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Town of Huntington
MASSACHUSETTS



Huntington B&A Station, Circa 1930

COVER:

“Huntington Station, Circa 1930” – watercolor painting by Steve Hamlin

The scene depicted on the cover shows the former Boston & Albany passenger train station that stood to the southeast of the current Rte. 112 bridge until the station was demolished around 1960. This view has been dominated by the concrete Cross Bridge over the railroad tracks since it was constructed around 1940. Prior to that, a bridge crossed the river at the end of Main Street, with a gated grade crossing over the tracks. “Thank you” to David Norton for the use of the photo on which this painting is based.

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

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NOTES

Dedication



Helen Speckels has worked as the Administrative Assistant to the Select-board since 2002. Though many board members have changed, Helen has been a constant. She brings professionalism, diligence and charm to her position. Helen connects our residents and the public at-large with the correct departments and town officials.

For many, she is the face of Town Hall.

Helen is a vital part of our daily operations with her behind-the-scenes planning and execution of tasks that are essential to the effective functioning of our town. Just walking into her office and being greeted by Helen can put a smile on your face. She brings a welcoming feeling to Town Hall that makes a visitor feel at home.

Helen, you're an exceptional town employee, and we thank you! We look forward to many more years of service from you.

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON ELECTED OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>
<i>Board of Selectmen:</i>		<i>Trustees, Whiting Street Fund:</i>	
Jeffrey McKittrick	2017	Sue Fopiano	2016
John McVeigh	2016	John McVeigh	2017
Ed Renauld (appt to 2015)	2015	VACANCY	2015
<i>Town Clerk:</i>		<i>Trustees, Huntington Library:</i>	
Andrea McKittrick	2015	Marilyn Antonucci	2016
<i>Town Treasurer: (Change to Appt. 2015)</i>		Karen Wittshirk	2015
Aimee Burnham	2015	Debbie Wyand	2017
<i>Board of Assessors:</i>		<i>Tree Warden:</i>	
Sue Fopiano	2015	Walt Wittshirk	2015
Ed Renauld	2016	<i>Councilor – Hampshire Council of Gov'ts:</i>	
Erik Stein (Appt. to 2015)	2017	John McVeigh	2017
<i>Board of Health:</i>		<i>Moderator:</i>	
Thomas Hart	2016	Pete Jacques	2015
Jean Jackman	2017	<i>Trustees, Alphonso P. Pettis Fund:</i>	
George Peterson	2015	Sue Fopiano	2016
<i>Water/Sewer Commissioners:</i>		Judith Guyette	2017
Charles Dazelle	2017	Karen Wittshirk	2015
Henry Dubay	2015	<i>Constables:</i>	
Denise Keay	2016	Charles Dazelle	2015
<i>Regional School Committee:</i>		Earl G. Heath	2016
Roland (Ron) Damon	2015	Jeff Jorritsma	2017
William Hathaway	2016		
Jeffrey Wyand	2017		

APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES

Accountant (Yearly):

Richard Buley 2015

ADA Coordinator (3-Year):

VACANCY 2015

Admin. Assistant (3-Year):

Helen Speckels 2015

Agricultural Commission (Terms Vary):

Anne Marie Knox 2016

Bonita Kubacki, Alt. 2015

Bonnie McKinney 2016

Janet Mollison 2015

Gordon Richardson 2015

Lorraine Wickland 2016

VACANCY 2015

Animal Control/Dog Officer (Yearly):

Robert Jackman 2015

Board of Health Agent (Yearly):

Claudia Lucas 2015

Broadband Representative (Yearly):

John McVeigh 2015

Chris Saner, Alt. 2015

Building Commissioner (Yearly):

George Peterson III 2014

Cable Advisory Committee (3-Year):

Bob Brackney 2017

Johanna Brackney 2017

Eleanor Piers 2017

Chris Saner 2017

Scott Tillinghast 2017

VACANCY, Alt. 2017

Capital Planning Committee (3-Year):

Aimee Burnham 2017

R. Buley (Ex-Officio) 2017

Steve Hamlin 2017

Eric Jensen 2017

VACANCY 2015

VACANCY 2015

Collector (Yearly):

Andrea McKittrick 2015

Community Events Committee (3-Year):

Jacquie Harris 2017

John Knox 2017

Lisa Lansing 2017

Vicki Mayhew, Ch. 2017

VACANCY 2017

VACANCY 2017

VACANCY 2017

VACANCY 2017

VACANCY 2017

Conservation Commission (3-Year):

Helena Alves 2017

Ross Hackerson 2017

Karl Jensen 2017

Susan McIntosh, Ch. 2016

Erik Steins 2016

Michael Vorwerk 2016

VACANCY 2015

Council on Aging (Terms Vary):

Ella Balchunas 2015

May Diemer 2015

Gene King 2015

Lori King 2015

Anne Marie Knox 2015

Janet Mollison 2016

Merrienne Reimann 2016

Winifred Smith 2016

Betty Waite 2015

Crossing Guard (Yearly):

Lindsay Wieland 2015
VACANCY 2015

Cultural Council (3-Year):

Jane Beane 2016
Tania Coletta 2017
Linda Siska 2015
Peri Sossaman 2016
Lynn Winsor 2017
Gary Winsor 2016
VACANCY 2016

Election Workers (3-Year):

James Arnold 2017
Judy Borden 2017
David Borden 2017
Louis C. Cinelli 2017
Becky Cortis 2017
Charles Dazelle 2017
May Diemer 2017
Henry Dubay 2017
Kathleen Dubay 2017
Sue Fopiano 2017
Linda Hamlin 2017
Karon Hathaway 2017
Earl Heath, Jr. 2017
Louise Hurley 2017
Paul Hurley 2017
Jeff Jorritsma 2017
Nancy Kaminski 2017
Janine LaPointe 2017
Paul LaPointe 2017
Barbara Meehan 2017
Susan Mousette 2017
David Norton 2017
Ed Renauld 2017
Jody Schnider 2017
Kathy Thomas 2017

Electrical Inspector (Yearly):

Brian Palazzi 2015

Assistant Electrical Inspector (Yearly):

Andy Girouard 2015

Emergency Management Dir. (3-Year):

Melissa Nazzaro 2017

Environmental Cert. Officer (3-Year):

Aimee Burnham 2017

Fall Festival Committee (3 Year):

Shelley Keeney 2015
Janine LaPointe 2015
Laura LaPointe 2015
Paul LaPointe 2015
VACANCY 2015

Fence Viewer & Field Drivers (3-Year):

Rodney LaFond 2017
Wayne McKinney 2017
VACANCY 2017

Finance Committee (Yearly):

Henry Dubay 2015
Karon Hathaway 2015
Victoria Minella-Sena 2015
Darlene McVeigh, Ch. 2015
VACANCY 2015

Fire Chief (Yearly):

Gary Dahill 2015

FRTA Coordinator (3-Year):

Aimee Burnham 2015

FRTA Representative (3-Year):

Jeff McKittrick 2015

Gas Inspector (Yearly):

Tom Broga 2015
Peter Anderson, Alt. 2015

Green Initiatives Committee (2-Year):

Aimee Burnham 2016
Eric Jensen 2016
Denise Keay 2016
Susan McIntosh 2016
Jeff Penn 2016
Ruth Pardoe 2016
Erik Steins 2016

Hazard Mitigation Committee (3-Year):

Charles Dazelle	2017
Robert Garriepy	2017
Melissa Nazzaro	2017

Highway Superintendent (3-Year):

Charles Dazelle	2017
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Hilltown Resource Mgt. Rep. (Yearly):

Tom Hart	2015
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Historical Commission (3-Year):

Kathleen Dubay	2017
David Norton	2017
Victoria Minella-Sena	2017
Daniel Sikop	2016
Karen Wittshirk	2016

Information Technology Com. (3-Year):

Richard Buley	2017
Jeff McKittrick	2017
Ernie Smith	2017
VACANCY	2017
VACANCY	2017

Jacob's Ladder Trail (2-Year):

Steve Hamlin	2015
Jeff Penn	2015

Local Emergency Planning (Yearly):

Robert Garriepy	2015
Melissa Nazzaro	2015
VACANCY, Alt.	2015

Local Historic District Comm. (3-Year):

Daniel Bugli	2015
Jeff Penn	2016
Victoria Minella-Sena	2016
Helen Speckels	2017
VACANCY	2015
VACANCY, Alt.	2017
VACANCY, Alt.	2017

Measurer of Wood/Bark (3-Year):

VACANCY	2017
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Memorial Day Parade Com. (3-Year):

Lori Belhumeur	2017
A. Burnham, Coord.	2017
John McVeigh	2017
Henry Dubay	2017
John McVeigh	2017
Ed Renauld	2017

North Hall Advisory (3-Year):

Nancy Kaminski	2017
Jackie Kimsey	2015
Peri Sossaman	2015
Nancy Webb	2017
VACANCY	2017
VACANCY	2016
VACANCY	2016

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

Karon Hathaway	2017
Linda Hamlin, Alt.	2017

Planning Board (3-Year):

Linda Hamlin	2015
Karon Hathaway	2017
Earl Heath, Jr.	2016
Jeff Wyand	2017
Ed Grabowski (Alt.)	2015
VACANCY	2015

Playground Committee (2-Year):

Aimee Burnham	2016
Kelly Hawley	2016
Vicki Mayhew	2016
Ed Renauld	2016
VACANCY	2016

Plumbing Inspector (Yearly):

Tom Broga	2015
Peter Anderson, Alt.	2015

Police Chief (Yearly):

Robert Garriepy	2015
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<i>Police Officers (Yearly):</i>		<i>Rte. 112 Scenic Byway (2-Year):</i>	
Michael Girard	2015	Linda Hamlin	2016
Aaren Hawley	2015	Susan McIntosh	2016
William Kaleta	2015	Jeffrey Penn	2016
Todd Michon	2015		
Brandon Owen	2015		
<i>Procurement Officer (3-Year):</i>		<i>Rte. 112/JLTSB Trail Linkages</i>	
Jeff McKittrick:	2017	<i>Advisory (Yearly):</i>	
		Gary Winsor	2015
<i>Public Weigher (3-Year):</i>		<i>Supt. Gypsy Moth/Dutch Elm (3-Year):</i>	
Daniel Donovan	2017	Walter Wittshirk	2017
Gaylon Donovan	2017		
Michael Donovan	2017	<i>Town Counsel (Yearly):</i>	
Matt Donovan	2017	Kopelman & Paige	<i>Indefinite</i>
Paul Senatore	2017		
<i>Recreation Committee (3-Year):</i>		<i>Veterans' Agent (3-Year):</i>	
Fawn Busby	2017	Ed Renauld	2017
Tricia Hess	2017		
Adrianne Kunz	2017	<i>Westfield River Wild & Scenic (3-Year):</i>	
Vicki Mayhew	2017	Jeff Penn	2015
Ed Renauld	2017	VACANCY, Alt.	2015
Kathy Sullivan	2017		
VACANCY	2017	<i>Zoning Board (3-Year):</i>	
VACANCY	2017	Kevin Chisholm	2015
		Mary Lou Spaulding	2017
<i>Registrar of Voters (3-Year):</i>		George Webb, Ch.	2015
Andrea McKittrick	<i>Indefinite</i>	Ed Grabowski, Alt.	2016
Judy Borden	2017	VACANCY	2017
Helen Speckels	2017	VACANCY, Alt.	2015
Kathleen Thomas	2017		
		<i>Zoning Enforcement Officer (Yearly):</i>	
<i>Right to Know Coordinator (3-Year):</i>		George Peterson	2015
Aimee Burnham	2017		

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 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6:00 pm
Clerk Hours: Monday & Wednesday 8 am - 5 pm (Wed eve by appointment only)
Telephone: (413) 667-3501 huntingtonboa@comcast.net

Board of Health: Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:00 pm
Secretary hours: Wednesday evenings 6 pm - 8 pm
Telephone/Fax: (413) 667-3511 huntingtonboh@comcast.net
Title V Agent Brian Slayton available by telephone: (413) 562-7286
Dump stickers may be obtained at the Transfer Station during regular operating hours.
"H" stickers may be purchased at B&D Variety and Moltenbrey's Market.
They may be purchased for \$1.00 each, and are to be placed on all of your trash bags (1 sticker/30 gallons or less & 2 stickers/over 30 gallons).

Board of Selectmen: Meets every other Wednesday evening at 5:30 pm, unless otherwise posted.
Helen Speckels, Administrative Assistant
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 3 pm
To meet with the Selectboard, please contact the Administrative Assistant during office hours.
Telephone: (413) 667-3500 huntingtonsb@comcast.net

Building Commissioner: George Peterson
Telephone: (413) 667-5763
Hours: Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:30 pm
Building permit applications may be obtained during Town Hall business hours and on the Town website: www.huntingtonma.us

Conservation Commission: Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
Telephone: (413) 667-8893
Susan McIntosh, Chair

Council on Aging Meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 12:00 noon in Stanton Hall
Telephone: (413) 667-3505 (24-hour answering machine available)
coa@huntingtonma.us

Electrical Inspector: Brian Palazzi
Telephone: (413) 348-9307 or (413) 667-0295
Electrical permit applications may be obtained in the Selectboard Office during regular business hours or on the Town website: www.huntingtonma.us

Alt. Electrical Inspector: Andy Girouard
Telephone: (413) 667-8812

<u>Finance Committee</u>	Meets third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm, unless otherwise posted Telephone: (413) 667-3049 Darlene McVeigh, Chair
<u>Fire Department:</u>	Gary Dahill, Fire Chief Telephone: (413) 667-3368 (non-emergency) Emergency: Dial 911 Fax: (413) 667-0133
<u>Gas Inspector:</u>	Thomas Broga Telephone: (413) 354-6307 Gas permit applications may be obtained in the Selectboard Office during regular business hours or on the Town website: www.huntingtonma.us
<u>Highway Department:</u>	Charles Dazelle, Superintendent HighwayDepartment@HuntingtonHighway.com Judy Borden, Administrative Assistant Telephone: (413) 667-3504 Fax: (413) 667-3507
<u>Planning Board:</u>	Meets Wednesdays as posted on the Town website: www.huntingtonma.us All applications by appointment only Telephone: (413) 667-3500 planning@huntingtonma.us
<u>Plumbing Inspector:</u>	Thomas Broga Telephone: (413) 354-6307 Plumbing permit applications may be obtained in the Selectboard Office during regular business hours or on the Town website: www.huntingtonma.us
<u>Police Department:</u>	Robert Garriepy, Chief Telephone: (413) 667-8868 Emergency: Dial 911 Hours: Wednesdays 6 pm - 8 pm
<u>Public Library:</u>	Margaret Nareau, Director Telephone: (413) 667-3506 Fax: (413) 667-0088 <i>web: thehuntingtonpubliclibrary.org</i> huntingtonlib@comcast.net
<u>Public Library Trustees:</u>	Marilyn Antonucci (413) 667-3449 Karen Wittshirk (413) 667-5515 Deb Wyand (413) 667-0131
<u>Town Accountant:</u>	Richard Buley Telephone: (413) 667-3502 Office Hours: Wednesdays 4 pm - 8 pm (or by appointment)
<u>Town Clerk:</u>	Andrea McKittrick Assistant Clerk: Kathleen Thomas Telephone: (413) 667-3509 huntingtonclerk@comcast.net Office Hours: Monday: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon, Wednesday: 6 pm - 8 pm
<u>Town Collector:</u>	Andrea McKittrick collector@huntingtonma.us Telephone: (413) 667-3509 Office Hours: Mon. 11:30 am - 4:30 pm, Tues. 9:00 am - 3:30 pm, Wed. 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Thurs. 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Town Treasurer:

Aimee Burnham [*huntingontreas@comcast.net*](mailto:huntingontreas@comcast.net)
Telephone: (413) 667-3502
Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday by appointment.

Veterans' Agent:

Ed Renauld [*vso@huntingtonma.us*](mailto:vso@huntingtonma.us)
Telephone: (413) 575-6391
Office Hours: 3rd Wednesday each month from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Water and Sewer:

Commissioners meet 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in Town Hall.
Jim Gobeille, Water and Sewer Operator [*Huntington.SewerandWater@gmail.com*](mailto:Huntington.SewerandWater@gmail.com)
Connie Bennett, Administrative Assistant
Telephone: (413) 667-3356

Zoning Board:

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in Stanton Hall
Telephone: (413) 667-3428
George Webb, Chair

SELECTBOARD

To the citizens of Huntington:

We, the Selectmen, hereby submit our report and also take this opportunity to thank the various departments for their cooperation in keeping within their appropriations as much as was possible.

We welcome Huntington's newest appointees and elected officials. Edward Renauld was elected to the Selectboard to finish off the term vacated by Aimee Burnham.

We are pleased to report improvements to Stanton Hall. The kitchen has been renovated and updated. The floors have been refinished. A new projector screen was donated for use at Stanton Hall by Bill and Darlene McVeigh.

Once again, the Community Events and Recreation Committees have done a fantastic job providing enjoyable, entertaining activities for our residents and their children. We look forward to seeing what they have lined up for us next. It is truly amazing what they are able to do while staying within their limited budgets.

We commend the Green Committee in their efforts to obtain a grant to replace the heating system at the Town Library. Though the process is a bit slower than we all expected, this new energy efficient heating system will be a much needed upgrade for the Library.

The Highway Superintendent, with help from Ms. Johnson from PVPC, is working hard at obtaining a grant to improve the infrastructure on Maple and Pleasant Streets. If awarded, these improvements will include resurfacing Maple Street, and new water, sewer and drainage lines on Pleasant Street. Already approved is a grant to redo sidewalks and curb stones on Basket Street.

The Council on Aging, along with the Huntington Fire and Police Departments, began putting up number signs in front of residences. These signs will help emergency responders find the correct address when responding to an emergency. You can contact the Council on Aging to request a sign for your residence for a small \$5.00 fee.

The Senior and Veteran Tax Work-Off Abatement Programs have been a resounding success. Each program allows eligible home owners to volunteer their time to Town departments for a property tax credit of up to \$500. Applications are available the beginning of each year. Be sure to check the Town website (www.huntingtonma.us), or stop in, or call our office for more information.

Selectman John McVeigh, working with Senator Downing, was able to obtain a \$25,000 grant for the purchase of a snow removal machine to keep the sidewalks along Rte. 112 clear. As was voted by you at the Annual Town Meeting, the town has purchased the Ambulance Garage from WMECO. With this purchase, the Town has made a commitment to providing a long term home for the Hilltown Community Ambulance Association.

Volunteerism in Huntington is outstanding. There are many talented people willing to use their talents to help improve our quality of life in town and to make our Town government function. If you feel you would like to join their ranks, please fill out and submit the Talent Bank Form in this Annual Town Report. Our town could not operate without you all.

The Town of Worthington's withdrawal from the Gateway Regional School District has many in town concerned. There have been numerous meetings regarding the long term educational and financial impact on our students and taxpayers. We gave written testimony to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education at the needs conference, held in December at Gateway High School, explaining the financial hardship this withdrawal will cause the remaining Gateway towns. As many of you are already aware, the Town of Huntington has also hired an attorney to represent us in this matter. As this is an ongoing issue, it is not too late to contact our State Representative Steve Kulik, and our State Senator Ben Downing, and let them know your concerns.

Representative Kulik
State House Room 238
Boston, MA 02133
(617) 722-2380

Senator Downing
State House Room 413-F
Boston, MA 02133
(617) 722-1625

The Selectboard meets regularly, every two weeks on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 5:30 pm in Town Hall. Selectboard meetings are posted on the town's website www.huntingtonma.us and in Town Hall. Annual and Special Town Meetings are posted at the Post Office, Moltenbrey's Market, Knightville Package Store, and Norwich Fire Station, as well as at Town Hall, and on the Town's website. We extend our cordial invitation to anyone wishing to attend, as many have done throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff McKittrick, Chair

John McVeigh

Edward Renauld

TOWN CLERK

Greetings to all of our Huntington residents! It seemed to be a quiet year in our office until the fall arrived in all its beauty. The long awaited midterm elections were upon us, and everyone was excited to say the least! We held the State Primary in September, followed by the State Election in November, which resulted in the election of our new Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker. We are pleased to report that voter turnout was impressive, and would like to thank all who voted. Our local election was May 17th and resulted in welcoming Edward Renauld to the Selectboard. A huge THANKYOU goes out to our election workers for their tireless efforts, including Constables Cricket Heath and Chipper Dazelle for keeping the ballot box ringing, and Paul Hurley and Bing Cinelli for handling the equipment setup. We would also like to acknowledge Bing Cinelli for his years of service as Election Warden. Bing has decided to be a back-up Warden, only in case of emergency, and we thank him for his efforts in making sure each election ran smoothly and efficiently. Subsequently, we welcomed Ed Renauld and Judy Borden to the Warden's desk and look forward to working with them in the future.

Finally, let us not forget those who participated in the Senior Work-off Program. We wish to thank May Diemer, Carolyn Edinger, Nancy Kaminski, and Tina Washington for being part of our team.

Issued this year were the following:

25	Business Certificates
362	Dog Licenses
3	Kennel Licenses

My hours are Mondays, 9:00 am to noon, and the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and by appointment. I may be reached at the Town Hall at 667-3509 or by e-mail at huntingtonclerk@comcast.net.

Dog tags for 2015 will be available June 1st.

Please remember to return your census forms by May 15.

The Vital Records and the remainder of my report follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea McKittrick

TOWN CLERK
VITAL RECORDS 2014

BIRTHS:

January 23	Amryn James-Edward Ellinger Son of Shawn Earl Ellinger & nee Jennifer Lee Dow
January 28	Michael Eugene Turner Son of Joshua William Turner & nee Kayla Bree LaMountain
March 1	Scarlett Marie Robieniczak Daughter of Michael Joseph Robieniczak, Jr. & nee Courtney Marie Maxwell
March 5	Samuel Tucker Piszcz Son of Edward Piszcz, Jr. & nee Janice Burgert
March 16	Isabelle Grace Paquette Daughter of Jason George (Waller) Paquette & nee Elizabeth Ann LeBlanc
March 31	Frank Stephen Goding Son of Frank Douglas Goding & nee Lisa Dana Burman
February 26	Anna Maria Ivanov Daughter of Eugene Victor Ivanov & nee Inna Goretskiy
April 5	Riley O'Neil Chornyak Daughter of Zachariah Peter Chornyak & nee Meghan Kelly O'Neil
July 22	Jillian Kate Bennett Daughter of Dennis Seth Alan Bennett & nee Rebecca Lee Raymond
July 11	Jacob Alan Robare Son of Dennis Michael Robare & nee Ruth Ann Schwab
August 6	Milo Elmer Chambers Son of Glynn Patrick Chambers & nee Jazlyn Irene Langford
August 25	Collin Joseph Cormier Son of Adam Joseph Cormier & nee Rebecca Elizabeth Bruso
August 27	Maggie Ann Ethier Daughter of Craig Steven Ethier & nee Kelly Elizabeth Wickland

BIRTHS (Cont'd):

- September 23 John Ryan Wright
Son of Carl Joseph Wright & nee Ruth Yurovskiyh
- September 28 Samuel Gilbert Domina
Son of Brian Michael Domina & nee Sarah Martin Watkins

MARRIAGES:

- February 8 Matthew Joseph Couture & Candice Marie Amendola @ Chester
- May 17 A Michael Petrovsky & Debra A. Donovan @ Chester
- June 8 Stephanie Lauren Griffin & Robert Joseph Turgeon, Jr. @ Salem, MA
- June 21 Brian Alan Wagner & May Siu Wong @ Huntington
- July 16 Daniel Jeffrey Schott & Camila De Dios @ Easthampton

DEATHS:

- February 9 Michael John Pietras, age 62
- February 15 Roger K. Hills, age 81, husband of Susan Davidson
- February 23 Robert L. Pouliot, age 61, husband of Betty Jasmin
- March 11 David Deming Lee, age 71
- February 9 Magdalene A. Reimann, age 86, widow of Franz Reimann
- April 1 Karen Louise Popek, age 59
- May 6 Susan F. Liimatainen, age 52
- February 20 Theresa Mary Tacke, age 77, wife of Hubert H. Tacke
- February 28 Aleksandr Kazimirov, age 76, husband of Aleksandra Venokurova
- March 12 Joseph A. Laversa, age 73
- April 8 Katherine Swearingen, age 45, wife of David W. Swearingen

June 25 Alice Marie Rude, age 64

September 2 Berit M. Cardoza, 70, wife of Stephen M. Cardoza

August 30 John K. Kucinski, age 67

October 27 Louise Duda, age 72, wife of Mathias Duda

November 9 Helen Marie Barsh, age 89, widow of Michael John Barsh

November 28 Bruce W. Crawford, age 63, husband of Joyce H. Crawford

December 26 Gerald Gibbs Manley, age 87, widow of Muriel L. Manley

TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2014

Board of Selectmen - 3 yr	Jeffrey McKittrick (96) Edward Renauld (4) Blank (16)
Board of Selectmen - 1 yr	Edward Renauld (72) Charles Bushor (26) Other (6) Blank (12)
Board of Assessors - 3 yr	Pierre Jacques (2) Other (5) Blank (109)
Board of Health - 3 yr	Jean Jackman (92) Other (3) Blank (21)
Tree Warden - 1 yr	Walt Wittshirk (109) Other (0) Blank (7)
Moderator - 1 yr	Edward Renauld (103) Other (1) Blank (12)
Constable - 3 yr	Jeffrey Jorrtisma (52) John Symmons (37) Other (1) Blank (26)
Trustee, Huntington Library - 3 yr	Deborah Wyand (100) Other (0) Blanks (16)
Trustee, Alphonso Pettis Fund - 3 yr	Judith Guyette (98) Other (1) Blank (17)
Trustee, Whiting Street Fund - 3 yr	John McVeigh (8) Other (4) Blank (104)
Hampshire Council of Governments - 3 yr	John McVeigh (9) Other (2) Blank (105)
Water/Sewer Commission - 3 yr	Charles Dazelle (100) Other (8) Blank (8)
Trustee, Huntington Library - 2 yr	Marilyn Antonucci (103) Other (0) Blank (13)
School Committee - 3 yr	Jeffrey Wyand (98) Other (2) Blank (16)

**STATE PRIMARY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014
RESULTS-HUNTINGTON**

DEMOCRAT

REPUBLICAN

Governor	Berwick (41) Coakley (52) Grossman (45) Blank (0)	Baker (37) Fisher (32) Blank (3)
Lieutenant Governor	Cheung (22) Kerrigan (77) Lake (27) Blank (12)	Polito (57) Blank (15)
Senator in Congress	Markey (107) Blank (31)	Herr (52) Blank (20)
Representative in Congress	Richard Neal (117) Blank (21)	Blank (72)
Councillor	Michael Albano (103) Blank (35)	Blank (72)
Senator in General Court	Benjamin Downing (110) Blank (28)	Blank (72)
Representative in General Court	Stephen Kulik (108) Blank (30)	Korpita (35) Blank (37)
Attorney General	Healey (101) Tolman (33) Blank (4)	Miller (56) Blank (16)
Secretary of State	Galvin (114) Others (1) Blank (23)	D'Arcangelo (49) Blank (23)
Treasurer	Conroy (29) Finegold (29) Goldberg (63) Blank (17)	Heffernan (54) Blank (18)
Auditor	Bump (113) Others (1) Blank (24)	St. Aubin (51) Blank (21)
District Attorney	Sullivan (117) Blank (21)	Others (1) Blank (71)
Register of Probate	Carey (110) Blank (28)	Blank (72)

STATE ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014
RESULTS-HUNTINGTON

Governor/Lieutenant Governor	Baker/Polito (437) R Coakley/Kerrigan (298) D Falchuk/Jennings (76) UIP Lively/Saunders (23) U McCormick/Post (17) U Others (0) Blank (6)
Senator in Congress	Edward Markey (413) D Brian Herr (418) R Others (2) Blank (24)
Representative in Congress	Richard Neal (602) D Others (4) Blank (251)
Councillor	Michael Albano (588) D Others (4) Blank (265)
Senator in General Court	Benjamin Downing (588) D Other (2) Blank (267)
Representative in General Court	Stephen Kulik (364) D Dylan Korpita (459) R Others (1) Blank (33)
Register of Probate	Michael Carey (606) D Others (2) Blank (249)
District Attorney	David Sullivan (611) D Others (2) Blank (244)
Treasurer	Deborah Goldberg (368) D Michael James Heffernan (388) R Ian Jackson (62) GR Others (0) Blank (39)
Auditor	Suzanne Bump (420) D Patricia Saint Aubin (338) R MK Merelice (45) GR Others (0) Blank (54)
Attorney General	Maura Healey (409) D John Miller (416) R Others (2) Blank (30)
Secretary Of State	William Francis Galvin (459) D David D'Arcangelo (308) R Daniel Factor (61) GR Others (1) Blank (28)
Question 1 Eliminate Gas Tax Indexing	Yes (458) No (392) Blank (7)
Question 2 Bottle Bill	Yes (231) No (622) Blank (4)
Question 3 Casino	Yes (326) No (523) Blank (8)
Question 4 Sick Time	Yes (504) No (341) Blank (12)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, June 2, 2014
6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

As directed, the Voters of the Town of Huntington, qualified to vote in Town affairs met at Stanton Hall in said Huntington on Monday, June 2, 2104 at 6:30 pm., then and there took the following action:

Moderator: Pierre Jacques
Town Clerk: Andrea McKittrick
Asst. Town Clerk: Kathleen Thomas
Selectboard: Aimee Burnham, Jeffrey McKittrick, John McVeigh
Counters: Roger Booth, Nancy Kaminski, Charles Knowlton, Bruce Saunders

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm. The Moderator announced that the warrant had been legally posted. He announced that there was a quorum. The Moderator introduced the Finance Committee, the Selectboard, and the Town Clerk, and explained that Article 1 must pass by majority vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$72,000.000, for the following Operational Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

015122.005	GENERAL OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 1,900.00
015135.002	ACCOUNT SOFTWARE SUPPORT	\$ 350.00
015135.003	AUDIT EXPENSE	\$ 5,000.00
015137.002	ASSESSORS' CLERK WAGES	\$ 4,300.00
015137.003	ASSESSORS' MAPPING EXPENSES	\$ 650.00
015137.004	ASSESSORS' SOFTWARE SUPPORT	\$ 950.00
015139.003	TOWN COLLECTOR TAX TAKING	\$ 400.00
015161.005	TN COLLECTOR ASSISTANT SALARY	\$ 550.00
015162.002	ELECTION & REGISTRAR EXPENSES	\$ 500.00
015192.001	BUILDING & PROPERTY WAGES	\$ 3,850.00
015192.004	STANTON HALL UTILITIES	\$ 4,000.00
015192.006	BLDG & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	\$ 4,000.00
015193.001	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	\$ 1,000.00
015193.003	TOWN BUILDINGS INSURANCE	\$ 3,050.00

015422.001	HIGHWAY OVERTIME/EXTRA HRS	\$ 8,000.00
015422.003	HIGHWAY UTILITIES	\$ 7,000.00
015422.004	HIGHWAY BLDG/EQUIP/MAINT	\$ 1,500.00
015510.003	BD OF HEALTH EXPS/NEBBS/WELL	\$ 450.00
015543.001	VETERANS' RELIEF	\$22,000.00
015610.003	LIBRARY UTILITIES	\$ 1,000.00
015720.000	FIRE TRUCK INTEREST	\$ 4,550.00

A motion was made and seconded to amend Town Collector Assistant to Town Clerk Assistant. Motion passed by majority vote. A motion was made and seconded to delete Election & Registration Expense and move the dollar amount of \$500.00 to Building & Property Maintenance to make it \$1,500.00. Motion passed by majority vote. Article passed unanimously as amended.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve. Meeting dissolved at 6:39 pm.

A quorum of 64 was present.

A true copy attest:

Andrea McKittrick, Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, June 2, 2014
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

As directed, the Voters of the Town of Huntington, qualified to vote in Town affairs, met at Stanton Hall in said Huntington on Monday, June 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., then and there took the following action:

Moderator: Pierre Jacques
Town Clerk: Andrea McKittrick
Ass't Town Clerk: Kathleen Thomas
Constable: Earl Heath, Jr.
Selectboard: Aimee Burnham, Jeffrey McKittrick, John McVeigh
Counters: Roger Booth, Nancy Kaminski, Charles Knowlton, Bruce Saunders

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The Moderator announced that the warrant had been legally posted and a quorum had been reached. Motions were made and seconded to continue the meeting on Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. and to stop the meeting at 10:00 p.m. unless business may be concluded. A motion and seconded to accept Edward Renaud as Assistant Moderator. All motions passed unanimously. The Moderator introduced the Selectboard and the Finance Committee.

A motion was made and seconded to read through the following Consent Calendar:

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

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

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to prosecute and defend matters in which the Town has an interest, or to appear in favor or opposed to matters involving the Town's interest and employ counsel; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5: 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 6: 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 7: 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 2015 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.

The Consent Calendar Articles 2 through 7 passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$1,377,654.00 for Huntington's minimum contribution, as determined by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, or accept a lesser amount than \$1,377,654.00 as certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectboard: Yes. Finance Committee: Yes. Article passed by majority vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$531,474.00 for Huntington's share of the transportation and debt services expenses for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectboard: Yes. Finance Committee: Yes. Article passed by majority vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$403,166.00 for Huntington's share of the over-minimum contribution to the budget for Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015;

or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectboard: No. Finance Committee: No.

A motion was made and seconded to vote by paper ballots. Motion passed by majority vote. After much discussion, a motion was

made and seconded to move the question. The Moderator announced a brief recess while votes were cast and counted. With a vote of 39 “yes” and 53 “no”, the Article failed to pass by majority vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds the sum of \$460,679.00 for Huntington’s costs for vocational tuition for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectboard: Yes. Finance Committee: Yes. Article passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$76,980.00 for Huntington’s share in the cost of vocational transportation for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectboard: Yes. Finance Committee: Yes. Article passed by majority vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 13: 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, 2014. Voters will designate line items voted separately; or take any other action relative thereto.

Line items for Total Town Accountant, Total Fire, Total Public Works and Facilities, Total Library, and Total Debt Service passed by majority vote. All other line items passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to replace the 1998 John Deere Loader at the Highway Department with a new Loader, and to authorize the Treasurer to borrow funds not to exceed \$165,000.00 to purchase the Loader; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectboard: Yes. Finance Committee: Yes. Article passed by 2/3 majority vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to the Stabilization Account (824590-006) a sum of \$20,000.00; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectboard: Yes. Finance Committee: Yes. Article passed unanimously. The sum of \$20,000.00 will be transferred from Free Cash to the Stabilization Account (824590-006).

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire by purchase, upon such terms and conditions as the Selectboard deems appropriate, a parcel of land currently owned by Northeast Utilities, located at 1 Bromley Road, and further identified as Assessor's Map ID Number N13, Registry of Deeds Book Number 627, Page Number 269, for general municipal purposes, which may include an ambulance garage, and to transfer from Free Cash to the Miscellaneous Pass Through Account (245840-000) the sum of \$50,000.00 for such purpose; and further to authorize the Selectboard to enter into all agreements and execute any instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effectuate such acquisition; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectboard: Yes. Finance Committee: Yes. Article passed unanimously. The sum of \$50,000.00 will be transferred from Free Cash to the Miscellaneous Pass Through Account (245840-000).

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to the Police Equipment (015210-006) and Fire Equipment (015220-004) Accounts a total sum not to exceed \$13,000.00 for the purchase of replacement defibrillators for emergency personnel; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectboard: Yes. Finance Committee: Yes. Article passed unanimously. A sum not to exceed \$13,000.00 will be transferred from Free Cash to the Police Equipment (015210-006) and Fire Equipment (015220-004) Accounts.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to the Fire Equipment Account (015220-004) a sum not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the purchase and installation of a new generator for the Norwich Fire Station; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectboard: Yes. Finance Committee: Yes. Article passed unanimously. A sum not to exceed \$5,000.00 will be transferred from Free Cash to the Fire Equipment Account (015220.004).

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to the Transfer Station Maintenance Account (015433-003) a sum not to exceed \$7,500.00 for the purchase of a compactor for the Transfer Station; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectboard: Yes. Finance Committee: Yes. Article passed unanimously. A sum not to exceed \$7,500.00 will be transferred from Free Cash to the Transfer Station Maintenance Account (015433-003).

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to the Computer Purchase Account (015122-008) a sum not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the purchase of a new server for Town Hall; or take any other action relative thereto.
Selectboard: Yes. Finance Committee: Yes. Article passed by majority vote. A sum not to exceed \$5,000.00 will be transferred from Free Cash to the Computer Purchase Account (015122-008).

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to the Building and Maintenance Account (015192-006), a sum not to exceed \$2,000.00 for the purchase of a shed to be placed on the Town Common, and a snow blower to be kept in the shed for snow removal on Town grounds; or take any other action relative thereto.
Selectboard: Yes. Finance Committee: Yes. A motion was made and seconded to amend the wording that the shed be placed “between Stanton & Town Hall” instead of “on the Town Common”. Amendment passed by majority vote. A motion was made and seconded to pass over the Article. The Article was passed over by unanimous vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to the North Hall Maintenance Account (015192-007) a sum not to exceed \$15,700.00 for partial payment for the installation of North Hall performance area central air conditioning (\$2,000.00); foundation repair (\$3,000.00); mold removal (\$4,000.00); and a fine assessed by the Department of Public Safety for expired certificate for elevator inspection (\$6,700.00); or take any other action relative thereto.
Selectboard: Yes. Finance Committee: Yes. Article passed unanimously. A sum not to exceed \$15,700.00 will be transferred from Free Cash to the North Hall Maintenance Account (015192-007).

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to authorize to transfer from Free Cash to the IT Technical Support Account (015122-009) a sum of \$1,000.00 to provide operating capital for WiredWest to defray the cost of legal counsel and other professional services; or take any other action relative thereto.
Selectboard: Yes. Finance Committee: Yes. Article passed unanimously. The sum of \$1,000.00 will be transferred from Free Cash to the IT Technical Support Account (015122-009).

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 10-B Audit, of the Town of Huntington General By-Laws, by deleting the existing text, which provides:

Beginning with fiscal year 2003 and every three years thereafter, the town shall have an independent audit performed, which shall begin no later than six months after the end of the fiscal year, shall include, at a minimum, the following departments: Board of Assessors, Town Accountant, Town Collector, Town Treasurer. The Board of Selectmen may vote not to have this independent audit performed if an independent audit was done in the previous fiscal year, which satisfied the requirements of this bylaw.

And replacing it with the following:

Beginning with Fiscal Year 2015 and every two years thereafter, the Town shall have an independent mini-audit performed of the Town Collector and Town Treasurer, which shall begin no later than six months after the end of the Fiscal Year; and beginning with Fiscal Year 2017 and every two years thereafter, the Town shall have an independent full audit performed which shall include at minimum the Board of Assessors, Town Accountant, Town Collector, and Town Treasurer, which shall begin no later than six months after the end of the Fiscal Year. The Board of Selectmen may vote not to have this independent audit performed if an independent audit was done in the previous fiscal year, which satisfied the requirements of this bylaw;

or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the article by changing “Fiscal Year 2017” to “Fiscal Year 2016”. Amendment passed by majority vote. Article passed by 2/3 vote. No exact count was taken.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 25:

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 53 of the Town of Huntington General By-Laws, “The Preservation of Historically Significant Buildings”, by adding “Hiring of Consultants and Specialists” after the “Administration” section (the new text is italicized below, with the existing text shown in regular type for informational purposes only); or take any other action relative thereto:

Section 53 The Preservation of Historically Significant Buildings

Intent and Purpose

This bylaw is enacted for the purpose of preserving and protecting significant buildings within the Town which constitute or reflect distinctive features of the architectural, cultural, economic, political or social history of the Town and to limit the detrimental effect of demolition on the character of the Town. Through this bylaw, owners of preferably preserved buildings are encouraged to seek out alternative options that will preserve, rehabilitate or restore such buildings and residents of the Town are alerted to impending demolitions of significant buildings. By preserving and protecting significant buildings, streetscapes and neighborhoods, this bylaw promotes the public welfare by making the Town a more attractive and desirable place in which to live and work. To achieve these purposes the Historical Commission is authorized to advise the Building Inspector with respect to

demolition permit applications. The issuance of demolition permits is regulated as provided by this bylaw.

Definitions

APPLICANT-Any person or entity who files an application for a demolition permit. If the applicant is not the owner of the premises upon which the building is situated, the owner must indicate on or with the application his/her assent to the filing of the application.

APPLICATION-An application for the demolition of a building.

BUILDING-Any combination of materials forming a shelter for persons, animals, or property.

BUILDING INSPECTOR - The person occupying the office of Building Inspector or otherwise authorized to issue demolition permits.

COMMISSION – The Huntington Historical Commission or its designee.

DEMOLITION-Any act of pulling down, destroying, removing, dismantling or razing a building or commencing the work of total or substantial destruction with the intent of completing the same.

DEMOLITION PERMIT - The building permit issued by the Building Inspector for a demolition of a building, excluding a building permit issued solely for the demolition of the interior of a building.

PREFERABLY PRESERVED - Any significant building which the Commission determines, following a public hearing, that it is in the public interest to be preserved rather than demolished. A preferably preserved building is subject to the six month demolition delay period of this bylaw.

SIGNIFICANT BUILDING – Any building within the Town which is in whole or in part one hundred years or more old and which has been determined by the Commission or its designee to be significant based on any of the following criteria:

- The Building is listed on, or is within an area listed on, the National Register of Historic Places; or
- The Building has been found eligible for the National Register of Historic Places; or
- The Building is importantly associated with one or more historic persons or events, or with the broad architectural, cultural, political, economic or social history of the Town or the Commonwealth; or
- The Building is historically or architecturally important (in terms of period, style, method of building construction or association with a recognized architect or builder) either by itself or in the context of a group of buildings.

Procedure

No demolition permit for a building which is in whole or in part one hundred years or more old shall be issued without following the provisions of this bylaw. If a building is of unknown age, it shall be assumed that the building is over 100 years old for the purposes of this bylaw.

An applicant proposing to demolish a building subject to this bylaw shall file with the Building Inspector an application containing the following information:

- The address of the building to be demolished.
- The owner's name, address and telephone number.
- A description of the building.
- The reason for requesting a demolition permit.
- A brief description of the proposed reuse, reconstruction or replacement.
- A photograph or photograph(s) of the building.

The Building Inspector shall within seven days forward a copy of the application to the Commission. The Commission shall within fifteen days after receipt of the application, make a written determination of whether the building is significant.

Upon determination by the Commission that the building is not significant, the Commission shall so notify the Building Inspector and applicant in writing. The Building Inspector may then issue the demolition permit.

Upon determination by the Commission that the building is significant, the Commission shall so notify the Building Inspector and the applicant in writing. No demolition permit may be issued at this time. If the Commission does not notify the Building Inspector within fifteen days of receipt of the application, the Building Inspector may proceed to issue the demolition permit.

If the Commission finds that the building is significant, it shall hold a public hearing within thirty days of the written notification to the Building Inspector. Public notice of the time, place and purpose of the hearing shall be posted in a conspicuous place in or on Town Hall, the Post Office, Moltenbrey's Market, Knightville Package Store, and the Fire Station(s), as well as the Town's website, for a period of not less than seven days prior to the date of said hearing and the applicant and the building inspector shall be notified in writing of the meeting time and place.

The Commission shall decide within fourteen days after the public hearing whether the building should be preferably preserved. If agreed to in writing, signed and dated by the applicant the determination of the Commission may be postponed.

If the Commission determines that the building is not to be preferably preserved, the Commission shall so notify the Building Inspector and applicant in writing. The Building Inspector may then issue the demolition permit.

If the Commission determines that the building is to be preferably preserved, the Commission shall notify the Building Inspector and applicant in writing. No demolition permit may then be issued for a period of six months from the date of the determination unless otherwise agreed to by the Commission. If the Commission does not so notify the Building Inspector in writing within twenty one days of the public hearing, the Building Inspector may issue the demolition permit.

Upon a determination by the Commission that any building, which is the subject of an application, is a preferably preserved building, no building permit for new construction, or alterations on the premises, shall be issued for a period of six months from the date of the determination, unless otherwise agreed to by the Commission.

No permit for demolition of a building determined to be a preferably preserved building shall be granted until all plans for future use and development of the site have been filed with the Building Inspector, and have been found to comply with all laws pertaining to the issuance of a building permit, or if for a parking lot, a certificate of occupancy for that site. All approvals necessary for the issuance of such building permit or certificate of occupancy, including without limitation any necessary zoning variances or special permits, must be granted and all

appeals from the granting of such approvals must be concluded, prior to the issuance of a demolition permit under this section.

The Building Inspector may issue a demolition permit or a building permit for a preferably preserved building within the six months if the Commission notifies the Building Inspector in writing that the Commission finds that the intent and purpose of this bylaw is served even with the issuance of the demolition permit or the building permit.

Following the six month delay period, the Building Inspector may issue the demolition permit.

Administration

The Commission may adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary to administer the terms of this bylaw.

The Commission is authorized to adopt a schedule of reasonable fees to cover the costs associated with the administration of this bylaw.

The Commission may delegate authority to make initial determinations of significance to one or more members of the Commission or to a specified municipal employee.

The Commission may pro-actively develop a list of significant buildings that will be subject to this bylaw. Buildings proposed for the significant building list shall be added following a public hearing.

Hiring of Consultants and Specialists

The Historical Commission may hire consultants and/or specialists, at an applicant's expense regarding any action to demolish a historical property under, "The Preservation of Historically Significant Buildings" bylaw, as deemed necessary at the discretion of the Historical Commission in a particular case. The hiring of such consultants and/or specialists shall be governed by the following procedures, as set forth in G.L. c. 44, § 53G.

Upon review of an application for a permit to demolish a historical property, the Historical Commission shall instruct the applicant that he/she deposit a sum to be determined by the Commission with the Town's Treasurer. This sum will be put into an account established by the Town Accountant to be used to pay the fees of consultants or specialists. This fund may be increased as needed.

At the end of the permit process, the remainder (if any) in such account, plus any accrued interest shall be returned to the applicant.

Emergency Demolition

If after an inspection, the Building Inspector finds that a building subject to this bylaw is found to pose an immediate threat to public health or safety due to its deteriorated condition and that there is no reasonable alternative to the immediate demolition of the building or structure, then the Building Inspector may issue an emergency demolition permit to the owner of the building or structure. The Building Inspector shall then prepare a report explaining the condition of the building and the basis for his decision which shall be forwarded to the Commission.

Enforcement and Remedies

The Commission and/or the Building Inspector are each specifically authorized to institute any and all actions and proceedings, in law or equity, as they may deem necessary and appropriate to obtain compliance with the requirements of this bylaw or to prevent a threatened violation thereof.

Any owner of a building subject to this bylaw that demolished the building without first obtaining a demolition permit in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw shall be subject to a fine of not more than three hundred dollars per offense. If a building subject to this bylaw is demolished without first obtaining a demolition permit, no building permit shall be issued for a period of two years from the date of the demolition on the subject parcel of land, or any adjoining parcels of land under common ownership and control, unless the building permit is for the faithful restoration referred to above, or unless otherwise agreed to by the Commission.

Historic District Act

Following a determination that the building is significant and preferably preserved, the Commission may recommend to Town meeting that the building be protected through the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40C, the Historic Districts Act. The steps required under M.G.L. Chapter 40C shall be followed prior to the establishment of a local historic district. Nothing in this bylaw shall be deemed to conflict with the provisions of the Historic District Act, Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40C. If any of the provisions of this bylaw do so conflict, that act shall prevail.

Severability

In case any section, paragraph or part of this bylaw be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court, every other section, paragraph, and part shall continue in full force and effect.

A motion was made and seconded to move the article. Motion passed by majority vote. Article was not passed by 2/3 vote. No exact count was taken.

At 9:36pm a motion was made and seconded to dissolve. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting dissolved at 9:36pm.

A quorum of 100 was present.

A true copy attest:

Andrea McKittrick, Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF HUNTINGTON**

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Wednesday, August 20, 2014
6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

As directed, the Voters of the Town of Huntington, qualified to vote in Town affairs met at Stanton Hall in said Huntington on Wednesday, August 20, 2105 at 6:30pm., then and there took the following action:

Temporary Moderator:	Thomas Gralinski
Town Clerk:	Andrea McKittrick
Asst. Town Clerk:	Kathleen Thomas
Selectboard:	Jeff McKittrick, John McVeigh
Finance Committee:	Darlene McVeigh, Henry Dubay
Counters:	Lorena Belhumeur, Karen Wittshirk

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by the Town Clerk. The first order of business was to elect a Temporary Moderator in the absence of the Moderator. As nominations were taken, Mr. Gralinski volunteered to act as Temporary Moderator. Nominations were closed, and by a show of hands, Mr. Gralinski was elected to the position of Temporary Moderator and sworn in by the Town Clerk. The Moderator announced that the warrant had been legally posted and a quorum had been reached.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$403,166.00 for Huntington's share of the over-minimum contribution to the budget for Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectboard: No. Finance Committee: No. After lengthy discussion, a motion was made and seconded to move the question. Motion passed 24 yes, 18 no. A vote was then taken by secret paper ballot at 6:50 pm. These votes were thrown out when it was revealed that a 2/3 vote is required to move a question and that had not been reached. Discussion of the Article continued, and when finished, another secret paper ballot vote was taken. The Article passed by majority vote with 34 yes, 25 no.

At 7:16 pm. a motion was made and seconded to dissolve.

Motion passed unanimously. Meeting dissolved at 7:16 pm.

A quorum of 60 was present.

A true copy attest:

Andrea McKittrick, Town Clerk

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
BALANCE SHEET-GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2014

	Funds					Total
	General	Stabilization	Water	Sewer	Nonmajor Governmental	
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	231,939	982,079	133,595	280,206	339,251	1,967,070
Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:						
Property Taxes	1,840,811	0	0	0	0	1,840,811
User Charges	0	0	23,302	23,311	0	46,613
Tax liens	27,507	0	45,020	75,115	0	147,642
Excise Taxes and other taxes	37,697	0	0	0	0	37,697
Due from other governments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	26,922	0	0	0	0	26,922
Total Assets	2,164,877	982,079	201,917	378,632	339,251	4,066,756
Liabilities & Fund Equity						
Liabilities:						
Warrants Payable	0	0	0	0	0	0
Accrued Payroll	0	0	0	0	0	0
Employee Withholdings	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred Revenue:						
Property Taxes	1,918,970	0	0	0	0	1,918,970
Other	83,416	0	68,322	98,426	0	250,164
Total liabilities	2,002,386	0	68,322	98,426	0	2,169,134
Fund Equity:						
Reserved for Encumbrances	7,873	0	0	0	21,365	29,238
Unreserved:						
Designated for Subsequent Year's Exps	0	0	0	0	0	0
Undesignated for Specific Purposes	0	0	0	0	0	0
General Fund	204,343	0	0	0	0	204,343
Special Revenue	0	982,079	133,415	280,386	318,758	1,714,638
Permenant Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Fund Equity	212,216	982,079	133,415	280,386	340,123	1,948,219
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	2,214,601	982,079	201,737	378,812	340,123	4,117,351

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	<u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Stabilization</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Water</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Sewer</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Non major</u> <u>Governmental</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Governmental</u> <u>Funds</u>
Revenues:						
Property Taxes	2,812,782	0	0	0	0	2,812,782
Intergovernmental	619,156	0	0	0	0	619,156
Excise and Other Taxes	220,080	0	0	0	0	220,080
Charges for Services		0	92,741	132,569	0	225,311
Licenses, Permits and Fees	77,997	0	0	0	0	77,997
Interest on Taxes	29,070	0	4,429	6,646	0	40,144
Interest on Investments	2,146	18,020		0	0	20,166
Other	81,269	0	18,324	32,826	686,030	818,449
Total Revenues	3,842,500	18,020	115,494	172,041	686,030	4,834,085
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government	352,548	0	0	0	728,350	1,080,898
Public Safety	280,707	0	0	0	0	280,707
Public Works and Facilities	406,040	0	0	0	0	406,040
Water and Sewer	0	0	177,013	107,938	0	284,951
Education	2,732,911	0	0	0	0	2,732,911
Health and Human Services	51,991	0	0	0	0	51,991
Culture and Recreation	73,256	0	0	0	0	73,256
Employee Benefits and Insurance	160,926		0	0	0	160,926
State Assessments	17,677	0	0	0	0	17,677
Debt service:						
Principal	72,854	0	10,750	0	0	83,604
Interest	6,312	0	3	0	0	6,315
Total Expenditures	4,155,223	0	187,766	107,938	728,350	5,179,276
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(312,723)	18,020	(72,272)	64,103	(42,320)	(345,191)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Operating Transfers Out	0	0	0	0	0	0
Audit Adjustments		0	0	0	0	
Other	11,584	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	11,584	0	0	0	0	0
Net Change in Fund Balances	(301,138)	18,020	(72,272)	64,103	(42,320)	(333,607)
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	505,481	964,058	205,687	216,283	361,078	2,252,587
Fund Balances, End of Year	204,343	982,079	133,415	280,386	318,758	1,918,980

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
GENERAL FUND:BUDGET and ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>114-MODERATOR</u>			
Salary	235	235	0
<u>122-SELECTPERSONS</u>			
Salary	6,642	6,642	0
Admin Asst Wages	33,574	33,574	0
Expenses	1,565	1,565	0
Admin Asst Exp	410	410	0
Legal Ads Expense	242	74	168
General Office Supplies	3,100	2,378	722
Copy Machine Expenses	1,400	1,097	303
TOTAL	46,933	45,739	1,194
<u>122-COMPUTER COMMITTEE</u>			
Computer Purch Expenses	2,000	2,000	0
IT Tech Support	5,000	2,835	2,165
TOTAL	7,000	4,835	2,165
<u>131-FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>			
Expenses	200	129	71
Reserve Fund	0	0	0
TOTAL	200	129	71
<u>135-ACCOUNTANT</u>			
Salary	12,910	12,910	0
Expenses	500	280	220
Software Suppt	2,510	2,508	2
Audit Expense	12,000	12,000	0
TOTAL	27,920	27,698	222
<u>137-ASSESSORS</u>			
Salaries	6,058	6,058	0
Expenses	2,384	2,365	19
Clerk Wages	17,038	17,038	0
Mapping Expenses	3,150	3,150	0
Software Support	4,550	4,503	48
Revaluation	0	0	0
TOTAL	33,180	33,114	66
<u>138-TREASURER</u>			
Salary	15,592	15,592	0
Expenses	2,040	1,967	73
Bank Service Chgs	0	0	0
Tax Title Expenses	3,981	3,981	0
Software support	3,619	3,619	0
TOTAL	25,233	25,159	73

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
GENERAL FUND:BUDGET and ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>139-COLLECTOR</u>			
Salary	21,013	21,013	0
Expenses	5,500	3,316	2,184
Tax Taking	900	853	47
Collector Software support	6,720	6,651	69
TOTAL	34,133	31,833	2,300
<u>151-LEGAL</u>			
Legal Expenses	16,730	16,730	0
MA General Law Books	0	0	0
TOTAL	16,730	16,730	0
<u>161/162-TOWN CLERK</u>			
Salary	13,349	13,349	0
Dog License Exp	400	280	120
Expenses	1,300	966	334
Census Superintendent	1,500	1,500	0
Census Expenses	800	652	148
Asst clerk salary	2,086	2,086	0
Election Workers Wages	2,300	811	1,489
Elect & Reg Expenses	535	79	456
TOTAL	22,270	19,723	2,547
<u>171-CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u>			
Expenses	800	721	79
<u>172-PLANNING BOARD</u>			
Expenses	1,200	397	803
<u>173-ZONING BOARD</u>			
Expenses	450	19	431
<u>179-OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE</u>			
Expenses	200	0	200
<u>192-BUILDINGS & PROPERTY</u>			
Wages	13,530	13,530	0
Tn Hall Utilities/Phone	18,352	18,281	71
North Hall Utilities	844	844	0
Stanton Hall Utilities	12,535	12,408	127
Town Mowing	3,550	3,550	0
Maintenance	16,600	16,600	0
North Hall Maintenance	3,186	3,186	0
GIS Mapping	0	0	0
TOTAL	68,597	68,399	198

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
GENERAL FUND:BUDGET and ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>193-LIABILITY INSURANCE</u>			
Workers' Compensation	3,340	3,340	0
Unemployment Insurance	13,429	13,429	0
Medicare	9,426	9,426	0
Town Buildings Insurance	32,669	32,669	0
Town Vehicle Insurance	16,100	16,100	0
TOTAL	74,963	74,963	0
<u>196-REPORTS</u>			
Town Reports	2,853	2,853	0
Total General Government	362,897	352,548	10,349
<u>210-POLICE</u>			
Chief Salary	53,742	53,742	0
Training Exps & Wages	24,570	24,570	0
Murrayfield Crossing Guard	1,542	1,542	0
Administration/Training	7,382	7,382	0
Vehicle Maintenance	10,687	10,687	0
Equipment	46,508	46,508	0
Building Maint	521	521	0
TOTAL	144,951	144,951	0
<u>220-FIRE</u>			
Chief Salary	4,123	4,123	0
Hourly Wages	10,777	10,711	67
Deputy/Asst Chief Salary	3,946	3,425	521
Training Wages	3,519	3,519	0
Building/Equipment Exps	32,121	31,138	982
Admin/Training Expenses	2,690	2,690	0
Utilities	9,059	9,028	32
Truck Maintenance	13,764	13,764	0
Fire Dsefense Assn	0	0	0
TOTAL	79,999	78,398	1,601
<u>231-AMBULANCE</u>			
Ambulance Service	23,485	23,485	0
<u>BUILDING INSPECTOR</u>			
Expenses	16,730	16,730	0
Gas Inspector Fees	1,348	1,348	0
Plumbing Inspector Fees	1,000	0	1,000
Wiring Inspector Fees	922	450	472
TOTAL	20,000	18,528	1,472
<u>291-CIVIL DEFENSE</u>			
Expenses	1,000	1,000	0
Reverse 911	2,663	2,623	40
TOTAL	3,663	3,623	40

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
GENERAL FUND:BUDGET and ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>292-DOG OFFICER</u>			
Salary	1,107	0	1,107
Expenses	500	74	426
TOTAL	1,607	74	1,533
<u>294-TREE SERVICES</u>			
Tree Warden Svce & Salary	1,600	1,600	0
Dutch Elm Disease	1	0	1
Forestry Service	1	0	1
Pest Control	1	0	1
Tree Removal Expense	10,000	10,000	0
TOTAL	11,603	11,600	3
Constable Expense	200	48	152
Total Public Safety	285,508	280,707	4,801
<u>300-EDUCATION</u>			
Gateway Min Contribution	1,345,918	1,345,918	0
Gateway Over Min Contribution	409,164	409,164	0
Transportation/Debt	578,465	427,613	150,852
Ch 70 Voc Trans	69,282	69,282	0
Ch 70 Voc Tuition	486,375	480,934	5,440
Total Education	2,889,203	2,732,911	156,292
<u>422/424-HIGHWAY</u>			
Superintendent	51,449	51,428	21
Hourly Wages	78,874	78,874	0
Overtime/Extra Help	19,306	19,306	0
Utilities	21,294	21,294	0
Bldg/Equip Maintenance	30,030	30,030	0
Sand & Salt	37,151	37,151	0
Gas & Diesel Fuel	27,256	23,256	4,000
Road Maintenance	40,149	40,149	0
Uniforms	2,372	2,372	0
Admin/Training Expenses	500	500	0
Drug Testing	200	190	10
Equipment replacement	1,500	1,468	32
Street Lights	10,623	10,623	0
TOTAL	320,704	316,640	4,063
<u>433-TRANSFER STATION</u>			
Wages	16,007	15,402	605
Hauling & Disposal	61,352	57,479	3,873
Misc/Maint	3,648	1,544	2,104
Utilities	1,000	876	124
Hilltown Mgt Res Co-Op	7,000	6,323	677
Hsehd Hazardous Mat Rem	2,000	0	2,000
Training	500	0	500

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
GENERAL FUND:BUDGET and ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
Basket Str Landfill Monit	10,000	7,775	2,225
TOTAL	101,507	89,400	12,107
<u>440-SEWER</u>			
Commissioner Salaries	3,862	3,862	0
Wages	49,063	40,124	8,939
Workers Compensation	3,382	864	2,518
Unemployment	979	979	0
Health Insurance	4,646	4,646	0
Property Insurance	1,929	1,929	0
Vehicle Insurance	1,815	1,815	0
Utilities	18,042	18,042	0
Contractors	10,000	2,825	7,175
Building/Equipment Maint	25,000	20,039	4,961
Meter Pump Expense	3,000	2,518	482
Chemical Purchase	3,500	2,505	995
Waste Removal	7,319	5,789	1,529
Improvements	10,000	186	9,814
Software support	1,824	1,814	10
Septic Tank Pumping	1	0	1
Other Support Employees	0	0	0
TOTAL	144,361	107,938	36,423
<u>450-WATER</u>			
Commissioner Salaries	3,862	3,862	0
Wages	34,960	34,960	0
Workers Compensation	1,296	1,296	0
Unemployment	685	685	0
Health Insurance	1,101	1,101	0
Property Insurance	3,009	3,009	0
Utilities	12,830	12,830	0
Vehicle Insurance	1,361	1,361	0
Analysis Tests	5,399	5,399	0
Analysis Chemicals	2,028	2,028	0
Contractors	4,431	4,431	0
Materials/Equipment	11,489	11,489	0
Improvements	88,931	88,931	0
Software support	3,507	3,507	0
Meters	595	595	0
Water Overtime	1,527	1,527	0
TOTAL	177,013	177,013	0
<u>490-CEMETERY</u>			
Norwich Hill Cemetery	300	0	300
TOTAL	300	0	300
Total Public Works	743,885	690,991	52,893

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
GENERAL FUND:BUDGET and ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>510-BOARD of HEALTH</u>			
Salaries	6,233	6,233	0
Secretary Salary	4,406	4,406	0
Agent Wages	3,597	3,597	0
Nebbs Well Expenses	2,258	2,083	175
Health Nursing Fee	0	0	0
Animal Control Officer Salary	798	798	0
Perc Tests/Septic Tank Fees	0	0	0
TOTAL	17,291	17,116	175
Council on Aging	4,285	3,817	469
<u>543-VETERN AGENT</u>			
Salary	1,843	1,843	0
Relief Benefits	29,215	29,215	0
TOTAL	31,058	31,058	0
Total Human Services	52,634	51,991	644
<u>610-LIBRARY</u>			
Wages	32,201	32,201	0
Maintenance Wages	4,200	4,200	0
Maint/Repair/Supplies	6,546	6,546	0
Utilities	5,582	5,582	0
Books/Periodicals	13,421	13,421	0
Software Tech Support	1,274	962	312
TOTAL	63,224	62,912	312
<u>620-RECREATION COMMISSION</u>			
Wages	0	0	0
Expenses	8,000	7,638	362
TOTAL	8,000	7,638	362
Historical Commission	400	0	400
Agricultural Committee	15	15	0
Memorial Day Parade	650	297	353
Community Events	2,394	2,395	(0)
TOTAL	3,459	2,707	753
Total Culture & Rec	74,683	73,256	1,427
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>			
Fire Truck Loan	48,000	48,000	0
Water Meter Loan	10,750	10,750	0
Hwy Truck Loan	25,000	24,857	143
Fire Truck Interest	5,750	5,733	17
Water Meter Interest	813	3	810
Hwy Truck Interst	900	389	511
Short Term Interest	187	187	0
TOTAL	91,400	89,919	1,481

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
GENERAL FUND:BUDGET and ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>INTERGOVERNMENT</u>			
CS MV Excise Surcharge	3,540	3,540	0
CS Air Polution Assmnt	567	567	0
CS Regional Transit	10,000	10,000	0
Hampdon Co Jail Assmt	2,007	2,007	0
Council of Govts Assmt	1,563	1,563	0
Hampshire Co Retirement	86,800	86,800	0
TOTAL	104,477	104,477	0
<u>914-HEALTH INSURANCE</u>			
Collector Health Ins	14,028	14,025	3
Police Health Ins	6,022	6,022	0
Highway Health Insurance	20,050	20,048	2
Library Health Ins	5,747	5,747	0
Police & Fire Disability Ins	17,195	16,240	955
Admin Health Ins	12,045	12,044	1
TOTAL	75,087	74,126	961
Total Misc Expenses	270,964	268,522	2,442
<u>Transfers</u>			
Stabilization	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,679,776	4,450,927	228,850

TOWN of HUNTINGTON

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	Fund Balances			
	<u>July 1, 2013</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>June 30, 2014</u>
Chapter 90	(17,309.50)	209,493.43	202,552.35	(10,368.42)
Special Revenue Funds:				
Utility Tractor Purchase	24,872.01	0.00	24,872.01	0.00
Utility Tractor Maint	691.59	1,750.00	947.65	1,493.94
COA Donation a/c	4,491.63	2,657.60	1,471.00	5,678.23
Conservation Wetlands Fees	4,915.77	0.00	115.00	4,800.77
Murryfield Oil Tk Grant	4,143.78	0.00	758.15	3,385.63
Comm Develop Block Grants	5,738.62	55,861.70	55,861.60	5,738.72
Apricultural Committee	20.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
Well Head Protection	768.47	0.00	0.00	768.47
Sara Gillette Services-COA	(152.42)	2,930.00	3,174.20	(396.62)
Emergency Management	44,022.73	0.00	35,225.00	8,797.73
Library Building	8,470.81	0.00	0.00	8,470.81
Local Preparedness Grant	315.40	0.00	0.00	315.40
Conservation	1.71	0.00	0.00	1.71
FEMA Grants	14,009.88	53,525.07	45,518.96	22,015.99
FEMA-4051-HD-MA	0.00	0.00	944.23	(944.23)
FF Public Safety Equip	372.66	0.00	0.00	372.66
Public Safety Educ Grant	1,476.30	0.00	0.00	1,476.30
Capital Expenditures	14,472.04	0.00	0.00	14,472.04
FEMA Grant-Ice	2,569.61	0.00	2,569.61	0.00
Stanton Hall Upkeep	7,209.81	5,000.00	4,109.86	8,099.95
GRSD Fuel	(47.64)	3,783.39	3,751.91	(16.16)
Green Grant	19,295.91	112.62	13,245.00	6,163.53
ZBA Escrow Funds	1,496.12	0.00	0.00	1,496.12
Cultural Council	2,818.14	3,080.86	2,302.87	3,596.13
BOH Spec Proj	2,939.73	2,340.00	0.00	5,279.73
State Aid to Libraries	5,558.58	12,423.88	1,689.47	16,292.99
Council on Aging-Formula	1,330.94	2,669.06	2,125.20	1,874.80
Council on Aging-High Valley	469.86	0.00	0.00	469.86
Recycling	865.52	0.00	0.00	865.52
FRTA	23,864.35	35,103.23	32,779.05	26,188.53
Town Property Damage	(600.00)	1,000.00	0.00	400.00
Total-Special Revenue Funds	196,401.91	182,237.41	231,460.77	147,178.55

TOWN of HUNTINGTON
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	Fund Balances			
	<u>July 1,2013</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>June 30,2014</u>
Trust Funds:				
Conservation Fund	10,876.37	20.71	0.00	10,897.08
Stanton Income Fund	108,680.23	20,346.15	19,000.00	110,026.38
Whiting Street Fund	2,810.92	5.28	950.00	1,866.20
Cemetary Perpetual Care	3,363.84	0.00	0.00	3,363.84
Communeration Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stabilization Fund	964,058.20	18,020.43	0.00	982,078.63
Postwar Rehabilitation Fund	927.60	0.00	0.00	927.60
Recreation Fund	125.98	0.00	0.00	125.98
Civic Welfare Fund	4,066.67	0.00	0.00	4,066.67
Total-Trust Funds	<u>1,094,909.81</u>	<u>38,392.57</u>	<u>19,950.00</u>	<u>1,113,352.38</u>
Agency Funds:				
Due to Admin Asst-Fees	802.00	0.00	0.00	802.00
Extra Duty Police	16,517.32	73,261.40	81,277.00	8,501.72
Due to Collector-Fees	3,142.87	9,351.00	10,738.48	1,755.39
Due to Comm/Firearms Fund	22,257.66	11,300.00	14,874.00	18,683.66
Due to Comm-Fish & Game	1,205.15	336.15	0.00	1,541.30
Due to Deputy	0.00	8,926.00	9,616.00	(690.00)
Fire Permit Fees	0.00	425.00	1,555.00	(1,130.00)
Due to Town Clerk-Fees	0.00	935.00	1,953.25	(1,018.25)
W/H-Federal	1,824.47	49,694.24	43,919.54	7,599.17
W/H-Medicare	674.08	8,885.20	8,272.09	1,287.19
W/H-State	693.45	26,987.86	23,586.89	4,094.42
W/H-Retirement	1,588.70	40,981.57	37,406.84	5,163.43
W/H-Grp Ins	973.63	21,625.31	20,778.76	1,820.18
W/H-Life Ins	0.00	119.46	111.06	8.40
W/H OBRA	401.19	11,235.38	10,872.17	764.40
W/H-Other Payroll	219.80	5,862.60	5,751.12	331.28
W/H-Dental	(29.66)	4,000.70	3,674.32	296.72
Total-Agency Funds	<u>50,270.66</u>	<u>273,926.87</u>	<u>274,386.52</u>	<u>49,811.01</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Buley

**TOWN REPORT
COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014**

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Billed</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Abate/Exempt</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Bill Adj.</u>	<u>Tax Title</u>	<u>Lien</u>	<u>Void/ Pmt Adjust</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
Real Estate:										
2010	5,038.97	919.73	2,847.75	-	384.05	-	-	-	-	3,495.00
2011	23,149.44	8,751.87	21,556.05	-	102.58	(5.00)	10,433.41	-	-	1,133.78
2012	66,767.41	10,627.60	37,571.58	-	414.87	(50.00)	7,161.00	-	(1,124.35)	33,027.30
2013	174,614.73	12,233.68	104,206.06	987.11	3,899.50	(34.40)	-	-	577.17	84,943.17
2014	1,569,231.92	1,685,319.61	3,011,211.85	18,581.49	7,912.55	2,836.99	9,913.03	-	634.28	224,960.42
2015		1,566,533.16								1,566,533.16
Totals	1,838,802.47	3,284,385.65	3,177,393.29	19,568.60	12,713.55	2,747.59	27,507.44	-	87.10	1,914,092.83
Personal Property:										
2009	16.59					-	-	-	-	-
2010	56.70					-	-	-	-	16.59
2011	924.47					-	-	-	-	56.70
2012	952.77				29.50	-	-	-	-	924.47
2013	1,533.01	17.10	517.81	-	56.88	-	-	-	-	982.27
2014		92,854.54	90,083.40	963.72		-	-	-	-	1,089.18
Totals	3,483.54	92,871.64	90,601.21	963.72	86.38	-	-	-	-	4,876.63
Water:										
2008	(0.11)									-
2012		2,469.41	1,848.23			(48,923.33)			-	(0.11)
2013		83.54	-			-			-	(48,302.15)
2014		110,967.90	90,893.26		58.29	48,115.47		45,019.64	10.00	83.54
2015			-	-	58.29	(807.86)	-	45,019.64	10.00	23,218.76
Totals		113,520.85	92,741.49	-	58.29	(807.86)	-	45,019.64	10.00	-
Sewer:										
2008	(0.48)									-
2012		2,279.84	3,354.37			(68,858.82)				(0.48)
2013		135.55	-			-				(69,933.35)
2014		160,037.10	129,215.05		5.00	67,453.37		75,115.02	(10.00)	135.55
2015			-	-	5.00	(1,405.45)	-	75,115.02	(10.00)	23,175.40
Totals		162,452.49	132,569.42	-	5.00	(1,405.45)	-	75,115.02	(10.00)	-

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Billed</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Abate/Exempt</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Bill Adj.</u>	<u>Tax Title</u>	<u>Lien</u>	<u>Void/ Pmt Adjust</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
Excise:										
1987		59.13	59.13				-	-	-	-
1988		116.67	116.67				-	-	-	-
1989		247.22	247.22				-	-	-	-
1998	263.99						-	-	-	263.99
1999	89.81						-	-	-	(250.34)
2002	(58.31)						-	-	-	(58.31)
2003	(239.67)						-	-	-	(239.67)
2004	(7.93)						-	-	-	(7.93)
2005	(431.79)						-	-	-	(431.79)
2006	(113.52)						-	-	-	(113.52)
2007	1,683.02	320.88	634.56				-	-	-	1,369.34
2008	1,997.87	524.12	1,134.37				-	-	-	1,387.62
2009	1,099.75	228.18	422.83				-	-	-	905.10
2010	2,318.84	539.68	1,048.93	351.56			-	-	-	1,458.03
2011	3,657.74	1,028.30	2,184.59				-	-	-	2,501.45
2012	1,952.77	3,979.98	7,998.07	48.13	195.52		-	-	-	(1,917.93)
2013	37,692.52	28,245.68	56,015.00	4,451.60	1,666.59	(54.00)	-	-	-	7,084.19
2014		217,266.31	183,506.43	9,062.09	1,049.37		-	-	-	25,747.16
Totals	49,905.09	252,834.08	253,985.88	13,913.38	2,911.48	(54.00)	-	-	-	37,697.39
Tax Title:										
2009		258.02	1,521.14				-	-	-	(1,263.12)
2010		535.71	3,158.22				-	-	-	(2,622.51)
2011		10,928.83	2,970.61				-	-	-	7,958.22
2012		10,447.17	5,730.70				-	-	-	4,716.47
2013		11,727.91					-	-	-	
2014		9,913.03					-	-	-	
Totals	-	43,810.67	13,380.67	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,789.06

Summary:	Collected	Outstanding
Real Estate	3,177,393.29	1,914,092.83
Personal Property	90,601.21	4,876.63
Water	92,741.49	23,218.76
Sewer	132,569.42	23,175.40
Excise	253,985.88	37,697.39
Tax Title	13,380.67	8,789.06
Totals	3,760,671.96	2,011,850.07

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea McKittrick, Collector

TREASURER

Tax Title

MGL Chapter 60 Section.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 arrangement can be made, I put the property into land court, where the end result is usually the Town owning the piece of property. All tax title payments and redemptions flow 100% into the Town's free cash calculations.

<u>Person Assessed</u>	<u>Date of Taking</u>	<u>Principal amount owed as of June 30, 2014</u>
J. Florence	12/06/2007	19309.37
J. Florence	12/04/2008	5006.78
E. Mazuch	12/02/2010	8323.21
R. Cody	09/11/2013	1262.01
A. Garner-Kilpera	09/11/2013	5179.09
L. Montero	09/11/2013	1270.63
D. Taylor-Bell	09/11/2013	349.10
C. Newton	09/11/2013	5848.00
D. Lavigne	09/11/2013	9729.05

Amount of tax title collected for period of 07/01/2013-06/30/2014 is the following:

<u>Principle</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Total Amount Collected</u>
11285.83	5406.94	1518.55	18211.32

Borrowing

Item(s)	Loan	Interest Paid	FY year pay-off
Highway Truck	47881.45	310.36	FY16
Water Meters	10000.00	1250.00	FY17
Fire Truck	192000.00	4500.00	FY18
Highway Loader	144755.00	2895.00	FY19

I am available by appointment Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. My e-mail is huntingtontreas@comcast.net and number to be reached at is 413-667-3502.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee E. Burnham, Treasurer

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

During the FY2014 Fiscal Year, the Board of Assessors worked to update the Town maps with the able assistance of a Veteran Tax Work Off assistant. A tax map index was created, and loosely filed maps were categorized and placed in a filing cabinet for easy reference. Board members continued their cyclical field inspections and took photographs for the property record cards. The Board will continue the cyclical inspections in conjunction with the required Triennial Revaluation mandated by the Department of Revenue.

Statistics

141 Motor Vehicle Abatements were processed.
12 Real Estate Exemptions were processed.
6 Senior Work Off Exemptions were processed.
5 Real Estate Abatements were processed.
2 Personal Property Abatements were processed.
53 Building Permits were reviewed and recorded.
1 new house was recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

Assessors:	Sue Fopiano	Edward Renaud	Erik Stein
Assessors' Clerk:	Ted Gloss		

BOARD OF HEALTH

In 2014, Henry Dubay began as the Chief Transfer Station Operator. This year, Henry, along with Assistant Transfer Station Operator Marty Nicholas, have endeavored to make the sticker system as fair as possible by insisting everyone pay the fees owed. With the Board of Health's support, they will be strictly enforcing the 30 gallon limit for one sticker. This will require two stickers on bags and containers larger than 30 Gallons.

This year, under the leadership of Jean Jackman, the Board has invested funds in the enforcement of Health Code Laws. The Health Code Agent, Claudia Lucas, has begun enforcement of violations. In the coming year, Claudia, in conjunction with the State Health Inspector and the courts, will be helping residents reduce violations on their properties.

Tom Hart lead the conversion of our recycling to a single stream compactor. With expert help from Chip Dazelle, the concrete pad was expanded and the compactor installed. This will reduce our hauling bills, offsetting some of the increases in disposal fees. Tom also worked with Andy Girouard to provide additional lighting for the yard.

In 2014, the Board of Health sold 686 transfer station stickers, with approximately 20% of that number being second stickers @ \$5.00.

Finally, it was a very difficult winter to maintain the transfer station. The snow and ice provided great challenges to keeping the station open. The Board would like to thank the Highway Department, transfer station employees, including substitutes, and others who contributed their time to keep the transfer station and equipment functioning.

Respectfully submitted,

George Peterson	Thomas Hart	Jean Jackman, Chair
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CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

There is currently a ten year Franchise Agreement in place between the Town of Huntington and Comcast, which expires in February of 2017. In anticipation of this, the Cable Advisory Committee was formed in 2014. This committee will assist the Selectboard with the negotiation of a new contract with Comcast. The committee is focusing its efforts on determining what negotiating leverage Huntington has to get contractual commitments from Comcast to extend its existing network. During new contract negotiations, Comcast has demonstrated a limited willingness to build out some line extensions in other partial cable towns. As we get closer to the existing contract termination date, the committee will be holding a Public Hearing. All Town residents are encouraged to attend this hearing so that everyone's issues and concerns can be carefully considered. Please watch the Country Journal for the Public Hearing notice and plan to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Saner, Chair	Bob Brackney	Johanna Brackney	Eleanor Piers
Merrienne Reimann	Scott Tillinghast		

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee acts as an advisory body to the Town on fiscal matters. Regular monthly meetings are normally held on the third Tuesday of each month, with additional meetings during budget preparation.

Primary functions include preparation of the annual budget, monitoring expenses and making recommendations to the Selectboard, and managing the Stanton Fund. The Committee also recommends a course of action for any articles having financial implications that come before any Annual or Special Town Meeting.

The process of developing a budget that meets our levy limit, while continuing to maintain adequate Town services and a quality education for our children, continues to be challenging. The Worthington withdrawal from the Gateway Regional School District will put a strain on the FY 2016 member town budgets.

As commented in our prior year report, we ask that you thoroughly familiarize yourself with the upcoming FY 2016 budget. Our school budget is of primary importance and every effort should be made to read this separate report in detail. In addition, maintaining appropriate levels of Free Cash and increasing the Stabilization Fund will provide the flexibility needed to sustain adequate service levels despite any adverse financial impact of unforeseen and extraordinary expenses.

The Committee's role in guiding the Town's financial future needs to be supported by your active involvement. We encourage and welcome your participation in the budget process and at Annual and Special Town Meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene McVeigh, Chair	Karon Hathaway, Secretary	Henry Dubay
Victoria Minella-Sena		

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

The Massachusetts Building Code CMR 780 Section 105.1

“Required: *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 provisions 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.”*

In 2014 there were 57 permits issued for a total project value of \$1,018,964.00

Statistics:

Wood and Pellet Stoves	20	Reroofs	5
Window replacement	4	Decks	1
Repairs	6	Garages	4
Additions	5	Demolition	1
Sheds	2	New Dwellings	1
Misc.	7	PV Solar	4

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Peterson III, Building Commissioner

ELECTRIC, GAS, AND PLUMBING PERMITS ISSUED

	ELECTRICAL	GAS	PLUMBING
Residential:	30	12	9
Commercial:	3	2	3
Totals:	33	14	12

HUNTINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

This year has been a somewhat quiet year for the Fire Department. We have had a steady, but not overly busy, call volume. We are still looking for more volunteers to join the department. As we continue to maintain the equipment we have, we are looking forward to updating and purchasing new and better equipment. As always, the Huntington Fire Department would like to thank the residents and businesses of Huntington for their continued support.

2014 call volume

Fires: 23

Rescue and Medical: 138

Hazardous Conditions: 29

Service: 33

Good Intent: 10

False Alarms: 10

Severe Weather: 1

Respectfully submitted,

Gary F. Dahill, Fire Chief

HILLTOWN COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

In 2014, Hilltown Community Ambulance (HCAA) was requested for 520 calls and assisted 473 patients in the six towns that we serve. 140 of them were in Huntington. Patients were transported to Noble Hospital, Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Mercy Medical Center, Baystate Medical Center and Berkshire Medical Center.

We increased our hours of staffing from 8 am-midnight every day to include on-duty staffing Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday overnights; we anticipate adding Sunday, Monday and Tuesday overnights by fall of 2015. We also increased our level of care in 2014, and now staff an ambulance at the Paramedic level for 80% of our in-service hours. We continue to strive to hire local EMTs and Paramedics whenever possible, and currently, almost 90% of our employees are from one of the six towns we serve.

Last year, we created a community outreach program called Hilltown Plus with a mission of improving the lives of our residents by creatively utilizing available resources. Hilltown Plus received grant funding for our Baseline Health USB program, and we currently have 35 residents who have participated, or are scheduled to participate, with funds available for 320 more. Any resident who would like to have a HCAA Paramedic visit them at home, and put all of their health information on a USB drive for them, may schedule an appointment with Angela at 413-667-3277. This program comes at no cost to the resident.

Hilltown Community Ambulance Association would like to thank the Town of Huntington and its residents for their commitment to the ambulance service. The Town's purchase of the building we are garaged in has given us a great sense of security and peace of mind as we look forward to expanding our hours and services for the benefit of all our residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen P. Gaughan, Director

Angela Mulkerin, Assistant Director

POLICE DEPARTMENT

This past year has been a very busy and productive year for the Huntington Police Department. Utilizing an organizational strategy that recognizes the importance of collaboration between law enforcement, social service agencies, local government, the Gateway Regional School District and the citizens of the community, the Police Department was able to address the growing needs and challenges facing a rural community.

Working with neighboring communities and the four Western Massachusetts Counties, a Mutual Aid Agreement was developed and implemented that “established a strategic working partnership” that allowed communities to utilize neighboring personnel and equipment in time of need. This agreement enhanced resource availability and provided increased safety by granting the power of arrest in each participating community’s jurisdiction.

As a member of the Gateway Regional School District’s Safe Schools Program, the Police Department continued to work with the North Western District Attorney’s Office, the Massachusetts Department of Education, and State and local police to establish procedures and protocol necessary to provide a safe school environment for all children. In addition, the Department continued its commitment to work cooperatively with the Southern Domestic Hilltown Violence Task Force, Safe Passage, and Hilltown Safety at Home.

The Police Department was the recipient of a new Chevy Tahoe cruiser that replaced the 2006 Chevy Tahoe. A special thank you to the citizens of Huntington for endorsing the purchase of this necessary patrol vehicle.

911 Calls and Incidents for the Calendar Year 2014

No Classification	14
209A Service	1
209A Violations	2
911 Hang Up	8
911 Misdial	10
Accident Damage	24
Accident Injury	11
Accident Unknown	11
Alarm	38
Animal Complaints	14
Annoyance	1
Arrests & Summons	26
Assault	2
Assault, Aggravated	1
Assault, Sexual	1
Assist Other Agency	20
B&E Auto	1
B&E Building	12
BOLO	2
Burglary	1
By-Law Violations	3

Cell/Trace Call	3
Check Welfare	14
Courtesy Transport	1
Death	1
Disabled M/V	23
Disorderly	2
Disturbance	11
Domestic	23
Elderly Assist	1
Fire	23
Harassment	1
Investigation	11
Juvenile Offense	1
Larceny	1
Larceny Over \$250	2
M/V Complaint	24
M/V Violation	6
Medical	94
Miscellaneous	15
Missing Child	2
Missing Person	2
M/V Stop	47
Neighbor Dispute	10
Noise Complaint	8
Notification	1
Officer Wanted	44
Paperwork Service	7
Psychological Emergency	3
Safety Hazard	8
Shots Fired	3
Suspicious Person	14
Suspicious Vehicle	16
Threat	1
Traffic Hazard	22
Trespass	2
Unwanted Person	4
Vandalism	1
Wires Down	5

I would like to say thank you to the residents of the Town for their continued support and assistance in helping to provide a safe environment. To my fellow officers and the Massachusetts State Police, my appreciation for their commitment, professionalism, and service to the citizens of the Town of Huntington.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Garriepy, Chief of Police

MODERATOR

2014 has been a fairly quiet legislative year, with only one short Special Town Meeting having been held since the Annual Town Meeting. That does not mean, however, that there has been little or no activity behind the scenes. Many people have been working diligently to monitor and interpret the effect of numerous actions that will impact our town, such as the withdrawal of Worthington from the Gateway Regional School District and cuts made by former Governor Patrick. I commend everyone who is stepping up, learning more, and getting involved to influence what impacts each and every one of us. Our participation in town government extends beyond Town Meeting.

For those times when we do meet to conduct Town business, I thank all of you who take time from your busy schedules to participate and make your voices heard. Attendance at Town Meetings has increased, as has participation and discussion. With the Selectboard's support, we've added technology to make it easier for attendees to follow the review of articles and increase engagement. We've also incorporated paper ballots for some items, recognizing that we sometimes have to make difficult decisions that negatively impact our friends and neighbors. I hope this approach makes it a little easier for you to be an active participant.

I would like to thank the Finance Committee for their hard work and involvement as they struggle through the challenges that the changes in the Gateway Regional School District will bring. Being part of the Finance Committee is a great way to meet others in town and better understand how the Town operates. I hope you will consider joining.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Jacques

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

I would like to thank the townspeople, the Selectboard and our families for bearing with us through this season's storms. Hercules, Nika, Pax, Cato, Damon and several smaller storms kept us busy plowing and sanding the roads throughout the winter months.

The Hazard Mitigation Grant we had applied for through FEMA for drainage improvements to the Weeks Hill section of Goss Hill Road was approved for a project total cost of \$129,100. This new culvert project should provide adequate capacity for a 50 year storm event. The Town will be responsible for 25%, or \$32,275, and we may be able to apply some of the previous repairs that were done for the match. The project began in April 2014 and is anticipated to be completed by June of 2016.

Governor Patrick established the "Pothole & Winter Recovery Program" which provided municipalities funding for repairs from the rough winter. This one-time-contract was allocated by the Chapter 90 formula, and was utilized for repair to several catch basins on Pond Brook Road (Route 66).

A MIIA Loss Control Grant was secured for \$5,000 in monetary assistance in attaining a new Emergency Response Trailer. Our town's cost was only \$700. This 12 foot trailer will help our Police, Fire and Highway Departments respond safely to emergency situations, and comes equipped with new traffic cones, barrels, A-Frame barricades, safety vests, "Caution" tape, Speedi-Dry and push brooms.

Another new piece of equipment, a 2014 John Deere Loader, was purchased in September for \$144,755. The older Loader will be used as a backup.

We did some extensive work on Harlo Clark Road using over \$4,000 worth of gravel, and on Goss Hill Road we completed \$11,498 worth of work with gravel.

A Massworks Infrastructure Program Grant was awarded for improving the sidewalk and curbing conditions on Basket Street. Work will begin in 2015. We have also re-applied for a grant for the Pleasant Street Reconstruction Project, as we were denied last year. This will include improvements to water & sewer, drainage, sidewalks and road surface.

Gary Dahill became a member of the Highway Department team in December.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Dazelle, Highway Superintendent

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.

We acted on three applications during 2014. We issued an Order of Conditions to allow replacement of a failed septic system in the riverfront area of a property where a house is being rebuilt. We approved two Requests for Determination: One for a failed septic system which we found was not in a resource area and the other for an upgrade of a driveway in a riverfront area. We issued two Certificates of Compliance for construction of houses, confirming that the work had been done according to the plans in the permit.

Commission members performed some dozen site inspections for the projects mentioned above, as well as to respond to questions or complaints. We reviewed Forest Cutting Plans to assure that wetlands are protected during timber harvests. We worked with the Building Inspector to assist people to understand the requirements of the Wetlands Act before they begin construction. We gave input about wetland concerns to the Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as participating in the annual inspection of gravel pits in town.

We continued our collaboration with the Westfield River Watershed Invasive Species Program (WISP), joining them in July to pull out stiltgrass along Bromley Road. Pictures of the “Least Wanted” plants remain posted on our office door in Town Hall.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Helena Alves	Ross Hackerson	Karl Jensen	Susan McIntosh (Chairperson)
Erik Steins	Michael Vorwerk		

PLANNING BOARD

The second half of 2014, the Planning Board had a flurry of applications, mostly ANR, with one notable exception of a Preliminary Subdivision Plan for County Road. Many abutters showed up for the appointment with the applicant for this one. The Planning Board asked many questions and made suggestions, and the public asked a number of questions of both the applicant and the board. The meeting culminated with the applicants' decision to abandon the subdivision plan in favor of future submissions of an ANR plan with a Common Driveway application to service the two currently planned homes, since they have sufficient frontage on County Road. All in all, the Board feels that this decision will better meet the needs of the applicant, and will also be in the best interest of the concerned neighborhood.

The Board was excited to welcome a new regular member, Jeffrey Wyand, in 2014! Jeff is engaged and eager to learn the proper way that our board needs to function, as well as our legal requirements per Massachusetts General Laws. We believe that his enthusiasm and interest, as well as his understanding of some of the quagmire of regulation, is already proving him to be another valuable asset to our board.

In the fall of 2014, several of us attended training by DHCD (Department of Housing and Community Development) in Greenfield and Pittsfield, which we found invaluable, and we learned about some updates and additions that should be made in our Subdivision Rules and Regulations, as well as the Town of Huntington Zoning Bylaw.

Even with the recent addition of our newest member, we are still short one regular member, and are not always able to get a quorum, so would appreciate inquiries. Training by the State of MA is available. Should you have any interest in serving on the Planning Board, please notify Helen in the Board of Selectmen's office at 667-3500 and she will inform you when our next meeting will be held, so that you can attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hamlin, Chair
Jeffrey Wyand

Karon Hathaway, Secretary

Earl Heath Jr., Clerk

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) currently consists of three (3) regular members and two (2) associate members appointed by the Board of Selectmen for terms of three (3) years, so arranged that the term of one member shall expire each year. There is currently one (1) opening for an associate member.

The ZBA acts in a quasi-judicial capacity on the issuance of most special permit applications, petitions for variances from the Zoning Bylaws and appeals from the acts of the Building Inspector. The Zoning Board of Appeals meets in Stanton Hall on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 pm. The agenda for each meeting may be viewed via website at www.huntingtonma.us (> Postings). All meetings are open to the public.

In order for the ZBA to consider special permits and variances from the Huntington Zoning By-Law, an applicant should first apply to the Zoning Enforcement Officer (the Building Inspector). The Zoning Enforcement Officer considers the request against the Huntington Zoning By-law. If the request does not comply with the Zoning By-law, then the applicant should submit paperwork to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Board has the power to receive testimony under oath. Most decisions of the ZBA may be appealed by an aggrieved party to the District, Superior or Land Courts.

This past calendar year has been rather quiet. The board held one public hearing on one application and approved the special permit request. We also conducted our annual inspections of four (4) of the gravel pits in town.

Petitions Heard By Zoning Board of Appeals 2014 (calendar year)				
Type	Granted	Denied	With- Drawn	In Process
Petitions for Variance	0	0	0	0
Applications for Special Permits	1	0	0	0
Appeal of Decision of Inspector of Buildings	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	1	0	0	0
Total Petitions filed with Town Clerk	0			
Continued Hearings	0			

Respectfully submitted,

George Webb, Chair

Marylou Spaulding

Kevin Chisolm

Edward Grabowski, Alternate

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

This year, the Agricultural Commission has continued to seek resources for our local farm owners. As part of this process, we applied for and received a small grant from the Massachusetts Association of Agricultural Commissions Small Grant Program 2014. The grant will assist our commission in creating, disseminating, and tabulating a survey about the agricultural businesses in Huntington. Once the date is available, it will aid us in deciding what informational forums will be most beneficial to our local farming community members.

We are still working on plans for an informational meeting regarding renewable resource grants and/or new initiatives focusing on farms and agricultural businesses.

The end of the year saw the loss of a founding commission member, Gerald Manley, a Massachusetts Century Farm owner and an invaluable resource to our group with his years of experience. His contributions will be greatly missed.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie Knox	Bonita Kubacki	Gerald Manley (posthumously)
Bonnie McKinney	Janet Mollison	Gordon Richardson
Lorraine Wickland, Chair		

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 of Huntington by Mr. Pettis. 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 on Norwich Hill 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:	\$ 11,656.45
Mutual Funds:	134,349.91
Account total:	\$146,006.36
Total amount available for request distributions:	\$ 4,297.66

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

Respectfully submitted,

Judie Guyette, Chair & Trustee	Karen Wittshirk, Trustee	Sue Fopiano, Trustee
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COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging (COA) meets 12:00 noon on the first Wednesday of the month at Stanton Hall. All are welcome to attend; the agenda is posted on the Town's web site and at Stanton Hall. COA volunteers are always needed to help in various ways, and you don't have to be a senior to volunteer.

Ongoing activities for seniors in Huntington:

Highland Valley Elder Services offer lunches at Stanton Hall Monday-Friday, 11:30 am for seniors 60+ years. A donation of \$2.00 is requested; call Ziggy Hoppe at 667-3505 for information and reservations. Delivered meals are also available for those in need.

Transportation is available to the Stanton Hall meal site, shopping and medical appointments by the Huntington/Franklin Regional Transit Authority (FRTA) van for elders 60+ years (and disabled of any age by approval of FRTA), call Van Driver George Webb at: 667-3428.

The Brown Bag Program provides staple groceries on the 3rd Friday of each month for income eligible seniors. A small donation is requested. Call Ziggy Hoppe at 667-3505 or the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts at 1-800-247-9632 for further information.

Hope Nurse provides health screenings, consultation and blood pressure checks every 3rd Friday of each month at Stanton Hall; she is available from 11:15 until noon. Starting in January 2015, Judy Dunn, a foot nurse will also be available the 3rd Friday of each month from 10:00 am at Stanton Hall.

Gentle Yoga class is held each Wednesday 9:00-10:15 am at Stanton Hall; a donation of \$5.00 is requested. All ages are welcome; call Sally Barber at 413-568-8989 for more information. A grant from the Sarah Gillett Services for the Elderly, Inc. helps defray some of the cost for the yoga program.

Information on programs such as SNAP, Medicare Supplemental Insurance, etc. is available by calling John Bergeron/HCDC/Hilltown Social Services at 413-667-2203.

Special Activities 2014

March:	Volunteer Appreciation Lunch
April:	"Celebrating New England" with storyteller Davis Baes AARP Financial Literacy Training Program sponsored by HVES
May:	Lions Appreciation Senior Lunch
June:	Log Cabin – Kevin Driscoll & Friends
July:	CISA (Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture) a ten week program for seniors. Each senior received a weekly share of fresh, local produce.
September:	"Elder Protection" Janice Garrett from Northwest District Attorney's Office spoke on scams targeting seniors.
October:	Student Nurse Ashley Henshaw shared ideas on eating healthy meals and information on eye conditions of the aging. Flu Clinic sponsored by the Huntington Health Center
November:	Annual Veterans Appreciation Celebration Porch/Light VNA/Home Care
December:	Annual Brunch and Concert sponsored by the Gateway Performing Arts Center COA Christmas Party

Respectfully submitted,

Ella Balchunas, May Diemer, Gene King, Lori King, Anne Marie Knox, Janet Mollison, Maryann Reimann, Winnie Smith, Betty Waite

COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE

The fiscal year always begins with our biggest event, the Huntington Free Summer Music Series in July. Our first week was a picnic with hamburgers/hotdogs, popcorn, lemonade and cake. The following seven weeks were one and a half hour performances on the town green with bake sales to benefit local nonprofit organizations. The series was partially funded by a Cultural Council grant.

The committee sponsored the Gingerbread House Making event in December with refreshments. Gingerbread buildings were decorated and left on display in Stanton Hall. Decorations were purchased and the downtown buildings and gazebo were decorated for the holidays. The committee assisted the Garden Club in decorating downtown.

Two fundraising plant sales were done in the spring for Easter and Mother's Day and a third in the fall. American flags were hung in town from May through September. The Community Events Committee also participated in the Town's Memorial Day Parade.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquie Harris

John Knox

Lisa Lansing

Vicki Mayhew, Chair

HUNTINGTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Huntington Cultural Council awarded to the following grant recipients for the 2014 cycle:

Blandford Fair Art Show - \$100; Davis Bates (COA) – Celebrating New England - \$400; Chester Theatre Company – 25th Anniversary Season - \$400; Hilary Costa – Hilltown Arts Festival - \$200; Ed the Wizard – Reading is Magic (Huntington Library) - \$450; Gateway Regional – Renee Mosher/5th Annual GatorRoo Music Festival - \$363; Huntington Community Events Committee – Free Summer Music Series - \$800; Littleville Elementary – Amy Thornton/Rothstein Snow Sculptures - \$100; Charles Neville – Jazz Improvisation Workshop - \$775; North Hall Association - \$500; Sevenars Concerts Inc. – 47th Season - \$400.

Total Recipients: 11

Total Dollars Granted: \$4,488

10 grants completed by 12/31/14

1 grant cancelled by recipient (Littleville Elementary – Amy Thornton)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Beane

Tania Coletta

Linda Siska

Peri Sossaman

Gary Winsor

Lynn Winsor, Chair

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Fiscal Year 2014 began for the Recreation Committee in July 2013 with the start of Summer Camp held at the Littleville Elementary School. Camp ran for three weeks, M-TH 9 am-12 pm for Huntington children, ages Preschool through Grade Four. There was a \$25 registration fee per child, which helped to fund camp activities and camp t-shirts for the children. Children had structured times for arts/crafts, physical activity, and learning every day. A science and nature period was also added this year. Other new additions this year included a new Camp Director and special activities each week. The activities were “The Bug Lady” who brought in a variety of insects, the WOW (Watershed On Wheels) visiting center for the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, and a bus trip to the Majestic Theater in West Springfield for a play. Camp was well attended and parent survey results reflected positive feedback regarding the changes.

In August, a boat trip on the Lady Bea from Brunelle’s Marina was held. Participants enjoyed a warm, sunny day on the Connecticut River.

September apple picking was a big success. Several families participated in this fun activity at Jameson’s High Meadow Farm on a nice warm and sunny fall day.

Fall also brought the annual Rag Shag Parade at the end of October 2013. About fifty children participated in a march from Pettis Field to the town common. The Huntington Fire Department escorted the parade, and the marchers were greeted with refreshments and a goody-bag to use on Halloween. Prizes were awarded for creative costumes and families participated in building scarecrows. The scarecrows were placed around the town green until after Halloween.

Santa joined us in December, courtesy of the Huntington Fire Department, prior to his travels through town. About 40 parents and children attended. Children were treated to a Music Together class offered by Sondra Lewis, Director of Greater Springfield Music Together; arts and crafts; and refreshments.

In January 2014, we sponsored an ice skating trip to Amelia Park. We had a good turn-out of about 50 people. Everyone enjoyed skating on the ice.

In February, we went to the Springfield Museums during school vacation. The Recreation Committee helped with the entrance fee, as well as offered a discount to families purchasing a membership.

An adult dance was held on Saturday, March 29th with a St. Patrick’s Day theme and live music by the band “Shut Up and Dance.”

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on April 12th. Approximately 1,000 eggs were scattered across the ground for children to find. Three Easter baskets were handed out for prize eggs, one in each age category. Several eggs also contained gift certificates for ice cream cones, donated by The Hut. April also included a trip to the Children’s Museum in Holyoke during the April school vacation. We had approximately 25 participants for this trip.

In May, the committee members participated in the Town’s Memorial Day Parade with their families. Family members tossed small toys and candy to parade observers on the route.

Respectfully submitted,

Fawn Busby
Amy Williams

Tricia Hess

Adreinne Kunz

Vicki Mayhew ,Chair

Kathy Sullivan

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Huntington Historical Commission spent much of 2014 reviewing historic transparencies donated by a previous Town resident. These slides, taken between the mid 1970's and the early 2000's, depict people, buildings, ball teams, etc. of the Town of Huntington, and are a welcome addition to the archives of the Town's history.

As a reminder, please notify a member of the Historic Commission if you are planning on razing a historic structure. Notification is needed to comply with the Demolition Delay Bylaw and most likely no further action would be required of the property owner. Please contact either the Building Inspector or David Norton at 667-3453 or at dsnorton@msn.com.

The Historic Commission meets at 7:00 pm on the first Tuesday of each month in the Town Hall. Please join us if you have an interest in the history of the Town of Huntington.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Dubay
Karen Wittshirk

Victoria Minella-Sena

David Norton, Chair

Dan Sikop

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Fellow townspeople of Huntington, we, the members of the Huntington Historical Society, would like to report our activities for the past year. The "Forgotten Valley, Forgotten No More" was presented in June. This program was about the early beginnings and history of Norwich, especially in the Knightville and Indian Hollow areas, until the building of the Knightville Dam. We featured Winnie Smith and Albert Strong, who were born and raised in that area. The presentation showcased maps, aerial photos and slides, and oral histories by Winnie and Albert, as well as remarks by descendants of our first settlers.

We completed three projects in the fall. One presentation was done on the Flood of 1955 for the Gateway Middle School's 8th Grade class. Another was a presentation to the Blandford Historical Society on the 1853 boundary changes affecting Norwich, Chester, Blandford, Montgomery and Russell, permitting the creation of the Town of Huntington in 1855. Finally, we provided a slide show of Huntington and Huntington High School for the Huntington High School Alumni Reunion.

We have created a binder with old newspaper articles on the Towns of Norwich and Huntington which can be viewed by contacting us.

Jeff Penn's post card collection of the Town of Huntington is in the process of being added to our website for public viewing. Reminder: The Huntington Historical Society (HHS) website can be accessed through the Town's website. (huntingtonma.us - Select "Town History" in the sidebar on the left. On the "Town History" page is the link to our website.)

We continue to do historical and genealogical research by request as time permits.
Please consider joining the HHS, as we are always looking for new members and ideas.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Eldredge, Secretary
David Norton, President

Vicki Mayhew, Treasurer

Bill McVeigh, Historian

HUNTINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Circulation

Adults and Teens: 5,021

Juvenile: 1,327

Non-Resident: 1,401

Books on CD: 130

CDs: 98

DVDs: 1,525

Video Games: 71

Puzzles and Games: 21

Statistics and Info

Interlibrary Loans received from other Libraries to Huntington: 1,174

Interlibrary Loans of Huntington materials to other libraries: 231

865 people used the computers in the library. 199 people used the library's wifi.

Library attendance was 5,206 people. Attendance at various programs was 564.

The Library had a good response to the Summer Reading Program entitled "Fizz, Boom, Read!" 41 adults (19 years & up) and 9 teens (13-18 years) signed up. We held a raffle for the adults and teens who read during the summer. 55 children registered for the program and those who finished received a "beaker" full of prizes. There was a magic performance by Ed the Wizard. Donations to the Library's Summer Reading Program were from Eastern States Exposition, Yankee Candle, Rick & Judi Dugre, Andrea Kenney, Gino's Pizzeria & Hut, Williamsburg Market, Amelia Park, Friends of the Library, Uno Pizzeria & Grill, Azure Green, and Target (Berkshire Mall).

The Library held an informal Halloween Party. Trick-or-treaters stopped by the Library to warm up and play a few games including bobbing for apples, eating a doughnut off a string, and checking out the Library mummy. The Library staff stopped counting at 90 trick-or-treaters.

The Huntington Public Foundation Inc. has received 501c3 status.

Library Hours:

Wednesday 4 pm-8 pm, Thursday & Friday 2 pm-8 pm, and Saturday 10 am-3 pm.

Contact:

Telephone: 413-667-3506 FAX: 413-667-0088

Email: huntingtonlib@comcast.net

Website: thehuntingtonpubliclibrary.org

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret L. Nareau, Library Director

NORTH HALL

The North Hall 2014 Arts Festival season was hosted by the North Hall Association to sell-out crowds for most of our ten programs. We opened in May with the annual opera showcase followed by a season of jazz, swing, country, bluegrass music, drama, and multi-media as well as two open mic music jams.

In June, acclaimed performer Randy Noojin took the stage with a concert tribute to Woodie Guthrie, followed by jazz duo Noble and Sparkman. July brought us Springfield Symphony trumpeter Thomas Bergeron, with pianist Dean Frasen. The month ended with a dual folk concert of the Berkshire Mountain Boys and the Wintergreen Trio.

In August, we were especially proud of our Remembering WW I program, written and produced by our board. This multi-media program combined history, music, poetry, prose, excerpts from soldiers' journals, and projected images of the era. This program was reprised in November at the Worthington Historical Society to another sell-out crowd. Our annual Fundraiser Garden Party was preceded by a staged reading of Tennessee Williams' critically acclaimed play *Cat On A Hot Tin Roof*. In September, we closed our season with the ever popular band Old Country Road.

Our school room art gallery held three art exhibitions: One featuring painting, one featuring WW I memorabilia, and one featuring black and white photography.

In addition to our performances and exhibitions, other community organizations have made use of North Hall. The Chester Theatre rented the hall during weekdays for rehearsals for part of the summer. And the Westfield River Wild and Scenic Committee and the Jacob's Ladder Trail/Route 112 Trails Project held several meetings there.

We continue to restore this historic Town building and increase the comfort of our audiences. The new quiet performance hall air-conditioning/heating units kept us appropriately cool or warm, depending on necessity for typical New England weather. Ice/snow guards for the roof and sheds have been added to protect the units from winter ice. In anticipation of future multi-media programs, the Association has purchased a projector and screen.

We worked together with the Selectboard to do some needed foundation and landscape work to improve the drainage and functionality of the hall. A maintenance contract has been established for the elevator to assure timely inspections. With the help of maintenance man, Dan Thieme, volunteer Mic Donovan, and Association Board Members, things have run smoothly this past year. Many thanks to all!

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Kaminski

Jackie Kimsey

Peri Sossaman

Nancy Webb

STANTON HALL

Stanton Hall is widely used throughout the year by a number of private groups, as well as town boards.

The building is available for special functions and events, such as parties, weddings, showers, receptions, craft fairs, fashion shows, fundraisers, etc. Anyone who would like to rent the hall is asked to contact Helen Speckels in the Selectboard Office at (413) 667-3500.

On a daily basis, the hall is open for lunch to all hilltown residents over the age of sixty. Reservations must be made in advance, and transportation is available by contacting van driver George Webb at (413) 667-3428. For more information regarding the Huntington Dining Center, please call (413) 667-3505, or (413) 667-3500.

Some of the groups and events in Stanton Hall during calendar year 2014 were:

Annual and Special Town Meetings
Town Hall Committees and Boards
Election Voting Site
COA Meal Site
COA Monthly Meetings
Elder Protection Seminar
Nutrition Seminars
Brown Bag Program
HOPE Nurse
Porchlight VNA
Hilltown Community Health Centers
CPR Class
Highland Valley Elder Services
Highland Grange
Town Dance
Dance Recitals
Gateway Youth Athletic Association
Little League
Babe Ruth Sign Ups
Girl Scouts
Cub Scouts
Flu Clinic

Red Cross Blood Drives
Fall Festival
Santa Claus
Westfield River Wild and Scenic
Jacobs' Ladder Business Association
Route 112 Scenic Byway
Trail Linkages Group
Littleville Fair Penny Social
Open Mic Music Sessions
Pumpkin Carving
Zumba & Zumba Gold
Cardio & Strength Fitness
Gentle Yoga
Floralia Dance Company
"Penny Pan" Dance Recital
Historical Society
Music on the Green
Gingerbread House Work Shop
"Cookies & Canvas" Painting
Baby Showers
Birthday Parties
Storyteller Davis Bates

Respectfully submitted,

Stanton Hall Committee

VETERANS' SERVICES OFFICER

The Town of Huntington provides 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 come in during my office hours on the third Wednesday of each month between 2:30-4:30 pm in the Town Hall. You may also call me at 413-575-6391 to set up an appointment.

May God bless America and our veterans.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Renauld
Veterans' Services Officer

WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

The Sewer Department, via the Green Committee, has obtained a grant to upgrade our motor controls and get two high efficacy motors. The work should be done in the spring or early summer of 2015.

The Water Department has finished installing a remote chemical analyzer and alarm system that will monitor chemical additions.

Both departments would like to welcome Dan Thieme to assist the operator with daily operations.

Connie Bennett, Administrative Assistant for the department, has hours in Town Hall 9:00 to 11:00 am on Mondays and Wednesdays, and can be reached at (413) 667-3186.

Water and Sewer Department Commissioners meet the first and third Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:00 pm in Town Hall. Agendas are posted online, and on the bulletin board in Town Hall, the Mondays prior to the meeting. Meetings are open to the public. Please call (413) 667-3356 to reach the department.

Respectfully submitted: Jim Gobeille, Plant Operator

Commissioners: Charles Dazelle Henry Dubay Denise Keay

WIRED WEST

Currently, many residents of Huntington have no access to wired high speed internet. As a result, they are forced to rely on wireless (satellite or cellular) as their only viable options. Wireless internet is expensive, unreliable, slow, and has restrictive data caps. As the unserved residents of our town are painfully aware, the lack of universal wired internet access poses a significant obstacle to our town's prosperity. Modern society assumes everyone has access to high speed internet, leaving those without it at a major disadvantage. This lack of universal access burdens our town with an unwelcome economic anchor, depressing real estate values, discouraging business development, limiting children's quality of education, and creating an unequal footing between those with and without access. For all practical purposes, Comcast has the power to determine who gets to have internet access and who does not. They make this choice based on how many dwellings per mile are on a given road. Many of our town's residents are the unlucky ones simply because their homes and businesses happen to be on less populated roads.

Wired West is a great organization, staffed by a diverse group of educated, experienced, and motivated volunteers. Their goal is to enhance the quality of life for the rural residents of Massachusetts by providing universal access to high speed wired internet. Unfortunately for towns like Huntington, to be part of the Wired West's network build out, a town must have no access to wired internet. The participating towns must be "all in" with Wired West. Among other things, participating towns are required to have a high percentage of its residents pre-commit to becoming customers and need to take on financial risk by sharing in the cost of building out the network. For towns with no wired internet access, the corresponding level of necessity makes the choice to participate in the Wired West solution an easy decision. Over thirty towns have already committed to being part of the network build out. There is a tremendous grassroots movement in these towns to do whatever is necessary to participate. Unfortunately, the partial cable towns simply can't generate the necessary level of support to participate, since the majority of town residents already have wired internet access.

By not being able to participate in the Wired West network build out, the unserved residents of Huntington find themselves stuck in what can be considered a worst case scenario. These residents are essentially at the mercy of Comcast, which refuses to extend access to locations where it can't generate an adequate return on their investment. Fortunately, our state legislatures, led by Steve Kulik and Ben Downing, with strong support from Stanley Rosenberg, are aware of this situation. They sponsored a \$5 million funding bill to incentivize internet service providers such as Comcast to build out the partial cable towns. This bill passed in 2014, was signed by the Patrick administration, and support has been validated by the Baker administration. The Massachusetts Broadband Institute is the gatekeeper of this funding. They are currently working with both the service providers and the partial cable towns to determine how to allocate the funds in a way that will fairly and equitably benefit as many residents as possible. As this process unfolds, there is finally some real hope that unserved residents will eventually have access to wired high speed internet. However, expectations must be tempered by the fact that this process will take a long time and the funding does not appear to be sufficient to build out 100% of the unserved residents.

Our town delegates will continue to work with both Wired West and the Mass Broadband Institute on behalf of the residents of Huntington.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Saner

JACOB'S LADDER BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

2014 was another very busy year with more active new members, as well as the team of stalwarts that has developed over the past several years. With more active interested members, we were able to continue to organize regular networking events, which help our members to get better acquainted and learn what each of our businesses have to offer. Thank you all!

We held several food and networking events and programs throughout the year at various venues including: Annual Meeting and a Legislative Forum at Stanton Hall, networking and insurance information at The Rapids Bar & Grill, and our annual fall Snack'n'Schmooze, once again held at Four Main Street Bar & Grill. Countryside Woodcraft and Moss Hill Farm in Russell both prepared food for attendees at the networking events they hosted at their businesses.

A series of business education programs were presented by JLBA President Derrick Mason at the SHAEC (Southern Hilltowns Adult Education Center) classroom at Gateway Regional High School. A solar tour and swim event was hosted by Alpine Solar Heat and Hot Water in Windsor, and meeting hosts were Baird Tavern and Blandford Animal Hospital in Blandford, Harvest Moon Realty and Salvini Associates in Chester, as well as Azure Green in Middlefield.

Most of our local legislators attended the Legislative Forum and answered pressing questions from the attendees, some of whom were from GTAC (Gateway Towns Advisory Committee), the event co-sponsor. Many thanks to Donald Humason, Steve Kulik, Peter Kocot, Paul Mark, and "Smitty" Pignatelli for their responsiveness to our questions.

Steve Hamlin, of NE WebArt, once again designed our JLBA color brochure of members, which featured all members whose dues were paid by March 1. It was attractive, and very popular, and has generated business for a number of the member businesses.

Please check the JLBA website (jlba.org) for upcoming and ongoing events, a membership list, and our current Board of Directors (on the "Contact Us" page).

Thank you to everyone who made 2014 another successful year!

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hamlin

JACOB'S LADDER TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY

Jacob's Ladder Trail Scenic Byway, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that serves as the steward of the Jacob's Ladder Trail Scenic Byway, which is Route 20 as it travels through the towns of Lee, Becket, Chester, Huntington and Russell. The overall goal of our work is to entice people – local residents and tourists – to visit Jacob's Ladder Trail, learn a bit about our history, enjoy our natural and scenic areas, and patronize our local businesses.

During the past year, we oversaw installation of new interpretive signs for each of the towns along the roadway to inform people about Jacob's Ladder Trail. We invite you to stop by and enjoy them.

We are currently working with the Lee Land Trust to create a new access road and parking area on the former Barlow property in East Lee. The new parking area will provide access to an extensive hiking trail system owned by The Trustees of Reservation and Lee Land Trust, with views of Goose Pond, and access to the Appalachian Trail. Accessible picnic tables and interpretive signage will be added at the site, highlighting the history of the land and its inhabitants. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2015. This work is supported with funds from the National Scenic Byways Program and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

During the past year, we joined a regional effort to investigate local interest in creating trail linkages along the Jacob's Ladder Trail and Route 112 Scenic Byways to connect the area's trails to village centers. This project is inspired by the British concept of linking communities to one another so that visitors can plan multi-day hikes, traversing large expanses of publicly accessible lands to go from village to village. We will be updating town boards of our progress as this project continues through the spring and summer of 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Gaherty, Clerk

TALENT BANK FORM

Local Government needs citizens to give of their time and talents serving the Town of Huntington. This Talent Bank Form has been established to compile a list of interested citizens who are voluntarily willing to serve on Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Some groups meet every two weeks, others once a month, 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"/> Broadband Representative | <input type="checkbox"/> Hampshire Council of Gov'ts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Events Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Day Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board of Appeals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Election Worker | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Committee | |

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

EMAIL: _____ OCCUPATION: _____

ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER? ☐ YES ☐ NO

SPECIAL INTERESTS AND SKILLS: _____

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE: _____

REASONS FOR WANTING TO SERVE: _____

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

Return form to: Selectboard Office, P. O. Box 430/24 Russell Road, Huntington, MA 01050

Fax: 413-667-3507 • email: huntingtonsb@comast.net

NOTES

Town of Huntington Telephone Directory

Ambulance	667-3277
Animal Control Officer	667-5635
Assessors' Office	667-3501
Board of Health	667-3511
Board of Health Agent	413-203-5299
Board of Selectmen	667-3500
Building Commissioner	667-5763
Conservation Commission	667-8893
Council on Aging	667-3505
Cultural Council	667-5563
Dog Officer	667-5635
Electrical Inspector	413-348-9307
Fire Department	667-3368
Gas Inspector	354-6307
Gateway Regional School District	685-1000
Hamblin Court	413-634-5000
High School	685-1103
Highway Department	667-3504
Historical Commission	667-3453
Library	667-3506
Littleville Elementary School	685-1300
Meal Site	667-3505
Middle School	685-1202
North Hall	413-923-4858
Planning Board	667-3500
Plumbing Inspector	354-6307
Police Department	667-8868
Title V Agent	413-531-0799
Town Accountant	667-3502
Town Clerk	667-3509
Town Collector	667-3509
Town Treasurer	667-3502
Van Ride Service	667-3428
Veterans' Agent	413-575-6391
Water & Sewer	667-3356
Zoning Board of Appeals	667-3428
Zoning Enforcement Officer	667-5763

