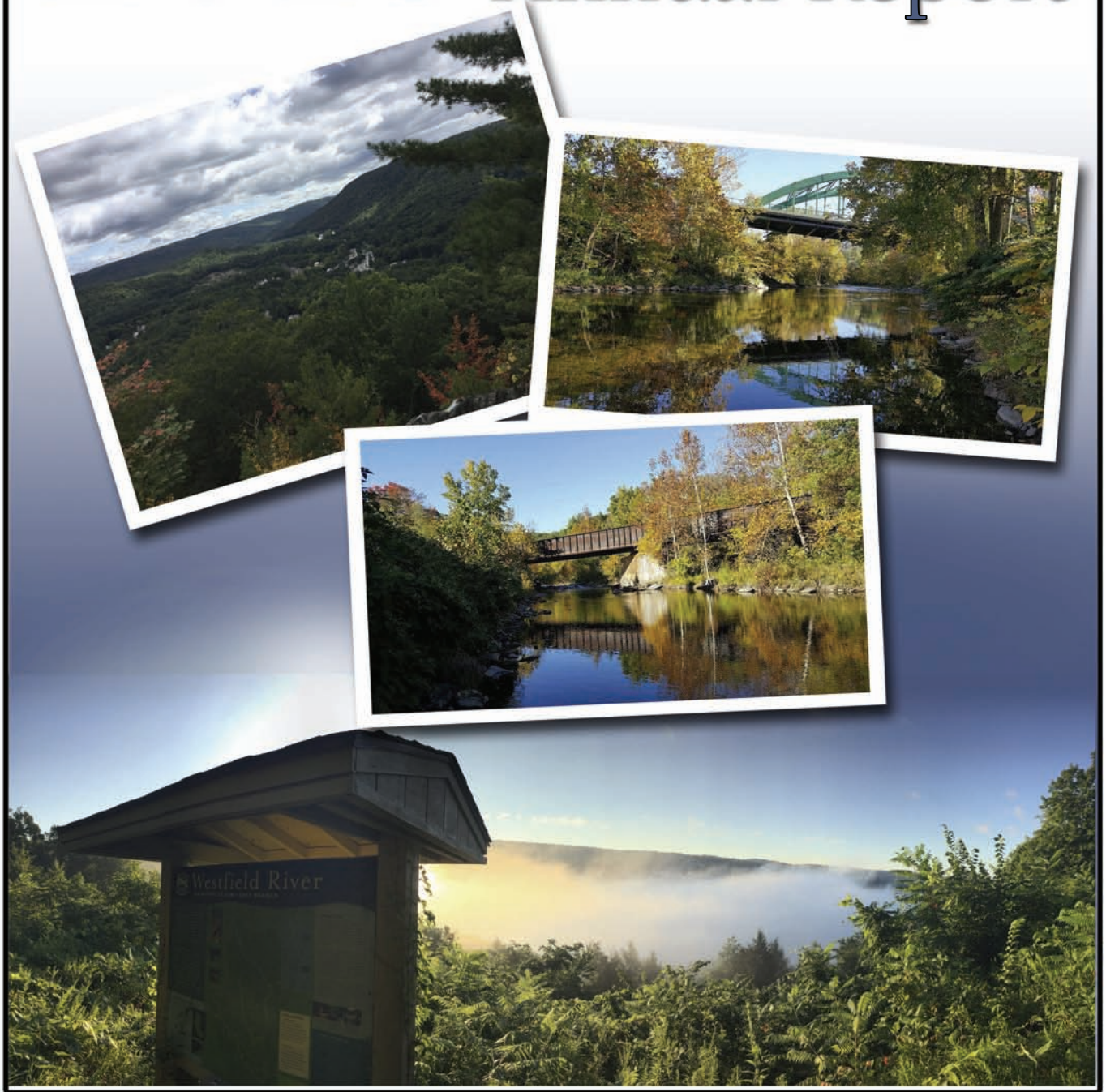


# *Town of Huntington* MASSACHUSETTS 2015 Annual Report



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# STATISTICS

Incorporated: March 9, 1855  
Area: 26.90 square miles  
Miles of Town Paved Road: 25.105  
Miles of Town Dirt Road: 11.75  
2010 US Census Count: 2,180

AREA: 26.90 square miles

U. S. Senators: John F. Kerry  
Springfield Federal Building  
1550 Main Street, Suite 304  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413) 785-4610 or (202) 224-2742  
[www.kerry.senate.gov/](http://www.kerry.senate.gov/)

Elizabeth Warren  
Springfield Federal Building  
1550 Main Street, Suite 406  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(617) 565-3170 or (202) 224-4543  
[www.warren.senate.gov/](http://www.warren.senate.gov/)

U. S. Congressman: Richard Neal  
300 State Street, Suite 200  
Springfield, MA 01105  
(413) 785-0325 or (202) 225-5601  
[www.house.gov/representatives/](http://www.house.gov/representatives/)

State Senator: Benjamin B. Downing  

<u>State House</u>	<u>District Office</u>
Room 413-F	7 North Street, Suite 307
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Email: <a href="mailto:Benjamin.Downing@state.ma.us">Benjamin.Downing@state.ma.us</a>	

State Representative: Stephen Kulik  

<u>State House</u>	<u>District Office</u>
Room 238	1 Sugarloaf Street
Boston, MA 02133	So. Deerfield, MA 01373
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Fax: (617) 722-2847	Fax: (413) 665-7101
Email: <a href="mailto:Rep.StephenKulik@hou.state.ma.us">Rep.StephenKulik@hou.state.ma.us</a>	

State Government Info: (800) 392-6090 or (617) 727-3676

Huntington Town Hall: (413) 667-3500 [www.huntingtonma.us](http://www.huntingtonma.us)



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# *Dedication*



This 2015 Annual Town Report is dedicated to *Lori Belhumeur*,  
who makes being helpful and neighborly a way of life.

Lori has been a Huntington resident for 38 years, and throughout that time, she has contributed her talent, time, and energy in numerous ways to her community. Some of these include membership in the 2000 Committee, followed by the Community Events Committee, the Memorial Day Committee, the Friends of the Huntington Public Library, and the Historical Society. As a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, she always participates in the Town's Memorial Day parade and ceremony, and some years, there would have been no parade or ceremony without her efforts. It was noticed how she follows through in her many commitments until the project is successfully completed, and as a result, was awarded "Citizen of the Year" by the Highland Grange several years ago.

Lori is the author of History of Huntington, Massachusetts 1976-2000, written for the 2000 celebration, serves as a vital board member of the North Hall Association and has voluntarily maintained the North Hall grounds for many years. Lori is very active in her church as a delegate and deeply involved in mission projects impacting South Dakota Indians, Syrian refugees, the homeless shelter in Northampton, and Soldier On women in Leeds. She recently joined the Hilltown Divas Red Hat group, and enjoys weekly bowling with friends in Southampton. Lori is a petite, quiet woman with a huge heart, a quick warm smile and boundless energy - truly a treasure for our Town of Huntington.

Thank you, Lori, for all that you do for us.





# 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
Edward Renauld	2018	James Arnold (Appt. to 2016)	2018
<i>Town Clerk:</i>		<i>Trustees, Huntington Library:</i>	
Andrea McKittrick	2018	Marilyn Antonucci	2016
		Karen Wittshirk	2018
<i>Board of Assessors:</i>		Debbie Wyand	2017
Sue Fopiano	2018	<i>Tree Warden:</i>	
Ed Renauld	2016	Walt Wittshirk	2016
Erik Steins	2017		
<i>Board of Health:</i>		<i>Councilor – Hamp. Council of Gov'ts:</i>	
Thomas Hart	2016	George Peterson (Appt. to 2016)	2017
Jean Jackman	2017		
Melissa Iglesias (Appt. to 2016)	2018	<i>Moderator:</i>	
		VACANCY	2016
<i>Water/Sewer Commissioners:</i>		<i>Trustees, Alphonso P. Pettis Fund:</i>	
Denise Keay	2016	Sue Fopiano	2016
Charles Dazelle	2017	Judith Guyette	2017
Henry Dubay	2018	Karen Wittshirk	2018
<i>Regional School Committee:</i>		<i>Constables:</i>	
Roland (Ron) Damon	2018	Charles Dazelle	2018
Wm. Hathaway	2016	Earl Heath, Jr.	2016
Jeffrey Wyand	2017	Jeff Jorritsma	2017



## APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES

### *Accountant (Yearly):*

Richard Buley                      2016

### *ADA Coordinator (3-Year):*

VACANCY                      2018

### *Admin. Assistant (3-Year):*

Helen Speckels                      2018

### *Agricultural Commission (Terms Vary):*

Anne Marie Knox                      2016

Bonnie McKinney                      2016

Bonita Kubacki, Alt.                      2018

Gordon Richardson                      2018

Lorraine Wickland                      2016

VACANCY                      2018

VACANCY                      2018

### *Animal Control/Dog Officer (Yearly):*

Robert Jackman                      2016

### *Broadband Representative (3-Year):*

Chris Saner, Alt.                      2017

VACANCY                      2017

### *Building Commissioner (Yearly):*

George Peterson III                      2016

### *Capital Planning Committee (3-Year):*

Aimee Burnham                      2017

Steve Hamlin                      2017

Eric Jensen                      2017

R. Buley (Ex-Officio)                      2017

VACANCY                      2018

VACANCY                      2018

### *Collector (3-Year):*

Andrea McKittrick                      2018

### *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

Susan McIntosh, Ch.                      2016

Erik Steins                      2016

Michael Vorwerk                      2016

VACANCY                      2016

VACANCY                      2017

### *Council on Aging (Terms Vary):*

May Diemer                      2018

Anna Horkun                      2016

Gene King                      2018

Lori King                      2018

Bill McVeigh                      2018

VACANCY                      2016

VACANCY                      2016

VACANCY                      2016

VACANCY                      2016

### *Crossing Guard (Yearly):*

Lindsay Wieland                      2016

### *Cultural Council (3-Year):*

Jane Beane                      2016

Tania Coletta                      2017

Linda Siska                      2018

Peri Sossaman                      2016

Lynn Winsor                      2017

Gary Winsor                      2016

VACANCY                      2016

*Election Workers (3-Year):*

James Arnold	2017
David Borden	2017
Judy Borden	2017
Marie Bushor	2017
Becky Cortis	2017
Debra Dame	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
Jeff Jorritsma	2017
Nancy Kaminski	2017
Janine LaPointe	2017
Paul LaPointe	2017
Barbara Meehan	2017
Susan Moussette	2017
David Norton	2017
Edward Renauld	2017
Jodi Schmider	2017
Kathleen Thomas	2017
VACANCY	2017
VACANCY	2017
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VACANCY	2017

*Electrical Inspector (Yearly):*

Brian Palazzi	2016
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*Assistant Electrical Inspector (Yearly):*

Andy Girouard	2016
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*Emergency Management Dir. (3-Year):*

Melissa Nazzaro	2017
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*Environmental Cert. Officer (3-Year):*

Aimee Burnham	2017
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*Fall Festival Committee (3-Year):*

Shelley Keeney	2018
Janine LaPointe	2018
Laura LaPointe	2018
Paul LaPointe	2018
VACANCY	2018

*Fence Viewer & Field Drivers (3-Year):*

Rodney LaFond	2017
Wayne McKinney	2017
VACANCY	2017

*Finance Committee (Yearly):*

Henry Dubay	2016
Karon Hathaway	2016
Darlene McVeigh, Ch.	2016
Victoria Minella-Sena	2016
VACANCY	2016

*Fire Chief (Yearly):*

Gary Dahill	2016
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*FRTA Coordinator (3-Year):*

Aimee Burnham	2018
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*FRTA Representative (3-Year):*

Jeff McKittrick	2018
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*Gas Inspector (Yearly):*

Tom Broga	2016
VACANCY, Alt.	2016

*Green Initiatives Committee (2-Year):*

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

*Hazard Mitigation Agents (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	2016
VACANCY, Alt.	2016

*Historical Commission (3-Year):*

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

*Jacob's Ladder Trail Byway (2-Year):*

Steve Hamlin	2017
Jeff Penn	2017

*Local Emergency Planning (Yearly):*

Robert Garriepy	2016
Melissa Nazzaro	2016

*Local Historic District Comm. (3-Year):*

Daniel Bugli	2018
Jeff Penn	2016
Victoria Minella-Sena	2016
Helen Speckels	2017
VACANCY	2018
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
Gary Dahill	2017
Henry Dubay	2017
John McVeigh	2017
Ed Renault	2017

*North Hall Advisory (3-Year):*

Nancy Kaminski	2017
Jackie Kimsey	2018
Peri Sossaman	2018
Nancy Webb	2017
VACANCY	2016
VACANCY	2017
VACANCY	2016

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

Karon Hathaway	2017
Linda Hamlin, Alt.	2017

*Planning Board (3-Year):*

Linda Hamlin	2018
Karon Hathaway	2017
Earl Heath, Jr.	2016
Jeff Wyand	2017
Ed Grabowski, Alt.	2018
VACANCY	2018

*Plumbing Inspector (Yearly):*

Tom Broga	2016
VACANCY, Alt.	2016

*Police Chief (3-Year):*

Robert Garriepy	2017
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*Police Officers (Yearly):*

Michael Girard	2016
Aaren Hawley	2016
William Kaleta	2016
Todd Michon	2016
Brandon Owen	2016
VACANCY	2016

*Procurement Officer (3-Year):*

Jeff McKittrick: 2017

*Public Weigher (3-Year):*

Daniel Donovan 2017  
Gaylon Donovan 2017  
Michael Donovan 2017  
Matt Donovan 2017  
Paul Senatore 2017

*Recreation Committee (3-Year):*

Fawn Busby 2017  
Tricia Hess 2017  
Adrianne Kunz 2017  
Vicki Mayhew 2017  
Jennifer Maynard 2017  
Ed Renauld 2017  
Kathy Sullivan 2017  
VACANCY 2017

*Registrar of Voters (3-Year):*

Andrea McKittrick *Indefinite*  
Judy Borden 2017  
Helen Speckels 2017  
Kathleen Thomas 2017

*Right to Know Coordinator (3-Year):*

Aimee Burnham 2017

*Rt. 112 Scenic Byway (2-Year):*

Linda Hamlin 2016  
Susan McIntosh 2016  
Jeffrey Penn 2016

*Rt. 112/JLTSB Trail Linkages (2-Year):*

Gary Winsor 2017

*Stanton Hall Committee (3-Year):*

Helen Speckels 2017  
VACANCY 2017  
VACANCY 2017

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

Walter Wittshirk 2017

*Town Counsel (Yearly):*

Kopelman & Paige *Indefinite*

*Treasurer (3-Year):*

Aimee Burnham 2018

*Veterans' Agent (3-Year):*

Edward Renauld 2017

*Westfield River Wild & Scenic (3-Year):*

Jeff Penn 2018  
Alt. VACANCY 2018

*Zoning Board (3-Year):*

John McVeigh 2017  
Victoria Minella-Sena 2018  
Mary L. Spaulding, Alt. 2017  
Ed Grabowski, Alt. 2018  
VACANCY 2016  
VACANCY 2016  
VACANCY 2018

*Zoning Enforcement Officer (Yearly):*

George Peterson 2016

**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON**  
**Department Telephone List and Schedule**

**Main Telephone Number:** (413) 667-3500  
**Town Website:** [www.huntingtonma.us](http://www.huntingtonma.us)

**Town Hall Fax:** (413) 667-3507

**Board of Assessors:** Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6 pm  
Clerk Hours: Monday & Wednesday 8 am – 1 pm  
(Wed eve by appointment only)  
Telephone: (413) 667-3501 [huntingtonboa@comcast.net](mailto:huntingtonboa@comcast.net)

**Board of Health:** Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 6 pm  
Secretary hours: Wednesday evenings 6 pm – 7:30 pm  
Telephone/Fax: (413) 667-3511 [huntingtonboh@comcast.net](mailto: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 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](mailto: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](http://www.huntingtonma.us)

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

**Council on Aging:** Meets 1st Wednesday at 12:45 pm in Stanton Hall [coa@huntingtonma.us](mailto:coa@huntingtonma.us)  
Telephone: (413) 667-3505 (24-hour answering machine)

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

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

**Finance Committee:** Meets third Tuesday at 7 pm, unless otherwise posted  
Telephone: (413) 667-3049 Darlene McVeigh, Chair

**Fire Department:** Gary Dahill, Fire Chief Fax: (413) 667-0133  
Telephone: (413) 667-3368 (non-emergency) Emergency: Dial 911

**Gas Inspector:** Thomas Broga Telephone: (413) 354-6307  
Gas permit applications may be obtained in the Selectboard Office  
during regular hours and on the Town website: [www.huntingtonma.us](http://www.huntingtonma.us)

<b><u>Highway Department:</u></b>	Charles Dazelle, Superintendent <a href="mailto:HighwayDepartment@HuntingtonHighway.com">HighwayDepartment@HuntingtonHighway.com</a> Telephone: (413) 667-3504	Judy Borden, Admin. Assistant Fax: (413) 667-3507
<b><u>Planning Board:</u></b>	Meetings usually on Wednesday, but always posted on the Town website: <a href="http://www.huntingtonma.us">www.huntingtonma.us</a> Telephone: (413) 667-3500	All applications by appointment only <a href="mailto:planning@huntingtonma.us">planning@huntingtonma.us</a>
<b><u>Plumbing Inspector:</u></b>	Thomas Broga Plumbing permit applications may be obtained in the Selectboard Office during regular hours and on the Town website: <a href="http://www.huntingtonma.us">www.huntingtonma.us</a>	Telephone: (413) 354-6307
<b><u>Police Department:</u></b>	Robert Garriepy, Chief Telephone: (413) 667-8868	Hours: Wednesday evenings 6 pm - 8 pm Emergency: Dial 911
<b><u>Public Library:</u></b>	Margaret Nareau, Director Telephone: (413) 667-3506 web: thehuntingtonpubliclibrary.org	Fax: (413) 667-0088 <a href="mailto:huntingtonpubliclib@gmail.com">huntingtonpubliclib@gmail.com</a>
<b><u>Public Library Trustees:</u></b>	Marilyn Antonucci Karen Wittshirk Debbie Wyand	Telephone: (413) 667-3449 Telephone: (413) 667-5515 Telephone: (413) 667-0131
<b><u>Town Accountant:</u></b>	Richard Buley Office Hours: Wednesdays 4 pm - 8 pm or by appointment	Telephone: (413) 667-3502
<b><u>Town Clerk:</u></b>	Andrea McKittrick Telephone: (413) 667-3509 Office Hours: Monday 9 am-Noon, 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 6-8 pm and by app't.	Assistant Clerk: Kathleen Thomas <a href="mailto:huntingtonclerk@comcast.net">huntingtonclerk@comcast.net</a>
<b><u>Town Collector:</u></b>	Andrea McKittrick <a href="mailto:collector@comcast.net">collector@comcast.net</a> Office Hours: Monday 11:30 am – 4:30 pm, Tuesday 9 am - 3:30 pm, Wednesday 2 pm – 8 pm, Thursday 9 am - 3:30 pm	Telephone: (413) 667-3509
<b><u>Town Treasurer:</u></b>	Aimee Burnham <a href="mailto:huntingontreas@comcast.net">huntingontreas@comcast.net</a> Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday by appointment	Telephone: (413) 667-3502
<b><u>Veterans' Agent:</u></b>	Ed Renauld <a href="mailto:vso@huntingtonma.us">vso@huntingtonma.us</a> Office Hours: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Telephone: (413) 575-6391
<b><u>Water and Sewer:</u></b>	Commissioners meet 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in Town Hall Jim Gobeille, Water and Sewer Operator Connie Bennett, Administrative Assistant <a href="mailto:Huntington.SewerandWater@gmail.com">Huntington.SewerandWater@gmail.com</a>	Phone: (413) 667-3356
<b><u>Zoning Board:</u></b>	Meets Wednesday evenings (by appointment only) in Stanton Hall Please email to schedule appointment. Email: <a href="mailto:selectmanmcveigh@yahoo.com">selectmanmcveigh@yahoo.com</a>	



# **SELECTBOARD**

To the Residents 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.

Our Town Treasurer, Aimee Burnham, has completed her 3 year Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Association training. Ms. Burnham has also now successfully passed her certification test, so is a certified Massachusetts Municipal Treasurer. Congratulations, Aimee.

Selectman John McVeigh has been elected by the Massachusetts Municipal Association representatives, at their annual meeting, to serve on the Policy Committee and the Public Works/Transportation Committee. Congratulations, John. In addition, the Selectboard would like to thank John McVeigh for his continued efforts to clear the sidewalks along Route 20 and Route 112 after each storm with the Town's Ventrac snowplow. This is the second year that John has donated his time to keep our residents safe during the winter months.

We continue to look into ways of improving our Town facilities. We hope to start replacing outdated furniture and consolidate office usage within Town Hall in the coming year. After several incidents with computer viruses, we have hired a professional IT company to oversee our computer systems and keep them and our Town records safe.

Once again, the Recreation Committee has done an amazing job providing enjoyable, entertaining activities for our residents and their children. If you have had the opportunity to participate in one of their many activities, please take a moment and thank the members. If you have not had the opportunity to participate in any of their events, you really should, as their events are a lot of fun and well planned out. Together with the Selectboard, they put on Huntington's very first movie night on the Town Green, to great praise by the public who attended. We look forward to seeing more movies and anticipating what they have lined up for us next. It is truly amazing what they are able to do while staying within their limited budget.

We commend the Green Committee in upgrading the heating system in our Town Library. This new heating system is a state of the art, energy saving heating system. Together with new insulation, we hope to save valuable tax dollars while heating this building.

Huntington has been selected to be the lead town in the Community Development Block Grant. Together with some of our neighboring towns, we hope to be awarded almost \$980,000 to be used to fund several social service and infrastructure projects, including \$300,000 for the second phase of the Pleasant and Maple Street improvements here in Huntington. The first phase of those improvements was funded by last year's Community Development Block Grant and hopefully, will be completed by the fall.

The Senior and Veteran Tax Work-Off Abatement Programs have been a resounding success. Each program allows eligible homeowners to volunteer their time to Town departments for a tax bill credit of up to \$500. Applications are available the beginning of each year. Be sure to check the Town website ([www.huntingtonma.us](http://www.huntingtonma.us)), stop in, or call our office for more information. The Selectboard would like to recognize those participants who have added their skills and time to assist many of the Town departments and/or committees including the Recreation Committee, Memorial Day Committee, Town Collector, Assessors, Treasurer, and Selectboard.

The purchase of the Ambulance Garage from WMECO has been completed. The Town has entered into a lease agreement with Hilltown Community Ambulance Association (HCAA). The purchase of this property is advantageous to the Town, as it currently serves as the location of HCAA and offers future potential of Town office expansion.

Volunteerism in Huntington continues to be outstanding. There are many talented people willing to use their talents to help improve our quality of life, and to help 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 the talent, time and efforts of its volunteers.

The Selectboard would like to commend Darlene McVeigh for her tireless efforts as Chair of the Town Finance Committee. In addition to being Finance Committee Chair, Darlene also attends all of the School Committee meetings, serves as Co-Chair of GTAC (Gateway Towns Advisory Council) and has taken a lead role in the newly formed Gateway Collaborative Taskforce. Darlene and her husband, Bill McVeigh, generously donated both the inflatable movie screen the Recreation Committee used for their movie night, and the pull-down screen in Stanton Hall.

The Town's lawsuit pertaining to the withdrawal of Worthington from the Gateway Regional School District has been dismissed by Hampshire County Superior Court. The Selectboard is currently in consultation with attorney Jim Lampke to decide whether or not to pursue an appeal of this decision to a higher court. Regardless of the outcome, the financial viability of Gateway Regional School District continues to be a concern.

The Selectboard meets every two weeks on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 5:30 pm, in Town Hall. Selectboard meetings are posted on the Town website ([www.huntingtonma.us](http://www.huntingtonma.us)) and in Town Hall. Annual and Special Town Meetings are posted at the Post Office, Moltenbrey's Market, Knightville Package Store, Norwich Fire Station, Town Hall, and on the Town 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 Renault

Please Note: Although this report is for the year ending June 30, 2014, it was completed after publication of the 2014 Annual Town Report, so is included here.

### **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Honorable Selectboard  
Town of Huntington, Massachusetts

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Huntington, Massachusetts, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

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

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

## Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Huntington, Massachusetts, as of June 30, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position, and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## Other Matters

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 6 through 10 and the *Schedule of Funding Progress and Employer Contributions* on page 41 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the Required Supplementary Information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### *Other Information*

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

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

Scanlon & Associates, LLC  
South Deerfield, Massachusetts

May 28, 2015

**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2014**

	General Fund	Sewer Fund	Water Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets:</b>					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,359,373	\$ 228,303	\$ 113,368	\$ 148,630	\$ 1,849,674
Investments	3,481	-	-	16,542	20,023
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:					
Property Taxes	328,102	-	-	-	328,102
Tax Liens	58,988	-	-	-	58,988
Excise Taxes	29,022	-	-	-	29,022
User Charges	-	59,533	58,723	-	118,256
Departmental	-	-	-	47,176	47,176
Due from Other Governments	30,829	-	-	34,421	65,250
Other	49,524	-	-	-	49,524
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,859,319</b>	<b>\$ 287,836</b>	<b>\$ 172,091</b>	<b>\$ 246,769</b>	<b>\$ 2,566,015</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Warrants Payable	\$ 33,032	\$ 711	\$ 350	\$ 766	\$ 34,859
Accrued Payroll	27,693	1,710	1,179	13,835	44,417
Payroll Withholdings	18,254	-	-	-	18,254
Tax Refund Payable	13,900	-	-	-	13,900
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>92,879</b>	<b>2,421</b>	<b>1,529</b>	<b>14,601</b>	<b>111,430</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</b>					
Unavailable Revenue	372,797	59,533	58,723	71,551	562,604
<b>Fund Balance:</b>					
Restricted	-	-	-	160,617	160,617
Committed	-	225,882	111,839	-	337,721
Assigned	125,073	-	-	-	125,073
Unassigned	1,268,570	-	-	-	1,268,570
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>1,393,643</b>	<b>225,882</b>	<b>111,839</b>	<b>160,617</b>	<b>1,891,981</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 1,859,319</b>	<b>\$ 287,836</b>	<b>\$ 172,091</b>	<b>\$ 246,769</b>	<b>\$ 2,566,015</b>

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

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

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Sewer Fund</b>	<b>Water Fund</b>	<b>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</b>	<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Property Taxes	\$ 3,181,241	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,181,241
Intergovernmental	683,379	-	-	286,070	969,449
Excise and Other Taxes	238,243	-	-	-	238,243
Charges for Services	-	179,780	138,262	137,465	455,507
Licenses, Permits and Fees	87,994	-	-	-	87,994
Interest and Penalties	40,705	-	-	-	40,705
Investment Income	5,166	-	-	34	5,200
Gifts and Donations	-	-	-	7,657	7,657
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>4,236,728</b>	<b>179,780</b>	<b>138,262</b>	<b>431,226</b>	<b>4,985,996</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Current:					
General Government	327,916	-	-	100,150	428,066
Public Safety	280,707	-	-	83,057	363,764
Public Works	406,041	107,938	177,012	274,835	965,826
Education	2,732,911	-	-	-	2,732,911
Health and Human Services	51,991	-	-	39,685	91,676
Culture and Recreation	73,256	-	-	5,167	78,423
Employee Benefits and Insurance	173,758	-	-	-	173,758
State Assessments	15,954	-	-	-	15,954
Debt Service:					
Principal	73,000	-	10,000	-	83,000
Interest	5,169	-	1,750	-	6,919
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>4,140,703</b>	<b>107,938</b>	<b>188,762</b>	<b>502,894</b>	<b>4,940,297</b>
<b>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>96,025</b>	<b>71,842</b>	<b>(50,500)</b>	<b>(71,668)</b>	<b>45,699</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Operating Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>96,025</b>	<b>71,842</b>	<b>(50,500)</b>	<b>(71,668)</b>	<b>45,699</b>
<b>Fund Balances, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>1,297,618</b>	<b>154,040</b>	<b>162,339</b>	<b>232,285</b>	<b>1,846,282</b>
<b>Fund Balances, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 1,393,643</b>	<b>\$ 225,882</b>	<b>\$ 111,839</b>	<b>\$ 160,617</b>	<b>\$ 1,891,981</b>

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

**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGETARY BASIS -**  
**(NON-GAAP) - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Amounts	Variance with
	Original	Final	Budgetary	Carried	Final Budget
	Budget	Budget	Basis	Forward	Positive
				to Next Year	(Negative)
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Property Taxes	\$ 3,213,748	\$ 3,213,748	\$ 3,159,841	\$ -	\$ (53,907)
Intergovernmental	622,003	622,003	683,379	-	61,376
Excise and Other Taxes	260,000	260,000	238,243	-	(21,757)
Licenses, Permits, Fees	85,500	85,500	87,994	-	2,494
Interest and Penalties	20,000	20,000	40,705	-	20,705
Investment Income	2,000	2,000	2,146	-	146
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>4,203,251</b>	<b>4,203,251</b>	<b>4,212,308</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,057</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Current:					
General Government	306,755	343,482	327,916	272	15,294
Public Safety	292,152	285,832	280,707	1,014	4,111
Public Works	399,142	422,682	406,041	5,872	10,769
Education	2,937,756	2,913,397	2,732,911	-	180,486
Health and Human Services	29,748	52,634	51,991	-	643
Culture and Recreation	73,272	74,684	73,256	715	713
Employee Benefits and Insurance	186,554	188,082	173,758	-	14,324
State Assessments	16,114	16,114	15,954	-	160
Debt Service:					
Principal	73,000	73,000	73,000	-	-
Interest	2,100	6,650	5,169	-	1,481
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>4,316,593</b>	<b>4,376,557</b>	<b>4,140,703</b>	<b>7,873</b>	<b>227,981</b>
<b>Excess of Revenues Over</b>					
<b>(Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>(113,342)</b>	<b>(173,306)</b>	<b>71,605</b>	<b>(7,873)</b>	<b>237,038</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Operating Transfers In (Out)	8,912	(3,124)	(15,000)	-	(11,876)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>8,912</b>	<b>(3,124)</b>	<b>(15,000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(11,876)</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other</b>					
<b>Financing Sources Over Expenditures and</b>					
<b>Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>(104,430)</b>	<b>(176,430)</b>	<b>56,605</b>	<b>(7,873)</b>	<b>225,162</b>
<b>Budgetary Fund Balance - Beginning of Year</b>	<b>303,659</b>	<b>303,659</b>	<b>303,659</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Budgetary Fund Balance - End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 199,229</b>	<b>\$ 127,229</b>	<b>\$ 360,264</b>	<b>\$ (7,873)</b>	<b>\$ 225,162</b>

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

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

	<b>Fund Balances</b> <b>July 1, 2013</b>	<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Other Financing</b> <b>Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>Fund Balances</b> <b>June 30, 2014</b>
<b>Special Revenue:</b>					
<b>Federal and State Grants:</b>					
Arts Lottery Council Grants	\$ 2,818	\$ 4,256	\$ 3,478	\$ -	\$ 3,596
Community Development Block Grants	1	55,862	55,862	-	1
Conservation Grants	2	-	-	-	2
Council on Aging Grants	1,936	2,669	2,260	-	2,345
Emergency Management Grants	60,602	15,955	46,688	-	29,869
Green Communities Grant	19,296	112	13,245	-	6,163
Health Grants	2,940	2,340	-	-	5,280
Highway Grants	-	202,552	202,552	-	-
Library Grants	14,029	2,336	1,689	-	14,676
Public Safety Grants	2,164	-	-	-	2,164
Well Head Protection Grants	768	-	-	-	768
Wildlife Habitat Incentive Grant	5,738	-	-	-	5,738
<b>Other:</b>					
Agriculture Committee Revolving	20	-	-	-	20
Administrative Assistant Fees	802	-	-	-	802
Capital Improvement Fund	14,472	-	-	-	14,472
Conservation Wetlands Fees	4,916	-	115	-	4,801
Council on Aging Donations	4,492	2,657	1,471	-	5,678
Council on Aging Transportation	23,864	35,104	32,779	-	26,189
Deputy Collector Fees	-	8,926	9,616	-	(690)
Fire Permit Fees	-	425	1,555	-	(1,130)
Gateway Regional School District Fuel	(48)	3,783	3,752	-	(17)
Murrayfield Old Tank	4,144	-	758	-	3,386
Playscape Damage	(600)	1,000	-	-	400
Police Extra Duty	16,517	73,262	81,277	-	8,502
Recreation Fund	126	-	-	-	126
Recycling Grant	866	-	-	-	866
Road Machinery	25,564	1,750	25,820	-	1,494
<b>Special Revenue Page 43</b>	<b>\$ 205,429</b>	<b>\$ 412,989</b>	<b>\$ 482,917</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 135,501</b>



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

	<b>Fund Balances</b> <b>July 1, 2013</b>	<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Other Financing</b> <b>Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>Fund Balances</b> <b>June 30, 2014</b>
<b>Continued from Page 43</b>	\$ 205,429	\$ 412,989	\$ 482,917	\$ -	\$ 135,501
<b>Special Revenue (continued):</b>					
<b>Other (continued):</b>					
Sara Gillette Services Council on Aging	(152)	2,930	3,175	-	(397)
Stanton Hall	7,210	5,000	4,110	-	8,100
Town Clerk Fees	-	935	1,953	-	(1,018)
Town Collector Fees	3,143	9,351	10,739	-	1,755
Zoning Board of Appeals Escrow Funds	1,496	-	-	-	1,496
Conservation Fund	10,876	21	-	-	10,897
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	919	-	-	-	919
<b>Total Special Revenue Funds</b>	<u>228,921</u>	<u>431,226</u>	<u>502,894</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>157,253</u>
<b>Permanent Funds:</b>					
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	3,364	-	-	-	3,364
<b>Total - Non-Major Governmental Funds</b>	<u>\$ 232,285</u>	<u>\$ 431,226</u>	<u>\$ 502,894</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 160,617</u>

**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
SCHEDULE OF REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES  
JULY 1, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2014**

	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 2013	Commitments	Abatements and Adjustments	Collections Net of Refunds and Overpayments	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2014	Uncollected Taxes Per Detail June 30, 2014
<b>Real Estate Taxes:</b>						
Levy of 2014	\$ -	\$ 3,152,752	\$ 28,491	\$ 2,912,659	\$ 211,602	\$ 211,602
Levy of 2013	175,701	-	10,116	89,382	76,203	76,203
Levy of 2012	64,146	-	4,279	27,744	32,123	32,123
Levy of 2011	25,685	-	6,513	18,156	1,016	1,016
Levy of 2010	4,915	-	-	1,539	3,376	3,376
	<u>270,447</u>	<u>3,152,752</u>	<u>49,399</u>	<u>3,049,480</u>	<u>324,320</u>	<u>324,320</u>
<b>Personal Property Taxes:</b>						
Levy of 2014	-	92,842	964	90,071	1,807	1,807
Levy of 2013	1,153	-	(300)	404	1,049	1,049
Levy of 2012	918	-	-	(29)	947	947
Levy of 2011	925	-	-	-	925	925
Levy of 2010	42	-	-	-	42	42
Prior Years	12	-	-	-	12	12
	<u>3,050</u>	<u>92,842</u>	<u>664</u>	<u>90,446</u>	<u>4,782</u>	<u>4,782</u>
<b>Total Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes</b>	<u>\$ 273,497</u>	<u>\$ 3,245,594</u>	<u>\$ 50,063</u>	<u>\$ 3,139,926</u>	<u>\$ 329,102</u>	<u>\$ 329,102</u>

**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
SCHEDULE OF MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES  
JULY 1, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2014**

	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 2013	Commitments	Abatements and Adjustments	Collections Net of Refunds and Overpayments	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2014	Uncollected Taxes Per Detail June 30, 2014
<b>Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:</b>						
Levy of 2014	\$ -	\$ 214,306	\$ 8,942	\$ 182,263	\$ 23,101	\$ 23,101
Levy of 2013	27,936	19,924	4,760	39,060	4,040	4,040
Levy of 2012	5,354	-	844	3,139	1,371	1,371
Levy of 2011	2,469	-	174	893	1,402	1,402
Levy of 2010	1,383	-	138	346	899	899
Prior Years	3,051	-	(264)	1,106	2,209	2,209
<b>Total Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes</b>	<b>\$ 40,193</b>	<b>\$ 234,230</b>	<b>\$ 14,594</b>	<b>\$ 226,807</b>	<b>\$ 33,022</b>	<b>\$ 33,022</b>

## **TOWN CLERK**

Welcome to the Town Clerk Report! 2015 proved to be a relatively quiet election year, although we did have an impressive turnout for the annual Town Election with 268 votes cast. Judy Borden transitioned seamlessly as our new Election Warden, Chipper Dazelle and Cricket Heath kept our ballot box ringing, and our dedicated election workers controlled the flow of voters in and out of Stanton Hall.

We enjoyed all of those who participated in the Senior Work-off Program. Many thanks to Anna Horkun, Lois Smith, Shirley St. Peter, Ken Rachmaciej and Nancy Kaminski, who tirelessly assisted us in our endeavors.

The following were issued this year:

23	Business Certificates
301	Dog Licenses
4	Kennel Licenses

My hours are Mondays, 9:00 am to noon, and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:huntingtonclerk@comcast.net).

Dog tags for 2016 will be available June 1<sup>st</sup>.

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  
Kathleen Thomas, Assistant Town Clerk

## **TOWN CLERK**

### **VITAL RECORDS 2015**

#### **BIRTHS:**

March 8	Haleigh Elisabeth Iglesias Daughter of Anthony Valentine Iglesias, Jr. & nee Melissa Jean Reid
March 9	Abigail Rose Therrien Daughter of David Chase Therrien & nee Ashley Kristin O'Connor
March 10	Evelyn Grace Goretskiy Daughter of Alex Goretskiy & nee Yelena Ishkov
March 20	Jamieson Scott Rousseau Son of Scott Thomas Rousseau & nee Kara Lee Breton
May 22	Liam Wyatt Pauli Son of Gregory Russell Pauli & nee Lisa Ann Kelly
July 6	Kathleen Marie Turgeon Daughter of Robert Joseph Turgeon, Jr. & nee Stephanie Lauren Griffin
July 9	Sadie Ann Wieland Daughter of David Christopher Wieland & nee Lindsay Marie Bray
Sep 8	Donovan Matthew McCaul Son of Andrew Barry McCaul & nee Melissa Ann Albano
Oct 21	Renee Rose Guyette Daughter of Adam Arthur Guyette & nee Tiffany Ann Richardson
Dec 21	Benjamin Alexander Paquette Son of Jason George Paquette & nee Elizabeth Ann LeBlanc

## **MARRIAGES:**

Jan 1	Jay A. Ringenbach & Emiley Jane Osden @ Stockbridge
March 2	Michael John Cassidy, Jr. & Crystal Marie Wloch @ Westfield
May 23	David Earl Collette & Kelsey Marie Masse @ Whately
June 6	James Joseph Walsh & Morgan Brooke Donovan-Hall @ Chesterfield
July 12	Todd David Krassler & Fallon Marie Standen @ Russell
Sep 19	Timothy Arthur LeBeau & Nicole Namiki Rojowski @ Huntington
Oct 10	Michael Todd Pelullo & Cassandra Mens @ Huntington
Oct 31	Andrew Joseph Benoit & Ilgim Dara @ Holyoke

## **DEATHS:**

Jan 6	Daniel Guilmette, Age 64, husband of Mary C. Guilmette
Feb 6	Gregory Duda, Age 55, Husband of Jacqueline Duda
Feb 17	Juliette Marie Dubay, Age 83, widow of Albert Dubay
Feb 27	Marcel D'Amour, Age 70, Husband of Diane D'Amour
Mar 6	Patsy A. Burke, Age 67, Wife of Wayne T. Burke
Mar 7	Linda Santopietro, Age 67, Wife of Albert R. Santopietro
Mar 28	Winnifred A. Smith, Age 92
May 7	Lucille Mary Avery, Age 80, widow of Robert Avery
May 7	Eileen Ranieri, Age 72, wife of James F. Ranieri
May 14	Robert L. Arel, Sr., Age 71, widow of Mary R. Arel
May 31	Anthony A. Foster, Age 72
June 14	Elizabeth A. Waite, Age 82, widow of Alan S. Waite
July 17	Charles W. Pierce, Age 79, husband of Viola A. Pierce
July 20	John Gasperini, Age 69, husband of Mary Gasperini
Sep 20	Walter Laptew, Age 90
Sep 24	Mary Rose Jones
Oct 14	Emily K. Mosher, Age 26
Nov 1	William T. Snyder, Age 80, husband of Juanita M. Snyder
Nov 6	Grace Jalbert

# HUNTINGTON TOWN ELECTION

## Saturday, May 16, 2015

### RESULTS

Board of Selectmen – 3 years	Edward Renauld (201) Others (2)    Blank (65)
Town Clerk - 3 years	Andrea McKittrick (224) Others (2)    Blank (42)
Board of Assessors - 3 years	Sue Fopiano (209) Others (0)    Blank (109)
Board of Health - 3 years	George Peterson (224) Others (1)    Blank (43)
Tree Warden - 1 year	Walt Wittshirk (228) Others (0)    Blank (40)
Moderator - 1 year	Pierre Jacques (212) Other (1)    Blank (55)
Constable - 3 years	Charles Dazelle (201) Other (3)    Blank (64)
Trustee, Huntington Library - 3 years	Karen Wittshirk (229) Others (0)    Blank (39)
Trustee, Alphonso Pettis Fund - 3 years	Karen Wittshirk (208) Others (0)    Blank (60)
Trustee, Whiting Street Fund - 3 years	Others (11) Blank (257)
Hampshire Council of Governments - 3 years	Other (10) Blank (258)
Water/Sewer Commission - 3 years	Henry Dubay (214) Other (1)    Blank (53)
School Committee - 3 years	Roland Damon (121) Darlene McVeigh (106) Blank (41)
Board of Assessors - 2 years	Erik Steins (210) Blank (58)
Question #1: 2-1/2 Override for GRSD Over-Minimum Shall the Town of Huntington be allowed to assess an additional \$110,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the Gateway Regional School District Over-Minimum contribution for the fiscal year beginning July 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2015?	Yes (60) No (207) Blank (1)
Question #2: Debt Exclusion for Highway Loader Shall the Town of Huntington be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay the principal and interest on the loan for the Highway Department 2014 John Deere loader?	Yes (91) No (176) Blank (1)



# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, June 1, 2015  
6:30 pm

### MINUTES

As directed, the Voters of the Town of Huntington, qualified to vote in Town affairs met at Stanton Hall in said Huntington on Monday, June 1, 2015 at 6:30 pm, then and there took the following action:

Moderator: Pierre Jacques  
Town Clerk: Andrea McKittrick  
Ass't. Town Clerk: Kathleen Thomas  
Selectboard: Jeff McKittrick, John McVeigh, Ed Renauld  
Finance Committee: Darlene McVeigh, Henry Dubay, Karon Hathaway, Victoria Minella-Sena  
Counters: Roland Damon, Karen Wittshirk, Margaret Nareau, Kathleen Sullivan,  
Brian Wing

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm. The Moderator announced that the warrant had been legally posted and a quorum had been reached. He 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 the GRSD Transportation Account #015300.003 the sum of \$47,500.00 for the following Operational Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

015422.005	HIGHWAY SAND & SALT	\$14,497.00
015424.000	STREET LIGHTS	\$ 2,500.00
015543.001	VETERANS' RELIEF	\$30,503.00

**Selectboard: yes. Finance Committee: yes. Article passed by majority vote. The sum of \$47,500 will be transferred from the GRSD Transportation Account #015300.003 for the Operational Accounts listed.**

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve. Meeting dissolved at 6:35 pm.

A quorum of 74 was present.

A true copy attest:

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Andrea McKittrick  
Town Clerk

# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, June 1, 2015  
7:00 pm

## MINUTES

As directed, the Voters of the Town of Huntington, qualified to vote in Town affairs, met at Stanton Hall in said Huntington on Monday, June 1, 2015 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:	Charles Dazelle
Selectboard:	Jeffrey McKittrick, John McVeigh, Edward Renauld
Counters:	Roland Damon, Karen Wittshirk, Margaret Nareau, Kathleen Sullivan, Brian Wing

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. The Moderator announced that the warrant had been legally posted and a quorum had been reached. A motion was made and seconded to continue the meeting if necessary on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Motion passed by majority vote. A motion was made and seconded to stop the meeting at 10:00 pm unless business may be concluded. Motion passed unanimously. A motion was made and seconded to accept Aimee Burnham as Temporary Assistant Moderator for questions regarding the Huntington Fire Department. Motion passed unanimously. The Moderator introduced the Finance Committee and the Selectboard.

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 2016 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 \$1,484,445.00 for Huntington's minimum contribution, as determined by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, or accept a lesser amount than \$1,484,445.00 as certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; or take any other action relative thereto.

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

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$558,815.00 for Huntington's share of the transportation and debt services expenses for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016; 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 \$545,488 for Huntington's share of the over-minimum contribution to the budget for Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016; or take any other action relative thereto.  
**A motion was made and seconded to change the dollar amount to \$404,221.00 or a lesser sum as approved by the School Committee. Motion passed by majority vote. A vote was taken and passed to use paper ballots on the Article as amended. Article passed as amended with 91 yes and 12 no.**

A motion was made and seconded:

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$408,384.00 for Huntington's costs for vocational tuition for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016; or take any other action relative thereto.  
**Selectboard: Yes. Finance Committee: Yes. Article passed by majority 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, 2015 through June 30, 2016; or take any other action relative thereto.  
**Selectboard: Yes. Finance Committee: Yes. Article passed unanimously.**

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, 2015. Voters will designate line items voted separately; or take any other action relative thereto.  
**Article passed by majority vote.**

A motion was made and seconded:

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a donation of a parcel or parcels of land located on Basket Street (Assessors' Map and Lot Numbers N4-400 & N4-420), the site of the former Town landfill, which property is currently being monitored by the Town as mandated by Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, said property to be held for general municipal purposes, including for use as a possible solar array energy source for Town buildings; or take any other action relative thereto.  
**Article passed unanimously.**

A motion was made and seconded:

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Huntington General By-Laws by adding a new **Section 54 Selectboard**, and by adding **Section 54-A** and **Section 54-B** to provide as follows:

**Section 54-A Authorization to Act in Matters of Interest to the Town**

The Selectboard is authorized on behalf of the Town 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.

**Section 54-B Authorization for Shared/Joint Legal Representation**

The purpose of this bylaw is to allow the Town from time to time to have its regular counsel or specially retained counsel also represent the Town, communities, public entities or others in matters in which the Town has a direct or substantial interest without violating G.L. c. 268A, Section 17(a) and (c) or any related successor law. Such dual or common representation allows the Town to pool resources for a common purpose, develop mutual interests, and preserve scarce municipal funds. Pursuant to this bylaw, the official duties of the Town Counsel or Special Counsel include, but are not limited to, advising and representing the Town, communities, public entities, or others in: (i) administrative and judicial proceedings in which the Town is also a party or wishes to be a party; and (ii) other matters in which the Town has a direct or substantial interest, provided that in each instance, such dual or common representation would not cause a violation of rules governing attorney conduct. Counsel shall discharge such duties only when requested in writing by the Town. Prior to making such a request, the Selectboard shall determine whether the interests of the Town would be advanced by such dual or common representation and shall evaluate if actual or potential conflicts of interest exist. If any conflicts are identified, they shall be described in the written request. Counsel shall then make its own determination whether such dual or common representation would not

cause a violation of rules governing attorney conduct. The Selectboard shall monitor such matters approved to ensure that the dual or common representation continues to advance the interests of the Town. This bylaw shall be administered by the appointing authority for legal counsel; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article requires 2/3 majority to pass. Article passed unanimously.**

A motion was made and seconded:

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Huntington General By-Laws by adding a new **Section 40-C** **Throwing Snow on Town Property:**

**Section 40-C**                      **Throwing Snow on Town Property**

No person or entity, regardless of their ownership, tenancy, or other status or relationship to any property, nor any agent, employee, contractor or servant of any person or entity shall place, throw, plow or in any way move any snow or ice onto any portion of the Town's streets, ways, sidewalks, or land, except with the approval of the Highway Superintendent or his designee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this by-law shall not be construed to prohibit owners or occupants of residential premises from placing snow and ice on the sidewalk while leaving unobstructed room for pedestrian passage, and from placing snow or ice from pavement edge to no more than one foot (12 inches) out into the street, immediately adjacent to the driveway opening.

Anyone violating the provisions of this by-law shall be subject to a specific penalty in an amount up to one hundred fifty hundred dollars (\$150) for each offense. The fine structure shall be as follows:

All first violations:                      Documented warning

Residential (Less than 6 dwelling units):

Manual snow shoveling:

Second violation:                      \$ 10.00

Third violation:                        \$ 25.00

Fourth or more violations:        \$ 50.00

Residential mechanized snow moving:

Second violation:                      \$ 25.00

Third violation:                        \$ 50.00

Fourth or more violations:        \$100.00

Commercial and 6 or more residential units:

Manual snow shoveling:

Second violation:                      \$ 50.00

Third or more violations:        \$150.00

Commercial mechanized snow moving:

Second violation: \$ 75.00

Third or more violations: \$150.00

The Huntington Highway Superintendent, Huntington Zoning Enforcement Officer, all Huntington Police Officers, Massachusetts State Police are empowered and authorized to enforce this by-law; or take any other action relative thereto.

**A motion was made and seconded to change the title of the Article to “Throwing Snow on Public Property”. Amendment does not pass by majority vote. A motion was made to amend the Article by striking the words “ways” and “land”. Motion passed by majority vote. A motion was made and seconded to amend the Article by adding “and/or” in regards to “streets” and “sidewalks”. Motion passed unanimously. A motion was made and seconded to remove the typo of “hundred” in regards to the penalty of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150). Motion passed unanimously. A motion was made and seconded to amend the Article by removing “Huntington Zoning Enforcement Officer” as enforcer of the by law. Motion passed unanimously. Article passed as amended by majority vote.**

A motion was made and seconded:

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section I General: Definitions of the Huntington Zoning By-Law as shown below in italics; or take any other action relative thereto:

**Delete:** *street frontage: the maximum continuous extent of a lot front line...*

**And replace with:**

*Frontage: the maximum continuous extent of a lot front line along one approved, existing, constructed street. That street shall, in the opinion of the Permit Granting Authority, have sufficient width, suitable grades, and adequate construction for vehicular traffic in relation to the proposed uses of the land abutting thereon or served thereby, and for the installation of municipal services to serve such land and the buildings erected, or to be erected thereon. The frontage shall provide practical access to the buildable portion of each lot by connecting to the required frontage by a strip of land not narrower than the required frontage at any point, measured from that point to the nearest point of the opposite sideline. Frontage requirements shall be as shown in “Appendix A: Table of Dimensional Requirements” of the Town of Huntington Zoning Bylaw. In the event that there is a conflict between this and any other frontage definition in local regulations, the frontage definition in the Town of Huntington Subdivision Rules and Regulations shall supersede all others.*

**Article requires 2/3 vote. Article passed by 2/3 majority vote.**

A motion was made and seconded:

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section I General: Definitions of the Huntington Zoning By-Law as shown below in italics; or take any other action relative thereto:

**Add:**

*building lot: a legal building lot, shall have the minimum frontage and dimensional requirements shown in “Appendix A: Table of Dimensional Requirements” of the Town of Huntington Zoning Bylaw for the Zoning District in which the lot is located. In the event there is a conflict between this definition and any other definition in any local regulations, the building lot definition in the Town of Huntington Subdivision Rules and Regulations shall supersede all others.*

**Article passed unanimously.**

A motion was made and seconded:

**ARTICLE 19:**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section IV Q of the Huntington Zoning By-law: Wireless Communications Facilities as shown below in italics, (the text that is not being amended is shown in regular type and is included for informational purposes only):

+IV-Q.I. No wireless communication facility shall be built in the Town of Huntington without the issuance of a special permit granted by the *Planning Board* under the following conditions:

Add:

*E. A carrier proposing to share space on an existing permitted wireless communication tower shall make application to the Planning Board for a Determination of Telecommunications Special Permit Waiver. This application is to determine if the proposed scope of work will extend beyond the currently permitted compound footprint, or if the tower will be extended higher or wider than the currently permitted tower, or if there will be other changes which should necessitate application for an additional Special Permit. The application for a Determination of Telecommunications Special Permit Waiver may be made concurrently with application to the Building Commissioner for a Building Permit. However, approval by the Planning Board of the Determination of Telecommunications Special Permit Waiver must be received prior to issuance of the Building Permit. If the carrier’s proposed scope of work does not fall within the currently permitted parameters, the waiver will not be granted.*

or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article passed unanimously.**

A motion was made and seconded:

**ARTICLE 20:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a deed for donation of an easement, from the Secretary of the Army, in two parcels of land off Goss Hill Road, and being that portion of Assessor’s Map 3-24, Lot 97 located on the easterly side of Goss Hill Road, and adjacent to Assessor’s Map 3-24, Lot 35, Assessor’s Map 3-24, Lot 37 and Assessor’s Map 3-24, Lot 110, said property to be held for general municipal purposes, including for the purposes of a street or way, and for the purpose of conveyance; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey access easements and/or assign rights to pass and repass to those owners whose properties gain access to Goss Hill Road across the aforesaid easement to be granted to the Town by the Secretary



of the Army; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article passed unanimously.**

A motion was made and seconded:

**ARTICLE 21:** BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the voters of the Town of Huntington hereby request the Gateway Regional School District Committee file, with the State Auditor, for reimbursement for any and all unfunded mandates which are legally eligible for reimbursement, which are imposed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (including but not limited to Transportation); or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article requires majority vote. Article passed by majority vote.**

A motion was made and seconded:

**ARTICLE 22:** BE IT RESOLVED, the Gateway District School Committee is hereby requested, by the voters of the Town of Huntington, to explore all options to protect the financial and educational sustainability of the Gateway Regional School District;

To establish a subcommittee to explore and recommend ways to:

- Ensure the Financial sustainability of Gateway Regional School District for a period not to exceed ten years.
- Ensure that the quality of education be kept at the highest level possible for a period not to exceed ten years.
- Make practical recommendations to the Gateway School Committee and the Towns of the Gateway Regional School District.

or take any other action relative thereto.

**A motion was made and seconded to remove the words “not to exceed ten years”. Motion does not pass. A motion and seconded to move the question. Motion requires 2/3 vote. Motion passed by majority vote. No exact count was taken. Article passed unanimously.**

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting dissolved at 9:20 pm.

A quorum of 111 was present.

A true copy attest:

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Andrea McKittrick  
Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF HUNTINGTON**

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

Monday, September 9, 2015  
7:00 pm

**MINUTES**

As directed, the Voters of the Town of Huntington, qualified to vote in Town affairs, met at Stanton Hall in said Huntington on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 7:00 pm, then and there took the following action:

After announcing the resignation of the elected Moderator, a motion was made and seconded to ask for approval from the Town Body for Tom Gralinski to act as Interim Moderator. The Body approved and Mr. Gralinski was sworn in by the Town Clerk.

Moderator:	Tom Gralinski
Town Clerk:	Andrea McKittrick
Constable:	Charles Dazelle
Selectboard:	Jeffrey McKittrick, Edward Renault
Finance Comm:	Darlene McVeigh, Karon Hathaway
Counters:	Sue Fopiano, Erik Steins

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. 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 \$547,979 for Huntington's share of the over-minimum contribution to the budget for Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Selectboard: No. Finance Committee: No. A motion was made and seconded to amend the dollar amount in the article to \$404,221 from \$547,979. Motion carried by majority vote. Paper ballots were used to cast votes and the article passed as amended by a vote of 63 yes and 14 no.**

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve. Motion passed unanimously.  
Meeting dissolved at 7:28 pm.

A quorum of 78 was present.

A true copy attest.

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Andrea McKittrick  
Town Clerk

**TOWN of HUNTINGTON**  
BALANCE SHEET-GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
June 30, 2015

<b>Assets</b>	<b>Funds</b>					<b>Total</b>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Stabilization</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental</u>	<u>Governmental</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	433,880	1,007,600	117,404	236,736	206,724	2,002,345
Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:						
Property Taxes	1,864,286	0	0	0	0	1,864,286
User Charges	0	0	12,345	65,606	0	77,952
Tax liens	71,837	0	11,873	2,025	0	85,735
Excise Taxes and other taxes	37,409	0	0	0	0	37,409
Due from other governments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	68,489	0	0	0	0	68,489
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>2,475,901</u>	<u>1,007,600</u>	<u>141,622</u>	<u>304,367</u>	<u>206,724</u>	<u>4,136,215</u>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Fund Equity</b>						
<b>Liabilities:</b>						
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	1,864,286	0	0	0	0	1,864,286
Other	109,046	0	24,218	67,631	0	200,896
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>1,973,332</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>24,218</u>	<u>67,631</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,065,181</u>
<b>Fund Equity:</b>						
Reserved for Encumbrances	11,377	0	0	0	0	11,377
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	491,192	0	0	0	0	491,192
Special Revenue	0	1,007,600	117,404	236,736	206,724	1,568,464
Permanent Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<u>502,569</u>	<u>1,007,600</u>	<u>117,404</u>	<u>236,736</u>	<u>206,724</u>	<u>2,071,034</u>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Equity</b>	<u>2,475,901</u>	<u>1,007,600</u>	<u>141,622</u>	<u>304,367</u>	<u>206,724</u>	<u>4,136,214</u>

**TOWN of HUNTINGTON**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Stabilization Fund</u>	<u>Water Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Non major Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>						
Property Taxes	3,315,464	0	0	0	0	3,315,464
Intergovernmental	636,210	0	0	0	0	636,210
Excise and Other Taxes	248,091	0	0	0	0	248,091
Charges for Services	0	0	93,697	126,557	0	220,254
Licenses, Permits and Fees	22,973	0	0	0	0	22,973
Interest on Taxes	36,423	0	2,473	1,767	0	40,663
Interest on Investments	2,184	25,522	0	0	0	27,706
Other	124,922	0	1,170	17,157	608,713	751,962
Total Revenues	<u>4,386,267</u>	<u>25,522</u>	<u>97,340</u>	<u>145,481</u>	<u>608,713</u>	<u>5,263,322</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>						
Current:						
General government	365,634	0	0	0	706,998	1,072,632
Public Safety	270,330	0	0	0	0	270,330
Public Works and Facilities	418,375	0	0	0	0	418,375
Water and Sewer	0	0	81,024	134,627	0	215,651
Education	2,775,825	0	0	0	0	2,775,825
Health and Human Services	68,845	0	0	0	0	68,845
Culture and Recreation	74,346	0	0	0	0	74,346
Employee Benefits and Insurance	169,707		0	0	0	169,707
State Assessments	16,832	0	0	0	0	16,832
Debt service:						
Principal	73,000	0	10,750	0	0	83,750
Interest	5,610	0	0	0	0	5,610
Total Expenditures	<u>4,238,504</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>91,774</u>	<u>134,627</u>	<u>706,998</u>	<u>5,171,903</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	147,763	25,522	5,565	10,853	(98,284)	91,419
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Operating Transfers Out	0	0	0	0	0	0
Audit Adjustments	158,560	0	(21,577)	(54,504)	0	0
Other	(19,474)	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>139,086</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(21,577)</u>	<u>(54,504)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	286,849	25,522	(16,011)	(43,650)	(98,284)	154,425
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	<u>204,343</u>	<u>982,079</u>	<u>133,415</u>	<u>280,386</u>	<u>305,018</u>	<u>1,905,240</u>
Fund Balances, End of Year	<u>491,192</u>	<u>1,007,600</u>	<u>117,404</u>	<u>236,736</u>	<u>206,733</u>	<u>2,059,665</u>

**TOWN of HUNTINGTON**  
**GENERAL FUND: BUDGET and ACTUAL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

<b><u>EXPENDITURES:</u></b>	<b><u>Amended Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u></b>
<b><u>114-MODERATOR</u></b>			
Salary	250	250	0
<b><u>122-SELECTPERSONS</u></b>			
Salary	6,808	6,808	0
Admin Asst Wages	34,682	34,682	0
Expenses	1,600	1,211	389
Admin Asst Exp	527	527	0
Legal Ads Expense	800	758	42
General Office Supplies	1,832	1,533	298
Copy Machine Expenses	2,034	2,034	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48,284</b>	<b>47,555</b>	<b>729</b>
<b><u>122-COMPUTER COMMITTEE</u></b>			
Computer Purch Expenses	8,204	8,140	64
IT Tech Support	5,796	5,796	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>13,936</b>	<b>64</b>
<b><u>131-FINANCE COMMITTEE</u></b>			
Expenses	200	129	71
Reserve Fund	300	0	300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>371</b>
<b><u>135-ACCOUNTANT</u></b>			
Salary	18,233	16,769	1,464
Expenses	500	350	150
Software Suppt	2,600	2,570	30
Audit Expense	7,000	0	7,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28,333</b>	<b>19,689</b>	<b>8,644</b>
<b><u>137-ASSESSORS</u></b>			
Salaries	6,210	6,210	0
Expenses	2,700	2,566	134
Clerk Wages	11,400	10,939	461
Mapping Expenses	3,150	3,150	0
Software Support	3,700	3,700	0
Revaluation	1,500	1,500	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28,660</b>	<b>28,065</b>	<b>595</b>
<b><u>138-TREASURER</u></b>			
Salary	15,989	15,989	0
Expenses	2,695	2,622	73
Bank Service Chgs	698	698	0
Tax Title Expenses	3,310	3,310	0
Software support	4,875	4,875	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27,567</b>	<b>27,494</b>	<b>73</b>

**TOWN of HUNTINGTON**  
**GENERAL FUND:BUDGET and ACTUAL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

<b><u>EXPENDITURES:</u></b>	<b><u>Amended Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u></b>
<b><u>139-COLLECTOR</u></b>			
Salary	21,538	21,538	0
Expenses	4,484	4,484	0
Tax Taking	2,563	2,563	0
Collector Software support	7,230	7,230	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35,814</b>	<b>35,814</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>151-LEGAL</u></b>			
Legal Expenses	25,509	25,509	0
MA General Law Books	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,509</b>	<b>25,509</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>161/162-TOWN CLERK</u></b>			
Salary	13,683	13,683	0
Dog License Exp	239	239	0
Expenses	821	821	0
Census Superintendent	1,500	1,500	0
Census Expenses	800	800	0
Asst clerk salary	1,370	1,370	0
Election Workers Wages	1,154	1,090	64
Elect & Reg Expenses	1,646	1,646	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,212</b>	<b>21,148</b>	<b>65</b>
<b><u>171-CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u></b>			
Expenses	800	758	42
<b><u>172-PLANNING BOARD</u></b>			
Expenses	1,200	697	503
<b><u>173-ZONING BOARD</u></b>			
Expenses	450	29	421
<b><u>179-OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE</u></b>			
Expenses	200	0	200
<b><u>192-BUILDINGS &amp; PROPERTY</u></b>			
Wages	9,975	9,975	0
Tn Hall Utilities/Phone	16,837	16,837	0
North Hall Utilities	848	848	0
Stanton Hall Utilities	11,461	11,461	0
Town Mowing	7,095	3,905	3,190
Maintenance	10,867	10,867	0
North Hall Maintenance	13,974	12,040	1,934
GIS Mapping	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>71,057</b>	<b>65,933</b>	<b>5,124</b>

**TOWN of HUNTINGTON**  
**GENERAL FUND:BUDGET and ACTUAL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

<b><u>EXPENDITURES:</u></b>	<b><u>Amended Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u></b>
<b><u>193-LIABILITY INSURANCE</u></b>			
Workers' Compensation	10,533	10,533	0
Unemployment Insurance	10,628	10,628	0
Medicare	8,339	8,339	0
Town Buildings Insurance	30,031	30,031	0
Town Vehicle Insurance	17,145	17,145	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76,676</b>	<b>76,676</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>196-REPORTS</u></b>			
Town Reports	1,953	1,953	0
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>382,466</b>	<b>365,634</b>	<b>16,831</b>
<b><u>210-POLICE</u></b>			
Chief Salary	62,500	62,500	0
Training Exps & Wages	24,847	24,847	0
Murrayfield Crossing Guard	1,910	1,910	0
Administration/Training	6,424	6,424	0
Vehicle Maintenance	10,334	10,334	0
Equipment	11,611	10,207	1,405
Building Maint	112	112	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>117,739</b>	<b>116,334</b>	<b>1,405</b>
<b><u>220-FIRE</u></b>			
Chief Salary	3,809	3,809	0
Hourly Wages	16,094	16,094	0
Deputy/Asst Chief Salary	1,700	1,700	0
Training Wages	1,033	1,033	0
Building/Equipment Exps	29,201	28,020	1,180
Admin/Training Expenses	3,656	3,656	0
Utilities	10,640	10,608	32
Truck Maintenance	14,885	14,885	0
Fire Defense Assn	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>81,017</b>	<b>79,805</b>	<b>1,212</b>
<b><u>231-AMBULANCE</u></b>			
Ambulance Service	37,576	37,576	0
<b><u>BUILDING INSPECTOR</u></b>			
Expenses	15,844	15,844	0
Gas Inspector Fees	850	850	0
Plumbing Inspector Fees	1,250	1,250	0
Wiring Inspector Fees	2,360	2,360	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,304</b>	<b>20,304</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>291-CIVIL DEFENSE</u></b>			
Expenses	1,950	1,950	0
Reverse 911	2,663	2,623	40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,613</b>	<b>4,573</b>	<b>40</b>

**TOWN of HUNTINGTON**  
**GENERAL FUND: BUDGET and ACTUAL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

<b><u>EXPENDITURES:</u></b>	<b><u>Amended Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u></b>
<b><u>292-DOG OFFICER</u></b>			
Salary	1,135	1,135	0
Expenses	65	65	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>294-TREE SERVICES</u></b>			
Tree Warden Svce & Salary	800	800	0
Dutch Elm Disease	1	0	1
Forestry Service	1	0	1
Pest Control	1	0	1
Tree Removal Expense	13,115	9,720	3,395
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,918</b>	<b>10,520</b>	<b>3,398</b>
Constable Expense	200	18	182
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>276,567</b>	<b>270,330</b>	<b>6,237</b>
<b><u>300-EDUCATION</u></b>			
Gateway Min Contribution	1,377,654	1,377,654	0
Gateway Over Min Contribution	403,166	403,166	0
Transportation/Debt	482,638	482,638	0
Ch 70 Voc Trans	76,980	76,980	0
Ch 70 Voc Tuition	455,376	435,387	19,989
<b>Total Education</b>	<b>2,795,814</b>	<b>2,775,825</b>	<b>19,989</b>
<b><u>422/424-HIGHWAY</u></b>			
Superintendent	52,735	52,735	0
Hourly Wages	74,823	74,823	0
Overtime/Extra Help	22,010	22,010	0
Utilities	14,570	14,570	0
Bldg/Equip Maintenance	29,129	29,129	0
Sand & Salt	52,097	52,096	1
Gas & Diesel Fuel	21,211	21,211	0
Road Maintenance	40,643	40,643	0
Uniforms	2,613	2,613	0
Admin/Training Expenses	500	500	0
Drug Testing	273	273	0
Equipment replacement	2,352	2,352	0
Street Lights	12,115	12,115	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>325,070</b>	<b>325,069</b>	<b>1</b>



**TOWN of HUNTINGTON**  
GENERAL FUND:BUDGET and ACTUAL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<b><u>433-TRANSFER STATION</u></b>			
Wages	17,000	16,824	176
Hauling & Disposal	57,284	48,892	8,392
Misc/Maint	12,500	11,115	1,385
Utilities	1,000	973	27
Hilltown Mgt Res Co-Op	7,000	6,323	677
Hsehd Hazardous Mat Rem	1,834	473	1,361
Training	166	166	0
Basket Str Landfill Monit	12,000	8,240	3,760
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>108,784</b>	<b>93,006</b>	<b>15,778</b>
<b><u>440-SEWER</u></b>			
Commissioner Salaries	3,958	3,958	0
Wages	50,956	50,956	0
Workers Compensation	3,971	3,971	0
Unemployment	390	0	390
Health Insurance	3,624	3,624	0
Property Insurance	1,700	1,700	0
Vehicle Insurance	1,600	1,600	0
Utilities	17,522	17,522	0
Contractors	10,000	4,175	5,825
Building/Equipment Maint	24,853	24,709	143
Meter Pump Expense	3,000	1,425	1,575
Chemical Purchase	3,500	2,400	1,100
Waste Removal	8,000	6,146	1,855
Improvements	10,000	9,544	456
Software support	2,898	2,898	0
Sewer Overtime	636	0	636
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>146,607</b>	<b>134,627</b>	<b>11,980</b>

**TOWN of HUNTINGTON**  
**GENERAL FUND:BUDGET and ACTUAL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
<b><u>450-WATER</u></b>			
Commissioner Salaries	3,958	3,958	0
Wages	32,588	27,860	4,728
Workers Compensation	1,391	1,391	0
Unemployment	205	0	205
Health Insurance	2,418	2,416	2
Property Insurance	2,652	2,652	0
Utilities	15,750	14,158	1,592
Vehicle Insurance	500	500	0
Analysis Tests	7,500	5,315	2,185
Analysis Chemicals	3,427	3,427	0
Contractors	4,573	2,080	2,493
Materials/Equipment	17,500	10,812	6,688
Improvements	5,000	3,558	1,443
Software support	3,574	2,898	676
Meters	1,000	0	1,000
Water Overtime	2,500	0	2,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>104,536</b>	<b>81,024</b>	<b>23,512</b>
<b><u>490-CEMETERY</u></b>			
Norwich Hill Cemetery	500	300	200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>Total Public Works</b>	<b>685,497</b>	<b>634,027</b>	<b>51,471</b>
<b><u>510-BOARD of HEALTH</u></b>			
Salaries	3,794	3,794	0
Secretary Salary	5,422	5,422	0
Agent Wages	7,220	7,220	0
Nebbs Well Expenses	1,428	1,428	0
Health Nursing Fee	0	0	0
Animal Control Officer Salary	818	818	0
Perc Tests/Septic Tank Fees	6,700	6,700	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,382</b>	<b>25,382</b>	<b>0</b>
Council on Aging	3,054	3,054	0
<b><u>543-VETERN AGENT</u></b>			
Salary	1,889	1,889	0
Relief Benefits	38,520	38,520	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40,409</b>	<b>40,409</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Human Services</b>	<b>68,846</b>	<b>68,845</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>610-LIBRARY</u></b>			
Wages	33,817	33,817	0
Maintenance Wages	3,480	3,345	135
Maint/Repair/Supplies	7,958	5,580	2,378
Utilities	5,583	5,583	0
Books/Periodicals	13,969	13,969	0
Software Tech Support	1,569	1,569	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>66,377</b>	<b>63,864</b>	<b>2,513</b>

**TOWN of HUNTINGTON**  
**GENERAL FUND:BUDGET and ACTUAL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>Amended Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</b>
<b><u>620-RECREATION COMMISSION</u></b>			
Wages	362	0	362
Expenses	8,000	7,976	24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,362</b>	<b>7,976</b>	<b>386</b>
Historical Commission	287	0	287
Agricultural Committee	100	0	100
Memorial Day Parade	739	276	464
Community Events	2,300	2,230	70
St Thomas Local Hist Distr	250	0	250
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,676</b>	<b>2,506</b>	<b>1,170</b>
<b>Total Culture &amp; Rec</b>	<b>78,415</b>	<b>74,346</b>	<b>4,069</b>
 <b><u>DEBT SERVICE</u></b>			
Fire Truck Loan	48,000	48,000	0
Water Meter Loan	10,000	10,000	0
Hwy Truck Loan	25,000	25,000	0
Fire Truck Interest	4,800	4,800	0
Water Meter Interest	750	750	0
Hwy Truck Interst	950	310	640
Short Term Interest	500	500	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>89,360</b>	<b>640</b>
 <b><u>INTERGOVERNMENT</u></b>			
CS MV Excise Surcharge	3,380	3,380	0
CS Air Polution Assmnt	564	564	0
CS Regional Transit	10,000	10,000	0
Hampdon Co Jail Assmt	2,122	2,122	0
Council of Govts Assmt	1,600	767	833
Hampshire Co Retirement	88,874	88,874	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>106,540</b>	<b>105,706</b>	<b>833</b>
 <b><u>914-HEALTH INSURANCE</u></b>			
Collector Health Ins	14,742	14,742	0
Police Health Ins	6,329	6,329	0
Highway Health Insurance	24,764	24,764	0
Library Health Ins	6,041	6,041	0
Police & Fire Disability Ins	16,298	16,298	0
Admin Health Ins	12,659	12,659	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80,833</b>	<b>80,833</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Misc Expenses</b>	<b>277,373</b>	<b>275,899</b>	<b>1,474</b>
 <b><u>Transfers</u></b>			
Stabilization	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>4,564,977</b>	<b>4,464,906</b>	<b>100,072</b>

# TOWN of HUNTINGTON

## SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Chapter 90	Fund Balances			
	July 1,2014	Revenue	Expenditures	June 30,2015
	<u>(10,046.00)</u>	<u>168,814.11</u>	<u>205,638.44</u>	<u>(46,870.33)</u>
<b>Special Revenue Funds:</b>				
Utility Tractor Purch	0.00	24,869.00	24,872.01	(3.01)
Utility Tractor Maint	1,493.94	1,750.00	753.29	2,490.65
COA Donation a/c	5,678.13	406.00	742.50	5,341.63
Conservation Wetlands Fees	4,800.77	67.50	0.00	4,868.27
Murryfield Oil Tk Grant	3,385.63	0.00	0.00	3,385.63
Commun Devel Block Grants	5,738.62	0.00	0.00	5,738.62
Apricultural Committee	20.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
WellHead Protection	768.47	0.00	0.00	768.47
Sara Gillette Services-COA	(396.62)	2,610.00	1,875.00	338.38
Emergency Management	8,797.73	0.00	0.00	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	22,015.99	0.00	12,988.90	9,027.09
Grant: FEMA-4051-HD-MA	(944.23)	0.00	14,843.02	(15,787.25)
Grant: Goss Hill HMGP-4051-DR-MA	0.00	0.00	24,469.60	(24,469.60)
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	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stanton Hall Upkeep	8,099.95	5,000.00	429.00	12,670.95
GSRD Fuel	(16.16)	3,158.73	3,329.89	(187.32)
Green Grant	6,163.53	18.23	6,151.54	30.22
ZBA Escrow Funds	1,496.12	0.00	0.00	1,496.12
Cultural Council	3,596.13	4,307.41	4,491.75	3,411.79
BOH Spec Proj	5,279.73	800.00	0.00	6,079.73
State Aid to Libraries	6,204.99	3,091.22	864.75	8,431.46
Council on Aging-Formula	1,874.80	2,125.20	2,297.19	1,702.81
Council on Aging-HighValley	469.86	0.00	0.00	469.86
Recycling	865.52	0.00	374.80	490.72
FRTA	26,188.53	31,711.88	30,021.55	27,878.86
Town Prop Damage	400.00	0.00	1,382.00	(982.00)
Misc Pass Thru Exp	0.00	62,626.76	60,370.96	2,255.80
Snow Blower Grant	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
Ag Comn Small GT	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Shared Legal Exps	0.00	0.00	11,253.70	(11,253.70)
<b>Total-Special Rev Funds</b>	<u>137,090.35</u>	<u>168,041.93</u>	<u>226,511.45</u>	<u>78,620.83</u>

# TOWN of HUNTINGTON

## SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

### NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

		<b>Fund Balances</b>		
	<u>July 1,2014</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>June 30,2015</u>
<b>Trust Funds:</b>				
Conservation Fund	10,897.08	21.80	0.00	10,918.88
Stanton Income Fund	110,026.38	16,749.88	97.96	126,678.30
Whiting Street Fund	1,866.20	3.66	515.57	1,354.29
Cemetery Perpetual Care	3,363.84	0.00	0.00	3,363.84
Commeration	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stabilization fund	982,078.63	25,521.50	0.00	1,007,600.13
Postwar Rehabilitation Fund	927.60	0.00	0.00	927.60
Recreation	125.98	0.00	0.00	125.98
Civic Welfare	4,066.67	0.00	0.00	4,066.67
<b>Total-Trust Funds</b>	<u>1,113,352.38</u>	<u>42,296.84</u>	<u>613.53</u>	<u>1,155,035.69</u>
<b>Agency Funds:</b>				
Due to Admin Asst-Fees	802.00	793.00	1,250.00	345.00
Extra Duty Police	8,501.72	50,541.00	59,042.72	0.00
Due to Collector-Fees	1,755.39	6,075.97	7,521.36	310.00
Due to Comm/Firearms Fund	18,683.66	4,650.00	8,987.50	14,346.16
Due to Comm-Fish & Game	1,541.30	638.50	2,159.80	20.00
Due to Deputy-Fees	(690.00)	5,932.00	5,242.00	0.00
Fire Permit Fees	(1,130.00)	4,780.00	3,525.00	125.00
Due to Town Clerk-Fees	(1,018.25)	3,115.75	1,842.50	255.00
W/H-Federal	7,599.17	53,984.19	58,986.26	2,597.10
W/H-Medicare	1,287.19	9,356.29	10,211.12	432.36
W/H-State	4,094.42	30,947.59	33,753.03	1,288.98
W/H-Retirement	2,052.01	40,433.80	37,635.73	4,850.08
W/H-Grp Ins	1,820.18	23,126.06	23,281.23	1,665.01
W/H-Life Ins	8.40	92.40	100.80	0.00
W/H OBRA	764.40	11,898.64	11,843.87	819.17
W/H-Other Payroll	331.28	5,156.26	5,290.84	196.70
W/H-Dental	296.72	3,560.64	3,560.64	296.72
<b>Total-Agency Funds</b>	<u>46,699.59</u>	<u>255,082.09</u>	<u>274,234.40</u>	<u>27,547.28</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Buley

**TOWN REPORT  
COLLECTOR'S OFFICE  
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015**

**COLLECTOR'S OFFICE  
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015**

		<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Billed</u>	<u>Tax Paid</u>	<u>Abate/Exempt</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Bill Adj.</u>	<u>TT</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
									-
<b>Real Estate:</b>	2010	3,495.00	2,487.66	889.25			16.82	5,105.23	5.00
	2011	1,133.78	517.61	5.00	1,295.46	1,295.46	205.96	1,331.84	520.51
	2012	33,027.30	11,474.79	29,083.34			40.00	15,139.78	318.97
	2013	73,215.26	14,126.70	47,058.72		1,320.67	666.36	15,576.02	26,694.25
	2014	224,960.42	14,668.70	151,923.01	3,057.92	10,526.40	(11.42)	13,628.47	81,534.70
	2015	1,566,533.16	1,642,987.99	2,991,336.56	18,205.04	5,967.43	(47.61)	17,281.14	188,618.23
	2016	-	1,585,750.46	1,446.49					1,584,303.97
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1,902,364.92</b>	<b>3,272,013.91</b>	<b>3,221,742.37</b>	<b>22,558.42</b>	<b>19,109.96</b>	<b>870.11</b>	<b>68,062.48</b>	<b>1,881,995.63</b>
<b>July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015</b>		<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Billed</u>	<u>Tax Paid</u>	<u>Abate/Exempt</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Bill Adj.</u>	<u>Demand</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
<b>Personal Property:</b>	2009	16.59	9.96	140		113.45			-
	2010	56.70			8.31				48.39
	2011	924.47	12.82	26.31	5.13				905.85
	2012	982.27	8.18	33.76	5.29				951.40
	2013	1,089.18	8.69	48.31	5.73	93.68	5.09		1,142.60
	2014	1,807.42	84.18	570.11	5.97	614.96			1,930.48
	2015	-	94,972.02	92,303.84		38.22			2,706.40
<b>Totals</b>		<b>4,876.63</b>	<b>95,095.85</b>	<b>93,122.33</b>	<b>30.43</b>	<b>860.31</b>	<b>5.09</b>		<b>7,685.12</b>
<b>July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015</b>		<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Billed</u>	<u>Tax Paid</u>	<u>Abate/Exempt</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Bill Adj.</u>	<u>Int &amp; Demand</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
<b>2008 Water</b>		-					0.59		0.59
<b>Sewer</b>		(0.59)							(0.59)
<b>Totals</b>		<b>(0.59)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.59</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015</b>		<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Billed</u>	<u>Tax Paid</u>	<u>Abate/Exempt</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Bill Adj.</u>	<u>Int &amp; Demand</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
<b>2012 Water</b>		-					4.29		4.29
<b>Sewer</b>		0.71							0.71
<b>Totals</b>		<b>0.71</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4.29</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5.00</b>
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<b>2013 Water</b>		-							-
<b>Sewer</b>		219.09							219.09
<b>Totals</b>		<b>219.09</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>219.09</b>
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<b>2014 Water</b>		37,722.38	1,310.36	477.96			(24,129.70)	14,425.08	-
<b>Sewer</b>		8,671.78	805.56	397.53			(23,655.35)	(14,425.08)	(150.46)
<b>Totals</b>		<b>46,394.16</b>	<b>2,115.92</b>	<b>875.49</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(47,785.05)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(150.46)</b>
<b>July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015</b>		<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Billed</u>	<u>Tax Paid</u>	<u>Abate/Exempt</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Bill Adj.</u>	<u>Due #2</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
<b>2015 Water</b>		-	109,739.33	93,218.85		960.03	18,079.04	23,438.27	12,121.28
<b>Sewer</b>		7,229.34	160,778.03	126,159.50		93.47	7,606.48	(16,208.93)	65,756.75
<b>Totals</b>		<b>7,229.34</b>	<b>270,517.36</b>	<b>219,378.35</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,053.50</b>	<b>25,685.52</b>	<b>7,229.34</b>	<b>77,878.03</b>

**COLLECTOR'S OFFICE**
**July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015**

		<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Billed</u>	<u>Tax Paid</u>	<u>Abate/Exempt</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Bill Adj.</u>	<u>TT</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
									-
<b>Real Estate:</b>	2010	3,495.00	2,487.66	889.25			16.82	5,105.23	5.00
	2011	1,133.78	517.61	5.00	1,295.46	1,295.46	205.96	1,331.84	520.51
	2012	33,027.30	11,474.79	29,083.34			40.00	15,139.78	318.97
	2013	73,215.26	14,126.70	47,058.72		1,320.67	666.36	15,576.02	26,694.25
	2014	224,960.42	14,668.70	151,923.01	3,057.92	10,526.40	(11.42)	13,628.47	81,534.70
	2015	1,566,533.16	1,642,987.99	2,991,336.56	18,205.04	5,967.43	(47.61)	17,281.14	188,618.23
	2016	-	1,585,750.46	1,446.49					1,584,303.97
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1,902,364.92</b>	<b>3,272,013.91</b>	<b>3,221,742.37</b>	<b>22,558.42</b>	<b>19,109.96</b>	<b>870.11</b>	<b>68,062.48</b>	<b>1,881,995.63</b>
<b>July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015</b>		<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Billed</u>	<u>Tax Paid</u>	<u>Abate/Exempt</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Bill Adj.</u>	<u>Demand</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
<b>Personal Property:</b>	2009	16.59	9.96	140		113.45			-
	2010	56.70			8.31				48.39
	2011	924.47	12.82	26.31	5.13				905.85
	2012	982.27	8.18	33.76	5.29				951.40
	2013	1,089.18	8.69	48.31	5.73	93.68	5.09		1,142.60
	2014	1,807.42	84.18	570.11	5.97	614.96			1,930.48
	2015	-	94,972.02	92,303.84		38.22			2,706.40
<b>Totals</b>		<b>4,876.63</b>	<b>95,095.85</b>	<b>93,122.33</b>	<b>30.43</b>	<b>860.31</b>	<b>5.09</b>		<b>7,685.12</b>
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<b>2008</b>	Water	-					0.59		0.59
	Sewer	(0.59)							(0.59)
<b>Totals</b>		<b>(0.59)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.59</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
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	Sewer	219.09							219.09
<b>Totals</b>		<b>219.09</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>219.09</b>
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<b>July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015</b>		<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Billed</u>	<u>Tax Paid</u>	<u>Abate/Exempt</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Bill Adj.</u>	<u>Due #2</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
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<b>Totals</b>		<b>7,229.34</b>	<b>270,517.36</b>	<b>219,378.35</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,053.50</b>	<b>25,685.52</b>	<b>7,229.34</b>	<b>77,878.03</b>

July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015		<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Billed</u>	<u>Tax Paid</u>	<u>Abate/Exempt</u>	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>Bill Adj.</u>	<u>Demand</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
									-
Excise:	1992	(86.40)							(86.40)
	1993	(72.04)							(72.04)
	1994	(90.65)							(90.65)
	1998	263.99			158.75		(105.24)		0.00
	1999	(250.34)							(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	1,369.34	64.80	122.01					1,312.13
	2008	1,387.62							1,387.62
	2009	905.10							905.10
	2010	1,458.03	109.82	206.82	986.99		(414.00)		(39.96)
	2011	2,501.45	493.23	1,069.23	1,461.78		(768.12)		(304.45)
	2012	(1,917.93)	1,216.39	1,979.73	126.56	126.56			(2,681.27)
	2013	7,084.19	3,035.52	6,349.93	25.62	25.62			3,769.78
	2014	25,747.16	35,655.98	53,973.28	3,435.67	1,411.75			5,405.94
	2015	-	225,495.72	184,959.14	12,860.54	1,328.76			29,004.80
Totals		<b>37,448.30</b>	<b>266,071.46</b>	<b>248,660.14</b>	<b>19,055.91</b>	<b>2,892.69</b>	<b>(1,287.36)</b>	-	<b>37,409.04</b>
									-
									-
									-
<b>Summary:</b>		<b>Collected</b>		<b>Outstanding</b>					
Real Estate		3,221,742.37		1,881,995.63					
Personal Property		93,122.33		7,685.12					
Water		93,696.81		12,126.16					
Sewer		126,557.03		65,825.50					
Excise		248,660.14		37,409.04					
<b>Totals:</b>		<b>3,783,778.68</b>		<b>2,005,041.45</b>					

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea McKittrick, Collector



## TREASURER

### Tax Title

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

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

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

Person Assessed	Date of Taking	Principal amount owed as of June 30, 2015
Florence	12/06/2007	27,049.65
Florence	12/04/2008	4,154.95
Garner-Kilpera	09/11/2013	3,284.58
Montero	09/11/2013	1,575.25
Taylor-Bell	09/11/2013	4,019.93
Newton	09/11/2013	7,235.83
Lavigne	09/11/2013	11,936.96
Curtis	09/12/2014	4,226.00
Tingen	09/12/2014	1,118.60
Kazimierczak	09/12/2014	16,190.16
Laversa	09/12/2014	601.32
Megazzini	09/12/2014	495.13

Amount of tax title collected for period of 07/01/2014-06/30/2015 is the following:

<u>Principle</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Total Amount Collected</u>
3,3843.74	4,612.49	1,125.67	44,099.19

### **Borrowing**

Items	Loan	Payment	Interest Paid	FY year pay off
Highway Truck	47881.45	25,000.00	310.36	FY16
Water Meters	20,000.00	10,000.00	1,250.00	FY17
Fire Truck	192,000.00	48,000.00	4,500.00	FY18

I am available by appointment on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. My e-mail is [huntintontreas@comcast.net](mailto:huntintontreas@comcast.net) and number to be reached at is 413-667-3502.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee E. Burnham, CMMT  
Treasurer

## **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, as well as 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.

Developing a budget that meets our levy limit, maintains adequate town services, keeps pace with ever increasing unfunded state mandates, and provides for a quality education for our children, continues to be difficult. Total education funding represents over 60% of our town budget. Even with the state provided mitigation funding (as a result of Worthington's withdrawal from the regional school district), Huntington's share of the FY2016 Gateway school budget increased 6.4%. No mitigation funding is anticipated for FY2017.

As commented in our prior year report, we ask that you thoroughly familiarize yourself with the upcoming FY2017 budget. The committee remains committed to supporting appropriate levels of Free Cash and a Stabilization Fund that provides the flexibility needed to sustain adequate service levels despite any adverse financial impact of unforeseen or extraordinary expenses.

We encourage and welcome your participation in the budget process and at Annual and Special Town Meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene McVeigh, Chair  
Henry Dubay

Karon Hathaway, Secretary  
Victoria Minella-Sena

## **BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Throughout 2015, the Board worked to update the town maps with the able assistance of a Veteran Tax Work-Off assistant. 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:**

80 Motor Vehicle Abatements processed  
16 Real Estate Exemptions processed  
12 Senior Work-Off and Veteran Work-Off Exemptions processed  
5 Real Estate Abatements processed  
2 Personal Property Abatements processed  
82 Building Permits reviewed and recorded  
75 Deeds recorded

Respectfully submitted,

Assessors:	Sue Fopiano	Edward Renault	Erik Steins
Assessors' Clerk:	Ted Gloss		

## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

In 2015, the Board of Health actively pursued enforcement of Health Code Laws in accordance with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and to ensure compliance with the Town of Huntington's by-laws. With Jean Jackman as Chair, the Board of Health members, in collaboration with Health Code Agent Claudia Lucas, have made significant strides in resolving code violations throughout the Town of Huntington. The Board intends to continue this progress throughout the coming year.

The Transfer Station has continued to maximize efficiency under the direction of Chief Transfer Station Operator Henry Dubay and his staff. Long-term use of the single stream compactor is radically reducing the hauling removal fees for recycling. A total of 698 Transfer Station Permits were sold, and staff continued to collect fees as subject to the posted rates approved by the Board. The Board expects the Transfer Station to continue to improve in this area.

All of this would not be possible without the support and cooperation of residents. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Hart	Melissa Iglesias	Jean Jackman (Chair)
Katie Boulanger, Secretary		

## BUILDING COMMISSIONER

**Required** by the Massachusetts Building Code CMR 780 Section 110.1:

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

In 2015 there were 98 permits issued for a total project value of \$3,002,843.00.

Wood and Pellet Stoves	12	Reroofs	12
Window replacement	7	Decks	4
Repairs	6	Garages	4
Additions	3	Demolition	4
Sheds	2	New Dwellings	4
PV Solar	13	Insulation	7
Misc.	20		

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Peterson III, Building Commissioner

## ELECTRIC, GAS AND PLUMBING PERMITS ISSUED

	ELECTRICAL	GAS	PLUMBING
Residential	40	14	7
Commercial	6	1	0
Total	46	15	7

## 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 six applications during 2015. We issued Orders of Conditions for three projects: installation of a back-up culvert to carry overflow of Sykes Brook where it crosses Goss Hill Road, construction of a new house in the buffer zone of Norwich Lake, and construction of a common driveway crossing a stream to access a new house on County Road. We approved three Requests for Determination: a new house on County Road which we found was not in a resource area, improvement of a driveway in the riverfront area on Old Chester Road, and approval to pump a small amount of water from the Westfield River to water a vegetable garden.

Commission members performed some thirty site inspections for the projects mentioned above, as well as responded 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 hearings of the Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as participating in the annual inspection of gravel pits in town.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Helena Alves  
Erik Steins

Ross Hackerson  
Michael Vorwerk

Susan McIntosh (Chair)

## **PLANNING BOARD**

2015 was a busy year for the Planning Board with an increased number of ANR applications, and a Special Permit application for a Common Driveway.

In October, several of us attended the annual inspections of the earth removal operations (gravel pits) in town. We were concerned to find that not only did one operation have multiple violations, but between two of the permitted pits, there was an additional extraction operation which had not even applied for a permit, and appeared to have dangerous conditions. Not being aware of the illegal operation, we were unable to schedule an appointment to walk the property, so were only able to observe what we saw from the road. ZBA, not Planning Board, is the SPGA for earth removal operations, but written violations need to be filed with the Zoning Enforcement Officer to enforce compliance with the Zoning Bylaw.

We also updated the first section of the Subdivision Rules and Regulations in April and the Planning Board Policies and Procedures in December to attempt to clarify information which seemed to cause confusion for applicants in 2014.

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

Should you have any interest in serving on the Planning Board, please notify Helen in the Board of Selectmen's office (667-3500) and she will notify me. Training by DHCD (Department of Housing and Community Development) is available, usually in the fall.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hamlin, Chair  
Jeffrey Wyand

Karon Hathaway  
Edward Grabowski, Alternate

Earl Heath, Jr.

## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) consists of 3 regular members and 1 alternate who are appointed by the Board of Selectmen for terms of 3 years. The ZBA would like to thank George Webb for his years of dedication to the Zoning Board and residents of the Town. George did not wish to accept reappointment for his last ZBA term ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 2015, although he is still dedicated to serving the Town in other ways. We wish him all of the best in the future.

The ZBA has had other changes and new members, and additional vacancies remain. After the resignation of George Webb, new Board members Brian Domina, John McVeigh, and Victoria Minella-Sena joined former members Mary Lou Spaulding and Ed Grabowski, who stayed on as alternates. Brian Domina, a professional planner, joined the Board with the stipulation that he would only be able to stay until his family found the new home in another town that they had been searching for. He was elected as Chair of the Board, but had to resign several months later when their search was successful. Best of luck, Brian.

Currently, the ZBA will only meet as needed, when applications are filed. In 2015, the Board held only one meeting for a Special Permit, and conducted the annual gravel pit inspections in October. Anyone interested in joining the ZBA should complete the Talent Bank Form in this Annual Report and submit it to the Selectboard. The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) offers training for Zoning and Planning Boards in the fall.

Respectfully submitted,

John McVeigh, ZBA Member

## **HUNTINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

2015 was another busy year for the Huntington Fire Department with 8 new members in training, bringing the department up to 21 members. We would like to thank the residents of the Town of Huntington for their continued support.

### **290 Total Calls for 2015:**

37 Fires: Brush 14, Structure (Most Mutual Aid) 11, Vehicle 2, Fires, Other 10  
1 Unauthorized Burn  
19 Alarm Sounding  
8 Hazardous Conditions  
10 Power Lines Down  
29 Motor Vehicle Accidents  
2 Searches  
2 Hazmat Spills  
1 Animal Rescue  
2 Good Intent  
159 Medical Calls  
3 Rescue Calls  
3 Service Calls  
14 Unspecified Calls

Respectfully submitted,

Gary F. Dahill, Fire Chief



## **HILLTOWN COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION**

In 2015, the Hilltown Community Ambulance (HCAA) was requested for 617 calls and responded to 538 requests for service in the six towns that we serve. Of those, 178 of them were in Huntington. Patients were transported to Noble Hospital, Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Mercy Medical Center, Baystate Medical Center and Berkshire Medical Center. These numbers represent an 18% increase over the number of calls in 2014.

We again increased our hours of staffing to include Sunday overnights, and have continued to prioritize paramedic level services on the 4 pm-midnight shift. We currently only have sixteen hours during the week that are scheduled at the BLS (Basic Life Support) level.

HCAA employees have taught CPR to residents, discussed emergency preparedness at the Hilltown Community Health Center, and compiled USB flash drives with emergency information for Huntington residents. We have been grateful for the opportunity to interact with residents and patients outside of the emergency setting.

Hilltown Community Ambulance Association would like to thank the residents of Huntington for their support of our service. We look forward to achieving our goal of around the clock staffing in 2016 to better serve the needs of Huntington and all of our other communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Mulkerin, Service Director

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

In 2015, the focus of community policing has expanded to include mental health issues and drug addiction. The Northwestern District Attorney's Office has identified Opioid addiction as one of the major emerging threats to public safety. In collaboration with law enforcement, social service agencies, local government, the Gateway Regional School District, and the citizens of the community, the Police Department is working towards developing a proactive comprehensive approach to address the growing needs and challenges facing a rural community.

In 2014, a Mutual Aid Agreement was developed and implemented that "established a strategic working partnership" between neighboring communities in the four western Massachusetts counties. This partnership allowed communities to utilize neighboring personnel and equipment in times of need. This agreement enhanced resource availability and provided increased safety, by granting the power of arrest in each participating community. The past year, this program continued to expand, and to date, 54 agencies actively participate in the partnership.

The Huntington Police Department, as a member of the Gateway Regional Safe Schools Program under the direction of Dr. David Hopson and Joyce Hanousek, and in collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Education, the Northwestern District Attorney's Office, the Massachusetts State Police and other local law enforcement agencies, worked to expand and refine the procedures and protocols necessary to provide a safe school environment for all children. In addition, the Department continued its commitment to work cooperatively with the Southern Hilltown Domestic Violence Task Force, Safe Passage and Hilltown Safety at Home.

### 911 Calls and Incidents for 2015:

No Classification-7  
209A Service-1  
209A Violations-0  
911 Hang Up-15  
911 Misdeal-18  
Accident Damage-21  
Accident Injury-12  
Accident Unknown-13  
Alarm-50  
Animal Complaints-6  
Annoyance-0  
Arrests & Summons-10  
Assault-5  
Assault, Aggravated-1  
Assault, Sexual-1  
Assist Other Agency-5  
Breaking & Entering, Auto-1  
Breaking & Entering, Building-6  
BOLO (Be On The Lookout)-3  
Burglary-0  
By-Law Violations-0  
Cell/Trace Call-1  
Check Welfare-7  
Courtesy Transport-1

Death-1  
Disabled Motor/Vehicle-8  
Disorderly-0  
Disturbance-17  
Domestic-12  
Elderly Assist-0  
Fire-18  
Harassment-2  
Investigation-9  
Juvenile Offence-0  
Larceny-6  
Larceny Under \$250-1  
Larceny Over \$250-1  
Motor/Vehicle Complaint-20  
Motor/Vehicle Violation-2  
Medical-116  
Miscellaneous-11  
Missing Child-3  
Missing Person-1  
Motor Vehicle Stop-74  
Neighbor Dispute-2  
Noise Complaint-2  
Notification-0  
Officer Wanted-38  
Paperwork Service-14  
Psychological Emergency-4  
Safety Hazard-6  
Shots Fired-6  
Suspicious Person-16  
Suspicious Vehicle-16  
Threat-4  
Traffic Hazard-22  
Trespass-1  
Unwanted Person-2  
Vandalism-2  
Wires Down-4

I would like to recognize my fellow officers and the Massachusetts State Police for their commitment, professionalism and service to the citizens of the Town Of Huntington. I would also like to extend my appreciation to the residents of the community for their continued support and assistance in helping provide a safe environment.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Robert Garriepy

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

2015 was a busy year, starting with the many snowstorms. I would like to thank Highway Department workers Ken and Gary, the Selectboard, the townspeople, and our families for their support while we've kept our roads maintained winter and summer. I would also like to thank John McVeigh for getting a grant for our new Ventrac sidewalk machine with a plow and snow blower, at no cost to the town. John donates countless hours maintaining the sidewalks, freeing up the Highway Department for other responsibilities. The Ventrac is also used by the Highway Department for sweeping on road jobs.

Thanks to Judy Borden for staying on top of all the Highway Department's paperwork for grants and Chapter 90 funding. We applied for 4 grants and have been awarded 3 of them: the first was the addition of a 60 inch culvert on Goss Hill at Weeks Hill for \$129,100. The second grant was \$158,304 for engineering, new sidewalks, new catch basins, and raising of manhole covers and curbing on Basket Street. An additional \$19,415.25 of Chapter 90 funds were used to finish the blacktop, saving the town almost \$10,000. The third grant awarded, amounting to \$968,590, will be used next year for Pleasant Street and Maple Street. This project will consist of engineering, new sidewalks, replacing water pipe, drainage and catch basins (saving money as these will be completed before the road is paved), and then paving both streets. This grant was awarded because of the populated area it covers. The other grant we applied for was for a Housing and Economic office for \$1 million for Goss Hill Road from the dam to Nagler Cross Road, but we received notice that they are unable to fund this project at this time. We will reapply next year.

The \$24,879 extra winter pothole money, given to cities and towns by the Governor, repaired another 1,500 feet on Montgomery Road. We put in ditches, and milled and filled 1 mile of County Road with an additional \$82,929 from the Governor, which brought the total spent on County Road to \$228,512.85. This money was part of an extra \$100 million the Governor signed off on when he came into office. This is why we, as Highway Superintendents, are again asking everyone to write the Governor for more money for road repairs. This past year, we did \$560,211.10 worth of road repairs in Town, only costing the Town tax dollars of \$32,275. In other words, between grants and Chapter 90 funds, the additional money garnered was \$527,936.10.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Dazelle, Superintendent  
Huntington Highway Department

## **MODERATOR**

Pete Jacques and his family sold their house in 2015, and moved to another community. The Selectboard is grateful to Pete for his service as Town Moderator, a position he held since 2009. Pete was always well prepared and did a terrific job keeping order at Town Meetings (which can tend to get a little heated at times). We will miss him, and wish Pete and his family all the best in all of their new endeavors.

## **DOG OFFICER**

As an Animal Control Officer, the challenges one encounters can be exciting and sometimes frustrating. As always, to me, the hardest part of the job is notifying the family of an injured or deceased pet. I encourage residents to use leashes and tie-outs. Your full cooperation will help to reduce these sad events.

MGL Chapter 140, Section 145B requires that all dogs and cats shall be vaccinated against rabies. MGL Chapter 140, Section 137 also requires all dogs to be licensed each year. Licenses shall be attached to the dog's collar or suitable harness, and worn by the dog. This also serves as a return home tag if the dog does become accidentally separated

From you. Microchipping your pet, combined with licensing, will greatly improve the chances of your pet being returned to you. Keeping an up to date picture of your pet in case you need to make a lost poster is also recommended.

Thank you.

Animal complaints responded to.....11  
Dogs surrendered. ....0  
Dogs picked up, searched for, returned.....3

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Jackman, Animal Control Officer

## **WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT**

In 2015, the Sewer Department installed a new SCADA system with alarms for the Waste Water Treatment plant. New manhole frames and covers were installed on Basket Street as part of the paving project.

The Water Department installed a new well pump and had trees removed near the pump house. The roof and the outside of the pump house building were power washed and painting has begun.

The Huntington Water Department Cross Connection Control Program consists of surveying and testing of back flow devices semiannually to insure that no back syphoning of water occurs in the water system. More information can be found on the town website under Water/Sewer Department.

Connie Bennett, Administrative Assistant for Water and Sewer, has 9-11 am Town Hall hours on Mondays and Wednesdays, and can be reached at (413) 667-3186.

The Water and Sewer Commissioners meet the first and third Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:00 pm in Town Hall. Agendas are posted on the Town's website and in Town Hall on 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

## **AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

This year, the Agricultural Commission focused on collecting data to create and generate a brochure that lists Huntington businesses that are directly involved in, and/or support, our town's agriculture. The publication is nearly ready for printing, and should be available late winter, or early spring 2016.

In the coming year, we plan to host a forum about the application process for, and the use and inter-generational transfer of, farm plates and associated vehicles. This should be very useful for local farmers.

Also, we plan to continue to collect and maintain data on the many aspects of agriculture as they evolve in the ever-changing world of agri-business.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie Knox  
Janet Mollison

Bonita Kubacki  
Gordon Richardson

Bonnie McKinney  
Lorraine Wickland, Chair

## **HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

During 2015, the Huntington Historical Commission worked on the Old House Survey by establishing the best way to determine the age of a house over 100 years old, and what constitutes an architecturally significant structure, using the records and resources available.

We are now able to move forward to add additional houses, structures etc. to the Old House Survey. This can then be used by the Building Inspector to implement the Town's Demolition Delay Bylaw when the need arises.

The meeting time and date for the Historical Commission is 7:00 PM on the first Tuesday of the month in Town Hall. Please join us if you have an interest in the Town of Huntington's history.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Dubay  
Daniel Sikop

Victoria Minella-Sena  
Karen Wittshirk

David Norton (Chair)

## **HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The 2015 Huntington Historical Society (HHS) presented an abridged historical view of much of the known industry in our town at a Historical Commission regular meeting. We continue to perform research and acquire photos relating to our upcoming expanded presentation on historic industries in Town. We again provided two slide shows of photos of an older Huntington, and Huntington High School students, at the Huntington High School Alumni Association's annual dinner.

We have continued to hold our periodic open houses at the Norwich Bridge Schoolhouse. One of our favorite community services has been the fulfilling of research requests from former residents and their families, and local and regional historians, who are searching for information about the Town. The recent acquisition of two different sets of street maps, circa 1915 and 1924, which display the buildings and streets of a large section of our downtown area, is an exciting addition to our collection. We have been storing various donations of framed pictures of Huntington High School, Huntington Masonic Lodge (both now closed) and their past Masters since 1868. We also have a donated newspaper describing the local impact of the Flood of 1955.

With the purchase of additional file cabinets, we have been especially busy reorganizing our photo and document archives at our museum, the Norwich Bridge Schoolhouse. Continuing projects included scanning and archiving donated photos and documents; developing a history of the creation of the Gateway Regional School District via newspaper clippings and newly discovered documents which we are storing in a three-ring binder; collecting and archiving the reports of Huntington School Committees from 1869 to 1967 in three-ring binders; adding to our "History of Norwich/Huntington in Newspapers" articles in binders; and gathering information for a potential joint grant application by the Society and Gateway Regional High School students for student-interviewers and related equipment.

Our website can be accessed through the Town's website ([huntingtonma.us](http://huntingtonma.us) – Select "Town History" in the sidebar on the left). On the "Town History" page is the link to our website. We plan to post Jeff Penn's post card collection there.

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)

Vicki Mayhew (Treasurer)

David Norton (President)



# GREEN COMMITTEE

The Town of Huntington became a Green Community on 7/24/12 meeting the following 5 criteria:

1. Expedited Permitting, 2.By-Right Plan Review, 3.Energy Plan to reduce usage by 20%, 4.Town vehicle efficiency plan, and 5.Acceptance of the Stretch Code building code.

To reach our 20% energy reduction goal, our committee hoped to fund the following projects: 1. Lighting retrofits at seven municipal buildings: Stanton Hall, Town Hall, Public Library, Department of Public Works garage, Main and Norwich Hill Fire Departments, and Water Department; 2. Insulation and air sealing of Stanton Hall, Town Hall, Public Library, and the two above-mentioned Fire Departments; 3. Installation of a propane heater at the DPW; 4. Installation of aerator control sensors at the wastewater treatment plant; and 5. Installation of an air source heat pump at the Library. The chart below details our success so far. We still have 25% left on the grant which brings the total available to \$41,745.14.

<b>Total Grant = \$140,650.00</b>				<b>Grant Balance</b>
	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Vendors</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
2/1/2013	Initial Deposit from Commonwealth of MA 25% of total grant		35,162.50	<b>35,162.50</b>
<b>Lighting Retrofit Completed in April 2013</b>				
	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Actual</b>		
Town Hall	7,685.58	<b>3,809.22</b>		
Library	5,583.23	<b>4,307.11</b>		
DPW	5,059.94	<b>1,772.38</b>		
Fire Station	1,841.43	<b>1,270.43</b>		
Norwich Fire Station	839.88	<b>712.68</b>		
Wastewater Treatment - Water Dept	868.07	<b>714.77</b>		
Wastewater Treatment - Sewer Dept	952.14	<b>665.14</b>		
Stanton (Grange) Hall	3,550.35	<b>2,614.85</b>		
<b>Total deducted below:</b>	<b>26,380.62</b>	<b>15,866.58</b>		
5/28/2013	Total Lighting Retrofit	Advanced Energy	15,866.58	<b>19,295.92</b>
7/30/2013	Energy Audit	Bart Bales	12,995.00	<b>6,300.92</b>
1/1/2014	Annual Report - Administration Fee	Denise Keay	-250.00	<b>6,050.92</b>
1/1/2015	Annual Report - Administration Fee	Denise Keay	-250.00	<b>5,800.92</b>
7/2/2015	Deposit for Insulation	Urban & Sons	-5,800.00	<b>0.92</b>
8/31/2015	Interest thru 8/31/15		29.37	<b>30.29</b>
9/30/2015	Advance - Insulation-Interest	50% of total grant	70,325.00	<b>70,355.29</b>
9/30/2015	Insulation	Urban & Sons	12,230.00	<b>58,125.29</b>
9/30/2015	Interest		14.66	<b>58,139.95</b>
10/31/2015	Fire Station Insulation	Urban & Sons	-2,200.00	<b>55,939.95</b>
10/31/2015	Interest		14.17	<b>55,954.12</b>
11/30/2015	Interest		14.26	<b>55,968.38</b>
12/31/2015	Library HVAC / Air Source Heat Pumps	DOER recommendation	49,400.00	<b>6,568.38</b>
12/31/2016	Interest	TJ Conway	14.26	<b>6,582.64</b>

Respectively Submitted,

Denise Keay, Chair  
Jeffrey Scott Penn

Aimee Burnham  
Erik Steins

Eric Jensen

Susan McIntosh

## COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging (COA) meets at 12:45 pm on the first Wednesday of the month at Stanton Hall. All are welcome to attend. The agenda is posted on the Town's website and in Stanton Hall. COA volunteers are always needed to help in various ways, and you don't need to be a senior to volunteer.

### Ongoing activities for seniors in Huntington:

Highland Valley Elder Services offer lunches at Stanton Hall each Tuesday-Thursday, 11:45 am for seniors 60 years+ by reservation. A donation of \$2.00 is requested. Call Bill McVeigh at 667-3505 for information and reservations. Delivered meals are also available for those in need.

Transportation is available to the meal site (Stanton Hall), 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 for information.

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

The Hope Nurse provides health screenings, consultation and blood pressure checks every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at Stanton Hall. She is available from 11:15 until noon.

Gentle Yoga class is held each Wednesday at Stanton Hall 9:00-10:15 am all year, and a donation of \$5.00 is requested. All ages are welcome.

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

During the past year, the Huntington Council of the COA lost two long-time members: Winnie Smith and Betty Waite. They will be missed.

Respectfully submitted,

Huntington Council on Aging

Ella Balchunas

May Diemer

Anna Horkun

Lori & Gene King

Anne Marie Knox

Janet Mollison

Maryann Reimann

## ALPHONSO P. PETTIS FUND

This Trust Fund is governed by a three-person elected Board of Trustees. Each member serves a three-year rotating term. The funds are not comprised of tax revenue but rather, come from the \$30,000 gift of railroad stock bequeathed to the Town by Mr. Pettis on April 26, 1920. These funds have been invested and have grown over the years. The Board spends only the interest on the investments and the main principal balance may never be touched.

The intent of this gift is to enhance the lives of the people of the Town of Huntington. In the past, funds have been allocated 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 with programs at Gateway. There have also been many personal requests to support projects within the community.

Following is an overview of the current investment of funds:

### NEXT Financial Group - Brokerage Account

Asset Allocation - Cash, money, funds & bank deposits	\$ 15,202.76	11%
Mutual Funds:	\$ 128,013.70	89%
Account Total:	\$ 143,216.46	100%

Total amount of interest available for request distribution: \$ 4,097.66

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

Respectfully submitted,

Judie Guyette, Chair (2017)   Sue Fopiano, Trustee (2016)   Karen Wittshirk, Trustee (2018)

## WHITING STREET FUND

Mr. Whiting Street was a frugal businessman who lived in Northampton. When he died in August of 1878, his will stipulated that, after the last of his family members died, some money from his estate was to be distributed to 22 cities and towns.

The Town of Huntington received \$1000 in 1920. It was Mr. Street's desire to use the money for those who needed a little help, but were not already receiving public assistance.

In 2015, the Trustees of the Whiting Street Fund were able to successfully assist one qualified applicant.

Applications are available at the Town Clerk's office.

Respectfully submitted by the Trustees,

James Arnold

Sue Fopiano

John McVeigh

## **HUNTINGTON CULTURAL COUNCIL**

The Huntington Cultural Council awarded grants to the following recipients for 2015:

Jerilyn Beauregard/Gateway Regional High School (GRHS), Latin American Performance Field Trip - \$125;  
Jerilyn Beauregard/GRHS, New Musical Composition for Gateway Choirs - \$100;  
Blandford Fair Art Show - \$200;  
Mark Donovan/ GRHS, Mass MOCA Museum Field Trip - \$85;  
Beth Guertin/ GRHS, Artists/Clinicians - \$300;  
Beth Guertin/Gateway Regional Middle School (GRMS)/GRHS, Washington D.C. Field Trip - \$450;  
Huntington Community Events Committee, Free Summer Music Series - \$700;  
Huntington Public Library, Gothic Romance Tale Presentation - \$450;  
Renee Mosher/ GRMS, 6<sup>th</sup> Annual GatorRoo Music Festival - \$400;  
David Neill/Fanfare Brass Choir at First Congregational Church - \$570;  
North Hall Association , Summer 2015 Arts Festival -\$500;  
Sevenars Concerts Inc., 47<sup>th</sup> Season - \$588.

Total Recipients: 12

Total Dollars Granted: \$4,468

11 grants completed by 12/31/15

1 grant (Beth Guertin/ GRHS, Artists/Clinicians) to be paid in January 2016

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Beane  
Gary Winsor

Tania Coletta  
Lynn Winsor (Chair)

Linda Siska

Peri Sossaman

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE**

The Community Events committee held the Mother's Day plant sale fundraiser in the spring, hung American flags in Town May through September, and participated in the Town's Memorial Day Parade.

The Committee's largest event was the Huntington Free Summer Music Series which began in July. The first week was a picnic with hamburgers, hotdogs, popcorn, lemonade and cake, with musical guests Maxxtone, and an intermission show from the Floralia Children's Company. The following seven weeks were one and a half hour performances on the Town Green with bake sales to benefit local nonprofit organizations. Music included folk, pop rock, jazz, funk and fusion, blues, old-time Appalachian roots, and a participatory children's concert. The series was partially funded by a Massachusetts Cultural Council grant.

In the fall, the Committee held another plant sale (mums), and in December, the Committee sponsored a gingerbread house making event with refreshments. Buildings of Dr. Seuss were decorated and left on display at Stanton Hall. The Committee assisted the Garden Club throughout the year decorating the downtown with plants. For the holidays, we also decorated the downtown.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquie Harris

John Knox

Lisa Lansing

Vicki Mayhew (Chair)

## **VETERANS' SERVICES OFFICER**

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

If you are a veteran or an eligible dependent and think you may qualify for any of these benefits please come see me during my office hours which are held on the third Wednesday of the month from 2:30 pm until 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

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

In January 2015, the Recreation Committee sponsored a trip to Interskate 91, and about 25 people attended. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves during this event. On March 28<sup>th</sup>, we held our annual Egg Hunt. It was a cold and snowy day, but we still had about 45 children participate. Children were split up into three age groups: 0-3, 4-5, & 6-10. We filled 1,200 eggs and gave away three baskets, one for each age group. Everyone was excited to participate!

In April, we held our adult dance, which was well attended with about 50 participants. The band, "Shut Up And Dance" was a big hit with everyone. Our Fairy Garden Event was also in April, and since it was limited to 20 participants, it filled up quickly. Attendees were given supplies to create their own fairy garden. Participants were also able to bring additional supplies and we had more available to purchase. Everyone had fun and we had several requests to repeat this event. We sponsored a Wine & Canvas painting event for adults in May. This is always a popular event and we had about 50 participants. The Recreation Committee also marched in the Town's Memorial Day Parade on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Summer Camp was held at the Littleville Elementary School in July. Camp operated Monday-Thursday for three weeks, and was offered to Huntington children ages preschool through grade four. Children participated in a variety of activities including: art, music, science, learning, and gross motor. They also attended a field trip to the Majestic Theater to see a play. Family survey results indicate that people are very happy with the camp, and would like to see it expanded to longer days and additional weeks.

In August, the Recreation Committee worked with other town committees to present a Community Movie Night. We purchased the license to show the movie, and took care of promoting/advertising it to the residents of Huntington. It was a beautiful night and we had good attendance. In September, we organized an Apple Picking Event at Jameson's High Meadow Farm. We provide a discount to Huntington residents who attend. It is one of our most popular events and always has a big turn-out.

October brought the annual Rag Shag Parade. Participants dressed in costume and marched from Pettis Field down to the Town green. The Fire Department helped during the parade by leading and following the marchers on the route. Once on the green, we held a costume contest, had a snack, and participated in making scarecrows. It was a fun and memorable event for all. In November, we held a Cookies & Canvas painting event for children. We had about 54 participants for this event. Children enjoyed creating a panda painting and having a snack.

We wrapped up the year in December by sponsoring a visit with Santa. Children were able to participate in a variety of activities before Santa arrived including: crafting an ornament, playing with playdough, coloring a picture, making a container of reindeer food, playing a bean bag toss game, getting a temporary tattoo, and having a snack. Santa arrived with help from the Huntington Fire Department, and was able to visit with the children before his annual ride through town.

Respectfully submitted,

Fawn Busby  
Vicki Mayhew (Chair)

Tricia Hess  
Jennifer Maynard

Adrianne Kunz  
Kathy Sullivan

## LIBRARY

Through the hard work of the Green Committee and the Selectboard, the Library was the first Town building to receive a new energy efficient heating system. The Library Trustees and Staff would like to thank the Selectboard and the Green Committee for all their hard work. The heating system was paid for with a Massachusetts state grant. Before the new heating system was installed, the Library had to close for a total of 60 hours due to a lack of heat. The Trustees, staff and patrons are very grateful for the new heating system.

The Library's Summer Reading Program was titled "Every Hero Has a Story". There were "Super Hero" prize bags for all children who finished the program. A raffle was held for the adults and teens who read during the summer. Donations received and greatly appreciated were from the following: Amelia Park, Better Living Quarterly (gift card to Opa Opa and a gift card to Emma's Everyday Gourmet), Big Y, Country Journal, Eastern States Exposition, Eric Carle Museum, Gino's Pizzeria and Hut, Huntington Country Store, In Honey's Memory, Magic Wings, Rapids Bar & Grill, Uno Pizzeria & Grill, Williamsburg Market and Yankee Candle.

Some of the programs the Library held were the Annual Halloween Party, Knitting Workshop, Story Hours, and several special programs by Rita Parisi, a professional actress and storyteller. Rita recounted "Gothic Romance Tales by Candlelight", and conducted workshops on Victorian Valentine Making and Victorian Cornucopia Ornament Making. These special programs were especially well received.

The Huntington Recreation Committee, the Huntington Community Events Committee and the Huntington Public Library Foundation, Inc. all used the Library to conduct meetings. The Huntington Public Library Foundation, Inc. is a 501c3 non-profit that was formed to manage trust funds and any donations made to the Library.

### **Statistics:**

Library Holdings: 15,062

Inter-Library Loan from other Libraries: 366

Huntington Material Loaned to Other Libraries: 272

Circulation of Town Material: 8,080

Attendance: 4,253

Registered Library Patrons: 1,069

Programs & Attendance: 59 programs with 366 participants

Questions: 525

Summer Reading: 59 Children, 12 Teens and 30 Adults participated

Computer Use: 64 (Library has Wi-Fi as well)

**Library Hours:** Wednesday 4-8 pm, Thursday & Friday 2-8 pm, and Saturday 10 am-3 pm

**Contact:** Telephone: (413) 667-3506

Email: [huntingtonpubliclib@gmail.com](mailto:huntingtonpubliclib@gmail.com)

Facebook.com/huntingtonpubliclibrary

Fax: (413) /667-0088

Website: [thehuntingtonpubliclibrary.org](http://thehuntingtonpubliclibrary.org)

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret L. Nareau, Library Director

## NORTH HALL

The 2015 North Hall Arts Festival presented ten programs to a variety of audiences. We opened in May with the annual Opera Showcase followed by a season of jazz, Latin, country, and blue-grass music, drama and children's puppetry as well as two open MIC music jams.

In June, Thomas Bergeron of the Springfield Symphony and friends performed, followed by a staged reading of David Mamet's *The Water Engine*, the first half of the Mamet Times Two showcase. July hosted two sold out "father and sons" concerts. Jose Gonzalez and Sons opened with Latin music from the Americas, followed by Huntington residents Charles Neville and Sons performing American classic jazz. Our traditional two Open Mic jams were in July and August.

In August, Tom Knight Puppets presented a family show for children. This multi-media program featured hand-made puppets, science, original music, and audience interaction. Our second half of Mamet Times Two showcase was a production of *The Duck Variations*, featuring two Huntington residents Mitch Giannunzio and Kenneth Tigar. A grant from The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts enabled North Hall to present this professional production. We closed our season in September with Old Country Road Band. Our art gallery held two exhibitions: art work from the Hilltown Plein Air Painters Group and Steve Hamlin.

In addition to our performances and exhibitions, community groups utilized the hall for various purposes: a memorial celebration, a meeting of the Westfield River Wild and Scenic Committee Project, a training session for The Massachusetts Woodlands Institute, and a public reception for Stone Walls II new issue of arts and literature created in this region.

We continue to restore this historic town building. We have purchased and installed a projector, screen and two dehumidifiers in the building. We have paid for animal control, attic fumigation and removal of damaged attic insulation. On the exterior of the building, siding has been repaired and foundation work has been completed, including drainage. Old brush piles in the rear of the building have been cleared.

We would like to extend a special thank you to the Guyettes for their donation of a refrigerator, to Sandy Donovan for her donation of daylilies and landscaping help, and to Jon Wyand for his technical assistance. 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, or email at [huntingtonsb@comcast.net](mailto:huntingtonsb@comcast.net).

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the hall is open for lunch to all hilltown residents over the age of sixty. Reservations must be made in advance, and if transportation is needed, please call van driver George Webb at (413) 667-3428. For more information on 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 2015 were:

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

*Fall Festival  
Santa Claus  
Gateway Towns Advisory Council  
Gateway Collaborative Taskforce  
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  
Historical Society  
Music on the Green  
Gingerbread House Work Shop  
"Cookies & Canvas" Painting  
Baby Showers  
Birthday Parties*

Respectfully submitted,

Stanton Hall Committee

## HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

### Council Overview

The Hampshire Council of Governments (HCOG) is a collective body made up of representatives from 15 Hampshire County towns. HCOG has two key focuses: to improve residential life in Hampshire County, and to provide our small towns with the advantage of economies of scale typically available only to larger cities. We accomplish these goals by promoting the local economy, investing in sustainable infrastructure, and aggregating the buying power of our residents. HCOG is not funded primarily by grants or taxes, but rather by fee-for-service programs that generate revenue sufficient to support its operating costs. Modest membership fees are also collected from member communities.

### 2015—Our Best Year Yet!

HCOG has consistently demonstrated a high return on investment for our member communities: this year has been no exception. There was a simultaneous upswing in value provided and a large drop in dues collected. **In fiscal year 2015 (FY15), the total estimated savings secured for member towns was \$4,626,195.** During the same period, member towns paid a collective \$25,509 in dues to HCOG—approximately half of what they paid in the previous year. That means our member towns saw an increase in return on investment of over 200%!

“In Fiscal Year 2015, The Council saved over \$4.6 Million for our member towns. That’s an average of \$72 per resident. We’re proud to support local town governments, and we look forward to offering even greater value and expanded services in 2016.”

—**Todd Ford, Executive Director**

### Our Programs:

- Hampshire Power
- Sustainability
- Hampshire County Group Insurance
- Purchasing Cooperative
- Hampshire IT
- RSVP of Hampshire & Franklin Counties
- Tobacco Free Community Partnership
- Regional Accounting

### Huntington

Huntington saved \$10,046 through HCOG services in FY15.

The Town used the following services: the Purchasing Cooperative, Hampshire Power, and Tobacco Free Community Partnership.

Unused services included Hampshire Solar, Hampshire County Group insurance Trust, Hampshire IT, RSVP of Hampshire and Franklin Counties, and Regional Accounting.

Huntington’s HCOG Councilor is George Peterson.

## JACOB'S LADDER BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

2015 was a busy year with a nearly full Board of Directors elected in January and many active members willing to be help out. That made less work for each individual, while accomplishing a lot.

We held several food and networking events throughout the year at various member host venues including: Alpine Solar Heat and Hot Water in Windsor, Baird Tavern Bed & Breakfast and Blandford Animal Hospital in Blandford, Azure Green and Country Cars in Middlefield, Moss Hill Farm and Countryside Woodcraft in Russell, PAPPS Bar & Grill in Westfield, and our annual fall Snack'n'Schmooze, which was held at The Rapids Bar & Grill in Huntington.

A meeting was co-organized with the Westfield Chamber of Commerce at Betts Heating & Plumbing Supply in Westfield, and several events were co-organized and hosted with the Southern Hilltowns Adult Education Center (SHAEC). This was part of the on-going effort to partner with other organizations for mutual good, as well as the benefit of local communities.

The 2015 Potluck Supper and Legislative Forum at Stanton Hall was well attended and very informative. Representatives Peter Kocot and Steve Kulik and Senator Don Humason's aide were available to attend and answer questions from the audience, and considering all of the questions that the legislators asked, I think they also learned a lot about what would be helpful to their constituents!

Various fundraising options for next year were discussed to enable us to offer our annual scholarship. Gateway Farm & Pet and Blandford Animal Hospital donated the proceeds of their joint Rabies Clinic to the Scholarship Fund, and Blandford Animal Hospital made an additional donation to allow us to offer the scholarship for 2016! If you are interested in making a donation to subsidize the scholarship fund, please contact any board member on the "Contact Us" page of the JLBA website ([jlba.org](http://jlba.org)).

Steve Hamlin of NE WebArt again designed the JLBA full color brochure which features all members who joined by the March 1 deadline. This brochure has had very positive feedback from the business owners and the public. If you are a business owner who would like to be in the 2017 brochure, please join early.

2015 was the first year of the JLBA *"Stop! Think! Shop Locally and Win!"* Contest, which was to award two \$100 gift certificates for the JLBA businesses of the winners' choice. Watch for news of the 2016 contest, as it will run May-October in 2016. Details are on the JLBA website ([jlba.org](http://jlba.org)) on the "Buy Local" page.

Thank you to Derrick Mason for his past 3 years as President! He has been a true asset to the organization throughout his tenure.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hamlin

## **JACOB'S LADDER TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY**

The 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 Russell, Huntington, Chester, Becket, and Lee. 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 continued to work with the Lee Land Trust to create a new 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 the Lee Land Trust, with views of Goose Pond and access to the Appalachian Trail. We have had a few setbacks involving removal of the existing building, but hope to move forward with construction this coming season.

We also continued our participation in the Highlands Footpath initiative, a regional effort to investigate the possibility of creating linkages along the Jacob's Ladder Trail and Route 112 Scenic Byways to connect the area's existing 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 have been able to set the route of some sections of the footpath, but there are sections where we are still searching to fill in a few gaps. We will keep all the scenic byway communities informed of our progress as we move forward with this exciting project.

Both of these projects were supported with funds from the National Scenic Byways Program and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Gaherty, Clerk  
Jacob's Ladder Trail Scenic Byway, Inc.

# TALENT BANK FORM

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

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Events 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"/> Veterans' Memorial Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Election Worker            | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board of Appeals      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Committee          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library                    |   |

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

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## Town of Huntington Telephone Directory

Ambulance	667-3277
Animal Control Officer	667-5635
Assessors' Office	667-3501
Board of Health	667-3511
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	667-3500
Gateway High School	685-1103
Gateway Middle School	685-1202
Gateway Regional School District	685-1000
Hamblin Court	(413) 634-5000
Highway Department	667-3504
Historical Commission	667-3453
Library	667-3506
Littleville Elementary School	685-1300
Meal Site	667-3505
North Hall	667-5543
Planning Board	667-3500
Plumbing Inspector	667-3500
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	667-3500
Zoning Enforcement Officer	667-5763

