

Annual Report 2018



TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
Massachusetts

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STATISTICS

Incorporated:	March 9, 1855												
Area:	26.90 square miles												
Miles of Town Paved Road:	25.105												
Miles of Town Dirt Road:	11.75												
2010 US Census Count:	2,180												
AREA:	26.90 square miles												
U. S. Senators:	Edward Markey Springfield Federal Building 1550 Main Street, 4 th Floor Springfield, MA 01103 (413) 785-4610 or (202) 224-2742 www.markey.senate.gov Elizabeth Warren Springfield Federal Building 1550 Main Street, Suite 406 Springfield, MA 01103 (413) 788-2690 or (202) 224-4543 www.warren.senate.gov												
U. S. Congressman:	Richard Neal 300 State Street, Suite 200 Springfield, MA 01105 (413) 785-0325 or (202) 225-5601 www.neal.house.gov												
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Huntington Town Hall:	(413) 512-5200 website: www.huntingtonma.us												

Dedication



The Town of Huntington would like to dedicate this report to a wonderful gentleman who has demonstrated civil dedication for over 40 years. Tom Gralinski moved into town in 1977 and began serving as a firefighter. Throughout his career on the Huntington Fire Department, Tom served not only as a firefighter, but also a training officer, as well as just a great mentor. Tom also served on the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) for over 10 years, serving most of those years as Chair, a challenging position. In addition to his service as a firefighter and on the ZBA, Tom was elected for the interesting and demanding role of Town Moderator and served in that role for over 12 years. In that position, Tom was responsible for creating and maintaining a healthy Finance Committee, as well as providing leadership on the floor of town meetings. Tom has encouraged and inspired so many folks from Town to participate in local government and let their voices be heard, either by participating in town meetings, or joining local Town boards. In the past few years, residents may have seen Tom serving as Alternate Moderator. Tom, thank you for helping to create the atmosphere of engagement and participation that is still evident in our local government!

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

ELECTED OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>
Board of Selectmen		Trustees: Whiting Street Fund	
Darlene McVeigh	2019	Sue Fopiano	2019
Karon Hathaway	2020	VACANCY	2020
Edward Renauld	2021	VACANCY	2021
Town Clerk		Trustees, Huntington Library	
Kathy Thomas	2021	Laurie Mikalunas (appt. to 2019)	2019
		Karen Wittshirk	2021
Board of Assessors		VACANCY	2020
Edward Renauld	2019		
Erik Steins	2020	Tree Warden	
Sue Fopiano	2021	Walter Wittshirk	2019
Board of Health		Hampshire Council of Governments	
Thomas Hart	2019	George Peterson III	2020
Jean Jackman	2020		
Melissa Reid	2021	Moderator	
		George Peterson III	2019
Regional School Committee		Trustees, Alphonso P. Pettis Fund	
Melissa Nazzaro	2019	William Millin	2019
Aaron Welch	2020	Judith Guyette	2020
Darlene McVeigh	2021	Karen Wittshirk	2021
Water/Sewer Commissioners		Constables	
Charles Dazelle	2020	Jim Helems	2019
H. Daniel Oliveira	2021	Jeff Jorritsma	2020
VACANCY	2019	Charles Dazelle	2021

APPOINTED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

<i>Accountant (Yearly):</i>		<i>Community Events Committee (3-Year):</i>	
Richard Buley	2019	Jacquie Harris	2020
		John Knox	2020
<i>ADA Coordinator (Yearly):</i>		Lisa Lansing	2020
Helen Speckels	2019	Vicki Mayhew, Ch.	2020
		John McVeigh	2020
<i>Admin. Assistant (3-Year):</i>		VACANCY	2020
Helen Speckels	2021	VACANCY	2020
<i>Admin. Secretary (1-Year)</i>		<i>Conservation Commission (3-Year):</i>	
Jennifer Peloquin	2019	Helena Alves	2020
		Ross Hackerson	2020
<i>Agricultural Commission (Terms Vary):</i>		Andy Kowal	2021
Bonita Kubacki	2021	Susan McIntosh, Ch.	2019
Anne Marie Knox	2020	Michael Vorwerk	2019
Gordon Richardson	2021	VACANCY	2019
Lorraine Wickland	2019	VACANCY	2020
VACANCY	2020		
VACANCY	2021	<i>Council on Aging (3-Year):</i>	
VACANCY	2021	Anna Horkun	2020
		Jean Jackman, Alt.	2019
<i>Animal Control Inspector (Yearly):</i>		Nancy Kaminski	2021
Robert Jackman	2019	Eugene King	2021
		Bill McVeigh, Alt.	2019
<i>Board of Health Agent (Yearly):</i>		Kat Peterson, Chair	2021
Claudia Lucas	2019	Helen Speckels	2020
<i>Building Com/Zoning Enforcement (Yearly):</i>		<i>Crossing Guard (Yearly):</i>	
George Peterson III	2019	Dave Wieland	2019
		Lindsay Wieland, Alt.	2019
<i>Cable Advisory Committee (Yearly):</i>		<i>Cultural Council (3-Year):</i>	
Bob Brackney	2019	Jane Beane	2019
Johanna Brackney	2019	Tania Coletta	2020
Chris Saner	2019	Avril Marriott	2019
		Peri Sossaman	2020
<i>Capital Planning Committee (3-Year):</i>		Gary Winsor	2020
Kate Albright-Hanna	2020	Lynn Winsor	2021
R. Buley, Ex-Officio	2020		
Darlene McVeigh	2020		
VACANCY	2020		
VACANCY	2020		
<i>Collector (3-Year):</i>		<i>Dog Officer (Yearly)</i>	
Aimee Burnham	2020	Jim Helems	2019
Anna Horkun, Asst.	2020	Deresa Helems, Asst.	2019
		<i>Electrical Inspector (Yearly):</i>	
		Andy Girouard	2019
		<i>Assistant Electrical Inspector (Yearly):</i>	
		Jeffrey Bourdon	2019

Emergency Management Dir. (3-Year):

Dennis Nazzaro 2020

Environmental Cert. Officer (3-Year):

Edward Renauld 2020

Fall Festival Committee (3 Year):

Shelley Keeney 2021

Janine LaPointe 2021

Laura LaPointe 2021

Paul LaPointe 2021

VACANCY 2021

Fence Viewer & Field Drivers (3-Year):

Wayne McKinney 2020

VACANCY 2020

VACANCY 2020

Finance Committee (Yearly):

Victoria Minella-Sena 2019

VACANCY 2019

VACANCY 2019

VACANCY 2019

VACANCY 2019

Interim Fire Chief (Yearly):

Josh Ellinger 2019

FRTA Coordinator (3-Year):

Aimee Burnham 2021

FRTA Representative (3-Year):

Edward Renauld 2020

Gas Inspector (Yearly):

Anthony Karella 2019

Assistant Gas Inspector (Yearly):

Brian Pichette 2019

Green Initiatives Committee (2-Year):

Eric Jensen 2020

Susan McIntosh 2020

John McVeigh 2020

VACANCY 2020

VACANCY 2020

Hazard Mitigation Committee (3-Year):

Charles Dazelle 2020

Robert Garriepy 2020

Dennis Nazzaro 2020

Highway Superintendent (3-Year):

Charles Dazelle 2020

Hilltown Com. Ambul. Rep. (Yearly):

William Millin 2019

Hilltown Resource Mgt. Rep. (Yearly):

Tom Hart 2019

Lou Purinton, Alt. 2019

Historical Commission (3-Year):

David Norton 2020

Victoria Minella-Sena 2020

Jeff Penn 2019

Karen Wittshirk 2019

VACANCY 2020

Jacob's Ladder Scenic Byway (2-Year):

Linda Hamlin 2019

Steve Hamlin 2019

Jeff Penn 2019

Highlands Footpath (2-Year):

Jeff Penn 2019

VACANCY 2019

Local Emergency Planning (Yearly):

Charles Dazelle 2019

Robert Garriepy 2019

Dennis Nazzaro 2019

VACANCY 2019

Local Historic District Comm. (3-Year):

Jeff Penn 2019

Victoria Minella-Sena 2019

Helen Speckels 2020

VACANCY 2020

VACANCY 2021

VACANCY, Alt. 2020

VACANCY, Alt. 2020

Measurer of Wood/Bark (3-Year):

VACANCY 2020

Memorial Day Parade Com. (3-Year):

Lori Belhumeur 2020

A. Burnham, Coord. 2020

Gary Dahill 2020

Karon Hathaway 2020

John McVeigh 2020

Edward Renauld 2020

North Hall Advisory (3-Year):

Nancy Kaminski	2020
Susan McIntosh	2021
Jeff Penn	2020
Peri Sossaman	2021
Nancy Webb	2020
VACANCY	2021
VACANCY	2021

P.V.P.C. Representative (3-Year):

Jeff Wyand	2020
Linda Hamlin, Alt.	2020

Planning Board (3-Year):

Kate Albright-Hanna	2021
Linda Hamlin	2021
Evelyn Korfias	2020
Jeff Wyand	2020
Ed Grabowski, Alt.	2021
VACANCY	2019
VACANCY	2020

Plumbing Inspector (Yearly):

Anthony Karella	2019
Brian Pichette, Alt.	2019

Police Chief (3-Year):

Robert Garriepy	2020
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Police Officers (Yearly):

Michael Girard	2019
Justin Green	2019
Aaren Hawley	2019
Todd Michon	2019
Brandon Owen	2019
Brendon Schutter	2019

Procurement Officer (3-Year):

Edward Renauld:	2020
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Public Weigher (3-Year):

Daniel Donovan	2020
Gaylon Donovan	2020
Matt Donovan	2020
Paul Senatore	2020

Recreation Committee (3-Year):

Fawn Busby	2020
Melissa Green	2020
Tricia Hess	2020
Adrianne Kunz	2020
Vicki Mayhew	2020
Courtney Mulcahy	2020
Edward Renauld	2020
Jennifer Maynard	2020

Registrar of Voters (3-Year):

Kathleen Thomas	2020
Anna Horkun	2020
Barbara Meehan	2020
Helen Speckels	2020
VACANCY	2020

Right to Know Coordinator (3-Year):

Edward Renauld	2020
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Rt. 112 Scenic Byway (2-Year):

Linda Hamlin	2020
Susan McIntosh	2020
Jeffrey Penn	2020

Supt. Gypsy Moth/Dutch Elm (3-Year):

Walter Wittshirk	2020
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Town Counsel (Yearly):

K-P Law, P.C.	Indefinite
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Town Treasurer (3-Year):

Aimee Burnham	2020
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Veterans' Agent (3-Year):

Edward Renauld	2020
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Westfield River Wild & Scenic (3-Year):

Jeff Penn	2021
VACANCY, Alt.	2021

Zoning Board of Appeals (3-Year):

Victoria Minella-Sena	2021
Ed Grabowski, Alt.	2021
Karon Hathaway, Alt.	2021
VACANCY	2019
VACANCY	2020

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

Department Schedules and Telephone List

Main Telephone Number: (413) 667-3500

Town Hall Fax: (413) 667-3507

Town Website: www.huntingtonma.us

Board of Assessors:

Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6 pm
Clerk Hours: Monday & Wednesday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Clerk: Ted Gloss Asst. Clerk: Lorraine Wickland
Telephone: (413) 512-5201 assessors@huntingtonma.us

Board of Health:

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 6 pm
Katie Boisseau, Secretary hours: Wed evenings 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Telephone/Fax: (413) 512-5211 boardofhealth@huntingtonma.us
Title V Agent Brian Slayton available by telephone: (413) 531-0799
Dump stickers may be obtained at the Transfer Station during regular hours.
"H" stickers may be purchased at B&D Variety and Moltenbrey's Market.
They are to be placed on all of your trash bags before the bags are disposed of.
(1 sticker/30 gallons or less & 2 stickers/over 30 gallons).

Board of Selectmen:

Meets every other Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm, unless otherwise posted.
Helen Speckels, Administrative Assistant admin@huntingtonma.us
Jennifer Peloquin, Administrative Secretary
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
To meet with the Selectboard, please contact the Administrative Assistant during office hours. Telephone: (413) 512-5200

Building Commissioner:

George Peterson Hours: Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:30 pm
Building permit applications may be obtained during Town Hall business hours and on the website: huntingtonma.us/forms.html#bldgPermt
Telephone: (413) 512-5210 buildingcommissioner@huntingtonma.us

Conservation Commission:

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 pm Telephone: (413) 512-5214
concom@huntingtonma.us Susan McIntosh, Chair

Council on Aging:

Meets 1st Tuesday at 1:00 pm in Town Hall coa@huntingtonma.us
Telephone: (413) 512-5205

Electrical Inspector:

Andy Girouard Telephone: (413) 667-8812
Electrical permit applications may be obtained in the Selectboard Office during regular hours and on the Town website: www.huntingtonma.us

Alt. Electrical Inspector:

Jeff Bourdon Telephone: (413) 207-7510

Fire Department:

Josh Ellinger, Interim Fire Chief Fax: (413) 667-0133
Telephone: (413) 512-5212 (non-emergency) Emergency: Dial 911
firedept@huntingtonma.us

Gas Inspector:

Anthony Karella Telephone: (413) 265-6290
Gas permit applications may be obtained in the Selectboard Office during regular hours and on the Town website: www.huntingtonma.us

Highway Department: Charles Dazelle, Superintendent Jennifer Peloquin, Admin. Assistant
highway@huntingtonma.us Fax: (413) 667-3507
Telephone: (413) 512-5204 Cell: (413) 977-2434

Planning Board: Meets one weeknight, Mon-Fri, twice a month at 7:00 pm
Meetings are always posted on Town website: www.huntingtonma.us
All applications by appointment only. **Please email to request app't.**
Telephone: (413) 512-5214 planning@huntingtonma.us

Plumbing Inspector: Anthony Karella Telephone: (413) 265-6290
Plumbing permit applications may be obtained in the Selectboard Office
during regular hours and on the Town website: www.huntingtonma.us

Police Department: Robert Garriepy, Chief policechief@huntingtonma.us
Hours: Wednesday evenings 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Telephone: (413) 512-5213 Emergency: Dial 911

Public Library: Heather Dunfee, Director Telephone: (413) 512-5206
Fax: (413) 667-0088 library@huntingtonma.us
web: thehuntingtonpubliclibrary.org

Public Library Trustees: Vacancy Karen Wittshirk Laurie Mikalunas

Town Accountant: Richard Buley
Office Hours: Wednesdays 4:00 - 8:00 pm or by appointment
Telephone: (413) 512-5203 accountant@huntingtonma.us

Town Clerk: Kathleen Thomas Assistant Clerk: Linda Hamlin
Telephone: (413) 512-5209 townclerk@huntingtonma.us
Office Hours: Monday 9 am-1 pm, Wednesdays 4-8 pm and by app't.

Town Collector: Aimee Burnham Assistant Collector: Anna Horkun
treasurer@huntingtonma.us collectassist@huntingtonma.us
Telephone: (413) 512-5208
Office Hours: Mon: Noon-4:30 pm, Tues & Thurs: 10 am-3 pm, Wed: 1-6 pm

Town Treasurer: Aimee Burnham treasurer@huntingtonma.us
Telephone: (413) 512-5202
Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday by appointment

Veterans' Agent: Edward Renauld veterans@huntingtonma.us
Office Hours: By Appointment Telephone: (413) 575-6391

Water and Sewer: Commissioners meet 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in Town Hall
John Berry, Sewer Plant Operator Norene St. Martin, Water Plant Operator
Kathy Engwer, Administrative Assistant
Phone: (413) 512-5207 waterandsewer@huntingtonma.us

Zoning Board: Meets Wednesday evenings (by appointment only) in Stanton Hall
Please call and leave a message to schedule appointment.
(413) 512-5214

SELECTBOARD

This has been a very busy and dynamic year for our Selectboard. We meet at least twice a month and sometimes every week conditional on the necessities of our Town. Meeting agendas are posted at www.huntingtonma.us and our meetings are open to the public. We strive to make our town the best it can be. Always feel free to contact our office to schedule a meeting with the Selectboard to hear your concerns.

We are grateful for the hard work and dedication of our municipal employees and many board volunteers for their time and energies to make our boards and committees proficient. We continue to look for members on our Finance Committee and Planning and Zoning Boards. If you have an interest, please email us at admin@huntingtonma.us.

We would like to thank Ron Damon for his dedication to the Gateway Regional School Committee. Ron retired after serving for 27 years on the School Committee. Margaret Nareau retired as Library Director. Thank you, Margaret, for your leadership and many years of service at the Library.

This past year, Ed Renauld and Aimee Burnham represented Huntington at the Mass. Municipal Association Annual Meeting in Boston. This is one of the largest annual gatherings of local officials in Massachusetts. Ed and Aimee participated in several informational talks, networked with other communities, and were able to share ideas on the challenges facing towns.

The Selectboard met with Emergency Management Director (EMD) Dennis Nazzaro with regard to strategies pertaining to Town emergency preparedness. Selectboard approved the EMD's recommendation to take advantage of a program through Homeland Security for a pod runner trailer kit equipped with a portable emergency operations center, as well as a grant for a drone purchase. The EMD will be reviewing and bolstering the Town's emergency preparedness plan in other ways as well, including holding mock drills (and other scenarios) to strengthen the Town's response to urgent events.

Green Energy Aggregation advocate, Bob Armstrong, a Selectperson for Conway, Massachusetts, presented the structure of the Green Energy Aggregation Program. Green Energy Aggregation allows the consumer to choose a mix of green power at a rate competitive with Eversource. The energy supplier/broker is the only segment that changes, as Eversource is still the electric provider. The more towns aggregate together to buy green power, the more affordable it is. Bob stated approximately half of the towns in Massachusetts have chosen Green Energy Aggregation.

Mark Cappadonna and Denise Allard from Colonial Power Group met with the Selectboard and presented a Municipal Aggregation Plan which would combine the purchasing power of residents to provide them with an alternative electricity supply. The town authorized joining with other communities that form the Municipal Aggregation. The Selectboard feels strongly that the program will bring choice, stability, and green options to residents for their electricity supply. Participation by residents in the savings program will be entirely voluntary.

An immense THANK YOU to the committee members of the Cable Advisory Committee, Bob and Johanna Brackney and Chairperson Chris Saner, for their research and input in renewing the

town's Comcast agreement. The contract renewal was stalled primarily due to cost estimates for building out to the remaining homes. Several specifics in the contract were passionately reviewed by this committee and presented to the Selectboard. Seventy-seven homes have been cabled with seventeen homes still in need of cabling. This will leave two homes that are in remote locations without cable. The Comcast Contract Renewal is in the final stages of acceptance.

The 2018 Community Development Fund Grant Application was submitted for Goss Hill and Aldrich Avenue infrastructure improvements. The Aldrich Avenue project was approved for water main replacements, redoing water lines, and fixing water drainage issues. Additionally, the entrance ramps to Stanton and Town Hall are not ADA compliant. Both ramps need to be redesigned and replaced.

Disappointingly, we do not have a Finance Committee and we often have folks wearing multiple hats. Thank you to Darlene McVeigh for diligently working to prepare the operating expense budgets, formulating the Annual Town Meeting Warrant recommendations, and providing monthly updates to the Selectboard.

The Selectboard recently approved the purchase of new tables and chairs for Stanton Hall. The tables and chairs include stackable put away racks for ease of moving the furniture.

The school budget passed on Town floor at the Annual Town Meeting.

Selectperson Karon Hathaway had the honor of presenting a replica of the Boston Post Cane to Lillian St. Germain, Huntington's eldest resident. Celebrating along with Lillian were four generations of family, Bill McVeigh of the Historical Society, Council on Aging Chairperson Kathleen Peterson, Selectperson Darlene McVeigh and David Norton, President of the Historical Society. The original Boston Post Gold Cane will be displayed in Town Hall.

The Board of Selectmen hired Jennifer Peloquin as additional staff in their office. She is working under the supervision of Administrative Assistant Helen Speckels. Jen also works part-time for the Highway Department, Council on Aging, and the Treasurer/Town Collector.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Administrative Assistant Helen Speckels for her dedication and day in and day out help. She is always a helpful and pleasant presence at our Town office.

It is our pleasure to serve you, the taxpayer. Please feel free to contact the Administrative Assistant or any member of the Selectboard with questions.

The Selectboard Office email has changed to admin@huntingtonma.us and the phone number is (413) 512-5200.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Renauld, Chair

Karon Hathaway, Member

Darlene McVeigh, Member

Please Note: Although this report is for the year ending June 30, 2017, it was completed after publication of the 2017 Annual Town Report, so is included here.

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Honorable Selectboard
Town of Huntington, Massachusetts

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Huntington, Massachusetts, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Huntington, Massachusetts' basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Qualified Opinion on Governmental Activities

As discussed in Note 2 to the financial statements, management has not recorded a liability for Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) in governmental activities and, accordingly, has not recorded an expense for the current period change in the OPEB liability. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that an actuarial determined OPEB liability be accrued, which would increase the liabilities, reduce the net position, and change the expenses of the governmental activities. The amount by which this departure would affect the liabilities, net position and expenses of the governmental activities has not been determined.

Qualified Opinion on the Governmental Activities

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the “Basis for Qualified Opinion on Governmental Activities” paragraph, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities of the Town of Huntington, Massachusetts, as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Unmodified Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Huntington, Massachusetts as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and pension plan schedules as listed on the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted the other post employment benefit plan schedule that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Huntington, Massachusetts' basic financial statements. The Supplementary Schedules, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements.

The Supplementary Schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 31, 2018, on our consideration of the Town of Huntington, Massachusetts' internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Huntington, Massachusetts' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Scanlon and Associates, LLC

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South Deerfield, Massachusetts

October 31, 2018

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGETARY BASIS -
(NON-GAAP) - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Budgeted Amounts					Amounts	Variance with
	Carried				Actual	Carried	Final Budget
	Forward from	Original	Final		Budgetary	Forward to	Positive
	Prior Year	Budget	Budget		Basis	Next Year	(Negative)
Revenues:							
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ 3,405,891	\$ 3,405,891	\$ 3,444,361	\$ -	\$ 38,470	
Intergovernmental	-	651,872	651,872	658,307	-	6,435	
Motor Vehicle Excise and Other Taxes	-	250,000	250,000	267,387	-	17,387	
Licenses, Permits and Fees	-	99,000	99,000	100,074	-	1,074	
Interest on Taxes	-	34,000	34,000	39,865	-	5,865	
Investment Income	-	2,000	2,000	3,878	-	1,878	
Total Revenues	-	4,442,763	4,442,763	4,513,872	-	71,109	
Expenditures:							
Current:							
General Government	11,587	366,170	390,736	371,570	10,730	8,436	
Public Safety	981	295,252	306,909	303,604	803	2,502	
Public Works	8,795	434,042	460,595	435,924	20,055	4,616	
Education	-	3,003,237	2,994,208	2,990,015	-	4,193	
Health and Human Services	152	39,580	77,614	70,197	6,120	1,297	
Culture and Recreation	2,064	85,171	87,235	85,022	-	2,213	
Employee Benefits and Insurance	-	230,825	224,324	220,346	-	3,978	
State Assessments	-	8,620	8,620	7,780	-	840	
Debt Service:							
Principal	-	76,951	76,951	76,951	-	-	
Interest	-	3,816	4,716	4,716	-	-	
Total Expenditures	23,579	4,543,664	4,631,908	4,566,125	37,708	28,075	
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(23,579)	(100,901)	(189,145)	(52,253)	(37,708)	99,184	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Operating Transfers Out	-	(8,634)	(8,634)	-	-	8,634	
Sale of Foreclosure Property	-	-	-	31,500	-	31,500	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	(8,634)	(8,634)	31,500	-	40,134	
Net Change in Budgetary Fund Balance	(23,579)	(109,535)	(197,779)	\$ (20,753)	\$ (37,708)	\$ 139,318	
Other Budgetary Items:							
Free Cash and Other Reserves	-	115,427	180,092				
Prior Year Deficits	-	(5,892)	(5,892)				
Prior Year Encumbrances	23,579	-	23,579				
Total Other Budgetary Items	23,579	109,535	197,779				
NET BUDGET	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-			

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this Statement.

**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2017**

	General Fund	Sewer Fund	Water Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,702,690	\$ 292,884	\$ 116,959	\$ 81,153	\$ 2,193,686
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:					
Property Taxes	257,892	-	-	-	257,892
Tax Liens	81,679	-	-	-	81,679
Excise Taxes	46,428	-	-	-	46,428
User Charges	-	21,063	27,187	-	48,250
Due from Other Governments	41,336	-	-	52,634	93,970
Other	955	-	-	-	955
Total Assets	\$ 2,130,980	\$ 313,947	\$ 144,146	\$ 133,787	\$ 2,722,860
Liabilities:					
Warrants Payable	\$ 60,001	\$ 3,474	\$ 109	\$ 1,883	\$ 65,467
Accrued Payroll	5,237	221	501	861	6,820
Payroll Withholdings	6,603	-	-	-	6,603
Tax Refund Payable	32,200	-	-	-	32,200
Total Liabilities	104,041	3,695	610	2,744	111,090
Deferred Inflows of Resources:					
Unavailable Revenue	376,235	21,063	27,187	52,634	477,119
Fund Balance:					
Restricted	-	-	-	153,780	153,780
Committed	-	289,189	116,349	-	405,538
Assigned	448,963	-	-	-	448,963
Unassigned	1,201,741	-	-	(75,371)	1,126,370
Total Fund Balance	1,650,704	289,189	116,349	78,409	2,134,651
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$ 2,130,980	\$ 313,947	\$ 144,146	\$ 133,787	\$ 2,722,860

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this Statement.

**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

	General Fund	Sewer Fund	Water Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:					
Property Taxes	\$ 3,425,961	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,425,961
Intergovernmental	658,307	-	-	1,000,452	1,658,759
Motor Vehicle Excise and Other Taxes	267,387	-	-	-	267,387
Charges for Services	-	137,631	111,083	66,846	315,560
Licenses, Permits and Fees	100,074	-	-	-	100,074
Interest on Taxes	39,865	-	-	-	39,865
Investment Income	8,896	-	-	124	9,020
Gifts and Donations	-	-	-	7,124	7,124
Other	-	-	-	45,383	45,383
Total Revenues	4,500,490	137,631	111,083	1,119,929	5,869,133
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General Government	371,570	-	-	874,213	1,245,783
Public Safety	303,604	-	-	29,060	332,664
Public Works	435,924	124,000	99,781	149,112	808,817
Education	2,990,015	-	-	-	2,990,015
Health and Human Services	70,197	-	-	28,368	98,565
Culture and Recreation	85,022	-	-	7,967	92,989
Employee Benefits and Insurance	220,346	-	-	-	220,346
State Assessments	7,780	-	-	-	7,780
Debt Service:					
Principal	76,951	-	10,000	-	86,951
Interest	4,716	-	250	-	4,966
Total Expenditures	4,566,125	124,000	110,031	1,088,720	5,888,876
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(65,635)	13,631	1,052	31,209	(19,743)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Sale of Tax Foreclosure Property	31,500	-	-	-	31,500
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	31,500	-	-	-	31,500
Net Change in Fund Balances	(34,135)	13,631	1,052	31,209	11,757
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	1,684,839	275,558	115,297	47,200	2,122,894
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$ 1,650,704	\$ 289,189	\$ 116,349	\$ 78,409	\$ 2,134,651

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this Statement.

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Fund Balances July 1, 2016	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)	Fund Balances June 30, 2017
Special Revenue:					
Federal and State Grants:					
Arts Lottery Council Grants	\$ 3,350	\$ 4,406	\$ 3,966	\$ -	\$ 3,790
Community Development Block Grants	5,739	839,297	839,297	-	5,739
Conservation Grants	2	-	2	-	-
Council on Aging Grants	3,101	2,369	2,482	-	2,988
Emergency Management Grants	(16,867)	-	1,760	-	(18,627)
Green Communities Grant	6,600	5,718	5,700	-	6,618
Health Grants	6,080	-	-	-	6,080
Highway Grants	(31,059)	145,517	147,881	-	(33,423)
Library Grants	9,304	3,168	4,001	-	8,471
Public Safety Grants	2,164	-	-	-	2,164
Well Head Protection Grants	768	-	-	-	768
Other:					
Agriculture Committee Revolving	1,020	-	-	-	1,020
Administrative Assistant Fees	743	1,150	1,893	-	-
Capital Improvement Fund	14,472	-	-	-	14,472
Conservation Wetlands Fees	4,671	233	308	-	4,596
Council on Aging Donations	5,282	2,124	180	-	7,226
Council on Aging Transportation	29,335	25,856	25,706	-	29,485
Deputy Collector Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Fire Outside Details	66	-	-	-	66
Fire Permit Fees	125	2,255	2,225	-	155
Gateway Regional School District Fuel	(3)	1,913	2,979	-	(1,069)
Miscellaneous Pass Through	(1,475)	-	-	-	(1,475)
Murrayfield Old Tank	3,386	-	-	-	3,386
Playscape Damage	1,548	-	-	-	1,548
Police Extra Duty	2,633	25,484	25,075	-	3,042
Recreation Fund	126	-	-	-	126
Recycling Grant	491	2,511	1,060	-	1,942
Special Revenue Page 49	\$ 51,602	\$ 1,062,001	\$ 1,064,515	\$ -	\$ 49,088

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Fund Balances July 1, 2016	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)	Fund Balances June 30, 2017
Continued from Page 49	\$ 51,602	\$ 1,062,001	\$ 1,064,515	\$ -	\$ 49,088
Special Revenue (continued):					
Other (continued):					
Road Machinery	(22,408)	26,625	171	-	4,046
Sara Gillette Services Council on Aging	338	-	-	-	338
Shared Legal Expenses	(11,571)	17,997	11,139	-	(4,713)
Stanton Hall	11,951	5,000	4,475	-	12,476
Town Clerk Fees	466	1,748	2,210	-	4
Town Collector Fees	79	6,458	6,210	-	327
Zoning Board of Appeals Escrow Funds	1,496	-	-	-	1,496
Conservation Fund	10,965	100	-	-	11,065
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	918	-	-	-	918
Total Special Revenue Funds	43,836	1,119,929	1,088,720	-	75,045
Permanent Funds:					
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	3,364	-	-	-	3,364
Total - Non-Major Governmental Funds	\$ 47,200	\$ 1,119,929	\$ 1,088,720	\$ -	\$ 78,409

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES
JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017

	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 2016	Commitments	Abatements and Adjustments	Collections Net of Refunds and Overpayments	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2017	Uncollected Taxes Per Detail June 30, 2017
Real Estate Taxes:						
Levy of 2017	\$ -	\$ 3,341,109	\$ 20,135	\$ 3,142,559	\$ 178,415	\$ 178,662
Levy of 2016	186,243	-	15,122	107,798	63,323	59,166
Levy of 2015	57,249	-	172	45,958	11,119	11,290
Levy of 2014	7,431	-	726	7,409	(704)	(2,371)
Levy of 2013	1,022	-	-	783	239	681
Prior Years	(387)	-	-	-	(387)	(400)
	<u>251,558</u>	<u>3,341,109</u>	<u>36,155</u>	<u>3,304,507</u>	<u>252,005</u>	<u>247,028</u>
Personal Property Taxes:						
Levy of 2017	-	99,705	1,987	94,073	3,645	3,645
Levy of 2016	2,330	-	-	235	2,095	2,095
Levy of 2015	2,284	-	152	129	2,003	2,003
Levy of 2014	1,328	-	-	180	1,148	1,148
Levy of 2013	1,053	-	-	64	989	964
Prior Years	1,747	-	2,710	-	(963)	(993)
	<u>8,742</u>	<u>99,705</u>	<u>4,849</u>	<u>94,681</u>	<u>8,917</u>	<u>8,862</u>
Total Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes	<u>\$ 260,300</u>	<u>\$ 3,440,814</u>	<u>\$ 41,004</u>	<u>\$ 3,399,188</u>	<u>\$ 260,922</u>	<u>\$ 255,890</u>

**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES
JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017**

	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 2016		Commitments	Abatements and Adjustments	Collections Net of Refunds and Overpayments	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2017		Uncollected Taxes Per Detail June 30, 2017
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:								
Levy of 2017	\$	-	\$ 254,637	\$ 14,494	\$ 198,890	\$ 41,253	\$	46,037
Levy of 2016		35,577	26,904	6,088	47,047	9,346		9,341
Levy of 2015		4,785	-	580	2,371	1,834		2,689
Levy of 2014		3,096	-	-	1,116	1,980		1,833
Levy of 2013		3,035	-	-	533	2,502		1,070
Prior Years		(985)	-	-	598	(1,583)		(3,194)
Total Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$	45,508	\$ 281,541	\$ 21,162	\$ 250,555	\$ 55,332	\$	57,776

TOWN CLERK

Welcome to the Town Clerk Annual Report! It's hard to believe, but 2018 has already flown by! We were busy bees with many tasks on our agenda. 2018 was an exciting year because of the Midterm Elections. We were pleased to witness the record breaking turnouts for all three elections. We all burned the midnight oil to get all of the work that they entail completed. A big "thank you" to all of our election workers - we couldn't do it without you! Linda also stepped up and clerked the Town Election as Kathleen was on the ballot again. She did a fantastic job!

We'd like to acknowledge all of our co-workers here at Town Hall. Everyone works together to run our Town the best way possible. They all help us here in the Clerk's office, ever willing to share of their time and expertise. Lastly, we'd like to thank all of our residents who make our job worthwhile. It's a pleasure and a privilege to serve all of our wonderful residents here in Huntington!

In 2018, we processed the following:

284 Dog Licenses
3 Kennel Licenses
17 Business Certificates

Our hours are Mondays, 9 am – 1 pm and Wednesdays, 4 – 8 pm. We can be reached at the Town Hall by email at townclerk@huntingtonma.us or by phone at 1-413-512-5209.

Dog tags for 2019 will be available June 1.

Please remember to return your Census forms by May 15.

Vital Records and the remainder of our report follows.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Thomas, Town Clerk
Linda Hamlin, Assistant Town Clerk

**TOWN CLERK
VITAL RECORDS 2018**

BIRTHS:

Jan. 22	Bryce Aaron Groeber Son of Chad Stephen Groeber & nee Alexa Jordan Wheeler
Apr. 04	Emma May Powers Daughter of Colin David Powers & nee Sarah May Trudeau
May 08	Benjamin Thomas Cassidy Son of Michael John Cassidy Jr. & nee Crystal Marie Wloch
May 27	Kolton Lee Amstutz Son of Dwayne Lee Amstutz & nee Angela Kay Zehr
June 23	Lilliana Mae Graydon Daughter of Joseph Alan Graydon & nee Alexis John Manolakis
July 04	Riley Elizabeth McCarthy Daughter of Cody Alexander McCarthy & nee Ariel Lynne Behler
July 06	Grace Elizabeth Knox Daughter of Michael John Knox & nee Ashley Lynn Henshaw
July 19	Ellery Rae Thompson Son of Devon Michael Thompson & nee Victoria Leigh Kos
July 30	Nakita Rain Turgeon Daughter of Robert Joseph Turgeon Jr. & nee Stephanie Lauren Griffin
Aug. 12	Judah David Damon Son of Caleb Roger Damon & nee Brandi Leah Gallagher
Aug. 12	Jonathan Joseph Damon Son of Caleb Roger Damon & nee Brandi Leah Gallagher
Oct. 02	Cassandra Loriann Mason Daughter of Joshua Aaron Mason & nee Amy Helen Marie Waterman
Oct. 13	Thompson Alexander King Son of Michael Alexander King & nee Emily Elizabeth Frey
Nov. 08	Harrison Charles Schutter Son of Brendon Kyle Schutter & nee Cassandra Lynn Kulon
Nov. 28	Bryce Wayne Boisseau Son of Philip Wayne Boisseau & nee Katie Lynn Boulanger

MARRIAGES:

Mar. 17	David Smith Rexford & Kathleen M. Jarvis @ Huntington
May 20	Matthew David York & Julie Marie Dukette @ Southwick
May 19	Michael Patrick O'Connor & Samantha Amber King @ Whately
Aug. 10	Timothy James Belmore & Charis Danielle Vanasse @ Huntington
Aug. 26	Mark Henry Derouin Jr. & Madison Louise Graham @ Granville
Sept. 23	Michael G. Cullen & Nadina M. Healy @ Westfield
Oct. 12	Henry Francis Crochier & Cara Marie Del Tatto @ Huntington
Nov. 18	Shawn M Worden & Bless Saad Lestones @ Huntington
Dec. 20	Paul A. Nowak & Maria Elena F. Magbag @ Russell

DEATHS:

Jan. 04	Nellie Dugas, Age 94, Widow of Henry J. Dugas Jr.
Jan. 18	John Anthony Lastowski, Age 79, Husband of Donna Lee Lastowski
Jan. 22	Lorraine Ruth King, Age 79, Wife of Eugene F. King
Mar. 30	Christopher Douglas Sarafin, Age 52
Apr. 08	Ingrid Nina O’Riordan, Age 77, Widow of Michael O’Riordan
Apr. 18	Juanita Marjorie Snyder, Age 94, Wife of William T. Snyder
Apr. 24	Hubert Henry Tacke, Age 83, Widower of Theresa M. Tacke
Apr. 26	Charles Neville, Age 79, Husband of Kristin Neville
May 07	David Harning, Age 70, Husband of Denise Harning
July 10	Lawrence Harry Fisher, Age 79, Husband of Judith Louisa Fisher
July 22	Jane N. Burrier, Age 77, Widow of Alfred L. Burrier
July 24	James J. Belhumeur, Age 83, Husband of Lorena E. Belhumeur
July 27	Jeannette Anita Granger, Age 87, Widow of Richard Granger
Aug. 04	Charles B. Gardner, Age 58
Sept. 15	Mary June Daborowski, Age 99, Widow of Henry C. Daborowski
Sept. 23	Raphael Xavier Kowal, Age 14, son of Andrew and Barbara Kowal
Sept. 29	John A. Scribner, Age 67
Nov. 02	Doris Claire Fisk, Age 96, Widow of Gordon E. Fisk
Dec. 02	Shirley B. Pomeroy, Age 78, Widow of Lewis H. Pomeroy

TOWN ELECTION RESULTS
Saturday, May 19, 2018

Board of Selectmen - 3 yr	Edward Renauld (99) Blank (15)
Board of Health - 3 yr	Melissa Reid (105) Blank (9)
Board of Assessors - 3 yr	Sue Fopiano (92) Blank (22)
Board of Assessors- 2 yr	Erik Steins (94) Blank (20)
Water/Sewer Comm. - 3 yr	H. Daniel Oliveira (100) Blank (14)
Town Clerk - 3 yr	Kathleen Thomas (102) Blank (12)
Regional School Comm. - 3 yr	Darlene McVeigh (6) Others (9) Blank (99)
Regional School Comm. - 2 yr	Aaron Welch (90) Others (1) Blank (23)
Regional School Comm. - 1 yr	Melissa Nazzaro (95) Blank (19)
Trustee, A.P. Pettis Fund - 3 yr	Karen Wittshirk (100) Blank (14)
Moderator - 1 yr	George Peterson (105)

	Blank (9)
Constable - 3 yr	Charles Dazelle (86) Others (3) Blank (25)
Constable - 1 yr	Jim Helems (96) Blank (18)
Tree Warden - 1 yr	Walt Wittshirk (100) Blank (14)
Trustee Library - 3 yr	Karen Wittshirk (97) Blank (17)
Shall the Town of Huntington be allowed to exempt from the provisions of prop two and one-half, so called the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to purchase and equip a new dump truck for the Highway Dept.?	Yes (56) No (58)

STATE PRIMARY RESULTS
Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Senator in Congress -Republican

Geoff Diehl (54)
John Kingston (55)
Beth Joyce Lindstrom (17)
Others (0)
Blanks (8)

Senator in Congress – Democrat

Elizabeth Warren (257)
Others (0)
Blanks (67)

Governor – Republican

Charles D. Baker (72)
Scott D. Lively (61)
Others (0)
Blanks (1)

Governor- Democrat

Jay M. Gonzalez (142)
Bob Massie (98)

Lieutenant Governor – Republican

Karyn E. Polito (96)
Others (0)
Blanks (38)

Lieutenant Governor – Democrat

Quentin Palfrey (143)
Jimmy Tingle (78)
Others (0)
Blanks (103)

Attorney General – Republican

James R. McMahon, III (62)
Daniel L. Shores (42)
Others (0)
Blanks (30)

Attorney General – Democrat

Maura Healey (260)
Others (0)
Blanks (64)

Secretary of State –Republican

Anthony M. Amore (97)
Others (0)
Blanks (37)

Secretary of State –Democrat

William Francis Galvin (217)
Josh Zakim (71)
Others (0)
Blanks (36)

Treasurer – Republican

Keiko M. Orrall (95)
Others (0)
Blanks (39)

Treasurer – Democrat

Deborah B. Goldberg (244)
Others (0)
Blanks (80)

Auditor – Republican

Helen Brady (94)
Others (0)
Blanks (40)

Auditor – Democrat

Suzanne M. Bump (242)
Others (0)
Blanks (82)

Auditor – Libertarian

Daniel Fishman (1)

Representative in Congress 1st District –Democrat

Richard E. Neal (207)
Tahirah Amatul-Wadud (100)
Others (0)
Blanks (17)

Representative in Congress 1st District-Republican

No Nomination

Councillor Eight District – Democrat

Mary E. Hurley (247)
Others (0)
Blanks (77)

**Representative in General Court -
1st Franklin District Democrat**

Kate Welch Albright-Hanna (121)
Andrew N. Baker (4)
Natalie M. Blais (16)
Christine M. Doktor (9)
Jonathan S. Edwards (2)
Casey Thomas Pease (163)
Nathaniel G. Waring (2)
Francia E. Wisnewski (4)
Others (0)
Blanks (3)

**Representative in General Court -
1st Franklin District Republican**

No Nomination

District Attorney Northwestern District – Democrat

David E. Sullivan (252)
Others (0)
Blanks (72)

District Attorney Northwestern District- Republican	No Nomination
Hampshire County Clerk of Courts – Democrat	Harry J. Jekanowski, Jr. (248) Others (0) Blanks (76)
Hampshire County Clerk of Courts- Republican	No Nomination
Hampshire District Register of Deeds – Democrat	Mary K. Olberding (250) Others (0) Blanks (74)
Hampshire District Register of Deeds-Republican	No Nomination
Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin & Hampden District Senator in General Court - Democrat	Adam G. Hinds (192) Thomas P. Wickham (66) Others (3) Blanks (63)
Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin & Hampden District Senator in General Court – Republican	No Nomination

STATE ELECTION RESULTS
Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Senator in Congress 1st District	Geoff Diehl (453) Elizabeth A. Warren (439) Shiva Ayyadurai (45) Blank (15)
Governor & Lieutenant Governor	Charles Baker/Karen Polito (681) Gonzalez/Palfrey (247) A. Pellullo (2) Blank (22)
Attorney General	Maura Healey (518) James R. McMahon, III (417) Blank (17)
Secretary of State	William Francis Galvin (520) Anthony M. Amore (365) Juan G. Sanchez, Jr. (48) Blank (19)
Treasurer	Deborah B. Goldberg (462) Keiko M. Orrall (394) Jamie M. Guerin (67) Blank (29)
Auditor	Suzanne M. Bump (421) Helen Brady (397)
Representative in Congress - 1st District	Richard E. Neal (659) Tahirah Amatui Wadud (3) Others (4) Blank (286)
Councilor - 8th District	Mary E. Hurley (510) Mike Franco (351) Blank (91)

**Senator In General Court –
Berkshire/Hampshire/Franklin/Hampden
District**

Adam G. Hinds (644)
J. David Cruz (2)
Blank (2)

**Representative in General Court –
First Franklin District**

Natalie M. Blais (631)
Others (4)
Blank (317)

District Attorney - Northwestern District

David E. Sullivan (651)
Others (2)
Blank (299)

Clerk of Courts – Hampshire District

Harry J. Jekanowski, Jr. (641)
Others (2)
Blank (309)

Register of Deeds– Hampshire District

Mary K. Olberding (644)
Others (1)
Blank (307)

Question 1 (Establish Patient/Nurse Ratio)

Yes (297)
No (644)
Blank (11)

**Question 2 (Establish U.S. Constitution
Citizen's Commission - Citizens United)**

Yes (604)
No (327)
Blank (21)

**Question 3 (Prohibit Gender Identity
Discrimination in Public Places)**

Yes (548)
No (382)
Blank (22)

**Question 4 (Non-Binding) – Explore
MA Single Payer Health Care)**

Yes (536)
No (332)
Blank (84)

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF HUNTINGTON**

Special Town Meeting

**MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018
6:30 PM**

MINUTES

As directed, the voters of the Town of Huntington, qualified to vote in Town affairs, met at Stanton Hall in said Huntington on Monday, June 4, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., then and there took the following action:

The Town Moderator opened the meeting at 6:30 pm, announcing that there was a quorum. The Moderator introduced the official's present and indicated that the warrant had been legally posted.

Moderator:	George Peterson
Town Clerk:	Kathleen Thomas
Constable:	Charles Dazelle
Selectboard:	Ed Renault, Karon Hathaway, Darlene McVeigh

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$75,679.00 for the following Operational Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

015122.008	Computer Purchase	\$ 3,600.00
015122.009	IT Tech Support	\$ 2,500.00
015135.002	Accountant Software Support	\$ 745.00
015137.004	Assessors' Software Support	\$ 800.00
015192.006	Building & Property Maintenance	\$ 200.00
015193.003	Town Buildings Insurance	\$ 7,000.00
015220.004	Fire Building/Equipment Expenses	\$ 8,000.00
015422.005	Highway Sand & Salt	\$ 36,284.00
015510.006	Perc Tests/Septic Fees	\$ 1,100.00
015543.001	Veterans' Relief Benefits	\$ 15,000.00
015720.000	Fire Truck Interest	\$ 450.00

Selectboard: yes. Article passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve. Meeting dissolved at 6:40 pm.

A quorum of 25 was present.

A true copy attest:

Kathleen Thomas, Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

Annual Town Meeting

**MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018
7:00 PM**

MINUTES

As directed, the Voters of the Town of Huntington, qualified to vote in Town affairs, met at Stanton Hall in said Huntington on Monday, June 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., then and there took the following action:

The Town Moderator opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. The Moderator indicated that the warrant had been legally posted and a quorum had been reached.

Moderator:	George Peterson
Town Clerk:	Kathleen Thomas
Constable:	Charles Dazelle
Selectboard:	Edward Renauld, Karon Hathaway, Darlene McVeigh

The Moderator began the meeting with the honoring of the following people: Jim Gobeille for 20 yrs. service honorarium, Maggie Nareau for retiring from the library after 35 yrs. service, Ron Damon for 27 yrs. service on the Gateway Regional School Committee and the dedication of the Annual Town Report to Steve and Linda Hamlin.

A motion was made and seconded to read through the following consent calendar:

ARTICLE 2: To empower the Selectboard to choose such Town Officers as are not required by law or vote of the Town to be chosen by ballot; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3: To accept the reports of the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Selectboard, Library Trustees, Trustees of the Whiting Street Fund, Finance Committee, Trustees of the Alphonse P. Pettis Fund, Assessor of Taxes, Town Accountant, and any other Town Officers or Committees to report and act thereon; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to sell and convey by public auction in accordance with Section 77B of Chapter 60 of the General Laws, all parcels of real estate which the Town has acquired or may acquire, either by foreclosure of Tax Title in Land Court or by the procedure under Section 80 of Chapter 60 of the General Laws pertaining to lands of low value; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other federal or state monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the appropriate grant application following public hearing; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for construction and/or maintenance of public highways for the Fiscal Year 2019 and further authorize the Selectboard, on behalf of the Town, to accept any money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway construction and/or maintenance; or take any other action relative thereto.

Consent calendar passes. Motion carries unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be necessary to defray expenses estimated for the ensuing Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2018. Voters will designate line items voted separately; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carries unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 8:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Gateway Regional School District Regional Agreement by deleting Section (D), Apportionment of Capital and Operating Costs, and replacing it with new Section (D), Assessment, as set forth below, said amendment having been approved by the School Committee in conjunction with Town Officials from all six towns in collaboration with Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools (MARS) and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE); or take any other action relative thereto:

(AMENDMENT TO EXISTING SECTION)

SECTION IV APPORTIONMENT AND PAYMENT OF COSTS INCURRED BY THE DISTRICT

DELETE: Section (D) Apportionment of Capital and Operating Costs

Capital and operating costs shall be apportioned annually for the ensuing fiscal year on the basis of each member town's public school population. For the purpose of this subsection, public school population shall be defined as the number of children residing in a member town and receiving education at the town's expenses. Each member town's share for each fiscal year shall be determined by computing the ratio which that town's public school population on March 1 of the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the apportionment is determined bears to the total public school population from all the member towns on the same date. In computing a town's public school population, the pupils referred to in subsection (D) of Section X shall be excluded.

REPLACE WITH: Section (D) Assessments

1. The District shall prepare one budget that shall include the funds necessary to support the operating, transportation, and capital/debt needs of the District.
2. The assessment apportioned to each member town, shall be comprised of the following categories of costs, itemized and calculated as follows:
 - a. The operating portion shall consist of all District expenditures less transportation, capital, and debt. The operating portion shall be calculated based on the Alternative Method as calculated as outlined in Subsection 3 below or based on the Statutory method calculated as follows:
 - i. From the operating costs subtract Chapter 70 state aid, the total required

minimum local contributions from the member towns, and other general fund income.

- ii. The remaining amount is the amount over the minimum required local contributions.
- iii. The amount over the minimum required local contributions shall be assessed to the member towns based on the March 1 student enrollment for the current fiscal year. For the purpose of defining enrollment related to the assessments, pupil enrollments shall be defined as the number of pupils in all grades Pre-Kindergarten through twelve (PK – 12), inclusive, residing in each member town and receiving education at member towns' expense.

- b. The transportation portion shall be calculated by reducing the District's transportation costs by the amount the District anticipates receiving in Chapter 71 Transportation reimbursement and additional amounts from the Transportation Reserve Fund. The remaining amount shall be allocated to the towns based on enrollment on March 1 of the current fiscal year.
 - c. The debt and capital cost portion shall be allocated by enrollment based on the March 1 enrollment of the current year.
 - d. The total assessment to each member town shall be the sum of the minimum local contribution, the above minimum local contribution, transportation, and capital/debt, as calculated above.
3. Alternate Assessment Method
- a. The Alternate Assessment shall create an equalized percentage assessment to each member town.
 - b. The member towns' combined operating, transportation, and capital/debt assessment shall be apportioned annually for the ensuing fiscal year by increasing each town's prior fiscal year assessment by the percentage of the total District assessment increase. The starting assessment shall be calculated using a five-year average as approved by the Regional School Committee or otherwise agreed upon by the Regional School Committee.
 - c. When using the Alternate Assessment Method, each town must meet its Minimum Required Local Contribution. If the equalized percentage assessment results in a member town(s) not meeting its Minimum Required Local Contribution, then the town(s) so affected shall have their assessment increased to the Minimum Required Local Contribution amount. The remaining towns shall have their assessment reduced in an equal manner.
4. Committee Budget Vote
- a. The Committee will have the option to vote the Alternate Assessment Method each year starting with FY 2019.
5. Assessment Method
- a. The member towns may choose to participate in the Alternate Assessment Method on a pilot basis for five (5) years beginning with FY 2019 with an annual vote at each town meeting on the assessment. The Alternate Method outlined in this section will end with FY 2023 unless the Regional Agreement is amended otherwise;
- There was an open discussion and explanation by the Selectboard. Questions were asked and answered. Selectboard: yes. Motion passes unanimously.**

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$2,710,665.00 as Huntington's total assessment for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; or take any other action relative thereto.
Selectboard: yes. Motion carries.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$510,000.00 for Huntington's costs for vocational tuition for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; or take any other action relative thereto.
Selectboard: yes. Motion carries unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$80,638.00 for Huntington's share of the cost of vocational transportation for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; or take any other action relative thereto.
Selectboard: yes. Motion carries unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$100,000.00 for the purpose of reducing the amount to be raised for taxation for the ensuing Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2018; or take any other action relative thereto.
Selectboard: yes. Motion carries unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund the sum of \$12,000.00 for the purpose of funding Retiree Health Insurance; or take any other action relative thereto.
Selectboard: yes. Motion carries unanimously.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of \$90,000.00 to purchase and equip a new Rescue truck, intended to replace the 2004 F-350 Rescue truck at the downtown Fire Station, and as funding therefor, to authorize the Treasurer to borrow funds in accordance with General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7 or 8, or any other enabling authority and issue bonds and notes therefor, and further, that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay

such costs by a like amount; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectboard: yes. Motion carries unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to the Transfer Station Miscellaneous/Maintenance Account #015433.003 a sum of \$30,000.00 to replace the trash compactor, and to install a new concrete pad, trash compactor, and wiring; or take any other action relative thereto.
Selectboard: yes. Motion carries unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$45,000.00 from the Water/Sewer Reserve Account to purchase and equip a pick-up truck for the Water and Sewer Department; or take any other action relative thereto.
Selectboard: yes. Motion carries unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to the Building & Property Maintenance Account # 015192.006 a sum of \$7,500.00 to install a fire alarm system in Town Hall, and to upgrade the fire alarm system in Stanton Hall, including all incidental or related costs; or take any other action relative thereto.
Selectboard: yes. Motion carries unanimously.

A motion was made seconded:

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to the Capital Equipment Stabilization Fund the sum of \$25,000.00 for the purpose of funding future purchases of Town equipment; or take any other action relative thereto.
Selectboard: yes. Motion carries unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Chapter 164, Section 134 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to authorize the Board of Selectmen/Selectboard to initiate the process to aggregate the electricity load of residential and business electricity consumers within the Town, and to enter into agreements for services to facilitate the purchase of electric energy and other related services, either independently or in joint action with other municipalities, with such agreements to be made on such terms and conditions and for such term of years as the Board of Selectmen/Selectboard deems in the best interests of the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.
Selectboard: yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by allowing the Planning Board to do needed housekeeping revisions

(formatting, punctuation, capitalization and missing words) to clarify *Section I: General F. Abbreviations and Definitions* and add the following new definition: ***Road frontage*** – See “***Frontage***” to the same section, as on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carries unanimously. A 2/3 majority vote provided.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to clarify the general application of *Appendix A: Table of Dimensional Requirements*, by inserting a new footnote “a” as set forth below, and by adjusting the lettering for the remaining notes accordingly, and further by making appropriate revisions to the note references in said Appendix A:

Frontage and area sufficient to meet the requirements set forth in Appendix A, Table of Dimensional Requirements, shall be located within the Town of Huntington even if parcel(s) is partially within an abutting town. Frontage and area in an abutting town shall not be counted in computing dimensional requirements specified in this table.; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion carries by a 2/3 majority vote provided.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by inserting the following new *Site Plan Review* section to the Zoning Bylaw, or take any other action relative thereto.

Site Plan Review Zoning Bylaw

Section 1.1: Purpose

The purpose of this Zoning Bylaw section is to provide a comprehensive review procedure for construction projects which are expected to have substantial impacts on the community, ensure compliance with community goals and objectives and the provisions of this Zoning Bylaw, minimize adverse impacts of such development, and promote development which is harmonious with surrounding areas. This includes assuring proper drainage, screening, landscaping, safe access, safe and efficient vehicular and pedestrian movement, adequate parking and loading, public convenience health and safety and adequate consideration of abutting land owners.

Section 1.2: Definitions

Huntington Site Plan Review Authority (HSPRA): Shall consist of the Planning Board.

Project: A proposed or planned undertaking or design of an enterprise to achieve a particular aim at a set location.

Drive-through: A facility where one can be served or obtain services, or a portion thereof, from a business without leaving their vehicle.

Detrimental impact: A finding made by the HSPRA that a proposed project presents negative and/or harmful and/or damaging effect(s) (to abutters or abutters to abutters within 300 feet or townspeople of Huntington or the Town as a whole). This includes the compounding of more than one negative and/or harmful and/or damaging effect with another.

Section 1.3: Projects requiring site plan approval

No building permit, special permit or certificate of occupancy shall be issued, nor shall any project commence, for the following projects prior to the review and approval of a site plan in accordance with this section:

1.3.1. Projects which involve new construction or additions of over 3,000 square feet (excluding single-family dwellings).

1.3.2. Projects for which Zoning requires and/or the proposed project includes the provision of over four additional parking places.

1.3.3. Projects which require a special permit and/or a variance.

1.3.4. Projects that require a site plan review in any other section of zoning.

1.3.5. Projects that include vehicle drive-throughs of any kind, including banks, restaurants, liquor stores, pharmacies, and gas stations.

1.3.6. Projects which involve demolition, construction and/or alteration of a facade or parking area within one mile of a designated scenic byway or historic district, as well as any such project pertaining to any historic structure or artifact in any district in the Town of Huntington.

1.3.7. Site Plan Review Approvals are not transferable. Should there be a change of ownership and/or occupancy or change of use or change of the business location, a new Site Plan Review Application is required.

Section 1.4: Requirements for site plan review

These requirements are superimposed over any other requirements of the Huntington Zoning Bylaw. No building permits, special permits or certificates of occupancy shall be issued for any project described in Section 1.2. until the site plan has been approved by the Huntington Site Plan Review Authority (HSPRA) through a simple majority vote of a quorum of the members present.

Recommendations will be requested of the Conservation Commission (ConCom), Board of Health (BOH), Police Department (PD), Fire Department (FD) and additional appropriate Town Boards or Departments, should an application warrant feedback from said Town Officials. However, should requested recommendation(s) not be received by the HSPRA within 35 days from said Board, Commission or Department's receipt of the application, the HSPRA may act on the application without a recommendation.

The site plan review process shall be conducted by the HSPRA in conformance with the filing, review and public hearing requirements for a special permit. If a Special Permit is required for the project, the Site Plan Review process shall be completed prior to the application for the Special Permit. Appeals must be filed with the Town Clerk within 30 days of notice of the decision applicant wishes to appeal, or, if notice is not given, within thirty days of the date that the decision shall be deemed to have been made, and shall specify the decision being appealed and the reason for the appeal. Thereafter, the ZBA shall hold a public hearing within 65 days. The hearing shall be advertised and parties in interest notified. Decision must be made within 100 days of the filing of the appeal with the Town Clerk. Within 14 days thereafter, copies of the decision shall be filed with the Town Clerk and sent to the appellant, who, along with parties in interest, shall be notified of their right to further appeal by following the process in MGL 40A, Sec. 17 (Judicial Review).

Site Plan Reviews will be processed in a timely manner as long as the applicant supplies necessary data upon application. Completed applications should be reviewed within 45 days, and the applicants will be notified of what additional submissions may be necessary to complete the review process. If the application is not complete or consultants are necessary to complete the review, the HSPRA cannot guarantee a specific timeline.

All site plan review decisions and plans approved as part of a site plan review decision shall be recorded at the Registry of Deeds. In addition, the plans approved as part of the site plan review decision shall be recorded with the decision as described in Section 1.5. of this Site Plan Review Zoning Bylaw.

Section 1.5: Procedures

1.5.1. All applications for building permits, special permits and certificates of occupancy shall be reviewed by the Building Commissioner for the applicability of site plan review. The Building Commissioner will determine if a project meets the threshold for site plan review and notify the applicant and the HSPRA within 20 days. Should there be no notification within 20 days, the applicant must request said determination by the HSPRA no sooner than 21 days after application. If it is determined that the application does meet the threshold, the applicant will then be required to file an application for site plan review to the Town Clerk and the HSPRA on forms approved by the HSPRA, accompanied by the following information:

1.5.2. The application shall include the appropriate fee(s), certification by the appropriate design professionals, seven (7) copies of a completed Application For Approval of Site Plan Review-Form S and site plan(s) at a scale of one inch equals 40 feet on a mylar plus seven (7) prints of the plans showing the following:

1.5.2.A. Name and address of the owner and the developer, name of the project, and date and scale of plans;

1.5.2.B. Location and boundaries of the lot, adjacent streets, ways and/or roads, location and owners names of all adjacent properties and those within 300 feet of the property line (abutters and abutters within 300 feet without regard to street, way or road lines), and all zoning district boundaries;

1.5.2.C. Existing and proposed structures, including setbacks from property lines, structure elevations, and all exterior entrances and exits. Elevation plans of all exterior facades of proposed structures;

1.5.2.D. Present and proposed use of the land and buildings;

1.5.2.E. Existing and proposed topography at two-foot contour intervals, showing wetlands, streams, surface water bodies, drainage swales, floodplains and unique natural land features;

1.5.2.F. Location of parking and loading areas, public and private ways, driveways, walkways, access and egress points, including proposed surfacing;

1.5.2.G. Location and description of all stormwater drainage facilities (including stormwater detention facilities, water quality structures, drainage calculations where applicable, and drainage easements), potential water quality impacts, planned best management practices (BMPs) and erosion control measures during the construction phase, and the planned BMPs to be used to manage runoff created after development. Applicants shall incorporate green infrastructure and low-impact design to the extent feasible. For major projects that do not trigger a separate stormwater permit, applicants shall submit information on all analysis conducted to incorporate low-impact design and green infrastructure, as well as a proposed inspection schedule for the project during construction and upon completion. Inspections shall be performed by a qualified professional as confirmed by the HSPRA;

1.5.2.H. Location and description of public and private utilities, sewage disposal facilities and water supply(ies);

1.5.2.I. Existing and proposed landscaping, including trees and other plantings (with their size and type specified), stone walls, buffers, screening, and fencing. Landscape plans must be designed and stamped by a certified landscape architect or arborist. An adequate schedule for maintenance must be specified on the plans;

1.5.2.J. Location, dimensions, height, color, illumination of existing and proposed signs;

1.5.2.K. Provisions for refuse removal, with screening of refuse as appropriate;

1.5.2.L. An erosion control plan and any other measures taken to protect natural resources and water supplies;

1.5.2.M. An appropriate lighting plan if no prior existing outdoor lighting.

1.5.2.N. Parties of interest (as specified in Zoning Bylaw Section V.c. *Procedures for Special Permits*) shall be notified and an advertised public hearing must be held as per same Section V.c.

1.5.3. The application shall include estimated daily and peak hour vehicle trips generated by the proposed use, traffic patterns for vehicles and pedestrians showing adequate access to and from the site, and adequate vehicular and pedestrian circulation within the site, a detailed analysis of why, if proposed, more than one curb cut or a curb cut wider than 24 feet wide is proposed, a proposed traffic mitigation plan to mitigate the safety and traffic issues of any increase in traffic, and a plan for safe and adequate bicycle and pedestrian access on the site and adjacent to any road (including provisions for sidewalks and/or bike paths to provide access to adjacent properties and adjacent residential neighborhoods, as applicable, and between individual businesses within a development).

1.5.4. When the HSPRA has approved an application, the HSPRA shall inspect the completed site prior to the Building Commissioner's approval. Any deviation from build specifications of the approved site plan will be a violation of the approval and will necessitate a new hearing with the HSPRA to determine if a new application is required. Therefore, if the applicant anticipates any deviation, the HSPRA shall be notified and will have 21 days to review the deviation request and respond prior to commencement of proposed deviation. The final HSPRA approval will be a project review and signature(s) of the HSPRA on the building permit.

1.5.5. When the HSPRA has approved the application, the HSPRA will sign the Building Commissioner's Record of Inspections. The applicant is responsible for filing the Mylar, once approved, to the Registry of Deeds.

1.5.6. The approved project shall commence within one year, or the approval shall lapse.

Section 1.6: Site Plan Approval Criteria

In conducting the site plan review, the HSPRA shall find that the following conditions are met:

1.6.1. The requested use protects abutters against detrimental impacts. If applicable, this shall include provision for surface water drainage, odor, noise and sight buffers and preservation of views, light, and air, as well as a Maintenance and Upkeep Plan.

1.6.2. The requested use will promote the convenience and safety of vehicular and pedestrian movement within the site and on adjacent streets, bike paths adjacent to the property, and minimize traffic impacts on the streets and roads in the area. This shall include considering the location of driveway openings in relation to traffic and adjacent streets, cross-access easements to abutting parcels, access by public safety vehicles, the arrangement of parking and loading spaces, connections to existing transit or likely future transit routes, and provisions for persons with disabilities.

1.6.2.A. Curb cuts onto streets shall be minimized to the extent possible. Access to businesses shall use existing side streets or loop service roads shared by adjacent lots when possible. More than one curb cut shall be permitted only when necessary to minimize traffic and safety impacts.

Curb extensions may be used at any corner location, or at any mid-block location where there is a marked crosswalk, provided there is a parking lane into which the curb may be extended and may include transit stops. Curb extensions must be designed so as not to impede bicycle traffic. Curbs may be extended into one or both streets at a corner if it is safe to do so. No obstructions or private use should occur in the curb extension.

1.6.2.B. All projects shall include sidewalks and tree belts abutting the street, except where limitations make them infeasible in the opinion of the HSPRA. In such cases where the sidewalk is not feasible, the developer shall install an equal number of feet of sidewalk and/or tree belt in another area of the community as deemed by the HSPRA. All sidewalks shall meet the following standards:

1.6.2.B.1. All sidewalks will be at least four feet in width and constructed in accordance with the Huntington Subdivision Rules and Regulations: Construction Standards (9.06 Sidewalks).

1.6.2.B.2. If gratings are located in walking surfaces, they shall have spaces in accordance with the latest safety standards. If gratings have elongated openings, they shall be placed so that the long dimension is perpendicular to the dominant direction of travel.

1.6.2.B.3. Ramps allowing access to the sidewalk and street by variously abled persons shall be required at the corner or within the curb area immediately adjacent to the sidewalk.

1.6.2.B.4. For any new driveway, the portion of the driveway that crosses the sidewalk shall conform to the sidewalk requirements set forth herein, regardless of whether there is a sidewalk improvement extending along the balance of the frontage property, with sidewalks constructed with extra depth to withstand cars.

1.6.2.B.5. The sidewalk cross slope of 1:50 should be maintained across the entire width of the driveway. The driveway apron should be located in the tree belt between the pedestrian way and the roadway.

1.6.3. The project, including any concurrent road improvements, will not decrease the level of service (LOS) of all area local and state roads or intersections affected by the project below the existing conditions when the project is proposed and shall consider the incremental nature of development and cumulative impacts on the LOS. The project proponent must demonstrate that all cumulative and incremental traffic impacts have been mitigated. Mitigation may include improvements in off-site pedestrian and bicycle facilities to avoid, minimize and mitigate increases in the volume of motor vehicles, especially vehicles during peak hours.

1.6.4. Access by non-motorized means must be accommodated with facilities such as bike racks, sidewalk connections from the building to the street, and bike paths that are clearly delineated through materials and/or markings to distinguish the vehicular route from the non-vehicular route.

1.6.5. The site will function harmoniously in relation to other structures and open spaces to the natural landscape, existing buildings and other community assets in the area as it relates to landscaping, drainage, sight lines, building orientation, massing, egress, and setbacks. Rear and/or side wall facades within 50 feet of a completed or planned section of a cycle track or bike path shall have features that invite pedestrian access from that side of the building.

1.6.6. The requested use will not overload, and will mitigate adverse impacts on, the Town's resources, including the effect on public water supply and distribution system, sanitary and storm sewage collection and treatment systems, fire protection, streets and schools. Stormwater projects with over 5,000 square feet of new impervious area shall demonstrate no increase in peak flows from the one- or two-year and ten-year National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) design storm from predevelopment conditions (the condition at the time a site plan approval is requested). Green infrastructure and low-impact design shall be incorporated to the extent feasible to ensure runoff is handled on site. At the very minimum, the runoff from up to a one-inch rain storm (first flush) shall be detained on site for an average of six hours. In addition, catch basins shall incorporate sumps of a minimum of four feet and a gas trap. Should the applicant request a waiver, the HSPRA may require professional analysis at the applicant's expense as per MGL. c. 44, §53G. as outlined in Section 1.7.3. of this Site Plan Review Zoning Bylaw.

1.6.7. Design guidelines for all buildings newly constructed, or reconstructed buildings, as well as existing buildings and their appurtenances, which have been altered, repaired or moved, shall be visually

compatible with the buildings, squares and places to which they are visually related in terms of the following factors:

1.6.7.A. Scale of the Building. The scale of a building depends on its overall size, the mass of it in relationship to the open space around it, and the sizes of its doors, windows, porches and balconies. The scale gives a building "presence"; that is, it makes it seem big or small, awkward or graceful, overpowering or unimportant. The scale of a building should be visually compatible with its site and with its neighborhood.

1.6.7.B. Height. A sudden dramatic change in building height can have a jarring effect on the streetscape, i.e., the way the whole street looks. A tall building can shade its neighbors and/or the street. The height of buildings should be visually compatible with the heights of the buildings in the neighborhood.

1.6.7.C. Proportion of Building's Façade(s). The "first impression" a building gives is that of its façade(s), the side(s) of the building which faces the most frequently used public way(s). The relationship of the width to the height of the façade(s) should be visually compatible with that of its neighbors.

1.6.7.D. Rhythm of Solids to Voids in Front Facades. When you look at any façade of a building, you see openings such as doors or windows (voids) in the wall surface (solid). Usually the voids appear as dark areas, almost holes, in the solid and they are quite noticeable, setting up a pattern or rhythm. The pattern of solids and voids in the front façade of a new or altered building should be visually compatible with that of its neighbors.

1.6.7.E. Proportions of Opening within the Facility. Windows and doors come in a variety of shapes and sizes; even rectangular window and door openings can appear quite different depending on their dimensions. The relationship of the height of windows and doors to their width should be visually compatible with the architectural style of the building and with that of its neighbors.

1.6.7.F. Roof Shapes. A roof can have a dramatic impact on the appearance of a building. The shape and proportion of the roof should be visually compatible with the architectural style of the building and with those of neighboring buildings.

1.6.7.G. Relationship of Façade Materials. The façades of a building are what give it character, and the character varies depending on the materials of which the façades are made and their texture. In Huntington, many different materials are used on façades - clapboards, shingles, patterned shingles, and brick - depending on the architectural style of the building. The façades of a building, particularly the front façade, should be visually compatible with the character of other buildings around it (but not necessarily the same material).

1.6.7.H. Rhythm of Spaces to Building on Streets. The building itself is not the only thing you see when you look at it; you are also aware of the space where the building is not, i.e., the open space which is around the building. Looking along a street, the buildings and open spaces set up a rhythm. The rhythm of spaces to buildings should be considered when determining visual compatibility, whether it is between buildings or between buildings and the street (setback).

1.6.7.I. Site Features. The size, placement and materials of walks, walls, fences, signs, waste disposal, driveways and parking areas may have a visual impact on a building. These features should be visually compatible with the building and neighboring buildings. Parking and waste disposal shall be in the rear whenever possible.

1.6.7.J. Signs shall be reviewed for the following: materials, illumination, colors, lettering style, location on site or building, size and scale. All signs shall be attractive and appropriate to the neighborhood, with all new signs designed of wood or the appearance of wood. No plastic or metal signs (unless historic appearance i.e.: wrought iron in nature) and/or no internal illumination. All illumination shall be from the top or bottom and shall not illuminate neighboring parcels. Neon signs are prohibited with the exception of one "Open" sign inside of a window or door. No sign, neon or otherwise, shall have flashing, blinking, or any otherwise moving elements. Creative signage ideas (i.e.: logos painted on door or window or brick sidewalks with the logo on the sidewalk) are encouraged. All signs shall be constructed in accordance with Huntington Zoning Bylaw (Section IV I: Signs) and shall be appropriate

for the character of the neighborhood, unless the neighborhood has prior signage which is deemed inappropriate by the HSPRA.

Section 1.7: Fees

1.7.1. Projects below 5,000 square feet of new building area: \$300

1.7.2. Projects 5,000 square feet and over: the greater of \$500 or \$.10 per square foot of new building construction

1.7.3. The HSPRA may impose an additional project review fee on projects which require, in the judgment of the HSPRA, review by outside consultants due to the size, scale or complexity of the project, the project's potential impacts, or because the town lacks the necessary expertise to perform the review work related to the permit or approval as per MGL. c. 44, §53G. at the applicant's expense. In hiring outside consultants, the HSPRA may engage engineers, planners, lawyers or other appropriate professionals able to assist the HSPRA and ensure compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and requirements. Such assistance may include, but not be limited to, analyzing an application, monitoring or inspecting a project or site for compliance with the HSPRA's decisions or regulations, and/or inspecting a project during construction or implementation. Funds received by the HSPRA under this Section 1.7.3. shall be deposited with the Town Treasurer, who shall establish a special account as stated in MGL. c. 44, §53G., with expenditures therefrom to be made at the direction of the HSPRA without further appropriation. Minimum qualifications for outside consultants shall consist of either an educational degree in or related to the field at issue or three (3) or more years of practice in the field at issue or in a related field. The selection of a consultant may be appealed to the Board of Selectmen, which may disqualify such consultant on the grounds that he or she has a conflict of interest and/or does not possess the minimum qualifications, as aforesaid.

1.7.4. Enforcement and Compliance. The HSPRA may require the posting of a bond to assure compliance with the plan and conditions and may suspend any permit or license when work is not performed as required. Should a project subject to Site Plan Review not follow the required procedure, it will be deemed in noncompliance and a violation of the Zoning Bylaw. As such, it shall be enforced by the Zoning Enforcement Officer (Building Inspector) by non-criminal complaint pursuant to the provisions of MGL. c. 40, §21D. Each day on which a violation exists shall be deemed to be a separate offense. The penalty for violation of any provision of this bylaw shall be:

Warning for the first offense

\$100.00 for the second offense

\$200.00 for the third offense and each subsequent offense. Each day on which a violation exists shall be deemed to be a separate offense.

1.7.5. Severability Provision: If any part of this bylaw is found not to be legal, the remainder will remain intact.

Motion carried unanimously. A 2/3 vote majority was provided.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 23; To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by revising
Section IV I: Signs as follows:

or take any other action relative thereto.

SECTION IV I: SIGNS. (5/11/96)

1. This section pertains to sign uses on a lot *which may be allowed by Special Permit*. It does not pertain to signs protected by *Federal or State law*. Signs shall be flat, not flashing and non-rotating. On premises signs may be illuminated *from the top or bottom, but lighting shall not spill over to abutting lots*.

2. A reasonable number of direction signs of no more than four square feet on each face may be placed off premises with the permission of the owner *of the parcel the sign is on*. All other signs shall pertain to uses on the lot on which the sign is placed.

3. No signs or illumination of signs that are a hazard or impediment to pedestrians or vehicular traffic shall be installed or maintained.

4. Special Permit shall contain provisions for signs appropriate to the neighborhood and the use.

Including, but not limited to the following standards, or where a special permit has not set standards. *they* are as follows:

a. Signs for residential use shall consist of a nameplate of no more than two square feet per face affixed to a mailbox or a building. Home occupations under IV C 1a and 1b above may also be indicated on this sign, which in that case may be no more than four square feet per face.

b. Non-residential uses other than home occupations under IV 1a and 1b are permitted one sign, which may be free standing or affixed to a building. The sign shall not exceed six square feet per face in residential, aquifer protection and river protection districts, and sixteen square feet per face elsewhere.

c. Signs unattached to buildings shall be no more than four feet high. Signs affixed to buildings shall be no higher than the building at any point. Neon signs are prohibited *with the exception of one "Open" sign inside of a window or door. No sign, neon or otherwise, shall have flashing, blinking, or any otherwise moving elements*.

d. Signs that do not conform to the provisions of a., b., or c. above, require a *Special Permit* from the ZBA *or Huntington Site Plan Review Authority (HSPRA) as provided in these Bylaws*, issued by the affirmative vote of all three members (or alternates) after a *Public Hearing* of which notice has been given by regular mail at least ten days in advance to all those owning property within 300 feet of the sign, *notwithstanding roads, streets or ways*. Such permit shall be granted only if in the judgement of the ZBA *or HSPRA*, the proposed sign or signs are appropriate to the use and the character of the neighborhood.

5. In granting ~~permits or~~ Special Permits for signs on or within 300 feet of the Jacob's Ladder Trail *Scenic Byway* (Route #20) *or any other designated scenic byway or historic district*, the ZBA *or HSPRA* shall set such reasonable conditions as it deems needed to preserve and enhance the traditional, scenic and aesthetic values associated with ~~the Trail~~ *any designated scenic byways or historic districts*.

6. Commercial or use signs not provided for above are prohibited.

Selectboard: abstained. Motion passed by 2/3 majority vote provided.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by inserting a new section entitled, "*Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments*"; or take any other action relative thereto.

Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments

Purpose

On November 8, 2016, the voters of the Commonwealth approved a law regulating the cultivation, processing, distribution, possession and use of marijuana for recreational purposes (new G.L. c. 94G, Regulation of the Use and Distribution of Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed). The law, which allows certain personal use and possession of marijuana, took effect on December 15, 2016 and (as amended on December 30, 2016; Chapter 351 of the Acts of 2016 and Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017). The Cannabis Control zoning and to undertake a planning process to consider amending the Zoning Bylaw regarding regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments. The Town intends to adopt a temporary

moratorium on the use of land and structures in the Town for Recreational Marijuana Establishments so as to allow sufficient time to address the effects of such structures and uses in the Town and to enact bylaws in a consistent manner.

Definition

"Recreational Marijuana Establishment" shall mean a "marijuana cultivator, marijuana testing facility, marijuana product manufacturer, marijuana retailer or any other type of licensed marijuana-related business."

Temporary Moratorium

For the reasons set forth above and notwithstanding any other provision of the Zoning Bylaw to the contrary, the Town hereby adopts a temporary moratorium on the use of land or structures for a Recreational Marijuana Establishment and other uses related to recreational marijuana. The moratorium shall be in effect through June 30, 2019 or until such time as the Town adopts Zoning Bylaw amendments that regulate Recreational Marijuana Establishments, whichever occurs earlier. During the moratorium period, the Town shall undertake a planning process to address the potential impacts of recreational marijuana in the Town, and to consider the Cannabis Control Commission regulations regarding Recreational Marijuana Establishments, and shall consider adopting new Zoning Bylaws in response to these new issues.

Motion was made and seconded to move the question. Motion to move the question passed unanimously. Motion was made and seconded for the Article. Article did not pass by 2/3 vote, so was defeated.

At 8:45 pm, a motion was made and seconded to dissolved. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting dissolved at 8:45 p.m. A quorum of 25 was present.

A true copy attest:

Kathleen Thomas, Town Clerk

MODERATOR

It remains a privilege to serve as the Town Moderator for Huntington Town Meetings. The first town meeting in Massachusetts was in 1620 and is the basic component of our Democratic Republic. The Town Meeting insures you have the right to free speech, allows you to influence the course your government takes and lets you participate in deliberations about the way your Town government allocates resources. I look forward to seeing all registered voters at the Huntington Annual Town Meeting the first Monday in June.

Respectfully submitted,

George Peterson, Moderator

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Throughout 2018, the Board of Assessors worked to update the town maps. Board members continued their cyclical field inspections and took digital photographs for the property record cards. The Board will continue the cyclical inspections in conjunction with the required triennial revaluation mandated by the Department of Revenue. The Board has hired a consultant to do the Revaluation for the fiscal year 2019.

Statistics :

245	Vehicle Excise abatements processed of the 1,305 bills issued
7	Real Estate abatements processed of the 2,142 bills issued
3	Personal Property abatements processed of the 457 bills issued
17	Real Estate Exemptions processed (Blind, Elderly, Veterans)
12	Senior and Veteran Work-Off Exemptions processed
79	Building Permits recorded and reviewed
85	Deeds recorded and reviewed

Respectfully submitted,

Assessors: Sue Fopiano
Assessors' Clerk: Ted Gloss

Edward Renauld Erik Steins
Assistant Assessors' Clerk: Lorraine Wickland

COLLECTOR

This has been an exciting year in the Collector's office. Both Anna Horkun and I have settled into our new positions as Collectors for the Town. We continue to strive to adopt best practices for our office, such as the outsourcing of all bills, except Water and Sewer which are still maintained with the Water and Sewer Department. We were also excited to continue our credentialing process at UMass this summer through the MCTA (Massachusetts Collectors & Treasurers Association).

We continue to focus on past due accounts by the collections and tax title process. We notify past due accounts through a letter campaign and by sending demands. We have seen positive results. We are almost caught up with our tax title accounts. As I write this, I am preparing 2017 advertisements and 2018 advertisements will follow this spring. Although we do not like having to go through the process that puts properties into tax lien, it is necessary to do so in order to collect overdue taxes that are due to the Town.

Current Collector goals for the FY19 and FY20 years:

- Collect all past due accounts for FY17 and FY18 or process for Tax Title by June 30, 2019
- Develop better communications and processes between the Collectors and Board of Assessors
- Expand office hours

Lastly, I would like to send a heartfelt "thank you" to Anna who provides excellent customer service and is my other half. In addition, I would also like to thank our other assistants, Kathy Engwer and Jennifer Peloquin.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Burnham-Renauld

TREASURER

Tax Title

Under MGL CH 60 s.60 provides in pertinent part:

Title to... land... taken [for nonpayment of taxes] shall... vest in the town, subject to the right of redemption. Such title shall, until redemption or until the right of redemption is foreclosed..., be held as security for the repayment of said taxes with all intervening costs, terms imposed for redemption and charges with interest...

The Town Collector after a defined tax taking process transmits to the Treasurer a list of the recorded takings. Upon receiving this list, the treasurer becomes responsible to collect the delinquencies. As Treasurer, it is my job to notify the delinquent taxpayer and to secure payment either in full or by a payment plan. All tax title accounts are assessed a 16% daily charge. If the property owner pays in full or successfully works through a payment plan and pays their lien, I file a certificate of redemption. This puts the person back into the hands of the Town Tax Collector. If an owner is not responding, I then have the option to turn over the lien to my tax title attorney who then reaches out and tries to work with the property owner to make payment arrangements. If no arrangements can be made I make the decision to put the property into land court where the end result usually is the town owning the piece of property. All tax title payments and redemptions flow 100% into the towns free cash calculations. Listing of Tax Title properties are available upon request.

Amount of tax title collected for previous years:

Year	Total Collected
FY2014	\$18,211.32
FY2015	\$44,099.19
FY2016	\$50,378.21
FY2017	\$83,317.61
FY2018	\$92,453.61

Borrowing			
Items	Loan	Principal Payment	FY year pay off
Highway Loader	\$144,755.00	\$28,951.00	FY20
Highway Truck	\$165,821.00	\$33,164.20	FY23
Fire Rescue Truck	\$80,508.79	\$16,101.76	FY24

I am available by appointment on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. My e-mail is treasurer@huntingtonma.us and number to be reached at is (413) 512-5202 It is a pleasure working for the town and its residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee E. Burnham, CMMT
Town Treasurer

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BALANCE SHEET-GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2018

	Funds					
Assets	General	Stabilization	Water	Sewer	Nonmajor Governmental	Total Governmental
Cash and cash equivalents	721,871	1,023,386	123,905	255,498	224,143	2,348,804
Investments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:						
Property Taxes	1,900,437	0	0	0	0	1,900,437
User Charges	0	0	16,794	57,229	0	74,023
Tax liens	181,644	0	0	0	0	181,644
Excise Taxes and other taxes	59,700	0	0	0	0	59,700
Due from other governments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	5,856	0	0	0	0	5,856
Total Assets	2,869,509	1,023,386	140,699	312,727	224,143	4,570,464
Liabilities & Fund Equity						
Liabilities:						
Warrants Payable	0	0	0	0	0	0
Accrued Payroll	0	0	0	0	0	0
Employee Withholdings	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred Revenue:						
Property Taxes	1,900,437	0	0	0	0	1,900,437
Other	246,503	0	16,794	57,229	0	320,526
Total liabilities	2,146,940	0	16,794	57,229	0	2,220,963
Fund Equity:						
Reserved for Encumbrances	66,335	0	0	0	0	66,335
Reserved for Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unreserved:						
Designated for						
Subsequent Year's Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Undesignated for Specific Purposes	0	0	0	0	0	0
General Fund	656,234	0	0	0	0	656,234
Special Revenue	0	1,023,386	123,905	255,498	224,143	1,626,933
Permanant Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Fund Equity	722,569	1,023,386	123,905	255,498	224,143	2,349,502
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	2,869,509	1,023,386	140,699	312,727	224,143	4,570,464

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	General	Stabilization	Water	Sewer	Non major Governmental	Total Governmental
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>
Revenues:						
Property Taxes	3,681,244	0	0	0	0	3,681,244
Intergovernmental	677,793	0	0	0	0	677,793
Excise and Other Taxes	280,942	0	0	0	0	280,942
Charges for Services	0	0	95,078	123,998	0	219,076
Licenses, Permits and Fees	87,752	0	0	0	0	87,752
Interest on Taxes	41,640	0	2,816	2,071	0	46,527
Interest on Investments	3,840	5,674	0	0	0	9,514
Other	108,963	0	10,707	5,958	1,211,202	1,336,830
Total Revenues	4,882,174	5,674	108,601	132,027	1,211,202	6,339,678
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government	411,710	0	0	0	1,196,405	1,608,115
Public Safety	355,555	0	0	0	0	355,555
Public Works and Facilities	464,116	0	0	0	0	464,116
Water and Sewer	0	0	101,044	165,719	0	266,763
Education	3,056,716	0	0	0	0	3,056,716
Health and Human Services	63,407	0	0	0	0	63,407
Culture and Recreation	98,130	0	0	0	0	98,130
Employee Benefits and Insurance	224,887	0	0	0	0	224,887
State Assessments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Debt service:						
Principal	76,959	0	0	0	0	76,959
Interest	2,937	0	0	0	0	2,937
Total Expenditures	4,754,418	0	101,044	165,719	1,196,405	6,217,585
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	127,756	5,674	7,557	(33,691)	14,798	122,093
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Operating Transfers Out	0	0	0	0	0	0
Audit Adjustments	(176,564)	0	0	0	0	(176,564)
Other	(41,075)	0	0	0	0	(41,075)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(217,639)	0	0	0	0	(217,639)
Net Change in Fund Balances	(89,883)	5,674	7,557	(33,691)	14,798	(95,546)
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	746,117	1,017,712	116,348	289,189	209,346	2,378,712
Fund Balances, End of Year	656,234	1,023,386	123,905	255,498	224,143	2,283,166

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
GENERAL FUND:BUDGET and ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 6/30/2018

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>114-MODERATOR</u>			
Salary	263	263	0
Expenses	0	0	0
<u>122-SELECTPERSONS</u>			
Salary	4,767	4,767	(0)
Admin Asst Wages	37,061	37,061	0
Expenses	2,632	2,632	0
Admin Asst Exp	345	345	0
Legal Ads Expense	258	239	20
General Office Supplies	3,075	3,055	20
Copy Machine Expenses	2,744	2,744	0
TOTAL	50,883	50,843	40
<u>122-COMPUTER COMMITTEE</u>			
Computer Purch Expenses	9,328	9,328	0
IT Tech Support	9,441	9,441	0
Drug Testing	100	100	0
TOTAL	18,868	18,868	0
<u>131-FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>			
Expenses	200	135	65
Reserve Fund	1,500	0	1,500
TOTAL	1,700	135	1,565
<u>135-ACCOUNTANT</u>			
Salary	14,250	14,250	0
Expenses	500	293	207
Software Suppt	3,745	3,744	1
Audit Expense	21,000	0	21,000
Acct Clerk Salary	5,384	4,457	927
TOTAL	44,879	22,745	22,134
<u>137-ASSESSORS</u>			
Salaries	6,544	6,544	0
Expenses	2,966	2,966	0
Clerk Wages	12,216	12,216	0
Mapping Expenses	3,000	3,000	0
Software Support	6,100	6,100	0
Revaluation	1,000	1,000	0
TOTAL	31,827	31,827	0

138-TREASURER

Salary	17,219	17,219	0
Treas Certification Bonus	1,000	1,000	0
Expenses	3,000	2,551	449
Bank Service Chgs	100	0	100
Tax Title Expenses	3,600	2,619	981
Software support	1,000	550	450
Treas / Exp	3,853	2,543	1,311
TOTAL	29,772	26,481	3,291

139-COLLECTOR

Salary	7,800	7,800	0
Asst Coll Wages	12,146	12,146	0
Expenses	5,323	5,323	0
Tax Taking	158	158	0
Collector Software support	8,923	8,923	0
TOTAL	34,350	34,350	0

151-LEGAL

Legal Expenses	28,892	26,207	2,685
Legal Exps-Worthington	1,589	0	1,589
TOTAL	30,481	26,207	4,275

161/162-TOWN CLERK

Salary	14,376	14,376	0
Dog License Exp	400	315	85
Expenses	1,000	951	49
Census Superintendent	1,500	1,500	0
Census Expenses	800	716	84
Asst clerk salary	2,207	1,925	282
Election Workers Wages	1,500	893	607
Elect & Reg Expenses	600	206	394
TOTAL	22,383	20,883	1,500

171-CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Expenses	800	379	421
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172-PLANNING BOARD

Expenses	1,200	447	753
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173-ZONING BOARD

Expenses	450	0	450
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179-OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Expenses	200	0	200
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192-BUILDINGS & PROPERTY

Wages	9,734	9,734	0
Tn Hall Utilities/Phone	17,873	17,873	0
North Hall Utilities	704	704	0
Stanton Hall Utilities	8,606	8,606	0
Town Mowing	5,412	5,412	0
Maintenance	49,180	49,105	76
North Hall Maintenance	6,700	4,325	2,375
TOTAL	98,210	95,760	2,451

193-LIABILITY INSURANCE

Workers' Compensation	9,000	9,000	0
Unemployment Insurance	3,000	2,028	972
Medicare	9,000	8,860	140
Town Buildings Insurance	41,939	41,939	0
Town Vehicle Insurance	18,000	18,000	0
TOTAL	80,939	79,827	1,112

196-REPORTS

Town Reports	3,075	2,697	378
Total General Government	450,280	411,710	38,570

210-POLICE

Chief Salary	67,306	67,306	0
Training Exps & Wages	33,041	29,793	3,248
Murrayfield Crossing Guard	2,000	1,898	103
Administration/Training	9,355	9,355	0
Vehicle Maintenance	10,407	10,291	116
Equipment	43,026	43,026	0
Building Maint	600	158	442
TOTAL	165,735	161,826	3,909

220-FIRE

Chief Salary	4,551	4,551	0
Hourly Wages	20,298	20,298	0
Fire OFFICER Salary	3,100	3,100	0
Training Wages	4,038	4,038	0
Building/Equipment Exps	36,527	36,527	0
Admin/Training Expenses	5,125	5,125	0
Utilities	7,749	7,749	0
Truck Maintenance	18,817	18,738	79
Fire Defense Assn	0	0	0
Fire Meds/Licensing	750	650	100
TOTAL	100,955	100,775	179

231-AMBULANCE

Ambulance Service	43,915	43,915	0
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BUILDING INSPECTOR

Expenses	16,629	16,629	0
Local Inspector	2,385	2,385	0
Dcode Book Updates	132	132	0
Mileage	824	0	824
Continuing Education	0	0	0
Gas Inspector Fees	1,600	1,600	0
Plumbing Inspector Fees	625	625	0
Wiring Inspector Fees	2,205	2,205	0
TOTAL	24,399	23,575	824

291-CIVIL DEFENSE

Emerg gt Sal	1,000	1,000	0
Expenses	712	711	0
Reverse 911	2,623	2,623	0
TOTAL	4,334	4,334	0

292-DOG OFFICER

Salary	1,222	1,222	0
Expenses	376	376	0
TOTAL	1,598	1,598	0

294-TREE SERVICES

Tree Warden Svce & Salary	800	800	0
Dutch Elm Disease	1	0	1
Forestry Service	1	0	1
Pest Control	1	0	1
Tree Removal Expense	20,720	18,720	2,000
TOTAL	21,523	19,520	2,003

299-CONSTABLE EXPENSE

Constable Expense	11	11	0
Total Public Safety	362,470	355,555	6,915

300-EDUCATION

Gateway Min Contribution	1,420,718	1,420,718	0
Gateway Over Min Contribution	706,366	704,541	1,825
Transportation/Debt	489,574	489,574	0
Ch 70 Voc Trans	79,200	74,673	4,527
Ch 70 Voc Tuition	420,058	367,210	52,847
Total Education	3,115,916	3,056,716	59,199

422/424-HIGHWAY

Superintendent	56,790	56,790	0
Hourly Wages	87,174	87,174	0
Overtime/Extra Help	21,532	21,532	0
Utilities	11,637	11,602	35
Bldg/Equip Maintenance	34,225	34,225	0
Sand & Salt	82,795	79,227	3,568
Gas & Diesel Fuel	20,633	20,629	4
Road Maintenance	42,000	41,058	942
Uniforms	3,004	3,004	0
Admin/Training Expenses	1,309	1,309	0
Drug Testing	295	295	0
Equipment replacement	7,155	7,155	0
Street Lights	11,787	11,787	0
TOTAL	380,336	375,787	4,549

433-TRANSFER STATION

Wages	19,437	19,393	44
Hauling & Disposal	53,500	40,241	13,259
Misc/Maint	11,055	637	10,418
Utilities	1,550	1,183	367
Hilltown Mgt Res Co-Op	8,000	7,911	89
Hsehd Hazardous Mat Rem	1,716	716	1,000
Training	0	0	0
Basket Str Landfill Monit	24,000	17,749	6,251
TOTAL	119,258	87,829	31,429

440-SEWER

Commissioner Salaries	3,696	3,696	0
Wages	62,667	62,667	0
Workers Compensation	248	248	0
Unemployment	269	269	0
Health Insurance	5,512	5,512	0
Property Insurance	1,700	1,700	0
Vehicle Insurance	526	526	0
Utilities	17,505	17,505	0
Contractors	16,194	16,194	0
Building/Equipment Maint	28,946	25,343	3,602
Meter Pump Expense	4,645	4,645	0
Chemical Purchase	2,853	2,853	0
Waste Removal	7,521	7,521	0
Improvements	9,640	9,640	0
Software support	7,399	7,399	0
Sewer Overtime	0	0	0
TOTAL	169,321	165,719	3,602

450-WATER

Commissioner Salaries	3,696	3,696	0
Wages	38,824	38,824	0
Workers Compensation	159	159	0
Unemployment	173	173	0
Health Insurance	4,063	4,063	0
Property Insurance	2,652	2,652	0
Utilities	13,818	13,818	0
Vehicle Insurance	120	120	0
Analysis Tests	6,964	6,964	0
Analysis Chemicals	2,823	2,823	0
Contractors	4,085	4,085	0
Materials/Equipment	16,912	15,412	1,500
Improvements	4,959	4,209	750
Software support	3,602	3,602	0
Meters	443	443	0
Other Support Employees	0	0	0

TOTAL	103,294	101,044	2,250
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490-CEMETERY

<u>Goss Hill Cemetery</u>	250	250	0
Norwich Hill Cemetery	250	250	0

TOTAL	500	500	0
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Total Public Works

772,708	730,879	41,830
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510-BOARD of HEALTH

Salaries	4,087	4,087	0
Secretary Salary	5,615	5,615	0
Agent Wages	4,500	4,500	0
Nebbs Well Expenses	5,000	2,456	2,544
Health Nursing Fee	0	0	0
Animal Control Officer Salary	850	850	0
Perc Tests/Septic Tank Fees	7,500	7,500	0

TOTAL	27,551	25,007	2,544
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Council on Aging	4,000	3,999	1
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543-VETERAN AGENT

Salary	3,000	3,000	0
Relief Benefits	31,401	31,401	0

TOTAL	34,401	34,401	0
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Total Human Services

65,953	63,407	2,545
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610-LIBRARY

Wages	36,588	36,588	0
Maintenance Wages	7,791	7,791	0
Maint/Repair/Supplies	9,116	9,116	0
Utilities	4,113	4,023	91
Books/Periodicals	14,831	14,831	0
Software Tech Support	1,857	1,857	0
TOTAL	74,297	74,206	91

620-RECREATION COMMITTEE

Wages	228	228	0
Expenses	9,929	9,929	0
TOTAL	10,157	10,157	0
Historical Commission	157	0	157
Agricultural Commssion	150	0	150
St Thomas Loc Hist Distr	218	0	218
Memorial Day Parade	433	432	1
Community Events	13,335	13,335	0
TOTAL	14,293	13,767	526
Total Culture & Rec	98,747	98,130	617

DEBT SERVICE

Fire Truck Loan	48,000	48,000	0
Hwy Grader Loan	28,959	28,959	0
Fire Truck Interest	1,200	1,200	0
Hwy Grader Interst	1,737	1,737	0
Short Term Interest	0	0	0
TOTAL	79,896	79,896.11	0

INTERGOVERNMENT

CS MV Excise Surcharge	2,540	2,540	0
CS Air Polution Assmnt	561	561	0
CS Regional Transit	2,984	2,984	0
Hampshire Co Jail Assmt	2,071	2,071	0
Council of Govts Assmt	685	575	109.93
Hampshire Co Retirement	118,405	118,405	0
TOTAL	127,246	127,135.89	110

914-HEALTH INSURANCE

Collector Health Ins	0	0	0
Police Health Ins	8,171	8,171	0
Highway Health Insurance	35,273	35,273	0
Tsfr Stn Hlth Ins	388	388	0
Library Health Ins	7,757	7,757	0
Police & Fire Disability Ins	17,837	17,837	0
Admin Health Ins	16,325	16,325	0
OPEB	12,000	12,000	0
TOTAL	97,751	97,751.07	0
Loss on Disposal of Tn Prop	0	0	0
Total Misc Expenses	304,893.00	304,783.07	109.93
<u>Transfers</u>			
Stabilization	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,170,967	5,021,181	149,785.91

TOWN of HUNTINGTON

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	Fund Balances			
	<u>July 1,2017</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>June 30,2018</u>
Chapter 90	<u>(33,423)</u>	<u>193,422</u>	<u>200,781</u>	<u>(40,782)</u>
Special Revenue Funds:				
Utility Tractor Maint	4,046	0	1,559	2,487
COA Donation a/c	7,226	11,778	14,691	4,312
Conservation Wetlands Fees	4,596	183	0	4,779
Murryfield Oil Tk Grant	3,386	0	0	3,386
Commun Devel Block Grants	5,739	626,310	625,950	6,099
Agricultural Commission	20	0	0	20
Bridge Grant	0	17,038	19,903	(2,865)
WellHead Protection	768	0	0	768
Sara Gillette Services-COA	338	0	0	338
Emergency Management	7,038	4,220	2,628	8,630
Library Building	8,471	0	0	8,471
Local Preparedness Grant	315	0	315	0
FEMA Grants	9,027	0	9,027	0
Grant: FEMA-4051-HD-MA	(27,257)	1,593	(6,000)	(19,664)
Grant: Goss Hill HMGP-4051-DR-MA	(7,434)	7,434	0	0
Senior Safe Grant	0	2,115	0	2,115
FF Public Safety Equip	373	0	373	0
Public Safety Educ Grant	1,476	0	1,397	80
Capital Expenditures	14,472	0	0	14,472
Stanton Hall Upkeep	12,476	5,000	1,490	15,986
GSRD Fuel	(1,069)	4,414	4,028	(683)
Green Grant	6,618	12	0	6,630
ZBA Escrow Funds	1,496	0	0	1,496
Cultural Council	3,791	4,410	3,720	4,481
BOH Spec Proj	6,080	0	3,200	2,880
State Aid to Libraries	0	3,280	3,953	(673)
Council on Aging-Formula	2,518	2,482	5,000	(0)
Council on Aging-HighValley	470	0	194	276
BOH Recycling Grant	1,240	4,200	716	4,723
BOH Recycling Grant	702	276	0	978
FRTA	29,485	26,480	25,990	29,975
Town Prop Damage	1,548	0	0	1,548
Misc Pass Thru Exp	(1,475)	0	0	(1,475)
Ag Comn Small GT	1,000	0	0	1,000
Shared Legal Exps	(4,713)	4,713	0	0
OBEP	0	12,000	0	12,000
Total-Special Rev Funds	<u>92,765</u>	<u>737,938</u>	<u>718,134</u>	<u>112,569</u>

Trust Funds:

Conservation Fund	11,065	176	0	11,240
Stanton Income Fund	116,739	12,196	30,338	98,598
Whiting Street Fund	1,364	4	0	1,368
Cemetery Perpetual Care	3,364	0	0	3,364
Stabilization Fund	1,017,712	5,674	0	1,023,386
Postwar Rehabilitation Fund	918	0	0	918
Recreation	126	0	0	126
Civic Welfare	4,067	0	0	4,067
Total-Trust Funds	1,155,354	18,050	30,338	1,143,067

Agency Funds:

Due to Admin Asst-Fees	0	1,043	623	420
Extra Duty Police	585	48,149	49,647	(913)
Police Detail Admin Fees	2,457	3,652	0	6,109
Extra Duty Fire	66	0	0	66
Due to Collector-Fees	327	5,483	4,390	1,419
Due to Comm/Firearms Fund	39	7,950	4,913	3,077
Due to Comm-Fish & Game	279	294	0	572
Due to Deputy-Fees	1,846	6,202	8,710	(662)
Fire Permit Fees	155	1,875	2,000	30
Due to Town Clerk-Fees	4	1,987	2,204	(212)
W/H-Federal	0	55,474	45,343	10,132
W/H-Medicare	4,671	10,417	9,077	6,010
W/H-State	0	30,877	26,760	4,117
W/H-Retirement	190	40,769	46,669	(5,710)
W/H-Grp Ins	968	28,068	22,624	6,412
W/H-Life Ins	(2)	31	79	(50)
W/H OBRA	819	15,613	15,552	879
W/H-Other Payroll	(115)	5,664	4,728	821
W/H-Dental	72	3,919	3,834	157
Total-Agency Funds	12,360	267,466	247,152	32,673

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Buley

ALPHONSO PETTIS FUND

This fund is governed by an elected Board consisting of three Trustees each elected to a three-year, rotating term. The funds are not comprised of tax revenue but rather come from railroad stock bequeathed to the Town by Mr. Alphonso P. Pettis in April of 1920 and accepted by the Town on May 7, 1920.

As directed in Mr. Pettis's will, these funds have been invested and have grown over the years. The Board "spends" only what has been made in interest. The intent of this gift is to enhance the lives of the people of the Town of Huntington. In the past, these funds have been used to build the facilities at Pettis Field, to assist the Fire Department with special purchases, to assist with the renovation of North Hall and The Schoolhouse Museum and to support local youth and educational programs at Gateway. Also, there have been many personal requests as well as requests to support special programs within the municipality.

During this past year, the Trustees were pleased to be able to fund the following:

Town of Huntington: \$359.55 for Buntings - Sentry Uniform & Equipment
North Hall: Pending - \$1,000 if renovation project is completed by 7/1/19

Following is an overview of the current investment of funds:

NEXT Financial Group - Brokerage Account

Asset Allocation - Cash, money, funds and bank deposits	\$ 18,211.27
Mutual Funds	\$ 126,792.15
Account total:	\$ 145,003.42
Total Amount available for request distributions:	\$ 6,974.91

Should your organization require special funding for any reason that we determine is in line with Mr. Pettis's wishes, we would be happy to consider your request. A form can be obtained by contacting Ms. Guyette.

Respectfully submitted,

Judie Guyette, Chair & Trustee

Bill Millin, Trustee

Karen Wittshirk, Trustee

BOARD OF HEALTH

Throughout 2018, the Board of Health (BOH) has been working to bring the Transfer Station back into compliance with Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) standards.

The Board has also been working with the Town's Health Agent and Title V Agent to assure safe living standards in accordance with those set forth in Massachusetts General Laws.

Additionally, the BOH has been endeavoring to replace the pump at Nebbs Well.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Hart

Jean Jackman

Melissa Reid, Chair

Katie Boisseau, Secretary

DOG OFFICER

For 2018, not much has changed from 2017:

- Dog owners are lacking in proper identification for their dogs, with many having no ID tags or microchips. This makes it difficult to return lost dogs.
- Dog owners rarely call the Dog Officer when their dog is missing. In several cases, I became aware of missing dogs through online sources like Facebook.
- Many dogs are not fully licensed within the town limits.
- A fair number of dogs are allowed off leash and unsupervised by owners.
- Residents are not comfortable completing an official complaint form and attempt to remain anonymous.

I have requested a larger budget for 2019 to pay for a covered kennel area for dogs picked up.

In 2018, I responded to more calls, with several being more severe than 2017.

Animal Complaints responded to.....	18
Dogs surrendered.....	0
Dogs picked up, searched for, returned.....	11
Re-homed dogs.....	0
Dog to dog bite.....	2
Dog to human bite.....	3

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Helems, Dog Officer

Deresa Helems, Assistant Dog Officer

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Huntington Emergency Management (EM) is tasked with preparing the town to be ready for any type of emergency situation, whether manmade or natural disaster, including pre-planned events.

In collaboration with Police, Fire, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Department of Public Works (DPW), schools and other private partners (such as EVERSOURCE, Army Corps of Engineers and CSX), we prepare for, and are ready to respond and recover from, many types of situations. Working with Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the regional Homeland Security Council, Huntington EM is staying up to date on the latest trends and topics by attending meetings and trainings on a regular basis. We continue to receive the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant to help purchase needed equipment for the Town.

In 2018, Huntington Emergency Management:

- Responded to and assisted at multiple situations in Huntington and neighboring towns
- Attended multiple trainings and exercises
- Attended multiple regional and state emergency management meetings
- Continued to update the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP)
- Developed a drone program
- Assisted with the teaching of emergency training for students and teachers

The US Department of Homeland Security and Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency have approved the purchase of an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS / DRONE) using the 2018 Emergency Management Preparedness Grant. The drone program will be fully implemented in 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Nazzaro, Emergency Management Director

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department would like to thank the residents of Huntington for your continued support and trust in our department over the past year.

This past year, the department was supposed to get a new fire truck. This is exciting news for our members. The truck was being stored prior to delivery, but before it was able to be delivered, there was a large fire on the premises. Many vehicles were damaged, and unfortunately, our new fire truck was one of the unsalvageable vehicles. We are still waiting for the replacement truck.

We continue to update our training throughout the year. We have added a New Recruit class which occurs for several weeks in conjunction with our weekly mandatory training. Our goal is to continually prepare our firefighters for emergency and non-emergency situations.

The Fire Department responded to 236 incidents in the last year. These numbers are important to us and to the citizens of Huntington. Each number represents when someone experienced an unexpected and unfortunate event that led them to call us for assistance. We understand the loss, pain and stress that is often associated with an incident that requires our service. It is our hope that we have provided not only the professional response necessary to alleviate these situations, but also the appropriate compassion to support the individuals and families involved in these calls for service. We will continue to improve our training, equipment, and community service to better serve the residents of the Town of Huntington.

Call Volume for the Calendar year of 2018

Fires-12
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents-158
Hazardous Conditions-23
Service Calls-9
Good Intent Calls-7
False Alarm & False Calls-22
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster-1
Special Incident-4

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Ellinger, Interim Fire Chief

POLICE DEPARTMENT

It has always been a priority of the Huntington Police Department to maintain and expand established partnerships with neighboring communities and the four Western Massachusetts Counties.

This year, the Huntington Police Department expanded its partnerships by joining forces with Hampshire Hope as part of the (SAMHSA-CARA) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act. This collaboration allows our department to better serve the needs of our community as it continues to recognize and address the growing nationwide opioid crisis.

Additionally, we joined forces with the Western Massachusetts Safe Schools Task Force which encompasses the four western counties of Massachusetts. This program is directed by the Massachusetts State Police Community Action Team Safe Schools Unit and focuses on prevention, mitigation, response and recovery in an all hazards approach to school incidents.

At the 2017 Annual Town Meeting, the citizens of the Town voted to replace the aging 2010 Ford Taurus with the purchase of a 2018 Ford Explorer Interceptor. This new vehicle has provided the department with an additional four-wheel drive response vehicle that can meet the challenging and ever-changing road conditions within the community.

911 Incident Statistics for the Calendar year 2018

No Classification	1
209A Service	1
209A Violation	1
911 Hang Up	10
911 Misdial	10
Accident Damage	31
Accident Injury	4
Accident Unknown	17
Alarm	81
Animal Complaints	16
Annoyance	0
Arrests & Summons	13
Assault	3
Assist Other Agency	10
B&E Auto	0
B&E Building	4
BOLO	4
Building Checks	2
By-Law Violations	0
Cell/Trace Call	0
Check Welfare	14
Courtesy Transport	1
Death	1
Disabled MV	20
Disorderly	0
Disturbance	10
Dog Complaint	1
Domestic	9
Elderly Assist	1
Fire	10

Fraud	3
Harassment	2
Investigation	8
Juvenile Offenses	1
Larceny	4
LTC	114
Lift Assist	4
Medical	135
Miscellaneous	14
Missing Child	2
Missing Person	3
MV Complaint	20
MV Recovered	0
MV Stolen	1
MV Stop	47
MV Violation	59
Neighbor Dispute	5
Noise Complaint	6
Notifications	0
Officer Wanted	41
Paperwork Service	3
Psychological Emergency	2
Rape	0
Safety Hazard	13
Search	1
Shots Fired	5
Suicide Attempts	1
Suspicious Person	10
Suspicious Vehicle	8
Threat	1
Traffic Hazard	27
Trespass	2
Unwanted Person	4
Vandalism	2
Wires Down	2

I would like to take this opportunity to express a special thank you from myself, his fellow officers and the Town of Huntington to Officer William Kaleta. After 17 years of serving the Town of Huntington, Officer Kaleta will be retiring. As a member of the Department, Officer Kaleta always went above and beyond to help the residents of the community and his fellow officers. Officer Kaleta will be greatly missed, but we wish him the best as he enjoys his well-deserved retirement.

I would like to extend my appreciation to the officers of the Huntington Police Department and the Massachusetts State Police for their commitment to providing the highest level of professionalism and service to the citizens of the Town of Huntington. I would also like to thank the residents of the Town for their continued support and also all of those who serve our Town in all capacities.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Garriepy, Chief of Police

HILLTOWN COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

In 2018, Hilltown Community Ambulance Association (HCAA) was called to respond 688 times, a slight increase over 2017. We passed 34 calls, a slight decrease from 2017, and we staffed our ambulance at the Paramedic level 86% of the year, up 11% from the prior year.

In Huntington, HCAA responded to 204 calls, as outlined below.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total	14	13	17	17	22	22	10	13	18	17	21	20

Calls per month in Huntington, 2018.

BLS	ALS	Passed	Intercepted
23	164	15	10

Call data for 2018 explanations: ALS is the highest level of prehospital care available. Passed calls are calls that were given to mutual aid while our ambulance was engaged in another call. Intercepts are utilized by BLS crews that require ALS level care. Transported calls are calls that end with the patient requesting transport to the hospital.

In 2018, HCAA sent a full time employee to attend CPR Instructor training. This education allows us to offer in-house CPR refreshers to our employees, reducing our training costs. It also allows us to pursue long-standing goals for our communities. We are working to offer CPR instruction, at a reduced cost, to every person in our communities that is interested in learning this life saving skill. Our CPR academy is self-funded and our start-up costs are being covered by grants. We hope to begin working with the school district to develop a plan to offer CPR training to every student that goes through the Gateway Regional School District. We also welcomed our first high school intern in 2018. Branden is a Junior at Gateway Regional High School and a volunteer firefighter in one of our communities. He works with our intern coordinator every week to develop skills needed to be successful in EMS specifically and the workplace in general. His internship has covered topics like the mental health of the provider, responding to emergencies involving opiates and working with special populations. He became a "Stop the Bleed" instructor throughout the first half of the school year. Branden entered EMT training at Westfield State University during the second half of the year and once he completes his training, he will come to work at HCAA.

In addition to the internal and community training goals we have developed for 2019, we are developing plans to create a membership based training service for our local fire departments. The departments we work with are staffed by incredibly dedicated call and volunteer members, and we have identified, in our conversations with the leadership of those departments, that maintaining medical training records and offering classes to the State's standards is a burden. We believe that for a low annual membership, we can offer these departments an effective solution to this pervasive struggle. I will be reaching out to your town's fire department in the coming year to discuss this service with them.

Please don't hesitate to contact me, or your Board of Directors' representative should you have any questions, or if you would like to speak further about HCAA's plans, or if you are interested in scheduling a CPR class. My email address is angela@hilltownambulance.org. It is a privilege to serve your community.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Mulkerin, Service Director

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

I would like to thank the taxpayers, Selectboard, highway workers, our new administrative assistant, Jennifer Peloquin, and our part-time workers, Erik and Jim. I would also like to thank Police Chief Bob Garriepy for all his help, especially in the winter helping with trucks which get stuck and opening downtown.

2018 was a busy year for the Highway Department with \$556,000 of work in Town. The bridge on Searle Road has been completed, after an extra \$100,000 was expended in addition to the original \$300,000 for a total of \$400,000. Additionally, around 3,000 feet were milled and paved and culverts were replaced for \$156,000. Because of the record rainfall this year (over 40 inches), our dirt roads have taken a beating. In the 22 years I have been here, I have never seen so many pot holes. Many of them are in dire need of gravel as well. Since we did not get 3 days in a row without rain, they were not graded this fall.

In Huntington, we have 45 roads (25 miles of blacktop and 12 miles of dirt) which we are responsible for. The Aldrich Avenue grant came through, but the Goss Hill grant did not because of an insufficient number of responses. In 2019, we will again apply for money for Goss Hill, Lowell and Kennedy Roads for reconstruction. Since I have been appointed, I have gotten over \$2,034,590 in grant money and spent almost \$2.1 million of Chapter 90 money for repaving and fixing over 13 miles of roads. That's a little over \$4.1 million altogether.

Again, we have been denied the grant for Route 66 aka Pond Brook Road. I will apply again as this will cost around \$1 million, and the Town cannot afford this expense.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Dazelle, Highway Superintendent

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Required by the Massachusetts Building Code 9th Edition 780 CMR Section 105.1:

“Permit Application: *It shall be unlawful to construct, reconstruct, alter, repair, remove or demolish a building or structure; or to change the use or occupancy of a building or structure; or to install or alter any equipment for which provision is made or the installation of which is regulated by 780 CMR without first filing a written application with the building official and obtaining the required permit.”*

Required by the Massachusetts Building Code 9th Edition CMR 780 Section R111.1:

“Use and Occupancy: *No Building or structure shall be used or occupied, and no change in the existing occupancy classification of a building or structure or portion thereof shall be made until the Building Commissioner, Inspector of Buildings has issued a certificate of occupancy.”*

For the past few years, insurance companies have refused to pay claims because of unpermitted work, banks have refused to finance buildings with unpermitted work, and realtors have refused to list buildings with unpermitted work. Don't wait until after the work is completed to file a permit application, as that is considered a violation! Fines can be up to \$100.00 a day for each day the violation exists.

In 2018, there were 74 permits issued for a total project value of \$1,356,252.50.

Additions	2	Renovations	2
Decks	2	Repairs	14
Demolition	2	Roofing	6
Garages	1	Sheds	1
Insulation and Air Seal	12	Windows and Doors	10
New Dwellings	2	Wood Burning Device	7
PV Solar Ground Mount	1	Misc. Other	3
PV Solar Roof Mount	9		

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Peterson III, Building Commissioner/Zoning Enforcement Officer

ELECTRICAL, GAS AND PLUMBING PERMITS ISSUED

	ELECTRICAL	GAS	PLUMBING
Residential	36	13	14
Commercial	3	1	0
TOTAL	39	14	14

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Speckels, Administrative Assistant

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission (Commission) is the town board responsible for ensuring local compliance with the state Wetlands Protection Act. Under that law, anyone proposing to work in or near wetlands (including lakes, ponds, streams, and their bordering vegetated wetlands, as well as the riverfront area) must file plans with the Commission.

We acted on eight applications during 2018. We received two Notices of Intent, one for a new house in the riverfront area and the other for repairs to the Norwich Hill fire station. We approved five Requests for Determination, three for repairs of failed septic systems, one for repair of the drainage system and replenishment of sand on the beach at the Norwich Lake YMCA camp, and one for approval of wetland delineations on property off Kennedy Drive. Finally, Mass DOT (Department of Transportation) requested a revision to their plans for bank stabilization along Route 112, which we approved.

Commission members performed some twenty site inspections for the projects mentioned above, as well as responded to questions and complaints. We reviewed Forest Cutting Plans to assure that wetlands are protected during timber harvests. We worked with the Building Inspector to assist people to understand the requirements of the Wetlands Act before they begin construction.

A Commission member participated in a Discovery meeting with FEMA staffers who are preparing new floodplain maps for the Connecticut and Westfield River watersheds. The purpose of the meeting, which was held in Becket and attended by representatives from several towns, was to gather information from local people about flood-prone areas.

Erik Steins resigned from the Commission after many years as a valuable member. We miss his extensive knowledge of Huntington's history and resources. We now have two empty seats and would be happy to welcome new members.

Members of the Commission attended the annual conference of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC), which offered sessions on many aspects of conservation. We welcome public participation in any of our meetings, which take place on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 pm in Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Helena Alves Ross Hackerson
Susan McIntosh, Chair

Andy Kowal
Michael Vorwerk

PLANNING BOARD

2018 was a year of lots of work with not much to show for it for the Planning Board (PB). Although scheduled to meet every other week, we often met weekly when we could get a quorum. We attended training sessions on several topics to update the longtime members and introduce the newer members to the proper ways for PB to adhere to Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) at Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC). Despite recommendations by PVPC, Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) and K-P Law (Kopelman & Paige, Huntington Town's Counsel), we were not able to extend a temporary moratorium of marijuana establishments. Although some towns have already enacted Zoning Bylaws either allowing everything marijuana or outright banning everything, we don't feel that either tact is the best one for Huntington. According to the surveys which were returned to us by residents, a more nuanced approach is best, which is much more challenging legislation to draft. We are hoping to have an Adult Use Marijuana Zoning Bylaw drafted for the 2019 Annual Town Meeting.

There were again no annual inspections of the earth removal operations (gravel pits) in town. The annual inspections have not been held since 2015. ZBA (Zoning Board of Appeals), not Planning Board, is the Special Permit Granting Authority for earth removal operations, so having a full ZBA (or at least a dependable quorum) who are available as needed, is really important. I know that the few current members would really appreciate having a full board again and free training by the State is available in the spring and fall. We are willing to help ZBA members learn procedural requirements under MGL until they become familiar with them.

If you have any time to give for your town, it would be greatly appreciated.

We are still short one regular member, and are still not always able to get a quorum, so we also would welcome inquiries.

Should you have any interest in serving on the Planning Board or ZBA, please notify Helen or Jennifer in the Board of Selectmen's office (413-512-5200) and they will notify us. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Albright-Hanna, Clerk
Evey Korfias, Secretary

Ed Grabowski, Alternate
Jeff Wyand, Vice Chair

Linda Hamlin, Chair

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) consists of 3 regular members and 2 alternates who are appointed by the Board of Selectmen for terms of 3 years. The ZBA currently has 1 regular member and 2 alternates, so has difficulty with a quorum for holding meetings.

Currently, the ZBA will only meet as needed when applications are filed. Appointments are made with the Planning Board (who are mandated to provide a recommendation for all applications) to discuss the application. The Planning Board (PB) then contacts ZBA members to inform them about the application and set up an appointment when they are able to get a quorum to meet with the applicant. State training is available for Zoning and Planning Board members and is held in the spring and the fall. Funding for training is annually in the budgets of both boards, and any funds not used revert to the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year.

The Board currently has 2 openings for regular members and the current members would really appreciate having a full board again. PB is willing to help ZBA members learn procedural requirements under MGL until they become familiar with them.

If you have any time to give for your town, it would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Minella-Sena, member

Ed Grabowski, Alternate

Karon Hathaway, Alternate

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

In 2018, the Agricultural Commission focused on the task of collecting data to add to our resources for the agricultural community in Huntington and the general support of our Town's agriculture.

In the coming year, we plan to continue collecting useful information to try to meet the needs of our local farmers.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Knox

Bonita Kubacki

Gordon Richardson

Lorraine Wickland, Chair

WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

In 2018, Jim Gobeille retired after 19 years working for the Town on the Water and Sewer Department. We wish Jim all the best in his retirement.

The sewer plant has a new chief operator, John Berry, and the water department has Norene St. Martin as new chief operator.

Jim has returned from his retirement to help the Water Department with replacing meters, dealing with leaks and covering for both sewer and water on the weekends.

The Water Department had a full-service leak detection survey done to find any leaks that were contributing to unaccounted for water. This was done to find the difference, if any, between billed amount and used amount. The survey showed no leaks detected.

Both water and sewer flow meters were calibrated to ensure their accuracy. This is done frequently to ensure that the readings are accurate.

The Huntington Water Department Cross Connection Program consists of surveys and testing of back flow devices semiannually to ensure that no back syphoning of water occurs in the water system. More information can be found on the Town website (huntingtonma.us) under Water & Sewer Department. The information may be downloaded as part of the yearly report detailing treatment of your water. The link is at the top of the page.

The Sewer Department will have a rate adjustment that will take effect the 1st quarter of fiscal year 2020. The new rates are as follows:

Sewer – \$25 monthly fee, plus 80% of the total water gallons used multiplied by \$12.50.

Flat rate sewer-only users' rate will increase \$50.

Water & Sewer Department commissioners meet the first and third Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall. Agendas are posted on the Town website (under postings), and on the Town Hall bulletin board the Mondays prior to meeting. Meetings are open to the public. If you would like to be on the agenda, please call our new phone number: (413) 512-5207.

Respectfully submitted,

John Berry, Jim Gobeille, Norene St. Martin, Plant Operators
Commissioners: Charles Dazelle, Dan Oliveira

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

In 2017, the Historical Commission worked with Healthy Hampshire (a collaborative organization) and Walk Boston to establish a “River Walk” along the west branch of the Westfield River in the center of the Town of Huntington. Plans have been drawn up for an information kiosk and handicapped accessible path along the river. This work was scheduled to begin in 2018, but delays have postponed work until 2019.

The meeting time for the Historical Commission is 6:30 pm on the first Tuesday of the month in Stanton Hall. Please join us if you have an interest in the history of the Town of Huntington.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Minella-Sena

David Norton, Chair

Jeff Penn

Karen Wittshirk

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In October, we presented a talk by Bryan Farr on “Historic US Route 20”. The presentation was well attended and very interesting. US Route 20 is one of the oldest US routes and is the longest US route, going coast to coast from Boston to Newport, Oregon.

We continued our on-going efforts to digitize and further organize the documents and photos in our Norwich Bridge Schoolhouse Museum in order to make research more efficient. We are scanning the Huntington High School yearbooks for easy reference.

We also continued our regular activities including Norwich Bridge Schoolhouse Museum Open Houses during the warm weather and our participation in the Memorial Day Parade.

We performed an especially large number of research requests for individuals who were searching for information about their Norwich/Huntington predecessors. Performing historical and genealogical research by request occupies a large amount of our time. For those interested in our research services, please visit our web page, which is part of the Town’s website (huntingtonma.us), or email us at hunthistsoc@gmail.com, or write a note to the Huntington Historical Society, 72 Worthington Road for further information.

Please consider joining the Historical Society, as we are always looking for new members and ideas. We meet during the warm weather in the red school house located next to the Huntington Country Store at 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of the month. In the cold weather, we meet downtown in Stanton Hall on the same day and time.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Eldredge, Secretary
David Norton, President

Vicki Mayhew, Treasurer

Bill McVeigh, Vice-President

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging (COA) holds our meetings at 1 pm on the first Tuesday of the month at the Town Hall. Please join us. The agenda is posted in the Town Hall and on the Town website. The COA office number is 413-512-5205 and the email address is coa@huntingtonma.us.

On February 1, we held our annual volunteer luncheon at Comfort Kitchen and Bar in Huntington. We were served a choice of two delicious meals of Pot Roast or Salmon, followed by Apple Crisp. Thirteen of about twenty volunteers joined us. We are grateful to all our volunteers who help out at COA events and help and support other seniors in our community. On February 15, we celebrated Valentine's Day and Winter Birthdays. Aimee Burnham and Helen Speckels cooked corn chowder, tomato soup and grilled sandwiches to order. John McVeigh and Angelique Toroni from the Huntington Fire Department shared information about the new Senior Safe Program being offered by the Fire Department. Part of the Senior Safe program is providing new smoke detectors, special nightlights and other free supplies for home safety. A Diabetes Health Screening from HCHC (Hilltown Community Health Centers) was provided at our St. Patrick's Day luncheon on March 8. The COA arranged and paid for the Pro Shred truck to be at the Town Transfer Station on April 28 and was made available to all town residents.

The trip to the Red Sox game in Boston on May 2 was a big hit and we intend to make it an annual event. May 5 was the first of our annual spring tag sales. A performance by "Glenshane" was paid for by the Mass Cultural Council. On June 21, Kathy Jones did a great job educating us on the warning signs of strokes and heart attacks. We learned what to do and what not to do in order to save ourselves or our loved ones. She also demonstrated how to use a defibrillator for heart attacks. Thank you, Kathy, you did a great job. The "Huntington COA Travelers" returned to Foxwoods Casino and Captain Jack's on June 14. During the summer, Amber Letourneau, a Nutrition Coordinator from The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, did a presentation on nutrition and wellness for older adults. She presented the new meal guidelines of "MyPlate." MyPlate encourages people to eat healthy foods by choosing the right types and amounts of foods to eat. Eating a well-balanced meal every day is very important at all ages and stages of life.

Our trip to New York's 9/11 Memorial & Museum on September 15 happened on a beautiful day for travel. The memorial was memorable and moving. On Saturday, October 13, we held our annual Health Fair. It was a very successful event. Over thirty people showed up for their wellness shots given by Walgreens Pharmacy. We had over 17 vendors attending this year. Ear Masters gave free hearing tests and offered a discount on hearing aids. Huntington Health Center provided blood pressure & diabetes counseling and insurance navigation. Sue Kucharski from the Senior Outreach Center in Chester, part of the Southern Hilltown COA Consortium, did SHINE and benefits counseling. The food pantry and FRTA van were there to take applications. Highland Valley, WestMass ElderCare Inc., Visiting Angels, Porchlight VNA/Home Care, and Cooley Dickinson were in attendance to help people with at home support and services. Christopher Huxley, from the Edward Jones office located in Florence, consulted with people on financial planning and long-term care planning. Kay Judge from Blue Sky Wellness educated people on alternative health choices to reduce stress, muscle pain, increase sleep, and support their immune systems using Essential Oils.

We received a grant from Sarah Gillett Services for the Elderly, Inc. to purchase Knox Boxes for seniors in the community. Seasonal newsletters with events, resource information, scam alerts, and product recalls are mailed to all residents. We continued to offer the CISA farm produce during the summer months and Brown Bag every third Friday. The FRTA van is available to bring seniors to medical appointments, shopping, Stanton Hall events, etc. All seniors are encouraged to sign up for the van for future trips and events. Pick up your application at Town Hall or call the COA office to have one mailed to you.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Horkun, Treasurer
William McVeigh, Alt.

Jean Jackman, Alt.
Kathleen Peterson, Chair

Nancy Kaminski
Helen Speckels

Eugene King

RECREATION COMMITTEE

January started the events off with an indoor movie at Stanton Hall. Approximately 30 people attended, watching *The Princess Bride* on the big screen while enjoying popcorn and snacks. Some attendees came in their PJ's and brought sleeping bags and blankets to be comfy.

In March, the Recreation Committee sponsored the Annual Egg Hunt for children from birth to 10 years old. About 60 children attended this year to gather eggs filled with toys and candy and visit with the Easter Bunny. Three children were lucky enough to find a prize egg, which won them an Easter basket filled with themed toys and candy.

On May 12, we hosted a painting event at Stanton Hall. Participants were able to paint a Black Chickadee Tray. About 50 people attended. The Recreation Committee also marched in the annual Memorial Day Parade in May. Participants enjoyed tossing candy and toys to spectators as we marched.

Summer Camp ran for five weeks this summer, July 9 - August 9, 2018. The theme this year was *Reduce, Reuse, Recycle*. The Recreation Committee worked for several months to plan camp. We advertised, interviewed, and hired a director, teachers, group leaders, helpers, and volunteers. About 45 children attended the camp. Campers enjoyed a field trip to the Majestic Theater to see a play and they made projects with worms as they learned about different insects. Camp always ends with a water day full of fun water games. The campers also ran a bottle and can drive throughout camp.

In September, we sponsored an apple picking event at Jameson's farm in Chester. We had a beautiful day and the farm had a wide selection of apples. About 25 families participated this year.

On October 28, we had the Rag Shag Parade. Families met at Pettis Field and marched to the Town Green. The Huntington Fire Department assisted along the parade route. Once on the green, children participated in a costume contest, had a snack, and decorated a Halloween bag. About 75 people attended.

December 15 brought our annual Santa Event. Children participated in a variety of holiday themed activities including: Making a craft, using play dough, writing a letter to Santa, making reindeer food, a beanbag toss, getting a holiday tattoo, and having a special snack. Santa arrived via fire truck to visit with the children before he headed out for his annual ride around Town with the Huntington Fire Department. We had about 100 people for this event.

Respectfully submitted,

Fawn Busby
Vicki Mayhew

Melissa Green
Jennifer Maynard

Tricia Hess
Courtney Mulcahy

Adrienne Kunz
Edward Renault

COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Community Events Committee (Committee) held a spring fundraising plant sale for Mother's Day and hung American flags in town from May through September. The Committee also participated in the Town's Memorial Day Parade.

Our biggest event was the Huntington Free Summer Music Series on the Town Green beginning in July. Our first week was a picnic with hamburgers and hotdogs, popcorn, lemonade, and cake. Our musical guests were Misty Blues with an intermission performance by Born IV Blues, a student band. The following seven weeks, we organized six performances, each one and a half hours long, with a bake sale to benefit local nonprofit organizations. Musical guests were: Jack Waldheim, Paula Bradley and MaryLou Ferrante, Bruce Mandel, Terry Ala Berry (children's performer), 91 South, and Jake Manzi. The series was partially funded by a Massachusetts Cultural Council grant.

For the holidays, the Committee assisted the Garden Club in decorating downtown buildings, light posts, and the gazebo on the Town Green.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquie Harris

John Knox

Lisa Lansing

Vicki Mayhew, Chair

VETERANS' SERVICES OFFICER

The Town of Huntington has provided assistance to our veterans who are eligible for help under MGL Chapter 115, 108 CMR, Social Security and VA benefits. We will continue to provide any assistance available to our veterans in the coming year.

In 2018, we were able to help nine veterans or eligible dependents.

If you are a veteran or an eligible dependent and think you may qualify for any of these benefits, please visit me in the Town Hall by appointment. Please call me at 413-575-6391 to set up your appointment.

May God bless America and our veterans.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Renauld

LIBRARY

Library Holdings: 13,889
Registered Library Patrons: 1295
Computer Use (Including Wifi): 1041
Reference Questions: 539
Programs & Attendance: Programs 36
Attendance: 338

Total Attendance: 3063
Summer Readers: 29 Children, 4 Teens, 20 Adults
Circulation of Town Material: 4864
Inter Library Loans Received from Other Libraries: 205
Huntington Material Loaned out to Other Libraries: 246

It's been a busy year at the Huntington Public Library! Programs hosted in 2018 include: "To My Dearest: The Civil War Letters of George & Emily Ward" by Lynne & Thomas Lydick, Knitting and Crochet Workshop, Artist of the Month Jeri Hamel, "Easy Essentials: Lecture on Essential Oils" by Blue Skye Wellness, The Floralia Children's Company's Alice in Wonderland, "Memoirs of an Arabian Princess from Zanzibar" by Rita Parisi, Forest Park's Zoo on the Go, Ways of Color Suncatcher Workshop, "Thru Hiking on the Appalachian Trail" with Sam Ducharme, Westfield Wild and Scenic River Program, Artist of the Month Mike Ross, "Birds in Winter Lecture" with Lois Kiraly, Ugly Sweater Holiday Party, and bimonthly Story Hours. The Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation provided funding for these events.

The Summer Reading program called "Libraries Rock" began in June. There were prize bags for all of the children who finished the program, a raffle for the adults and teens, and a mini-affle for the children. The Library thanks the following for their generous donations: Amelia Park, Berkshire Museum, Eastern States Exhibition/The Big E, Eric Carle Museum, First Congregational Church of Chester, Friendly's, Hunt + Hart Café + Bakery, Magic Wings, Quik Foods/Burger King, United Bank, Western MA Library Advocates, and Yankee Candle. The sponsors are much appreciated!

New staff joined the Library. Heather Dunfee replaced retired Director Margaret Nareau, Amanda Loisel was promoted to Assistant Director and Mike Belmont was welcomed as Library Assistant. All librarians are 4-year B.A. degree qualified and two are working on their Master's degree in Library Science. Heather also has a Master's degree in English and International teacher certification. Staff received ongoing professional development from the Massachusetts Library System. The Trustees are particularly excited that all library staff are so well qualified for positions which are increasingly defined and restricted by State regulations. The Library maintained certification by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and State Aid.

The Huntington Council on Aging, the Huntington Cultural Council, the Huntington Public Library Foundation, and the Department of Children and Families all used the Library to conduct meetings. Exams were proctored and tutors used the Library to work with children after school.

The Huntington Public Library Foundation, Inc. is a 501c3 non-profit that was formed to manage trust funds and any donations made to the Library.

Library Hours: Mon & Tues 2-5 pm, Wed 4-8 pm, Thurs & Fri 2-8 pm, Sat 10 am-3 pm

Contact: Telephone: **413-512-5206** Fax: **413-667-0088**
Email: library@huntingtonma.us or librarydirector@huntingtonma.us
Website: <https://thehuntingtonpubliclibrary.wordpress.com>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HuntingtonPublicLibrary>

Address: 7 East Main Street, Huntington, MA 01050

Mailing Address: PO Box 597, Huntington, MA 01050

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Dunfee, Director

Public Library Trustees:

Laurie Mikalunas

Karen Wittshirk

HUNTINGTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Huntington Cultural Council awarded to the following grant recipients for the 2018 cycle:

Blandford Fair Art Show 2018 - \$200
Mark Donovan/Gateway Regional HS – MASS MoCA Field Trip - \$100
Gateway Regional Music HS Choirs – Broadway Classroom Workshop - \$200
Chester Theatre Company – 2018 Season - \$400
Glenshane Irish Folk Duo – COA Concert - \$450
Huntington Community Events Committee – Free Summer Music Series - \$900
Wendy Long/Gateway HS – The Last Five Years - \$175
Renee Mosher/Gateway Regional – UMASS Dynamics A Cappella Concert - \$200
David Neill/Fanfare Brass – Christmas Sing-A-Long - \$670
North Hall Association – 2018 Season - \$600
Sevenars – 2018 Season - \$533

Total Recipients: 11

Total Dollars Granted: \$4,428

9 grants were completed by 12/31/18

1 grant (Renee Mosher/Gateway) cancelled as of 12/31/18

1 grant (Blandford Fair Art Show) unclaimed as of 12/31/18

Grant requests are submitted online at www.massculturalcouncil.org For questions or information, contact Lynn Winsor (413) 667-5563. The application deadline is always October 15.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Beane
Gary Winsor

Tania Coletta
Lynn Winsor

Avril Marriott

Peri Sossaman

NORTH HALL

The North Hall Advisory Committee is pleased to report another successful season of the Historic North Hall in 2018. The hall was used for meetings and events by community organizations including: the North Hall Association (Association), the Huntington Fire Department, and the Westfield River Wild and Scenic Committee, as well as several private individuals and groups. The building is available for special functions and events June through mid-October. Anyone who would like to rent North Hall may contact Helen Speckels at the Selectboard office at 413-512-5200 or visit the website northhallhuntington.org for further information.

The hall is one of the oldest continually operating community buildings in the State. This year, the old, torn window shades in the performance hall were replaced with new room-darkening shades. The North Hall Association contributed \$1,800 (from ticket sales and donations) toward the upgrade and replacement of old, badly needed fixtures in the small restroom.

The North Hall Association continued its mission of bringing the arts to the residents of Huntington and the Hilltown community with its Historic North Hall Arts Festival (May to September), presenting ten programs to a broad audience. The festival opened with the annual Opera Showcase, followed by a season of jazz, country, bluegrass, and classical music, as well as spoken word, drama, and two Open Mic music jams. The association hosted two beautiful gallery shows: one featuring Hilltown photography, and the other a travel-inspired painting exhibit, with Huntington artists exhibiting in both shows. Festival highlights included the Khalif Neville Trio, a performance of *Shakespeare's Women*, a weekend of multimedia events focusing on Pete Seeger and Woody Guthrie, a staged reading of Huntington resident Mitch Giannunzio's original play *Try and Get Some Sleep Now* and an afterparty summer celebration.

The North Hall Advisory Committee extends a special thank you to Jon Wyand for his technical assistance, Dan Thieme for maintenance, Svetlana Kudryashova for cleaning services, Bill Hall for grounds keeping, and North Hall Association Board Members for their volunteer efforts, as well as all who have made donations. Many thanks to all!

We look forward to the North Hall Association's opening of their upcoming 10th Year Anniversary Arts Festival Season for 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Kaminski Susan McIntosh Jeff Penn Peri Sossaman Nancy Webb

STANTON HALL

Stanton Hall is widely used throughout the year by a number of private groups, as well as Town boards and for Town functions.

The building is available for special functions and events, such as parties, weddings, showers, receptions, craft fairs, fashion shows, fundraisers, etc. Amenities include a large open space, seating for 100+ people, wi-fi, projector, large screen, stage area, TV, and functioning kitchen for food prep. Anyone who would like to rent the hall is asked to contact Helen Speckels or Jennifer Peloquin in the Selectboard Office at (413) 512-5200, or email at admin@huntingtonma.us.

Some of the groups and events in Stanton Hall during calendar year 2018 were:

Annual and Special Town Meetings
Public Meetings & Hearings
Town Committees and Boards
Election Voting Site
Legislator Hours
Veteran Appreciation Event
St. Patrick's Day Luncheon
Brown Bag Program
CISA Farm Produce
Hilltown Community Health Centers
Town Dance
Dance Recitals
Gateway Youth Athletic Association
Little League
COA Health Fair & Flu Clinic
Red Cross Blood Drives
Fall Festival
Santa Claus
Hilltown Collaborative Taskforce
Westfield River Wild and Scenic

Highland Foot Path
Open Mic Music Sessions
Zumba
TaeKwonDo
Cardio & Strength Exercises
Chair Yoga
Gentle Yoga
Floralia Dance Company
Historical Society
Music on the Green
Couples Workshop
Council on Aging Events
Declutter Workshop
Movie Night
Puppy Training
Craft Fair
Weddings & Showers
Baby Showers
Birthday Parties

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Speckels, Administrative Assistant
Jennifer Peloquin, Administrative Secretary

HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Hampshire Council of Governments (HCG) is a regional group of communities who have banded together to save taxpayer dollars for municipal goods and services.

Hampshire Power, the only Massachusetts-based nonprofit electricity supplier, allows local customers to power their values by keeping their energy dollars local, while giving back to the community. Hampshire Power provides energy to 196 individual entities throughout 35 municipalities. 71% of all customers use green power. The total usage is 18,705MWh with total revenue of \$1,802,779.

Hampshire Renewables supports local green energy initiatives by facilitating a 15% discount on participants' electricity bill through the purchase of net metering credits. Two local dairy farms are supported by HCG's Cow Power and 17 solar arrays in local communities are supported by Hampshire Renewables with total revenue of \$51,789.

HCG's Purchasing Co-op makes it easy for over 120 towns, cities, schools, and nonprofits to save money, time, and effort on major and everyday purchases. \$8.3 million worth of goods were sold in 2018 with total revenue of \$137,187.

HCG's Solar Renewable Energy Credit (SREC) brokerage is the local choice to maximize your solar energy investment. HCG works with 1,482 local solar owners for a total of 8,452 SRECs and combined systems for 13.8 MW of solar. Gross sales of \$2,363,007 netted 2018 revenue of \$108,377.

New Alternative Energy Certificate (AEC) brokerage service helps owners of renewable energy tap into significant new financial incentives. Qualifying systems include: solar hot water, pellet central heating, woodchip boilers, air source heat pumps, and geothermal. In 2018, they assisted 65 local owners of clean heating technologies (12 ASHP; 21 GSHP; 4 SHW; 28 woody biomass) with combined systems for rated capacity of 5.872 MBtu/hr of energy for a total of 12,439 AECs. Gross sales of \$207,702 netted revenue of \$19,433.

Solarize Hot Water Western Massachusetts launched through a grant from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, is the Commonwealth's pilot solar hot water program. 4 local municipalities led the clean energy charge in their communities and the program resulted in 16 new solar hot water installations across the region.

RSVP of the Pioneer Valley, the volunteer connector for people 55 and over, was awarded the Commonwealth's only Senior Corps expansion grant to extend services provided to include Hampden County. RSVP works with 60 partner organizations to provide 637 volunteers who contributed 95,758 volunteer hours. 78 Healthy Bones & Balance volunteers led exercise classes for seniors at 27 sites.

The Hampshire Franklin Tobacco-Free Community Partnership works to enhance state and local tobacco control efforts, mobilize support for community change, and highlight work being done in the community to support tobacco-free living. They helped 92 housing units in 2 local housing authorities go smoke free in 2018 (all housing authorities in Hampshire and Franklin Counties have now adopted smoke-free policies) and hosted 24 educational trainings on the dangers of nicotine and vaping.

New Western Massachusetts OPEB Trust was introduced to save public entities time and money in funding their retiree healthcare obligations.

HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE

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

The member towns comprising the HRMC include: Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington. Each town appoints two representatives to serve on the HRMC Board. Board Officers for 2018 included Joe Kearns, Chair (Middlefield), John Chandler, Vice-Chair (Chesterfield) and Paul Wetzel, Treasurer (Williamsburg).

The HRMC assists member communities with managing their solid waste including: Municipal waste hauling and disposal bid administration, recycling administration, hazardous waste disposal, and DEP compliance and technical assistance. In 2018, those services included providing a liaison between towns and MassDEP on compliance matters, program management of Transfer Station Recyclables - collection, hauling and recycling of tires, electronic waste, and universal waste (including free recycling of mercury thermostats and rechargeable batteries). Additionally, Freon removal from appliances, an annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Transfer Station operations and compliance monitoring (including informal HRMC site visits and the annual DEP 3rd Party Inspection and Reporting), preparation and submittal of DEP annual surveys and reports and DEP Grant Administration, including grant writing and reporting, were provided.

In addition to managing the day-to-day business and program operations of the HRMC, the HRMC Administrator also: Serves as a representative of its member towns to the MRF Municipal Advisory Board, the State Solid Waste Advisory Committee and the Western MA Regional Recycling Coordinator group; Advocates with local, regional, and State officials; and is available to serve as a liaison to the DEP on transfer station operations and compliance related issues.

In 2018, the MA DEP announced their Recycling Dividend Program Grants under the annual Sustainable Materials Recovery Program. All ten HRMC member-towns were eligible for, and received, grants submitted for them through the HRMC. In total, the HRMC Towns received \$42,700 in grant funding to be used to further enhance recycling programs within their communities.

The HRMC has an annual operations assessment that is approved by each town at their Annual Town Meeting. This Assessment Budget is based on tonnage and population. In FY18, the combined assessment for all ten towns was \$49,951 to offset base operating expenses. Recycling collection costs (other than MRF recyclables) are pass-through expenses from HRMC to the towns to best maximize the economy of scale and enable the HRMC administrator to have review and oversight of vendor relations and program operations.

Over the past year, the HRMC member towns collectively diverted 928 tons of recyclables to the Springfield MRF. In addition, Plainfield diverted bulky rigid plastics; Cummington, Plainfield, Westhampton and Williamsburg diverted EPS (Styrofoam); and Plainfield and Williamsburg diverted pellet bags. Williamsburg continued to serve as the HRMC regional mattress recycling facility and Westhampton served as the host-site for the HRMC's annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection.

Eight of the ten member-Towns have adopted recycling goals of 50% with the intent of increasing quantity, and improving quality, of materials being recycled at their transfer stations and reduce waste being landfilled. Huntington had a recycling rate of 19.9% in 2018 compared to 22.8% in 2017. The Town recycled 87 tons of recyclables at the MRF in 2018.

For more program information, visit us online at www.hrmc-ma.org or email hrmc@hrmc-ma.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen A. Casey, HRMC Administrator

JACOB'S LADDER TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY ADVISORY BOARD

The past year brought many changes to the makeup of the JLTSB Advisory Board. In June, Erica Johnson, our long-time PVPC (Pioneer Valley Planning Commission) representative, announced that she was taking maternity leave and, due to changing priorities at PVPC, would likely not be returning. We'll miss the partnership we've enjoyed with PVPC since the inception of the scenic byway project in 1992. We will especially miss Erica, who contributed so much energy, determination, and continuity to the board.

In October, Lauren Gaherty, our BRPC (Berkshire Regional Planning Commission) representative, announced that she would be retiring as of the end of the year. Lauren has been invaluable, both as our advocate in Berkshire County and as our Clerk. She was successful in arranging for a new BRPC representative, so while we are saddened by Lauren's departure, we gladly welcome Eammon Coughlin.

Lastly, Liz Massa, our sole Russell representative relocated to Chester, where she joins Bryan Farr, and takes the place of that town's former representative, John Garvey. John is now living in, and representing, Becket. Liz's move leaves us with no representation for Russell.

Besides the changes to the board, we had an eventful year. After a long and arduous process, our joint project with the Lee Land Trust and the Trustees of Reservations – the walking path and parking area at Barlow Acres in Lee – was largely completed. Thank you and congratulations to Erica Johnson and Linda Czys, currently our sole Lee Representative, for shepherding the project to a successful outcome. Thanks also to Linda for getting a deep discount for cedar boards from Dresser-Hull Lumber & Building Supply Company in Lee to replace our deteriorated Lee JLTSB gateway sign. And a special "Thank you" to Steve Hamlin for the beautiful job that he did routing and painting the letters on the new sign! Now that the sign has been replaced, John Garvey has offered to stain the flat surfaces of the boards sometime in 2019 to make the letters really stand out on the cedar.

We continue our involvement in the Highlands Footpath project (thank you, Jeff Penn) and the Lee/Lenox bike path project. When PVPC was a significant member of our group, they provided material, as well as professional, support. Since we no longer have PVPC as a partner, we are asking each town on the byway to make a small donation to enable us to pay our annual filing fees for the foreseeable future. Lee and Becket have each contributed \$100, and two of Huntington's Selectboard members have offered to each donate \$100, rather than ask for a contribution from the Town. Thank you both for your generosity!

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Czys, Lee	John Garvey, Becket	Bryan Farr, Chester	Liz Massa, Chester
Linda Hamlin, Huntington	Steve Hamlin, Huntington	Jeff Penn, Huntington	

TALENT BANK FORM

Local Government needs citizens to give of their time and talents serving the Town of Huntington. This Talent Bank Form has been established to compile a list of interested citizens who are voluntarily willing to serve on Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Some groups meet every two weeks, others monthly, and still others are busy only at specific times of the year.

If you are interested in serving, please check your preference(s) below and return the completed form to the Selectboard Office at the address listed below. The form can also be faxed or emailed.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Measurer of Wood & Bark |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Events Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> North Hall Advisory Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Election Workers | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fence Viewers/Field Drivers | <input type="checkbox"/> Whiting Street Fund |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board of Appeals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Historic District Commission | |

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

EMAIL: _____ OCCUPATION: _____

ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER? ☐ YES ☐ NO

SPECIAL INTERESTS AND SKILLS: _____

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE: _____

REASONS FOR WANTING TO SERVE: _____

☐ I'M NOT SURE – PLEASE CALL WITH MORE INFORMATION.

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Board of Health	413-512-5211
Board of Selectmen	413-512-5200
Building Commissioner	413-512-5210
Conservation Commission	413-512-5214
Council on Aging	413-512-5205
Cultural Council	413-667-5563
Dog Officer	413-246-6506
Electrical Inspector	413-667-8812
Fire Department	413-512-5212
Gas Inspector	413-265-6290
Gateway High School	413-685-1103
Gateway Middle School	413-685-1202
Gateway Regional School District	413-685-1000
Hamblin Court	413-634-5000
Highway Department	413-512-5204
Historical Commission	413-667-3453
Library	413-512-5206
Littleville Elementary School	413-685-1300
North Hall	413-667-5543
Planning Board	413-512-5214
Plumbing Inspector	413-265-6290
Police Department	413-512-5213
Title V Agent	413-531-0799
Town Accountant	413-512-5203
Town Clerk	413-512-5209
Town Collector	413-512-5208
Town Treasurer	413-512-5202
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