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STATISTICS

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



The Town of Huntington would like to dedicate this town report to a couple who is well known and loved throughout town and Town Hall. Linda and Steve Hamlin have lived in Huntington since 1984. Both Steve and Linda are local business owners, with their joint businesses of Mountain Laurel Designs and New England WebArt. Steve is a truly gifted artist who works in many mediums including watercolors, drawing media and photography. Linda is gifted in her own right in interior design, jewelry making and photography. For many years, they have been active in various organizations such as Hilltown Artisans Guild, Jacob's Ladder Trail Scenic Byway, Jacob's Ladder Business Association, Josh Billings Runaground, Route 112 Scenic Byway and the Westfield River Wildwater Races. Town government has benefitted from Steve and Linda's service on Town boards including Planning Board, Capital Planning Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Assessors. Thank you for your continued service and engagement in our town!

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON ELECTED OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>
Board of Selectmen		Trustees: Whiting Street I	Fund
Ed Renauld	2018	VACANCY	2018
Darlene McVeigh	2019	Sue Fopiano	2019
Karon Hathaway	2020	VACANCY	2020
Interim Town Clerk		Trustees, Huntington Libr	ary
Kathy Thomas (appt. to 2018)	2018	Karen Wittshirk	2018
(Marilyn Antonucci	2019
Board of Assessors		Debbie Wyand	2020
Sue Fopiano	2018		
Ed Renauld	2019	Tree Warden	
Erik Steins (appt. to 2018)	2020	Walter Wittshirk	2018
Board of Health		Hampshire Council of Governments	
Melissa Reid	2018	George Peterson	2020
Thomas Hart	2019		
Jean Jackman	2020	Moderator	
		George Peterson	2018
Regional School Committee	е		
Roland (Ron) Damon	2018	Trustees, Alphonso P. Pett	is Fund
Melissa Nazzaro (appt. to 2018)	2019	Karen Wittshirk	2018
Aaron Welch (appt. to 2018)	2020	William Millin	2019
		Judith Guyette	2020
Water/Sewer Commissione	ers		
Alex Roseweir (appt. to 2018)	2018	Constables	
Denise Keay	2019	Charles Dazelle	2018
Charles Dazelle	2020	VACANCY	2019
		Jeff Jorritsma	2020

APPOINTED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Accountant (Yearly): Richard Buley	2018
ADA Coordinator (3-Year): Helen Speckels	2018
Admin. Assistant (3-Year): Helen Speckels	2018
Selectboard Secretary (Yearly) Katie Dahill	2018
	s Vary): 2021 2018 2018 2019 2020 2021 2021
Animal Control Officer (Yearly) Robert Jackman): 2018
Dog Officer (Yearly): Jim Helems Deresa Helems, Asst.	2018 2018
Broadband Rep. (Terms Vary): Chris Saner, Alt. VACANCY	2020 2018
Building Commissioner (Yearly George Peterson III): 2018
Capital Planning Committee (3- Kate Albright-Hanna R. Buley, Ex-Officio Darlene McVeigh VACANCY VACANCY	Year): 2020 2020 2020 2020 2020 2020
<i>Collector (3-Year):</i> Aimee Burnham Anna Horkun, Asst.	2020 2020

Community Events Committee (3-Year):
Jacquie Harris	2020
John Knox	2020
Lisa Lansing	2020
Vicki Mayhew, Ch.	2020
John McVeigh	2020
VACANCY	2020
VACANCY	2020
VACAIVET	2020
Conservation Commission (3-Y	ear):
Helena Alves	2020
Ross Hackerson	2020
Andy Kowal	2018
Susan McIntosh, Ch.	2019
Erik Steins	2019
Michael Vorwerk	2019
VACANCY	2017
Viteriiver	2020
Council on Aging (Terms Vary)	:
May Diemer	2018
Anna Horkun	2018
Nancy Kaminski, Alt.	2018
Gene King	2018
Bill McVeigh, Alt.	2019
Kat Peterson, Chair	2018
Helen Speckels	2020
Helen Speekeis	2020
Crossing Guard (Yearly):	
Lindsay Wieland	2018
Dave Wieland, Alt.	2018
,	
Cultural Council (3-Year):	
Jane Beane	2019
Tania Coletta	2020
Avril Marriott	2019
Linda Siska	2018
Peri Sossaman	2020
Gary Winsor	2020
Electrical Inspector (Yearly):	
Andy Girourad	2018
Assistant Floatnical Inspector (Vearba
Assistant Electrical Inspector (1	•
Jeff Bourdon	2018

Emergency Management Dir. (3	-Year):
Dennis Nazzaro	2020
Environmental Cert. Officer (3-	Year):
Ed Renauld	2020
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)
Wayne McKinney	2020
VACANCY	2020
VACANCI VACANCY	2020
VACANCI	2020
Finance Committee (Yearly):	
Vicki Minella-Sena	2018
VACANCY	2018
VACANCY	2018
VACANCY	2020
VACANCY	2020
	2020
Fire Chief (Yearly):	
Gary Dahill	2018
-	
FRTA Coordinator (3-Year):	
Aimee Burnham	2018
FRTA Representative (3-Year):	2020
Ed Renauld	2020
Gas Inspector (Yearly):	
Anthony Karella	2018
Brian Pichette, Alt.	2018
, ,	
Green Initiatives Committee (2-	
Eric Jensen	2018
Denise Keay	2018
Susan McIntosh	2018
John McVeigh	2018
Erik Steins	2018
Harman Midia adi C ini d	2 V.
Hazard Mitigation Committee (.	
Charles Dazelle	2020
Robert Garriepy	2020
Dennis Nazzaro	2020

Highway Superintendent (3-Yea	r):
Charles Dazelle	2020
Hilltown Resource Mgt. Rep. (Y	early):
Tom Hart	2018
Lou Purinton, Alt.	2018
Historical Commission (3-Year)	:
David Norton	2020
Victoria Minella-Sena	2020
Jeff Penn	2019
Karen Wittshirk	2019
VACANCY	2020
Jacob's Ladder Trail (2-Year):	
Steve Hamlin	2019
Jeff Penn	2019
	_ • _ /
Local Emergency Planning (Yea	urlv):
Gary Dahill	2018
Charles Dazelle	2018
Robert Garriepy	2018
Dennis Nazzaro	2018
	2010
Local Historic District Comm. (3-Year):
Daniel Bugli	2018
Jeff Penn	2019
Victoria Minella-Sena	
Helen Speckels	2020
VACANCY	2018
	2020
VACANCY, Alt.	2020
VACANCI, All.	2020
Measurer of Wood/Bark (3-Year	r)•
VACANCY	2020
viteriiver	2020
Memorial Day Parade Com. (3-	Year):
Lori Belhumeur	2020
A. Burnham, Coord.	2020
Gary Dahill	2020
Karon Hathaway	2020
John McVeigh	2020
Ed Renauld	2020
	2020

North Hall Advisory (3-Year):	
Nancy Kaminski	2020
Jackie Kimsey	2018
Peri Sossaman	2018
Nancy Webb	2020
VACANCY	2020
VACANCY	2019
VACANCY	2019
VIICHIVET	2017
P.V.P.C. Representative (3-Year	r).
Jeff Wyand	2020
Linda Hamlin, Alt.	2020
Linua Hainini, Ait.	2020
Planning Board (3-Year):	
Kate Albright-Hanna	2018
Linda Hamlin	2018
	2018
Evelyn Korfias	
Jeff Wyand	2020
Ed Grabowski, Alt.	2019
VACANCY	2019
Plumbing Inspector (Yearly):	2010
Anthony Karella	2018
Brian Pichette, Alt.	2018
Police Chief (3-Year):	
Robert Garriepy	2020
Robert Gamepy	2020
Police Officers (Yearly):	
Michael Girard	2018
Justin Green	2018
Aaren Hawley	2018
Todd Michon	2018
Brandon Owen	2018
Brendon Schutter	2018
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Procurement Officer (3-Year):	
Ed Renauld:	2020
Ed Renauld.	2020
Public Weigher (3-Year):	
Daniel Donovan	2020
Gaylon Donovan	2020
Paul Senatore	2020
Recreation Committee (3-Year).	

Kecreanon Commune (3-1eur).	
Fawn Busby	2020
Tricia Hess	2020
Adrianne Kunz	2020
Adrianne Kunz	2020

Recreation Committee (3-Year-	Continued):
Vicki Mayhew	2020
Courtney Mulcahy	
Ed Renauld	2020
Jennifer Maynard	2020
Jennier Waynard	2020
Registrar of Voters (3-Year):	
Kathleen Thomas	2020
Judy Borden	2020
Anna Horkun	2020
Barbara Meehan	2020
Helen Speckels	2020
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Right to Know Coordinator (3-	
Ed Renauld	2020
Rt. 112 Scenic Byway (2-Year):	
Linda Hamlin	2018
Susan McIntosh	2018
Jeffrey Penn	2018
Jenney Fenn	2010
Supt. Gypsy Moth/Dutch Elm (3	-Year):
Walter Wittshirk	2020
Town Counsel (Yearly):	
Kopelman & Paige	Indefinite
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Town Treasurer (3-Year):	
Aimee Burnham	2020
Veterans' Agent (3-Year):	2020
Ed Renauld	2020
Westfield River Wild & Scenic ((3-Year)
Jeff Penn	2018
VACANCY, Alt.	2018
viicini (C1, 110.	2010
Zoning Board (3-Year):	
Victoria Minella-Sena	2018
Ed Grabowski, Alt.	2018
Mary Spaulding, Alt	2020
VACANCY	2019
VACANCY	2019
VACANCY	2020

Zoning Enforcement Officer (Yearly): George Peterson 2018

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON Department Schedules and Telephone List

Main Telephone Number: Town Website: <u>www.l</u>	(413) 667-3500 Town Hall Fax: (413) 667-3507
Board of Assessors:	Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6 pm Clerk Hours: Monday & Wednesday 9 am – noon Clerk: Ted Gloss Asst. Clerk: Lorraine Wickland Telephone: (413) 512-5201 <u>huntingtonboa@comcast.net</u>
<u>Board of Health:</u>	Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 6 pm Katie Boisseau, Secretary hours: Wed evenings 6 pm – 7:30 pm Telephone/Fax: (413) 512-5211 <u>huntingtonboh@comcast.net</u> Title V Agent Brian Slayton available by telephone: (413) 531-0799 Dump stickers may be obtained at the Transfer Station during regular hours. "H" stickers may be purchased at B&D Variety and Moltenbrey's Market. They may be purchased for \$1.00 each, and are to be placed on all of your Trash bags (<i>1 sticker/30 gallons or less & 2 stickers/over 30 gallons</i>).
<u>Board of Selectmen:</u>	Meets every other Wednesday evening at 6:00 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) 512-5200 <u>huntingtonsb@comcast.net</u>
Building Commissioner:	George PetersonTelephone: (413) 512-5210Hours: Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:30 pmBuilding permit applications may be obtained during Town Hall businesshours and on the website: huntingtonma.us/forms.html#bldgPermt
Conservation Commission:	Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 7 pm Telephone: (413) 512-5214 Susan McIntosh, Chair
Council on Aging:	Meets 1st Tuesday at 1:00 pm in Stanton Hall <u>coa@huntingtonma.us</u> Telephone: (413) 512-5205
Electrical Inspector:	Andy GirouardTelephone: (413) 667-8812Electrical permit applications may be obtained in the Selectboard Office during regular hours and on the Town website: www.huntingtonma.us
Alt. Electrical Inspector:	Jeff BourdonTelephone: (413) 207-7510
<u>Fire Department:</u>	Gary Dahill, Fire ChiefFax: (413) 667-0133Telephone: (413) 512-5212 (non-emergency)Emergency: Dial 911
Gas Inspector:	Anthony KarellaTelephone: (413) 265-6290Gas permit applications may be obtained in the Selectboard Officeduring regular hours and on the Town website:www.huntingtonma.us

<u>Highway Department:</u>	Charles Dazelle, SuperintendentMichelle Oliveira, Admin. AssistantHighwayDepartment@HuntingtonHighway.comFax: (413) 667-3507Telephone: (413) 512-5204 or (413) 667-3504Cell: (413) 977-2434
<u>Planning Board:</u>	Meets one weeknight, Mon-Fri, twice a month at 7:00 pmMeetings are always posted on Town website:www.huntingtonma.usAll applications by appointment only.Please email to request app't.Telephone:(413) 512-5214planning@huntingtonma.us
Plumbing Inspector:	Anthony KarellaTelephone: (413) 265-6290Plumbing permit applications may be obtained in the Selectboard Officeduring regular hours and on the Town website:www.huntingtonma.us
Police Department:	Robert Garriepy, ChiefHours: Wednesday evenings 6 pm - 8 pmTelephone: (413) 512-5213Emergency: Dial 911policechief@huntingtonma.us
<u>Public Library:</u>	Margaret Nareau, DirectorTelephone: (413) 512-5206web: thehuntingtonpubliclibrary.org <i>huntingtonpubliclib@gmail.com</i>
Public Library Trustees:	Marilyn Antonucci Karen Wittshirk Debbie Wyand
Town Accountant:	Richard BuleyTelephone: (413) 512-5203Office Hours: Wednesdays 4 pm - 8 pm or by appointment
<u>Town Clerk</u> :	Kathleen ThomasAssistant Clerk: Linda HamlinTelephone: (413) 512-5209huntingtonclerk@comcast.netOffice Hours: Monday 9 am-1pm, Wednesdays 4-8 pm and by app't.
Town Collector:	Aimee BurnhamAssistant Collector: Anna Horkuncollector@comcast.nethuntingtonaccountant@comcast.netTelephone: (413) 512-5208Office Hours: Mon: Noon-4:30 pm, Tues & Thurs: 10 am-3 pm, Wed: 1-6 pm
<u>Town Treasurer:</u>	Aimee BurnhamTelephone: (413) 512-5202huntingtontreas@comcast.netOffice Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday by appointment
<u>Veterans' Agent:</u>	Ed RenauldTelephone: (413) 575-6391vso@huntingtonma.usOffice Hours:3rd Wednesday 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Water and Sewer:	Commissioners meet 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in Town HallJohn Barry, Sewer Plant OperatorRoger Bush, Water Plant OperatorKathy Engwer, Administrative AssistantPhone: (413) 512-5207Huntington.SewerandWater@gmail.com
Zoning Board:	Meets Wednesday evenings (by appointment only) in Stanton Hall Please call and leave a message to schedule appointment. (413) 512-5214

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

First, we would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to Andrea McKittrick and other members of Jeff McKittrick's family. Jeff passed away late last year after a brief illness. Jeff was on the Selectboard from July 2011 through June 2017, and was Chair of the Board for three years. Jeff rarely missed a meeting and always remained unruffled with a quick wit when meetings got heated. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Andrea McKittrick resigned from her posts as Town Clerk and Collector in March of 2017 to spend more time with Jeff. There was a contested race for Town Clerk, with Kathy Thomas and Judie Guyette tied at 139 votes each. The numbers remained unchanged during a recount, which took place on June 12, 2017. Judie Guyette graciously conceded to Kathy Thomas, thus sparing the Town the cost of a Special Election. Kathy Thomas was appointed Interim Town Clerk until June 30, 2018.

We also lost a long-time public servant and friend, Earl "Cricket" Heath. We were honored to have Cricket serve the town in a continuous capacity for over 55 years. Over the years, he was on the Selectboard, Planning Board and School Committee. He was also Police Chief and Constable (we think he was the longest, continuous serving Constable in Massachusetts). We will forever be grateful for his service and dedication to our town.

Aimee Burnham was appointed to the Collector position with no time to waste. She quickly learned the responsibilities of the position and is doing a great job.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the various boards for their continued cooperation in keeping within their appropriations as much as possible in these lean fiscal times.

Both of our new Selectboard members have jumped in with both feet. Selectboard member Darlene McVeigh has been working tirelessly with the Gateway Regional School District School Committee in the joint school budget meetings to ensure our town's interests and concerns are heard. Selectboard member Karon Hathaway has started reviewing our town's personnel policies and will be making recommendations to bring these policies up to date and ensure they reflect the changing needs of a small-town workforce.

We would like to welcome Katie Dahill as Selectboard Secretary. Katie's responsibilities include taking the Selectboard Meeting Minutes on Wednesday evenings. She will be working in the office one day a week learning other office duties under the direction of Helen Speckels.

The Selectboard would also like to welcome Jeanne LeClair as the Economic Director to the Gateway Hilltowns (consisting of Blandford, Chester, Huntington, Middlefield, Montgomery and Russell). Jeanne's position is being funded through a State grant for one year. Jeanne is responsible for expanding economic development in the hilltowns. She is currently sharing a space in the Huntington Town Hall.

We have also continued the improvements to our town facilities. The new air conditioning and heating systems for both Town Hall and Stanton Hall were completed in late summer. The upgrade to a VOIP telephone system has been completed. Some of the remaining older computers have now been upgraded. But we are not done. In the coming year, we hope to appropriate more funds to continue these much-needed improvements.

The Town's cable agreement with Comcast ran out in February of 2017, and at the time this report was written, Comcast was operating without a contract. There have been many discussions between the Selectboard, Cable Advisory Committee and Comcast and we are close to reaching an agreement. Comcast, through a MA Broadband Grant, has extended broadband service to over 96% of Huntington's residents.

As always, the Recreation Committee has had another amazing year providing enjoyable, entertaining activities for our residents and their children. When you participate in one of their activities, please take a moment to thank their members. Along with the Selectboard, they put on their second movie night at Stanton Hall in January 2018. It was a lot of fun for all who came. It is truly amazing what they can provide on their limited budget.

As the lead town in the Community Development Block Grant, Huntington saw continued improvements to Pleasant and Maple Streets. In the future, we hope to secure funding through this grant for upgrades to Aldrich Avenue as well as updated handicap access to both Town Hall and Stanton Hall.

Last, but not least, the Selectboard would like to thank all the volunteers who spend countless hours ensuring that our town meets the needs of our residents. Without them and their "service over self" mindset, it would be an impossible task to meet the ever-increasing demands put on our Town by the State Legislature. If you would like to volunteer to help in this important work, please let Helen, one of the Selectboard members, or the Town Moderator know, and they can help you find a position that suits your abilities and interests.

Respectfully submitted,

Karon Hathaway, Member	Darlene McVeigh, Member	Ed Renauld, Chair
Helen Speckels, Admin. Assist.	Katie Dahill, Selectboard Secretary	

TOWN CLERK

Welcome to the Town Clerk Report! 2017 was a year of many changes in the Clerk's office. We were sorry to see Andrea McKittrick step down as Town Clerk and Collector. She served Huntington faithfully for many years. Kathleen Thomas was appointed Interim Town Clerk in her place. I (Kathleen) will say, they were very big shoes to fill! Linda Hamlin was appointed the Assistant Town Clerk and is doing very well. Linda is also a longtime Planning Board member and the person who compiles this Town Report.

We would like to recognize and honor two gentlemen of our town, who passed away in 2017. First, Earl (Cricket) Heath Jr., who wore many hats over the years: He served as Constable for 50+ years, as well as Selectman, Planning Board member and Police Chief! Cricket saved the day at the 2016 Presidential Election when the Ballot Box jammed and he told us exactly what to do. He was the only one that knew the trick to fix it, so we were very thankful that he happened to be there! The other gentleman, Jeff McKittrick, served as a Selectman as well as an Election Worker. He was a tremendous help with whatever was needed at any given time. He worked tirelessly with Andrea and me (Kathleen) during big elections. Both of them will be sorely missed at Town Hall.

In 2017, we processed the Births, Deaths and Marriages (Vital Records) and the following:

316 Dog Licenses

3 Kennel Licenses

34 Business Certificates

A big "Thank You" to all of the Senior and Veteran Workers who have helped in the Clerk's office. Last, but certainly not least, a huge "Thank You" to Judy Borden and all of the Election Workers for the Town Election. You guys serve faithfully every year, and it is greatly appreciated!

Our hours are: Mondays 9 am-1 pm and Wednesdays 4- 8 pm. We may also be reached at the Town Hall at 1-413-512-5209 or by email at <u>huntingtonclerk@comcast.net</u>.

Dog tags for 2018 will be available June 1st.

Please remember to return your Census forms by May 15.

Vital Records and the remainder of our report follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Thomas, Town Clerk Linda Hamlin, Assistant Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK VITAL RECORDS 2017

BIRTHS:

Jan 03	Grace V. Vdovichenko Daughter of Vitaly A. Vdovichenko & nee Marianna E. Andrakhanova
Apr 09	Jenna Marie Koivisto Daughter of Rayman Michael Koivisto & nee Kayla Marie Kott
July 06	Lila Michelle Roberts Daughter of James Phillip Roberts & nee Krista Michelle Pazik
July 28	Mackenzie Grace Fitzherbert Daughter of Joshua Scott Fitzherbert & nee Ashley Jean Spear
July 28	Mason James Fitzherbert Son of Joshua Scott Fitzherbert & nee Ashley Jean Spear
Aug 06	Logan Christopher Carbone Son of Christopher Michael Carbone & nee Amy Lynn Ignaszewski
Aug 17	Annabelle Ruth Mitchell Daughter of Kyle Charles Mitchell & nee Casey Jean Gordon
Sept 05	Mckinley May Oski Daughter of Trevor David Oski & nee Amanda Paige Garwacki
Sept 13	Brooke Madelyn Boisseau Daughter of Philip Wayne Boisseau & nee Katie Lynn Boulanger
Nov 08	Liam Arthur Lebeau Son of Timothy Arthur Lebeau & nee Nicole Namiki Rojowski
Dec 03	Samadhi Hila Mantra Daughter of Keane Edward Kendall & nee Chloe-Mae Anne Billinge

MARRIAGES:

- May 01 Kevin Wayne Richardson & Elizabeth R. Boyle @ Russell
- Aug 18 Heather Mandy Hoffacke & Stephen Allen Fried @ Huntington
- Sept 16 Joshua Edward Ellinger & Jessica Anne Mumblow @ Florida
- Sept 23 Travis Lee Trout & Krystina Lynne Bucko @ Sturbridge
- Sept 09 Jason Allen Nichols & Laura May LaPointe @ Huntington

DEATHS:

- Jan 12 Cobey Krupa, Age 33
- Jan 23 Russell Ulm, Age 73, Husband of Elizabeth Ulm
- Apr 08 George F. Meskevich, Age 93, Widower of Frances P. Meskevich
- Apr 04 Natalie Birrell, Age 88, Widow of Kirk Eldredge Birrell
- Apr 13 Jennifer Elizabeth Avery, Age 43, Wife of Steven J. Knachel
- May 30 Kenneth Dean LaPointe Jr., Age 43
- Jun 17 Frank Edward Antonucci, Age 72, Husband of Marilyn L. Antonucci
- Jun 21 Isabel Catherine Pelullo, Age 95, Wife of Donato Pelullo
- Jun 20 Ruth Pardoe, Age 92, Widow of David Pardoe
- July 12 Eleanor Mary Piers, Age 80, Widow of Gene F. Piers
- Sept 10 Susan F. St. Martin, Age 64
- Oct 10 Earl G. Heath Jr., Age 89, Husband of Mary Heath
- Oct 12 Jeffrey Davis McKittrick, Age 54, Husband of Andrea D. McKittrick
- Oct 17 Beverly Ann Keeney, Age 81, Wife of Neil Stowell
- Nov 06 Mary Geneva Rude, Age 95, Widow of Kenneth G. Rude
- Nov 08 Ella R. Balchunas, Age 96, Widow of Charles Balchunas
- Nov 12 Bonnie Rose McKinney, Age 71, Wife of Wayne F. McKinney
- Nov 16 Margaret Elizabeth Nelson, Age 95, Widow of Verne A. Nelson
- Nov 28 Gordon Elmer Fisk, Age 95, Husband of Doris C. Fisk
- Dec 19 Michael Gaylon Donovan, Age 72, Husband of Sandra Donovan

HUNTINGTON TOWN ELECTION Saturday, May 20, 2017 RESULTS

Board of Selectmen - 3 yr	Dylan Mosher (50) Karon Hathaway (229) William McVeigh (1) Blank (13)
Board of Selectmen - 2 yr	Darlene McVeigh (183) Evelyn Korfias (99) Blank (11)
Board of Health - 3 yr	Jean Jackman (177) John McVeigh (64) Others (4) Blank (48)
Board of Assessors - 3 yr	Eric Steins (5) Lorraine Wickland (5) Others (6) Blank (277)
Regional School Committee - 3 yr	Aaron Welch (3) Jeff Wyand (2) John McVeigh (4) Others (7) Blank (277)
Water/Sewer Commission - 3 yr	Charles Dazelle (222) Alex Roseweir (3) Others (7) Blank (61)
Water/Sewer Commission - 1 yr	William Hathaway (1) Alex Roseweir (3) Others (3) Blank (286)

Town Clerk - 1 yr	Kathleen Thomas (139) Melissa Reid (10) Judith Guyette (139) Blank (5)
Tree Warden - 1 yr	Walt Wittshirk (255) Blank (38)
Councillor - HCG - 3 yr	George Peterson (287) Blank (6)
Moderator - 1 yr	George Peterson (257) Blank (36)
Trustee, A.P. Pettis Fund - 3yr	Judith Guyette (224) William Millin (1) Blank (68)
Trustee, A.P. Pettis Fund - 2yr	William Millin (15) Others (4) Blank (274)
Constable - 3 yr	Jeffrey Jorritsma (225) Others (2) Blank (66)
Trustee Whiting Street - 3 yr	Sue Fopiano (2) Other (2) Blank (289)
Trustee Whiting Street - 1 yr	Sue Fopiano (2) Others (2) Blank (289)
Trustee Library - 3 yr	Deborah Wyand (10) Blank (283)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

Special Town Meeting

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017 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 5, 2017 at 6:30 pm, then and there took the following action:

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

Moderator:	George Peterson
Town Clerk:	Kathleen Thomas
Constable:	Charles Dazelle
Selectboard:	Ed Renauld, John McVeigh
Finance Committee:	Darlene McVeigh, Victoria Minella-Sena
Counters:	Wayne McKinney, Steven Hamlin, Karen Wittshirk, Sue McIntosh

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$64,665.00 for the following Operational Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto:

015122.009	IT Tech Support	\$ 2,600.00
015135.002	Accountant Software Support	\$ 630.00
015138.004	Treasury Tax Title Expenses	\$ 4,000.00
015139.002	Town Collector Expenses	\$ 2,000.00
015252.000	Gas Inspector Fees	\$ 1,635.00
015255.000	Wiring Inspector Fees	\$ 8,000.00
015422.005	Highway Sand & Salt	\$ 17,900.00
015543.001	Veterans' Relief Benefits	\$ 25,000.00
015720.000	Fire Truck Interest	\$ 900.00
015192.007	North Hall	\$ 2,000.00

A motion was made by Darlene McVeigh and seconded by Ed Renauld to amend the Warrant by adding \$2,000.00 to North Hall account 015192.007, making the sum voted from Free Cash \$64,665.00 instead of \$62,665.00. Selectboard: yes, Finance Committee: yes, Amendment passed by unanimous vote. Next, the Article was recommended and voted. Selectboard: yes. Finance Committee: yes. Article passed by unanimous vote. The sum of \$64,665.00 will be transferred from Free Cash for the Operational Accounts listed. A motion was made and seconded:

To amend the Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Town Meeting Article 14 by replacing the phrase "transfer \$15,000.00 from the Firearms Record Keeping Fund 89266.000" with the following: "transfer an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 from the Firearms Record Keeping Fund 895266.000.000"; or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Town Meeting Article 14 by replacing the phrase " transfer \$15,000 from the Firearms Record Keeping Fund 89266.000" with "transfer an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 from the Firearms Record Keeping Fund 895260.000". The motion passed unanimously.

At 6:40 pm, a motion was made and seconded to dissolve. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting dissolved at 6:40 pm.

A quorum of 25 was present.

A true copy attest:

ARTICLE 2:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

Annual Town Meeting

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017 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 5, 2017 at 7 pm, then and there took the following action:

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

Moderator:	George Peterson
Town Clerk:	Kathleen Thomas
Constable:	Charles Dazelle
Selectboard:	Edward Renauld, John McVeigh
Finance Committee:	Darlene McVeigh, Victoria Minella-Sena
Counters:	Wayne McKinney, Steve Hamlin, Karen Wittshirk, Sue
	McIntosh

A motion was made and seconded to continue the meeting, if necessary, on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 7:00 pm unless business can be concluded by 10:00 pm. Motion passed unanimously. The Moderator introduced the Town Clerk, Selectboard, Finance Committee, School Committee, Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Highway Superintendent.

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

<u>ARTICLE 2:</u>	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.
<u>ARTICLE 3:</u>	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.
<u>ARTICLE 4:</u>	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.
<u>ARTICLE 5:</u>	To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other federal or state monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the appropriate grant application following public hearing; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for construction and/or maintenance of public highways for the Fiscal Year 2018 and further authorize the Selectboard, on behalf of the Town, to accept any money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway construction and/or maintenance; or take any other action relative thereto. Consent Calendar passes unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be necessary to defray expenses estimated for the ensuing Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2017. Voters will designate line items voted separately; or take any other action relative thereto. Motion to nominate Tom Gralinski for alternate Moderator. Motion seconded, motion passed unanimously. Tom Gralinski replaced George Peterson as Moderator temporarily for the Building Department budget section. After Building Department completed, George Peterson then replaced Tom Gralinski as the Moderator. A motion was made and seconded to pass the budget as read minus the Gateway Regional portion. Motion Carried. Budget 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 \$1,416,714.00 for Huntington's minimum contribution, as determined by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, or accept a lesser amount than \$1,416,714.00 as certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; or take any other action relative thereto. **Carried by majority vote.**

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 9: To see if th unappropri

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$489,574.00 for Huntington's share of the transportation and debt services expenses for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018; or take any other action relative thereto. **Article passed unanimously.**

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 \$733,797.00 for Huntington's share of the over-minimum contribution to the budget for Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectboard: no. Finance Committee: no. A motion was made to amend the amount of \$733,797.00 of the share of Huntington of the over-minimum contribution to the budget for Gateway Regional School District to the sum of \$665,797.00 of the share of the over-minimum contribution to the budget for Gateway Regional School District. The Amendment failed to pass. In a yes/no paper ballot vote the Article failed to pass.

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 \$416,000.00 for Huntington's costs for vocational tuition for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectboard: yes, Finance Committee: yes. Article passes unanimously.

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 \$72,290.00 for Huntington's share of the cost of vocational transportation for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018; or take any other action relative thereto. Selectboard: yes. Finance Committee: yes. Article passes unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$31,255.00 to defray expenses estimated for the ensuing Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2017; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectboard: yes. Finance Committee: yes. Article passes unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to the Police Equipment Account #15210-006 a sum not to exceed \$35,000.00 for the purchase and equipping of a Police Cruiser vehicle; or take any other action relative thereto. Selectboard: yes. Finance Committee: yes. Motion made to change the account to Police Vehicle Maintenance # 15210-005. Motion passes. Article passes unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 15:

To see if the Town will vote to replace the 2004 Freightliner FL180 dump truck with a new dump truck for the Highway Department; and to authorize the Treasurer to borrow funds not to exceed \$180,000.00 to purchase the dump truck; or take any other action relative thereto.

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

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 16:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to the Building & Property Maintenance Account #015192-006 a sum not to exceed \$35,000.00 for the installation of cooling systems in the Town Hall and Stanton Hall buildings, including all incidental and related costs; or take any other action relative thereto. A motion was made by Darlene McVeigh and seconded by Ed Renauld to amend the Article by taking 1/2 of the funds from the Stanton Fund making the sum voted from Free Cash \$17,500 instead of \$35,000.00. Selectboard: yes, Finance Committee: yes, Amendment passed by unanimous vote. Next, the Article was recommended and voted. Selectboard: ves. Finance Committee: ves. Article passed by majority vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Stabilization to the Community Events Account #015661-000 the sum of \$10,000.00 for the purpose of holding a fireworks event in early Fall of 2017 or such other date in Fiscal Year 2018 determined by the Selectboard; or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made by Darlene McVeigh and seconded by Ed Renauld to amend the Article by taking the funds from Free Cash instead of Stabilization. Selectboard: yes, Finance Committee: yes, Amendment passed by majority vote. Next, the Article was recommended and voted. Selectboard: yes. Finance Committee: yes. Article passed by majority vote.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 18:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$300,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund for the purpose of designing and constructing repairs to the Searle Road Bridge, including all incidental and related costs; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectboard: yes. Finance Committee: yes. There was a brief discussion. A 2/3 vote was needed to pass the article. The article passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded:

<u>ARTICLE 19:</u> To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$7,800.00 to pay annual stipends to the Finance Committee, Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Zoning Board of \$600.00 per Chairperson and \$300.00 per member, excluding alternates; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectboard: no. Finance Committee: no. Finance Committee recommended that more research into this topic was needed. Subsequently, the motion was withdrawn. Article failed to pass.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 20:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Huntington General By-Laws, by deleting Section 19. The Keeping of Unregistered Motor Vehicles, and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 19. Unregistered Motor Vehicles

A. No person having custody or control of any real property located within the Town of Huntington, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee or otherwise shall allow more than one unregistered motor vehicle to remain on such property except as provided in paragraphs B. and D. of this bylaw.

B. The Police Chief or his designee may issue a temporary permit to keep, store or allow more than one such motor vehicle to remain on such property, subject to such conditions as may be set forth in such permit, provided that the Police Chief or his designee, finds that the presence of more than one such motor vehicle on said property (1) will not nullify or substantially derogate from the intent or purpose of the bylaw; (2) will not constitute a hazard to the safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Town; and (3) will not adversely affect the neighborhood in which such property is located.

C. Each permit shall (1) specify the maximum number of such motor vehicles that may be kept, stored or allowed to remain on such property; (2) be limited to a reasonable period of time not exceeding one year; and (3) be a personal privilege of the applicant and not a grant attached to and running with the land.

D. This bylaw shall not apply to a motor vehicle stored out of sight of abutters and public ways, a motor vehicle on the property of a holder of a license issued under Section 58 of Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws, a motor vehicle on the property of a farming or business enterprise operated in a lawful manner when necessary to the operation of such enterprises or by special permit issued by the zoning board in compliance with the Town of Huntington Zoning Bylaws.

E. Any person storing any motor vehicles(s) in violation of this bylaw or the owner, tenant, occupant, lessees or person otherwise having custody or control of the property on which more than one vehicle(s) is/are stored in violation of this bylaw, who fails to remove any such motor vehicles within 30 days after having received written notice from the Police Chief to do so, shall be penalized by a fine in the amount of \$50 per day commencing on the 31st day and each day thereafter until said violation is cured. Each day when a violation exists shall constitute a separate violation of this bylaw.

Enforcing Authority: Police Chief or designee

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made and seconded to add "a signed complaint with the complainant's name, address and telephone number shall be submitted in order for the Police Chief to act." Amendment passed. Next, the Article was recommended and voted. Selectboard: yes. Finance Committee: yes. Article passed.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to petition the General Court in the form set forth below, for special legislation relative to the provision of health insurance and other benefits to new hires; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Selectboard approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and to authorize the Selectboard to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general objectives of the petition; or take any other action relative thereto:

An Act Relative to the Provision of Health Insurance and other Benefits in the Town of Huntington.

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the Town of Huntington shall contribute 40% per cent of the cost of the premium for group health insurance provided by the town to any eligible employee who is hired after June 30, 2017 and who elects coverage under the Town's group health insurance.

SECTION 2. This act shall not affect the percentage contribution made by the Town of Huntington towards the cost of the premium for group health insurance provided by the town for eligible employees hired on or before June 30, 2017 who participate in a health insurance plan offered by the Town.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

Selectboard: yes. Finance Committee: yes. A motion was made to amend Section 1 of said Article from contribution of 40% to 60% of the cost of the premium for group health insurance provided by the town. Amendment passed. Article passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 22:To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c.60, §15B, which
authorizes the Town to establish a tax title revolving fund for the fiscal year
beginning on July 1, 2017, or take any other action relative thereto.**Selectboard: yes, Finance Committee: yes, Article passed unanimously.**

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c.40, §57 and replace Section 46, Deny Permits/Licenses for Non-Payment of Taxes, of the Town's General Bylaws with the following, or take any other action relative thereto:

Section 46. Denial, Revocation or Suspension of Licenses or Permits

Section 46-A. List of Parties Refusing to Pay Taxes and Fees.

The tax collector or other municipal official responsible for records of all municipal taxes, assessments, betterments and other municipal charges, hereinafter referred to as the tax collector, shall annually, and may periodically, furnish to each department, board, commission or division, hereinafter referred to as the licensing authority, that issues licenses or permits including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the party, that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges, and that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the appellate tax board.

Section 46-B. Denial, Revocation or Suspension of License or Permit; Hearing.

The licensing authority may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit, including renewals and transfers of any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the tax collector or with respect to any activity, event or other matter which is the subject of such license or permit and which activity, event or matter is carried out or exercised or is to be carried out or exercised on or about real estate owned by any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the tax collector; provided, however, that written notice is given to the party and the tax collector, as required by applicable provisions of law, and the party is given a hearing, to be held not earlier than fourteen days after said notice. Said list shall be prima facie evidence for denial, revocation or suspension of said license or permit to any party. The tax collector shall have the right to intervene in any hearing conducted with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any findings made by the licensing authority with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension shall be made only for the purposes of such proceeding and shall not be relevant to or introduced in any other proceeding at law, except for any appeal from such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any license or permit denied, suspended or revoked under this section shall not be reissued or renewed until the license authority receives a certificate issued by the tax collector that the party is in good standing with respect to any and all local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges, payable to the municipality as the date of issuance of said certificate.

Section 46-C. Payment Agreement.

Any party shall be given an opportunity to enter into a payment agreement, thereby allowing the licensing authority to issue a certificate indicating said limitations to the license or permit and the validity of said license shall be conditioned upon the satisfactory compliance with said agreement. Failure to comply with said agreement shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of said license or permit; provided, however, that the holder be given notice and a hearing as required by applicable provisions of law.

Section 46-D. Conflicts of Interest.

The board of selectmen may waive such denial, suspension or revocation if it finds there is no direct or indirect business interest by the property owner, its officers or stockholders, if any, or members of his immediate family, as defined in section one of chapter two hundred and sixty-eight A in the business or activity conducted in or on said property.

Section 46-E. Applicability.

This section shall not apply to the following licenses and permits: open burning; section thirteen of chapter forty-eight; bicycle permits; section eleven A of chapter eighty-five; sales of articles for charitable purposes, section thirty-three of chapter one hundred and one; children work permits, section sixty-nine of chapter one hundred and forty-nine; clubs, associations dispensing food or beverage licenses, section twenty-one E of chapter one hundred and forty; dog licenses, section one hundred and thirty-seven of chapter one hundred and forty; fishing, hunting, trapping license, section twelve of chapter one hundred and thirty-one; marriage licenses, section twenty-eight of chapter two hundred and seven and theatrical events, public exhibition permits, section one hundred and eighty-one of chapter one hundred and forty. **Selectboard: yes. Finance Committee: yes. The Treasurer gave a brief explanation. Article passed unanimously.**

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 24:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by enacting the following temporary moratorium on recreational marijuana establishments, and authorize the Town Clerk to assign appropriate numbering for such bylaw; or take any other action relative thereto:

Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments

Purpose

On November 8, 2016, the voters of the Commonwealth approved a law regulating the cultivation, processing, distribution, possession and use of marijuana for recreational purposes (new G.L. c. 94G, Regulation of the Use and Distribution of Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed). The law, which allows certain personal use and possession of marijuana, took effect on December 15, 2016 and (as amended on December 30, 2016; Chapter 351 of the Acts of 2016) requires a Cannabis Control Commission to issue regulations regarding the licensing of commercial activities by March 15, 2018 and to begin accepting applications for licenses on April 1, 2018. Currently under the Zoning Bylaw, a non-medical Marijuana Establishment (hereinafter, a "Recreational Marijuana Establishment"), as defined in G.L. c. 94G, §1, is not specifically addressed in the Zoning Bylaw. Regulations to be promulgated by the Cannabis Control Commission may provide guidance on certain aspects of local regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments. The regulation of recreational marijuana raises novel legal, planning, and public safety issues, and the Town needs time to study and consider the regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments and address such issues, as well as to address the potential impact of the State regulations on local zoning and to undertake a planning process to consider amending the Zoning Bylaw regarding regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments. The Town intends to adopt a temporary moratorium on the use of land and structures in the Town for Recreational Marijuana Establishments so as to allow sufficient time to address the effects of such structures and uses in the Town and to enact bylaws in a consistent manner.

Definition

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

Temporary Moratorium

For the reasons set forth above and notwithstanding any other provision of the Zoning Bylaw to the contrary, the Town hereby adopts a temporary moratorium on the use of land or structures for a Recreational Marijuana Establishment and other uses related to recreational marijuana. The moratorium shall be in effect through June 30, 2018 or until such time as the Town adopts Zoning Bylaw amendments that regulate Recreational Marijuana Establishments, whichever occurs earlier. During the moratorium period, the Town shall undertake a planning process to address the potential impacts of recreational

marijuana in the Town, and to consider the Cannabis Control Commission regulations regarding Recreational Marijuana Establishments, and shall consider adopting new Zoning Bylaws in response to these new issues.

Or take any other action relative thereto. **Article passed unanimously.**

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 25:To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L.c.32B, §20, thereby
establishing an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund, and
further, to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of
\$12,000.00 to said fund; or take any other action relative thereto.Selectboard: yes. Finance Committee: yes. Motion was made to raise and
appropriate the sum of \$12,000. Motion passed. Article passed unanimously.

At 10:00 pm, a motion was made and seconded to dissolve. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting dissolved at 10:00 pm.

85 registered voters signed in, so a quorum of 25 was present.

A true copy attest:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

Special Town Meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2017 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 Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 7 pm, then and there took the following action:

The Selectboard Chair opened the meeting at 7:00 pm, due to the absence of the Moderator. The Selectboard Chair indicated that the warrant had been legally posted and a quorum had been reached.

A motion was made and seconded:

A motion was made a	la secondea.
<u>ARTICLE 1:</u>	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$722,266.00 for Huntington's share of the over- minimum contribution to the budget for Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018; or take any other action relative thereto.
	Tom Gralinski was nominated as Moderator by Ed Renauld. Tom was sworn in at 6:30 pm. Selecthoard: No. There was a lengthy discussion followed by a reading of a
	Selectboard: No. There was a lengthy discussion followed by a reading of a report put together by Darlene McVeigh. A vote was then taken by paper ballot at 7 pm. It was thrown out due to the lack of printed voter rolls. The voter rolls were promptly printed out, people were registered and a second vote was taken. The Article failed to pass by majority vote. Results were 52 No, 32 Yes.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 2:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury an additional sum of \$4,004.00 for Huntington's share of the minimum contribution to the budget for Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018; or take any other action relative thereto. Selectboard: Yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury an additional sum of \$11,000.00 for Huntington's costs for vocational tuition for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectboard: Yes. Motion carried.

At 7:25 pm, a motion was made and seconded to dissolve. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting dissolved at 7:25 pm.

A quorum of 25 was present.

A true copy attest:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

Special Town Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017 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 Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 6:30 pm, then and there took the following action:

The Town Moderator opened the meeting at 6:37 pm announcing that there was a quorum. The Moderator introduced the officials present and indicated that the warrant had been legally posted.

Moderator:	George Peterson
Town Clerk:	Kathleen Thomas
Constable:	Charles Dazelle
Selectboard:	Ed Renauld, Darlene McVeigh, Karon Hathaway
Finance Committee:	not present
Counters:	Karen Wittshirk, Sue McIntosh

A motion was made and seconded:

ARTICLE 1:To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from
available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$706,366.00 for Huntington's
share of the over-minimum contribution to the budget for Gateway
Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30,
2018; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Selectboard was split and unable to give a recommendation. Darlene McVeigh spoke for 6 minutes. There then was a motion to move the question. Motion was seconded and the discussion was ended.

The motion passed with 46 yes votes and 37 no votes.

At 7:00 pm, a motion was made and seconded to dissolve. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting dissolved at 7:00 pm.

84 registered voters signed in, so a quorum of 25 was present.

A true copy attest:

MODERATOR

It is a privilege to serve as the Town Moderator for Huntington Town Meetings. The first Town Meeting was in 1620, and is the basic component of our Democratic Republic. The Town Meeting insures you have the right to free speech and the ability to participate in deliberations about the way your Town Government allocates resources. I look forward to seeing all registered voters at the Huntington Special and Annual Town Meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

George Peterson

DOG OFFICER

As the new Dog Officer for Huntington, I have some observations:

- 1. Many dog owners lack proper identification for their dogs. No I.D. tag or microchip makes it difficult to return lost dogs.
- 2. Dog owners rarely call the Dog Officer when their dog is missing. In several cases, I have heard of missing dogs through online sources like Facebook.
- 3. Dogs are often not fully licensed within the town limits. This licensing is mandated by the State.
- 4. A fair number of dogs are allowed off leash and unsupervised by owners.
- 5. Residents are not comfortable completing an official complaint form and attempt to remain anonymous.

To improve this status quo, I am working with Blandford Animal Hospital, Gateway Farm and Pet and the Huntington Town Clerk by offering a rabies/microchip and licensing clinic scheduled for April 14, 2018 at Gateway Farm and Pet.

I am also hoping to begin 1-hour seminars/discussions on proper dog care. I'm concerned I will have difficulty getting the word out since the first seminar had zero attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Helems, Dog Officer

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Throughout 2017, the Board of Assessors worked to update the town maps. Board members continued their cyclical field inspections and took digital photographs for the property record cards. The Board will continue the cyclical inspections in conjunction with the required triennial revaluation mandated by the Department of Revenue. The Board has moved into another office and continued work to hire a consultant to do an interim year adjustment for fiscal year 2019.

Statistics:

- 1 Omitted assessment for Real Estate issued, valued at \$46,380
- 245 Vehicle Excise abatements processed of the 1,255 bills issued
 - 5 Real Estate abatements processed of the 2,140 bills issued
 - 2 Personal Property abatements processed of the 461 bills issued
- 16 Real Estate Exemptions processed (Elderly, Blind, Veterans)
- 12 Senior and Veteran Work-Off Exemptions processed
- 97 Building Permits recorded and reviewed
- 109 Deeds recorded and reviewed

Respectfully submitted,

Assessors:	Sue Fopiano	Edward Renauld	Erik Steins
Assessors' Clerk:	Ted Gloss	Assistant Assessors' Clerk:	Lorraine Wickland

BOARD OF HEALTH

In 2017, the Board of Health actively pursued enforcement of Health Code Laws in accordance with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, to ensure compliance with the Town of Huntington's bylaws. In collaboration with Health Code Agent Claudia Lucas, the Board intends to continue this progress throughout the coming year, as well as overseeing the Transfer Station operation, to maximize efficiency with long-term use of the single stream compactor.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Hart Jean Jackman, Chair Katie Boisseau, Secretary Melissa Reid

COLLECTOR

This year has been an exciting one in the Collector's office. Anna and I, both new to our posts, started last summer with a week at the annual Massachusetts Collector and Treasurers' Association School. Throughout the week, we both took various courses that enable us to better understand the collection process and best practices. It is our mutual goal to return this summer, and within the standard 4-year track, take our exams and become Certified Massachusetts Municipal Collectors. This school is held annually at UMass. We are fortunate to have this opportunity in our back yard.

Over the year, we have busied ourselves with developing best practices in the collection of taxes and processes for our office. Having a two-person office, our focus has been to determine the most efficient way to store our information and decide what makes sense in the organization of materials. If you were to go into either office, you would see a multitude of binders with all our information neatly organized.

This year, my focus has been on past due accounts. I have adopted a letter campaign to provide our residents with opportunities to pay past due bills prior to being advertised for tax title. One of my personal goals is to have our tax title accounts processed by the beginning of the next fiscal year (historically this has been completed on a 3 year look back). By seizing this opportunity, it helps twofold: 1. Timely cash flow to the Town 2. Residents are not 3+ years behind on taxes, meaning greater ability to create a payment plan within their budgets.

My current goals and goals for FY19 include the following:

- All past due accounts for FY16 and FY17 completed in FY19
- All past due accounts for FY18 and FY19 completed in FY20
- Better communication and processes developed between my department and the Assessors
- Create better financial reporting using our current software. (This is an ongoing project and really has been getting better month by month.)
- Continue to develop and promote on-line banking. Currently we use Unipay. They are a wonderful partner, however, bills are available to be paid only for current due date and are taken down the day after, as there is no interest calculation. I am currently working with Unipay to create an interest accrual, which will allow residents to pay after the due date and have the interest calculated to date.

New features to our office:

- Outsourcing of Real Estate (RE) and Personal Property (PP) bills: For 3rd Quarter FY18 RE and FY18 PP bills, we have outsourced the bills to Art Jones. Average cost per bill, through Mr. Jones' services, is \$0.61. In-house, between the costs of time, paper, toner and postage, I estimated around \$0.73 per bill.
- Revoke/Suspend License: This was voted on at last year's Annual Town Meeting (ATM). Using this tool, we have collected over \$23,000 in past due bills from multiple years. Town boards submit a form to my office and we check our system to either approve or not approve. We have collected on bills all the way back to 2011.

Lastly, I wish to thank our departments for being supportive during this time of change. Most of all, I wish to thank Anna Horkun, Assistant Collector, who is so very diligent in her work. It is an honor to work with Anna, as we have the same values and outlooks on customer service and the drive to "get the job done."

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee E. Burnham, CMMT, Town Collector

TREASURER

Tax Title

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

Amount of tax title collected for previous years:

Year	Total Collected
FY2014	\$18,211.32
FY2015	\$44,099.19
FY2016	\$50,378.21
FY2017	\$83,317.61
FY2018 thru November:	\$85,611.14

Borrowing						
Items	Loan	Payment	Interest Paid	FY year pay off		
Fire Truck	\$192,000.00	\$48,000.00	\$750.00	FY18		
Highway Loader	\$144,755.00	\$28,951.00	\$1,737.06	FY20		
Highway Truck	\$165,821.00	\$33,164.20	\$3,200.00	FY23		

I am available by appointment on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. My e-mail is <u>huntintontreas@comcast.net</u> and the number to reach me at is 413-512-5202. It is a pleasure working for the Town and its residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee E. Burnham, CMMT Town Treasurer

TOWN of HUNTINGTON BALANCE SHEET-GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

June 30, 2017

Funds						
					Nonmajor	Total
Assets	General	Stabilization	Water	Sewer	Governmental	<u>Governmental</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	789,501	1,017,712	116,348	289,189	209,355	2,422,105
Investments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Receivables, net of						
allowance for uncollectibles:						
Property Taxes	1,813,269	0	0	0	0	1,813,269
User Charges	0	0	20,531	2,898	0	23,428
Tax liens	176,534	0	25,627	606	0	202,767
Excise Taxes and other taxes	68,693	0	0	0	0	68,693
Due from other governments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	6,314	0	0	0	400	6,714
Total Assets	2,854,311	1,017,712	162,506	292,693	209,755	4,536,977
Liabilities & Fund Equity						
Liabilities:						
Warrants Payable	0	0	0	0	0	0
Accrued Payroll	0	0	0	0	0	0
Employee Withholdings	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred Revenue:						
Property Taxes	1,813,269	0	0	0	0	1,813,269
Other	250,386	0	46,158	3,504	0	300,048
Total liabilities	2,063,655	0	46,158	3,504	0	2,113,317
Fund Equity:						
Reserved for Encumbrances	44,539	0	0	0	0	44,539
Reserved for Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unreserved:						
Designated for						
Subsequent Year's Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Undesignated for Specific Purposes	0	0	0	0	0	0
General Fund	746,117	0	0	0	0	746,117
Special Revenue	0	1,017,712	116,348	289,189	209,755	1,633,004
Permanant Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Fund Equity	790,656	1,017,712	116,348	289,189	209,755	2,423,660
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	2,854,311	1,017,712	162,506	292,693	209,755	4,536,976

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

					Non major	Total
	General	Stabilization	Water	Sewer	Governmental	Governmental
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Funds	Funds
Revenues:						
Property Taxes	3,393,827	0	0	0	0	3,393,827
Intergovernmental	646,212	0	0	0	0	646,212
Excise and Other Taxes	252,079	0	0	0	0	252,079
Charges for Services	0	0	86,041	124,785	0	210,825
Licenses, Permits and Fees	102,712	0	0	0	0	102,712
Interest on Taxes	39,865	0	3,871	2,379	0	46,114
Interest on Investments	3,879	5,018	0	0	100	8,997
Other	73,853	0	21,172	10,468	1,338,120	1,443,612
Total Revenues	4,512,426	5,018	111,083	137,631	1,338,220	6,104,378
Expenditures:						
Current:	386,746	0	0	0	1,357,002	1,743,747
General government	301,533	0	0	0		
Public Safety Public Works and Facilities	435,934	0	0	0	0 0	301,533
Water and Sewer	435,934		99,782	•	-	435,934 223,783
	2,990,015	0		124,001	0	
Education Health and Human Services		0	0	0	0	2,990,015
	70,197	0	0	0	0	70,197
Culture and Recreation	85,022	0	0	0	0	85,022
Employee Benefits and Insurance	215,862	0	0	0	0	215,862
State Assessments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Debt service:						
Principal	76,951	0	10,000	0	0	86,951
Interest	4,716	0	250	0	0	4,966
Total Expenditures	4,566,975	0	110,032	124,001	1,357,002	6,158,009
Excess of Revenues Over						
(Under) Expenditures	(54,549)	5,018	1,051	13,630	(18,782)	(53,632)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Operating Transfers Out	0	0	0	0	0	0
Audit Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	12,835	0	0	0	(8)	12,827
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	12,835	0	0	0	(8)	12,827
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Net Change in Fund Balances	(41,714)	5,018	1,051	13,630	(18,790)	(40,805)
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	787,431	1,012,694	115,297	275,559	228,545	2,419,526
Fund Balances, End of Year	745,717	1,017,712	116,348	289,189	209,755	2,378,721

TOWN of HUNTINGTON GENERAL FUND:BUDGET and ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 6/30/2017

				Variance
		Amended		Favorable/
EXPENDITURES:		Budget	<u>Actual</u>	<u>(Unfavorable)</u>
<u>114-MODERATOR</u>				
Salary		256	256	0
Expenses		64	64	0
<u>122-SELECTPERSONS</u>				
Salary		6,978	6,978	0
Admin Asst Wages		36,208	36,130	79
Expenses		2,564	2,564	0
Admin Asst Exp		172	172	0
Legal Ads Expense		1,304	1,304	0
General Office Supplies		2,442	2,027	416
Copy Machine Expenses		2,100	2,098	2
	TOTAL	51,769	51,273	496
122-COMPUTER COMMITTE	E			
Computer Purch Expenses		4,700	4,477	223
IT Tech Support		8,414	8,414	0
Drug Testing		500	500	0
	TOTAL	13,614	13,391	223
<u>131-FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>	—			
Expenses		200	129	71
Reserve Fund		1,500	0	1,500
	TOTAL	1,700	129	1,571
<u>135-ACCOUNTANT</u>	_			
Salary		13,903	13,903	(0)
Expenses		500	290	210
Software Suppt		3,500	3,499	1
Audit Expense		20,000	12,000	8,000
Acct Clerk Salary		5,253	4,549	704
	TOTAL	43,156	34,241	8,915
137-ASSESSORS	_			
Salaries		6,365	6,365	(0)
Expenses		3,419	2,682	737
Clerk Wages		8,669	8,669	0
Mapping Expenses		3,200	3,200	0
Software Support		3,700	3,700	0
Revaluation		1,000	1,000	0
	TOTAL	26,353	25,616	737

138-TREASURER

<u>158-I KEASUKEK</u>			
Salary	16,799	16,799	0
Treas Certification Bonus	1,000	1,000	0
Expenses	3,111	3,111	0
Bank Service Chgs	38	0	38
Tax Title Expenses	7,346	7,346	0
Software support	650	650	0
Treas / Exp	3,717	3,717	0
TOTAL	32,661	32,623	38
139-COLLECTOR			
Salary	24,698	24,698	0
Expenses	6,716	6,716	0
Tax Taking	300	300	0
Collector Software support	8,339	8,339	0
TOTAL	40,053	40,053	0
151-LEGAL			
Legal Expenses	19,863	19,382	481
Legal Exps-Worthington	18,752	18,752	0
TOTAL	38,615	38,134	481
161/162-TOWN CLERK			
Salary	13,957	13,486	471
Dog License Exp	401	401	0
Expenses	1,129	1,129	0
Census Superintendent	1,500	1,500	0
Census Expenses	800	654	146
Asst clerk salary	2,153	1,512	641
Election Workers Wages	4,481	4,481	0
Elect & Reg Expenses	519	372	147
TOTAL	24,940	23,535	1,405
171-CONSERVATION COMMISSION			
Expenses	713	589	124
172-PLANNING BOARD			
Expenses	1,200	680	520
<u>173-ZONING BOARD</u>			
Expenses	450	33	417
179-OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE			
Expenses	200	0	200

<u> 192-BUILDINGS & PROPERTY</u>			
Wages	14,271	14,271	0
Tn Hall Utilities/Phone	14,587	14,587	0
North Hall Utilities	1,500	966	534
Stanton Hall Utilities	7,654	7,654	0
Town Mowing	5,399	5,270	129
Maintenance	10,579	10,579	0
North Hall Maintenance	6,100	3,100	3,000
TOTAL	60,089	56,427	3,663
193-LIABILITY INSURANCE			
Workers' Compensation	6,766	6,765	1
Unemployment Insurance	2,171	2,171	0
Medicare	6,239	6,239	0
Town Buildings Insurance	35,777	35,625	152
Town Vehicle Insurance	16,703	16,546	157
TOTAL	67,656	67,346	310
<u>196-REPORTS</u>			
Town Reports	2,425	2,355	70
Total General Government	405,914	386,746	19,169
210-POLICE			
Chief Salary	65,665	65,665	0
Training Exps & Wages	28,010	28,010	0
Murrayfield Crossing Guard	1,864	1,864	0
Administration/Training	3,945	3,930	15
Vehicle Maintenance	10,000	8,927	1,073
Equipment	9,324	9,324	0
Building Maint	600	379	221
TOTAL	119,407	118,098	1,309
<u>220-FIRE</u>			
Chief Salary	4,440	4,440	0
Hourly Wages	18,664	18,664	0
Fire OFFICER Salary	2,400	2,400	0
Training Wages	1,840	1,840	0
Building/Equipment Exps	31,337	31,337	0
Admin/Training Expenses	3,976	3,976	0
Utilities	7,777	7,777	(0)
Truck Maintenance	17,719	17,719	0
Fire Defense Assn	0	0	0
Fire Meds/Licensing	0	0	0
TOTAL	88,153	88,153	(0)
231-AMBULANCE			
Ambulance Service	41,625	41,625	(0)

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Total Education		2,994,208	2,990,015	4,193
Ch 70 Voc Tuition		412,324	412,324	0
Ch 70 Voc Trans		83,483	79,290	4,193
Transportation/Debt		471,140	471,140	0
Gateway Over Min Contribution		527,709	527,709	0
Gateway Min Contribution		1,499,552	1,499,552	0
300-EDUCATION				
Total Public Safety	_	304,838	301,533	3,305
Constable Expense		500	0	500
299-CONSTABLE EXPENSE				
	TOTAL	15,803	14,996	807
Tree Removal Expense	_	15,000	14,196	804
Pest Control		1	0	1
Forestry Service		1	0	1
Dutch Elm Disease		1	0	1
Tree Warden Svce & Salary		800	800	0
294-TREE SERVICES				
-	TOTAL	1,692	1,192	500
Expenses		500	0	500
Salary		1,192	1,192	0
292-DOG OFFICER				
	TOTAL	3,663	3,623	40
Reverse 911		2,663	2,623	40
Expenses		1,000	1,000	0
291-CIVIL DEFENSE	_	,	,	
	TOTAL	33,995	33,846	149
Wiring Inspector Fees		9,550	9,550	0
Plumbing Inspector Fees		650	650	0
Gas Inspector Fees		3,085	3,085	0
Continuing Education		747	747	0
Mileage		1,250	1,250	0
Dcode Book Updates		1,200	1,072	128
Local Inspector		3,258	3,258	0
Expenses		14,255	14,233	22
DUILDING INDI LUION				

<u>422/424-HIGHWAY</u>				
Superintendent		55,404	55,404	0
Hourly Wages		86,243	86,243	0
Overtime/Extra Help		16,883	16,883	0
Utilities		9,735	9,735	0
Bldg/Equip Maintenance		32,325	32,325	0
Sand & Salt		67,879	67,879	0
Gas & Diesel Fuel		18,429	18,429	0
Road Maintenance		48,538	48,538	0
Uniforms		2,451	2,451	0
Admin/Training Expenses		1,227	1,227	0
Drug Testing		0	0	0
Equipment replacement		6,014	6,014	0
Street Lights		11,049	11,049	0
C C	TOTAL	356,177	356,177	0
433-TRANSFER STATION				
Wages		20,916	20,916	0
Hauling & Disposal		50,253	44,607	5,646
Misc/Maint		8,175	4,120	4,055
Utilities		1,550	1,090	460
Hilltown Mgt Res Co-Op		8,500	7,942	558
Hsehld Hazardous Mat Rem		2,000	716	1,284
Training		300	0	300
Basket Str Landfill Monit		12,000	0	12,000
	TOTAL	103,693	79,392	24,302
<u>440-SEWER</u>				
Commissioner Salaries		4,057	4,057	0
Wages		52,836	50,836	2,000
Workers Compensation		3,971	801	3,170
Unemployment		390	329	61
Health Insurance		5,207	5,207	0
Property Insurance		1,711	1,711	0
Vehicle Insurance		1,600	130	1,470
Utilities		16,304	16,304	0
Contractors		10,225	8,130	2,095
Building/Equipment Maint		25,000	20,664	4,336
Meter Pump Expense		3,000	2,592	409
Chemical Purchase		3,500	2,391	1,109
Waste Removal		8,000	4,870	3,131
Improvements		10,000	2,141	7,859
Software support		3,838	3,838	0
Sewer Overtime	<u> </u>	677	0	677
	TOTAL	150,316	124,001	26,315

<u>450-WATER</u>				
Commissioner Salaries		4,057	3,719	338
Wages		34,238	30,829	3,409
Workers Compensation		1,391	504	887
Unemployment		4	0	4
Health Insurance		2,976	2,228	748
Property Insurance		2,652	2,652	0
Utilities		16,638	16,962	(325)
Vehicle Insurance		500	32	468
Analysis Tests		6,264	6,264	0
Analysis Chemicals		1,957	1,957	0
Contractors		6,406	6,406	0
Materials/Equipment		19,193	19,193	0
Improvements		5,000	5,000	0
Software support		3,658	3,658	0
Meters		1,000	0	1,000
Water Overtime		360	360	0
	TOTAL	106,293	99,763	6,530
490-CEMETERY				
Goss Hill Cemetery		0	0	0
Norwich Hill Cemetery		500	375	125
	TOTAL	500	375	125
Total Public Works		716,979	659,707	57,272
510-BOARD of HEALTH				
Salaries		3,987	3,971	16
Secretary Salary		5,763	5,583	180
Agent Wages		5,000	3,240	1,760
Nebbs Well Expenses		2,329	2,329	0
Health Nursing Fee		2,323	2,329	20
Animal Control Officer Salary		850	850	20
Perc Tests/Septic Tank Fees		5,440	0	5,440
Tere Tests/Septie Tank Tees	TOTAL	23,390	15,974	7,416
Council on Aging		5,330	5,330	0
		0,000	0,000	0
543-VETERN AGENT				
Salary		1,985	1,984	1
Relief Benefits		46,909	46,909	0
	TOTAL	48,894	48,894	1
Total Human Services	5	77,614	70,197	7,416

610-LIBRARY				
Wages		36,127	36,016	111
Maintenance Wages		5,702	5,702	0
Maint/Repair/Supplies		10,766	10,766	0
Utilities		4,410	3,983	427
Books/Periodicals		14,374	14,368	6
Software Tech Support		1,857	1,319	538
	TOTAL	73,235	72,154	1,082
620-RECREATION COMMI	SSION			
Wages		0	0	0
Expenses		10,010	10,010	0
	TOTAL	10,010	10,010	0
Historical Commission		400	0	400
Agricultural Commssion		84	0	84
Memorial Day Parade		650	252	398
Community Events		2,606	2,606	0
St Thomas Local Hist Distr		250	0	250
	TOTAL	3,990	2,858	1,132
Total Culture & Rec		87,235	85,022	2,213
DEBT SERVICE				
Fire Truck Loan		48,000	48,000	0
Water Meter Loan		40,000	10,000	0
Hwy Grader Loan		28,951	28,951	0
Fire Truck Interest		2,400	2,400	0
Water Meter Interest		2,400	2,400	0
Hwy Grader Interst		2,316	2,316	(0)
Short Term Interest		2,310	2,310	(0)
Short Term Interest	TOTAL	91,917	91,917	(0)
INTERGOVERNMENT		51,517	01,017	(0)
CS MV Excise Surcharge		3,380	3,380	0
CS Air Polution Assmnt		578	578	0
CS Regional Transit		4,662	4,662	0
Hampshire Co Jail Assmt		2,071	2,071	0
Council of Govts Assmt		1,600	767	833
Hampshire Co Retirement		109,080	109,080	0
	TOTAL	121,371	120,538	833
914-HEALTH INSURANCE		,	,	
Collector Health Ins		16,758	13,615	3,143
Police Health Ins		7,794	7,794	0
Highway Health Insurance		33,742	33,742	0
Library Health Ins		7,439	7,439	0
Police & Fire Disability Ins		17,145	17,145	0
Admin Health Ins		15,589	15,589	0
	TOTAL	98,468	95,324	3,144
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Loss on Disposal of Tn Prop	0	0	0
Total Misc Expenses	311,756	307,779	3,977
<u>Transfers</u>			
Stabilization	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,898,544	4,800,998	97,547

TOWN of HUNTINGTON

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

	Fund Balances				
	<u>July 1,2016</u>	Revenue	Expenditures	June 30,2017	
Chapter 90	(31,058)	145,517	147,881	(33,423)	
Special Revenue Funds:					
Utility Tractor Purch	(24,875)	24,875	0	0	
Utility Tractor Maint	2,467	1,750	171	4,046	
COA Donation a/c	5,282	2,134	180	7,236	
Conservation Wetlands Fees	4,671	(75)	0	4,596	
Murryfield Oil Tk Grant	3,386	0	0	3,386	
Commun Devel Block Grants	5,739	839,297	839,297	5,739	
Agricultural Commission	20	0009,207	039,297	20	
WellHead Protection	768	0	0	768	
Sara Gillette Services-COA	338	0	0	338	
Emergency Management	8,798	0	1,760	7,038	
Library Building	8,471	0	0	8,471	
Local Preparedness Grant	315	0	0	315	
Conservation	2	0	2	0	
FEMA Grants	9,027	0	0	9,027	
Grant: FEMA-4051-HD-MA	(27,257)	0	0	(27,257)	
Grant: Goss Hill HMGP-4051-DR-MA	(7,434)	0	0	(7,434)	
FF Public Safety Equip	373	0	0	(7,434)	
Public Safety Educ Grant	1,476	0	0	1,476	
Capital Expenditures	14,472	0	0	14,472	
FEMA Grant-Ice	0	0	0	0	
Stanton Hall Upkeep	11,951	5,000	4,475	12,476	
GSRD Fuel	(3)	1,913	2,979	(1,069)	
Green Grant	6,600	5,718	5,700	6,618	
ZBA Escrow Funds	1,496	0,710	0,700	1,496	
Cultural Council	3,350	4,407	3,966	3,791	
BOH Spec Proj	6,080	0	0,000	6,080	
State Aid to Libraries	834	3,168	4,001	0	
Council on Aging-Formula	2,631	2,369	2,482	2,518	
Council on Aging-HighValley	470	_,000	2,102	470	
Recycling	491	1,792	341	1,942	
FRTA	29,335	25,856	25,706	29,485	
Town Prop Damage	1,548	0,000	0	1,548	
Misc Pass Thru Exp	(1,475)	0	0	(1,475)	
Snow Blower Grant	0	0	0	(1,110)	
Ag Comn Small GT	1,000	0	0	1,000	
Shared Legal Exps	(11,571)	17,987	11,138	(4,723)	
Total-Special Rev Funds	58,773	936,190	902,198	92,765	
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Trust Funds:				
Conservation Fund	10,965	100	0	11,065
Stanton Income Fund	139,821	14,272	37,354	116,739
Whiting Street Fund	1,361	4	0	1,364
Cemetery Perpetual Care	3,364	0	0	3,364
Communeration	0	0	0	0
Stabilization Fund	1,012,694	5,018	0	1,017,712
Postwar Rehabilitation Fund	928	0	0	928
Recreation	126	0	0	126
Civic Welfare	4,067	0	0	4,067
Total-Trust Funds	1,173,325	19,394	37,354	1,155,364
Agency Funds:				
Due to Admin Asst-Fees	744	1,150	1,894	0
Extra Duty Police	2,633	23,027	25,075	585
Police Detail Admin Fees	66	2,457	0	2,523
Due to Collector-Fees	79	6,458	6,210	327
Due to Comm/Firearms Fund	12,527	7,050	19,538	39
Due to Comm-Fish & Game	331	249	301	279
Due to Deputy-Fees	(1,998)	10,568	6,725	1,846
Fire Permit Fees	125	2,255	2,225	155
Due to Town Clerk-Fees	467	1,748	2,210	4
W/H-Federal	8,904	52,397	61,301	0
W/H-Medicare	1,419	9,489	6,236	4,671
W/H-State	4,096	29,002	33,098	0
W/H-Retirement	3,258	45,617	48,685	190
W/H-Grp Ins	6,952	24,066	30,050	968
W/H-Life Ins	(23)	89	67	(2)
W/H OBRA	819	14,266	14,266	819
W/H-Other Payroll	(485)	8,915	8,545	(115)
W/H-Dental	297	3,336	3,561	72
Total-Agency Funds	40,208	242,138	269,986	12,360

Respectfully submitted, Richard Buley

ALPHONSO P. PETTIS FUND

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

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

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

Town of Huntington	\$ 1,918.20 for American Flags & Holders
The Band Relentless	\$ 700.00 a gift of the Pettis Fund for Fireworks entertainment
Huntington Historical Society	\$ 4,000.00 to assist with a new roof for the Historic School House
	located on Route 112

Following is an overview of the current investment of funds:

NEXT Financial Group - Brokerage Account	
Asset Allocation - Cash, money, funds and bank deposits	\$ 14,506.95
Mutual Funds	\$ 131,652.21
Account total:	\$ 146,159.16
Total Amount available for request distributions:	\$ 7,369.46

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

Respectfully submitted,

Judie Guyette, Chair & Trustee Bill Millen, Trustee Karen Wittshirk, Trustee

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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

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

In 2017, Huntington's Emergency Management Director and Police Chief responded to Conway to assist in their Emergency Operations Center after a tornado touched down in their town. Other responses included the tragic fire in Montgomery, and local snow storms in Huntington. The EM team has been meeting to be prepared, and will continue to work together to be prepared, for the residents, employees and visitors of Huntington. We have begun working on town-wide policies and procedures for the use of drones for emergency response and preparedness, as well as updating the Town's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, which is required by the Commonwealth for each city and town.

Huntington Emergency Management and Police have agreed to house a Regional Mobile Operations Center (RMOC). This unit, which can be moved with a trailer hitch, contains radios, computers, and other essential equipment needed to readily operate at an emergency scene or planned event. The RMOC will be available for Huntington's use and will also be available to other municipalities in the region. The unit was purchased with funds from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security via the Western Region Homeland Security Council. The RMOC is owned by the Western Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Nazzaro, Emergency Management Director

FIRE DEPARTMENT

This year, the Fire Department had a few welcome changes. We had several new members join our department- more men and women dedicated to serving our community! The Department is committed to improving our skills with weekly trainings in classrooms, on-line, at the station, or in a training facility, so that we can better serve the citizens of Huntington. The remodel of our training and meeting room was extremely helpful in allowing us to utilize the space to its fullest potential.

We have updated and purchased new equipment to maintain the safety of our department and the citizens we serve. This included our purchase of Ice Water Rescue equipment and intensive training on its usage. We also purchased Lifepak 1000 Automated External Defibrillator (AED) units and provided free training for places of large gatherings around Town. Due to the large population of senior citizens in our community, we applied for, and will receive, a S.A.F.E Grant which focuses on the safety and prevention education of our senior citizens.

This year, we were able to bring back the fireworks display. Thank you for the hard work and support from the members of our community. It was a huge success and we look forward to having it again next year as well as the Town bonfire. These events are significant in bringing our community together.

Our department's focus is, and will always be, the citizens of Huntington. We look forward to more prevention education and activities within the community. Thank you for your ongoing support. Below is a list of our calls:

Medical and Rescue 186 Service Calls 69 Still Alarm 24 Fires 6

Respectfully submitted,

Gary F. Dahill, Fire Chief

POLICE DEPARTMENT

2017 was a two phase planning and alignment year for the Huntington Police Department. With law enforcement nationwide focusing on the emerging threats of student safety and opioid addiction, they were the priority focus of the department.

In addition to being an active participant of the Gateway Regional Safe Schools Task Force and its continued partnership with the Northwestern District Attorney's Office, the department expanded its role and aligned itself with the Western Massachusetts Safe Schools Task Force. For 180 days a year, six communities send their children to the Gateway Regional School Complex on Littleville Road and it is the department's responsibility, along with the Massachusetts State Police and the Gateway Regional School District's administration and staff, to keep them safe. Through this partnership, a variety of resources and hands-on training were made available, including the opportunity for officers to receive additional National Accredited Active Shooter Training provided by the Department of Justice.

The second phase was to finalize the \$52,000 grant the Police Department received from the Western Region Homeland Security Council. The department utilized this funding to update its communications equipment. With the completion of this project, productivity and officer safety has been enhanced.

Quality training and collaboration with neighboring communities and the four western Massachusetts counties has always been a priority of the Huntington Police Department. This year, the department utilized the opportunities offered as part of the Mutual Aid Agreement and continued its collaboration with the Gateway Regional School District, the Northwestern District Attorney's Office, the Massachusetts Department of Education, state and local agencies.

911 Incident Statistics for the Calendar year 2017

No Classification-2	
911 Hang Up-20	911 Misdial-11
Accident Damage-30	
Accident Injury-12	
Accident Unknown-16	
Alarm-62	
Animal Complaints-11	
Annoyance-1	
Arrests & Summons-17	
Assault-5	
Assist Other Agency-6	
B&E Building-6	B&E Auto-0
BOLO-3	
Building Checks-2	By-Law Vioations-0
Cell/Trace Call-1	
Check Welfare-13	

Courtesy Transport-1 Death-1 Disabled M/V-15 Disturbance-14 Disorderly-0 Dog Complaint-1 Domestic-7 Fire-19 Fraud-16 Harasment-2 Investigation-11 Larceny-3 Lift Assist-2 M/V Complaint-27 M/V Recovered-0 M/V Stolen-0 Medical-151 Miscellaneous-11 Missing Child-2 Missing Person-0 M/V Stop-142 Neighbor Dispute-6 Noise Complaint-2 Notifications-1 Officer Wanted-38 Paperwork Service-11 Psychological Emergency-2 Rape-0 Safety Hazard-15 Shots Fired-4 Suicide Attempts-1 Suspicious Person-7 Suspicious Vehicle-12 Threat-1 Traffic Hazard-21 Trespass-2 **Unwanted Person-2** Vandelism-6 Wires Down-5

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Garriepy, Chief of Police

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

I would like to thank the Selectboard and Town workers for all their hard work throughout the past year. I also would like to welcome Darlene McVeigh and Karon Hathaway to the Selectboard.

2017 was a busy year with plowing and sanding in the winter and construction the rest of the year. We blacktopped a section of Searle, Allen Coit and Montgomery Roads and rebuilt Cullen Road. The cost was around \$187,000. We also received a bridge grant for the Searle Road Bridge and have been working on preparing for that project which will start summer of 2018. We have been getting all of the permitting in place and preparing the bids throughout the winter.

The Town was again rejected for the Mass Works grant to rebuild Route 66 for \$1 million. We will resubmit again this year. We are planning on starting construction on Goss Hill Road from the Littleville Dam to Nagler Cross Road as it has deteriorated beyond repair. With Huntington only receiving around \$163,000 for Chapter 90 funding, it will have to be done in stages, starting with drainage and tree removal. With the Block Grant received, we were able to finish Pleasant Street sidewalks and blacktop. This grant was for just over \$1.2 million.

Again this year, I ask for all the help we, as Highway Superintendents, can get for more money. As I stated in the newspaper last year, UMASS was awarded \$514 million, while our roads and infrastructure are falling apart. Please send photos of issues, with letters, to the Governor and your Legislators at the State House in Boston.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Dazelle, Highway Superintendent

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Required by the Massachusetts Building Code 9th Edition 780 CMR Section 105.1: "*Permit Application:* It shall be unlawful to construct, reconstruct, alter, repair, remove or demolish a building or structure; or to change the use or occupancy of a building or structure; or to install or alter any equipment for which provision is made or the installation of which is regulated by 780 CMR without first filing a written application with the building official and obtaining the required permit."

Required by the Massachusetts Building Code 9th Edition CMR 780 Section R111.1: "Use and Occupancy: No Building or structure shall be used or occupied, and no change in the existing occupancy classification of a building or structure or portion thereof shall be made until the Building Commissioner, Inspector of Buildings has issued a certificate of occupancy."

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

In 2017, there were 67 permits issued for a total project value of \$ 1,356,252.50.

P.V Solar Ground Mount	1	Roofing	11
P.V. Solar Roof Mount	3	Decks	1
Repairs	6	Garages	1
Demolition	1	Sheds	1
New Dwellings	4	Renovations	2
Wood Burning Device	11	Insulation and Air Seal	10
Windows and Doors	6	Misc.	8
Pools	1		

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Peterson III, Building Commissioner

ELECTRICAL, GAS AND PLUMBING PERMITS ISSUED

	ELECTRICAL	GAS	PLUMBING
Residential	36	18	8
Commercial	7	0	0
TOTAL	43	18	8

Respectfully submitted, Helen Speckels, Administrative Assistant

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.

Conservation Commission acted on seven applications during 2017. We issued two Orders of Conditions, both for improving decks and lake access at Norwich Lake. We issued Certificates of Compliance for those two projects, confirming that the work had been done according to the plans in the permits. We approved five Requests for Determination: the Huntington Highway Department will repair the bridge over Pond Brook on Searle Road; an existing septic system will be repaired on Rocky Brook Drive; an existing house will be demolished and replaced by a new one at Norwich Lake; Mass DOT will stabilize slopes along the Westfield River on Route 112; and CSX will carry out a vegetation management plan avoiding wetland resource areas along the railroad right of way.

Conservation Commission wrote one emergency permit for the Huntington Highway Department to repair a washout along Gorham Road. We also pursued enforcement action to deal with an illegal crossing of a brook on property on County Road.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Helena Alves Erik Steins Ross Hackerson Michael Vorwerk Andy Kowal

Susan McIntosh, Chair

PLANNING BOARD

2017 was a whirlwind year for the Planning Board (PB). We attended training sessions on various topics to update the longtime members and introduce the newer members to the proper ways for PB to adhere to Massachusetts General Laws (MGL). Some of us attended several sessions about updates to the ever-changing marijuana legislation and its application by the newly appointed Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) who are the new governing body for that legislation. At year-end, there was still no final CCC legislation to use for drafting a solid town marijuana bylaw. The latest draft version was slated to be available by December 29, 2017, but it was still subject to change. Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC), Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) and K-P Law (Kopelman & Paige, Huntington Town's Counsel) all recommended that towns implement or extend a moratorium until such time as CCC had their final legislation completed. At that time, it will be necessary to complete a Zoning Bylaw for Town Meeting. Some towns have already enacted bylaws either outright banning everything, or allowing everything, having to do with marijuana.

Those who banned everything are either considered "no" towns (a majority of their residents voted against legalizing recreational marijuana in the State of Massachusetts), or their bylaws are subject to being overturned. However, they may be on solid ground if their residents vote "no" to a new ballot question in November 2018.

The Town of Huntington Planning Board wants to craft a bylaw with a more nuanced approach than the "all or nothing" one. We wish to allow uses which won't have a negative impact on our community, but won't interfere with the rights of those who wish to partake. Wish us luck!

On a sad note, in 2017 we lost our most knowledgeable and loyal member, Earl "Cricket" Health Jr. Whenever anyone had a procedural question, we could always ask Cricket, as he had been on the Planning Board far longer than any of the rest of us and knew everything! We will miss his knowledge and quick wit, even though his health had not allowed him to attend meetings for quite some time. He was a true treasure.

There were no annual inspections of the earth removal operations (gravel pits) in town in 2016 or 2017. ZBA, not Planning Board, is the SPGA for earth removal operations, so having a full ZBA (or at least a dependable quorum) who are available as needed is really important. I know that the few current members would really appreciate having a full board again and free training by the State is available in the spring and fall. We are willing to help ZBA members learn procedural requirements under MGL until they become familiar with them. It all is pretty interesting, so if you have some time to give your town, it would be appreciated.

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

Should you have any interest in serving on the Planning Board or ZBA, please notify Helen in the Board of Selectmen's office (413-512-5200), or leave a message on our phone (413-512-5214). Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Albright-Hanna, Clerk Evey Korfias, Secretary Ed Grabowski, Alternate Jeff Wyand, Vice Chair Linda Hamlin, Chair

WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

The Huntington Water and Sewer Department has a new phone number. To reach us, please call 413-512-5207.

During the past year, the Water and Sewer Department completed the replacement of the water main on Stanton Ave. This was a very old main and was upgraded to provide better water pressure. On Pleasant Street, the water and sewer lines were completed, with a larger pipe to increase the flow and pressure. The Pleasant St. project was made possible through a grant from The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

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

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

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

The Water & Sewer has also had a rate adjustment taking effect the 2nd quarter of fiscal 2018. The new rates are as follows;

Water - \$25 monthly fee plus \$5.25 per 1000 gallons, up to 18,000 gallons; \$6.50 per 1000 gallons over 18,000 gallons.

Sewer – 80% of the total water gallons used times \$12.50.

Water & Sewer Commissioners meet the first and third Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall. Agendas are posted online and Mondays prior to meetings on the Town Hall bulletin board. Meetings are open to the public. If you would like to be on the agenda, please call 413-512-5207.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Gobeille, Plant Operator

Commissioners:

Denise Keay

Charles Dazelle

Alex Roseweir

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The Agricultural Commission continues to focus on the task of collecting data to create a variety of resources for availability to the agricultural community in Huntington.

In the coming year, we plan to host a forum which will provide general information about services provided by the Massachusetts Farm Services office. This forum should be a very useful meeting for local farmers.

We will continue to collect and maintain information on many aspects of agriculture as they come up in the ever-changing world of agri-business.

Over the past 2 years, our committee has lost two more of our founding members. These losses have deeply saddened all of us. Their contributions are greatly missed as we push forward into the New Year.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Knox	Bonita Kubacki	Bonnie McKinney
Gordon Richardson	Lorraine Wickland, Chair	

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

In 2017, the Historical Commission worked with Healthy Hampshire (a collaborative organization) and Walk Boston to establish a "river walk" along the west branch of the Westfield River in the center of the Town of Huntington. Plans were drawn up for an information kiosk and for a handicapped accessible path along the river. Work will begin in 2018, provided grant money is forthcoming for this project.

The Historical Commission is in the planning and design stage to provide historical markers for buildings and structures that are historically significant, not only by age, but also by historical and architectural significance to the Town. These markers will attach to the building or structure and will include information on the age, architecture and historic significance as it relates to the Town of Huntington. Markers will be provided to property owners at cost on a voluntary basis.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Minella-Sena

David Norton, Chair

Jeff Penn

Karen Wittshirk

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Although the Historical Society did not produce any large-scale public presentations this year, we continued our on-going efforts to digitize and further organize the documents and photos in our Norwich Bridge Schoolhouse Museum to make research more efficient. A large amount of time and effort was spent on updating and re-organizing our file cabinet master-index folder (the "table of contents" of the location of everything within the museum) for easier access.

We performed an exceptionally large number of research requests for individuals who were searching for information about their Norwich/Huntington predecessors. We also worked closely with a number of other local historical societies who requested research assistance on former residents who lived in several of our towns. A stockpile of old, interesting Norwich/Huntington newspaper articles (circa 1765-1906) were collected and digitized for public dissemination in newspaper releases and the COA newsletter.

At our annual involvement with the Huntington High School Alumni luncheon, we presented the restored film of the 1955 Town of Huntington Centennial events and made available DVD copies for interested alumni.

Slides and information were provided for the Council on Aging's Veterans' Day Dinner. The Hilltown Economic Development Coordinator, Jeanne LeClair, volunteered to help out and did a remarkable job in creating a slide and patriotic music presentation for the Veterans' Day Dinner.

We wish to thank the Butlers, owners of the Huntington Country Store who worked with us and provided permission to have dead and decaying trees overhanging our schoolhouse museum removed. We also wish to thank Walt Wittshirk for cutting those trees down and to Ron Damon for removing the wood from the property.

A large thank you to the Board of Selectmen for assisting with our efforts to replace the aging roof on our schoolhouse museum and directing us to potential funding sources. In the end, it was the generosity of the Stanton Hall & Pettis Fund's administrators that allowed us, by supplementing our own funds, to replace our roof with one that should serve its purpose for many years to come. Thank you to all who helped!

In 2017, we continued other regular activities which included Norwich Bridge Schoolhouse Museum Open Houses and participation in the Memorial Day Parade.

As noted above, performing historical and genealogical research by request occupies a large amount of our time. For those interested in our research services, please locate our website - part of the Town's website (huntingtonma.us), or email us at <u>hunthistsoc@gmail.com</u>, or write a note to the Huntington Historical Society, 72 Worthington Road, Huntington, MA 01050 for further information.

Please consider joining the Historical Society, as we are always looking for new members and ideas.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Eldredge, Secretary
David Norton, President

Vicki Mayhew, Treasurer Bill McVeigh, Vice-President

COUNCIL ON AGING

The COA holds their meetings at 1 pm on the first Tuesday of the month at the Town Hall. Please join us. The agenda is posted in the Town Hall and on the Town website. The COA office number is 413-512-5205 and the email address is <u>coa@huntingtonma.us</u>.

In March, we had our St. Patrick's Day Luncheon, cooked by Aimee Burnham and Helen Speckels. In October, the COA held their fourth Hilltown Health Fair at Stanton Hall. We had 44 guests in attendance. Representatives from the Hilltown Ambulance, FRTA, Food Pantry, Hilltown Community Health Centers, Western Mass Elder Services, Visiting Angels, Armbrook Village, Highland Valley Elder Services and Ear Masters provided information on their services. Rite Aid administered 42 flu shots. We are very grateful for the vendors and volunteers who helped to make this fair so successful. On November 11, the COA held the annual Veterans' Day Dinner. Fifty-four people enjoyed the Chicken Cordon Bleu dinner prepared by Aimee Burnham and her team of volunteers. The dessert, chocolate and vanilla cupcakes, were prepared and donated by Karon Hathaway. The slide show was enjoyed by all and the room was buzzing with happy conversations.

Our trips to Bright Nights, on November 29 and December 12, were a leisurely ride to Springfield. The lights were beautiful and magical as the images danced across the road and field and were reflected in the ponds doubling the beauty. The benefit was for the riders who no longer have transportation and for those who prefer not to drive at night. The COA also took a bus trip to the Newport Playhouse and Cabaret Restaurant in Newport, Rhode Island in December. We enjoyed the production of *Dashing Through the Snow* and a delicious buffet. There was lots of merriment, and a variety of scenarios, which provided us with many opportunities to laugh at the antics and dialogue in the production.

The results of our survey revealed that Huntington seniors would like more trips. They also want more dinner events, movies, seasonal parties, a town tag sale and game nights. We will try to grant their wishes. Seasonal newsletters with events, resource information, scam alerts and product recalls are mailed to all residents. We continued to offer the CISA farm produce during the summer months and Brown Bag every third Friday. Thanks to all the volunteers who deliver, help to pack and set up. The FRTA van is available to bring seniors to medical appointments, shopping, Stanton Hall events, etc. All seniors are encouraged to sign up for the van for future trips and events. Pick up your application at Town Hall or call the COA office to have one mailed to you. In 2017, we hired a Clerical Aide, Jennifer Peloquin, who will be attending the board meetings to take notes and help with other important duties.

Future 2018 Events: February - Magic Wings Van Trip February - Valentine's Luncheon and Winter Birthday Celebration March - St. Patrick's Day Luncheon March - Boston Flower Show April - De-Clutter Talk and Spring Birthday Celebration April - Pro-Shredding Event May - Red Sox at Fenway Park Bus Trip May - Town Tag Sale June - Foxwoods & Captain Jack's Bus Trip June - Summer Birthday Celebration & Table Games September - 9/11 Memorial in New York Bus Trip October – Annual Health Fair November - Veterans' Day Dinner

Respectfully submitted,

May Diemer	Anna Horkun, Treasurer
Lori King	Kathleen Peterson, Chair

Nancy Kaminski Helen Speckels Eugene King

COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE

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

Our biggest event was the Huntington Free Summer Music Series on the Town Green beginning in July. Our first week was a picnic with hamburgers, hotdogs, popcorn, lemonade and cake. Our musical guests were Rocky Hill Revival with an intermission performance by fiddlers Danielle Hudon and Natalie Paterson. Throughout the following seven weeks, we organized one and a half hour performances with a bake sale to benefit local nonprofit organizations. Musical guests were Bobby Sweet, Roger Tincknell (children's performer), The Hot Shot Hillbillies, King Kountry, Rum and Steel, and The Rockin' Robin. The series was partially funded by a Massachusetts Cultural Council grant.

We sold mums for our fall plant sale fundraiser, and the Committee assisted the Garden Club in decorating downtown buildings, light posts and the gazebo for the holidays.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquie Harris

John Knox

Lisa Lansing

Vicki Mayhew, Chair

VETERANS' SERVICES OFFICER

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

In 2017, we were able to help nine veterans or eligible dependents.

If you are a veteran or an eligible dependent and think you may qualify for any of these benefits, please visit me during my office hours 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

RECREATION COMMITTEE

In February 2017, the Recreation Committee sponsored a painting event for children. About 40 children participated in the event. The Recreation Committee also purchased a toddler swing for use at Pettis Field.

On April 9, the Recreation Committee sponsored the Annual Egg Hunt for children from birth to ten years old. About 55 children attended to gather eggs filled with toys and candy and visit with the Easter Bunny. Three children were lucky enough to find a prize egg, which won them an Easter basket filled with themed toys and candy. We also held a dance for adults with live music, the Barons of Becket, on April 29. The dance also included a basket raffle, which was a fundraiser for our Summer Camp.

The Recreation Committee marched in the annual Memorial Day Parade in May. Participants enjoyed tossing candy and toys to spectators as we marched.

Summer Camp ran from July 3- July 27. The theme was Around the World. The Committee worked for several months to plan the camp. We advertised, interviewed and hired a director, teachers, group leaders, helpers and volunteers. About 45 children attended the camp.

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

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

We hosted our annual Santa Event on December 17. Children participated in a variety of Holiday themed activities including: Making a craft, using play dough, writing a letter to Santa, making reindeer food, a beanbag toss, getting a washable Holiday tattoo and having a special snack. Santa arrived via fire truck to visit with the children before he headed out for his annual ride about town with the Huntington Fire Department. This event drew about 80 attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

Fawn Busby Jennifer Maynard Adrianne Kunz Courtney Mulcahy Vicki Mayhew, Chair

LIBRARY

Library Holdings:10,441 (weeded)SummeRegistered Library Patrons:1,222Total AComputer Use (Including Wi-Fi):935CirculatQuestions:524Inter-LiHuntington Material Loaned to Other Libraries:101

Summer Readers: 38 Children, 8 Teens, 23 Adults Total Attendance: 3,557 Circulation of Town Material: 5,009 Inter-Library Loan from other Libraries: 249

Programs & Attendance: Programs 55, Attendance 499

The Summer Reading program was titled "Build a Better World". There were prize bags for all the children who finished the program and a raffle was held for the adults and teens and a miniraffle for the children. The Library received donations from: the Eastern States Exposition, Eric Carle Museum, The Huntington Country Store, Gino's Pizzeria & Hut, Amelia Park, Berkshire Museum, United Bank (Huntington location), Walmart, Fenway Mini Golf, Yankee Candle, Burger King, the USS Constitution Museum and The Friends of the Huntington Public Library, Inc. The Library Staff and Trustees really appreciate all the donations!

Some additional programs the Library held were the Annual Halloween Party, Knitting Workshop, Story hours, and monthly artists' showcases. Special programs included two by Rita Parisi, a professional actress, storyteller and crafter, who conducted a workshop on fall pinecone wreath making and a Victorian Afternoon Tea program. Others were a performance by the dance group Children's Company Floralia, a Stained Glass Mosaic Tile Workshop by Leslie Doherty, storyteller Davis Bates, a painting workshop by Greg Maichack, Copper Bookmark Workshop by Heather Beck, Fashion in Fiction program with Kandie Karle, Fairy House Workshop with Mary Jo Maichack, Wingmasters with Julie Ann Collier and a Henna art workshop with Amanda Roberge. The Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation provided funding for some of the workshops and storytellers, and they were all well received.

The Town ITAC purchased four Lenovo computers for the Library, two for the public and two for the staff.

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.

Library Hours: Monday 2-5 pm, Tuesday 2-5 pm, Wednesday 4-8 pm, Thursday & Friday 2-8 pm and Saturday 10 am-3 pm

Contact:

Telephone:<u>413-512-5206</u>FAX:<u>413-667-0088</u>Email:<u>huntingtonpubliclib@gmail.com</u>Website:<u>thehuntingtonpubliclibrary.org</u>Facebook:Facebook:com/huntingtonpubliclibrary

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret L. Nareau, Director

HUNTINGTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Huntington Cultural Council awarded the following grants for the 2017 cycle:

Blandford Fair 2017 Art Show - \$205 Mark Donovan/Gateway Regional HS - MassMoca Field Trip - \$100 Beth Guertin/Gateway Regional Music - Artists/Clinicians - \$300 Huntington Community Events Committee - Free Summer Music Series - \$900 Rona Leventhal - Travelin' Shoes Storytelling - \$180 Littleville Elementary School - Pots On Wheels - \$300 Gregory Maichack - Pastel Painting/Huntington Library - \$485 Renee Mosher/Gateway Regional - Percussion Ensemble Performance - \$150 David Neill/Fanfare Brass - Christmas Sing-A-Long - \$680 North Hall Association - 2017 Season - \$600 Sevenars - 2017 Season - \$500

Total Recipients: 11 Total Dollars Granted: \$4,400

10 grants completed by 12/31/17 1 grant (Beth Guertin/Gateway Regional) not completed as of 12/31/17

Grant requests are submitted online at <u>www.massculturalcouncil.org</u> For questions or information contact Gary Winsor (413) 667-5563. Application deadline is always October 15.

Respectfully submitted:

Jane Beane Peri Sossaman Tania Coletta Gary Winsor Avril Marriott

Linda Siska

NORTH HALL

The 2017 North Hall Arts Festival presented ten programs to a wide variety of audiences. It opened in May with the annual Opera Showcase followed by a season of jazz, country, bluegrass, and Latin music, as well as drama and two Open Mic music jams.

In June, Dixieland Stomp took the stage followed by a reading of Dylan Thomas' *Under Milk Wood.* In July, we hosted Charles Neville and the New England Nevilles and two classical music programs. One of the classical music programs was Baroque Music and the other was by Monica Jakuc Leverett on grand and toy pianos. Our tradition of two Open Mic music jams were in July and August.

In August, we presented the staged reading of A.R. Gurney's *Love Letters* in conjunction with our afterparty summer celebration held at North Hall. We also sponsored José González and Sons in a Latin music concert.

All in all, we had an eventful and successful season, despite some sadness as the North Hall Association lost three faithful members: Ruth Pardoe, Natalie Birrell and publicist Janet Sadler. They were all very much on our minds as we managed to carry on with two beautiful exhibits of Jan's and Natalie's artwork and enthusiastic audiences at all programs.

In addition to our performances and exhibitions, community groups utilized North Hall for various purposes: Meetings of the Westfield River Wild and Scenic Committee, training sessions for the Huntington Fire Department and private functions.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Jim Sadler for stepping in as the association's publicist and Jon Wyand for his technical assistance. We also wish to thank maintenance man Dan Thieme, senior work volunteer Bill Hall for his grounds keeping, the late Bonnie McKinney for her cleaning services and North Hall Association Board Members. 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. Amenities include a large open space, seating for 100+ people, wi-fi, projector, large screen, stage area, TV, and functioning kitchen for food prep. Anyone who would like to rent the hall is asked to contact Helen Speckels in the Selectboard Office at (413) 512-5200, or email at huntingtonsb@comcast.net.

Some of the groups and events in Stanton Hall during calendar year 2017 were:

Annual and Special Town Meetings Town Hall Committees and Boards Election Voting Site Veteran Appreciation Event St. Patrick's Day Luncheon Brown Bag Program **CESA** Farm Produce Health Insurance Education *Healthy Hampshire* Hilltown Community Health Centers HOPE Nurse Town Dance Dance Recitals Gateway Youth Athletic Association *Little League* Fairy Garden Kids' Event COA Health Fair & 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 Highlands Footpath Initiative Littleville Fair Penny Social **Open Mic Music Sessions** Pumpkin Carving Zumba Tae Kwon Do Youth Table Tennis Cardio & Strength Exercises Chair Yoga Gentle Yoga Floralia Dance Company Historical Society Music on the Green "Cookies & Canvas" Painting Couples Work Shops Craft Fair **Baby Showers Birthday Parties**

Respectfully submitted,

Selectboard Office

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The six Gateway Hilltowns - Huntington, Chester, Russell, Blandford, Middlefield, and Montgomery - have seen a lot of progress over the past year working together to strengthen the economic outlook for the individual towns and region as a whole. In my new role as Economic Development Director, brought here by the Gateway Hilltown Collaborative in July 2017, I have been working with small businesses, civic organizations, town governments, and active members of the community to find new opportunities for growth. Our economic initiatives seek to encourage more local entrepreneurship, youth engagement and more efficient collaborations between the towns to insure our collective future.

Small Business Support

In a small town, it is particularly important to protect and support the existing anchor businesses operating in the area and generating economic activity. Some of these businesses, in Huntington and across the Hilltowns, have been in business for several years or even decades. As such, many of them have been interested in receiving assistance with various business upgrades to attract customers and improve the quality of their services. We have been able to help connect businesses to financing, improve marketing and update businesses models and practices to better adapt to the ever-evolving modern business environment.

Youth Engagement

In partnership with Gateway Regional High School, we created the Gateway Enterprise Club to engage students and give them an opportunity to learn how to start a business and run it successfully. Keeping young people involved and engaged, particularly in terms of economic opportunities, is a great way to improve the demographic outlook in the Hilltowns, and rural areas in general, by keeping more young people living and working in the community. Starting a small business that sells a unique product or service is a great way to support both themselves and their community.

Entrepreneurship

There are several opportunities in the Hilltowns for entrepreneurs to meet market demand and serve potential customers who may be currently taking their business to a nearby metro area, rather than spending their dollars locally. We have been working to shepherd prospective business owners through the process of licensing, registering, financing, finding space, creating a business plan and operating efficiently. The sum will eventually be greater than the parts, as we build a healthy business ecosystem that supports the towns and serves residents.

Vacant Space

As we continue to experience industrial shifts in our regional economy, it is important to able to adapt our physical spaces to better suit the needs of the community and the market. Much of our ongoing work has been around evaluating and marketing various land parcels and vacant structures for revitalization, restoration, or repurposing, to contribute to the economic dynamism of the area, generate tax revenue and generally improve the quality of life for Hilltown residents.

Marketing/Promotion

Thanks to a \$42,000 grant from the State through the Community Compact program, we are in the process of developing an official logo and tagline for the Gateway Hilltowns, as well as a marketing plan and regional signage, in the interest of attracting new families, visitors and businesses to the area.

I look forward to continuing our work in the coming year and building our capacity for strategic growth that preserves the Town's rural character and strengthens the bonds of our community. I may be reached at (413) 636-3476 or jeanne@gatewayhilltowns.org.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne LeClair, Economic Development Director

HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL of GOVERNMENTS

Overview

Hampshire Council of Governments (HCG) supports communities by empowering local, sustainable, and efficient economies. Every cent HCG earns goes back to supporting the communities of western Massachusetts. HCG is funded by its own revenue and grants.

2017 - Continued program expansion and revenue growth

HCG has consistently demonstrated a high return on investment for our member communities: 2017 was no exception. HCG experienced continued growth in both revenue and net results with an unaudited cash year end position of \$374,891 in excess revenue.

About our Programs:

Hampshire Power

Hampshire Power is the only Massachusetts based nonprofit energy supplier. Hampshire Power offers fixed-rate, and green electricity. Gross Revenue: \$6,698,867; Net Result: \$923,219

Hampshire Renewables

Hampshire Renewables net metering program is a simple way to share in locally owned and managed solar or cow power. 1.8 MW of net metering credits sold

Energy Credits

HCG is the local choice to sell your Massachusetts Renewable Energy Credits and has expanded its energy credit broker service to include Alternative Energy Credits (AECs) in addition to Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECs), beginning in 2018. In the last few years, revenue has gone from \$3,437 (FY13), to \$103,574 (FY17). As of the end of FY17, HCG managed \$3.4 million worth of renewable energy credits.

HCG Purchasing Co-op

The Purchasing Co-op aggregates buying power to save money, time, and effort and finished in the black for the first time ever in FY17. It continued to grow in terms of total value of goods and services sold. Total value of goods and services sold: \$10.959,550; FY17 net results: \$12,554

HCG Group Insurance Trust

The Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust (GIT) delivers the highest possible level of health insurance benefits at the lowest consistent price. GIT provides health and life insurance to over 10,000 individuals. The GIT's revenue increased from \$49,097,910 to \$53,770,883 over the past fiscal year: a 9.5% increase. 11 out of 15 member towns use the GIT in place of the State plan. Member towns secured \$2.9 million in savings through the GIT.

Hampshire IT

Hampshire Web

RSVP of the Pioneer Valley

RSVP of the Pioneer Valley is the volunteer connector for people 55 and over. The volunteers use their expertise to benefit their communities and focus on helping seniors remain independent and in their own homes. RSVP trained volunteers lead free weekly Healthy Bones & Balance exercise classes, designed to increase participants' strength, mobility, flexibility, and balance.

Partner Organizations: 56; Volunteers: 648; Volunteer Hours Served: 100,004

Hampshire-Franklin Tobacco-Free Community Partnership

The Hampshire-Franklin Tobacco-Free Community Partnership has a mission to encourage and support smokers in Franklin and Hampshire Counties to quit and aims to create awareness of harmful smokeless tobacco products that are often target marketed to young people. # New Smoke Free Units: 937

Regional Accounting

As part of HCG's mission to serve our smaller communities, we provide a regional accounting service to towns without municipal accountants. These financial services include town accountant services, bookkeeping, and payables.

HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE

The Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (HRMC) was created in 1989 by a group of dedicated volunteers who had the vision to seek a regional solution to help small towns attain sustainability and environmental objectives. The HRMC member towns include: Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg, and Worthington. Each town appoints two representatives to serve on the HRMC Board.

The HRMC assists member communities with managing their solid waste. This includes municipal waste hauling and disposal bid administration, recycling administration, hazardous waste disposal, and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) compliance and technical assistance. In 2017, those services included the following:

Liaison between Towns and MassDEP on compliance matters; Execution of an annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event; Program management of Transfer Station Recyclables with collection, hauling and recycling of tires, electronic waste, universal waste (including free recycling of mercury thermostats and re-chargeable batteries) and Freon removal from appliances; Transfer Station operations and compliance monitoring including informal HRMC site visits as well as the annual formal DEP 3rd Party Inspection and Reporting; Preparation and submittal of DEP annual surveys and reports and DEP Grant Administration (including grant writing and reporting).

In 2017, the DEP announced their Recycling Dividend Program Grants under the annual Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP). All ten HRMC member-towns were eligible for, and received, grants submitted for them through the HRMC. In total, the HRMC Towns received \$24,200 in grant funding to be used to further enhance recycling programs within their communities. Grant applications for FY18 were submitted in June 2017.

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

The HRMC has an annual operation's assessment that is approved by each town at their Annual Town Meeting. The Annual Assessment Budget is based on tonnage and population. In FY17, the combined assessment for all ten towns was \$49,575. The assessments offset base operating expenses. Recycling program collection costs (other than MRF recyclables) are pass-thru expenses from the HRMC to the towns to best maximize the economy of scale and to enable the HRMC administrator to have review and oversight of vendor relations and program operations.

During the past year, the HRMC member-towns collectively diverted 975 tons of recyclable materials to the Springfield MRF. In addition, various towns (not including Huntington) diverted bulky rigid plastics, EPS (Styrofoam) and pellet bags. The Town of Williamsburg continued to serve as the HRMC regional mattress recycling facility and the Town of Westhampton served as the host-site for the HRMC's annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event. In 2017, all Towns began recycling household fire extinguishers via a free program administered by HRMC in collaboration with George Propane and Pittsfield Fire.

Last year, 8 member-Towns adopted recycling goals of 50%. In 2016, the HRMC Towns had an average recycling rate of 32.1% and in 2017, 31.9%. In 2016, The Town of Huntington had a recycling rate of 21.9% and in 2017, 22.8%. The Town recycled 109 tons of recyclables at the MRF in 2017.

For more information about HRMC programs, visit us online at www.hrmc-ma.org or by emailing https://www.hrmc-ma.org or by emailing <a href="https://www.hrmc-ma.

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen A. Casey, HRMC Administrator

JACOB'S LADDER TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY

Jacob's Ladder Trail Scenic Byway, Inc. is a nonprofit organization comprised of regional stakeholders and residents representing the towns along the byway. The committee 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 alike – to visit Jacob's Ladder Trail, learn a bit about our history, enjoy our natural and scenic areas, and patronize our local businesses.

We are pleased to say that the trailhead parking project on Barlow Acres in East Lee, a cooperative project of JLTSB and Lee Land Trust, has been completed after a number of years. The new parking area and the Donato Trail provide access to a hiking trail system owned by the Trustees of Reservation and the Lee Land Trust. We invite you to visit the property and enjoy a walk through the woods. Funding for the project was provided through the National Scenic Byways Grant Program. This project was completed with the persistence of Linda Cysz of the Lee Land Trust and Erica Johnson of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) – thank you Linda and Erica!

We replaced the brown gateway sign at the junction of Routes 20 and 102 in Lee, which was deteriorating badly. Replacement of the sign was made possible due to the financial support of Dresser Hull in Lee, which provided the cedar wood at a reduced rate, Steve Hamlin of Huntington who router cut the lettering and painted the sign for us at a much-reduced rate and to MassDOT whose staff installed the new sign panels crafted by Steve. A special <u>Thank You</u> to the Shields Family and Steve – we couldn't have done it without you!

We continue to support the Town of Lee's efforts to develop a biking and walking path along the Housatonic River in the town center. Engineers expect to hold a 25% Design Public Hearing by spring of 2018. We encourage residents and outdoor enthusiasts to attend the Public Hearing and provide input on this exciting project. This project was also funded by the National Scenic Byways Grant Program.

We are also continuing our participation in the Highlands Footpath Initiative, a regional effort to investigate the possibility of creating hiking linkages along the Jacob's Ladder Trail and Route 112 Scenic Byways to connect the area's existing trails to village centers. The group received a grant from the Dept. of Conservation & Recreation for trail improvements in Chester-Blandford State Forest, with work expected to be conducted in 2018. Special thanks to Patty Gambarini of PVPC, who spearheaded the grant application.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Gaherty, Clerk

TALENT BANK FORM

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.

- □ Agricultural Commission
- □ Community Events Committee
- Conservation Commission
- □ Election Workers
- □ Fence Viewers/Field Drivers
- □ Finance Committee
- □ Hilltown Resource Mgmt Rep
- Historical Commission
- Local Historic District Commiss
 Measurer of Wood & Bark
 North Hall Advisory Committee
 Planning Board
 Recreation Committee
 Whiting Street Fund
 Zoning Board of Appeals
- Other

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

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

Town of Huntington Telephone Directory

Ambulance	667-3277
Animal Control Officer	667-5635
Assessors' Office	413-512-5201
Board of Health	413-512-5211
Board of Selectmen	413-512-5200
Building Commissioner	413-512-5210
Conservation Commission	413-512-5214
Council on Aging	413-512-5205
Cultural Council	667-5563
Dog Officer	413-246-6506
Electrical Inspector	667-8812
Fire Department	413-512-5212
Gas Inspector	413-265-6290
Gateway High School	685-1103
Gateway Middle School	685-1202
Gateway Regional School District	685-1000
Hamblin Court	413-634-5000
Highway Department	413 - 512-5204
Historical Commission	667-3453
Library	413-512-5206
Littleville Elementary School	685-1300
North Hall	667-5543
Planning Board	413-512-5214
Plumbing Inspector	413-265-6290
Police Department	413 - 512-5213
Title V Agent	413-531-0799
Town Accountant	413-512-5203
Town Clerk	413-512-5209
Town Collector	413-512-5208
Town Treasurer	413-512-5202
Van Ride Service	667-3428
Veterans' Agent	413-575-6391
Water & Sewer	413-512-5207
Zoning Board	413-512-5214
Zoning Enforcement Officer	413-512-5210