

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON *Massachusetts*

Annual Report

2020



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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												
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State Government Info:	(800) 392-6090 or (617) 722-2000												
Huntington Town Hall:	(413) 512-5200 website: www.huntingtonma.us												

DEDICATION



Vicki Mayhew

The Town of Huntington would like to dedicate the 2020 Annual Report to Vicki (Kelton) Mayhew. Vicki has displayed community commitment for many years, serving as Chairperson of the Community Events and Recreation Committees.

This past year, residents were not able to get together due to COVID-19 restrictions. The Community Events and Recreation Committees were very creative in offering our Town residents a virtual alternative to participate in event activities.

Annual Apple Picking, Huntington Scarecrow Tour, Gingerbread House Kits to Go, Huntington Puzzle Time, Huntington Holiday Lights & Door Decorating, and Easter Scavenger Hunt are a few of the events that were enjoyed by many residents.

The most popular event hosted by the Community Events Committee is the free summer music series on the town green. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, some events were live streamed via Facebook.

From all of us on the Selectboard, please accept our sincere Thank You to you and the Community Events and Recreation Committee's members for your all of your energy and commitment to finding events to bring our community together.

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

ELECTED OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>
Board of Selectmen		Trustees, Whiting Street Fund	
Edward Renauld	2021	Karon Hathaway	2021
Roger Booth, Jr.	2022	James Arnold	2022
Karon Hathaway	2023	Lorena Belhumeur	2023
Town Clerk		Trustees, Huntington Library	
Linda Hamlin	2021	Karen Wittshirk	2021
		Laurie Mikalunas	2022
Board of Assessors		Linda Siska	2023
Sue Fopiano	2021		
Edward Renauld	2022	Tree Warden	
Erik Steins	2023	Walter Wittshirk	2021
Board of Health		Moderator	
Melissa Reid	2021	George Peterson III	2021
Melissa Nazzaro (appt. to 2021)	2021		
Jean Jackman	2023	Trustees, Alphonso P. Pettis Fund	
Regional School Committee		Karen Wittshirk	2021
David Lubbers	2021	Alicia Hackerson	2022
Melissa Nazzaro	2022	Judith Guyette	2023
Edward Renauld	2023	Constables	
Water/Sewer Commissioners		Charles Dazelle	2021
H. Daniel Oliveira	2021	Jim Helems	2022
VACANCY	2022	Jeff Jorritsma	2023
Charles Dazelle	2023		

APPOINTED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Accountant (Yearly):

Richard Buley 2021

ADA Coordinator (Yearly):

VACANCY 2021

Admin. Assistant (3-Year):

Jennifer Peloquin 2023

Agricultural Commission (Terms Vary):

Anne Marie Knox 2022

Bonita Kubacki 2021

Gordon Richardson 2021

Lorraine Wickland 2022

VACANCY 2021

VACANCY 2021

VACANCY 2023

Animal Control/Inspector (Yearly):

Robert Jackman 2021

Board of Health Agent (Yearly):

Claudia Sarti 2021

Building Commissioner (Yearly):

George Peterson III 2021

Capital Planning Committee (3-Year):

R. Buley, Ex-Officio 2023

VACANCY 2023

VACANCY 2023

VACANCY 2023

VACANCY 2023

Collector (3-Year):

Aimee Burnham 2023

Anna Horkun, Asst. 2023

Community Events Committee (3-Year):

Jacquie Harris 2023

John Knox 2023

Lisa Lansing 2023

Vicki Mayhew, Ch. 2023

VACANCY 2023

VACANCY 2023

VACANCY 2023

Conservation Commission (3-Year):

Helena Alves, Ch. 2023

Ross Hackerson 2023

Andy Kowal 2021

Barbara Kowal 2022

Jonathan Mauterer 2023

Susan McIntosh 2022

Michael Vorwerk 2022

Council on Aging (3-Year):

Aimee Burnham, Alt. 2022

Anna Horkun 2023

Nancy Kaminski 2021

Debra Page 2021

Kat Peterson, Chair 2021

Peri Sossaman, Alt. 2022

Helen Speckels 2023

Crossing Guard (Yearly):

David Wieland 2021

Lindsay Wieland, Alt. 2021

Cultural Council (3-Year):

Jane Beane 2023

Amanda Loiselle 2022

Linda Siska 2022

Peri Sossaman 2023

Gary Winsor 2023

Lynn Winsor 2021

Dog Officer (Yearly)

Jim Helems 2021

Deresa Helems, Asst. 2021

Electrical Inspector (Yearly):
Andy Girouard 2021

Assistant Electrical Inspector (Yearly):
Jeffrey Bourdon 2021

Emergency Management Dir. (3-Year):
Dennis Nazzaro 2023

Environmental Cert. Officer (3-Year):
Edward Renauld 2023

Fall Festival Committee (3 Year):
Shelley Keeney 2021
Janine LaPointe 2021
Paul LaPointe 2021
Jason Nichols 2021
Laura Nichols 2021

Fence Viewer & Field Drivers (3-Year):
Wayne McKinney 2023
VACANCY 2023
VACANCY 2023

Finance Committee (Yearly):
VACANCY 2021
VACANCY 2021
VACANCY 2021
VACANCY 2021
VACANCY 2021

Fire Chief (3-Year):
Joshua Ellinger 2023

FRTA Coordinator (3-Year):
Aimee Burnham 2021

FRTA Representative (3-Year):
Edward Renauld 2023

Gas Inspector (Yearly):
Anthony Karella 2021

Assistant Gas Inspector (Yearly):
Brian Pichette 2021

Hamp. Reg. Plan. Com. Rep. (3-Year):
Dennis Nazzaro 2021

Harbor Master (3-Year):
George Peterson III 2021

Hazard Mitigation Committee (3-Year):
Charles Dazelle 2023
Robert Garriepy 2023
Dennis Nazzaro 2023

Highway Superintendent (3-Year):
Charles Dazelle 2023

Hilltown Com. Ambu. Rep. (Yearly):
William Millin 2021

Hilltown Resource Mgt. Rep. (Yearly):
Lou Purinton, Alt. 2021
VACANCY 2021

Historical Commission (3-Year):
Victoria Minella-Sena 2023
Dennis Nazzaro 2023
David Norton 2023
Jeff Penn 2022
Karen Wittshirk 2022

Jacob's Ladder Scenic Byway (2-Year):
Linda Hamlin 2022
Steve Hamlin 2021
Jeff Penn 2021

Jacob's Ladder Trail (2-Year):
Jeff Penn 2021
VACANCY 2021

Local Emergency Planning (Yearly):
Charles Dazelle 2021
Joshua Ellinger 2021
Robert Garriepy 2021
Dennis Nazzaro 2021

Local Historic District Comm. (3-Year):

Victoria Minella-Sena	2022
Jeff Penn	2022
Helen Speckels	2023
VACANCY	2021
VACANCY	2023
VACANCY, Alt.	2023
VACANCY, Alt.	2023

Measurer of Wood/Bark (3-Year):

VACANCY	2023
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Memorial Day Parade Com. (3-Year):

Lori Belhumeur	2023
Aimee Burnham	2023
Joshua Ellinger	2023
Robert Garriepy	2023
Karon Hathaway	2023
Edward Renauld	2023

North Hall Advisory (3-Year):

Nancy Kaminski	2023
Susan McIntosh	2021
Jeff Penn	2023
Peri Sossaman	2021
Nancy Webb	2023
VACANCY	2021
VACANCY	2021

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

Jeff Wyand	2023
Linda Hamlin, Alt.	2023

Planning Board (3-Year):

Linda Hamlin	2021
Karon Hathaway	2023
Evelyn Korfias	2023
Jeff Wyand	2023
Ed Grabowski, Alt.	2022
VACANCY	2021
VACANCY	2022

Plumbing Inspector (Yearly):

Anthony Karella	2021
Brian Pichette, Alt.	2021

Police Chief (3-Year):

Robert Garriepy	2023
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Police Officers (Yearly):

Michael Girard	2021
Aaren Hawley	2021
Brian Kowal	2021
Todd Michon	2021
Brendon Schutter	2021

Procurement Officer (3-Year):

Edward Renauld:	2023
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Public Weigher (3-Year):

VACANCY	2023
VACANCY	2023
VACANCY	2023
VACANCY	2023
VACANCY	2023

Recreation Committee (3-Year):

Fawn Busby	2023
Melissa Green	2023
Adrianne Kunz	2023
Vicki Mayhew	2023
VACANCY	2023
VACANCY	2023
VACANCY	2023
VACANCY	2023

Registrar of Voters (3-Year):

Linda Hamlin (Clerk)	2023
Anna Horkun	2023
Barbara Meehan	2023
Jennifer Peloquin	2023

Right to Know Coordinator (3-Year):

Edward Renauld	2023
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Rt. 112 Scenic Byway (2-Year):

Linda Hamlin	2022
Susan McIntosh	2022
Jeff Penn	2022

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

Walter Wittshirk	2023
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Town Counsel (Yearly):
K-P Law, P.C. *Indefinite*

Town Treasurer (3-Year):
Aimee Burnham 2023

Veterans' Agent (3-Year):
Edward Renauld 2023

Westfield River Wild & Scenic (3-Year):
Jeff Penn, Alt. 2021
VACANCY 2021

Zoning Board (3-Year):
Victoria Minella-Sena 2021
Ed Grabowski, Alt. 2021
Karon Hathaway, Alt. 2021
VACANCY 2022
VACANCY 2023

Zoning Enforcement Officer (Yearly):
George Peterson 2021

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
Department Telephone List and Schedules

Main Telephone Number: (413) 667-3500
Town Website: www.huntingtonma.us

Town Hall Fax: (413) 667-3507

Board of Assessors:

Meets as needed
Assessment Service: Regional Resource Group
www.rrgsystems.com/Huntington/
Telephone: (413) 512-5201 assessors@huntingtonma.us

Board of Health:

Meets 1st and 3rd Monday at 6 p.m.
Telephone/Fax: (413) 512-5211 boardofhealth@huntingtonma.us
Title V Agent Brian Slayton: (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 up to 20 gallons, 2 stickers up to 30 gal., 3 stickers up to 40 gal.,
4 stickers over 40 gal.)

Board of Selectmen:

Meets every other Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m., unless otherwise posted.
Jennifer Peloquin, Administrative Assistant admin@huntingtonma.us
Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
To meet with the Selectboard, please contact the Administrative Assistant
during office hours. Telephone: (413) 512-5200

Building Commissioner:

George Peterson
Building permit applications may be obtained online at
huntingtonma.us/forms.html#bldgPermt, or by calling the office.
Telephone: (413) 512-5210 buildingcommissioner@huntingtonma.us

Conservation Commission:

Meets as needed Telephone: (413) 512-5214
Helena Alves, Chair concom@huntingtonma.us

Council on Aging:

Meets 1st Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Stanton Hall
Telephone: (413) 512-5205 coa@huntingtonma.us

Electrical Inspector:

Andy Girouard Telephone: (413) 667-8812
Electrical permit applications may be obtained online at
www.huntingtonma.us, or by calling the Selectboard office at (413) 512-5200.

Alt. Electrical Inspector:

Jeff Bourdon Telephone: (413) 207-7510

Fire Department:

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

Gas Inspector:

Anthony Karella Telephone: (413) 265-6290
Gas permit applications may be obtained online at www.huntingtonma.us,
or by calling the Selectboard office at (413) 512-5200.

<u>Highway Department:</u>	Charles Dazelle, Superintendent highway@huntingtonma.us Telephone: (413) 512-5204	Melissa Reid, Admin. Assistant Fax: (413) 667-3507 Cell: (413) 977-2434
<u>Planning Board:</u>	Meets as needed - All applications by appointment only (48+ hours) Telephone: (413) 512-5214 planning@huntingtonma.us	
<u>Plumbing Inspector:</u>	Anthony Karella Plumbing permit applications may be obtained online at www.huntingtonma.us , or by calling the Selectboard office at (413) 512-5200.	Telephone: (413) 265-6290
<u>Police Department:</u>	Robert Garriepy, Chief Telephone: (413) 512-5213	Emergency: Dial 911
<u>Public Library:</u>	Amanda Loiselle, Director Fax: (413) 667-0088 www.thehuntingtonpubliclibrary.org	Telephone: (413) 512-5206 library@huntingtonma.us
<u>Public Library Trustees:</u>	Laurie Mikalunas Linda Siska Karen Wittshirk	
<u>Town Accountant:</u>	Richard Buley Office Hours: Wednesdays 4 - 8 p.m. or by appointment Telephone: (413) 512-5203	accountant@huntingtonma.us
<u>Town Clerk:</u>	Linda Hamlin Telephone: (413) 512-5209 Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Assistant Clerk: Bonnie Brown townclerk@huntingtonma.us
<u>Town Collector:</u>	Aimee Burnham treasurer@huntingtonma.us Office Hours: Mon., Tue., & Thu.: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Wed. 1 – 6 p.m.	Assistant Collector: Anna Horkun accountassist@huntingtonma.us Telephone: (413) 512-5208
<u>Town Treasurer:</u>	Aimee Burnham Telephone: (413) 512-5202 Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday by appointment	treasurer@huntingtonma.us
<u>Veterans' Agent:</u>	Edward Renauld Office Hours: By appointment	veterans@huntingtonma.us Telephone: (413) 575-6391
<u>Water and Sewer:</u>	Commissioners meet as needed. John Berry, Sewer Plant Operator Norene St. Martin, Water Plant Operator Kathy Engwer, Administrative Assistant Telephone: (413) 512-5207	waterandsewer@huntingtonma.us
<u>Zoning Board:</u>	Meets as needed. Please email Planning Board and leave a message to schedule appointment. Telephone: (413) 512-5214	

SELECTBOARD

2020 was a challenging year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 14, 2020, we decided to close all Town buildings to the public for the safety of our employees and the public. Buildings were re-opened on July 22 by appointment only. Residents are still encouraged to conduct as much business as possible with the Town by telephone, email, or mail. As always, payments for real estate, excise, and personal property taxes, as well as water & sewer, can be made on our website (www.huntingtonma.us) by following the “Pay Bills” link. Boards and committees have been holding their meetings by conference call and details for listening in are listed in the postings on our website.

A work group was formed to discuss pertinent issues related to COVID-19. The group consists of the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Emergency Management Director, Hilltown Community Ambulance Director, Board of Health Agent, and members of the Selectboard and Board of Health. We would like to thank the group for the many hours they put in and for being available for meetings on short notice as emergency issues arose.

The Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting were held on June 22 at the Gateway Regional Middle/High School’s Performing Arts Center. We are grateful to Gateway for granting us the use of their facility which allowed us to provide proper social distancing for those attending these important meetings.

Selectboard member Darlene McVeigh stepped down from the board on June 30 due to her move to Chesterfield. Her expertise and guidance with budgeting and other projects are greatly missed. Roger Booth, Jr. was elected to fill her position and quickly adapted to his new role. He has an extensive background in environmental and safety compliance and has provided much appreciated assistance with training and other issues related to COVID-19 guidelines.

After nearly eighteen years as Administrative Assistant, Helen Speckels retired on June 29. Helen was a pleasure to work with and always kept everyone right on schedule. Her assistant, Jennifer Peloquin, was appointed as Administrative Assistant on July 1.

A request for proposals for the purchase and development of property owned by the Town located at 1 Bromley Road was advertised in May. Voters at Annual Town Meeting approved the sale which allowed the sole bidder, Hilltown Community Ambulance Association, to purchase the property. The sale was completed in August and we are glad that HCAA has a permanent home in Huntington.

Thank you for the opportunity to work on your behalf serving this wonderful community. We hope you will join us in our efforts to build upon Huntington’s many strengths, preserve Huntington’s character, and enhance the things that make our community such a special place.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Renault, Chair

Roger Booth, Jr.

Karon Hathaway

MODERATOR

It is a privilege to serve as the Town Moderator for Huntington Town Meetings. The first Town Meeting was in 1620 and is the basic component of our Democratic Republic. The Town Meeting insures that you have the right to free speech and the ability to 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. I have included the guidelines for Town Meeting below. Please do not congregate before or after the meeting.

Guidelines for Annual Town Meeting 2021

1. The Special and Annual Town Meetings will be held for Huntington Registered Voters at Gateway Regional High School Auditorium, Monday, June 7, 2020 beginning at 6:30 pm with Tuesday, June 8 reserved in case of an extended meeting.
2. The meetings will follow the State Guidance for Town Meetings.
3. If, as a Town resident, you are “feeling sick, are exhibiting any of the following symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of smell), or have potentially been exposed to someone with confirmed or suspected COVID-19”, **YOU SHOULD NOT ATTEND TOWN MEETING.**
4. Social Distancing will apply to all attendees of the meeting. Attendees must have facial coverings until seated. Please be respectful of others.
5. **Please leave three empty seats and one row between individuals and household groups.** Members of the same household may sit together.
6. Two restrooms will be provided with cleaning staff in attendance to clean between uses.
7. Handouts will be available in individual packets. It is recommended that they not be shared.

Thank you for your participation.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Peterson III, Moderator

TOWN CLERK

Greetings to all of our Huntington residents! 2020 - where to start?

We held the March 3rd Presidential Primary just as the COVID-19 pandemic was becoming known, but just before all of the shutdowns occurred. We had a reasonable turnout (340) and a successful Primary. By the time our May 16th Municipal Election rolled around, Massachusetts, and most of the country, was on lockdown. However, SEC regulations required a physical election, despite all of the newly required expanded hours for In-Person Early Voting and the State Legislature's relaxing of rules to allow much more Early Voting By Mail. The Clerk had to draft a 2020 Election COVID-19 Plan and numerous measures had to be instituted to ensure the safety of voters and election workers who were willing to come in to work. We had two more elections: The September 1st State Primary and the November 3rd Presidential Election, both with respectable turnouts (255 and 702, respectively), despite the many hundreds (268 and 521, respectively), of Early In-Person and Vote By Mail voters.

Updates had to be made to the 2020 Election COVID-19 Plan and the whole election process had to be fine-tuned for each election. It was exhausting, and put this office behind on everything else.

Many election workers are older and at high risk with health concerns, so it was difficult to find enough brave souls to work. Fortunately, by the time that the fall elections rolled around, new temporary legislation had been enacted to allow us to hire workers from out of Town to fill in, as needed, for both fall elections with special permission. Since we had so few Huntington election workers available, we did hire some willing folks from out of Town to work to check-out voters, as well as greet and sanitize per the social distancing and sanitizing requirements. In addition, we were able to enlist some new Huntington election workers who were able to work as counters, as it was important to me for that job to be done by only Huntington voters.

A huge **"THANK YOU"** to all of our election workers for their tireless efforts in all four of these elections, including Constables Chip Dazelle, Jim Helems and Jeff Jorritsma, for keeping the ballot box ringing and everything orderly and the gentlemen in our faithful Fire Department, Police Chief Bob Garriepy, and our Constables, for helping Lois and me with the all of the setup and breakdown, especially of the heavier items. We would not have been able to hold those elections without all of their help, or the dedication of all of our table workers and counters who made the whole process move along seamlessly.

I would also like to acknowledge Lois Smith for all of her tireless diligence as Assistant Town Clerk and Election Worker for 2020. I was fairly new to the job as Town Clerk, but both Lois and I had worked elections and in the Clerk's office in the past, so I was thrilled when she said she would be willing to stay on until the end of the year to help out. She has been a lifesaver! She's helpful, motivated, enjoyable to work with, and I cannot thank her enough! Both the Senior and Veteran Tax Work-off Programs were suspended since early in the pandemic as Town Hall was closed. We both put in many more hours than normal trying to keep things humming along. Although all office hours are currently by appointment, I think we have been doing pretty well with meeting our residents' needs in a fairly timely manner. I sure hope you agree!

Finally, I want to thank our fellow residents and everyone working in Town Hall for their patience as this office has transitioned throughout the year. We really appreciate your tolerance!

Reminder: Dog tags for 2021 will be available soon, and the 2021 “doggy year” begins July 1. Please remember to return your Annual Street Listing (local census) forms if you have not already done so.

Office hours are: Mondays and Wednesdays 5:30 - 7:30 pm by appointment. I may be reached by phone at (413) 512-5209 or by e-mail at townclerk@huntingtonma.us. Email is always most efficient because I can check that remotely.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hamlin, Town Clerk

**TOWN CLERK
VITAL RECORDS 2020**

BIRTHS:

Jan. 12	Hunter Michael Lavalley Son of Greg Alan Lavalley & Jessica Rose King
Jan. 31	Odin Lawrence Grimm Son of Jared Louis Grimm & Courtney Michelle Preston
Feb. 10	Blake Antoni Wykowski Son of Nicholai James Wykowski & Megan Kay (Gromada) Carter
Feb. 19	Paislee Rayne Squires Daughter of Robby Lee Squires & Alisha Ann Hanlon
Feb. 26	Grace Barbara Pringle Daughter of Sean James Pringle & nee Sarah Jean Clark
April 10	Sawyer William Prickett Son of Joshua Russell Prickett & Emily Jayne Brida
May 5	Timothy Todd Kolodziej Son of Benjamin Aaron Kolodziej & Alysha Dee Langdon
May 5	Karlton Lee Amstutz Son of Dwayne Lee Amstutz & nee Angela Kay Zehr
June 25	Colton Haynes Groeber Son of Chad Stephen Groeber & nee Alexa Jordan Wheeler
June 25	Alfred Richard Pinard Son of Justin Roy Pinard & Jahala Sara Dufort
July 6	Brinn Ann Dubay Daughter of Jason Thomas Dubay & nee Samantha Regina Konsewicz
July 6	Raelynn Jo Foley Daughter of Ryan Patrick Foley & Grace Helen Johnson
July 20	McKenna Louise Boisseau Daughter of Bradley William Boisseau & Mackenzie Lynn Graham
July 28	Owen Leo Mosher Son of Dylan James Mosher & Olivia Evelyn Pych

Aug. 10 Lilly Lynn Labonte
Daughter of Christian Graham Labonte & nee Stephanie Lauren Suchecki

Aug. 21 Jackson William Hanks
Son of Stephen William Hanks & Kyrie Alexis Bretz

Sept. 12 Kaleb Austin Jorritsma (Adopt)
Son of Jeffrey R. Jorritsma & nee Leah M. Manyak

Sept. 25 Kinsley Marie Palecek
Daughter of Maegan Elizabeth Webb

Sept. 29 Freya Lynn Parsons
Daughter of Joshua Stephan Parsons & Sarah Elizabeth Pais

Oct. 27 Opal Lillian Radville
Daughter of Benjamin Mark Radville & nee Jourdan Marie-Merritt

Nov. 28 Tucker Anthony Gregg
Son of Jackson Ambrose Gregg & nee Kerissa Lyn Wright

MARRIAGES:

May 03 (Winslow) Stetson Hallowell & Erika Ruth Mueller @ Huntington

June 13 Brad Anthony Dawley & Samantha Kayla Beal Hickton @ Huntington

Oct. 04 Joseph Edward Kellam, Jr. & Pamela Kendra Vachon @ Huntington

Oct. 10 Richard Michael Cechvala, Jr. & Karen Ann Malinowski @ Hadley

Nov. 14 Assohoun Yves Richard Vogne & Rachael Lynn Ellithorpe @ Westfield

Dec. 11 Dominic James Boschetti & Elizabeth Marie Herrick @ Huntington

Dec. 17 Michael Edward Pena & Christina Marie Loura @ Huntington

DEATHS:

Jan. 07 Ronney Alton Grover, Age 78

Jan. 18 Charles Stanley Diemer Sr., Age 63, Husband of Laurie (Davis) Diemer

Jan. 23	Sandor Kovacs, Age 83
Feb. 01	Edith Louise (Roberts) Persiani, Age 90, Widow of Lee Persiani
Feb. 18	Edwin M. Lippman, Age 72, Husband of Margaret (McClellan) Lippman
Mar. 19	Thomas Gralinski, Age 69, Husband of Virginia R. Gralinski-Gillenwaters
April 21	Diane B. (Bingham) Knowlton, Age 80, Wife of Ronald D. Knowlton
April 29	David C. Hussey, Age 32
May 29	Jeffrey L. Mayhew, Age 55
June 02	Geraldine S. Gastone, Age 70
June 13	Glenn Alan Guzik, Age 61, Husband of Marilyn Ethel (Tobin) Guzik
June 27	Joyce Ellen (O'Brien) Popek, Age 85, Wife of Donald Emil Popek
July 01	Thomas Olin Hart, Age 76
July 09	Denise Mae (Snape) Plante, Age 64, Wife of Joseph Plante
July 14	Virginia (Hatch) Allaire, Age 82
Aug. 03	May C. (Miller) Diemer, Age 90, Widow of Henry R. Diemer Sr.
Aug. 08	Elaine B. (Barcomb) Brissette, Age 79, Wife of John M. Brissette
Sept. 15	Michael J. Porter, Age 70, Husband of Amy E. (Cunningham) Porter
Sept. 15	Robert T. Briand, Age 60
Sept. 23	Andrea Eleanor Marie Waldo, Age 32
Oct. 01	Kathleen S. Hungerford, Age 66
Oct. 23	David James Foster, Age 57, Husband of Karlene Mae (Hathaway) Foster
Oct. 26	Richard Albert Snape, Age 85, Husband of Sondra Hazel (Roukey) Snape
Dec. 14	Mary J. (Barr) Farrar, Age 70, Wife of Larry D. Farrar

**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY RESULTS
Tuesday, March 3, 2020**

Presidential Preference - Democrat	Bernie Sanders	(120)
	Joseph Biden	(100)
	Elizabeth Warren	(75)
	Michael Bloomberg	(25)
	Tulsi Gabard	(6)
	Others (Total of all)	(14)
Presidential Preference - Republican	Donald Trump	(110)
	William Weld	(14)
	Others	(1)
	No Preference	(1)
Presidential Preference - Libertarian	Vermin Lover Supreme	(1)
	No Preference	(1)
Presidential Preference - Green Rainbow	Kent Mesplay	(1)
State Committee Man - Democrat	Sherwood Guernsey II	(249)
	No Preference	(91)
State Committee Man - Republican	Michael Case	(82)
	Tyler James Hastings	(28)
	No Preference	(16)
State Committee Man - Libertarian	No Preference	(2)
State Committee Man - Green Rainbow	No Preference	(1)
State Committee Woman - Democrat	Mariette Rapetti Cawse	(251)
	No Preference	(89)
State Committee Woman - Republican	Robin Almgreen	(57)
	Christine Canning	(47)
	No Preference	(22)
State Committee Woman - Libertarian	No Preference	(2)
State Committee Woman - Green Rainbow	No Preference	(1)

Total Votes Cast: Democrat (340), Republican (126), Libertarian (2), Green Rainbow (1)

MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS

Saturday, May 16, 2020

Board of Selectmen - 3 yr	Karon Hathaway	(124)
	Others (All Combined)	(3)
	Blanks	(5)
Board of Selectmen - 2 yr	Roger Booth, Jr.	(106)
	Others	(1)
	Blanks	(25)
Moderator - 1 yr	George Peterson	(122)
	Blanks	(10)
Town Clerk - 1 yr	Linda Hamlin	(116)
	Others	(1)
	Blanks	(15)
Constable - 3 yr	Jeff Jorritsma	(113)
	Others	(1)
	Blanks	(18)
Board of Health - 3 yr	Jean Jackman	(103)
	Others (All Combined)	(2)
	Blanks	(27)
Board of Assessors - 3 yr	Erik Steins	(116)
	Blanks	(16)
Water/Sewer Com. - 3 yr	Charles Dazelle	(109)
	Wayne McKinney	(6)
	Blanks	(17)
Regional School Com. - 3 yr	Edward Renauld	(18)
	Others (All Combined)	(6)
	Blanks	(108)

Regional School Com. - 1 yr	Edward Renauld	(17)
	David Lubbers	(5)
	Others	(2)
	Blanks	(108)
Tree Warden - 1 yr	Walter Wittshirk	(116)
	Blanks	(16)
Trustee Library - 3 yr	Linda Siska	(24)
	Melissa Reid	(22)
	Others (All Combined)	(5)
	Blanks	(81)
Trustee, A.P. Pettis Fund - 3 yr	Judith Guyette	(112)
	Blanks	(20)
Trustee Whiting Street Fund - 3 yr	Lorena Belhumeur	(2)
	Others (All Combined)	(4)
	Blanks	(126)
Trustee Whiting Street Fund - 1 yr	Karon Hathaway	(117)
	Blanks	(15)

Total Ballots Cast: 132

STATE PRIMARY RESULTS
Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Senator in Congress - Republican	Kevin J. O'Connor (75) Shiva Ayyadurai (45) Blanks (1)
Senator in Congress – Democrat	Edward J. Markey (199) Joseph P. Kennedy (198) Blanks (0)
Senator in Congress - Libertarian	Joseph P. Kennedy (2) Edward J. Markey (1) Kevin O'Connor (1) Blanks (0)
Senator in Congress - Green Rainbow	Blanks (1)
Representative in Congress, 1st District – Democrat	Alex B. Morse (227) Richard E. Neal (168) Blanks (1)
Representative in Congress, 1st District - Republican	Alex Morse (50) Others (2) Blanks (69)
Representative in Congress, 1st District – Libertarian	Richard E. Neal (1) Alex Morse (1) Blanks (2)
Representative in Congress, 1st District – Green Rainbow	Blanks (1)
Councillor, 8th District – Democrat	Mary E. Hurley (343) Blanks (54)
Councillor, 8th District – Republican	Others (1) Blanks (120)
Councillor, 8th District – Libertarian	Mary E. Hurley (3) Blanks (1)
Councillor, 8th District – Green Rainbow	Blanks (1)
Representative in General Court - 1st Franklin District - Democrat	Natalie M. Blais (354) Blanks (43)

Representative in General Court - 1st Franklin District - Republican	Others (1) Blanks (120)
Representative in General Court - 1st Franklin District - Libertarian	Natalie M. Blais (1) Blanks (3)
Representative in General Court - 1st Franklin District - Green Rainbow	Blanks (1)
Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin & Hampden District Senator in General Court - Democrat	Adam G. Hinds (352) Blanks (45)
Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin & Hampden District Senator in General Court – Republican	Others (1) Blanks (120)
Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin & Hampden District Senator in General Court - Libertarian	Adam G. Hinds (2) Blanks (2)
Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin & Hampden District Senator in General Court - Green Rainbow	Blanks (1)
Register of Probate, Hampshire County - Republican	Others (1) Blanks (120)
Register of Probate, Hampshire County - Democrat	Michael J. Carey (346) Blanks (51)
Register of Probate, Hampshire County - Libertarian	Michael J. Carey (1) Blanks (3)
Register of Probate, Hampshire County - Green Rainbow	Blanks (1)
Total Ballots Cast: Republican (121), Democrat (397), Libertarian (4), Green Rainbow (1)	

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
PRESIDENTIAL/STATE ELECTION RESULTS
Tuesday, November 3, 2020

President & Vice President	Trump & Pence	(593)
	Biden & Harris	(585)
	Jorgensen & Cohen	(24)
	Hawkins and Walker	(13)
	Bernie Sanders	(2)
	No Preference	(6)
Senator in Congress	Kevin J. O'Connor	(594)
	Edward J. Markey	(585)
	Dr. Shiva	(21)
	Others	(1)
	No Preference	(22)
Representative in Congress 1st District	Richard E. Neal	(805)
	Alex Morse	(8)
	Others (All Combined)	(20)
	No Preference	(390)
Councillor, 8th District	Mary E. Hurley	(819)
	Others (All Combined)	(12)
	No Preference	(392)
Senator in General Court Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin & Hampden District	Adam G. Hinds	(810)
	Others (All Combined)	(14)
	No Preference	(399)
Representative in General Court 1st Franklin District	Natalie M. Blais	(797)
	Others (All Combined)	(13)
	No Preference	(413)
Register of Probate, Hampshire County	Michael J. Carey	(810)
	Others (All Combined)	(10)
	No Preference	(403)

Question # 1 (Statewide-Initiative Petition):

Should motor vehicle owners and independent repair facilities be provided with expanded access to mechanical data related to vehicle maintenance and repair?

Yes	(960)
No	(232)
Blanks	(31)

Question # 2 (Statewide-Initiative Petition):

Should a voting system known as 'ranked-choice voting' be used in primary and general elections for all Massachusetts statewide offices, state legislative offices, federal congressional offices, and certain other offices beginning in 2022?

Yes	(425)
No	(740)
Blanks	(58)

Question # 3 (3rd Hampshire District-Public Policy/Non-Binding):

Shall the representative for this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation that would require Massachusetts to achieve 100% renewable energy use within the next two decades, starting immediately and making significant progress within the first five years while protecting impacted workers and business?

Yes	(689)
No	(462)
Blanks	(72)

Question # 4 (3rd Hampshire District-Public Policy/Non-Binding):

Shall the representative for this district be instructed to vote in favor of changes to the applicable House of Representative rules to make the results of all the votes in that body's Legislative committees publicly available on the Legislature's website?

Yes	(942)
No	(201)
Blanks	(80)

Total Votes Cast: 1,223

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF HUNTINGTON**

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, June 22, 2020

6:30 pm

MINUTES

As directed, the voters of the Town of Huntington, qualified to vote in Town affairs, met in the auditorium at Gateway Regional Middle/High School, 12 Littleville Road, in said Huntington on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 6:30 pm, then and there took the following action:

The Town Moderator opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. He indicated that the warrant had been legally posted and a quorum had been reached. He then introduced the officials present:

Moderator: George Peterson
Town Clerk: Linda Hamlin
Constable: Chief Bob Garriepy
Selectboard: Karon Hathaway, Darlene McVeigh and newly elected Roger Booth
(Selectboard Chair Ed Renauld, was unable to attend because of unexpected work commitments)

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$13,000.00 for the following Operational Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

015231.000	Ambulance Service	\$ 4,600.00
015255.000	Wiring Inspector Fees	\$ 1,000.00
015422.005	Highway Sand & Salt	\$ 6,000.00
015422.007	Highway Road Maintenance	\$ 1,400.00

Selectboard recommendation: yes. Article passes with 2 opposed.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve. Meeting dissolved at 6:32 pm.

A quorum of 25 was present.

A true copy attest:

Linda Hamlin
Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF HUNTINGTON**

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

**Monday, June 22, 2020
7:00 pm**

MINUTES

As directed, the voters of the Town of Huntington, qualified to vote in Town affairs, met in the auditorium at Gateway Regional Middle/High School, 12 Littleville Road, in said Huntington on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 7:00 pm, then and there took the following action:

The Town Moderator opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. He indicated that the warrant had been legally posted and a quorum had been reached. He then introduced Treasurer, Aimee Burnham-Renauld to handle the memorials and honorariums.

Moderator:	George Peterson
Town Clerk:	Linda Hamlin
Constable:	Chief Bob Garriepy
Selectboard:	Karon Hathaway, Darlene McVeigh and newly elected Roger Booth
Treasurer:	Aimee Burnham-Renauld

Aimee Burnham-Renauld began the meeting with the honoring of the following people: Darlene McVeigh, to whom the Annual Town Report was dedicated, Tom Gralinski, last year's honoree, who had lost his fight to cancer in March of this year, Mary Heath and Barbara Paulson, both townspeople who passed away who gave a lot of positive energy to workers in Town Hall, Helen Speckels, Administrative Assistant for 18 years, who is retiring at the end of FY20 and the awarding of the Memorial Day Flag to Trooper Dean Lambert of The Mass State Police Russell Barracks for his assistance with both traffic control and the Veterans Ceremony. She also thanked local businesses who were able to stay open to service our needs during the most challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic and the essential workers in Town Hall, who all had to work harder and many more hours due to the pandemic.

The Moderator then called for a motion for the following consent calendar items (through Article 6) to be read through and voted together. **Motion was made and seconded. Motion carries unanimously.**

A motion was made and seconded:

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 2021 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.

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, 2020. Voters will designate line items voted separately; or take any other action relative thereto.
Motion was made and seconded. Article carries unanimously.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,838,780.00 as the Town's total assessment for the Gateway Regional School District as determined using the alternative assessment method for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021; or take any other action relative thereto.
Motion was made and seconded to amend article to change amount to the statutory amount of \$2,925,044.00. Motion passed. Motion was made and seconded. Article carries unanimously.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$626,967.00 for Huntington's costs for vocational tuition for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; or take any other action relative thereto.
Motion was made and seconded.
A question was asked how many VOC students were expected this fall. Darlene McVeigh answered "Over 30".
Article carries unanimously.

ARTICLE 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$81,423.30 for Huntington's share of the cost of vocational transportation for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion was made and seconded.

A question was asked whether there could be a renegotiation of transportation funding, should there be a change due to COVID-19. Darlene McVeigh answered "yes".

Article carries unanimously.

ARTICLE 11:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund Account #825590.006 the sum of \$163,500.00 to fund the \$140,755.00 increase in the Gateway Regional School District budget and \$22,745.00 of the increase in vocational tuition; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion was made and seconded. Article carries with 1 opposed.

ARTICLE 12:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$75,000.00 for the purpose of reducing the amount to be raised for taxation for the ensuing Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2020; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion was made and seconded. Article carries unanimously.

ARTICLE 13:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$12,000.00 to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund Account #244915.000; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion was made and seconded. Article carries unanimously.

ARTICLE 14:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$100,000.00 to the Capital Equipment Stabilization Fund Account #824590.011 for the purpose of funding future purchases of Town equipment; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion was made and seconded. Article carries unanimously.

ARTICLE 15:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$14,000.00 to the Economic Development Director Account #015182.000 for the Town's share of the operating costs of the Hilltown Collaborative, which includes the cost of hiring an Economic Development Director, for the ensuing Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2020; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Moderator had been contacted by several voters with a request to do a Ballot Box secret ballot for this article, so did so. The Ballot Box counters were Roger Booth, Darlene McVeigh and Jennifer Pelouquin. Article carries 25 "yes" to 22 "no".

ARTICLE 16:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$190,000 for the purchase and equipping of a new dump truck with all season body and plow frame to replace the 2007 Freightliner M2 dump truck for the Highway Department, including all incidental and related costs; and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow said sum pursuant to G.L. c.44, §§7 or 8 or any other enabling authority and issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and further that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c.44, §20; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion was made and seconded. Article carries with 1 opposed.

ARTICLE 17:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to convey a certain parcel of land, with improvements thereon, located at 1 Bromley Road, being Assessors' Parcel N1-3-0, described in a deed recorded with the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Book 11904, Page 189 to be used for public service purposes, on such terms and conditions as the Selectboard deems appropriate; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion was made and seconded. Article carries with 1 opposed.

ARTICLE 18:

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64G, Section 3A and thereafter, impose a six (6) percent local excise upon the transfer of occupancy of a room in a bed and breakfast establishment, hotel, lodging house, short-term rental or motel located within the Town pursuant to the definitions and procedures set forth in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64G, et seq., or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion was made and seconded. Article carries with 6 opposed.

ARTICLE 19:

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3 of the General Bylaws, Five Legal Posting Places, by changing the name of the section to "Six Legal Posting Places", replacing "Five" in the first sentence to "Six", and adding "B&D Variety Store" as the sixth posting place; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion was made and seconded. Article carries unanimously.

At 9:33 p.m., a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

A quorum of 25 was present.

A true copy attest:

Linda Hamlin
Town Clerk

COLLECTOR

This has been another exciting year in the Collector's office. Both Anna Horkun and I have settled into our 4rd year 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 are also excited to continue our credentialing process at UMass this summer through the Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Association (MCTA), hopefully, in person, but that is dependent on the status of COVID-19 at that time.

We continue to focus on past due accounts via Collections and Tax Title, although this year was different, because of COVID-19. We notify past due accounts with a letter campaign and then send demands. We have been seeing positive results. As I write this, I am preparing 2019 and 2020 "Tax Title Notice of Advertising" to start the lengthy Tax Title process. Although we do not like having to put properties into tax lien status, it is necessary to do so in order to collect overdue taxes for the Town. This process was slowed down, for obvious reasons, due to COVID-19, but is currently active.

Current Collector goals for the remainder of FY2021 and FY2022:

- All past due accounts for FY19 to be collected, or processed for Tax Title, by summer.
- Better communication and processes developed between the Collector and Assessors' Department.
- Review online banking options and make positive change, if applicable.

Lastly, I would like to send a heartfelt "thank you" to Anna Horkun, who provides excellent customer service and is truly my other half. In addition, I would like to also thank our other assistant, Kathy Engwer, who has become a valued counted upon member of our team. Both of these ladies are outstanding, and amazing every day, in their performance for our office and Town residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee E. Burnham, Collector

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 is usually the town taking ownership of the property. All tax title payments and redemptions flow 100% into the Town's free cash calculations. Listing of Tax Title properties are available upon request.

Amount of tax title monies 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
FY2019	\$64,080.13
FY2020	\$63,333.75

Borrowing

Items	Loan	Principal Payment	FY year pay off
Highway Truck	\$165,821.00	\$33,164.20	FY23
Fire Rescue Truck	\$ 80,508.79	\$16,101.76	FY24
Highway Dump Truck	\$184,765.00	\$36,953.00	FY26

I am available by appointment on Monday, Wednesday, and Sunday.

My e-mail is: treasurer@huntingtonma.us, or I may be reached at (413) 512-5202.

It is a pleasure working for the Town and its residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee E. Burnham, CMMT, Treasurer

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BALANCE SHEET-GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2020

	Funds				
Assets	<u>General</u>	<u>Stabilization</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	Governmental
					<u>Nonmajor</u>
					<u>Total</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	634,081	1,076,167	135,404	128,120	2,341,505
Investments	0	0	0	0	0
Receivables, net of					
Allowance for uncollectibles:					
Property Taxes	98,771	0	0	0	98,771
User Charges	0	0	46,422	58,513	104,935
Tax liens	232,878	0	2,730	2,906	238,515
Excise Taxes and other taxes	71,889	0	0	0	71,889
Due from other governments	0	0	0	0	0
Other	6,147	0	0	0	6,147
Total Assets	1,043,767	1,076,167	184,556	189,539	2,861,762
Liabilities & Fund Equity					
Liabilities:					
Warrants Payable	0	0	0	0	0
Accrued Payroll	0	0	0	0	0
Employee Withholdings	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred Revenue:					
Property Taxes	337,009	0	0	0	337,009
Other	71,689	0	49,152	61,419	182,260
Total liabilities	408,698	0	49,152	61,419	519,269

Fund Equity:									
Reserved for Encumbrances	111,064	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	111,064
Reserved for Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unreserved:									
Designated for									
Subsequent Year's Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Undesignated for Specific Purposes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
General Fund	524,005	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	524,005
Special Revenue	0	1,076,167	135,404	128,120	367,734	1,707,426			
Permanant Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Fund Equity	635,069	1,076,167	135,404	128,120	367,734	2,342,494			
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	1,043,767	1,076,167	184,556	189,539	367,734	2,861,762			

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	General	Stabilization	Water	Sewer	Non major	Governmental
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
Revenues:						
Property Taxes	3,806,615	0	0	0	0	3,806,615
Intergovernmental	688,250	0	0	0	0	688,250
Excise and Other Taxes	296,978	0	0	0	0	296,978
Charges for Services	92,942	0	96,398	148,810	0	338,150
Licenses, Permits and Fees	17,088	0	0	0	0	17,088
Interest on Taxes	22,126	0	1,864	2,001	0	25,991
Interest on Investments	5,791	11,383	0	0	0	17,174
Other	12,570	75,000	12,220	12,682	961,650	1,074,122
Total Revenues	4,942,360	86,383	110,482	163,493	961,650	6,264,368

Expenditures:

Current:						
General government	410,674	0	0	0	855,361	1,266,035
Public Safety	307,239	0	0	0	0	307,239
Public Works and Facilities	476,028	0	0	0	0	476,028
Water and Sewer	0	0	119,557	188,102	0	307,659
Education	3,302,353	0	0	0	0	3,302,353
Health and Human Services	35,860	0	0	0	0	35,860
Culture and Recreation	78,294	0	0	0	0	78,294
Employee Benefits and Ins.	189,959	0	0	0	0	189,959
State Assessments	6,522	0	0	0	0	6,522
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
GENERAL FUND: BUDGET and ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 6/30/2020

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>114-MODERATOR</u>			
Salary	550	275	275
Expenses	94	94	0
<u>122-SELECTPERSONS</u>			
Salary	4,936	4,936	0
Admin Asst Wages	42,164	42,164	0
Expenses	4,000	2,965	1,035
Admin Asst Exp	241	241	0
Legal Ads Expense	503	503	0
General Office Supplies	1,329	1,285	44
Copy Machine Expenses	2,437	2,437	0
TOTAL	55,610	54,531	1,079
<u>122-COMPUTER COMMITTEE</u>			
Computer Purch Expenses	3,981	3,981	0
IT Tech Support	11,000	10,834	166
Drug Testing	200	135	65
TOTAL	15,181	14,950	231
<u>131-FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>			
Expenses	0	0	0
Reserve Fund	1,500	0	1,500
TOTAL	1,500	0	1,500

135-ACCOUNTANT

Salary	14,860	14,860	0
Expenses	709	243	467
Software Support	4,207	4,207	0
Audit Expense	15,000	0	15,000
Acct Clerk Salary	5,602	4,234	1,368
TOTAL	40,378	23,543	16,835

137-ASSESSORS

Salaries	6,788	6,781	7
Expenses	3,695	1,536	2,159
Clerk Wages	12,750	10,067	2,683
Mapping Expenses	3,200	2,400	800
Software Support	3,700	3,700	0
Revaluation	2,500	2,500	0
TOTAL	32,633	26,984	5,649

138-TREASURER

Salary	17,914	17,835	79
Treasurer Certification Bonus	1,000	1,000	0
Expenses	4,500	3,760	740
Bank Service Chgs	100	0	100
Tax Title Expenses	0	0	0
P/R Software	314	50	264
Treas / Exp	3,900	2,374	1,526
TOTAL	27,728	25,019	2,708

139-COLLECTOR

Salary	8,116	8,116	0
Asst Col Wages	14,423	14,423	0
Expenses	5,220	5,220	0
Tax Taking	733	733	0
Collector Software Support	10,025	10,025	0
TOTAL	38,517	38,517	0

151-LEGAL

Legal Expenses	20,000	14,616	5,384
Legal Exps- Worthington	0	0	0
TOTAL	20,000	14,616	5,384

161/162-TOWN CLERK

Salary	14,957	14,957	0
Dog License Exp	500	497	3
Expenses	698	519	179
Census Superintendent	1,500	1,500	0
Census Expenses	1,201	1,201	0
Asst Clerk Salary	2,703	2,703	0
Election Workers Wages	1,417	1,353	64
Elect & Reg Expenses	775	775	0
TOTAL	23,752	23,505	247

171-CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Expenses	650	400	250
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172-PLANNING BOARD

Expenses	1,256	1,079	177
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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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182-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Director	14,000	14,000	0
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192-BUILDINGS & PROPERTY

Wages	9,272	7,767	1,505
Town Hall Utilities/Phone	21,572	21,416	156
North Hall Utilities	1,344	988	356
Stanton Hall Utilities	10,281	10,190	91
Town Mowing	5,530	5,325	205
Maintenance	57,279	57,279	0
North Hall Maintenance	4,700	2,615	2,085
TOTAL	109,977	105,581	4,397

193-LIABILITY INSURANCE

Workers' Compensation	7,508	7,508	0
Unemployment Insurance	1,270	733	537
Medicare	10,024	10,024	0
Town Buildings Insurance	32,192	32,192	0
Town Vehicle Insurance	14,730	14,730	0
TOTAL	65,725	65,188	537

196-REPORTS

Town Reports	2,392	2,392	0
Total General Government	450,592	410,674	39,918

210-POLICE

Chief Salary	70,025	70,025	0
Training Exps & Wages	32,549	26,017	6,532
Murrayfield Crossing Guard	2,040	1,944	96
Administration/Training	11,340	11,340	0
Vehicle Maintenance	11,250	10,654	596
Equipment	10,796	7,796	3,000
Building Maint	1,350	1,350	0
TOTAL	139,351	129,127	10,224

220-FIRE

Chief Salary	4,735	4,735	0
Hourly Wages	12,600	9,414	3,186
Fire Officer Salary	4,250	2,275	1,975
Training Wages	7,620	7,620	0
Building/Equipment Exps	25,500	24,287	1,213
Admin/Training Expenses	4,499	4,351	148
Utilities	8,850	7,350	1,500
Truck Maintenance	20,492	20,492	0
Repl Fire Hose	28	28	0
Fire Admin Assist	4,817	0	4,817
TOTAL	93,391	80,552	12,839

231-AMBULANCE

Ambulance Service	53,478	53,478	0
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251-BUILDING INSPECTOR

Expenses	18,376	18,376	0
Local Inspector	2,567	2,567	0
Dcode Book Updates	500	0	500
Continuing Education	600	0	600
Gas Inspector Fees	810	810	0
Plumbing Inspector Fees	743	685	58
Wiring Inspector Fees	2,175	2,175	0
TOTAL	25,770	24,612	1,158

291-CIVIL DEFENSE

Emergency Mgmt. Dir. Sal.	1,000	1,000	0
Expenses	1,000	948	52
Reverse 911	2,663	2,623	40
TOTAL	4,663	4,571	92

292-DOG OFFICER

Salary	1,271	1,271	0
Expenses	1,520	1,520	0
TOTAL	2,791	2,791	0

294-TREE SERVICES

Tree Warden Svce & Salary	800	800	0
Dutch Elm Disease	1	0	1
Forestry Service	1	0	1
Pest Control	0	0	0
Tree Removal Expense	11,216	11,216	0
TOTAL	12,018	12,016	2

299-CONSTABLE EXPENSE

Constable Expense	264	94	171
Total Public Safety	331,726	307,239	24,487

300-EDUCATION

Gateway Min Contribution	2,784,289	2,784,289	0
Ch 70 Voc Trans	84,670	57,140	27,530
Ch 70 Voc Tuition	510,000	460,924	49,076
Total Education	3,378,959	3,302,353	76,606

422/424-HIGHWAY

Superintendent	59,084	59,084	0
Hourly Wages	85,860	85,860	0
Overtime/Extra Help	16,223	16,223	0
Expenses	663	663	0
Utilities	12,719	12,719	0
Bldg/Equip Maintenance	36,951	36,951	0
Sand & Salt	55,694	55,694	0
Gas & Diesel Fuel	14,041	14,041	0
Road Maintenance	69,702	69,702	0
Uniforms	2,843	2,843	0
Admin/Training Expenses	890	890	0
Drug Testing	175	175	0
Equipment replacement	7,000	7,000	0
Street Lights	13,239	13,239	0
TOTAL	375,085	375,085	0

433-TRANSFER STATION

Wages	20,441	20,441	0
Hauling & Disposal	54,442	49,720	4,722
Misc/Maint	9,700	9,387	313
Utilities	1,800	1,210	590
Hilltown Mgt Res Co-Op	9,995	9,995	0
Hsehd Hazardous Mat Rem	3,500	1,386	2,114
Training	300	0	300
Basket St Landfill Monitor	22,190	8,302	13,887
TOTAL	122,369	100,443	21,926

440-SEWER

Commissioner Salaries	4,326	4,326	0
Wages	89,268	89,268	0
Workers Compensation	1,160	1,160	0
Unemployment	160	0	160
Health Insurance	6,306	5,733	573
Property Insurance	1,195	1,195	0
Vehicle Insurance	1,040	1,040	0
Utilities	17,317	17,317	0
Contractors	9,417	9,417	0
Building/Equipment Maint	32,286	32,286	0
Meter Pump Expense	4,243	4,243	0
Chemical Purchase	2,926	2,926	0
Waste Removal	9,480	9,480	0
Improvements	10,999	5,691	5,308
Software Support	4,019	4,019	0
Sewer Overtime	0	0	0
TOTAL	194,144	188,102	6,042

450-WATER

Commissioner Salaries	4,326	4,326	0
Wages	35,490	35,490	0
Workers Compensation	331	331	0
Unemployment	157	157	0
Property Insurance	2,210	2,210	0
Utilities	14,263	14,263	0
Vehicle Insurance	325	325	0
Analysis Tests	5,254	5,254	0
Analysis Chemicals	5,772	5,772	0
Contractors	11,445	11,445	0
Materials/Equipment	30,693	9,443	21,250
Improvements	32,801	24,051	8,750
Software Support	4,565	4,565	0
Meters	1,924	1,924	0
Other Support Employees	0	0	0
TOTAL	149,557	119,557	30,000

490-CEMETERY

Norwich Hill Cemetery	500	500	0
TOTAL	500	500	0
Total Public Works	841,655	783,687	57,968

510-BOARD of HEALTH

Salaries	4,485	4,485	0
Secretary Salary	6,382	6,382	0
Agent Wages	4,312	1,343	2,970
Nebbs Well Expenses	2,500	2,419	81
Health Nursing Fee	200	0	200
Animal Control Officer Salary	875	875	0
Perc Tests/Septic Tank Fees	1,500	150	1,350
TOTAL	20,254	15,653	4,601

541-COUNCIL ON AGING

5,000	4,454	546
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543-VETERANS' AGENT

Salary	3,121	3,121	0
Relief Benefits	15,000	11,631	3,369
Veterans Dinner	1,000	1,000	

TOTAL

19,121	15,752	3,369
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Total Human Services

44,375	35,859	8,516
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610-LIBRARY

Wages	44,408	42,939	1,469
Maintenance Wages	4,300	2,385	1,915
Maint/Repair/Supplies	11,899	4,064	7,835
Utilities	6,650	6,650	0
Books/Periodicals	15,461	8,456	7,005
Software Tech Support	1,950	1,769	181

TOTAL

84,668	66,263	18,405
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620-RECREATION COMMITTEE

Expenses	10,000	9,368	632
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650-661-HISTORIC & CULTURE

Historical Commission	400	0	400
Historical Society	500	456	44
Agricultural Commtee	150	0	150
St Thomas Loc Hist Distr	0	0	0
Memorial Day Parade	650	138	512
Community Events	3,000	2,069	931

TOTAL

4,700	2,663	2,037
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Total Culture & Recreation

99,368	78,294	20,442
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710/720-DEBT SERVICE

Fire Truck Loan	16,102	16,102	0
Hwy Truck Loan	33,164	33,164	0
Hwy Grader Loan	28,951	28,951	0
Fire Truck Interest	2,939	2,938	1
Hwy Truck Interest	4,378	4,378	0
Hwy Grader Interest	580	579	1
Short Term Interest	0	0	0
TOTAL	86,114	86,112	2

824-INTERGOVERNMENT

CS MV Excise Surcharge	2,600	2,600	0
CS Air Pollution Assmnt	559	559	0
CS Regional Transit	1,292	1,292	0
Hampshire Co Jail Assmt	2,071	2,071	0
Council of Govts Assmt	1,000	0	1,000
Hampshire Co Retirement	125,629	125,629	0
TOTAL	133,151	132,151.00	1,000

914-HEALTH INSURANCE

Police Health Ins	9,291	7,742	1,549
Highway Health Insurance	40,128	23,164	16,964
Library Health Ins	8,568	0	8,568
Police & Fire Disability Ins	18,726	17,939	787
Admin Health Ins	18,582	15,485	3,098
Construct Cable Network	70,418	70,418	0
TOTAL	165,713	134,747.66	30,965
Loss on Disposal of Town Property	0	0	0
Total Misc Expenses	384,978	353,011	31,966

Transfers

Stabilization	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,531,652	5,271,118	259,903

TOWN of HUNTINGTON

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Fund Balances			
	July 1, 2019	Revenue	Expenditures	June 30, 2020
	(42,906)	190,254	196,988	(49,640)
Chapter 90				
Special Revenue Funds:				
Utility Tractor Maint	671	0	650	21
Tax Title revolving	8,577	54,875	6,255	57,197
COA Donation A/C	7,488	12,390	13,545	6,333
COA Marketing Rev	0	2,046	108	1,938
Conservation Wetlands Fees	4,320	0	667	3,653
Murryfield Oil Tank Grant	3,386	0	0	3,386
Commun Devel Block Grants	6,099	307,881	300,098	13,882
Agricultural Commission	20	0	0	20
Bridge Grant	(378)	378	0	0
WellHead Protection	768	0	0	768
Sara Gillette Services-COA	111	0	0	111
Emergency Management	7,468	0	2,698	4,770
Library Building	8,471	0	0	8,471
Local Preparedness Grant	0	0	0	0
FEMA Grants	0	0	0	0
Grant: Goss Hill HMGP-4051-DR-MA	0	0	0	0
Grant: Senior Safe	2,115	0	0	2,115
Grant: Fire Dryer	0	0	5,600	(5,600)
Public Safety Edu Grant	0	0	0	0
Capital Expenditures	14,472	0	0	14,472
Stanton Hall Upkeep	5,577	8,521	5,925	8,173
Grant: Hope	0	0	1,170	(1,170)
Grant: Document Screening	16,500	0	16,105	395

Grant: CARA Police	2,500	0	0	2,500
GSRD Fuel	(1,510)	3,215	3,240	(1,535)
Green Grant	(35,163)	35,166	0	3
ZBA Escrow Funds	1,496	0	0	1,496
Cultural Council	5,082	4,913	3,521	6,473
BOH Spec Proj	4,880	0	0	4,880
State Aid to Libraries	2,579	3,655	0	6,234
Council on Aging-Formula	(310)	6,000	6,215	(525)
Council on Aging-Highland Valley	0	0	0	0
Grant: BOH Recycling	5,279	4,200	9,043	436
BOH Recycling	978	0	0	978
Grant: COVID-19 Public Health	0	5,560	5,560	0
Grant: Cares Act	0	22,000	0	22,000
Grant: COVID-19	0	0	5,446	(5,446)
FRTA	35,509	18,557	23,807	30,258
Town Prop Damage	1,548	0	0	1,548
Misc Pass Thru Exp	(1,475)	1,600	0	125
Ag Comm Small GT	1,000	0	0	1,000
Shared Legal Exps	0	0	0	0
OBEF	24,005	12,000	0	36,005
Total-Special Rev Funds	132,064	502,956	409,653	225,367
Trust Funds:				
Conservation Fund	11,521	194	0	11,715
Stanton Income Fund	118,577	17,030	0	135,607
Whiting Street Fund	1,372	4	0	1,377
Cemetery Perpetual Care	3,364	(48)	0	3,315
Stabilization Fund	1,035,201	11,383	70,418	976,167
Postwar Rehabilitation Fund	919	(12)	0	906
Recreation	126	0	0	126
Civic Welfare	4,067	336	0	4,403
Stabilization-Equip Fund	25,000	75,000	0	100,000
Total-Trust Funds	1,200,148	103,886	70,418	1,233,616

Agency Funds:

Due to Admin Asst-Fees	(15)	860	835	10
Extra Duty Police	(3,217)	35,902	32,646	39
Police Detail Admin Fees	11,648	1,049	0	12,696
Police Detail Cruiser Fees	0	1,036	0	1,036
Extra Duty Fire	66	0	0	66
Due to Collector-Fees	758	4,984	5,520	222
Due to Comm-Firearms Fund	4,427	8,625	7,738	5,314
Due to Comm-Fish & Game	930	150	0	1,079
Due to Deputy-Fees	(2,478)	13,419	10,940	1
Fire Permit Fees	1,415	1,890	2,065	1,240
Due to Town Clerk-Fees	20	1,803	1,803	20
W/H-Federal	10,182	41,692	50,902	972
W/H-Medicare	6,090	9,991	9,929	6,152
W/H-State	4,116	31,457	31,457	4,116
W/H-Retirement	(5,710)	56,507	50,852	(55)
W/H-Grp Ins	3,152	14,711	16,994	868
W/H-Life Ins	(83)	160	67	9
W/H OBRA	109	15,026	14,402	734
W/H-Other Payroll	1,595	8,122	9,711	7
W/H-Dental	(671)	3,555	2,853	32
Total-Agency Funds	32,332	250,937	248,712	34,557

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Buley

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors, along with the assessing staff provided under contract by Regional Resource Group, continues to assure the fair taxation of all Huntington properties.

During the past year, we continued to organize and update assessment records. Other efforts included inspecting property after building permits are processed, auditing property files for accuracy and completeness, and updating map changes.

Our Board strives to build and maintain good public relations. We provide our residents with:

- Abutters lists required for any property additions or alterations
- Mailings to those eligible for special tax classifications and exemptions
- Assistance in completing forms for residents who are eligible for exemptions
- Current property ownership information by processing registered deeds, name and address changes and other related information
- Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements
- Information on a host of tax and property assessment issues

As the town's principal revenue generator, the Assessors continue to review properties subject to taxation. We plan to enhance tax revenues by continuing to identify second homeowners and businesses whose personal property are subject to taxes, making sure that new construction is monitored and assessed, and that property given a certificate of occupancy is correctly assessed and taxed accordingly.

Other office activities include processing parcel divisions and other map changes, processing and reviewing all abatement requests, processing personal property forms, Chapter land applications, exemption applications, and preparing various Department of Revenue Reports.

New construction remained steady in 2020. The total value of real property in Huntington is set at \$193,737,319 for the current tax year, compared to \$182,491,067 for the previous year.

For Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021), the tax rate was set at \$19.99 per \$1,000 of valuation, which reflects a decrease of \$0.53 from the previous year. There were 32 single family real estate sales, as compared to 16 sales in the previous year. Our assessments on these properties, on average, were within 10% of the selling prices.

Residents can contact us by phone at (413) 512-5201 or email: assessors@huntingtonma.us.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Assessors: Sue Fopiano, Chair
Associate Assessor: Nohika Cherubin

Edward Renauld

Erik Steins

BOARD OF HEALTH

With a heavy heart, we said our final goodbyes to long-term board member Tom Hart.

As we all know, the COVID-19 pandemic struck globally. The dynamics of the Board of Health drastically changed this past year. With the onset of the pandemic, the COVID-19 Working Team was created, which highly involved the Board of Health. As new guidelines were released from the MA Department of Public Health, the Board of Health concentrated efforts on maintaining consistency with residents, businesses, municipal leaders, and the Gateway Regional School District.

The Board of Health continued our duties of overseeing food licensure and safe habitation standards, working with Health Agent Claudia Sarti. We also managed operations at the Huntington Transfer Station, along with Supervisor Lou Purinton. It was a long and challenging year, as we all persevered.

Thank you for your understanding and acceptance during this difficult time. As always, stay well.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Reid, Chair

Jean Jackman, Member

Melissa Nazzaro, Member

Katie Boisseau, Administrative Assistant

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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

In 2020, Huntington Emergency Management was part of the Town of Huntington COVID-19 working group from its inception. As the liaison to Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), Huntington EMD coordinated acquisition of personal protective equipment for the Town and participated in weekly conference calls with both local and State stakeholders.

The annual Emergency Management Preparedness Grant from MEMA was used to purchase additional equipment for the drone program, including a portable video monitor to broadcast video on scene.

The Huntington drone was requested multiple times in 2020 for situations in both Huntington and surrounding areas, some of those requests were:

- Missing elderly hunter stuck on the ice in Knightville Basin
- Request by Chesterfield Police to search for a missing person
- Request by Massachusetts State Police for mill fire in Russell
- Monitor crowd size and traffic at a local protest
- Ice rescue training with Huntington Fire Department
- Monitor Gateway's "drive through" diploma handout

In addition to the above, Huntington EMD attended multiple virtual meetings and trainings throughout the year. In collaboration with our emergency and non-emergency partners, we prepare for, and are ready to respond and recover from, many types of situations.

Working with MEMA, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the regional Homeland Security Council, Huntington is staying up to date on the latest trends and topics by attending meetings and trainings on a regular basis.

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.

2020 was certainly a challenging year for everyone in Emergency Services and our responders on the frontline of this pandemic. During this time, it caused us to need to learn and adapt quickly in new ways to continue to function well for you, the townspeople. It has been unfortunate that we were unable to participate in our normal public outreach and be more involved in the community, but instead needed to lean more on social media platforms to continue to reach people in their homes. Rest assured that your Fire Department was, and always is, at the ready to respond to all emergencies within the Town borders.

We have been continuing to solidify our local partnerships and work more closely with our mutual aid partners. Training, process improvement, professional development, and community outreach remained our top priorities throughout the year.

The Fire Department responded to **229** incidents in the last year. We understand that when you call us you may very well be having the worst day of your life. We are committed to protecting life, property, and the environment, by providing professional emergency services to you, the public.

Our Call Volume for the Calendar year of 2020

Building Fires - 6
Cooking Fires - 1
Chimney Fires - 1
Trash Fires - 5
Road Freight Fires - 1
Equipment Fires - 2
Brush/Grass/Wildland Fires - 7
Water/Land/Search Rescues - 4
Motor Vehicle Accidents - 13
Medical Services - 152
Hazardous Conditions - 9
In Service Calls - 5
Good Intent/Investigation - 21
Severe Weather - 2

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Ellinger, Fire Chief

POLICE DEPARTMENT

2020 was, to say the least, an interesting year, as the COVID-19 Pandemic soon became the focal point in changing our methods of response, and the apparel we responded with, by adding gowns, gloves, and face shields to our daily wardrobe. Our department quickly adapted to an environment changing daily with great uncertainty of the future and what was coming next.

Throughout the year, we were confronted with constant change and adaptation with the closing of the Knightville and Littleville Dam Recreation Areas, along with the CM Gardner State Park, because of the “COVID-19 shutdown” ordered by the Governor. This caused great inconvenience to both residents, and would be users of the facilities, with numerous parking complaints and people trespassing on private property. As time passed in late spring, Littleville and CM Gardner re-opened to the public with limited capacity, but Knightville remained closed until fall.

In late August, a protest at The Huntington Country Store was organized by a group outside of the community over the wording of a COVID-19 precaution sign that was displayed for the safety of the patrons. The protest was met with resistance by community members and turned into a free speech event with an estimated 150 in attendance. Additional resources were provided from the Mass State Police to assist with the event to ensure the safety of all.

The CARES Act funding that the town received from the Federal Government allowed the police department to replace aging computer equipment in each cruiser. This, in combination with a grant from the Department of Criminal Justice Information Services (the Motor Vehicle Automated Citation and Crash System Grant), allows more time on the road for officers and less time in the office. This grant provides enforcement of standard business rules to help ensure accuracy and consistency of data, collects data to quickly produce the Crash Motor Vehicle Exchange Form, electronically issues motor vehicle citations, and maximizes automatic pre-filling of many data elements to eliminate human errors when keying information.

With the recent passage of the “Police Reform Bill” taking a forefront, there is a new unknown factor in policing in the future of our community. Our past goals and objectives have changed with our priority being redirected to training and compliance over the next three years.

911 Incident Statistics for the Calendar Year 2020

911 Hang Ups - 6
911 Misdials - 5
Accidents, Motor Vehicle - 23
Accidents, Property Damage - 9
Accidents, Injury - 4
Accidents, Hit and Run - 1
Alarms - 38
Alarm Panic - 1
Animal Complaints - 22
Arrest & Summons - 3

- Assist Other Agency - 9
 - Assaults - 2
 - Assist Citizen - 27
 - B&E Building - 1
 - B&E, Past - 4
 - Building Checks - 326
 - By Law Violation - 1
 - CJIS Inquiry - 1
 - Community Service - 1
 - Disturbances - 21
 - Domestic Disturbances - 9
 - Disabled M/V - 21
 - Fire Alarms - 9
 - Fires, Brush - 9
 - Fire/CO Alarms - 4
 - Fire Inspections - 2
 - Fires, Structure - 2
 - Fires, Other - 28
 - Fraud - 7
 - Harassment - 2
 - Hazardous Materials Incident - 1
 - Investigations - 5
 - Juvenile Offences - 1
 - Larceny - 1
 - Lockouts - 2
 - LTC - 87
 - M/V Stops/Violation - 41
 - M/V Complaint - 21
 - Medical Assist - 171
 - Missing Persons - 5
 - Noise Complaints - 3
 - Paperwork Services - 7
 - Parking Complaints - 8
 - Property Lost/Found - 3
 - Psychological Emergencies - 3
 - Road Conditions - 1
 - Safety Hazards - 31
 - Serve Harassment Protection Order - 1
 - Shots Fired - 4
 - Suspicious Activity - 5
 - Suspicious Person - 11
 - Suspicious Vehicle - 6
 - Serve Warrant - 1
 - Threat Made - 1
 - Trace Call - 2
 - Traffic Enforcement - 6

Traffic Hazard - 27
Trespass - 3
Training - 1
Unwanted Person - 2
Vandalism - 1
Welfare Check - 27

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of the community for their continued support, and to extend my appreciation to my fellow officers for their commitment to providing the highest level of professionalism and service to the Town of Huntington.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Garriepy, Chief of Police

HILLTOWN COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

In 2020, Hilltown Community Ambulance Association (HCAA) responded to 187 calls in the town of Huntington. We responded to 77% of these calls at the paramedic level.

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented unique concerns for our small service. With only 27-35 employees throughout the year, we were extra careful to prevent exposures among, and between, our staff. With a successful PPP loan application, we were able to afford to be cautious when employees had near-exposures in their personal life. Since February of 2020, we had 29 shifts to fill because of quarantines, with only one employee testing positive from a confirmed exposure at another job. In each of these cases, we were able to fill the shifts utilizing other employees. We have not experienced any PPE shortages, thanks to being well stocked at the start of the pandemic and ordering the supplies our crews needed early. We were, at times, able to share our supplies with our first responders, and we also had first responder agencies that were able to share supplies with us as well. Throughout the duration of the pandemic, we have only lost one employee due to relocation, and we still have a robust queue of EMT applicants. We feel that our successful internal protocols and decisions, with regard to the pandemic, have helped us maintain operational stability.

Like everyone else, we look forward to returning to more normal day-to-day operations, and are anxiously awaiting being able to hold our regular fundraisers. We would like to thank the many generous Huntington residents who have donated to HCAA throughout this pandemic. Those donations helped us with our goal of purchasing the building where our ambulance is headquartered, and we closed on that transaction in August of 2020. This acquisition has provided us with even more security, and we have begun the process of planning an addition to allow us to comply with OSHA standards and recommendations, by creating a decontamination area and separate crew quarters. Our plans also include a training space in order to continue our work with HCAA Academy.

If you would like to help HCAA develop and carry out our mission, please consider joining our Board of Directors. No medical experience is necessary. We are looking for people with experience in communications, marketing and grant writing. Please call me if you would like to discuss this opportunity.

It has been an honor to provide ambulance service to the Town of Huntington during this global crisis. Our thoughts are with the residents of our communities who have been affected, and we are incredibly grateful to the members of Huntington Fire Department who have navigated these uncharted waters with us. You can contact me at angelamulkerin@hilltownambulance.org or (413) 454-3728.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Mulkerin, Service Director, HCAA, EMT-P

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Despite the COVID-19 global pandemic making this one of the most challenging years to date, dedicated Highway Superintendent Charles Dazelle and his staff, Gary Dahill and Daniel Donovan, have again made progress with our Town's roadway system.

The Highway Department has completed the blacktopping of Old Chester Road, as well as replacing the drainage ditches and guard rails. Lowell Lane also received new blacktop to meet the new construction standards. The Town being awarded a \$514,000 grant for Kennedy Drive to reconstruct new drainage, roadbed, base, and blacktop was a huge help. Construction to Kennedy Drive began in October 2020 and is scheduled to be completed in spring 2021. The actual bid for the Kennedy Drive project came in at \$430,094.10 so we had some extra money to do a little more needed work. The culvert has been purchased for Goss Hill construction in 2021. We have ordered the new 2021 International heavy-duty truck approved at Town Meeting to replace the failing 2007 Freightliner. Our cherished 2009 Chevy 1-ton pickup is overdue for replacement and underwent major repairs costing \$11,000, which we hope will get it through another season.

With the Selectboard trying to set the budget while working with all departments, it is sometimes difficult to keep up with what we need. We were very disappointed to learn that the Town had again been denied for the Mass Works grant for Route 66. Given the unprecedented times we are all facing, the entire staff at the Highway Department thanks you for your time and wishes you a happy and healthy year to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Dazelle, Superintendent
Melissa Reid, Secretary

Gary Dahill

Daniel Donovan

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Required by the Massachusetts Building Code CMR 780 Section 110.1:

“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 this code without first filing a written application with the building official and obtaining the required permit therefor.”*

Swimming Pools with water deeper than 24” and Hot Tubs are considered Accessory Structures and each require a Building Permit.

In 2020, there were 110 permits issued for a total project value of \$2,572,855.69.
Total Permit Fees were \$16,908.76.

Wood and Pellet Stoves	11	Reroofs	19
Window Replacement	11	Decks	2
Repairs	2	Garages	2
Additions	4	Demolition	1
Accessory Buildings	4	New Dwellings	4
P.V. Solar	5	Insulation and Seal	21
Misc.	18		

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Peterson III, Building Commissioner

ELECTRICAL, GAS FITTING AND PLUMBING PERMITS

	Electrical	Gas Fitting	Plumbing
Residential	26	16	11
Commercial	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	34	17	12

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation 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.

2020 was a quiet year, due in great part to the Coronavirus pandemic. We acted on four applications during the year. We approved one Request for Determination for a sewer replacement on Stage Road. We also approved a Notice of Intent for an addition to a house on Cook Road. Two applications for work on the bank of Norwich Pond were withdrawn, because the DEP was not satisfied with the plans to stabilize the shoreline. The Town submitted an application to create a parking lot across from North Hall in a town-owned vacant lot, but has not yet moved forward on that project.

Commission members performed over a dozen site inspections for the projects mentioned above, as well as responded to questions or complaints. In several cases, we found that the projects were exempt from the Wetlands Act, so the work could proceed without any further application to the Commission. We reviewed Forest Cutting Plans to assure that wetlands are protected during timber harvests and worked with the Building Inspector to assist people to understand the requirements of the Wetlands Act before they could begin construction.

We are pleased that Barbara Kowal joined the Commission with her husband, Andy, who has been on the Commission for a few years. We are working on establishing a regular schedule for meetings, which have not been predictable, due to the availability of Stanton Hall to meet in person, or the scheduling of Webex remote meetings on nights that other boards do not need to use the service. We welcome public participation in any of our meetings, which can be accessed remotely by clicking on a link in the agenda. The Conservation Commission agenda is posted on the Town website at least 72 hours before a meeting is due to be held.

Respectfully submitted,

Helena Alves, Chair
Jonathan Mauterer

Ross Hackerson
Susan McIntosh

Andy Kowal
Michael Vorwerk

Barbara Kowal

PLANNING BOARD

2020 was a frustrating year for the Planning Board (PB) because of COVID-19 and the challenges that presented to all of us. Although scheduled to meet every other week, we often met weekly as we could get a quorum. Because of COVID-19, there were few ANR plans submitted before the end of the year and there were a half dozen submitted at that time. The Board is still working through those plans, as there were issues with each one, which made them incorrect, or incomplete.

We were unable to apply for a planning grant from Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) this year, but hope to in 2021 or 2022 to get back on track. Our long-term goal is to get the Zoning Bylaw, General Bylaw and Subdivision Rules and Regulations reviewed and consistent with one another to help future Building Commissioners, Planning Boards and Zoning Boards of Appeal with their land use governance.

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, currently via Zoom, and there are also quite a few training documents available for download, or from the Planning Board to share.

We are now short three regular members, and therefore not always able to get a quorum ourselves, so we also would welcome inquiries.

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

Should you have any interest in serving on either the Planning Board or ZBA, please notify Jennifer in the Selectboard office (413-512-5200) and she will notify us, or you can contact us directly at planning@huntingtonma.us. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Grabowski, Alternate
Evey Korfias, Secretary

Linda Hamlin, Chair
Jeff Wyand, Vice 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 making a quorum for holding meetings.

Currently, the ZBA only meets 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, although in 2020, all meetings were held via Zoom. 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.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 made 2020 an impossible year for applicants and board members alike. Residents have complained about several new businesses which have popped up without applying for their necessary Special Permits. We are waiting for them to apply in 2021.

The Board currently has 2 openings for regular members and the current members would really like it to be easier to get a quorum with 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 and would like to make a difference, please consider joining the ZBA. Please fill out the Talent Bank Form in this Annual Report, or email planning@huntingtonma.us. It would be greatly appreciated. The Selectboard does all of the appointments, so the Talent Bank Forms should go to them. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Minella-Sena, Member

Ed Grabowski, Alternate

Karon Hathaway, Alternate

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.

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

WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT

The Sewer Plant had an energy audit done in preparation for an Eversource/Green Community Grant to upgrade the motors, pumps heaters and lighting in the building. The purpose of this project is to lower our electric costs with newer energy efficient equipment. One of the pumps included in this project failed in December and had to be replaced immediately. The Sewer plant maintains 4 separate pumps on Old Chester Road. Over the last year, all 4 of those pumps also failed and had to be replaced. The average age of all these pumps is about 20 to 30 years and it was in the plan to replace them.

The generator at the Sewer Plant started for its last time in August and a new one will be installed, and because it was storm-related, insurance will pay for it, as well as the cost of the rental generator needed until the new one arrived.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) performed a Sanitary Survey at the Water Plant and provided a list of requirements and recommendations with timelines to meet. The Water & Sewer Commissioners hired Tighe & Bond to develop a 4 stage plan for improvements, which includes plumbing and electric, as well as future alarm and electronic upgrades. The plumbing project was completed, and the electronic project will be out to bid in 2021, with completion expected in early 2022.

Mass Rural Water is working on a GIS Mapping System of all water shut offs. This will enable the Water Department to easily locate a shut off during an emergency. The mapping will be completed in the spring of 2021.

All scales used for laboratory reading and samples, at both the water and sewer plant, were calibrated by a licensed professional as required on an annual basis.

The yearly Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) was mailed to all water users, as well as posted at Town Hall, Moltenbrey's Market, B&D Variety and the Post Office. The CCR report is a snapshot of the quality of the drinking water that was provided in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A Engwer, Admin Assistant

Commissioners: Charles Dazelle

H. Dan Oliveira

Angelique Toroni

COUNCIL ON AGING

We held our annual volunteer appreciation luncheon at the Chester Common Table in January. We invited thirty-five volunteers and twenty accepted our invitation. We want to continue to build our volunteer network. There were new volunteers joining our ranks, but due to COVID-19 risks, the program had to be curtailed. Take heart - we will be calling on you in the future.

In February, we held our last social event for the year due to COVID-19. Our Valentine's Winter Birthday Party was a great success with live entertainment by Old Country Road Band, which was supported by a Huntington Cultural Council grant.

Despite the pandemic, we were still able to continue our food programs. Brown Bag continued every third Friday with the support of Town employees. Highland Valley Elder Services provided a 10-pound frozen meat package which was distributed to seniors using a drive-by pick up. The CISA and farmers' market coupons continued this year, and the pop-up Mobile Market took place weekly. The CDC also provided a new "Hilltown Food Bucks" program for the Hilltown communities.

FRTA services continued to provide needed transportation services for our seniors during COVID-19.

We received a grant from Sarah Gillett Services for the Elderly, Inc. for a second printing of our resource guide. The guide is currently being revised. We also received a grant, from Title IIIB Cares Act through Highland Valley Elder Services, for three laptops for board members, and six tablets for seniors to borrow from the Huntington Library.

The Veterans' Dinner was held as a takeout venue. Darryl Fisk of Moltenbrey's Market cooked the prime rib, Edward Renauld and Robert Garriepy carved the meat, Aimee Burnham and Helen Speckels prepared the salad and potatoes, and Karon Hathaway provided the cupcakes. The rest of the board members packed and served 100 curbside meals, including face masks provided by Highland Valley Elder Services.

Working with our Fire Department and TRIAD, a collaboration of Hampshire Sheriff's Department and Northwestern District Attorney's Office, we were again able to provide the Sand for Seniors Program for winter 2020-2021.

The COA has an inventory of medical equipment on hand for any member of the community. Call 413-512-5205 if you need anything or you have something to donate.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Peterson, Chairwoman
Anna Horkun, Treasurer
Debra Page

Helen Speckels, Vice Chairwoman
Nancy Kaminski
Peri Sossaman, Alternate

HUNTINGTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Cultural Council awarded to the following grant recipients for the 2020 cycle:

Littleville Fair - Musical Performance - \$142
Gregory Maichack - Pastel Painting at Huntington Library - \$499
Huntington COA - Live Entertainment - \$600
Beth Guertin/Gateway - Springfield Symphony Concert - \$130
Sevenars - Concert Series - \$500
Steve Hamlin - Adult-Level Watercolor Instruction - \$665
North Hall Association - A Season of Arts - \$600
Vicki Mayhew/Huntington Community Events - Free Summer Music Series - \$900
Gateway Regional HS Art/Mark Donovan - MassMOCA Field Trip - \$100
Renee Mosher/Littleville Elementary - Woodwind Quintet Concert - \$200
Pied Potter Hamelin - Magic Potter's Wheel/Littleville Elementary - \$380
Beth Guertin/Gateway - Guest Artist Series - \$400

Total Recipients: 12

Total Dollars Granted: \$5,116

5 Grants Paid Out

7 Cancelled Due to COVID-19

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Beane
Gary Winsor

Amanda Loiselle
Lynn Winsor

Linda Siska

Peri Sossaman

HUNTINGTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

For most of 2020, the Huntington Historical Commission has been inactive and not conducting monthly meetings, due to restrictions and safety concerns caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, with a light at the end of the tunnel for 2021, due to the rolling out of vaccines for the virus, we may be able to return to a normal schedule soon. The Historical Commission will resume monthly meetings once it is deemed safe to do so.

Please bring any emergencies, or concerns of a historical nature, to the attention of David Norton. He can be reached by e-mail at dsnorton@msn.com or by phone at (413) 667-3453.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Minella-Sena David Norton, Chair Jeff Penn Karen Wittshirk

HUNTINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Huntington Historical Society has been inactive and unable to conduct monthly meetings, open houses at the School House Museum, or special events, due to safety concerns caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. We will resume these activities as soon as it is deemed safe to do so in 2021.

Throughout this pandemic, we have continued to perform a number of research requests for individuals who were searching for information about their Norwich/Huntington ancestors. For those interested in our research services, please go to our website which is a part of the Town's website (huntingtonma.us), or email us at hunthistsoc@gmail.com. Requests can also be directed to David Norton, either at dsnorton@msn.com, or by phone at (413) 667-3453 or by mail at P.O. Box 373, Huntington, MA 01050-0373.

Please consider joining the Historical Society, as we are always looking for new members and ideas. Since we are not meeting on a regular basis yet for 2021, please contact David Norton for membership information.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Eldredge, Secretary Vicki Mayhew, Treasurer David Norton, President

LIBRARY

Library Holdings: 9,519
Registered Library Patrons: 1,386
Computer Use (Including Wi-Fi): 416
Inter-Library Loan from other Libraries: 345
Huntington Material Loaned to Other Libraries: 117
Programs & Attendance: Programs 3, Attendance 20

Total Attendance: 920
Circulation of Town Material: 1,151
Questions: 89

Near the end of December, a pipe burst in one of the Library's two bathrooms resulting in water damage. To make repairs, the library closed to the public on December 23, 2019 and reopened on January 11, 2020. While closed, the building's carpet was replaced, new outlets were installed, and the inside was repainted. During this time, staff continued to offer services to the public through curbside pick-up and weeded out the Library's collection. On March 14, 2020, the Library closed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff returned to the building and resumed curbside services in June 2020, but the building is still closed to the public.

Programs held at the Library in 2020 included: "Birds in Winter" with Lois Kiraly and "Drop-in Tech Support" with the Southern Hilltown Adult Education Center. The Library was scheduled to host "The Miracle Flower" Pastel Painting Workshop with Gregory Maichack, but altered the program from in-person to take-home in response to COVID-19 protocols. Six Samsung Galaxy Tablets were also bought by the Huntington Council on Aging as part of a Senior Tablet Loan Program and are available for 2-week loan through the Library.

Chad Pelley resigned from his position as Assistant Director. Amanda Loiselle received her Subprofessional Certificate of Librarianship from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and staff received ongoing professional development courses from the Massachusetts Library System. The Library also maintained certification by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and State Aid.

The Huntington Public Library Foundation, the Friends of the Huntington Public Library, and the Department of Children and Families all used the Library to conduct meetings.

The Huntington Public Library Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) non-profit that was formed to manage trust funds and any other donations made to the Library.

Curbside Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 2-6 pm

Contact: Telephone (413) 512-5206 Fax (413) 667-0088

Email: library@huntingtonma.us

Website: <https://thehuntingtonpubliclibrary.wordpress.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HuntingtonPublicLibrary>

The staff of the Huntington Public Library would like to thank the Town of Huntington and its surrounding communities for your continued support throughout 2020. Without you, there would not continue to be a library.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Loiselle, Library Director

NORTH HALL

The North Hall Advisory Committee reports that due to COVID-19 and following all State and Town Boards' guidelines and directions, the North Hall remained closed in 2020.

While the North Hall Association was not able to hold its annual **Historic North Hall Arts Festival 2020** bringing LIVE music on the North Hall stage, the Historic North Hall Arts Festival offered **2020 VIRTUAL MUSIC** from some of its scheduled performers.

By visiting www.northhallhuntington.org, the community is invited to look for performers with "LISTEN TO":

- **Tenor Antonio Abate** with **piano accompanist Jerome Tan** performing "Bringing Joy to Others", a selection of popular songs and opera arias
- **José González's Criollo Clasico** music videos with a blend of classical, folk, and contemporary Latin rhythms. Playing with González are his sons, Ahmed González on flute and guitar, and René González on percussion
- **Khalif Neville** of the Khalif Neville Trio with music from his album **WISHIN'**
- **Jerry Noble** of **The Bob Sparkman Trio** shares his compositions "Songs of Hope", a series of duets for, and with, various musicians
- **Old Country Road Band** sharing vintage country music videos performed at different venues
- Several local performers that have played at the **Open Mic Music Jams**, including Larry Tully, Jeff Penn and Ed Bentley, share some music

New North Hall Sign

The North Hall Association used the festival season to update the badly deteriorated North Hall sign with a brand new one ready for the 2021 season. Thanks to North Hall Association member, Steve Hamlin, for preparing and installing it.

The North Hall Advisory Committee extends a thank you to Bill Hall for groundskeeping, the North Hall Association Board Members for their volunteer efforts, and all who have made donations and given support. Many thanks to all!

We look forward to continued community use of the North Hall and to another year of the North Hall Association's upcoming 11th year Arts Festival Season for 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Kaminski Susan McIntosh Jeff Penn Peri Sossaman Nancy Webb

COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Community Events Committee hung American flags in town from May through September.

As usual, our biggest event was the Huntington Free Summer Music Series on the Town Green. The first week usually consists of a picnic with hamburgers/hotdogs, popcorn, lemonade and cake, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were unable to offer this in 2020. Our music was also shortened to 4 weeks, beginning at the end of July. Musical guests were The Brian & Vicky Show, A Ray of Elvis, Rock 201 and Rosie Porter & The Neon Moons. There were no bake sales this year because of the pandemic. New COVID-19 mandates by the Governor, which restricted the number of people at outdoor gatherings, were implemented halfway through the series. Therefore, the remaining two performances played virtually with online concerts. The Committee was glad they had this back-up plan in place in the event of any changes. The series was partially funded by a Massachusetts Cultural Council Grant.

The Committee decorated downtown buildings, light posts and the gazebo for the holidays. In December, we hosted a gingerbread house to-go event, since meeting in person was not an option. Approximately 20 families signed up for a drive-thru package pick-up, each consisting of a “decorate at home” gingerbread house, with extra decorations assembled by the Committee. Photos were shared on Facebook for others to view.

Respectfully submitted,

John Knox

Lisa Lansing

Vicki Mayhew, Chair

RECREATION COMMITTEE

In April, the Recreation Committee had to cancel the Annual Egg Hunt, because of the COVID-19 virus. In its place, we organized the Huntington Safari Hunt. Families participated by placing stuffed animals in their windows or outside of their homes. A map was created of the homes that were participating, and people were able to drive the route with their families to view the various “wildlife.” About 30 families participated by decorating, and many more by driving the route to see the animals.

In place of our usual summer camp, the committee ran a Huntington Summer Fun for Kids program. This included activities planned by our Camp Director and a Camp Instructor for children in the grades 3-5 age group to participate in with their families. The committee members worked together to put all of the individual packets together, which included: Art supplies, toys, and a packet of activities to complete. Families completed the activities on their own, and were able to share experiences online with the camp community. About 50 families participated.

In September, we sponsored an apple picking event. We had a beautiful day and the farm had a wide selection of apples. About 25 families participated this year. In October, activities needed to be adjusted again, due to COVID-19, so our Trunk or Treat event had to be cancelled this year. However, we were able to organize the Huntington Scarecrow Tour. Participants did a wonderful job filling their yards with a wide variety of scarecrows and many people enjoyed driving through Town to view them.

In November, the committee teamed up with a local non-profit agency, “It Takes a Village”, which is now located in the former Catholic Church building. We helped to organize a drive for needed donations to the recently opened “The Village Closet”, a division of “It Takes a Village”. “The Village Closet” provides diapers, clothes, toys, and baby items to families free of charge.

In December, the committee organized a Holiday Lights and Door Decorating Event, in place of our usual Santa Event. To help spread some holiday cheer, participants decorated their doors and/or houses with lights. Families were able to follow a map of the participants and drive through Town to view, both during the day and at night. About 25 families decorated their houses. Participants were entered into a raffle to win prizes that supported our local businesses.

Respectfully submitted,

Fawn Busby

Melissa Green

Vicki Mayhew

STANTON HALL

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Stanton Hall has been closed for use by outside groups since March 2020. It continues to be used for Town board and committee meetings, elections, and Brown Bag and CISA farm produce distribution.

Prior to the pandemic, the hall was available for special functions and events, such as parties, weddings, showers, receptions, craft fairs, fashion shows, dance recitals, 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 preparation. If the hall becomes open to the public again, please contact Jennifer Peloquin in the Selectboard Office at (413) 512-5200 or admin@huntingtonma.us for rental information.

Past groups and events have included:

Art Classes
Birthday Parties
Brown Bag Program
Chair Yoga
CISA Farm Produce
COA Health Fair & Flu Clinic
Council on Aging Events
Craft Fair
Dance Recitals
Election Voting Site
Fall Festival
Fitness Classes
Floralia Dance Company
Gateway Youth Athletic Association
Girl Scouts
Grandparents' Day Celebration
Highland Foot Path Meetings
Hilltown Community Health Centers

Historical Society
Legislator Hours
Little League
Music on the Green
Open Mic Music Sessions
Red Cross Blood Drives
Santa Claus
Sign Making Class
St. Patrick's Day Luncheon
TaeKwonDo
Tag Sale
Town Dance
Town Hall Committees and Boards
Training Classes
Veteran Appreciation Event
Weddings & Baby Showers
Westfield River Wild and Scenic

Respectfully submitted,

Selectboard Office

ALPHONSO P. 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.

The following is an overview of the current investment of funds:

NEXT Financial Group - Brokerage Account

Asset Allocation - Cash, money, funds and bank deposits	\$ 26,096.43
Mutual Funds	\$136,755.40
Account total:	\$162,851.83
Total Amount available for request distributions:	\$ 5,867.91

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 Alicia Hackerson, Trustee Karen Wittshirk, Trustee

HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE

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

Huntington is one of ten member towns that comprise the HRMC. Each Town appoints two representatives to serve on the HRMC Board. Huntington did not have any Officers on the Board for 2020. In 2020, HRMC services included:

- Conducting annual DEP transfer station inspections and working as liaison between towns & MA DEP on transfer station compliance matters
- Bid administration for a new 3-year municipal waste hauling and disposal contract
- Representation and bid liaison on a new 5-year recycling contract with extension options
- Work with regional entities to challenge increased prevailing wage rates for hauling
- Execution of an annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event
- Program management of transfer station recyclables including collection, hauling and recycling of tires, electronic waste, universal waste (including free recycling of mercury thermostats and re-chargeable batteries), books, and Freon evacuation
- Outreach on transfer station operations and recycling initiatives
- Submittal of member town DEP annual surveys, grants, and reports
- Financial administration of HRMC programs and monitoring of grant activities

The day to day business and program operations of the HRMC are managed by a contracted Administrator, who also serves as a representative to the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility (MFR), Municipal Advisory Board (Vice-Chair), State Solid Waste Advisory Committee, Western Mass Regional Recycling Coordinator group, and interfaces with local, regional, and State officials. Board meetings are held on alternate months. The March 16, 2020 meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19 and all subsequent meetings were held virtually. Throughout the pandemic, HRMC provided guidance on operations protocols.

HRMC has an annual operation's assessment that is approved by each Town at their Annual Town Meeting. The annual Assessment Budget is based on tonnage and population and offsets base operating expenses. HRMC recycling program collection costs are pass-thru expenses from the HRMC to the towns, to best maximize economy of scale and to enable the HRMC administrator to have review and oversight of vendor relations and program operations.

In 2020, all HRMC member towns were eligible for, and received, Recycling Dividend Program (RDP) Grants under the DEP Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP). Applications were submitted for them through the HRMC. Huntington was awarded \$4,200 to further enhance recycling programs and used a portion of those RDP grant funds to acquire a new MRF recycling box, as they made the transition from single stream to dual stream recycling.

During the past year, the Town of Huntington recycled 99.43 tons of materials. Eight of the ten member towns have adopted recycling goals of 50%. In 2020, the Town of Huntington had a recycling rate of 22.1% compared with 14.9% in 2019, a noticeable improvement.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Casey, HRMC Administrator

JACOB'S LADDER TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY

The Jacob's Ladder Trail Scenic Byway (JLTSB) Advisory Board was impacted in 2020 by the COVID-19 pandemic, as was everyone else. All in-person meetings were postponed and online meetings were difficult to schedule. Therefore, communications were held via email.

The board's slated outline for 2020 will continue to be the initiative for the upcoming year:

- Various Trail Improvements
- Working with DCR to reopen the Chester/Blandford Forest Campground
- Grants for historic trolley line wall stabilization along Route 20
- Updating Scenic Byway Maps and guides issued back in the 1990s
- Biking trail along the Scenic Byway
- Re-establish an active Advisory Board similar to the Mohawk Trail Scenic Byway

The JLTSB Centennial Booklet was popular with visitors for its detailed rich history of the Byway and its towns. The supply of the original 2010 booklet is nearly exhausted and an updated reprint will be pursued.

The Gateway Hilltown Visitor Center located at 241 Route 20 in Chester (at Carm's Restaurant) cohosts a home for JLTSB, as well as Historic Route 20 (another complementary non-profit). Originally opened in January 2020, the Visitor Center reopened in mid-June and saw numerous travelers from across the country. A tally shows that nearly 500 people stopped for information and maps. While June and July were still slow, an uptick came in late August thru mid-October.

MassDOT installed "Visitor Info" signs on the Scenic Byway (Route 20) in Chester to indicate the location of the Visitor Center. The Visitor Center offers free Wi-Fi, public restrooms and information pertaining to the JLTSB.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Farr, President

WESTFIELD RIVER WILD & SCENIC

The Wild & Scenic Westfield River Committee works to preserve, protect, and enhance the special qualities and outstanding natural resources of the Westfield River Watershed in concert with local communities. Appointed representatives from Becket, Chester, Chesterfield, Cummington, Huntington, Middlefield, Savoy, Washington, Windsor and Worthington meet monthly with representatives from the National Park Service, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and others. Project funding is provided through the National Park Service's Partnership Wild & Scenic Rivers Program.

2020 welcomed new faces on the committee. Carl Cignoni, the Chesterfield representative, replaced long time chairman Bob Thompson of Chester. We are very appreciative of the hard work that Bob put in guiding the committee for many years. Jake Lehan is the new representative to the committee from Mass Division of Ecological Restoration (DER), replacing our longtime DER rep, Carrie Banks. As with Bob, we are very appreciative for the guidance that Carrie provided to the committee as the administrator. Andrew Petit de Mange is now sitting on the committee as a representative of the National Park Service.

- The committee supported a land conservation project in Plainfield undertaken by Mass Audubon.
- Upgrades to the East Branch Trail in Chesterfield were funded by the committee. Older wooden box culverts were replaced by stone swales that allow storm water to safely flow across the old road bed.
- A screening of the Wild and Scenic Film Festival was held in Chesterfield with committee funds. This features a curated selection from the national festival that is available for communities to view. It makes a good mid-winter community event.
- The committee made significant progress on completing a new Stewardship Plan for the river that will help to guide the activities of the committee for the next few years. Due to the pandemic, it has been a bit slow, but will be done in 2021. CEI (they did the engineering for the Windsor culvert project) is developing the plan.
- The committee met with biologists from Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife (DFW) and learned that the Westfield River is among the best in Massachusetts for native brook trout habitat.
- The Keystone Arch Bridges in Chester were awarded National Historic Landmark status, successfully ending a multi-year effort by the committee, and especially, Dave Pierce of Chester.

The committee's outreach and education efforts were hampered this year because of the pandemic. Outreach coordinator, Meredyth Babcock, went online, producing a series of informative walks with ecologists Russ Cohen and John Burns. These short videos are available on the website: www.westfieldriverwildscenic.org.

Meredyth worked with interns from Westfield State University on invasive plant mapping and eradication, concentrating on Center Pond in Becket. She is testing a new technique for Japanese Knotweed control in Cummington. This consists of staking a section of ½" mesh galvanized hardware cloth over the knotweed. The knotweed will grow through the mesh but girdle itself as it reaches size. After several years, hopefully, the plant will starve itself. People are encouraged to try this technique on their lands within the watershed.

Our committee meets once a month and all meetings are open to the public. We encourage you to take part in any of our sponsored activities, including stream teams, river clean-ups, land protection, and workshops. To learn more about what is happening in the watershed, visit our newly updated website at www.wildscenicwestfieldriver.org.

For more information contact your local representative, Jim Caffrey at (413) 684-2182 or jcaffrey@thetrustees.org, or David Zink at (413) 684-1459 or davideo007@yahoo.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Caffrey, Representative



TALENT BANK FORM

Local Government needs citizens to give of their time and talents. 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 in the Town of Huntington. Some groups meet often, others require less time, 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"/> Capital Planning Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> North Hall Advisory Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Events Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Election Worker | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Westfield River Wild & Scenic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Initiatives Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board of Appeals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Historic District Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER? ☐ YES ☐ NO

SPECIAL INTERESTS AND SKILLS: _____

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE: _____

REASONS FOR WANTING TO SERVE: _____

Return form to:

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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
Van Ride Service	413-667-3428
Veterans' Agent	413-575-6391
Water & Sewer	413-512-5207
Zoning Board	413-512-5214
Zoning Enforcement Officer	413-512-5210

