANNAH M. WHIPPS LEE	50		41		48		139

WRITE-INS	0		0		2		2
TOTALS	50		41		50		141
<b>SHERIFF</b>							
BLANKS	0		2		2		4
LEWIS G. EVANGELIDIS	50		39		48		137
WRITE-INS	0		0		0		0
TOTALS	50		41		50		141
<b>GREEN-RAINBOW</b>							
<b>TOTAL GREEN-RAINBOW</b>	0		0		0		0
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</b>							
BLANKS	0		0		0		0
WRITE-INS	0		0		0		0
TOTALS	0		0		0		0
<b>COUNCILLOR</b>							
BLANKS	0		0		0		0
WRITE-INS	0		0		0		0
TOTALS	0		0		0		0
<b>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT</b>							
BLANKS	0		0		0		0
WRITE-INS	0		0		0		0
TOTALS	0		0		0		0
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT</b>							
BLANKS	0		0		0		0
WRITE-INS	0		0		0		0
TOTALS	0		0		0		0
<b>SHERIFF</b>							
BLANKS	0		0		0		0
WRITE-INS	0		0		0		0
TOTALS	0		0		0		0
<b>UNITED INDEPENDENT PARTY</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>3</b>		<b>TOTALS</b>
<b>TOTAL UNITED INDEPENDENT PARTY</b>	0		0		0		0
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</b>							
BLANKS	0		0		0		0
WRITE-INS	0		0		0		0
TOTALS	0		0		0		0
<b>COUNCILLOR</b>							
BLANKS	0		0		0		0
WRITE-INS	0		0		0		0
TOTALS	0		0		0		0
<b>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT</b>							



BLANKS	0		0		0		0
WRITE-INS	0		0		0		0
TOTALS	0		0		0		0
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT</b>							
BLANKS	0		0		0		0
WRITE-INS	0		0		0		0
TOTALS	0		0		0		0
<b>SHERIFF</b>							
BLANKS	0		0		0		0
WRITE-INS	0		0		0		0
TOTALS	0		0		0		0

<b>TOTAL # OF DEMOCRATS</b>	95
<b>TOTAL # OF REPUBLICANS</b>	141
<b>TOTAL # OF GREEN-RAINBOW</b>	0
<b>TOTAL # OF UNITED INDEP.</b>	0
<b>TOTAL # VOTED</b>	236
<b>TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS</b>	6484
<b>VOTER TURNOUT PERCENTAGE</b>	0.036397

We have canvassed the returns of votes cast in Precincts 1, 2, and 3, Town of Athol, and the State 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 August 19, 2016 was as follows. viz.-

Precinct	Registered Voters
1	2073
2	1849
3	<u>1869</u>
Total	5791

Nancy E. Burnham  
 Hugh A. Horrigan  
 Gerard Lozier  
**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

**STATE ELECTION  
NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

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:** 1,900 Regular Ballots, 724 Early Voter Ballots and 62 Absent Voter Ballots

**Precinct 2:** 2,025 Regular Ballots, 607 Early Voter Ballots and 51 Absent Voter Ballots

**Precinct 3:** 2,050 Regular Ballots, 697 Early Voter Ballots and 57 Absent Voter Ballots

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:** 1,822 on the ballot box and 8 in the side pocket.

**Precinct 2:** 1,620 on the ballot box and 3 in the side pocket

**Precinct 3:** 1,591 on the ballot box and 2 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 : 1,830

**Precinct 2:** On the ballot clerk's list and on the list at the ballot box : 1,623

**Precinct 3:** On the ballot clerk's list and on the list at the ballot box : 1,593

**NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST**

**Precinct 1:** Number of Ballots Cast, 1,830; Spoiled Ballots, 13; Provisional Ballots, 19; Unused Ballots, 2676

**Precinct 2:** Number of Ballots Cast, 1,623; Spoiled Ballots, 7; Provisional Ballots, 19; Unused Ballots, 1030

**Precinct 3:** Number of Ballots Cast, 1,593; Spoiled Ballots, 10; Provisional Ballots, 15; Unused Ballots, 1186

**ELECTION OFFICERS**

**Precinct 1:** Warden (U) Patricia Kaczmarczyk; Clerk (U) Allen Hodgdon; Inspectors: (U) Nancy Daub; (R) James Lake; (U) Bonnie Hodgdon; (D) Diane Page; (U) Cathy Muzzy; (U) Charles Shatos; (U) Kent Hager; (U) Chris Casella; (U) Lillian Bachelder

**Precinct 2:** Warden (U) Ann Shea; Clerk (U) Madeleine Andrews; Inspectors: (U) Betty Anne Smith; (U) Cathy Foster; (U) Margaret Feldman; (U) MaryAnn Linton; (U) Richard Lozier; (U) Bonnie Stewart; (U) Joan Starrett; (U) Muriel Holden

**Precinct 3:** Warden (U) Ben Feldman; Clerk (U) Carol Bachelder; Inspectors: (U) Christine Miranda; (D) Linda Lozier; (U) Gloria Stoddard; (U) Claire Butler; (U) Kathy Harrow; (U) Shirley

Hyre; (U) Earle Baldwin; (U) David Bachelder; (U) Timothy Anderson; (U) David Small; (U) Ellen Woodbury; (U) Dawn Maroni

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	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	TOTALS
	TAPE	UOCAVA/SQ	TOTAL	TAPE	UOCAVA/SQ	TOTALS	TAPE	UOCAVA/SQ	TOTALS	
<b>PRESIDENT/VP</b>										
BLANKS	32	0	32	25	0	25	9	0	9	66
CLINTON/KAINE	729	4	733	606	2	608	733	2	735	2076
JOHNSON/WELD	122	4	126	103	0	103	99	0	99	328
STEIN/BARAK	42	0	42	45	0	45	29	0	29	116
TRUMP/PENCE	855	1	856	779	2	781	698	0	698	2335
BERNIE SANDERS	29	0	29	26	0	26	11	0	11	66
ALL OTHERS	19	0	19	37	0	37	13	0	13	69
TOTALS	1828	9	1837	1621	4	1625	1592	2	1594	5056
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</b>										
BLANKS	441	6	447	401	2	403	372	1	373	1223
JAMES P. MCGOVERN	1360	3	1363	1193	2	1195	1196	1	1197	3755
ALL OTHERS	27	0	27	27	0	27	24	0	24	78
TOTALS	1828	9	1837	1621	4	1625	1592	2	1594	5056
<b>COUNCILLOR</b>										
BLANKS	150	4	154	145	1	146	156	1	157	457
JENNIE L. CAISSIE	928	1	929	800	2	802	718	0	718	2449
MATTHEW CJ VANCE	746	4	750	670	1	671	713	1	714	2135
ALL OTHERS	4	0	4	6	0	6	5	0	5	15
TOTALS	1828	9	1837	1621	4	1625	1592	2	1594	5056
<b>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT</b>										
BLANKS	82	2	84	88	1	89	86	0	86	259
ANNE M. GOBI	1001	3	1004	822	2	824	874	1	875	2703
JAMES P. EHRHARD	739	4	743	705	1	706	629	1	630	2079

ALL OTHERS	6	0	6	6	0	6	3	0	3	15
TOTALS	1828	9	1837	1621	4	1625	1592	2	1594	5056
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT</b>										
BLANKS	283	4	287	244	2	246	282	1	283	816
SUSANNAH M. WHIPPS LEE	1523	5	1528	1358	2	1360	1282	1	1283	4171
DENISE ANDREWS	4	0	4	0	0	0	7	0	7	11
ALL OTHERS	18	0	18	19	0	19	21	0	21	58
TOTALS	1828	9	1837	1621	4	1625	1592	2	1594	5056

OFFICE/CANDIDATE	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	TOTALS
	TAPE	UOCAVA/SQ	TOTAL	TAPE	UOCAVA/SQ	TOTALS	TAPE	UOCAVA/SQ	TOTALS	
SHERIFF										
BLANKS	356	5	361	296	2	298	343	1	344	1003
LEWIS G. EVANGELIDIS	1460	4	1464	1309	2	1311	1234	1	1235	4010
ALL OTHERS	12	0	12	16	0	16	15	0	15	43
TOTALS	1828	9	1837	1621	4	1625	1592	2	1594	5056
QUESTION 1 - GAMING										
BLANKS	79	3	82	60	1	61	93	0	93	236
YES	863	1	864	862	2	864	765	1	766	2494
NO	886	5	891	699	1	700	734	1	735	2326
TOTALS	1828	9	1837	1621	4	1625	1592	2	1594	5056
QUESTION 2 - CHARTER SCHOOLS										
BLANKS	23	5	28	28	1	29	43	1	44	101
YES	610	4	614	580	1	581	548	1	549	1744
NO	1195	0	1195	1013	2	1015	1001	0	1001	3211
TOTALS	1828	9	1837	1621	4	1625	1592	2	1594	5056
QUESTION 3 - ANIMAL CONFINEMENT										

BLANKS	32	4	36	29	1	30	35	0	35	101
YES	1170	5	1175	1060	2	1062	1014	2	1016	3253
NO	626	0	626	532	1	533	543	0	543	1702
TOTALS	1828	9	1837	1621	4	1625	1592	2	1594	5056
<b>QUESTION 4 - MARIJUANA</b>										
BLANKS	19	1	20	16	1	17	25	0	25	62
YES	994	4	998	974	1	975	853	2	855	2828
NO	815	4	819	631	2	633	714	0	714	2166
TOTALS	1828	9	1837	1621	4	1625	1592	2	1594	5056

6774 Total Registered Voters  
5046 voted in election  
75% turnout

We have canvassed the returns of votes cast in Precincts 1, 2, and 3, Town of Athol, and the State 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 October 19, 2016 was as follows. viz.-

Precinct	Registered Voters
1	2396
2	2203
3	<u>2175</u>
Total	6774

Nancy E. Burnham  
Hugh A. Horrigan  
Gerard Lozier  
**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
APRIL 3, 2017**

In each precinct polling place, the polls were opened at 10:00 a.m. and the ballot box in each precinct registered 0.

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

**Precinct 1:** 800 Regular Ballots and 19 Absent Voter Ballots

**Precinct 2:** 799 Regular Ballots and 9 Absent Voter Ballots

**Precinct 3:** 800 Regular Ballots and 12 Absent Voter Ballots

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:** 350 on the ballot box and 1 in the side pocket.

**Precinct 2:** 247 on the ballot box and 0 in the side pocket

**Precinct 3:** 314 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 : 351

**Precinct 2:** On the ballot clerk's list and on the list at the ballot box : 247

**Precinct 3:** On the ballot clerk's list and on the list at the ballot box : 314

**NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST**

**Precinct 1:** Number of Ballots Cast, 351; Spoiled Ballots, 0; Provisional Ballots, Unused Ballots, 462

**Precinct 2:** Number of Ballots Cast, 247; Spoiled Ballots, 3; Provisional Ballots, 0; Unused Ballots, 558

**Precinct 3:** Number of Ballots Cast, 314; Spoiled Ballots, 9; Provisional Ballots, 0; Unused Ballots, 489

**ELECTION OFFICERS**

**Precinct 1:** Warden (U) Patricia Kaczmarczyk; Clerk; (U) Allen Hodgdon; Inspectors: (U) Nancy Daub; (U) Kent Hager; (U) MaryAnn Linton; (U) Bonnie Hodgdon; (U) Bonnie Stewart

**Precinct 2:** Warden (U) Ann Shea; Clerk (U) Madeleine Andrews; Inspectors: (U) Betty Anne Smith; (U) Jean White; (U) Cathy Foster; (U) Margaret Feldman; (U) Joan Starrett; (U) Muriel Holden

**Precinct 3:** Warden (U) Ben Feldman; Clerk (U) Carol Bachelder; Inspectors: (U) Gloria Stoddard; (U) Claire Butler; (D) Linda Lozier; (D) Earle Baldwin; (U) Dawn Maroni; (D) David Small; Greeter: (U) Cathy Muzzy

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		
<b>MODERATOR</b>						
LAWRENCE P. MCLAUGHLIN	315	220	287	822		
BLANKS	35	25	27	87		
ALL OTHERS	0	2	0	2		
TOTALS	350	247	314	911		
<b>SELECTMAN - 3 YEARS</b>						
ANTHONY BRIGHENTI	143	79	105	327		
ALAN DODGE	111	79	90	280		
REBECCA BIALECKI	151	100	140	391		
SARAH GAMBRELL	107	93	109	309		
HOLLY YOUNG	140	117	146	403		
PAULA ROBINSON	1	0	0	1		
JOSEPH MAGA	0	0	1	1		
MITCHELL GROSKY	0	0	1	1		
BLANKS	44	26	36	106		
ALL OTHERS	3	0	0	3		
TOTALS	700	494	628	1822		
					<b>TOTALS ATHOL AND ROYALSTON</b>	
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE FROM ATHOL - 3 YEARS</b>					<b>ROYALSTON</b>	<b>ROYALSTON</b>
LEE CHAUVETTE	250	192	250	692	152	844
MITCHELL GROSKY	259	188	220	667	157	824
BLANKS	186	113	155	454	141	595
SARAH GAMBRELL	0	0	1	1	0	1
TIM ALLEN	0	0	1	1	0	1
PATRICIA ROIX	1	0	0	1	0	1
CHRISTINE MIRANDA	1	0	0	1	0	1
ALAN DODGE	1	0	0	1	0	1
ELLEN CHASE	1	0	0	1	0	1
ROBERT COSTIGAN	1	0	0	1	0	1
ALL OTHERS	0	1	1	2	0	2
TOTALS	700	494	628	1822	450	2272
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE FROM ROYALSTON - 3 YEARS</b>						
NANCY MELBOURNE	290	200	266	756	186	942
ROBERTA NEWMAN	1	0	0	1	0	1
BLANKS	58	46	47	151	39	190
ALL OTHERS	1	1	1	3	0	3
TOTALS	350	247	314	911	225	1136
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b>						
JOHN R. GREENE	266	206	244	716		
MARGARET YOUNG	285	207	268	760		
LINDA DONALDSON	1	0	0	1		
LAWRENCE PIEDEL	1	0	0	1		



BLANKS	145	80	115	340
ALL OTHERS	2	1	1	4
TOTALS	700	494	628	1822
<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY</b>				
CATHY SAVOY	302	211	281	794
BLANKS	47	0	33	80
ALL OTHERS	1	36	0	37
TOTALS	350	247	314	911
<b>CONSTABLE</b>				
RANDY MITCHELL	304	216	285	805
BLANKS	45	29	27	101
ALL OTHERS	1	2	2	5
TOTALS	350	247	314	911
Total # of registered voters	6,785			
Turnout	14.0%			

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 March 14, 2017 was as follows. viz.-

Precinct	Registered Voters
1	2219
2	2016
3	<u>2039</u>
Total	6274

Nancy E. Burnham  
Hugh A. Horrigan  
Gerard Lozier  
**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

**FALL TOWN MEETING  
OCTOBER 17, 2016**

The 2016 Fall Town Meeting was held on October 17, 2016 in Memorial Hall. Voters entering the meeting were checked in on the list of registered voters and there were 68 present when the Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m. The number of voters checked as being present was as follows: Precinct 1, 32; Precinct 2, 21; and Precinct 3, 20. Total present: 73.

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

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

Adele T. Coflesky – She taught at Sanders Street School and Pleasant Street School for 22 years, retiring in 1992.

Ermalene T. DePratti – She worked as a cafeteria workers at Riverbend School from 1975 – 1992.

Avis L. Wessell – She worked for the Athol School system as a cafeteria workers, then as the cafeteria manager.

The following is a true record of the votes taken at the October 17, 2016 Fall Town Meeting.

**Article 1**      On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED:** That the Town amend the Athol Zoning Bylaws Article III, Section 3.18.6.1 by deleting the following:

- (2)      Applicants for Minor Site Plan Approval shall submit a copy of the Site Plan and narrative as defined in sections 3.18.6.3 and 3.18.6.4, to the Town Clerk. Applicants shall also submit a copy of the Site Plan and narrative as defined in 3.18.6.3 and 3.18.6.4 to the Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Health, Historical Commission, Department of Public Works, Fire Chief, Building Inspector and Police Chief for their advisory review and comments.
- (3)      The applicant shall submit proof of receipt from all of the departments listed above along with six (6) copies of the application to the Town Clerk for delivery to the Planning Board

And replacing it with the following:

- (2)      Applicants for Minor Site Plan Approval shall submit a copy of the Site Plan and narrative as defined in sections 3.18.6.3 and 3.18.6.4, to the Town Clerk. Applicants shall also submit a copy of the Site Plan and narrative as defined in 3.18.6.3 and 3.18.6.4 to the Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Historical Commission, Department of Public Works, Fire Chief, Zoning Agent/Building Inspector and Police Chief for their advisory review and comments.
- (3)      The applicant shall submit proof of receipt from all of the departments listed above together with eight (8) copies of the application to the Town Clerk who

will deliver seven (7) copies to the Planning Board. In addition, the application submission to the Town Clerk shall also include a labeled or clearly marked electronic copy (CD or other medium) of all materials with each submittal.

*Required a 2/3<sup>rd</sup>'s vote. The vote was unanimous.*

**Article 2** On the Motion of Paul Nelson, it was **VOTED:** That the Town amend the Athol Zoning Bylaws Article III Section 3.18.7.1, by deleting the following:

- (3) Applicants for Major Site Plan Approval shall submit a copy of the Site Plan and narrative as defined in sections 3.18.7.3 and 3.18.7.4 to the Town Clerk. Applicants shall also submit a copy of the Site Plan and narrative as defined in sections 3.18.7.3 and 3.18.7.4 to the Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Health, Historical Commission, Department of Public Works, Fire Chief, Building Inspector and Police Chief for their advisory review and comments.
- (4) The applicant shall submit proof of receipt from the all of departments listed above along with six (6) copies of the application to the Town Clerk for delivery to the Planning Board.

And replacing it with the following:

- (3) Applicants for Major Site Plan Approval shall submit a copy of the Site Plan and narrative as defined in sections 3.18.7.3 and 3.18.7.4 to the Town Clerk. Applicants shall also submit a copy of the Site Plan and narrative as defined in sections 3.18.7.3 and 3.18.7.4 to the Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Historical Commission, Department of Public Works, Fire Chief, Zoning Agent/Building Inspector and Police Chief for their advisory review and comments.
- (4) The applicant shall submit proof of receipt from the all of departments listed above together with eight (8) copies of the application to the Town Clerk who will deliver seven (7) copies to the Planning Board. In addition, the application submission to the Town Clerk shall also include a labeled or clearly marked electronic copy (CD or other medium) of all materials with each submittal.

*Required a 2/3<sup>rd</sup>'s vote. The vote was unanimous.*

**Article 3** On the Motion of Michael J. Butler, it was **VOTED:** That the Town amend the Athol Zoning Bylaws Article III Section 3.16.4.1, by deleting the following:

- 3.16.4.1 Application. An application for the Special Permit shall be submitted on the form(s) provided by the Planning Board Rules & Regulations of the Town Bylaws. Applicants for OSRD shall also file with the Planning Board six (6) copies of the Concept Plan and shall file one (1) copy with the Town Clerk. The Concept Plan shall include a Yield Plan and a Sketch Plan [see Subsections (1) and (2) of this Section], prepared by a multidisciplinary team of qualified professionals. The applicant shall also submit both the Site Context Map and Existing Conditions Map prepared

according to Section 3.16.3.2 above. Additional information reasonably necessary to make the determinations and assessments cited herein shall be provided, including existing site contour maps and existing current soil maps.

And replacing it with the following:

- 3.16.4.1 Application. An application for the Special Permit shall be submitted on the form(s) provided by the Planning Board Rules & Regulations of the Town Bylaws. Applicants for OSRD shall also file with the Planning Board eight (8) copies of the Concept Plan and shall file one (1) copy with the Town Clerk. The Applicant shall provide a labeled or clearly marked electronic copy (CD or other medium) of all application and plan materials with each submittal. The Concept Plan shall include a Yield Plan and a Sketch Plan [see Subsections (1) and (2) of this Section], prepared by a multidisciplinary team of qualified professionals. The applicant shall also submit both the Site Context Map and Existing Conditions Map prepared according to Section 3.16.3.2 above. Additional information reasonably necessary to make the determinations and assessments cited herein shall be provided, including existing site contour maps and existing current soil maps.

*Required a 2/3<sup>rd</sup>'s vote. The vote was unanimous.*

**Article 4** On the Motion of Gary Deyo, it was **VOTED:** That the Town of Athol amend the Athol Zoning Bylaws Article III, by deleting Section 3.23, Accessory Agriculture, and replacing it with the following language:

3.23 **Accessory Agriculture**

3.23.1 **Purpose and Intent**

To permit as an accessory use on single-family residential premises, the raising and keeping for non-commercial purposes of horses, livestock, or other farm animals by the owner of the land on which the use is located. This bylaw is not applicable to commercial agriculture.

3.23.2 **Definitions**

**Farm Animals:** Domestic animals raised to produce commodities such as food, fiber and labor.

**Livestock:** Domestic animals, such as cattle or horses.

**Poultry:** Domestic fowls, such as chickens, turkeys, ducks, or geese, raised for meat or eggs.

**Poultry Hen:** Domestic female chicken.

**Rooster:** Adult male chicken.

3.23.3 No minimum acreage shall be required for this bylaw.

- 3.23.4 The Accessory Agriculture use shall be permitted in the Medium Single-Family Residential (RB), Rural Single-Family Residential (RC), and Industrial Commercial (I) zoning districts.
- 3.23.5 For the keeping of twelve (12) poultry hens or less, the applicant shall submit an “APPLICATION FOR USE OR CHANGE OF USE” form with the building department.
- 3.23.6 For the keeping of more than twelve (12) poultry hens, or any quantity of roosters, livestock or other farm animals, the applicant shall submit an “APPLICATION FOR USE OR CHANGE OF USE” form with the building department and shall also obtain a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- 3.23.7 The Accessory Agriculture use shall be permitted in the Multi-Family Residential (RA) zoning district by a special permit issued by the Zoning Board of Appeals for any number of poultry hens, roosters, livestock or other farm animals.  
Applicants from this zoning district shall also submit an “APPLICATION FOR USE OR CHANGE OF USE” form with the building department.
- 3.23.8 Structures housing poultry shall comply with the regulations defined in section 3.2, Accessory Buildings and Uses.

And to further see if the Town of Athol will vote to amend the Athol Zoning Bylaws Article II, Section 2.3, Use Regulation Schedule, by changing, under the category of RESIDENTIAL USES, the sub-category Accessory Agriculture, the use for Residence A to “SP” from “N”.

	Residence A	Residence B	Residence C	Central Commercial	Neighborhood Commercial	General Commercial	Industrial Commercial
2.3 Use Regulation Schedule	RA	RB	RC	CA	CB	G	I
<b>RESIDENTIAL USES</b>							
Accessory Agriculture	SP	SP4	SP4	N	N	N	SP4

*Required a 2/3<sup>rd</sup>'s vote. The vote was unanimous.*

**Article 5** On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED:** That the Town amend Article 8 of the June 13, 2016 Annual Town Meeting to change “DPW Vehicles”: SUV and 1<sup>st</sup> year lease payments for two dump trucks to “DPW Vehicles”: 1<sup>st</sup> year lease payments for two dump trucks and to purchase new or used equipment. *Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 6**

On the Motion of Paul Nelson, it was **VOTED:** That the Town amend Article 19 of the June 13, 2016 Annual Town Meeting by increasing the FY17 DPW Transfer/Recycling Center's operational expenses as follows:

Transfer Station	Expenses
Operational Expenses	363,242
Debt	38,800
Health Insurance	21,037
Overhead	0
Total	423,079

and that **\$423,079** be raised as follows:

Transfer Station	Revenues
Departmental Receipts	418,310
Retained Earnings for Expenses	4,769
Total	423,079

*Passed by a majority vote.*

*Meeting was dissolved at 7:46 p.m.*

Attest:

Nancy E. Burnham, CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

The 2017 Special Town Meeting was held on February 6, 2017 in Memorial Hall. Voters entering the meeting were checked in on the list of registered voters and there were 346 present when the Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The number of voters checked as being present was as follows: Precinct 1, 148; Precinct 2, 95; and Precinct 3, 115. Total present: 358.

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

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

**Phillip D. King** – He was a member of the Board of Selectmen from April 2008 to April 2014, serving as Chairman during his last term. He also served as a call firefighter with the Athol Fire Department.

**Arlan R. Butler** – He worked for the Department of Public Works from 1977 until his retirement in 1998.

**Donald Temple** – He was the Gas Inspector for many years and served on the Athol-Royalston Regional School Committee from 1974-1976.

**H. Thomas Colo** – He was a member of the Board of Selectmen from 1960 to 1981 and was State Representative from 1965 to 1978.

**Angelo Vic Colo** – He was a volunteer with the Athol Fire Department for 32 years, retiring as a Captain.

The following is a true record of the votes taken at the February 6, 2017 Special Town Meeting.

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|-----------|--|
| Article 1 | On the Motion of Holly Young and amended by Lee E. Chauvette, it was VOTED: That the Town advise the Board of Selectmen to terminate the Intermunicipal Agreement concerning an emergency communications and dispatch center voted on March 3, 2015 and signed on March 10, 2015 between the Town of Athol and the City of Gardner by enacting said opt out clause as stated in Section 15 of the agreement by giving the required 18 month notice . <i>Passed by a majority vote.</i> |
| Article 2 | On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was VOTED: That the Town transfer \$8,000 from Treasurer's salary line item in the FY17 general budget for survey, title certification and related costs associated with the disposition or reuse of former elementary schools owned by the Town of Athol. <i>Passed by a majority vote.</i>  |
| Article 3 | No motion. No action taken on "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for Aquatic weed treatment of Lake Ellis, or act in relation thereto".  |

Meeting dissolved at 8:50 p.m.

Attest:

Nancy E. Burnham, CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk



**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
JUNE 12, 2017**

The 2017 Annual Town Meeting was held on June 12, 2017 in Memorial Hall. Voters entering the meeting were checked in on the list of registered voters and there were 98 present when the Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The number of voters checked as being present was as follows: Precinct 1, 51; Precinct 2, 33; and Precinct 3, 29. Total present: 113.

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

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

**Edith J. Miller** – She worked several secretarial jobs for the school systems of Athol and Orange and she was the secretary to the building inspector for Town of Athol.

**Paul V. Sulda, Jr.** – He was a teacher in the Athol school system teaching at the Middle School and was principal of the Riverbend School. He was also an assistant football coach for the varsity football team for several years.

**Mary Erali** – She was the Assistant Town Clerk for 8 years before becoming the first woman ever elected to the Office of Town Clerk in Athol in 1985 until her retirement in 1988.

**Bonita A. Legare** – She was an English teacher at the Athol Junior High/Middle School for 31 years from 1968 to her retirement in 1999.

**Adam Softic** – He helped introduce and successfully coach soccer both Athol High School and Mahar. He also was the driving force in beginning the popular YMCA Youth Soccer Program.

The Board of Selectmen handed out the Annual Margaret Grazis Award:

Employee of the Year – Ann Cutler-Russo & Karen McNiff, Athol Public Library  
Citizen of the Year – Mitchell Grosky

The following is a true record of the votes taken at the June 12, 2017 Annual Town Meeting.

In accordance with M.G. L. chapter 39, section 15, Moderator Lawrence McLaughlin asked for a vote not to take a count and record the vote if a two-thirds vote of a town meeting is required by statute; and provided, further, that if the vote is unanimous, a count need not be taken, and the clerk shall record the vote as unanimous. The vote was unanimous.

**Article 1**        On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED:** That the Town choose all necessary Town Officers not already elected. *Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 2**        On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **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.*

- Article 3** On the Motion of Ben J. Feldman, it was **VOTED:** That the Town accept all donations and gifts received and turned into the treasury during fiscal year 2018. *Passed by a majority vote.*
- Article 4** On the Motion of Paul W. Nelson, it was **VOTED:** That the Town accept all cemetery and other funds received and provided to the treasury during fiscal year 2018. *Passed by a majority vote.*
- Article 5** On the Motion of Michael J. Butler , it was **VOTED:** That the Town authorize the treasurer to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for fiscal year 2018 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F of the Massachusetts General Laws. *Passed by a majority vote.*
- Article 6** On the Motion of Amy Craven, it was **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 2018, for which no additional appropriation by the Town is required. *Passed by a majority vote.*
- Article 7** On the Motion of Lee E. Chauvette, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$14,651,163 to fund the fiscal year 2018 budget to be funded as follows: \$14,636,163 from taxation and by transfer of \$15,000 from parking meter receipt account.

Division/Department	FY16	FY17	FY18	% DIF
<b>Finance</b>				
Accountant	118,513	120,966	124,793	3.16%
Assessor	110,509	116,191	122,634	5.55%
FWAC	85,750	80,250	83,150	3.61%
Capital Planning Committee	1,120	1,120	1,120	0.00%
Collector/Treasurer	2,610,538	2,811,141	2,803,945	-0.26%
Debt Exclusions	1,645,208	2,344,029	2,298,673	-1.93%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4,571,638</b>	<b>5,473,697</b>	<b>5,434,315</b>	<b>-0.72%</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>				
Dept of Inspectional Services	133,268	142,516	150,869	5.86%
Fire Department	1,688,696	1,739,634	1,821,477	4.70%
Health Department	108,702	110,924	121,339	9.39%
Police Department	1,667,671	1,685,138	1,738,090	3.14%
Animal Control (regional)	77,305	78,698	84,897	7.88%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,675,642</b>	<b>3,756,910</b>	<b>3,916,672</b>	<b>4.25%</b>
<b>Public Services</b>				
Board of Selectmen	613,546	521,915	534,483	2.41%
Council on Aging	118,125	102,538	108,592	5.90%
Conservation Commission	8,750	13,800	19,300	39.86%
Contributory Retirement	1,591,102	1,718,246	1,355,412	-21.12%
Elections & Registration	21,294	31,744	18,344	-42.21%
Library	482,844	498,451	534,491	7.23%
Parking	10,475	10,375	11,125	7.23%
Planning & Development /CDBG	90,802	99,467	104,105	4.66%
Professional Services	161,793	297,022	317,064	6.75%
Recreation	27,115	19,565	21,950	12.19%
Beaches	31,400	34,160	37,876	10.88%

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Town Buildings	131,941	121,227	135,671	11.91%
Town Clerk	129,765	140,644	152,560	8.47%
Town Manager	120,465	124,983	135,887	8.72%
Veterans Services	214,336	211,140	217,962	3.23%
Zoning Board of Appeals	2,050	2,400	2,400	0.00%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,755,803</b>	<b>3,947,677</b>	<b>3,707,222</b>	<b>-6.09%</b>
<b>Public Works</b>	<b>1,405,262</b>	<b>1,437,462</b>	<b>1,592,954</b>	<b>10.82%</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOV'T</b>	<b>13,408,345</b>	<b>14,615,746</b>	<b>14,651,163</b>	<b>0.24%</b>

by a majority vote.

## Article 8

On the Motion of Gary H. Deyo, it was **VOTED**: That the Town appropriate \$541,400 from free cash to fund the fiscal year 2018 Capital Improvement Plan as voted by the Capital Program Committee and as detailed in the chart below:

Department	Item/Project	FY18 Requests	FY18 Approved
<b>COA</b>	Repoint Building	50,000.00	15,563.00
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>	<b>15,563.00</b>
<b>Town Hall</b>	Bldg Maintenance	25,000.00	25,000.00
	Lighting Improvements	25,000.00	0.00
<b>Town Manager</b>	Town Vehicle	26,500.00	0.00
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>76,500.00</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>
<b>Fire - vehicles</b>	Ford Interceptor	33,437.00	33,437.00
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>33,437.00</b>	<b>33,437.00</b>
<b>DPW - Vehicles</b>	Lease Payments - Yr 2 of 3	102,457.00	102,457.00
	Dump Body Replacement	40,453.00	19,443.00
<b>DPW - Buildings</b>	Highway Garage roof	540,000.00	0.00
<b>DPW - Projects</b>	Infrastructure Improvements	50,000.00	50,000.00
	Grant Match	50,000.00	50,000.00
	5 Points Engineering Yr 1 of 4	165,000.00	165,000.00
	Exchange Street Bridge	1,900,000.00	0.00
	Lincoln Park	36,000.00	0.00
	Pleasant St. Sidewalks	235,000.00	0.00
<b>DPW-- Water</b>	Improvements	90,000.00	See Article #
<b>DPW-- Sewer</b>	Improvements	20,000.00	See Article #
<b>DPW-Transfer Station</b>	Vehicle replacement	12,000.00	12,000.00
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>3,240,910.00</b>	<b>398,900.00</b>
<b>Police - Vehicles</b>	Cruiser Replacement	42,000.00	42,000.00
	Chief's Cruiser	25,544.00	0.00
	Animal Control SUV	26,500.00	26,500.00
<b>Police - Equipment</b>	Taser Replacement	26,895.00	0.00
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>120,939.00</b>	<b>68,500.00</b>
	<b>Total CPC Budget</b>	<b>3,521,786.00</b>	<b>541,400.00</b>

Passed by a majority vote.

**Article 9** On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED**: That the Town transfer from the Water Enterprise retained earnings \$90,000 for the purchase of equipment and infrastructure improvements for the Water Division. *Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 10** On the Motion of Ben J. Feldman, it was **VOTED**: That the Town transfer from the Sewer Enterprise retained earnings \$20,000 for the purchase of equipment and infrastructure improvements for the Sewer Division. *Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 11** On the Motion of Paul W. Nelson, it was **VOTED**: That the Town appropriate from free cash \$48,500 for the purpose of funding future Revaluations and Interim Year Value Adjustments, as required under M.G.L. Ch. 40, Section 56, Ch. 58, Sections 1, 1A & 3 and Ch. 59 Section 2A.. Such funding is to cover all aspects of revaluation including, but not limited to, statistical analysis, sales analysis, video imaging, field reviews and all other tasks deemed necessary for successful completion of these state mandated requirements. *Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 12** On the Motion of Michael J. Butler, it was **VOTED**: That the Town appropriate from taxation \$4,229,800 for the fiscal year 2018 assessment to the Athol-Royalston Regional School District. *Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 13** On the Motion of Amy Craven, it was **VOTED**: That the Town appropriate from taxation \$273,496 for the fiscal year 2018 assessment to the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District. *Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 14** On the Motion of Gary H. Deyo, it was **VOTED**: That the Town set the salaries of several elected officers and appointed positions of the boards of the Town as printed in the warrant.

Moderator	\$ 200.00
Selectmen, Chairman	\$1652.00
Selectmen, all other (4)	\$1377.00
Assessors, Chairman	\$1652.00
Assessors, all other (1)	\$1377.00
Constable	None
Board of Health, Chairman	\$1652.00
Board of Health, all other (2)	\$1377.00
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 \$1,210,936 from available funds to operate the Department of Public Works / Water Division Enterprise Fund.

Water Division	Expenses
Operational Expenses	\$ 814,549

Debt	\$ 199,836
Health Insurance	\$ 40,851
Overhead	\$ 95,700
<u>OPEB</u>	<u>\$ 60,000</u>
Total	\$1,210,936

and that \$1,210,936 be raised as follows with any balance in the OPEB be transferred to an OPEB fund balance account:

Water Division	Revenues
Water Rates	\$1,110,936
Water Service	\$ 15,000
Water Interest	\$ 5,000
<u>Water Account Charges</u>	<u>\$ 80,000</u>
Total	\$1,210,936

*Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 16** On the Motion of Ben J. Feldman, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$1,473,240 from available funds to operate the Department of Public Works / Sewer Division Enterprise Fund.

Sewer Division	Expenses
Operational Expenses	\$ 939,822
Debt	\$ 365,844
Health Insurance	\$ 45,874
Overhead	\$ 95,700
<u>OPEB</u>	<u>\$ 26,000</u>
Total	\$1,473,240

and that the \$1,473,240 be raised as follows with any balance in the OPEB be transferred to an OPEB fund balance account:

Sewer Division	Revenues
Sewer Rates	\$1,397,240
Sewer Service	\$ 1,000
Sewer Interest	\$ 5,000
<u>Sewer Acct. Charge</u>	<u>\$ 70,000</u>
Total	\$1,473,240

*Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 17** On the Motion of Paul W. Nelson, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$380,088 from available funds to operate the Department of Public Works /Transfer/Recycling Enterprise Fund.

Transfer Station	Expenses
Operational Expenses	\$ 327,008
Debt	\$ 38,050
Health Insurance	\$ 15,030
Total	\$ 380,088

and that the \$380,088 be raised as follows:

Transfer Station	Revenues
Receipts	\$ 364,400
Retained Earnings	\$ 15,688
Total	\$ 380,088

*Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 18** On the Motion of Michael J. Butler, it was **VOTED**: That the Town appropriate from free cash \$25,987 to fund to the "Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund. *Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 19** On the Motion of Amy Craven, it was **VOTED**: That the Town establish and reauthorize the following revolving funds for certain Town departments under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½ for fiscal year 2018.

Revolving fund	Authorized to spend	Revenue source	Use of fund	FY2018 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.	\$2,500
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
<b>Total Spending</b>				<b>\$142,500</b>

*Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 20** On the Motion of Gary H. Deyo, it was **VOTED:** That the Town establish and reauthorize the following revolving fund for certain Town departments under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53C for fiscal year 2018.

Revolving fund	Authorized to spend	Revenue source	Use of fund	FY2018 spending limit
Police Detail	Police Chief	Contractors	Pay police	\$100,000

*Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 21** On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate from free cash \$85,000 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 Ben J. Feldman, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate from free cash \$88,119.31 to fund the final payment of a sum of money to pay a settlement agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency relative to the environmental cleanup completed at the former Rod & Gun Club. *Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 23** On the Motion of Paul W. Nelson, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate from free cash \$15,000 for the purpose of paying a portion of one-time costs attributable to the retirement of employees of the Town. *Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 24** On the Motion of Michael J. Butler, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate from free cash \$50,000 to upgrade the public safety radio system. *Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 25** On the Motion of Amy Craven, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate from free cash \$50,030 for miscellaneous dispatch expenses. *Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 26** On the Motion of Gary H. Deyo, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate from free cash \$36,000 to fund an aquatic weed treatment program at Lake Ellis. *Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 27** On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED:** That the Town appropriate from free cash \$16,000 to purchase a UTV (Utility Task Vehicle) to be used by the Conservation Commission. *Passed by a majority vote.*

- Article 28** On the Motion of Ben J. Feldman, it was **VOTED**: That the Town appropriate from free cash \$12,000 to fund upgrades at the Animal Control Facility. *Passed by a majority vote.*
- Article 29** On the Motion of Paul W. Nelson, 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 13, 2011 Annual Town Meeting. *Passed by a majority vote.*
- Article 30** **NO MOTION, NO ACTION** taken on "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of by sale or any other lawful means, for a minimum amount to be specified, the buildings and a portion of land, totaling 8.13 acres, known as the former Pleasant Street Elementary School, and more particularly described on a plan prepared by Edward T. Berry, PLS entitled "Plan of School Lot, 1060 Pleasant Street" dated May 2, 2017, available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Town Clerk, upon said property being declared as no longer necessary for the purpose for which it was originally acquired and upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be in the best interests of the Town. And to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any actions necessary to effect the purposes of this article; *or act in relation thereto.* "
- Article 31** On the Motion of Ben J. Feldman, it was **VOTED**: That the Town authorize the Board of Library Trustees and / or the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for special legislation to authorize the Board of Library Trustees to administer the proceeds of the Anthony and Katherine Ralys Library Building Fund and to prudently invest such funds in accordance with Chapter 203C of the General Laws. *Passed by a majority vote.*
- Article 32** **NO MOTION, NO ACTION** taken on "To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to file with the Massachusetts Legislature a petition for special legislation to remove the Full-Time Firefighters of the Athol Fire Department from the provisions of M.G.L. c. 31, the civil service law and the regulations promulgated thereunder, provided that such legislation shall not impair the civil service status of incumbents in the position of fulltime firefighters upon the effective date of such legislation, *or act in relation thereto.*"
- Article 33** **NO MOTION, NO ACTION** taken on "To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to file with the Massachusetts Legislature a petition for special legislation to remove the Full-Time and Part-Time Officers of the Athol Police Department from the provisions of M.G.L. c. 31, the civil service law and the regulations promulgated thereunder, provided that such legislation shall not impair the civil service status of incumbents in the position of fulltime and part-time police officers upon the effective date of such legislation, *or act in relation thereto.*"



**Article 34**

On the Motion of Amy Craven, it was **VOTED**: That the Town amend Article 26 of the June 13, 2011 Annual Town Meeting establishing an Agricultural Commission as written above with the proposed changes to the membership requirements illustrated with a strike thru in the first paragraph.

To see if the Town will establish an Agricultural Commission to represent the farming community and promote locally grown products and services. The Commission shall be an advisory committee established to address and represent agricultural issues and interests for the Town. The Town Manager shall appoint a five member commission: two members for a term of three years; two members for two year terms; one member for one year term and three year appointments thereafter. Two alternate members may be appointed and ranked by the Town Manager. Each alternate will have the right to vote based on that ranking, if required to establish a quorum. Any vacancy shall be filled by the Town Manager who shall review recommendations of the Commission. ~~At least three members and one alternate shall be actively engaged in farming or related agricultural activity.~~ Each member of the Commission and each alternate must be town residents or owner and/or farmers of agricultural property within the town. The duties and responsibilities of the Commission shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Advising all Town Boards, Committees and other local organizations, on projects and activities involving the protection, preservation, revitalization and sustainability of agriculture and agricultural lands in Town.
2. Engage in projects and activities to promote farming activities and traditions.
3. Support existing and future farmland protection including programs and community events.
4. Provide and support educational activities for children and adults.
5. Assist schools in developing agriculturally-based educational programs within the classroom curriculum to promote local agricultural products and services.
6. Support the community, farmers markets and community gardens.
7. Seek out and promote agricultural-based economic opportunities.
8. Work with the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR), Massachusetts Association of Agricultural Commissions (MAAC), Farm Bureau, other related organizations and legislators to promote local agricultural interests.
9. Promote local agriculture to keep the community aware of the benefits of farms and local farm products and services and sustaining rural character of the community.
10. Report on its projects and activities on an annual basis within the town report.

*Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 35** On the Motion of Michael J. Butler, it was **VOTED:** That the Town transfer from free cash \$100,000 to offset the tax rate determination for fiscal year 2018. *Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 36** On the Motion of Kenneth Duffy, it was **VOTED:** That the Town transfer from free cash \$131,316 to the Stabilization Fund. *Passed by a majority vote.*

**Article 37** On the Motion of Gary H. Deyo, it was **VOTED:** That the Town establish a Capital Stabilization Fund pursuant to MGL c. 40, sec. 5B for purpose of funding a portion or all of the costs of future capital projects, and, further, to transfer from free cash \$100,000 to the said Capital Stabilization Fund. *Required a 2/3<sup>rd</sup>'s vote. The vote was unanimous.*

**Article 38      Petition Article**

On the Motion of Patricia Roix, it was **VOTED:** That the Town amend the Town of Athol Bylaws by adding the following language:

**Chapter XV Plastic Bag Reduction Bylaw**

**Section 1. Purpose and Intent**

The production and use of thin-film single-use plastic checkout bags have significant impacts on the environment, including, but not limited to: contributing to the potential death of aquatic animals and other wildlife through ingestion and entanglement; contributing to pollution of the land environment; creating a burden to solid waste collection and recycling facilities; clogging storm drainage systems; and requiring the use of millions of barrels of crude oil nationally for their production.

The purpose of this bylaw is to reduce the use of thin-film single-use plastic checkout bags by all retail and grocery stores in the town of Athol.

**Section 2. Definitions**

2.1 Checkout bag.: A carryout bag provided by a store to a customer at the point of sale. Checkout bags shall not include bags, whether plastic or not, in which loose produce or products are placed by the consumer to deliver such items to the point of sale or checkout area of the store.

2.2 Thin-film single-use plastic bags: Typically with plastic handles, these are bags with a thickness of 2.5 mils or less and are intended for single-use transport of purchased products.

2.3 Grocery store: A retail establishment where more than fifty percent of the gross floor area is devoted to the sale of food products for home preparation and consumption, which typically also offers home care and personal care products.

2.4 Retail store: An establishment that offers the sale and display of merchandise within a building.

2.5 Reusable checkout bag: A bag, with handles, that is specifically designed for multiple use and is made of thick plastic, cloth, fabric or other durable materials.

### **Section 3. Use Regulations**

3.1 Thin-film single-use plastic bags shall not be distributed, used, or sold for checkout or other purposes at any retail or grocery store within the town of Athol. Retail establishment shall mean any business facility that sells goods directly to the consumer including but not limited to grocery stores, pharmacies, liquor stores, "mimi marts", and retail vendors selling clothing, food, and household or personal items.

3.2 Customers are encouraged to bring their own reusable or biodegradable shopping bags to stores. Retail of grocery stores are strongly encouraged to make reusable checkout bags available for sale to customers at a reasonable price.

3.3 Thin film plastic bags used to contain dry cleaning, newspaper, produce, meat, bulk foods, wet items and other similar merchandise, typically without handles, are still permissible.

3.4 Said by-law to become effective January 1st, 2018.

### **Section 4. Enforcement Process**

Enforcement of this bylaw shall be the responsibility of the Town Manager or his/her designee. The Town Manager shall determine the inspection process to be followed, incorporating the process into other town duties as appropriate. Any retail or grocery store distributing plastic grocery bags in violation of this bylaw shall be subject to a non-criminal disposition fine as specified in Appendix A of the Regulations for enforcement of Town Bylaws under M.G.L. Chapter 40, 21D and the Bylaw for Non-Criminal Disposition and Violations; *or act in relation thereto.*

BYLAW	FINE SCHEDULE	FINE ALLOWED	ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
Plastic Bag Reduction Bylaw	1st offense	Warning	Town Manager's designee
	2nd offense	\$25.00	
	3rd and each subsequent offense	\$50.00	

*Passed by a majority vote.*

Meeting dissolved at 8:12 p.m.

Attest:

Nancy E. Burnham  
Town Clerk

# CHAPTER SEVEN

## SCHOOLS

Reports of the  
Athol Royalston Regional School  
District & Montachusett Regional  
Vocational Technical School



## **ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR (FY16)**

The Athol-Royalston Regional School District (ARRSD) presents this report to the citizens of Athol and Royalston. This report is organized into three main sections: Students, Curriculum & Instruction, and Finance & Facilities. This format has been chosen in an effort to best communicate who we serve, how we serve them, and the resources used to do so.

### **STUDENTS**

#### **THE CLASS OF 2016**

The graduating class of 2017 represents the results of the cumulative efforts of the school system and the community. Sixty Five (65) students graduated from Athol High School (AHS) on June 2, 2017. Of these 65 graduates, 56 of them (86 %) went on to attend either a two or four year college. The following is a list of the colleges in which AHS students are attending:

Anna Maria College  
Bay Path University  
Berkley College  
Castleton University  
Curry College  
Fitchburg State University  
Franklin Pierce University  
Greenfield Community College  
Johnson & Wales  
University Lincoln Technical Institute  
Mount Wachusett Community College  
Nichols College  
Panola College  
Porter & Chester Institute  
Southern New Hampshire University  
St. John's University  
University of Massachusetts-Amherst  
University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
Westfield State University  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

## THE STUDENT POPULATION

The district enrollment in FY17 was 1,466 students. This was an increase of 41 students from FY16. In FY17 the number of students who elected to choice out to another district was 378. However, the number of students who elected to choice into the district was 75. This resulted in a net choice out of 303 students in FY17.

During the 2016-2017 school year, 50.7 percent of the student body was classified as economically disadvantaged. This number represents 743 students who are classified in this category because they receive a qualified support service through the state. There district continues to qualify for the community eligibility provision allowing for free breakfast and lunch for all students.

### Special Education Students

The District served 397 students with special needs ranging in ages 3 to 22 during the 2016-2017 school year. This represents 27 percent of the total student population. The District follows all state and federal regulations requiring a full continuum of services for students to ensure access to the general education curriculum. Approximately 32 students are served in Out of District (OOD) placements due to their intensive instructional, physical and/or emotional needs. Extended year services for approximately 60 students prevent significant regression in their academic and/or social-emotional skills over the summer break.

### English Language Learners

In the 2016-2017 school year, the ARRSd had 38 students, grades pre-k –12, spread over 5 schools, who qualify for direct English language instruction according to state and federal laws. For the majority, Spanish is the first language, but Gujarati, Mandarin Chinese and Vietnamese were also represented.

The district took part in a Composite Performance Review (CPR) of the ELL program. The results of the review showed that the district was out of compliance in meeting the hours of service for ELL students and providing proper translation of documents for students and families. The district resolved these issue by hiring an additional ELL teacher and putting in place a district wide translation process to support all ELL students in the district.

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

The district MCAS data for all students demonstrates a decline in ELA CPI scores from 2012-2017 and a small growth in math CPI scores from 2012-2017. The CPI for science is showing an uptake from 2016 to 2017. In addition the state scaled scores (adjusted score used to ensure scale is the same no matter which version of the test was taken) for 2017 in ELA and math show significant gaps.

ELA	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	ELA	2017	State ELA	Gap
CPI	76.9	77.2	75.9	76.1	74.1	SS	487.2	499.1	-11.9
Math	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Math	2017	State Math	
CPI	66.6	67.7	66.3	66.4	67.4	SS	486.7	498.8	-12.1

Science	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
CPI	73.3	70.5	71.9	71.3	69.1	69.7

For the students with disabilities subgroup a decline is shown in math and ELA between 2012 and 2016. It is important to note, however, that the gap between the state and special education in 2017 is narrower than the gap for all students. The special education science scores are at the highest levels tied with the 2013 results.

SWD ELA	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	SWD ELA	2017	State ELA	Gap
CPI	53.5	57.4	56.2	57.1	52.6	SS	470.8	480.0	-9.2

SWD MATH	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	SWD MATH	2017	State Math	Gap
CPI	47.5	48.1	47.7	44.8	45.3	SS	471.7	479.8	-8.1

SWD SCIENCE	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
CPI	57.6	59.1	57.5	53.3	52.2	59.1

In reviewing CPI by grade level the following was revealed:

- Elementary ELA CPI scores from 2012 to 2016 remain in the high 60's, which is below the secondary schools' CPIs.
- The middle school's CPI's have remained consistently in the 70's and the high school's CPI's for ELA have remained in the 90's.
- 2017 scaled scores demonstrate high gaps between the state and district in grades 3, 4, 7 and 8. Grades 5 and 6 have smaller gaps

ELA	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 SS	State	Gap
3	70.7	76.5	72.1	72.3	69.8	483.7	498.8	-15.1
4	63.4	63.7	69.5	67.2	66.6	483.5	499.2	-15.7
5	73.5	66.5	69.1	68.7	69.4	490.6	498.9	-8.3
6	74.0	78.9	70.0	72.1	75.2	492.5	499.5	-7
7	78	79.9	78.3	73.2	70.0	486.7	498.9	-12.2
8	88.4	85.6	82.5	88.1	76.8	486.7	498.9	-12.2
10	94.3	94.0	92.1	94.5	94.0	91.8		

- In mathematics the middle schools scores in grades 7 and 8 have taken a significant decline to the high 50s between 2012 and 2016. The gap between the state and district on average scaled scores show that the trend for grades 7 and 8 continues. The grade five-math scores remain in the 60's for the last five years while grades 3, 4, and 6 are in the 70s. Grade 10 is in the 80s. The data demonstrates that grade 6 math is showing significant narrowing between the state and district. Although not as low grade 8 and 5 have similar trends.

Math	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 SS	State	Gap
3	62.5	69.8	60.9	73.0	70.0	481.0	498.8	-17.8
4	57.4	62.8	67.9	62.5	71.6	480.0	498.0	-18.0
5	63.2	60.6	64.8	62.9	64.1	491.0	498.7	-7.7
6	76.6	76.2	71.4	75.2	76.1	493.9	499.2	-5.3
7	63.6	65.4	58.8	57.4	55.7	485.3	498.7	-13.4
8	63.8	60.8	59.4	56.6	53.7	489.7	499.6	-9.9
10	76.2	83.3	82.4	78.3	83.0	71.3		

- In science the district has seen a decline in grade 5 science scores from 69.1 in 2012 to 63.3 in 2017.
- In grade 8 and 10 science the district has seen increases from 2016 to 2017.

Science	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
5	69.1	59.1	68.7	66.4	72.0	63.3
8	70.4	70.7	66.3	69.7	58.7	66.1
10	86.3	88.4	83.3	80.7	79.2	79.8

In reviewing the supports for students in special education and reading the numbers are as follows:

School	Special Education Students	Special Education Teachers	Ratio	Total Students
ACES	186	9	21 to 1	613
RCS	23	3	8 to 1	140
Middle	101	6	16 to 1	395
High	86	6	14 to 1	387
School	Total Number of classroom Teachers	Teacher Ratio	Title 1 Support	
ACES	36	17 to 1	1 Reading Coach 0.6 Math Coach 1 Reading	
RCS	11	13 to 1	0.8 Reading	
Middle	27	14 to 1	2 Reading	
High	29	13 to 1	0 Reading Teachers	

Evidence demonstrates that ACES has the highest number of special education students to special education students and the same for the ratio of teachers to students.

### **CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

ARRSD is taking major steps to work towards improving the academic achievement of the students and improve the overall quality of education that we offer. The following are some of the steps that have been taken to facilitate our improvement efforts.

#### **Strategic Plan**

The district continued to follow the strategic plan. The plan identified key areas of focus which includes the following: Student Achievement, Funding and Finance, Community Partnerships, Facilities, Leadership and Human Resources, Climate and Culture, and Technology. One of the major accomplishments of the strategic plan was the opening of the Athol Community Elementary School.

#### **Turnaround Plan**



The district turnaround continued with a focus on Early Childhood Education. Additionally, the plan continued to focus on creating distributed instructional leadership, aligning the curriculum, and developing a tiered system of support.

### **Literacy Professional Development**

To improve the way in which we teach literacy, Teachers for Teachers has been our literacy consultant. Teachers for Teachers worked with the staff regularly throughout the entire 2016-2017 school year to continue working on the implementation of a reader's workshop model of instruction. This work focuses on ensuring that we are using data to make sure that we are meeting the needs of each individual student.

### **Math Professional Development**

In order to address the way we were teaching math, Looney Math Consulting was contracted as our mathematics consultant. Looney math consultants met with the elementary staff on a regular basis during the 2016-2017 school year to focus on both the content and instructional strategies for teaching the content in the curriculum frameworks. During the 2016-2017 school year more of a focus was placed on coaching and lesson study. Looney Math consultants were contracted to provide both individual and group coaching sessions in which they observed teaching in the classroom and worked together to improve practice.

### **District and School Assistance Centers**

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) District and School Assistance Centers (DSAC) are also key partners in our continued improvement efforts. Working with DSAC we began to implement learning walks and to focus on tiered systems of support. DSAC assists the district at all levels. DSAC is the assistance branch of the DESE, and we work with them to help us identify areas of concern and build the capacity to address these areas.

### **Technology**

In preparing students to meet the demands of the core curriculum and the state standards for integrating technology in education, the ARRSD technology department updated its goals based on classroom needs and creative use of available hardware and software. Technology serves students, teachers and administration with necessary tools in accomplishing their daily work. The goals leverage the way in which new and donated equipment can best be utilized to support the diverse and varied learning and teaching environment.

The technology department has partnered with many institutions and businesses across the northeast for additional computers, monitors, interactive whiteboards, projectors, printers, WiFi and other equipment on a donation basis. Many computers are brought up to current performance specifications through modification of internal components. Grants have been secured to purchase new laptops for middle school student use. These are used daily for math, ELA, science and social studies instruction among other curriculum pieces. Older computers and operating systems continue to be phased out and replaced by newer and faster efficient systems.

Teachers continue to gather evidence of their teaching practice with their tablets for the state's teacher evaluation system. Administration is able to meet and work with teachers using feedback through this technology.

The Family Portal website continues to be a source of immediate student information for family members. It also encourages interactivity between families and teachers. This past year, more families have been connected to their students' assignments, projects and grades on a timely basis.

## FINANCE & FACILITIES

### Finances

The operating budget for FY17 was approved at \$23,874, 663. This was presented as a balanced budget in which anticipated revenues and expenses would match. The actual expenditures were \$23,247,885 and the actual revenues were \$22,832,951. This resulted in a positive balance that the district was able to carry forward in the excess and deficiency account. The district funded \$500,000 in revenues for both the FY17 and FY18 budgets from the excess and deficiency account. Overall, the FY17 budget represented an increase of 1.022% from the FY16 budget. This increase covered contractual increases and rising costs in health care. Complete FY17 financial statements and salaries will follow this report.

### Grants

In addition to the operating budget, ARRSD receives additional grant funding. FY 17 received \$1,758,929 in entitlement allocations. These funds were primarily used for special education services, Title I interventions, School redesign at ACES and professional development. All of these funds must be spent according to the restrictions placed on them by the particular grant. Grant funds must be used to supplement the budget, not to supplant existing expenses that the district has for its regular programming.

### Athletics

	<b>VARSITY</b>	Participant s	Paid Coaches	Volunteer Coaches	Record	Tournament Appearance
1	Football	17	2	1	8-3	No
2	Boys Soccer	19	1	1	8-7-3	Yes
3	Girls Soccer	14	1	0	5-11-1	No
4	Girls Volleyball	10	1	0	17-4	Yes
5	Field Hockey	14	1	0	3-14	No
6	Football					
6	Cheerleading	15	1	0	n/a	n/a
7	Boys Basketball	9	1	0	1-19	No
8	Girls Basketball	9	1	0	8-12	No
9	Wrestling	12	1	1	7-3	n/a
1						
0	Winter Cheerleading	8	1	0	n/a	n/a
1						
1	Boys Indoor Track	14	1	0	6-4-1	n/a
1						
2	Girls Indoor Track	12	1	0	3-8	n/a
1						
3	Baseball	15	1	1	8-12	No
1						
4	Softball	13	1	2	15-7	Yes
1						
5	Boys Volleyball	9	1	1	12-8	Yes
1						
6	Boys Track and Field	20	1	0	0-8	n/a
1						
7	Girls Track and Field	24	1	0	0-9	n/a
		234	18	7		

**JUNIOR VARSITY**

1	Football	13	1	1
2	Boys Soccer	11	1	0
3	Girls Soccer	13	1	0
4	Girls Volleyball	18	1	0
5	Field Hockey	0	1	0
6	Boys Basketball	8	1	0
7	Girls Basketball	6	1	0
8	Wrestling	4	1	0
9	Baseball	12	1	0
1				
0	Softball	14	1	0
1				
1	Boys Volleyball	7	1	0
		106	11	1

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

1	Football	40	2	1
2	Boys Soccer	15	1	0
3	Girls Soccer	15	1	0
4	Field Hockey	16	0	0
5	Boys Basketball	18	1	0
6	Girls Basketball	11	1	1
8	Winter Cheerleading	5	1	0
9	Baseball	15	1	0
1				
0	Softball	15	1	1
		150	9	3

**Facilities**

The 2016-2017 school year was the grand opening of the new Athol Community Elementary School (ACES). The district applied for a MSBA grant to recondition the high schools doors, windows, boiler and roof. The district budget added a new groundskeeper to ensure outside spaces are maintained, redesigned the high school boys locker room, refinished the high school auditorium, the high school public restrooms, waxed all hallways floors and painted walls where needed. Lastly the district completed a design study for the high school track. The estimated cost for the track complex buildings came in at \$2,998,794.00

**COMMUNICATION**

Please go to the ARRSD website at [www.arrsd.org](http://www.arrsd.org) for more information. You can find recent news, contact information, reports from the state and other agencies, and school committee agendas and minutes there. Additionally, you can follow the ARRSD on our Facebook Page, <https://www.facebook.com> and search for Athol-Royalston Regional School District. Finally, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the office of the superintendent at (978) 249-2400.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Debbie Kuzmeskas, Chair, ARRSD School Committee  
 Darcy Fernandes, Superintendent of Schools, ASSRD

Athol Royalston School District

Budget Assessment Sheet

Actual FY 17

<b>State and Town Support</b>	
Assessments	\$4,644,813
Chapter 70	\$17,267,570
Regional Transportation	\$488,426
Charter Tuition Reimbursement	\$2,218
<b>Total State and Town Support</b>	<b>\$22,403,027</b>
<b>Other Revenue Sources Available</b>	
Excess and Deficiency Transfer	\$500,000
Out of District Tuitions	\$40,000
Pre-K Tuition	\$473
Miscellaneous/Erate	\$94,082
Interest Income	\$8,335
Medicaid	\$286,035
<b>Total Transfer and Tution Funding</b>	<b>\$928,924</b>
<b>Total Appropriated Budget Funding</b>	<b>\$23,331,951</b>
<b>Appropriated Budgets</b>	<b>\$23,874,663</b>
Difference (Above/Below Budget)	(\$542,712)
Above Minimum Contribution	\$521,349
Debt Portion of Budget	\$411,311
Transportation less estimated reimbursement (65%)	\$1,142,160

Athol-Royalston Regional School District - FY17 Salaries

ADAMS, BARBARA J	\$1,500.00	BULLARD, SARAH A	\$24,552.96
AHO, MITCHEL G	\$118,424.23	BUTLAND, BRENDA A	\$46,522.58
ALLEN, EILEEN R	\$78,945.99	BYRNE-BEGIN, KATHERINE T	\$77,645.85
ALLEN, TERESA M	\$24,845.88	CALDWELL, WILLIAM J	\$57,102.93
AMES, JENNIFER L	\$75,103.15	CALVI, MYRA J	\$79,610.85
ANDERSON, BARBARA L	\$62,634.83	CARNIE, MARY C	\$2,300.25
ANDERSON, KURT M	\$63,618.04	CARRASQUILLO, TATYANA	\$1,087.50
ANDERSON, TIMOTHY	\$17,593.38	CETTO, HOLLY A	\$69,406.46
AQUADRO, JULIA	\$17,425.68	CHADWICK, CASEY L	\$33,947.53
ARNOLD, ELEANOR M.J.	\$33,745.15	CHAGNON, MELISSA L	\$4,845.50
ARPIDE, JENNIFER L	\$67,388.83	CHAMBERLAIN, RACHAEL M	\$39,441.85
BACIGALUPO, BONNIE L	\$21,818.58	CHAMBERLAIN, TIESHA L	\$7,100.59

BARON, OLIVIA	\$15,934.08	CHANDLER, LYNETTE A	\$8,019.17
BARTLETT, KIMBERLY A	\$6,361.50	CHASE, ELLEN M	\$18,830.87
BARTLETT, LYDIA L	\$67,804.81	CHASE, LAURA I	\$38,444.57
BASSETT, LYNN M	\$100,959.44	CHASE, TOBEY	\$375.00
BASSO, JENNIFER A	\$6,840.05	CHAUVETTE, SHARON A	\$31,227.67
BEAULAC, CARRIEANNE L	\$48,532.30	CHIASSON, SCOTT A	\$41,720.97
BELLABARBA, STACEY	\$75.00	CHISHOLM, MELISSA	\$1,798.73
BERGERON, DEBRA M	\$74,803.63	CLARK, KATHRYN	\$47,384.59
BERGQUIST DARLING, LORI S	\$20,116.64	CLEVELAND, KILEY R	\$2,144.88
BERLINGER, JOHN A	\$48,893.06	CLEVELAND, TIMOTHY	\$3,528.44
BERTHIAUME, NANCY E	\$4,719.00	COLE, HOLLY S	\$48,654.93
BERTRAND, LAUREEN G	\$231,022.77	COLEMAN, ALISHA M	\$38,647.75
BETTEZ, VANESSA R	\$165.00	COLMENARES, KATHY J	\$57,775.06
BEVIS, DANIEL R	\$72,789.52	COMEAU, CLAUDETTE	\$277.75
BICKFORD, SHELBY E	\$21,764.62	COOLEY, BRANDI L	\$49,500.37
BILLINGHAM, DIANE L	\$40,666.80	COSTA, DANIELLE M	\$981.50
BILLINGHAM, GEOFFREY	\$1,920.00	COSTON, REBECCA D	\$5,362.50
BLAIR, DEBORAH M	\$10,148.15	COVIELLO, MARISA D	\$70,547.54
BLAKE, KATHLEEN M	\$58,278.97	COX, DAVID	\$1,427.86
BLANCHARD, DEBORAH M	\$75,669.50	CROSS, STEPHANIE C	\$21,369.18
BLASCO, MAUREEN G	\$1,245.00	CUTLER, MONA L	\$10,295.04
BOLASEVICH, LORI J	\$10,099.99	DAIGLE, REBECCA	\$25,562.67
BOORE, MONICA R	\$38,859.66	DAVIS, ARIC A	\$48,343.76
BOUCHARD, JULIE M	\$25,415.30	DEASY, MICHAEL J	\$79,208.92
BOUCHER, BRIAN	\$2,705.31	DEVAULT, BUNI B	\$23,827.74
BOUTELL, DONNA	\$27,413.47	DEVAULT, JOSHUA L	\$20,372.08
BRAILEY, JENNIFER MARIE	\$9,030.51	DEVENEAU, ANGELA J	\$27,361.00
BRENNAN, LINDA A	\$1,512.75	DEWITT, JESSICA M	\$2,305.49
BRITT, SCOTT	\$1,725.00	DIAZ, ANNE M	\$91,016.55
BROOKS, AUDREY S	\$9,783.30	DICKSON, ROBERT	\$77,190.85
BROWN, CAROLYN A	\$47,593.81	DINARDO, DANIELLE	\$14,532.96
BROWN, LAURA	\$21,167.67	DIVOLL, ABIGAIL S	\$2,392.67
BROWN-HILL, KATE	\$29,545.43	DIVOLL, REBECCA J	\$47,004.87
DOBSON, RYAN	\$2,518.32	HALL, GARRETT H	\$18,133.86
DONOVAN, LAUREN E	\$8,826.49	HALL, SHEILA D	\$50,958.43
DREW, CYNTHIA L	\$76,595.85	HARRISON, JANA E	\$7,327.50
DRISCOLL, AMY	\$14,412.96	HAYDOCY, TERRI-LYNNE	\$21,511.07
DROUIN, CINDY E	\$63,391.57	HAZEN, BRUCE	\$2,144.88
DUFOUR, KATHLEEN C	\$20,961.99	HENRY, JOHN	\$18,117.66
DUFOUR, OLIVIA K	\$1,350.00	HERK, HEIDI A	\$16,135.19
DUKETT, ANN L	\$73,940.59	HERK, TIMOTHY	\$2,511.63
DUPLESSIS, SCOTT A	\$43,985.14	HERMES, BRITTANY N	\$2,778.00
EASTMAN, CHERISH A	\$11,220.45	HEUER, HEIDI S	\$74,311.91

EASTMAN, DEBRA A	\$78,562.56	HOEGEN, CHRISTINE M	\$56,199.74
EGAN MD, RONALD D	\$576.00	HOPKINS, BRENDA J	\$21,762.03
ELIASZ, CHRISTINE L	\$75,670.39	HORGAN, PATRICK	\$17,287.47
ELLIS, LISA M	\$30,422.57	HUBBLE, JENNIFER C	\$21,161.56
ENGLEHART, SAMANTHA A	\$42,373.33	HUGHES, CYNTHIA A	\$40,887.86
EUVRARD, SHARON L	\$63,446.85	HUGHES, MARGERY E	\$77,915.85
FELDMAN, BEN	\$38,355.16	HUME, JAIME D	\$53,448.05
FEMINO, SHERYL	\$12,000.00	HUME, LORNE K	\$23,027.22
FERNANDES, DARCY	\$75,999.95	HUNTER, ELLY T	\$75,381.57
FERRANTI, JEFFREY L	\$72,321.77	HUNTER, SCOTT A	\$83,824.31
FISHER, NATHAN	\$1,798.73	HUTCHINS, SAMANTHA K	\$75.00
FLANNERY, KELLY M	\$7,374.00	JACK, MELINDA M	\$15,322.98
FOSTER, THERESA L	\$25,630.37	JASKOVIK, LINDA L	\$76,645.85
FRANCK, BARBARA	\$76,915.85	JEFFERY, BRANDON J	\$2,511.63
FRASER, GENEVIEVE C	\$675.00	JELLEY, CHERYL A	\$77,418.92
FRASER, RACHELLE	\$5,730.89	JENNINGS, LAURIE J	\$5,319.17
FREDETTE, JESSICA A	\$1,062.75	JOHNSON, DEIDRE L	\$4,385.25
GABRENAS, JOSHUA P	\$43,831.16	JOHNSON, MYRA P	\$1,162.50
GABRENAS, JOYCE	\$23,494.32	JOHNSON, TRACY E	\$67,793.98
GAMBILL, TRACY L	\$10,919.69	JOHNSTONE, SHERRY A	\$29,215.68
GAUTHIER, ELAINE P	\$40,816.12	JOLLY, TREFFLE	\$1,890.00
GESNER, LAURA A	\$49,619.80	JONES, LEAH M	\$76,278.50
GIANCATERINO, JENNIFER L	\$53,873.32	KACZMARCZYK, KELLY R	\$59,195.52
GIROUARD, ERIN J	\$65,277.19	KAPILOFF, LEAH D	\$35,329.32
GLADDEN, COLLEEN R	\$22,131.41	KAPISE, STEPHANIE R	\$4,158.50
GODIN, DEBBIE J	\$54,044.58	KIMBALL, RICHARD E JR	\$46,826.58
GOLDTHWAITE, DARLENE E	\$80,272.42	KING, DAVID P	\$102,320.88
GOSPODAREK, ELIZABETH A	\$76,032.20	KING, DENISE M	\$13,715.89
GRAHAM, MELISSA S	\$45,802.26	KING, SARAH S	\$77,791.91
GRAHAM, SHEILA L	\$1,275.00	KITTEREDGE, JENNIFER	\$1,781.42
GRUTCHFIELD, CAROLINE	\$225.00	KITZMILLER, ANGELA C	\$40,126.80
GRUTCHFIELD, MARY SCHISSEL	\$75,256.91	KNECHTEL, KATIE	\$400.00
GUERIN, TYLER J	\$2,473.73	KONRAD, ASHLEY	\$1,460.06
GUILBAULT, PETER B	\$46,891.78	KOPLEY, KENNETH P	\$64,814.35
HAGER, CYNTHIA C	\$15,796.12	KORPI, SAMANTHA L	\$13,367.35
HAINS, FRANK E	\$23,132.37	KOZIAK, AMY-BETH	\$74,455.94
HALL, EMILY R	\$42,197.07	KUZDEBA, PAULETTE L	\$53,519.18
LAFFERTY, GRETCHEN	\$16,616.25	NASON-ZANCA, BARBARA L	\$3,562.50
LAJOIE, DONNA R	\$78,084.42	NEEDLE, JENNIFER E	\$3,912.75
LAJOIE, MARIE A	\$33,550.78	NEEDLE, JOSEPH G	\$52,119.39
LAJOIE, TYLER J	\$2,926.37	NEWTON, BONNEY J	\$28,069.75
LANOUE, REBECCA	\$1,237.50	NEWTON, ELLEE JB	\$13,493.34
LAROCHE, CAITLIN M	\$42,763.20	OLSEN, JEANNE M	\$21,894.22

LAROCHE, JENNIFER	\$71,346.06	OSBORN, THOMAS	\$32,415.75
LAROSE, WILLIAM P	\$87,958.06	OSGOOD, ALYSIA S	\$54,570.17
LATOUR, JANET P	\$310.00	PAGAR WEIN, AMANDA BETH	\$82,911.81
LAWRENCE, ROSE I	\$25,668.53	PALERMO, LISA J	\$42,565.19
LAWTON, MARLENE A	\$44,615.42	PARKER, AMBER M	\$4,523.61
LEADBETTER, CHAD	\$15,442.42	PARKER, CHERYL A	\$29,609.35
LEANDER, MICHAEL S	\$116,250.02	PARKER, RENEE A	\$24,029.15
LEBLANC, DIAN	\$150.00	PARKER, STEPHANIE A	\$30,720.84
LEDGARD, BENJAMIN P	\$5,782.50	PARKER, TERRY L	\$20,615.56
LEESHA, KIMBERLY M	\$65,813.44	PARTRIDGE, JEAN S	\$10,237.50
LEFEVRE, MARY	\$1,367.97	PATRIA, BRIAN E	\$2,511.63
LEPOUTTRE, JENNIFER L	\$10,044.96	PATRIQUIN, ROBYN D	\$65,568.64
L'ETOILE, ROBIN C	\$56,922.63	PEREZ, MELISSA J	\$89,943.44
LEWANDOWSKI-HARDING, TINA M	\$75,812.43	PIAZZA, SARAH	\$605.00
LIVINGSTON, SHELLY M	\$1,200.00	PIEROPAN DETHIER, MARIA D	\$80,967.71
LUDWIG, CAROLINE S	\$41,422.51	PIERSON, JENNIFER G	\$150.00
LUSSIER, ANNETTE M	\$54,400.59	PISCITELLO, ALECIA M	\$83,294.01
MACDONALD, SEAN	\$3,501.99	PISTORINO, JULIE	\$71,535.94
MACKINNON, KERI A	\$70,563.20	PITNEY, DIANE M	\$12,654.91
MAILLET, VICKI M	\$66,657.21	PITNEY, JAMES M	\$1,325.25
MALLET, DAYNA R	\$21,106.25	PLOTKIN, CORLENA M	\$74,899.62
MANN, THERESA L	\$24,913.36	PLOURDE, KIMBERLY A	\$32,194.39
MARCOUX, LISA	\$17,737.47	POMAINVILLE, BRENDA L	\$10,308.98
MARYNOK, JULIE M	\$64,861.07	POTTER, JENNA L	\$41,903.77
MATIAS, SARAH A	\$50,349.08	PROGEN, SHAWN T	\$39,666.97
MCBRIDE, TAMMY	\$21,337.23	PROVENCHER, KATHLEEN	\$20,565.82
MCCARTHY, DONNA M	\$70,330.23	QUINTON, JOSEPH P	\$81,988.35
MCDONALD, SHARON S	\$9,409.86	QUINTON, SALLY A	\$76,093.85
MCGRATH, PAMELA J	\$26,216.32	RATHBURN, MARK A	\$29,048.05
MCGUIRK, BETTY J	\$4,982.12	RAYNER, DAVID S	\$22,620.29
MCLAUGHLIN, MARYELLEN A	\$72,939.13	REED, GRACE M	\$21,729.28
MELANSON, APRIL D	\$63,311.85	REEVES, MICHAEL	\$3,272.37
MELANSON, BAILEY D	\$7,414.20	REXROAD, KAREN	\$27,478.65
MELANSON, DEANNA M	\$21,657.29	RIBEIRO, JASMINE L	\$62,316.60
MELANSON, VICTOR G	\$40,440.70	RICHARD, KATHRYN L	\$62,144.89
MERWIN, LINDA M	\$26,720.27	RICKSON, MARY JANE	\$39,576.23
MEYER, STEVEN C	\$83,096.19	RIX, DENISE M	\$26,166.73
MILLER, MARY ANN	\$80,966.17	ROBERTS, ANN-MARIE	\$34,465.67
MOOMAW, CHRISTINA GRACE	\$9,462.75	ROBERTSON, ANDREA C	\$14,496.70
MORANDI, SHAWN M	\$50,452.30	ROBERTSON, ROBERT	\$3,528.44
MORRIS, CLAIRE A	\$24,435.79	ROBERTSON, ROBYN C	\$72,638.72
ROBERTSON, RUTH K	\$7,929.14	TANDY SONGER, SUSAN R	\$4,215.00
ROBINSON, LAURA L	\$80,319.94	TARBELL, LISA A	\$22,988.81

ROBINSON, LINDA A	\$77,941.00	TARGETT, KELLEY M	\$72,345.27
ROGERS, CAROL	\$35,458.07	TAYLOR, AMIE L	\$6,061.22
ROGERS, KEVIN A	\$41,259.43	TELICKI, THOMAS D	\$101,946.26
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# ANNUAL REPORT

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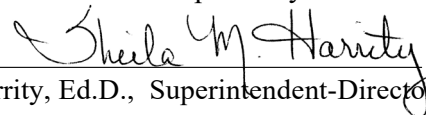
The 2016-2017 school year marked my third year as Superintendent-Director of Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District, and in my short tenure here, I am proud to say I have seen the school reach new levels of academic excellence, technical proficiency, and student engagement. Perhaps the most exciting aspect of my role here is bearing witness to the creativity and innovation at work everyday in our classrooms and shops. Our students and instructors work collaboratively to explore scientific concepts, designing experiments that are conducted aboard the International Space Station; they study automation and additive manufacturing through the use of robotic arms and 3-D printers; and even build new educational facilities that students will grow and learn in for years to come. Monty Tech is a school unlike any other and I am honored to serve the students, faculty and staff here.

In many respects, 2016-2017 was a banner year at Monty Tech. We launched a whole school 1:1 Chromebook initiative, providing all students with increased access to instructional technology, and improving communications between teachers and students beyond the traditional school day. We received more than \$645,000 in competitive grants, and have been able to provide students with remarkable field trips to connect their learning to STEM career pathways that spark imagination and creativity. We provided high quality professional development opportunities to support the school's new biomedical courses, bringing innovative new science coursework and curriculum to students with an interest in biomedical and biotechnology career pathways. Construction of the Monty Tech Veterinary Science Training Center and Community Clinic continued throughout 2016-2017, providing tremendous hands-on learning opportunities to students in our Carpentry, Plumbing, Electrical, Cabinetmaking, HVAC, Masonry, and Welding trades. School administrators launched an unprecedented fundraising campaign, and successfully raised more than \$2.5M in donations and in-kind matching services to support this project. And finally, thanks to an extremely generous Skills Capital Grant, we were able to renovate the Machine Technology shop, and purchase state-of-the-art machinery for students to train on, earning more industry recognized credentials than ever before.

We recognize that students attending Monty Tech have chosen a high school experience that, to many, may seem complex and even daunting. Our students are required to pass the same statewide standardized tests as students in a comprehensive high school. They take English, mathematics, science, social studies and foreign language courses, just as high school students in your community might. A Monty Tech student, though, must also balance all of that with a rigorous vocational-technical education, specializing in one of our twenty programs. For four years our students work and learn in vocational settings that replicate industry standards. They train on the latest equipment, and, through the school's popular Co-operative Education Program, our students may even spend time working and learning in area businesses during their Junior and Senior year. It is a great responsibility to provide each and every student with high-quality, vocational-technical instruction, and we are honored to serve approximately 1,400 students each year.

This work is only possible because of our talented educators and administrators, who remain focused on delivering the highest quality academic and vocational-technical education possible. Working closely with post-secondary colleagues, we aim to ensure our students graduate prepared to enter college pathways of their choosing. Similarly, relying on our expansive network of industry partners, we strive to improve upon each of our vocational programs to ensure that every graduate is not only prepared for entry-level careers in related pathways, but are also creative, independent thinkers, capable of solving complex, real-world situations that present themselves in today's workplaces. On their behalf, I am delighted to present the District's 2016-2017 annual report to you, providing a snapshot of the wonderful experiences happening on a day-to-day basis here at Monty Tech.

Respectfully submitted,



Sheila M. Harity, 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	Harvard	Princeton
Ashby	Holden	Royalston
Athol	Hubbardston	Sterling
Barre	Lunenburg	Templeton
Fitchburg	Petersham	Westminster
Gardner	Phillipston	Winchendon

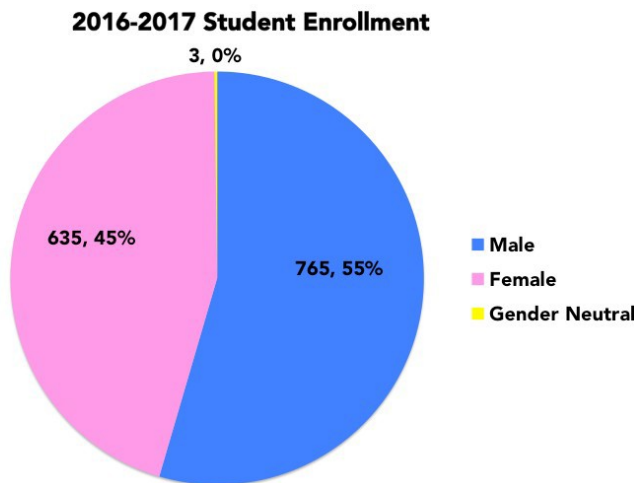
### **Leadership**

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.

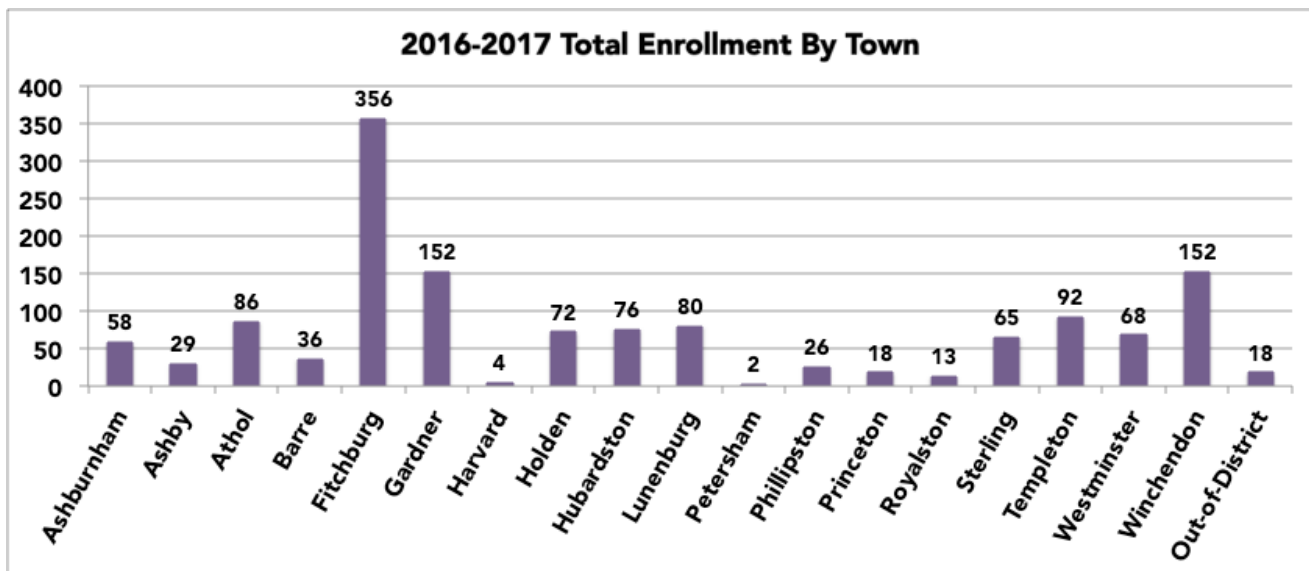
*Sheila M. Harrity, Superintendent-Director*  
*Tom Browne, Principal*  
*Dayana Carlson, Assistant Principal*  
*Tammy Crockett, Business Manager*  
*Pamela Pothier, Director of Technology*

*Christina Favreau, Director of Academic Programs*  
*Jim Hachey, Director of Vocational Programs*  
*Michael Gormley, Director of Facilities*  
*Katy Whitaker, Development Coordinator*  
*Victoria Zarozinski, Director of Student Support Services*

### **Enrollment**



On June 1, 2017, student enrollment at Monty Tech included 1,403 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 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.



Throughout 2016-2017, Monty Tech offered a variety of opportunities for students, parents, and community members to learn about and visit the school. In October 2016, approximately 700 district eighth graders participated in the annual “Tour Day” event. Students toured our twenty 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. The program continued to attract a large number of students during the 2016-2017 school year, serving approximately 600 area students.

### **Class of 2017 Awards**

Members of the Class of 2017 were awarded approximately \$88,950 in scholarships. The Monty Tech Foundation generously provided \$45,700 in scholarships to graduating seniors, ranging in amounts of \$200 to \$2,000. The Foundation also awarded \$4,000 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 themselves, 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 51% of the graduating class of 2017 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**

A great deal of effort was put forth by the School Committee, administration, and staff to develop a cost-effective budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017. The final fiscal year 2016-2017 Educational Plan totaled \$26,374,468, which represents a .6% increase over the 2015-2016 Educational Plan. The District’s FY17 budget exceeds the minimum spending required by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 70 by only \$45,000 or .2%.

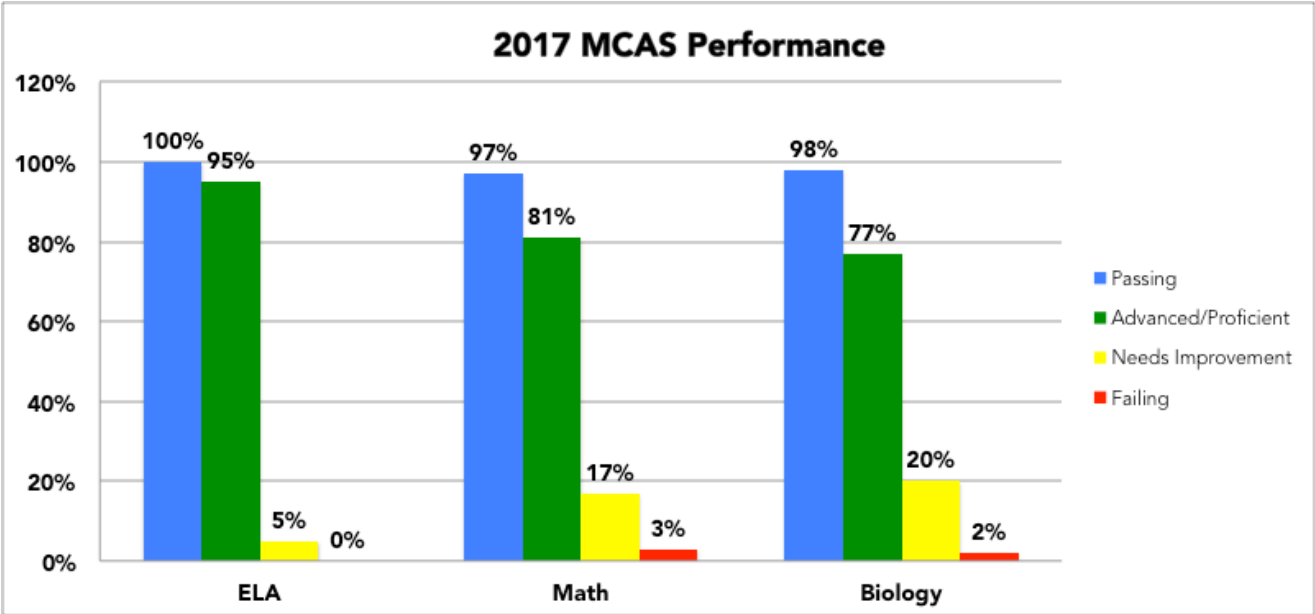
The District was audited in October 2017 as part of the yearly financial audit by the accounting firm of Melanson, Heath and Co. from Greenfield, MA, and received a very good report.

**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 2017, state and federal grant sources provided the school with \$961,346. Programs funded by these grants include: Essential Health Services, Social Intervention and Mediation, Improving Teacher Quality, Special Education Services and Program Improvement, Title I Support, Perkins Occupational Education, and Marine Corp Junior Reserve Officer Training. The District also received more than \$645,000 in competitive grants, including a Skills Capital Grant for \$435,857 to purchase equipment for the Machine Technology Program, and a grant from the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center in the amount of \$99,697 to expand the school’s science program to include biomedical coursework and learning laboratories. Using these allocation and competitive funds, the school was able to purchase a variety of instructional technology, equipment, and supplies to enhance the learning experience across both academic and vocational programs.

**Academic Achievement**

In 2016-2017, students at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School continued to demonstrate high academic achievement, earning commendable MCAS scores in English Language Arts, Mathematics and Biology. For Spring 2017, Monty Tech’s passing rate on the English Language Arts was 100%, Mathematics 97%, Biology 98%.



Monty Tech is committed to providing students with rigorous STEM learning opportunities, and as such, has expanded the Advanced Placement Program to include two mathematics, two science, and one computer science course. Teacher participation in meaningful, high-quality professional development in AP and Pre-AP pedagogy remains a priority, and enables us to continually expand and enhance our academic course offerings.

The school is in its 5th year of administering Advanced Placement exams, and students enrolled in AP courses continue to improve their performance. In 2016-2017, Monty Tech had more students achieve

qualifying scores than any other year – 53 students who took an AP exam qualified for college credit. More than half of the students who tested in the following subjects received qualifying scores: AP Computer Science Principles (62.5%), AP Literature & Composition (64%), and AP Environmental Science (51.3%). In addition, the AP Environmental Science program experienced the most growth in terms of qualifying score as their passing rate increased by 34.7% from 2016 to 2017.

As a first time administration, students took AP Computer Principles and 62.5% of students earned qualifying scores – an extraordinary performance for the first year.

<b>AP Exam Results, 5-Year Review</b>					
	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>
Total AP Students	69	57	89	145	120
Number of AP Exams	69	62	116	187	148
AP Students with Qualifying Scores	36.2%	57.9%	52.8%	26.9%	44.2%
Qualifying Scores (State)	72.6%	72.2%	70.9%	70.5%	69.7%
Qualifying Scores (Global)	60.9%	61.3%	60.7%	60.3%	60.3%
Courses Offered	2	2	3	5	7

*Data taken from the College Board's 2017 amended report, 8/4/17*

### **Vocational Projects in the District Communities**

In addition to applying their academic skills, students at Monty Tech are asked to put their vocational-technical skills into practice on a daily basis. Students across the twenty different vocational-technical education programs are building homes, reconstructing damaged properties, repairing service vehicles, making walkways more accessible, and performing countless community services.

The 2016-2017 school year was a busy one for our vocational educators, as each trade aimed to provide practical, hands-on learning experiences for our students, while helping to improve each of the eighteen member communities.

**Auto Body Collision Repair Technology:** The Monty Tech Auto Body shop benefitted from new instructional equipment this year, including a new Frame Machine. In addition, 2016-2017 marked the first year for graduating Seniors to receive the I-Car On-Line Pro Level One certification in refinishing and non- structural damage. This certification not only makes our program graduates more employable, it enables students to maintain the I-CAR gold class certification. Seniors also received an EPA 6H Certificate, while the Freshmen completed their Career Safe Online OSHA 10-hour General Industry Training. Throughout the year, students detailed, repaired, and repainted vehicles, fulfilling more than seventy requests that included: a trailer for the Fitchburg Police Department, and a van for the Worcester Fire Brigade. A Senior student won a gold Medal at the SkillsUSA state competition in the collision repair category, and qualified for the National event in June 2017. A total of eight students (four Seniors and four Juniors) participated in the school's popular Co-op Program, working in area auto body shops and businesses. (Total enrollment: 65; 40 males, 25 females)

**Automotive Technology:** As in past years, the Monty Tech Automotive Technology program continues to service a variety of vehicles for faculty, staff, municipalities, and district residents. 2016-2017 proved to be a very busy year for the program, as more than four hundred vehicles were serviced by students and

instructors. In addition to maintaining the school's fleet of vehicles throughout the year, students were asked to repair a Ford Excursion for the Bulldog Pride giveaway. Mr. Hobbs worked with a group of students to refurbish a 1966 Pontiac 2+2 so that so it could be auctioned off. Students performed very well in the SkillsUSA district competitions, placing first, second, and third, with hopes to improve in the coming year. A total of eight Senior and four Junior students participated in the Co-op Program, applying their technical skills in a real work setting. Finally, instructors are proud to announce that three talented program graduates are working in automotive repair shops in the area, demonstrating the skills they acquired at Monty Tech. (Total enrollment: 64; 50 males, 14 females)

**Business Technology:** Students in Monty Tech's Business Technology program continue 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 our students, and the instructors continue to be grateful for this developing partnership. Monty Tech Business Technology instructors, in collaboration with their post-secondary colleagues, continue to refine and develop new articulation agreements. These agreements, with Mount Wachusett Community College and New England Institute of Technology, will provide qualified students with college credits at no cost to the student. 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 and greenhouse. The Gear House School Store acquired a credit card machine, which has made a significant impact on the students' retail and customer service experience. In addition, the camera in the Gear House was replaced, providing the instructors with improved vision on store activities while students are working. Eight Seniors and three Juniors were out on Co-op placements during the 2016-2017 school year. (Total enrollment: 70; 20 males, 50 females)

**Cabinetmaking:** All Monty Tech vocational instructors strive to provide Freshman exploratory programs that not only represent the work and skills students can expect to encounter throughout their high school experience, but also one that piques the interest of students new to the trade. Monty Tech Cabinetmaking instructors do an outstanding job with the Freshmen exploratory experience, and in 2016-2017, the program reached capacity with students who listed Cabinetmaking as their top choice. Throughout the year, Cabinetmaking students designed and manufactured approximately 400 gifts for the Superintendent's dinner, manufactured and assembled seventy-four cabinet assemblies for the new Veterinary Science Training Center, and completed more than thirty-five additional projects in and around the school, to include: Student Services conference room, Chromebook mobile charging stations, trophy Case for the Gardner Skating Rink, new signage for the Barre Cemetery, new lettering for the Ashby Fire Department, surfaced planed two large tree butts for the Mount Wachusett Community College, and play sets for Crocker Elementary School. Finally, Cabinetmaking had another great year of Co-op placement and continues to receive calls from area businesses in need of qualified employees. A total of fifteen students (seven Seniors and eight Juniors) were placed in Co-op experiences, and an additional two students earned full-time employment over the summer. (Total enrollment: 70; 50 males, 20 females)

**Cosmetology:** With a significant increase in the number of clients served this year, the Monty Tech Cosmetology program saw a significant revenue increase, which will be used to fund the program's much-needed consumable products. The new Salon Iris point-of-sale system was installed, which is a more user-friendly and cost effective program for students to train on. In an effort to support the school's commitment to community service, the Junior students traveled to Heywood Wakefield Assisted Living Center on several occasions, providing residents with manicures, styling hair for a Senior Citizen Prom, and offered discounted services on "Staff Night" to fundraise for the field trip to New York City. Cosmetology students also provided manicure and hair services for the school's Child Care Center, serviced parents from Athol that work with disadvantaged children, and assisted our Drama club with hair and makeup. The program's greatest accomplishment was realized when 100% of the Senior class passed the Massachusetts Cosmetology State Boards, earning licenses to practice. (Total enrollment: 91, 0 males, 91 females)



**Culinary Arts:** Monty Tech Culinary Arts students and instructors are always busy with the daily operation of the Mountain Room Restaurant, which is open for lunch from 11:30am to 1:00pm Monday through Friday. In addition to operating a full-service restaurant and bakery, serving 90-120 patrons daily, culinary students showcase their talents throughout the year, providing outstanding service at events that include the following: two Program Advisory Committee dinner meetings, four Monty Tech Foundation breakfasts, Monty Tech's Retirees holiday luncheon, a graduation reception, the Women in Technology event, Principal and Counselors' Day, the Monty Tech homecoming dance, MAVA meetings, all School Committee meetings and sub-committee meetings, Gardner AARP luncheon and MHCC volunteer luncheon. Community service opportunities for students are always a highlight, and this year our students prepared meals for the United Way's "Day of Caring" event, Our Fathers House, and NEADS events. Students also participated in the "Puppy Love" event in which 300 cupcakes and 350 cookies were made. The Culinary Arts program also donated pastry and baked goods to the House of Peace and Education in Gardner. The program's greatest undertaking is always the Annual Superintendent's Dinner scholarship fundraiser. This year, students worked side-by-side with some of the area's finest chefs, preparing a six-course dinner with extensive hors d'oeuvres for 380 guests, raising just over \$42,000 to support the student scholarship fund. (Total enrollment: 99; 34 males, 65 females)

**Dental Assisting:** During 2016-2017, the Dental Assisting program introduced eighteen students to industry experience through externships, and a total of eight students (six Seniors and two Juniors) earned Co-operative educational placement. All Sophomore, Junior, and Senior students attended the Yankee Dental Convention in Boston, and learned about the most current trends and practices in the field. Every student passed the National Board (DANB) Infection Control & Radiology exams, earning two of the required three DANB credentials needed to become licensed Dental Assistants. For the seventh consecutive year, Monty Tech welcomed Community Health Connections, a school-based dental hygiene program, whose goal is to provide dental services to students in need. Through this initiative, more than sixty students were examined by a dentist, had their teeth cleaned, and had sealants or temporary fillings applied as needed. Monty Tech Dental Assisting students were given hands-on, practical experience, as they assisted the staff from CHC during each dental procedure performed. Four students qualified for SkillsUSA district level competition, and each then advanced to Nationals. Students from the Junior class provided dental education to students at Ruggles Lane Elementary School in Barre and Meetinghouse Elementary School in Westminster. (Total enrollment: 60; 3 males, 57 females)

**Drafting Technology:** As in most programs at Monty Tech, students in the school's Drafting Technology program participate in a number of projects at the school and in our sending communities. This year, Drafting students completed the layout of the Riverside Cemetery in Winchendon, fire escape plans for the North Central Correctional Facility, a layout of the Monty Tech Rain Garden, signage for the Superintendent's Dinner, graduation, and drama club, to name a few. Seven students (four Seniors and 3 Juniors) participated in the school's Co-op Program, and three outstanding students earned a spot at the SkillsUSA state competition. Instructors are pleased to report that a majority of the graduating seniors intend to pursue careers in the field of drafting. Finally, the School Committee approved the name change to CAD/Drafting & Design, which will go into effect Fall 2017. (Total enrollment: 60; 40 males, 20 females)

**Early Childhood Education:** The Early Childhood Education program received three new Baby Care Parent Simulation dolls, and three new car seats for Parent simulation dolls. This added technology aides instructors as they enhance lessons in infant and toddler safety. Students were delighted to support community service efforts, raising funds to support Lucy's Love Bus, an agency that provided grants for children with cancer that are not covered by health insurance. Students showered the Department of Children & Families with gifts and much needed supplies for foster families with emergency foster placements, raised funds for various causes including SkillsUSA Change for Children, and held a holiday party for children from the Cleghorn Neighborhood Center. Students and staff also assisted at the Children's Festival at Briggs Elementary School, and at STEM night at Westminster Elementary. Fifteen of the sixteen graduating seniors are pursuing post-secondary education, related to the program. The

Monty Tech Child Care Center continues to operate at capacity with a waiting list, providing meaningful hands-on learning opportunities for students in the Early Childhood Education program at Monty Tech. (Total enrollment: 62; 1 males, 61 females)

**Electrical:** Throughout 2016-2017, students and instructors in the Monty Tech Electrical program began planning and wiring the school's new Veterinary Science Training Center, including all underground raceway installations, as well as installing conduits within the walls for all the wiring throughout the building. Program graduates are entering the trade at a prime time, as the electrical contracting business continues to reach new heights. To that end, program instructors worked diligently to place as many students on Co-op as possible, preparing them for a seamless transition from school to work. The program continued to support the building maintenance department by repairing numerous small electrical issues throughout the building, which included the installation of new ceiling fans in the plumbing shop, as well as a new speaker and microphone system in school's Mountain Room Restaurant. In addition, students ran fiber optic wiring throughout the building to improve the connectivity and speed of both the wireless and hard-wired computers. While the Electrical program already boasts a well-defined Freshman Exploratory program, instructors agree that enhancing the program to include new electrical service equipment in homes and fire alarm projects would further strengthen the program, and continue to develop curriculum to support the addition of these concepts. (Total enrollment: 78; 68 males, 10 females)

**Engineering Technology:** The Monty Tech Engineering Technology program continues to further enhance the curriculum and instruction by improving upon the four Project Lead the Way course modules, and adding more Computer Integrated Manufacturing content into the already rigorous vocational-technical curriculum. All Freshmen completed the OSHA 10-hour General Industry training. Field Programmable Gate Array mini systems were purchased and integrated into the Digital Electronics curriculum, and several Engineering students performed well in SkillsUSA district competitions, resulting in four students qualifying for the state competitions, where they represented the Monty Tech program so well. (Total enrollment: 42; 31 males, 11 females)

**Graphic Communications:** Throughout the 2016-2017 school year, the Monty Tech Graphic Communication shop produced large quantities of print projects for district towns and community service organizations. In fact, over four hundred print projects were completed, saving local organizations approximately \$165,000. Twenty-two Freshmen chose Graphic Communications as their top program, and two additional students joined our program, resulting in a freshman class of twenty-four students. Two Seniors and three Juniors earned Co-op placements, and seven students advanced to the SkillsUSA state competitions, where they represented the program so well. The Graphic Communications Class of 2017 leaves the program prepared for both college and career, as four Seniors entered the workforce, two entered the Armed Services and all others enrolled in college. (Total enrollment: 90; 36 males, 52 females)

**Health Occupations:** The Health Occupations program at Monty Tech continues to educate a large number of students, providing a rigorous education grounded in current medical knowledge and practice. We continue the partnership with Mount Wachusett Community College that enabled Senior students to participate in an Emergency Medical Technician training program, earning eight college credits at no cost. Fourteen Seniors took the EMT Course this year. The Monty Tech Health Occupations program is dedicated to providing all students with opportunities to earn industry-recognized credentials. Students also earn the following credentials: OSHA Career Safe Online 10-hour Health Care Certification; Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid Certificate through the American Heart Association; and Certified Nursing Assistant License through the American Red Cross. This year, 90% of the Senior students passed the National Healthcare Association (CCMA) exam. Ten students earned Co-op placements. All Juniors became CPR Certified, and twenty-five Juniors became Certified Nursing Assistants. To support the students' desire to give back, a "Baby Shower" benefitting Battered Women's Resources, Inc. was held, and students participated in Pediatric Day with the Monty Tech Child Care Center. The students also made Veteran's Day cards and sent them to the Bedford VA hospital, bought

gifts and clothing for the Fitchburg Community Christmas Party, held a Red Cross Blood Drive, and participated in “Pennies for Patients” for Leukemia Lymphoma Society. Finally, the Monty Tech program was represented at the SkillsUSA national competition, with a talented student who took the top state prize. (Total enrollment: 106; 9 males, 97 females)

House Carpentry: While most of the work done by the students and instructors in the Monty Tech House Carpentry program last year was done at the school’s new Veterinary Science Training Center, the program continued to support a number of community organizations, completing projects that included: a replica of the scoreboard portion of the Green Monster at Fenway Park for the ARC of Opportunity in Fitchburg, three Buddy benches for the Phillipston Memorial School in Phillipston, three picnic tables for the Monty Tech Athletic Department, and numerous adirondack chairs for charitable donations. Last year, a total of eighteen Freshmen entered the trade, and all Sophomores completed the OSHA 10-hour Construction training. This certification and training enables the students to work on all outside projects and participate in the school’s Co-op Program. The Sophomore students also traveled to Emerson Green, in Devens, a planned neighborhood community in which the focus is on green space and design in the construction of homes. The students toured homes in various stages of construction, identifying energy efficient materials and their use (2.K.01, 2014 Carpentry Frameworks). (Total enrollment: 65; 56 males, 9 females)

HVAC & Property Maintenance: 2016-2017 brought welcome change to the Monty Tech HVAC and Property Maintenance Program. Brendan Curran, our newest faculty member, joined the instructional team, bringing tremendous industry expertise and a passion for teaching, from which the students benefit daily. Students and instructors completed two major projects this year, including the creation and installation of a walk-in style cooler/freezer unit for culinary bakery, and the installation of a heating and cooling system for the new Veterinary Science Training Center. This new system encompasses state-of-the-art mechanicals, including heat pump and hydronic energy recovery systems. Seven Seniors and one Junior participated in the very popular Co-operative education program. In April, channel 5 (WCVB) selected one of our Senior shop students as their A+ Student of the Week. A sophomore was accepted into the “Pathways Early College Innovation School” at Mount Wachusett Community College. She was one of only twenty-two students in Massachusetts to be selected for this program that will allow her to achieve both a two-year college degree, as well as her high school diploma in the next two years. The program’s Junior related class is now offering the full licensure of the National EPA certification for Refrigerant Recovery, and sixteen students earned their Universal HVAC license. This credentialing process was streamlined by the school’s new 1:1 Chromebook initiative. (Total enrollment: 66; 53 males, 13 females)

Information Technology: Last year, thirteen first choice freshmen were accepted into Information Technology and three students transferred into the department. Information Technology offers students opportunities to earn more industry-recognized certifications than any other program at Monty Tech. It is an accomplishment our instructors are so proud of, as these certifications affirm the technical skill proficiency needed for so many entry-level careers in networking and information technology. Last year, all sixteen Freshmen completed their Career Safe Online OSHA 10-hour General Industry training, while the Sophomore class passed the IC3 Certificate Exam for basic computer hardware, software, and internet knowledge and skills. All Sophomores also passed the Test-out PC Pro Certificate exam and the Cisco IT Essential course for computer repair and maintenance, and the Introduction to Networking course. Two exceptional Sophomores also earned COMPTIA A+ credentials. All Juniors completed the Linux Essentials course, and five passed the CIW Advanced HTML5 & CSS3 Certification exam. All Seniors completed the Linux Essentials course, as well as the AP Computer Science Principles course in Mobile Computing. Eight of the twelve Seniors then sat for the AP exam, and five earned college credit for the course. Finally, program instructors collaborated throughout the year with instructors at Mount Wachusett Community College, to review and align curriculum to meet college standards. As a result, qualified students graduating from the Monty Tech Information Technology program will now receive college credit for four courses, a total of twelve college credits, at no charge to the student. (Total enrollment: 64; 57 males, 7 female)

Machine Technology: 2016-2017 was an incredible year for the Monty Tech Machine Technology program, as they received the largest competitive grant awarded in the school's history. A very generous \$435,000 Skills Capital Grant was given to Monty Tech, so that the program could purchase updated equipment and instructional materials. The shop is expected to undergo a major renovation, which will allow instructors to replicate a Clean Room environment, training students on precise measurement techniques. In the course of applying for this grant, a unique partnership was developed between Monty Tech, the L.S. Starrett Company, and Snap-On Tools. As a result of this collaboration, Monty Tech is now the only high school in the nation to offer two levels of Starrett/NC3 certification and training. The Monty Tech Machine Technology program also received a \$15,000 Gene Haas Scholarship grant, which enabled district officials to award very generous \$1,000 scholarships to students enrolling in post-secondary engineering programs. Finally, the students and instructors supported a variety of school events and programs, and completed a number of outside projects, that included cutting key tags for the Fitchburg Police Department and a designing and manufacturing a trophy for Narragansett Regional High School, in Templeton. (Total enrollment: 55; 54 males, 1 female)

Masonry: Fifteen Freshmen selected the Masonry program for their high school experience, entering a trade that continues to make significant improvements and impact on the school and communities within the Monty Tech district. During the 2016-2017 school year, Masonry students and instructors completed a walkway at the Winchendon Veterans' Cemetery, replaced concrete steps outside the Dukakis Performing Arts Center, and worked at the Veterinary Science Training Center construction site, where they worked alongside industry experts who poured the floor of the 7,500 sq. ft. facility, poured a concrete pad for the buildings expansive HVAC system, and completed small repair projects to support the construction process. One Junior student qualified for the SkillsUSA national competition, representing the program extremely well in Louisville, KY. A total of six students participated in the Co-op Program, and five Seniors entered the Masonry trade upon graduation. (Total enrollment: 63; 51 males, 12 females)

Plumbing: Nineteen students entered the Plumbing program at Monty Tech during the 2016-2017 school year, and all of them successfully completed the OSHA 10-hour General Training Course. Sophomore students completed the OSHA 10-hour Construction Training, a requirement for participation in any outside building projects of the school's Co-op Program. While the Sophomore class received Viega pex and product review, the Seniors traveled to the Viega training facility in Nashua, NH, where they received Viega MegaPress training and certification. Throughout the year, Juniors and Seniors gained valuable experience on the Veterinary Science Training Center construction site, where they installed the underground drainage, drain waste vent system, learned to read blueprints, use a builder level to read grade and elevations, and install cast iron and copper pipe fittings. Two Seniors were recognized for their outstanding technical skills, receiving scholarships from the Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors Association of Massachusetts and the Central Mass Plumbing & Gas Inspectors Association. A total of fourteen students (eight Seniors and six Juniors) participated in the school's Co-op Program, which was the highest placement rate in program history. Finally, the program benefitted from the installation of new live working stations that include condensing gas boilers and indirect water heaters with solar thermal hot water panels. Having the added technology will allow our students to train on products used in today's construction, preparing them to enter the field of Plumbing upon graduation. (Total enrollment: 73; 68 males, 5 females)

Welding/Metal Fabrication: The shop received a state-of-the-art Miller Inverter Welding Machine and implemented new curriculum for grades 11 & 12 that included light gauge aluminum welding. With an eye toward preparing graduates for entry-level career opportunities, instructors have also integrated lessons in soft skills into the curriculum. Helping students refine job applications, cover letters, resume writing, and interviewing skills will undoubtedly help them as they transition from school into the world of work. In 2016-2017, twelve students (six Seniors and six Juniors) participated in Co-op. In addition, three graduating seniors accepted jobs in the trade after graduation. All Freshmen completed their Career Safe Online OSHA 10-hour General Industry Training. The shop completed more than fifty projects for

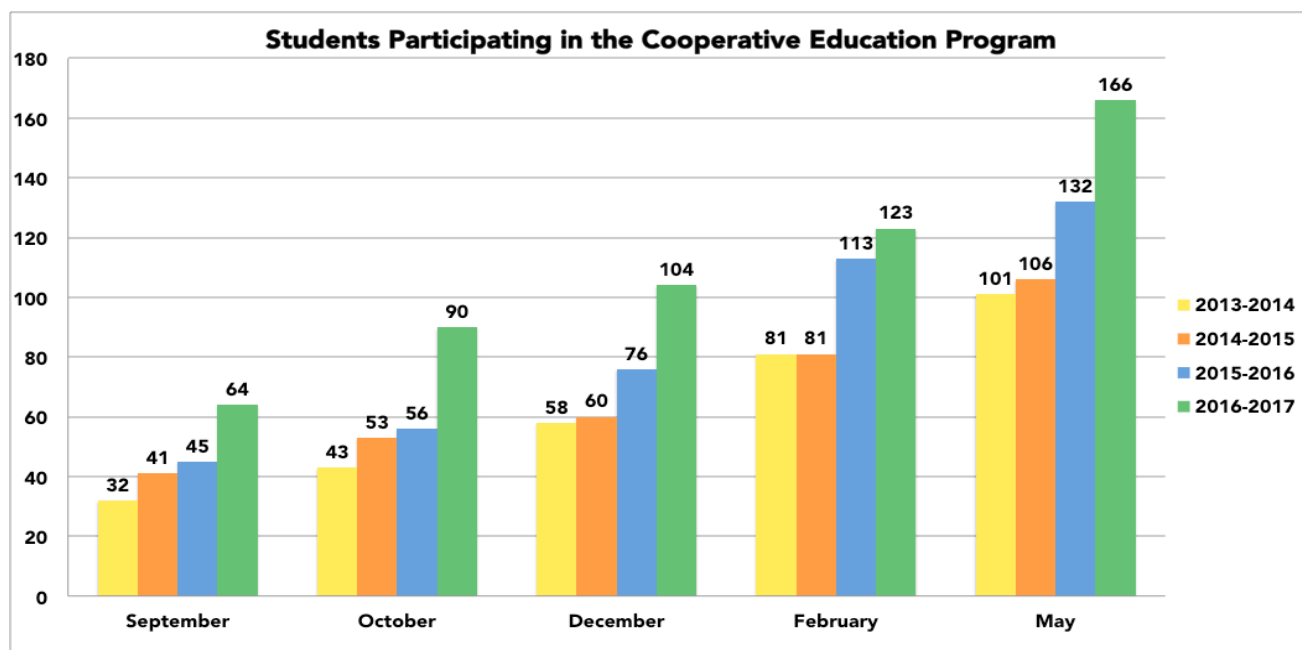
residents of the Monty Tech community and performed numerous projects around the building. (Total enrollment: 62; 46 males, 16 females)

### **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 the opportunity to further develop academic, technical and employability skills in an industry work environment. All students are eligible to participate in 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. Coop 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. During school year 2016-2017, a record number of students participated in the cooperative education program. Approximately 37% of the class of 2017 earned Co-op placements, working, learning and applying their technical skills related in area businesses.



### **Student Support Services**

During the 2016-2017 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 and 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.

### **Technology**

The 2016-2017 school year began with a successful roll-out of the long-anticipated 1:1 Chromebook initiative. Chromebooks were distributed to 1,436 students. Google Cloud Print was added, making printers available to students and teachers throughout the building. Two Chromebook charging stations were installed in the library and cafeteria allowing students to charge their devices, and students who may have come to school without their devices have been allowed to borrow a Chromebook from the library, on a daily basis.

To support the 1:1 Chromebook initiative and other technology needs, Monty Tech has successfully completed a number of necessary infrastructure upgrades. With federal e-rate dollars totaling \$77,752, the school's external bandwidth speeds were increased to 1.5GB and internal bandwidth was increased by 10GB. In addition to hardware, the school added the following complementary software: Lightspeed web filtering and Aruba ClearPass. Lightspeed web filtering is expected to provide safe, fast access to the Internet and includes flexible policies, social media controls, bandwidth control, malware protection, anonymous proxy detection, mobile filtering, classroom management tools, and comprehensive reporting. Aruba ClearPass will provide strong network access security for monitoring wireless devices, as well as enhanced options for guest access services.

The school also launched a Digital Citizenship course, proving lessons and guidance relating to appropriate online behavior, including cyberbullying, potential risks related to social networking sites and chat rooms. Students at Monty Tech are expected to demonstrate the safe and responsible use of technology and an understanding of security, privacy, and ethics. The district maintains Internet Safety information on the district website in the Parents & Students section.

### **Marine Corps JROTC**

The Monty Tech Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) had an extraordinary school year. All program objectives for the 2016-2017 school year were achieved. Noteworthy was the performance of JROTC's Cyber Security Team, which for the seventh consecutive year captured national recognition by placing third overall in the Air Force Association's National Cyber Security Competition held in Baltimore, MD.

The 2016-2017 Corps of Cadets completed over nine thousand hours of community service throughout the

district. The Corps conducted a major food drive with United Way, worked side-by-side with the Marine Corps Reserve in a national Toys for Tots campaign, and spent six weekends working with the local Salvation Army helping to raise over \$25,000 for needy families. The cadets conducted their annual 10-mile "March-A-Thon" to support NEADS (National Education of Assistance Dogs Services) from Princeton, MA, raising \$25,000 for their Service Dogs for Veterans program.

Sixty-five Monty Tech cadets attended a leadership camp at Prince William Forest, in Quantico VA. The camp provided cadets with individual and team development opportunities, as well as the opportunity to visit our nation's capital and many other historical sites.

During the summer of 2017, our Cadet Cyber Team was again asked to support a Cyber STEM camp for the National Marine Corps JROTC program. The Cyber Team coordinated the 8-day camp that focused on defending cyber networks from attacks. The camp also offered an introduction to robotics programming using the VEX Robotics System and computer programming using the CanaKit Raspberry Pi 3's. The camp was attended by 150 students, representing eighteen states.

### **Student Athletics**

The Monty Tech athletic program continues to expand in scope and skill each year. In 2016-2017, approximately five hundred students participated in our freshman, junior varsity, and varsity athletic programs. Seventeen teams competed in Fall 2016, fourteen during the winter season, and another eleven teams represented the school in Spring 2017.

The Varsity Football team started off the 2016 season slowly, but caught fire as the season wore on, winning their last three games, including a thrilling 20-12 victory on Thanksgiving eve at Nashoba Valley Facebook Technical High School. They ended the season with a record of 5 – 6. The Varsity Boys Soccer team finished at 8 – 8 – 2, led by leading scorer Charlie Kelley, who has 30 points on the season, and the JV Boys Soccer team finished their season with a record of 14 – 3 – 2. The Varsity Girls Soccer team just missed qualifying for a post-season berth, finishing with a 7 – 9 – 2 record, while the JV Girls Soccer team was 9 – 2 – 5. The Varsity Field Hockey team was 12 – 2 – 5, qualifying for the district tournament where they lost to Bromfield, 1 – 0, in an exciting game. The Boys Cross Country team finished with a record of 5 – 6 and the Girls completed their season at an even 4 – 4. The school's volleyball program is growing in popularity, and all teams represented Monty Tech well. The Varsity Girls Volleyball team finished at 13 – 7, the JV Girls Volleyball ended with a record of 7 – 10, and the Freshmen Girls team completed their season with a record of 9 – 11. Coach Farr reported that the school's Varsity Golf team can be expected to achieve more success in the coming years, as the 2016-2017 team was young but talented, finishing the Fall 2016 season with a record of 6 – 9.

The Boys Varsity Basketball team qualified for the Districts with a 10 – 10 record, but a loss to Assabet in the first round ended their season. The JV Boys basketball team was finished their building year with a record of 3 -13 and the Freshmen ended on a 2 – 12 note. With a record of 10 – 10, the Varsity Girls Basketball team advanced to the District tournament and performed quite well, out scoring Notre Dame in the first round before losing to Douglas in a closely played second-round game. The JV Girls Basketball team finished an impressive season with a 10 – 4 record, while the Freshmen ended with 5 – 9. The Co-op Boys Ice Hockey team finished at 8 – 10 – 2, just missing out on a post season berth. The Indoor Track and Field team competed at the Northbridge Field House and the boys were 4 – 3 and the girls 0 – 7. The Co-op wrestling team continues to improve, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Colonial Athletic League with a record of 9 – 9. Monty Tech students also had a chance to participate on Co-op Swimming and Girls Ice Hockey Teams, as we were unable to field these teams independently. The Girls Ice Hockey team had an impressive start to the program, by qualifying for the District tournament.

The Varsity Baseball team had a very successful season, despite not playing any games at Monty Tech. They finished the season with a 14 – 7 record, winning the Colonial Athletic League small school Championship for the 2<sup>nd</sup> straight year. The JV Baseball team finished 10 – 4, while the Freshmen team continued to provide build skills and talent for the program’s future. The Varsity Softball team had a great regular season as they finished at 17 – 3. The team lost to Blackstone Valley Tech 15 – 14 in the Semi-Finals of the State Vocational Tournament and lost to Quaboag with a score of 4 – 0 in the first round of the District tournament. The JV Softball team, comprised primarily of freshmen also had an excellent season, finishing with a record of 12 – 3. The Boys and Girls Track and Field teams, with almost fifty students participating, both finished their seasons with 6 - 4 records. The Varsity Boys Lacrosse team had their best season ever as they finished with a record of 14 – 6 in the regular season, losing to Blackstone Valley Tech 14 – 12 in the semi-final round of the State Vocational Tournament. The team then outscored Blackstone Valley 12 – 8 in the first round of the MIAA tournament, only to lose to Grafton in the next round. The JV Boys Lacrosse team finished their building year with a record of 6 – 10. The Girls Lacrosse team became was the host team in a Co -Op with Sizer School and continued to improve as they finished 3 – 16, but 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Colonial Athletic League. The Varsity Boys Volleyball team was 13 – 7, qualifying for the MIAA tournament, but losing to Worcester Technical High School in the first round.

Congratulations to the Outstanding Male and Female athletes for 2016-2017, Travis Hull and Madison Russo. Dave Reid, Monty Tech’s long-time Athletic Director, completed his 44<sup>th</sup> year as Varsity Softball coach, and was selected as the Section 1 Varsity Softball Coach of the Year. His overall record of 626 – 315 – 1 speaks to his tremendous contributions to the sport and sets him apart from other coaches in Section 1, which includes all of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey and New York.

### **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 2016, Monty Tech offered 65 classes with 580 registrations, and during the Spring 2017 semester, there were 79 postgraduate and continuing studies courses, with 857 registrations.

The program is on track to expand the number of workforce readiness classes that provide our students with industry-recognized credentials, increasing our small business partnerships, and the number and quality of personal enrichment classes - sewing, knitting, acrylic painting and sculpting, to name a few. Catalog distribution has almost doubled, from 80,000 to 155,000 copies, and the relatively new online registration feature continues to add value to our students and instructors.

Spring 2018 will see the program’s first Cosmetology courses come to fruition. This will provide our community members with a high-quality, affordable entry into a viable career pathway. Upon completion of the 14-month program, students will have the opportunity to sit for the cosmetology licensing exam, and begin their work in the exciting cosmetology industry.

The continued success and sustainability of an adult education program is based on hiring quality instructors and meeting the needs of the community. Our goal in the coming year includes increasing our adult education course offerings, with a concentration on career programs. Stay tuned for Pharmacy Technician, Welding Certification Prep, Auto Damage Appraiser and Apprenticeship opportunities at the Monty Tech School of Continuing Education.



### **Practical Nursing Program**

The Practical Nursing Program is designed to prepare graduates to practice safely, ethically and in a caring manner for patients who are experiencing common variations in health status in diverse health care settings. This mission, which is consistent with the philosophy and goals of the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District, accomplishes the following:

- ☐ Identifies a strong relationship between academic and vocational preparation
- ☐ Stresses the importance of developing critical thinking skills to function safely, effectively, and productively in an ever-changing technical and diverse society
- ☐ Supports the maintenance of a positive and caring learning and practice environment

The above mission and philosophy were met by the Practical Nursing program by several different methods.

On June 29, 2017, a graduating class of 38 students completed the Practical Nursing Program and entered the nursing profession. The class achieved an initial NCLEX pass rate of 76%, with 28 of the 38 graduates achieving 100% pass rate for the NCLEX-PN exam. Seven graduates are waiting to retake their NCLEX-PN exam, and two graduates have already taken the exam again, and passed. 78% of the 2017 graduates are currently employed in the health care profession throughout Massachusetts, and many are working within the eighteen cities and towns of the Monty Tech school district as LPNs in various health care settings, ranging from long term care, sub-acute care to mental health facilities.

The Monty Tech Practical Nursing Program continues to develop the “LPN to BSN Bridge” relationship with Fitchburg State University. Several 2017 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.

Monty Tech Practical Nursing students are now completing patient scenarios in the Sim Lab on a weekly basis in Terms 2 and 3. The Faculty Sim team has implemented National League of Nursing (NLN) patient scenarios 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 a pediatric patient scenario that is consistent with present student learning outcomes and the clinical pediatric setting. Similarly, instructors have implemented a scenario that deals with a mental health addiction client, so that our students are better prepared for the clinical experience at partnering institution AdCare Hospital in Worcester, MA.

The class of 2017 performed a community service project adopting a Monty Tech family in need referred by Student Support Services. The nursing students purchased holiday gifts and food, consistent with the family’s needs and requests.

The Practical Nursing Program Faculty spent the summer of 2017 reviewing the revised 2017 NCLEX-PN Detailed Test Plan, and the program’s student outcomes, to assure alignment and compliance with our curriculum frameworks and content. The annual review process is an important component of the program, ensuring the Monty Tech Practical Nursing Program presents students with rigorous content, aligned with industry standards, so that our graduates are prepared to succeed not only on the licensing exam, but also in their chosen nursing career pathway.

With an eye toward the program’s future, fifty-one applicants were accepted to the Class of 2018, and forty students enrolled and will continue in the tradition of high-quality practical nursing preparation.

### *Looking Ahead*

While the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District educational community is certainly proud of the achievements of our talented students, faculty, and staff, we continue to have an eye toward the future, always committed to improving our vocational and academic programming, strengthening key partnerships, and maintaining facilities that contribute to student success and achievement. As we look ahead, there are a number of programs and initiatives that we expect will have a positive impact on our school and students for years to come.

Expand science offerings to include new biomedical courses: In 2016-2017 the school received a \$99,000 grant from the Massachusetts Life Science Center, which allowed us to purchase new instructional materials and equipment, provide the required, high quality professional development needed to teach new coursework, and renovate an existing science laboratory to replicate biomedical industry standards. Dylan Hager, a longtime science instructor at Monty Tech traveled to University of San Diego July of 2017, and will return July of 2018, to complete training in two Project Lead the Way courses, Principles of Biomedical Science and Human Body Systems. These courses, which will be available to students Fall 2018, are expected to engage students in a variety of hands-on learning opportunities in a newly renovated laboratory environment that replicates industry standards. Students will be trained in the safe and effective use of the same tools that professionals in hospitals and laboratories are currently using and will work together to find solutions to real-world problems by analyzing medical histories, reading and interpreting autopsy reports, and understanding basic biology and human physiology.

Expand vocational-technical programs to include new, Chapter 74-approved, Veterinary Science program: While construction and fundraising efforts for the school's new program have been underway for almost two years, to effectively bring a new program to a Massachusetts vocational-technical school, a comprehensive application and supporting documents must be accepted by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. During the 2017-2018 school year, school officials will complete the application, finalize all requirements outlined in the application, and anticipate being granted approval for the new secondary-level program titled Animal Science. This approval is given pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 74 and the Vocational Technical Education Regulations 603 CMR 4.00, and will enable all interested Freshman to explore the new program. A Freshman class (class size of twenty-two students) will be accepted into the program January 2018.

Expand post-secondary and continuing education opportunities: As you know, Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School is home to a very popular evening program that includes a postsecondary Practical Nursing program, Plumbing and Electrical apprenticeship programs, and continuing education courses that range from healthcare to advanced manufacturing to cake decorating. While we are proud of our current evening programs, our goal for the 2017-2018 school year is to expand programs to include an entirely electronic registration and payment process, an updated web presence, increased enrollment, and a minimum of three new workforce development programs that result in an industry recognized credential or certification. Catalogs highlighting each new course will be mailed to more than 180,000 households bi-annually, in August and January.

Redesign the school's website and expand marketing efforts: A Monty Tech high school experience is an educational pathway students must choose, and to ensure that every interested student in our sending district has access to information needed to make sound decisions regarding his/her high school experience, it is imperative that the school's marketing efforts are expanded to include a newly designed website, with descriptions of each vocational shop, academic programs, and admissions criteria. In addition, expanding our marketing efforts to include a social media presence that is current, and engaging is a top priority. During the 2017-2018 school year, school officials anticipate launching a new school website, adding updated content to our Facebook page on a regular basis, and launching a school/district Twitter account.

### **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 2016-2017 School Committee for their outstanding service.

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*Vice Chair*

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# CHAPTER EIGHT

# COMMITTEES

Reports of the  
Boards and Committees of the  
Town

**MEMORIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE**  
**FY17**

Town Bylaws Chapter IV, Section 1(b) states “The town hall building, dedicated as a memorial to Athol's soldiers and sailors of all wars, shall be known as Memorial Building. The Memorial Building Committee is responsible for the care, custody, and control of the entire Memorial Building Committee. The Committee shall consist of three Selectmen and four voters appointed by the Town Manager. This Committee with the aide of the Town Manager shall employ necessary janitors and caretakers, and attend to the lighting, heating, care and repair of the building, and make reasonable rules and regulations not inconsistent with these bylaws for the use and occupancy of said building.”

The Memorial Building Committee as needed July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2017. The following are the highlights of the meetings:

- Repairs at Town Hall included: roof leak over the boiler room and wood window trim at decorative windows in the front of the building
- Improvement of lighting in hallways and stairways at Town Hall
- Upgrade kitchen in Liberty Hall including possibly moving the stove from Sanders Street School
- Extending Railings inside and outside of Town Hall
- Storage issue concerns

Respectfully submitted,

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Heather Brissette  
Nancy E. Burnham  
Lee E. Chauvette  
John R. Greene  
Holly Young  
MEMORIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

**Board of Planning and Community Development (BPCD)**  
**FY 2017 Annual Report**

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

David Small (Chairman)  
Calvin Taylor (Vice-Chairman)  
Jacqueline M. Doherty (Clerk)  
Aimee Hanson  
Rick Hayden  
Kathy Norton  
Duane Truehart (appointed November 2016)  
Steve Wills (resigned October 2016)

The BPCD is supported by Eric R. Smith, AICP, Director of Planning and Community Development

The BPCD routinely 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.

FY 2017 was the first 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. In addition, the BPCD continued their review and development of an updated Master Plan. 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 2017, the BPCD members reviewed the following plans, zoning bylaw amendments, Master Plan development and other related planning matters:

ANR plans reviewed and endorsed:

- Town-owned land along Templeton Road in the vicinity of Exit #18
- property located on Leonard Street and Pequig Avenue
- property located on Doe Valley Road
- property located on Old Keene Road
- property located off of Main Street
- property located on Petersham Road
- property located on Templeton Road
- property located on Cobb Hill Road
- property located on White Pond Road

Site Plans Review reviewed and approved:

- Expansion and re-construction of the Athol Memorial Hospital

- 1006 Templeton Road Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation
- 51 Electric Street Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation (approved on July 5, 2017)
- 328 Partridgeville Road Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation (approved on July 5, 2017)

Zoning Bylaw Amendments Reviewed:

- Accessory Agriculture provisions amendments (passed at the October 17, 2016 Town Meeting)
- Open Space Residential Design, Section 3.16.4.1 amendments (passed at the October 17, 2016 Town Meeting)
- Minor Site Plan Review, Section 3.18.6.1 amendments (passed at the October 17, 2016 Town Meeting)
- Major Site Plan Review, Section 3.18.7.1 amendments (passed at the October 17, 2016 Town Meeting)
- Mill Revitalization Overlay District (MROD) reviewed and development phase with goal for placement at the October 2017 Town Meeting
- Review of Section 3.24, Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation, of the Athol Zoning Bylaw for discussion on potential amendments with goal for placement at the October 2017 Town Meeting

Master Plan Chapter Updates:

- Completed work on a Draft Housing Chapter, with assistance from Planning and Community Development Director
- Began development of a Draft Economic Development Chapter, with assistance from the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission
- Began development of an Education Chapter, with assistance from former School Superintendent, Steven Meyer
- Began development of a Wellness Chapter, with assistance from the Board of Health
- Began development of a Energy Chapter, with assistance from the Energy Committee

Other activities included:

- BPCD members participated in an Introduction to Subdivision Control Law training at their November 16, 2017 meeting
- A number of members attended the Citizens Planners Training Collaborative Annual Conference in Worcester on March 18, 2017
- Amended the Board's Rules and Regulations so that applicants cover the cost of public hearing notices and abutters mailings.
- Amended the Planning Board Subdivision Rules and Regulations to require electronic copy submission on subdivision application filings
- Discussion of Agricultural Committee membership make-up and potential changes that were approved by voters at the June 2017 Annual Town Meeting

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



# **ATHOL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

**July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017**

### **To: The Honorable Board of Selectpersons and the Citizens of Athol,**

The Athol Conservation Commission is responsible for well over 1,000 acres of property in Athol and is charged with the duty of protecting these areas, as well as the environment and working with citizens who apply for Requests for Determination of Applicability (RDA) and Notices of Intent (NOI). These hearings are in accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and 310 CMR 10.05 (5). Our meetings are regularly held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in Liberty Hall in the Memorial Building.

We have a board of seven Voting Members and five Associate Members, who are dedicated to the overall care and maintenance of the Bearsden and Newton Reservoir areas, the South Athol Conservation area, which is off of White Pond Road, and the Charles Comstock Area, Minnie French area, Cass Meadow area, and Von Dy Rowe area. The five Associate Members are our newly appointed Conservation Land Agents. They are Bill Wheeler, Nick Tarara, Jaimee Briggs, Dave Small and Brian Hall. We also have our valued Wetlands Agent, Ward Smith. He keeps the board well informed on the laws and regulations of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

We had 10 RDA's and 7 NOI's and 11 other permits this year. We were able to bring in funds to the Town from the Notices of Intent (NOI) and with timber cuts on Town owned lands.

Richard Valcourt & Son, is continuing to implement our Forest Management Plan.

We are continuing to work with the advancement of the Market Basket property and new businesses on Templeton Road, as well as the Athol Hospital addition on Main Street.

At the June 12, 2017, Town Hall Meeting, we received our request for funding for a new All Terrain Utility Vehicle, for use in the Bearsden, Newton Reservoir, and South Athol Conservation Areas. This vehicle is able to get to difficult areas for fires and rescues, in which personal trucks are unable to reach.

Vegetation Control has worked at Newton Reservoir for weed control of invasive plants.

Solitude Lake Management received a three year extension for weed control at Lake Ellis.

Walter Lehmann was appointed as the contact person for anyone requesting to site a Geocache on any conservation properties.

Dave Small has created a new website for the Conservation Commission. People can request permits to stay overnight at either of the two Adirondack Shelters or Paige Cabin. They are available from March 1 to December 15, weather permitting.

We held a Memorial Dedication for our long time past member, Elwin Bacon, on October 7, 2017, honoring his dedication to the Bearsden Conservation area with a granite slab and plaque and two granite posts with horse hitching rings.

We have been very blessed to have a great working board of dedicated people who care about our environment and working with people to help them make the best use of their property.

Our board members are:

Robert Muzzy, Chairman

James Smith, Vice-Chairman

J.R. Greene, Walter Lehmann, Dennis Killay,

M. Katheryn Harrow, and Laura Smith, are all Voting Members.

Associate members Bill Wheeler and Jaimee Briggs.

Nick Tarara, Brian Hall, and Dave Small are New Associate Members.

Cathy Muzzy, Secretary

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert A. Muzzy, Chairman