

STOCKBRIDGE



ANNUAL REPORT 2022

**ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICIALS
OF THE TOWN OF
STOCKBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS**



INCORPORATED 1739

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING
December 31, 2022**

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INFORMATION and TOWN OFFICIALS



2022 General Information of Town of Stockbridge

Chartered	1737
Incorporated	1739
Population	1861
Registered Voters	1665
Form of Government	Open Town Meeting
Tax Rate	\$8.14
Annual Town Meeting	Third Monday in May

UNITED STATES SENATORS

Elizabeth Warren, Boston Edward Markey, Boston

CONGRESSMAN

Richard E. Neal

STATE SENATOR

Paul Mark

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

William Smitty Pignatelli

BUSINESS HOURS OF TOWN OFFICES

Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

BOARD MEETINGS OF TOWN OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Second & Fourth Thursday @6:30 p.m.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

First and Third Monday @ 9:00 a.m.

BOARD OF HEALTH

As Necessary

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Second & Fourth Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

PLANNING BOARD

First & Third Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m.

SEWER & WATER COMMISSION

First Tuesday @ 4:30 p.m.

PARKS AND RECREATION

As Necessary

FINANCE COMMITTEE

As Necessary

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

As Necessary

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

As Necessary

HOUSING AUTHORITY

First Tuesday @ 8:30 a.m. at Heaton Court

BERKSHIRE HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Thursdays: see www.bhrsd.org for schedule

VETERANS' AGENT

See www.townofgb.org for hours

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY OF TOWN SERVICES

Police Department	298-4179
Fire Department	298-4866
Burning Permits	www.bcburnpermits.com or 298-5562
Highway Department	298-5506
Sewer and Water Department	298-4067
Tri-Town Health Department	243-5540
 Town Offices	 298-4170
Accountant	ext. 255
Assessors	ext. 254
Building Inspector	ext. 257
Conservation Commission	ext. 259
Council on Aging	ext. 263
Planning Board	ext. 261
Selectmen & Town Administrator	ext. 250
Town Clerk	ext. 251
Treasurer/Collector	ext. 253
 Berkshire Hills Regional School District	 298-4017
Monument Mountain	528-3346
W.E.B. Du Bois Regional Middle School	644-2300
Muddy Brook Regional Elementary	644-2350

TOWN OFFICIALS
ELECTED

	(TERM EXPIRES)		(TERM EXPIRES)
MODERATOR		TOWN CLERK	
Gary D. Johnston	2024	Teresa Iemolini	2025
SELECT BOARD		SEWER AND WATER COMMISSIONERS	
Ernest Cardillo	2024	Donald C. Schneyer	2024
Jamie Minacci	2025	Peter J. Socha	2025
Patrick White	2023	John Loiodice	2023
BOARD OF ASSESSORS		PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION	
Gary M. Pitney	2024	Steven Knopf	2023
Douglas Goudey	2025	Nick Fredsall	2024
Thomas Stokes	2023	Nicole Fariaux	2025
BOARD OF HEALTH		TREE WARDEN	
Charles Kenny	2024	Mark Faber	2024
Henry Schwerner	2023		
John Loiodice	2025	REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE	
HOUSING AUTHORITY		William Vogt	2024
James Welch, <i>Chair</i>	2026	Corey Sprague	2024
Bernard Edmonds, <i>Vice Chair</i>	2023	Jason St. Peter	2026
Dawn Anne Rabinowitz, <i>Treas.</i>	2024		
Chris McCarthy, <i>State Appointee</i>			
Michael Vogt, <i>Tenant Member</i>			
Andrea Lindsay, <i>Exec. Director</i>			
PLANNING BOARD			
Elisabeth Wheeler	2027		
Gary M. Pitney	2026		
Marie Rafferty	2024		
Wayne Slosek	2023		
Kate Fletcher	2027		
Nancy Sosha	2025		
Carl Sprague	2026		

APPOINTED OFFICIALS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

(TERM EXPIRES)

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Michael Canales

ACCOUNTANT

Cheryl Allen

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Ned Baldwin

PRINCIPAL ASSESSOR

Michael Blay

TOWN COUNSEL

Donna Brewer

TOWN TREASURER/ COLLECTOR

Ericka Oleson

FIRE CHIEF

Vincent Garofoli, *Chief*

Neil Haywood, *Deputy*

POLICE CHIEF

Darrell Fennelly, *Chief*

Kirk Nichols, *Sergeant*

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER AND ANIMAL INSPECTOR

John Drake

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Scott Muir, *Deputy Director*

GAS INSPECTOR AND PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Gregory Pilling

WIRE INSPECTOR

Nick Fredsall

VETERANS' AGENT

Laurie Hils

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Teresa Iemolini

Nancy Clark 2024

Jennifer Carmichael 2025

Nancy Ann Wilcox 2023

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Thomas Schuler 2027

James Murray 2025

Patricia Andrew 2026

John Hyson 2024

Miles Moffatt 2023

Mark Mills, *Alternate*

Catherine Chester, *Alternate*

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jay Bikofsky 2024

William Vogt 2025

Steve Shatz 2023

Jim Balfanz 2025

Diane Heady-Ruess 2025

Pamela Boudreau 2023

Jorja Marsden 2024

Ed Lane, *Alternate*

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Ronald Brouker 2024

Jamie Minacci 2023

Tom LaBelle 2023

Joseph DeGiorgis 2025

John Hart 2023

Lisa Bozzuto 2024

Sally Underwood-Miller, 2025

Secretary

Chuck Kohrer, *Alternate*

William Loutrel, *Alternate*

**AGRICULTURAL AND
FORESTRY COMMISSION**

Mathieu Boudreau	2025
Lisa Bozzuto	2025
Eric Rasmussen	2024
Abigale Fredsall	2024
Shelby Marshall	2023

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION
COMMITTEE**

Carl Sprague, <i>Chairman</i>	2023
Gary Johnston	2025
Chantal Rhind	2024
Jorja Marsden	2023
Pam Sandler	2024
Lisa Sauer	2024
Peter Williams, <i>Secretary</i>	2025

COUNCIL ON AGING

Diane Sheridan	2024
Ronald Muir	2025
Nancy O'Brien	2024
Christine McCarthy	2025
Jack Gremeli	2023

**BERKSHIRE REGIONAL
TRANSIT AUTHORITY
REPRESENTATIVE**

Jaimee Minacci

**BERKSHIRE REGIONAL
PLANNING DELEGATE**

Nancy Socha
Planning Board Delegate
Christine Rasmussen
Alternate, Selectmen appointed

**CABLE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
REPRESENTATIVE**

Michael Canales
Anita Schwerner

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Linda Jackson
Maria Carr
Peter Williams

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Judith Wilkinson, *Chair*
Terry Moor
Andrea Sholler
Maureen O'Hanlon
Janet Eglehofer
Isabel Rose
Barbara Cooperman

Joe Tonetti
Selena Lamb
Rena Zurofsky

**STOCKBRIDGE GREEN
COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**

Laura Dubester, *Chair*
Mike Buffoni
Miles Moffatt
Pat Flinn
Starbuck Smith

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Karen Marshall, *Chair*
Teresa Iemolini, *Town Clerk*
Ernest J. Cardillo, Jamie Minacci,
Patrick White: *Board of Selectmen*
Hugh Page, *Highway*
Rich Atwood, *Consultant*
Candace Currie
Pat Flinn, *Laurel Hill Association*

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Steve Knopf, *Parks and Recreation*

Gary Pitney, *Planning Board*

Linda Jackson, *Historical Commission*

Thomas Stokes, *Assessors*

Jay Bikofsky, *Finance Committee
Housing Authority*

Carol Owens, *Selectmen*

Patrick White, *Selectmen*

Sally Underwood-Miller, *Chairman
Conservation Commission*

STOCKBRIDGE BOWL STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

Roxanne McCaffrey,
Stockbridge Sportsmen's Club

Michael Nathan,
Stockbridge Bowl Association

John Loiodice,
Sewer & Water Commission

Mike Buffoni,
Water and Sewer Department

Sally Underwood-Miller,
Conservation Commission

Patrick White, *Selectmen*

Jim Wilusz,
Tri-Town Health Department

Gary Kleinerman,
Stockbridge Harbormaster

ELDERLY AND DISABLED TAX AIDE COMMITTEE

Tammy Touponce

Elizabeth McCormack

Helen McCormick

Gary Pitney

Ericka Oleson

Maria Carr

FOUNTAIN COMMITTEE

Kate Fletcher

Carl Sprague

Gigi Kingston

Robert Jones

KAMPOOSA BOG STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Laura Beasley

Lisa Bozzuto

Rich Bradway

Louise Gachet

John Hart

Arthur Dutil, *National Shrine of
The Divine Mercy*

PILOT COMMITTEE (Payment in Lieu of Taxes)

Tom Stokes

Peter Strauss

Jay Bikofsky

Roxanne McCaffrey

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT FOR 2022



Construction of Williams High School & Stockbridge Plain School
Courtesy of Stockbridge Library Historical Collection

Vital Statistics

Population	1861
Registered Voters	1665
Number of Births	7
Number of Marriages	15
Number of Deaths	18

At the recommendation of the Registry of Vital Records and the United States Department of State, we no longer print the individual names from vital records in the town report. This will help to protect the privacy of individuals as well as help to curb identity theft.

Raffle Permits Issued	0
Dog Licenses Issued	256

The Annual Town Meeting was held on Monday, May 16, 2022, in the Gymnasium at the Stockbridge Town Offices. The Pandemic was still very much a part of daily life, but because of the Covid vaccine, and a drop in new cases, most restrictions had been lifted. The decision was made to hold the meeting inside. Electronic voting was used. There were 116 Registered Stockbridge Voters in attendance.

There were three Elections in 2022, they are as follows:

May 17, 2022, Annual Town Election: 477 Ballots cast out of 1650 Registered Stockbridge Voters

*A Recount Petition was filed by Roxanne McCaffrey, candidate for Selectmen. The reason she requested the recount was because the margin her opponent Jamie Minacci won by was 7. The Recount was held on June 2, 2022 in the Gymnasium. The recount verified that Jamie Minacci had won the election. The recount did show a change of 1 vote in favor of Roxanne McCaffrey.

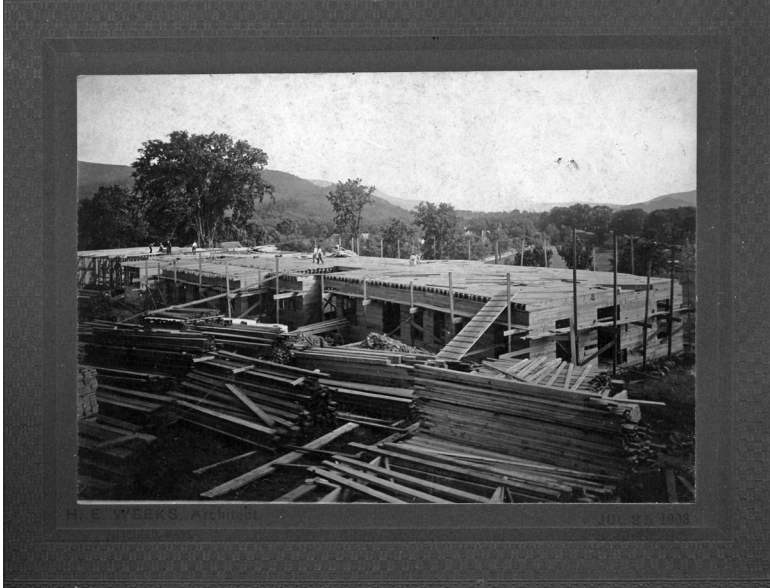
Tuesday, September 6, 2022, State Primary: There were 600 ballots cast out of 1671 Registered Voters. For this Primary the State Elections Division sent out postcards to all registered voters in Massachusetts. These postcards enabled voters to sign and return them to their Town Clerk's office and after processing the application they would be sent a ballot. These postcards allowed them to sign up for the Primary and the November Election if they chose to do so. This was in direct response to the Pandemic. It was a way to let the voter choose if they wanted to go to the polls or not, without giving a reason, unlike when requesting an Absentee Ballot.

Tuesday, November 8, 2022, State Election: 1069 votes were cast out of 1688 registered voters. It was a very busy election, Vote-by Mail ballots were available as well as In-person Early Voting, both were very well received.

I want to thank all of my Poll Workers and Registrars for their help and support during the year. They continue to go above and beyond to make the election process run smoothly for all the Stockbridge voters even during these difficult Pandemic times.

Respectfully submitted,
TERESA IEMOLINI
Town Clerk

GENERAL SERVICES



Construction of Williams High School & Stockbridge Plain School

Courtesy of Stockbridge Library Historical Collection

Stockbridge Board of Selectmen

To the Citizens of Stockbridge:

This report details the activities of the Select Board from July 1, 2021 to June 20, 2022.

As the Town's Executive, the Select Board continued to manage the affairs of the town during the height of the COVID-19 crisis.

Despite the approximate 10% increase in the school budget for FY2023, the Select Board produced a budget with only a 3.2% total increase in spending.

Progress was made on various Town projects:

- The Larrywaug Bridge replacement was completed and reopened on December 7, 2021.
- The first Averic Bridge project was completed in Spring 2022 and work is moving ahead with both the second Averic Road Bridge and the Tuckerman Bridge with summer 2025 construction.
- The Board discussed plans for the Butler pedestrian bridge.
- Historic restoration on the Soldier's Monument, the Chime Tower and the Cat & Dog fountain proceeded.
- Treatment of Ice Glen's old growth ashes and hemlocks began the spring of 2022.

- The Board made progress in implementing the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, which has subsequently been created and filled with seven volunteers.
- The Board continued its environmental stewardship. After having revived the Agriculture and Forestry Commission in FY2021, the Board revived the Kampoosa Bog Stewardship Committee in FY2022.
- Working with National Grid and the Stockbridge Green Communities Committee, the Board advanced a project to modernize the town's street lights.

The Select Board welcomed Jamie Minacci to the Board and extends its thanks to Roxanne McCaffrey for her term of service. We thank Chris Marsden for his years of service as Facility Director and Emergency Management Director and Liz DiGrigoli for her service as Director of the Council on Aging. We wish Chris the best in his current position with Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and welcome him back to the Berkshires with his recent promotion.

Respectfully submitted,
PATRICK WHITE, Chairman
CHUCK J. CARDILLO
JAMIE MINACCI

Stockbridge Police Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectman and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

I hereby submit a report of the activities of the Police Department for the year 2022:

As always, I would first like to thank the members of this department who through their integrity and dedication provide our Town with the services and professionalism each citizen deserves; Sergeant Kirk E. Nichols, Full Time Officer's Thomas A. Rubino, Rosario Messina, Shauna L. Slater, Travis P. Derby, and Chad E. Heath.

As always, I would also like to give a special thanks to our Executive Administrative Assistant, Kimberly L. Shaw, who does such a wonderful job working behind the scenes at the station.

As I wrote in last year's annual report, due to changes brought about by the Massachusetts Police Reform laws, the roll of the Reserve Officer would soon become extinct. That has come to fruition in our department, therefore we were approved to add a fulltime officer on July 1st of 2022, however, we have yet to be able to attract a sufficient pool of candidates for that job. This is a trend in law enforcement that we are seeing not only in Berkshire County but all across the United States. As of this writing we remain one full time officer short of a full complement of staff but we will continue to seek out qualified candidates for our pool.

As you will see below our log entries are up by over 2000 entries from 2021. The good thing is that this can be attributed to more mundane calls and the recording of more proactive activity. As for crime, 2022 was not much different than 2021. We did not see a marked increase in any particular area crime. Two notable areas of increased activity were traffic infractions and motor vehicle crashes. The infractions were up by 263 and the crashes were up by 41. Those are significant jumps. It is hard to make rhyme or reason of yearly crash totals as some years we have more and some years less. But seeing almost double in one year is alarming. I suggest everyone be aware of your fellow motorists and make note that not everyone on the road may be paying attention to driving like they should be.

Since the implementation of the Town's Wildlife Feeding By-Law there has been a significant drop in wildlife calls. In 2021 we had 131 log entries for wildlife/animal calls. Since the enactment of the By-Law, we had just 14 in 2022. To say that the By-Law was a rousing success would be an understatement. Kudos to our residents and business's for complying with the By-Law for if not for their cooperation I am sure we would still be overrun with bears.

In 2022 the members of the Stockbridge Police Department completed 404 hours of training. Some of the training topics included Mass Gatherings, Cultural Competency, De-Escalation & Use of Force, Responding to Mental Illness, Critical Incident Stress Management as well as our recertifications for CPR/First Responder and Firearms qualifications.

Along with the Lee and Lenox Police Departments and Jim Wilusz of the Tri Town Board of Health we have continued to work on implementing a Mental Health

Co-Responder program for our three towns. The Stockbridge Selectboard and Town Administrator Michael Canales have been very supportive of this endeavor and we should have a Co-Responder in place in early 2023. This position will not be limited to just co-responding with the police departments but will work collaboratively with Tri Town BOH on programs and initiatives for our communities.

In an effort to provide full transparency to the public and to protect our officers from false accusations our department implemented a body worn camera program in late 2022. While not completely infallible the body worn cameras will provide an enhanced accounting of police interactions with the public. I and many other Chief's certainly feel that the state will mandate these programs at some point and I felt it essential to be proactive in providing that sense of security to the public and our officers.

As per General Order GO17-01 the Chief of Police reports the following:

- There were zero civil immigration detainer requests lodged with the Stockbridge Police Department.
- There were zero individuals that the Stockbridge Police Department detained pursuant to subsection (b)(2).
- The total number of individuals transferred to ICE custody was zero.

It is our goal to provide protection and a sense of security to all residents, businesses and visitors. We strive to prevent crime and to work in a partnership with the public to achieve these objectives and meet your expectations. We are forever grateful for the enormous support that we receive from the Selectboard, Town Administrator's Office and the Citizens of Stockbridge.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Fennelly', written in a cursive style.

DARRELL G. FENNELLY

Chief of Police

Offenses: National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) & Civil Motor Vehicle Infractions The statistics below include all reported crime, which may later be determined to be unfounded.			
Assault & Battery	4	License Not in Possession	1
Assault & Battery on a Police Officer	2	Littering	1
Assault & Battery On PO attempt to disarm	1	Liquor Law Possession/Under 21	1
Assist Citizens	252	Liquor Transport Unlawfully/Minor	2
Assist Other Agencies	64	LTCs & FIDs Processed	31
Attaching Plates	1	Marked Lanes Violations	1
B & E Boat/ Vehicle	1	Medical Calls	190
B & E Misdemeanor	2	Motor Vehicle Larceny	1
Building/Business Checks	691	Negligent Operation	1
Credit Card Improper Use	1	No Inspection Sticker	5
Criminal Harassment	1	Operating to Endanger	1
Criminal Motor Vehicle Violation	4	OUI Liquor	3
Destruction of Property/Vandalize	7	Receiving Stolen Property	13
Distributing Obscene Material	2	Reckless Endangerment of Children	3
Disturbance/Noise Complaint	42	Resisting Arrest	1
Disturbing the Peace/Disorderly	1	Seat Belt Violation	1
Firearms Violations	4	Shop Lifting	1
Grave Stone Vandalization	1	Strangulation	1
Hunting Unlawfully	1	Theft from Motor Vehicle	1
Identity Fraud	3	Threat to Commit A Crime	3
Larceny from a Person	1	Uninsured Motor Vehicle	6
Larceny from +60 or disabled	1	Unlicensed Operation of M/V	8
Larceny over \$250	3	Unregistered Motor Vehicle	14
Larceny under \$250	8	Vandalize Property	3
Leaving the Scene of Property Damage AC	7	Well Being Checks	62
		Wildlife/Animal Calls/Dog Bites	14
Motor Vehicle Accidents	91	Alarm Calls	131
Total Traffic Infractions	999	Open Doors	120
Public Records Requests	51	Parking Tickets	12
Log Entries	18,619		

Fire Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

The Stockbridge Fire Department responded to 513 total calls in 2022, including fires, alarm calls, rescues, and other hazardous calls. Firefighters took part in many hours of training. Training included classes and practical evolutions in water rescue, air packs, emergency search and rescue procedures, and CPR and First Responder skills. Our EMT's and First Responders responded to 239 medical calls and took additional classes to keep their skills updated.

The Fire Department responded to the following emergencies in calendar year 2022:

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
111 - Building fire	1	0.19%
113 - Cooking Fire, confined to container	2	0.39%
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	2	0.39%
116 - Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined	1	0.19%
130 - Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other	2	0.39%
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	1	0.19%
141 - Forest, woods or wildland fire	1	0.19%
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1	0.19%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	213	41.52%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	11	2.14%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	10	1.95%
341 - Search for person on land	1	0.19%
342 - Search for person in water	2	0.39%
353 - Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	0.19%
365 - Watercraft rescue	1	0.19%
400 - Hazardous condition, other	3	0.58%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	10	1.95%
413 - Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1	0.19%
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	2	0.39%
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	1	0.19%
444 - Power line down	8	1.56%
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	2	0.39%
461 - Building or structure weakened or collapsed	1	0.19%
463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1	0.19%
500 - Service Call, other	2	0.39%
520 - Water problem, other	1	0.19%
521 - Water evacuation	1	0.19%
522 - Water or steam leak	1	0.19%
531 - Smoke or odor removal	3	0.58%
550 - Public service assistance, other	1	0.19%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	7	1.36%
553 - Public service	2	0.39%
555 - Defective elevator, no occupants	1	0.19%
561 - Unauthorized burning	2	0.39%
571 - Cover assignment, standby, move-up	3	0.58%
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	2	0.39%
652 - Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	2	0.39%
671 - HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	1	0.19%
731 - Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	4	0.78%
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	78	15.20%

734 – Heat detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.19%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	7	1.36%
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	20	3.90%
740 –Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	1	0.19%
741 – Sprinkler activation, no fire – unintentional	1	0.19%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	84	16.37%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	2	0.39%
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	2	0.39%
800 - Severe weather or natural disaster, other	4	0.78%
900 – Special type of incident, other	1	0.19%
911-Citizen complaint	1	0.19%

TOTAL INCIDENTS: 513 100.00%

The members of the Stockbridge Fire Department take your Fire and Life Safety very seriously. The first line of defense in any Fire, Smoke or Carbon Monoxide incident is the detection devices that protect your home or business. Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detection devices save lives. Every year in the US there are several fatalities due to the lack of proper Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detection devices. To make sure your detection devices are up to current Fire Codes they need to be maintained in proper working order which includes battery changes at the change of seasons and periodic replacement of the devices themselves. Alarm companies will replace these detection devices and batteries if needed at the time of annual servicing. All non-alarm system type smoke detectors in your home need to be replaced every 10 years and all carbon monoxide detectors at the end-of-life cycle for the device or every 7 years. Most house fires are preventable. Proper use and cleaning of cooking appliances, cleaning of clothes dryer exhaust piping, cleaning of chimneys/ stove pipes, supervised use of any open flame device such as candles, replacement of damaged electrical cords on lamps/ appliances as needed, unplugging all simple appliances and chargers when not in use and keeping all combustible materials away from any heat source are all ways of increasing Fire Safety within your home. Additionally, proper placement, training and use of ABC dry chemical Fire Extinguishers in your garage, kitchen, basement and any other areas where wood stoves and open flame devices will be commonly used will aid in protecting your homes from devastating fires. For your overall safety it is imperative that you make sure your house is clearly labeled with a street number easily visible from the road side at the end of your driveway. Fire and Life Safety Education is an important service provided by the Stockbridge Fire Department to the school age children and our seniors. One important topic we discuss is the use of escape plans. It is very important that you plan escape routes with your family and guests and select a proper meeting spot to ensure accountability of everyone in case of an emergency requiring evacuation of your home.

In 2022 the membership and I have been very busy working in the public eye and behind the scenes to ensure the safety of all Stockbridge citizens, visitors and all the property and pets they may have. The membership and myself are proud and eager to serve this great community and look forward to continuing that tradition in 2023. The restrictions of COVID-19 have been lessened over this past year and we are all very grateful to have had the opportunity to participate in community events again and allow visitors back in the stations. We enjoy the relationships we share with the community and we look forward to another great year together with you.

I would like to personally thank the 20 Officers, Firefighters, and EMTs of the Stockbridge Fire Department for their tireless dedication to the Fire Department and the Town of Stockbridge. The Stockbridge Fire Department is steeped in tradition and family legacy with several current members who are second and third generation Firefighters and/or EMT's. We are an all-inclusive Fire Department and we hope to remain as diverse as the ever-changing community in which we serve. The Stockbridge Fire Department is growing and we are welcoming new members to join our ranks so if you, or a family member, would like more information about joining our professional organization please contact us at 413-298-4866, email the Fire Chief at FireChief@stockbridge-ma.gov or stop by the Central Fire Station. The Stockbridge Fire Department provides a wide range of services and training opportunities and we encourage all to learn more about what we do. I would like to take a moment to thank the Select Board, Town Administrator, Building Commissioner, Town Accountant, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Administrative Assistants, Police Department, Highway Department, Water Department, Sewer Department and all the neighboring Fire, Police and EMS Services for their continued assistance and support. A very special thank you to the residents, businesses and visitors of the Town of Stockbridge for your continued support of the Stockbridge Fire Department.

Respectfully Submitted,
VINCENT JAN GAROFOLI
Fire Chief

Highway Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Stockbridge:

In 2022 we added five new pieces to our fleet. We integrated salt monitoring devices and tracking systems to streamline operations. We welcomed our new Foreman which helps balance the efforts of our team. The Transfer Station is constantly adjusting to new recycling and refuse mandates. Our goal remains staying compliant while passing on the least impact to the residents. We are fortunate to annually have summer help that keeps the cemetery looking nice throughout the season.

Projects saw substantial progress this year. The Town Beach improvement and the Cat/Dog Fountain projects are on track and allow us the opportunity to continue to work with other town departments. We want to thank the Fire Department and Emergency Management Director for including us in some new safety equipment. Lastly paving was done in house in 2022. We paved Vine and Shamrock Streets and we want to thank Water & Waste Water for the manpower they added.

Once again, thank you to the Select Board, Finance Committee and all the Town departments that support our work. Lastly our appreciation to residents and visitors for their patience as we work to improve our roads.

Respectfully Submitted,
HUGH PAGE

Stockbridge Cemetery Commission

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Stockbridge:

The Commission continues to move forward on several projects.

We revised, clarified, and (in some cases) simplified both the Cemetery by-laws, and policies and regulations on headstones and plantings. We established written policies for tours, and now have an application for tours on the Town website.

We started cleaning the stones in Old Section, removing biological growth and dirt that had darkened the stones to gray/black. Working with Preservation, Inc., monument conservators and restorers, seven volunteers cleaned over 120 stones, restoring them to their original white color.

We began working on conserving and restoring the Rev John Sergeant and Abigail Sergeant tombs. These tombs were originally table tombs, horizontal marble slabs supported by stone legs. Sometime after 1871, the tombs lost their legs and ended up on the ground. In the first of several steps, Preservation, Inc. cleaned the top surfaces and excavated the perimeter of the slabs. They found evidence of the original foundation for the legs and traces of what might be parts of a leg support.

This year we will take the next steps in stopping further damage and determining how to restore them to their proper place and height. The stones will be safely lifted and placed on temporary supports and protected from the weather. The undersides will be examined for condition and cleaned. The ground underneath will be probed to find traces of the missing legs. This information will help the Cemetery Commission determine the best way to restore the stones to their original height

Other projects coming up:

The Highway Department will be trained to reset leaning stones in the Old Section. Professional restorers will begin to repair broken and damaged stones.

Our Cemetery Consultant will lay out a new section, marking burial plots so that we continue to have the space to meet our needs.

The Commission meets monthly, on the fourth Tuesday at 10am in the Town Offices and via Zoom. The public is always welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,

KAREN MARSHALL, Chair

Another satisfying aspect: the cleaner used continues to work weeks after the scrubbing and rinsing is done, so that the stones get whiter and whiter over time. Go take a look.

Sewer & Water Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Stockbridge:

The Stockbridge Sewer and Water Commission is pleased to present you with the following report of significant department activities for 2022.

This year funding was approved for the replacement of the Park Street sewer pump station. Raymakers Construction from Westfield, MA was awarded the contract for the work. Construction of the pump station is scheduled to begin during April of 2023 with completion and transition of operation by September of the same year. Phases 1 through 3 of Inflow and Infiltration studies of the sewer system are now complete. The 4th and final phase of the I&I study will be performed by the engineering firm CPC Consulting during fiscal year 2024. As deliverables, CPC will provide the town with a final report and recommendations to mitigate unwanted inflow and infiltration from ground and surface drainage sources, decrease treatment of excess water and to preserve capacity of the sewer treatment plant for current users. Sewer Superintendent, Tony Campetti, performed scheduled maintenance of the Glendale, Goodrich Street and existing Park Street pump stations. All locations are currently in full conformance with Massachusetts DEP regulations.

The Water Department has had a bathymetry study performed on Averic lake. The engineering team will use data obtained in the study to determine the average daily safe yield of the reservoir. Determining the current potential yield of the lake will be used to inform the Commission when considering potential water system expansion plans in the future. Water Superintendent, Mike Buffoni's, asset preservation and improvements program for the year included refurbishing 2 of 3 high lift freshwater pumps and painting the steel roof of the water treatment plant. Water meter reading and billing software was upgraded this year. The enhanced software has significantly reduced data collection time and has improved efficiencies for our colleagues in the Collector-Treasurer's office.

Mike, Tony and their assistant Mark Viola are talented professionals that regularly participate on projects with other town departments and committees. On separate occasions during the year, they assisted the Highway Department with special projects in town. This year they provided labor and equipment to help the Highway Department repave Vine and Shamrock Streets and reconstruct the Cat and Dog fountain at Main and South Streets. Mike and Mark provide assistance to the Stockbridge Bowl Steering Committee by regularly collecting water samples for analysis from areas throughout the lake and its tributaries.

Jennifer Carmichael provides her administrative talents to the Commission by scheduling and organizing the agenda for Sewer and Water monthly meetings. She also provides the public with an in-person contact for the Sewer and Water Commission at the Town Office. We thank her for the contributions she provides to the Commission and the citizens of Stockbridge throughout the year.

Respectively Submitted,
DONALD SCHENEYER
PETER SOCHA
JOHN LOIODICE

Emergency Management

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Stockbridge:

The past year has been challenging as we continue to deal with COVID but also start to return to normal activities. Many events that were postponed due to the pandemic have started again, and with that comes the need for emergency planning. The past year saw Mercy Weekend, Main Street Christmas, and the Josh Billings all occur, as well as a new large event with the Pan Mass Unpaved Bike Ride. We also had unplanned emergencies, including a brief 911 outage.

We received an Emergency Management Performance Grant through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). These funds are used to support local and/or regional emergency management activities. We use these funds to purchase equipment for our Emergency Operations Center, shelter equipment, and equipment for other town departments.

Over the past year, Stockbridge has continued partnership with both the Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee, where I have been serving as vice-chair. Representatives from Town have continued to attend meetings and trainings both in person and via remote participation. The Committee applies for grants that benefit Stockbridge and our neighbor communities and provide a valuable network for resource sharing. In addition, the Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee is assisting in furnishing a hazardous material trailer that will be available for response in an emergency. Stockbridge is also a part of the Western Massachusetts Regional Homeland Security Council. This group encompasses all four Counties in Western Massachusetts and provides additional planning, training, financial and technical resources, and support to the member communities. The WMRHSC website, www.westernmassready.org, is available to the public for assistance with emergency preparedness.

The State has instituted a certification program for Emergency Management Directors this past year. The Massachusetts Professional Emergency Manager program is a combination of online and classroom courses and hands-on experience that will enable emergency managers to gain a foundation in emergency management. I am currently working on getting certified.

We have continued to participate remotely in state and regional meetings of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. During 2022, we have been working with various town departments on updating the Town's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan with the expectation to be finished in early 2023. We are also working on updating the Town's Continuity of Operations Plan.

I would like to thank the various town departments and officials who continue to support and add value to the emergency management process in Stockbridge. Thank you to my counterparts throughout Berkshire County, especially the members of the Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committees for their continued support and advice. Thank you also to the staff of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency Region III/IV office in Agawam for their personal attention and dedication to our community's needs throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,
SCOTT MUIR
Emergency Management Director

HEALTH, EDUCATION and SOCIAL SERVICES



Construction of Williams High School & Stockbridge Plain School
Courtesy of Stockbridge Library Historical Collection

Board of Health

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

2022 provided yet another year of challenges for the Board. The Board continued to monitor and respond to the public health issues presented by the Covid-19 epidemic. Fortunately, the great majority of the public has been vaccinated, so the severity of disease and mortality have dropped dramatically. Accordingly, restrictions on public assemblies were lifted and social distancing and mask use recommendations were modified. The virus has shown the ability to mutate into highly contagious variants that have been, so far, much less dangerous than the original virus, especially for the vaccinated. The Board will continue to monitor the status of new variants and respond as needed.

The Board sponsored an outdoor summer forum at Eden Hill to begin to address the psychological trauma in the community resulting from the prolonged epidemic. The Erikson Institute of Austin Riggs supervised the program. The Marian Fathers graciously provided the venue, and the Medical Reserve Corps generously volunteered to assist traffic management and stood by for emergencies. The Board will continue to explore ways to deal with the lingering negative emotional effects of the disease.

The Board also has monitored the significantly increased community incidence of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) in young children and the elderly. At present, there is no available vaccine. No action by the Board was warranted. The Board also reviewed, but took no action on, a number of cases of polio in the mid-Hudson area secondary to lack of vaccination of someone from New York City.

Under the shared guidance of the boards from Lee and Lenox, our Tri-Town Health Department implemented vaccination programs for influenza and Covid-19, recently approved for use in the pediatric age group. Anyone interested should contact the Tri-Town Health Department. Tri-Town accomplishments in 2022 are substantial, and will be reviewed elsewhere by Director Jim Wilusz.

CHARLES KENNY MD

JOHN LOIODICE MD

HENRY SCHWERNER MD

Tri-Town Health Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the fiscal year 2022.

Following is a summary of our Public Health Prevention programs:

COVID-19 Pandemic: Fiscal Year 2022 was a continuation of combating COVID-19 like that of 2020-2021. As we roll out mass vaccinations and continued response to COVID, we are trending back to normal as we grapple coexisting with this pandemic for quite some time. We attempt to contact trace as much as we can but with at home testing on the rise, we will never truly see the full scope of the impact of COVID in our community. Our collaborative nurses has distributed over 8000 masks, 6000 at home test kits and have donated several thousand of other PPE to south county stakeholders. With our partners with the Rural Health Network based out of Fairview, we received a grant of \$5000 to assist with those efforts.

Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative. As FY22 came to a close, we were awarded a 4.1-million-dollar, multiyear grant to partner with 7 other southern berkshire towns to share a public health nursing program with the towns of Alford, Great Barrington, Mount Washington, Monterey, New Marlborough, Otis, Sheffield, and existing Tri-Town District towns (Lee, Lenox, and Stockbridge). In year 2 the towns of Tyringham and Sandisfield has joined the Collaborative. The new Shared Services arrangement is intended to increase access to those that need comprehensive public health nursing services and will begin to close inequity gaps. It creates a means to organically foster relationships and expand future cross jurisdictional sharing by creating a more focused, regional platform. The pandemic has reinforced the need for smaller, sustainable, effective, and efficient regional public health systems. Access to full time clinical nurses will help diminish inequities, foster new relationships, and create better health outcomes for Southern Berkshire County.

Regional Household Hazardous Waste Program: In Fiscal year 2022 the HHW collection program offered a Spring collection in which **376** households registered for and we collected **4,281** gallons of chemical waste. The 17-town collaborative has been functioning for the past 18 years and in FY20, the Tri-Town Health District assumed administrative and operational responsibility to ensure it will continue for several more years. Smaller towns working together to create a sustainable program reflects great collaboration efforts and in addition protects the environment. We thank all of those involved to offer this service to the community.

Food Service Sanitation Program: The required mandated food service inspections are in full compliance with state standards up until COVID-19 hit. We made several operational adjustments in how to conduct virtual inspections.

Tobacco Retailer Training Program: The Tri-Town Tobacco Retailer certification program continues to be a success. We have continued to see reductions in store fine and suspensions due to ongoing training of store employees. In FY22, 212 vouchers were sold, and 178 clerks were trained. For more information on the Retailer certification program, please visit www.tritownhealth.org.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Lee, Lenox and Stockbridge Boards of Health for their continued support and assistance and the Tri-Town Health Department staff, and volunteers for their dedication and public service in providing essential public health prevention programs to the communities we serve.

Permits Issued: (Stockbridge only)

Permit Type	Issued	Permit Type	Issued
Bakery	2	Milk/Cream Store	5
Beach	6	Milk/Cream Vehicle	0
Biological Wastes	1	Mobile Food	2
Catering	6	Motel/Hotel/Cabin/Trailer	0
Disposal Works Construction	18	Pool	9
Disposal Works Installer	13	Pasteurization	0
Emergency Beaver Trapping Permits	4	Rec. Children's Camp	3
Food Service	33	Retail Food	20
Frozen Dessert	3	Septage Hauler	7
Garbage Hauler	4	Special Event Food Permit	4
Milk/Cream Dealer	1	Tobacco	2
		Well Permit	6
Inspections:		Water Testing:	
Children's Camps	1	Ice Sampling	36
Food Service/Retail	48	Pool & Hot Tub Testing	57
Housing Inspections/Reinspections	11	Quality Control	170
Misc. Complaints/Nuisances	4	Beaches Sampling	86
Percolation Test Witness	16	Well Sampling	8
Pool & Hot Tub Inspections	13	Out of Town:	4
Special Events	0		
T5 Witness	19		

Budget Revenue Information Fiscal 2022

Total budget:	\$104,941.39	Revenue generated:	\$46,795.00
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Breakdown:

Permits	\$31,595.00
Water Testing	\$7,680.00
Septic	\$7,520.00
Misc.	\$0.00

Respectfully submitted,
 JAMES J. WILUSZ, R.S.,
 Executive Director/Registered Sanitarian

Stockbridge Library Association

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

Libraries fill an increasingly important role in our society, as a free resource for information, access to technology, entertainment, and perhaps most often, a sense of community. The Stockbridge Library Association and Procter Museum & Archives has continued to grow and adapt to serve these needs for all of our residents and visitors with efficiency, compassion, and a warm welcome. In 2022 we issued 140 new library cards to Stockbridge residents and another 65 to town visitors. We circulated 26,588 items in 2022, of which 19,983 were books.

In 2022, the number of library programs offered increased by nearly 50% as in-person programs resumed and continued to incorporate virtual options. Offerings and participation in programs for children and families have increased dramatically under the direction of our Youth Librarian, Rachel Nicholson. Story times and craft activities serve local pre-schools and families on a regular basis and provide welcome activities for young families or visiting grandchildren on the weekends. The myriad schedule of author talks, book clubs, and Chamber music concerts have informed and entertained people of all ages and disparate interests. Our popular outdoor festivals, initiated during Covid, promise to become new community traditions, as demonstrated by the robust attendance at the Winter Wonderland Walkway (produced in collaboration with the Stockbridge Chamber of Commerce), The Stockbridge Ice Festival, and the Community Dog Show. All in all 6,650 people attended our programs and festivals this year.

While awaiting the end of supply chain delays to begin work on replacing the HVAC system in the Museum & Archives that predated the renovation in 2016, Museum staff continued to support scholars and researchers by appointment, produced monthly virtual Collections Highlights, partnered with Naumkeag curators to present the Exhibition, "Gilded Stockbridge: A Glimpse of Mabel Choate's Stockbridge," and prepared the January 2023 Exhibition, "Agrippa Hull: A Father to All Stockbridge."

Our Annual Used Book Sale returned in July, bursting with donations from everyone who cleaned out their shelves during the pandemic and raising needed funds. The Stockbridge Golf and Tennis classic was held in September offering a friendly competition for the community for benefit of the Library. Finally, we were fortunate to host a Benefit concert by Emanuel Ax at the Linde Center at Tanglewood which provided further support to our operations. The library is enormously grateful to our generous supporters and intrepid volunteers who make these events happen, helping to defray the cost of Library services to Stockbridge citizens.

The mission of the Stockbridge Library Association and its Procter Museum & Archives of Stockbridge History is to be a vibrant center of community life in Stockbridge. The Library serves the needs of the residents of Stockbridge and the surrounding area by supporting lifelong learning, strengthening community, and preserving the historical record of the town. Most programs are offered free of charge to residents and visitors alike.

The Library is open Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. To learn more about us, visit our website, www.stockbridgelibrary.org, like us on Facebook, follow us on Instagram, or sign up for our e-newsletter. Better yet, come pay us a visit. We look forward to seeing you.

Respectfully submitted,

WENDY PEARSON

Director, Stockbridge Library Association

February 22, 2023

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Stockbridge Council on Aging

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

The Council on Aging Board has regrouped, reorganized, has grown in participation and reopened the town's Senior Center after a long two-year closure due to COVID.

We began meeting in the spring to organize our Grand Re-opening Luncheon Event which took place on September 21st! The event was catered by Mazzeo's Ristorante of Pittsfield and truly was a wonderful event. It was attended by more than 95 residents! Along with delicious food and an opportunity to once again gather in friendship, new board member Jack Gremlin entertained with a sing-along representing "new beginnings". The sing-a-long served as a first chapter in what is intended to become "The Stockbridge Senior Songbook". A good time was had by all!

Continuing with a themed and purposeful monthly luncheon concept, the COA has offered free lunches with great speakers. In October Police Chief Fennelly along with Sgt Nichols and almost the entire police department shared information about how to avoid "Senior Scams". In November archive librarian Joshua Hall presented a program about the origins of Stockbridge. Fire Chief Garofoli shared many tips about home and fire safety in December. Each speaker was followed with a tasty lunch and music and trivia with Jack. A rendition by locals of Arlo Guthrie's "Alices Restaurant" at the November luncheon was particularly fun!

Cooperative transportation, brown bag distribution, vaccination clinics, Meals-on-Wheels are all programs that continue to be available to our senior population. Yoga is back, along with Bingo and other programs suggested by Stockbridge seniors in response to a formal questionnaire as well as word of mouth requests. The time-honored tradition of sharing a luncheon together at The Red Lion Inn is also back. To honor the return, the town, at the suggestion of chairperson Chris McCarthy, issued a proclamation marking the 50th year anniversary of the wonderful annual event and thanking The Red Lion Inn for their generosity.

The Board began work on updating operational guidelines in order to document procedures and protocols. The guidelines should be in place early in 2023.

We look forward to the hiring of a COA Director in February 2023. With a new director, we plan to offer more groups and activities to promote physical, mental and emotional well-being for our seniors. In the immediate future, the town Senior Center will be regularly available to our seniors offering support, information and guidance in a welcoming environment for all.

The Board would like to thank Michael Canales and Theresa Zanetti for their support and patience through our "re-start" process.

Respectfully Submitted,
CHRIS MCCARTHY, Chairwoman
JACK GREMLIN
RON MUIR
NANCY O'BRIEN
DIANE SHERIDAN

Stockbridge Housing Authority

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

The Stockbridge Housing Authority (SHA) continues its mission in administering housing programs for income eligible seniors, families and people with special needs.

Heaton Court, Chapter 667 state-aided housing located at 5 Pine St., is designed for elderly and non-elderly disabled individuals. A waiting list is in place for the 50 units of one (1) bedroom apartments and 1 two (2) bedroom unit. Residents, those employed in Stockbridge and Veterans receive a preference on the waiting list. Priority may also be granted for emergency cases after review of eligibility. The list continues to grow each year with more than 1,500 individuals applying for the 51 apartments in Stockbridge.

The planned capital improvements for this year at Heaton Court include the start of our long-awaited siding and painting project, updates to our storm doors both front and rear entrances, gutter helmets to complement our new roofing and our sustainability initiative to update the kitchen vent and bathroom fans to address indoor air quality.

This past year Heaton Court welcomed four (4) new residents to our community. Applications and information regarding housing at Heaton Court may be obtained by visiting our website, www.stockbridgehousing.com, by calling the SHA office at (413) 298-3222, or applying on line at the state-aided waiting list program web-site <https://publichousingapplication.ocd.state.ma.us/>.

The SHA likewise serves as landlord for an eight-bedroom facility located at 7 Pine St. Our Stockbridge House property, Chapter 689 housing program, is leased by the state's Department of Developmental Services. This partnership provides for housing and services to assist developmentally disabled adults. Information on participation in this program should be directed to the above-mentioned agency.

Our planned capital improvements for the Stockbridge House property this year are updates to the full and ½ baths in both unit A and B. We have also earmarked our formula funding to update the entry doors to include access switches for better accessibility for those using wheelchairs and walkers and for new screen/storm doors as well.

The Housing Authority continues to administer the Resident Services Coordinator program for Stockbridge and the other South County Housing Authority's in Lee, Lenox and Great Barrington. The grant was applied for and received to establish this important service for our area elderly and non-elderly disabled public housing residents. The program began in July of 2020 and to date has connected individuals in the South County area with needed services such as housing stability assistance, health, wellness and nutrition referrals, financial assistance and help applying for benefits like TAFDC and Food Stamps along with other types of financial assistance. The program has also been helpful with coordinating PCA and homemaker services for the residents. New this year is our partnership with the reinvented Stockbridge Senior Center/COA, which brought fun events like sing-alongs to Heaton Court. We appreciate their continued support!

The Housing Authority would now like to take this opportunity to thank the resident voters of Stockbridge and the Town's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for their ongoing financial assistance with our property at Heaton Court. In the past we have received funding for roofing, siding and lighting upgrades. The assistance Heaton Court receives from the CPC is immeasurable, we are thankful and appreciative of the ongoing support.

Stockbridge Housing Authority also administers a Section 8 program where families and individuals are assisted by the SHA via the federal Housing Choice Voucher System. The SHA contracts with the Department of Housing and Community Development (HUD) to administer forty-one (41) vouchers. However, we have been awarded an additional allotment of three (3) vouchers to assist in combating the housing crisis in our area. We are now undertaking the task of screening individuals for program eligibility and issuing vouchers for our area.

Vouchers entitle eligible participants to a portion of their rent being paid by the SHA every month. Rent portions are based upon gross income and rent payment standards set by the Authority. Preference is given to those who live or work in Southern Berkshire County and priority to homeless applicants who live or work in Southern Berkshire County.

The SHA leased-up seven (7) new participant families with Section 8 assistance in 2022. As of 12/31/2022 there were six (6) program participants living in Stockbridge. The remaining vouchers are leased in other towns in Southern Berkshire County and Central Berkshire County after participants were unable to find affordable housing, here in Stockbridge. The SHA hosts one (1) additional voucher issued through the Pittsfield Housing Authority. This participant is housed here in Stockbridge.

The Section 8 program continues our participation in the Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) program. To date there are eight (8) young adults leased in the program. The Stockbridge Housing Authority in collaboration with Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority and The Department of Children and Family Services work together on the "Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in America". This plan includes ending homelessness amongst unaccompanied youth and young adults that are aging out of the foster care system. Through this program HUD is investing in preventing homelessness in this population. The Authority is honored to collaborate with other agencies in our area to further this goal.

If interested in applying for Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher assistance, you may contact the office for a paper application or you can apply on line at the following web address <https://www.affordablehousing.com>. If interested in obtaining information on the eligibility for the FYI program, please contact the office directly and you will be referred to the agency that will make the determination for this program.

We are sorely in need of landlords willing to participate in our program. For any landlord interested in learning about our program to bring affordable housing to our area, please contact the Executive Director, Andrea Lindsay at 413-298-3222 or by email stockbridgeha@gmail.com.

Residents who have housing concerns are encouraged to call the Stockbridge Housing Authority office at (413) 298-3222. Business hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

In closing, the Board wishes to express its gratitude to its dedicated staff and to the town departments for their devoted assistance to the residents of Heaton Court.

JAMES WELCH, Chairman of the Board
BARNEY EDMONDS, Vice Chairman of the Board
D. ANNE RABINOWITZ, Treasurer
MICHAEL Q. VOGT, Tenant Member
CHRISTINA MCCARTHY, State Appointee
ANDREA LINDSAY, Executive Director / Secretary

Elderly and Disabled Tax Aid Committee

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

The Elderly and Disabled Tax Fund provides for aid to qualifying elderly and/or disabled residents of low income for Real Estate taxes on their homes. The program, established in 2003, is funded by voluntary taxpayer donations and is being administered by an appointed committee which will evaluate applications and distribute aid up to 50% or \$1,000 of a qualifying property tax bill.

Fiscal Year 2022 donations from generous taxpayers brought the total amount available for distribution to \$ 14,910.04. Seven residents received a total of \$ 3,350.00 in Real Estate tax relief through this program.

Please contact anyone on the Committee if you know of a person who would benefit from the thoughtfulness of the many very generous donators. We will be happy to assist in the application process.

Applications are available in the Assessor's office and will be accepted until March 1 for the current year taxes. Remember the first half taxes need to be paid to qualify. Please call any Committee member if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,
MARIA CARR
BETH McCORMACK
HELEN McCORMICK
GARY PITNEY
TAMMY TOUPONCE
ERICKA OLESON

Southern Berkshire District

Department of Veterans' Services

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Thank you for allowing me to service the member towns, their veterans, and widows. We have made great strides in reaching out to our veterans in our local area, letting them know the various services available to them from Elderly Services, Community Actions and also the local senior centers. During FY 2022 we have seen a slight decrease in all areas of operation and currently have 39 active Chapter 115 claims.

Chapter 115 Submissions and Return from the State:

Town	FY 2022 Submitted 7/01/21-6/30/22	Pmt Due in FY 2023 -FY 2022 - 75%
Stockbridge	\$19,297.46	\$14,473.10

Over the last year we have completed the following for our member town's veterans:

Applications for VA Health Care	21
ALS/Disability/A&A/Appeals/Life Insurance	42
DD 214s	38
Request for Grave Markers	40
Tax Abatements/SS help/Other requests	20
Flags to funerals homes for veterans	25
Assisted with Dr. appointments	15
Home and Office Visits	265
Veterans Services Phone Calls	1175

For FY 2022 District budget was reduced by the reserve resulting in a smaller assessment for the member towns. During these trying financial times all veterans and widows are encouraged to contact this office or the US Department of Veterans Affairs and review current entitlements as many changes have taken place. Stockbridge's apportionment towards the FY 2022 DVS budget was \$8,456.13 – this number was based on population percentage on the 2020 Census.

Respectfully Submitted,

LAURIE J. HILS

Southern Berkshire District Director for Veteran Services

PLANNING and AESTHETICS



Construction Workers - Williams High School & Stockbridge Plain School c. 1913

Courtesy of Maria L. Carr

Planning Board

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

In addition to the usual array of requests, special permits and site visits that the Planning Board attends to, we began a process of reviewing two Stockbridge Zoning Bylaws – the sign bylaw and the *Lake and Pond Overlay District (LPOD)* bylaw. We also welcomed Lis Danish Wheeler to the Board.

Overall, the current sign bylaw does a good job of respecting the character of the town and no changes were made to the bylaw as reflected in its general intent. The goal instead was to make the wording clearer such that it will be easier to work with for both sign applicants and board members alike. The revisions will likely be on the town warrant for approval by voters at the annual town meeting in May.

The *Lake and Pond Overlay District (LPOD)* bylaw applies to some of the loveliest waterways in town, including the perimeter of the Stockbridge Bowl. The desires of people purchasing properties around the lake have clearly changed since the 1930s when simple cottages were built along the shores of much of the lake, in many cases on very small lots. We now tend to see property owners on the lake who want significantly larger building footprints and more in the way of amenities than was provided by those rustic cabins. However, increased density brings associated impacts and costs. While the current bylaw includes wording to address those impacts, the results have not been entirely successful. Impacts like stormwater runoff and erosion lead to decreased water quality that encourages invasive plants and can lead to cyanobacteria outbreaks. Current building trends

make heavy use of glass, a contributing factor in the decline in the bird population. Let us hope that we can balance interests such that people have a home they enjoy while respecting the ecology and natural beauty of the region.

Concurrent with the Planning Board working on the LPOD bylaw, David Cameron of Fleetwood Environmental Associates has been retained to provide technical advice on some of these sites. David is a wetlands scientist and former division chief from the MA Department of Environmental Protection. We are also looking at how we might strengthen coordination with other boards like the Conservation Commission and Select Board.

KATE FLETCHER, Chair
Stockbridge Planning Board

Zoning Board of Appeals

To the Honorable Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

The ZBA held 4 Hearings on variance requests in 2022. The Board would like to acknowledge the work of Starbuck Smith. We thank him for his years of service. The Board also welcomes Catherine Chester and Mark Mills.

Respectfully Submitted,
TOM SCHULER
JIM MURRAY
JOHN HYSON
CATHERINE CHESTER
MILES MOFFATT
PATRICIA ANDREW
MARK MILLS

Building Inspector

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

The following permits were issued and fees collected for the year 2022:

Permit Type	# of Permits	Cost of Construction	Permit Fees
New Construction	11	10,517,198	81,323
Additions & Alterations	101	7,213,230	43,922
Solar Arrays	16	591,419	3,465
Demolitions	7	58,775	460
Swimming Pools	2	265,180	1,383
Repairs	27	226,000	2,915
Roofs	57	1,179,899	7,755
Decks/Porches	4	71,488	485
Foundation	3	157,000	875
Garages & Accessory	6	409,871	2,460
Sheet Metal	11	354,739	385
Mechanical	2	225,814	1,135
Solid Fuel Burning Appliance	10	36,492	550
Other	2	35,179	265
Total Construction	259	21,342,284	147,378
Other Permits			
Annual Inspections	72		8,380
Certificate of Occupancy	15		525
Tent	49		2,625
Trench	9		315
Electrical	195		20,760
Gas	80		5,640
Plumbing	54		6,060
Total Other Permits	474		44,305
Totals	733		191,683

Respectfully submitted by,
NED BALDWIN,
Building Commissioner

Conservation Commission

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

With the relaxation of Covid rules the Conservation Commission again meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month both in person and on Zoom. People may attend at 7:00 live or via computer. If you have a project, please contact us at Conservationcommission@stockbridge-ma.gov to be added to the meeting agenda.

This past year Jay Rhind left the board due to business demands. Thank you, Jay, for your time. Tom LaBelle has rejoined us. Two alternates, Chuck Kohler and Bill Lotrel have become reliable additions.

The Performance Standards which were started last year are near completion and awaiting final legal review. This should allow us to produce a guide for applicants on expectations and requirements for a project.

There have been, and are, a number of projects in Town which are requiring more attention than others due to the location and scale. In the last year, the Town has retained the services of Fleetwood Environmental Solutions. Fleetwood will review certain projects, giving insight and consultation as needed to the ConCom.

This past year, the Gould Meadows volunteers have worked on trails, painted the Milk Shed, received grant monies for invasive plant control and added a picnic table. This year, the Highway Department took over a large portion of the mowing. Another "Thank You".

A new project under our purview is the Foote property, land owned by the Town under ConCom oversight, between the Grange and the Town compactor. Plans are being made for some visual improvements.

The Stockbridge Bowl Association, for 2022, chose not to add herbicides to the lake.

Respectfully submitted,
RONALD BROUKER, Chair
JOHN HART, Vice Chair
SALLY UNDERWOOD-MILLER, Secretary/Member
JOSEPH DEGIORGIS
JAMIE MINACCI
LISA BOZZUTO
TOM LABELLE
BILL LOUTREL, Alternate
CHUCK KOHLER, Alternate

Agricultural and Forestry Commission

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

For the second year, the Agricultural and Forestry Commission (AFC) has maintained a focus on the Woolly Adelgid infestation in Ice Glen. The Commission was awarded a USDA Invasives Suppression Grant for Ice Glen amounting to \$70,000. With this grant and the support of the town, crews were able to treat 47 trees over the course of the 2022 season. Due to weather and the trees' ability to uptake the treatment, we were not able to treat as many trees as the Commission had wanted. Unfortunately, several trees died between when we identified the Woolly Adelgid and when treatment took place. We will continue the treatment in the spring of 2023.

On May 6th, the AFC took part in a ceremony to designate Ice Glen as an Old Growth Forest as part of the national Old Growth Forest Network. During the ceremony we received plaques for Ice Glen trail heads. Bob Leverett, old growth forest expert, led a walk through the forest with a group of about 30 hikers.

The AFC has worked closely with the Conservation Commission to learn about issues related to invasive species around waterways, in particular Stockbridge Bowl, the Housatonic River, and related streams and wetlands, and to develop recommendations for homeowners affected by invasive species. We plan to make information available at the Town Offices and on the Town website by spring of 2023.

At the 2022 Town Meeting, the town approved increasing the AFC from three voting members to five voting members. We welcome Abigail Fredsall and Shelby Marshall to the Commission.

It is the Commission's role to review problems that arise from agricultural activities and to make recommendations to the Select Board. We are pleased to report that for the second year no problems were reported.

The Commission has begun the process of hiring a Farmers Market Manager for a 4–6 week farmers market to be located at the Town Offices during late summer of 2023. Once a manager is hired we hope to find vendors for the season, including local vegetables, meats, and other agricultural products.

In 2022 the AFC held its first Arbor Day, and gave away free tree saplings downtown. In order to promote agriculture and forestry, the AFC has asked the Monument Mountain Regional High School Horticultural Program to grow native tree and shrub seedlings for Arbor Day 2023. We look forward to working closely with the high school students.

The AFC also held meetings about issues related to a lack of adequate farm crew housing in the area. Farm crew from Woven Roots Farm described how hard it was to find affordable housing in the area. Stockbridge housing options did not come up in their online searches. After moving to the Berkshires, they also had a hard time finding a BIPOC or LGBTQIA+ community, which concerned them. The Commission will continue to learn and develop recommendations for farm housing.

I want to thank all the AFC members for their hard work, as well as the

community members who have attended our meetings and for the many expert presentations to the Commission.

If you wish to join us at a meeting, The Agricultural and Forestry Commission meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. We invite the public's continuing participation in person and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
MATHIEW BOUDREAU, Chair
ERIK RASMUSSEN, Co-Chair
LISA BOZZUTO
ABIGAIL FREDSELL
SHELBY MARSHALL

Stockbridge Historical Commission

Town Historical Commissions are established by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 8D, and charged with a variety of responsibilities under Massachusetts law. The Stockbridge Historical Commission (SHC) is appointed by the Selectmen and each year works to fulfill its responsibilities as circumstances arise.

One such responsibility, established under Massachusetts' Community Preservation Act, is for the SHC to conduct reviews and to report to Stockbridge's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) regarding annual applications made to the CPC for historic preservation projects. In 2022 the SHC reviewed and reported on eight such applications. We are pleased to work with the CPC and Town Counsel to identify eligible historic preservation projects in Town that can be recommended by the CPC for funding at the Town meeting.

Also during 2022, the SHC continued to provide guidance to the Town's Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to assist in making determinations concerning the historic significance of older buildings that are the subject of demolition or alteration applications to the HPC.

The SHC has continued to lend its support to the Town's initiatives to restore Town historic assets. We are happy to report that restoration work on the Soldiers' Monument on Main Street was completed during 2022. The planned restoration of the Children's Chime Tower is moving along. The SHC held a public meeting with Town Administrator Michael Canales during the year and approved a restoration of the bell system. Work on that portion of the project should take place in 2023. We also have discussed with Mr. Canales the status of the stone arch bridge in Curtisville. Massachusetts law and funding issues bring various complexities to the matter, but we hope that progress can take place during 2023.

The SHC also is supporting the ongoing work of the Cemetery Commission on the restoration of the old section of the Town Cemetery. An SHC member regularly attends meetings of the Cemetery Commission, and we are pleased at the sensitive restoration work that is now happening under the supervision of the Cemetery Commission.

We remind everyone that the Stockbridge GIS online mapping system, at www.axisgis.com/StockbridgeMA, now includes Massachusetts Historical Commission information. In the "Layers" menu (at left on your screen), turn on

(check) the “MHC Inventory Points” and “MHC Inventory Areas;” this will cause all historic districts, areas and structures to be shown on the map of Stockbridge.

Respectfully submitted,
LINDA W. JACKSON, Chair
MARIA CARR
PETER WILLIAMS, Clerk

Historic Preservation Commission

The Historic Preservation Commission held seven meetings in 2022. We have been moving back to hybrid meetings at Town Hall. The remote option remains a very practical for Commission members, for applicants and for the public. Many thanks to CTSB for supporting this technology and for broadcasting our meetings.

The Commission approved four demolitions this year – 1 West Stockbridge Road (Town owned shed), 38 Lake Drive, 8 Hawthorne Road, and 15 Lakeview Drive – all mid-century Bowl cottages. These were not difficult decisions, but an historic survey of properties around Stockbridge Bowl remains a priority going forward.

Six alterations were approved – 31 Glendale Road, 2 Depot Street (renovations to the train station), 26 Cherry Hill Road (moving and renovating the Agrippa Hull house), 1 Dugway Road (extensive repair to a neglected significant structure), a barn move at 1 South Hill Road, and renovations at 6 Arthur Fiedler Lane.

We regret that the Town was not informed of the demolition of the charming Daniel Chester French designed garden pavilion at 22 Prospect Hill. This local landmark since 1915 was importantly associated with one of our most important artists. It was a legacy of French’s extensive landscape design work. Reasons given for this blunder are that the building was too small to be reviewed for a demolition application, that the cost of moving or preserving it was too high, and that the Chesterwood museum did not have the space for it. After the fact, I personally communicated with the property owner, our Building Inspector, and with Chesterwood. I think we all wish a better solution could have been found. Adjustments to our bylaw are being discussed. Unfortunately, there’s no recourse now. This was an anomalous case, but the fact is, that it’s not solely up to the Building Inspector to uphold our Historic Preservation bylaw. There is also no minimum square footage requirement for review. The Select Board has invited us to discuss these issues. Press coverage can be found in the Berkshire Eagle and Stockbridge Updates.

Vinyl siding projects and solar panels remain on our radar. The solar projects on houses that we’ve approved so far appear to be very low profile.

Respectfully submitted,
CARL SPRAGUE, Chairman
PETER WILLIAMS, Secretary
GARY JOHNSTON
JORJA MARSDEN
CHANTAL RHIND
PAMELA SANDLER
LISA SAUER

Community Preservation Committee

The Community Preservation Commission is pleased to report that we had another productive year, with an estimated \$328,500 to allocate. With the anticipated approval of the citizens of Stockbridge, the CPC was able under the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act to once again assist the Stockbridge Housing Authority in financing the siding replacement at Heaton Court.

Funding was also approved for the following under the Historic Preservation portion of the Act: Berkshire Scenic Railway restoration of the apron, installing a handicap ramp, and an upgrade to the electrical system; general restoration work and handicap access to the Jonathan Edwards part of the building, often used for secular purposes; final work toward the restoration of the Cat & Dog fountain; replacement of an archival shadow box located in the Stockbridge Library, Museum and Archives; and the restoration of the exterior of the Glendale Fire Station.

From the FY22 Administration Fund the Committee agreed that funds could be used by the Norman Rockwell Museum for an historic structure report.

Under Open Space and Recreation, the Committee recommended funding the continuing restoration of the Gould Meadows property, including invasive plant removal; revitalization of the Laurel Hill Association's Upper Bowker's Woods property; a kayak/canoe river launch at Park Street; the repurposing of the prior canoe/launch to the Town Beach; and treatment for the invasive diseases and pests affecting the Old Growth trees in Ice Glen.

Under Affordable Housing, the Committee also agreed to additionally fund developing the plan for a community housing trust for the Town; and funding for reconstruction of the driveway at Pine Woods along with other capital improvements.

It is a very great privilege to be able to assist with so many worthy projects on behalf of the town.

SALLY UNDERWOOD-MILLER, Chair,
representing the Conservation Commission
PATRICK WHITE, representing the Selectmen
GARY PITNEY, representing the Planning Board
LINDA W. JACKSON, representing the Historical Commission
STEVE KNOPE, representing Parks and Recreation
ANNE RABINOWITZ, representing the Housing Authority
JAY BIKOFSKY, representing the Finance Committee
CAROLE OWENS, representing the Selectmen
TOM STOKES, representing the Assessors

Stockbridge Cultural Council

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

The Stockbridge Cultural Council (“SCC”) regrants funds from the Massachusetts Cultural Council for projects in the arts, science, and humanities. This year the SCC received 37 applications and awarded 26 grants totaling \$11,865, including \$5,000 from the Town of Stockbridge. With the additional Town funds, the Council redoubled its efforts to support applicants and events in Stockbridge. The Council is pleased to report that all approved Stockbridge projects were fully funded:

- Austen Riggs Center, Inc./Coming to America: An Exhibition on the Contribution of Refugees and Emigres to Psychoanalysis in North America
- Berkshire Garden Center, Inc./Rooted in Place
- Berkshire Pulse, Inc./Spirits of Chesterwood
- Berkshire Theatre Group Inc./BTG Plays! Summertime
- IS183, Inc./Resources for Local Artists
- Olga Dunn Dance Company, Inc./“Nutcracker Seedling and More”
- Shakespeare & Company, Inc./2023 Fall Festival of Shakespeare
- Stockbridge Library Association/Stockbridge Ice Festival
- Terry Wise/Mohican Art Exhibit at Stockbridge Library
- Sean Fullerton/Acoustic Memories
- Nanette Wells/Seasonal Theme Assorted Crafting

In addition, the SCC provided all or partial funding for the following projects:

- Berkshire Bach Society, Inc./Messiah Sing
- Berkshire Children’s Chorus, Inc./Circles: A Multimedia Concert
- Berkshire Music School, Inc./DRUM TO THE BEAT: A Musical Enrichment program Berkshire South Regional Community Center/ Berkshire Ukulele Band and Berkshire Sings!
- Festival Latino of the Berkshires, Inc./Festival Latino of the Berkshires
- Great Barrington Public Theater, Inc./Berkshire Voices Reading Series
- Greenagers, Inc./Climate Action-Environmental Education
- Pittsfield Shakespeare, Inc./Pittsfield Shakespeare in the Park
- Sculpture Now/Sculpture Now @ The Mount
- Susan L. Smith/Fantastical Felt Paintings
- The Artist Book Foundation/Book donation to Monument Regional High School
- The Stockbridge Sinfonia, Inc./The Stockbridge Sinfonia: Intergenerational Community Orchestra of the Berkshires

- Tom Truss III/ReWritten
- Vocalis Youth Choir, Inc./Vocalis Scholarship Fund
- WAM Theatre, Inc./WAM Theatre's 2023 Season and Community Engagement Program

For further information, please visit
massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/stockbridge/.

Respectfully submitted,
JUDITH WILKINSON, Chair
MAUREEN O'HANLON
JANET EGELHOFFER, Treasurer
ISABEL ROSE
BARBARA COOPERMAN
JOE TONETTI
TERRY MOOR
RENA ZUROFSKY

Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Committee

Our Mission Statement - To conserve and protect Lake Mahkeenac and its watershed, to enhance the water quality, fishery, wildlife habitat and aesthetics of Lake Mahkeenac as a public recreational facility for today and for future generations while respecting the interests of property owners and the public, providing permanent stewardship to the lake ecosystem.

To the Honorable Board of Selectboard & Citizens of Stockbridge:

As an advisory group to the Selectboard, the Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Committee (SBSC) meet on the first and third Fridays from March through October and once a month November through April per the Town Bylaws, Article XXVII.. We are comprised of seven voting members and one non-voting member with a representative from each of the various Stockbridge Bowl stakeholder groups.

Voting members:

- Board of Health – Jim Wilusz, R. S.
- Water and Sewer Department – Michael Buffoni
- Conservation Commission – Sally Underwood-Miller
- Sewer and Water Commission – Dr. John Loiodice, M.D. (vice chair)
- Stockbridge Sportsmen’s Club – Roxanne McCaffrey (chair)
- Stockbridge Bowl Association – Michael Nathan
- Select Board – Patrick White

Non-voting representatives:

- Stockbridge Harbormster – Gary Kleinerman

The Town continues to contract with GZA engineering in conjunction with Dr. Robert Kortmann of Ecosystem Consulting Service to oversee, analyze water sampling test results and provide limnological expertise to assist the SBSC in decision making for the preservation of Lake Mahkeenac and its watershed.

GZA has provided multi-disciplinary services to over 400 municipal clients for over 50 years and is a trusted geotechnical, environmental, water and ecological consultant to over 70 State Agencies.

Dr. Robert Kortmann is a limnologist with over thirty years of experience restoring and preserving the quality of lake ecosystems. His primary areas of research since 1980 has been the avoidance of Cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) blooms, restoration of habitat for a viable food web and water quality assessment.

The SBSC discuss the concerns, needs, and health of the Stockbridge Bowl and its watershed to work cooperatively for their preservation relying on continuing data collection and the scientific expertise and advise of GZA/Ecosystem Consulting Service. We have focused on and developed a comprehensive watershed based Lake Management Plan to identify all areas of concern and define and prioritize various preservation actions to be undertaken. This plan is a living document to be reviewed annually by the SBSC (or more frequently should the need arise) and updated appropriately.

The SBSC recognizes the need for recreational weed harvesting for navigation access and safe recreation of the lake and channel. In addition, the dredging project continues to move forward; permitting commencing in 2023, anticipating a project start in early spring 2025.

Water Chestnut, an invasive species was identified in the southern portion of the lake near the mouth of the channel in 2021. In the spring of 2022, this was remediated with the assistance of Aquatic-Roots of Pittsfield, MA who did an initial assessment and then carried out hand pulling. This effort was a joint project of the Town and the Stockbridge Bowl Association (SBA) who graciously assisted by sharing the cost of these services. Our thanks to Pat Kennelly and the board of the SBA for continuing their commitment to the health of Stockbridge Bowl. Moving forward, as part of the Lake Management Plan, the intent is to continue monitoring and remediation via hand pulling, as necessary.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend our meetings either in person or via ZOOM.

I would like to thank our members for their willingness and ability to collaborate on these important issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Roxanne McCaffrey, Chairman



Stockbridge Bowl (R. McCaffrey)

Fountain Committee

Cat and Dog Fountain

While the Cat and Dog have been off-site for work on a mold and casting, town employees Hugh Page, Mike Buffoni and Tony Campetti were busy last fall preparing the fountain basin site. It became clear last spring when we dug down along the side of the basin that crumbling brick was all that likely supported the basin. We had hoped to find something better in place but the deteriorated brick support probably explains the cracked basin that has not held water for decades. The Fountain Committee next worked under the excellent direction of Dana Bixby Architecture who worked with Hugh and Mike to arrive at a plan for the basin. Next, the site was excavated, the old brick cobble was removed and molds were built and poured with concrete that will support the fountain capstones and new basin to be poured this spring.

The Fountain Committee extends its sincere gratitude to town staff Hugh, Mike and Tony for their dedication and work on this project – it was a pleasure to see their evident care for this beloved and historical town fountain.

Allen Williams of Chester Granite has completed the bottom tier of the fountain and Jeff Gulick of Timberwolf Restorations has completed the second tier. The top tier, the cat and dog section, is currently in the works; Jeff tells us that important features like the cat's tail and dog's snout have been a challenge. We eagerly await completion.

Respectfully submitted,
KATE FLETCHER
GEGE KINGSTON
BOB JONES
CARL SPRAGUE



Hungry serpent from the second tier (*Kate Fletcher*)

Stockbridge Green Communities Committee

To the Honorable Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

In 2015, the Stockbridge Green Communities Committee assisted the Town in becoming a designated Massachusetts Green Community. As part of this designation, Stockbridge is eligible to apply for grants to assist the Town in achieving its required goal of 20% reduction in energy consumption over 5 years. To increase energy efficiency in municipal buildings, Stockbridge has received approximately \$238,000 in grants from Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) and rebates from National Grid and Berkshire Gas Company. These have been for insulation, air sealing, energy efficient garage doors, heating system and LED lighting at Town Offices, Central Fire Station, Glendale Fire Station and Waste Water Treatment Plant. In addition, the Police Department is pleased with its new hybrid cruiser.

In FY 2021 The Town was successful in applying for and receiving a DOER grant and National Grid rebate totaling \$80,189 to purchase and install the “above ground serviced streetlights” (not the downtown area). Approximately half the lights are currently incandescents and this retrofit will generate significant energy savings and environmental benefits. The LED replacement fixtures have been purchased and as soon as the purchase of the streetlights is completed, the LED lights will be installed.

This year the Committee explored installing electric vehicle (EV) charging stations to respond to increasing interest and demand. In spring (2023), four EV charging parking spaces will be installed at the east side of Town Offices with ability to expand to 10 spaces. These will be available to visitors and townspeople on a fee basis. Stockbridge received a \$50,000 grant and, along with approximately \$39,000 of ARPA funds to upgrade the electrical infrastructure and install the meters and signage.

Grants and rebates to date total approximately \$404,00.

In FY 2022, the Town consumed 893,779kWh of electricity and generated 963,474 kWh from its solar photovoltaic system – more than 100% of total electric consumption. Though Stockbridge receives only slight financial savings at this time, the Town is reducing greenhouse gas emissions by generating clean electricity.

For FY 2022, total energy consumption (buildings and vehicles) has been reduced by about 17.5% since 2015. Energy consumption in buildings has been reduced by approximately 33% since 2015. Vehicle diesel and gasoline has increased approximately 8% since 2015.

Like last year this year is probably not yet “normal” due to the ways that COVID has affected building occupancy and uses. We will see what happens next year.

We are grateful to Town employees for their commitment and participation. We can all be pleased that the result will be energy saved along with tax-payer dollars.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Stockbridge Green Communities Committee:

Stockbridge Green Communities Committee

MICHAEL BUFFONI,
Water Superintendent

MICHAEL CANALES,
Town Administrator

LAURA DUBESTER, Chair

DARRELL FENNELLY,
Chief of Police

PAT FLINN

MILES MOFFATT

STARBUCK SMITH

Stockbridge Chamber of Commerce

To the Honorable Board and Citizens of Stockbridge:

With about one hundred members, we are a nonprofit, member-based organization representing and advocating for diverse businesses of all sizes. It remains our mission to be a voice of support and leadership. Our organization understands that to have a robust economic environment, we must also have a strong community. We are truly blessed to have governmental representatives, business owners, educators, and community members who realize that we all share the responsibility of creating economic success balanced with a desirable environment for residents and visitors.

Looking back on the year, we all have so much for which to be thankful. Thanks to your individual and collective efforts, we've maintained the tourism industry's forward momentum despite the challenging economic times. Visitors experienced our great outdoors, our picturesque village, and the wealth of renowned cultural attractions. We take pride in promoting this great town and in the critical role that the tourism industry plays in our economy. We held two successful fundraising events in 2022. Because we are a small member organization, we need to hold events which raise funds to keep the chamber alive and vibrant and at the same time deepens the economic impact of our area. The "Stockbridge Summer Arts and Crafts Show" featured over 75 local and New England based exhibitors which brings thousands of art and craft lovers to the wonderful two-day experience on Main Street. After a 2-year hiatus due to Covid-19, we had a record-breaking "Stockbridge Main Street at Christmas" weekend with a range of events. Live Performances, Historic Property Tours, Holiday Markets, Winterlights, Unique Shops, Restaurants and Santa showed off our town. This is the reason why Stockbridge was named for the 3rd year in a row, "the best Christmas town in America" by Country Living. We also organized the Halloween Parade & Party in conjunction with the Stockbridge Library Pumpkin Walk-About which drew over 100 children and community members. We continued our year-long underwriting campaign with WAMC, we printed and distributed (beyond Berkshire County) the Stockbridge, MA Guide. Visitation to our website is up 20% over 2019. We targeted visitors and locals through ecommunications, social media, print, digital and online advertising campaigns. And in spring of 2023, 4 cultural directional signs with go up in town.

We are thrilled and grateful to have new businesses like the Shop Around the Corner, Township Four, Mundy's Asia Galleries, Michael White Contractors, Berkshire Bach Society and Cana Provisions join us. We would like to thank our business community for recognizing the importance of being part of the chamber through membership. We depend on our membership to keep us afloat so that we can continue serving our business community at large and promoting the town of Stockbridge to visitors and potential new residents.

The Stockbridge Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors thanks the Stockbridge Finance Committee, the Board of Selectmen, and the citizens of Stockbridge for working together to promote, improve and preserve the economic welfare of our town.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA J. ZANETTI, Executive Director

2022 Board of Directors

President: MARGARET D. KERSWILL, MDKAdDesign

Assistant Vice President: DOUGLAS GOUDEY, Wheeler & Taylor, Inc

Treasurer: PAMELA BOUDREAU, Lee Bank

Secretary: MARY FLOURNOY, The National Shrine of Devine Mercy

Past President: MICHAEL DUFFY, Norman Rockwell Museum

Members at Large:

WENDY PEARSON, Stockbridge Library Association

AMY MOORBY, Berkshire Theatre Group

DOUG BAGNASCO, Devonfield Inn

AMANDA BARCENAS, Prado de Lana Sheep Farm

LAUREEN SMITH, Fairview Hospital

Note: We are in our eighth year administering funds allocated for the purpose of promoting our local economy. Tourism drives our town's economy and affords the Town of Stockbridge the opportunity to collect both local option room occupancy and meals tax dollars. The town historically allocates a percentage of the gross tax dollars to the chamber.

FINANCES



Construction Workers - Williams High School & Stockbridge Plain School c. 1913
Courtesy of Stockbridge Library Historical Collection

Town Accountant's Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

Following is the Town Accountant's Annual Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022. The individual reports provided are listed below:

Combined Balance Sheet

Special Revenue Funds

Capital Projects

Fixed Assets

Trust Funds

Agency Funds

Statement of Revenues

Statement of Expenditures

Respectfully submitted,
CHERYL ALLEN
Town Accountant

**Town of Stockbridge
Balance Sheet June 30, 2022**

	GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS				FIDUCIARY FUNDS					Totals
	General Fund	Major Spec. Revenue Funds	Other Spec. Rev Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Trust Funds	Other Post-Emply Funds	Agency Funds	Fixed Assets	Long-Term Debt	
ASSETS										
Cash	5,349,992	3,386,048	(77,380)	1,356,484	2,844,483	3,738,459	46,701			16,644,788
Receivables:										—
Personal Property Taxes	5,256									5,256
Real Estate Taxes	229,339									229,339
Motor Vehicle Taxes	28,514									28,514
Tax Liens	265,763									265,763
Tax Foreclosures										—
Community Preservation Receivable		5,141								5,141
Overlays	(64,571)									(64,571)
Water Rates and Special		3,308								3,308
Sewer Rates and Special		9,428								9,428
Water/Sewer Liens added to tax		3,249								3,249
Fixed Assets										—
Amounts to be provided for									10,449,562	10,449,562
Due from Stabilization										—
TOTAL ASSETS	5,814,291	3,407,175	(77,380)	1,356,484	2,844,483	3,738,459	46,701	-	10,449,562	27,579,776

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Liabilities								22,290			
Water Treatment Plant Loan(Ref)									230,000		230,000
Sewer Expansion Project Loan									825,000		825,000
Inside Limit - Twn Office LN									1,370,000		1,370,000
Water Update/Tank LN									1,210,198		1,210,198
Highway Truck Loan									145,000		145,000
Water Ln-Church St/Tank									1,394,365		1,394,365
Gnrl Oblig bond:TwnBridges/Hwy gar.									2,065,000		2,065,000
Fire Truck State House Note									50,000		50,000
Princ-Bridges/Hwy Garage									-		-
2.3M Principal Hwy Garage									1,840,000		1,840,000
4/1/22 Go Bonds									1,320,000		1,320,000
Deferred Revenue	467,109	21,126									488,236
TOTAL LIABILITIES	467,109	21,126	-	-	-	-	-	22,290	-	10,449,562	10,937,798
FUND EQUITY											
Reserved for Expenditures	1,419,406	385,763									1,805,169
Reserved for Encumbrances	77,456	-									77,456
Reserved for Encumbrance/Spec. Arts.	1,004,374	82,617									1,086,990
Reserved for Deficits	-										-
Reserved-Debt Exclusion	-										-
Reserved		1,539,859	(77,380)	1,356,484	2,844,483	3,738,459	24,411				9,426,316
Unreserved	2,845,946	1,377,810									4,223,756
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	5,347,182	3,386,048	(77,380)	1,356,484	2,844,483	3,738,459	24,411	-	-	16,619,687	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	5,814,291	3,407,175	(77,380)	1,356,484	2,844,483	3,738,459	46,701	-	10,449,562		27,579,776

(Notes: MAJOR Special Revenue Funds include WATER & SEWER & COMMUNITY PRESERVATION Funds)

(Notes: OTHER Special Revenue Funds include REVOLVING FUND,ELECTIONS,LOCAL REVOLVING,POLICE GRANTS,GIFTS)

Town of Stockbridge
Special Revenue Funds
Year ending June 30, 2022

WATER & SEWER	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers	Ending Balance
Water	772,117	375,954	(308,644)	28,744	868,171
Sewer	637,023	531,550	(348,671)	(173,585)	646,317
Total Water & Sewer	1,409,140	907,504	(657,315)	(144,841)	1,514,488
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION					
Reserved for Encumbrance	4,500	10,000	(14,500)		0
Reserved: Open Space	535,153	574,452	(688,822)		420,782
Reserved: Historic Resources	459,304	802,480	(634,971)		626,813
Reserved: Community Housing	146,816	972,612	(627,164)		492,264
Undesignated Fund Balance	705,017	460,237	(833,552)		331,702
TOTALS:	1,850,790	2,819,780	(2,799,009)	0	1,871,561
GRANTS					
APRA Funds	98,912	183,555	(102,700)		179,767
Covid19 Relief Funds	(4,097)	116,822	(112,350)		375
Averic Road Bridge	0	0	(434,346)		(434,346)
Strap Grant	(126,739)	1,249,488	(1,249,488)		(126,739)
Small Bridge Grant	0	0	0		0
CH90- Hwy Grant	(30,585)	30,585	0		(0)
Emergency Mgt Grant	5,012	2,463	(2,336)		5,139
Arts Lottery Grant	7,124	5,041	(6,600)		5,565
D.E.P. 319 Grant/State	29,111	0	(12,108)		17,003
MDOT Shared Winter Grant	5,180	0	(710)		4,470
Elder Affairs	17,195	8,868	(4,294)		21,769
FY21 Muni Vulnerability Prep	6,501	0	(1,324)		5,176
Zebra Mussel Boat Wash	2,832	0	(8,832)		(6,000)
Library Grant	4,368	8,327	(12,695)		0
Gould Meadow Forest Stwdrrshp Grnt	(20,075)	15,056	(8,681)		(13,700)

Green Community Gr	0	0	0	0
COA Supplies Gr	793	0	(479)	314
ADA Grant	0	27,640	(27,640)	0
Larrywaug Bridge Grant	0	(78,333)	0	(78,333)
Street Lights Grant	0	15,642	0	15,642
Elections	4,348	0	0	4,348
Total Grants	(5,956)	1,590,988	(1,992,609)	0

OTHER SPECIAL FUNDS

Fire Grants	(8,025)	9,720	(1,695)	0
FID Card Collections	525	988	(1,063)	450
Law Enforcement Tr. Fund	1,957	0	0	1,957
Wetland Protection Act	21,528	3,146	(1,400)	23,274
Contaminated Fix/Equip Disposal	13,603	265	0	13,868
Receipts resvd for appr-Real Estate	200,000	0	0	200,000
Solar-Landfill Consultant Fees	21,522	0	0	21,522
Tax Title Revolving Fund	(5,608)	6,300	(692)	0
SBA Peer Review of NOI	78	66	0	144
Ice Glen Road Donations	500	10,550	0	11,050
Cat & Dog Fountain	0	5,000	0	5,000
Police Gifts	10,869	1,800	(688)	11,981
Gifts to Aid Elderly/Disabled	10,987	5,587	(3,350)	13,223
M. Anderson Gift	2,004	0	0	2,004
Procter Hall Restoration	8,454	30	0	8,484
Mary Flynn Conservation Gift	1,074	0	0	1,074
Isabelle Soule Gift	1,399	0	0	1,399
Sosne Little League field gift	150	0	0	150
Parks & Rec Gifts	0	4694.6	-4544.6	150
Restoration of Town Fountains	100	0	0	100
Total Gifts	281,317	50,463	(15,949)	0

TOTAL OF FUNDS # 10 THRU # 29

3,294,303

Town of Stockbridge
Major Special Funds June 30, 2022

	Major Special Funds			FIDUCIARY FUNDS				
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Community Preservation Fund	Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Fixed Assets	Long-Term Debt	Totals
ASSETS								
Cash	868,171	646,316	1,871,561					3,386,048
Receivables:								
Personal Property Taxes								0
Real Estate Taxes								0
Motor Vehicle Taxes								0
Tax Liens								0
Chapter 90 Roads Receivable								0
Community Preservation Receivable			5,141					5,141
Overlays								0
Water Rates and Special	3,308							3,308
Sewer Rates and Special		9,428						9,428
Water/Sewer Liens added to tax	830	2,420						3,249
Fixed Assets								0
Amounts to be provided for								0
Due from Stabilization								0
TOTAL ASSETS	872,308	658,164	1,876,702	0	0	0	0	3,407,175

	Major Special Funds			FIDUCIARY FUNDS					
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Community Preservation Fund		Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Fixed Assets	Long-Term Debt	Totals
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY									
LIABILITIES									
Water Treatment Plant Loan									0
Sewer Expansion Project Loan									0
Town Offices Project Loan									0
Water Improvements/Tank Loan									0
Due to Capital Projects									0
Deferred Revenue	3,308	9,428	5,141						17,877
Deferred Revenue - Liens added tax830	2,420								3,249
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,137	11,848	5,141	0	0	0	0	0	21,126
FUND EQUITY									
Reserved for Expenditures	110,500	275,263							385,763
Reserved for Encumbrances	0	0	0						0
Reserved for Encumbrance/Spec. Arts.	70,312	12,304							82,617
Reserved for Deficits									0
Reserved-Investment & Prop									0
Reserved			1,539,859						1,539,859
Unreserved	687,358	358,749	331,702						1,377,810
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	868,171	646,316	1,871,561	0	0	0	0	0	3,386,048
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	872,308	658,164	1,876,702	0	0	0	0	0	3,407,175

(Notes: MAJOR Special Revenue Funds include WATER & SEWER & COMMUNITY PRESERVATION Funds)

(Notes: OTHER Special Revenue Funds include REVOLVING FUND,ELECTIONS,LOCAL REVOLVING,POLICE GRANTS,GIFTS)

Capital Projects

Year ending June 30, 2022

Fund	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenses	Transfers	Ending Balance
Water Update Project	56,409	0	0		56,409
Special Equipment	0	340,000	(339,175)		825
Town Bridges & Highway Garage	0	0	0		0
Capital Projects	0	600,000			600,000
Sewer Treatment Expansion	0	720,000	(20,750)		699,250
Total Capital Projects	56,409	1,660,000	(359,925)	0	1,356,484

Trust Funds

Year ending June 30, 2022

Funds	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Transfers in	Transfers out	Ending Balance
OPEB - Retirement Benefits	3,834,853	(96,394)			3,738,459
Cemetery Perpetual Care	418,704	(24,398)			394,306
Conservation Trust Fund	22,876	(612)			22,264
War Memorial Trust Fund	1,348	(36)			1,312
DD Field Chime Tower	1,835	(49)			1,786
Stockbridge Bowl Fund	1,288	(34)			1,254
Merwin Trust	25,489	(679)			24,810
Stabilization	2,364,274	(63,077)			2,301,197
Stockbridge Housing	-	97,554			97,554
Totals	6,670,667	(87,725)	-	-	6,582,942

Capital Asset Summary

Year ending June 30, 2022

	2021 Assets	2022 Assets
Land	4,694,600	4,694,600
Construction in progress	25,272	30,844
Buildings & Furnishings	5,180,822	7,722,316
Vehicles & Equipment	3,192,195	2,949,506
Infrastructure	14,415,188	13,556,701
Totals	27,508,078	28,953,967

Agency Funds

Year ending June 30, 2022

Funds	Beginning Balance	credits Receipts	debits Expenses	Ending Balance
Federal Withholding Tax	4,044	214,639	(218,684)	0
Medicare Withholding Tax	610	31,103	(31,713)	0
State Withholding Tax	2,034	102,506	(104,539)	0
Retirement Withholding	6,020	172,311	(174,964)	3,367
Def. comp Withholding	1,063	43,027	(44,090)	0
Spec Empl Hlth/Dental	142	3,634	(3,427)	350
Spec Empl Life Ins	20	10	(30)	0
Insurance Withholding	18,543	140,257	(143,763)	15,038
Life Insurance Withholding	197	907	(987)	116
AFLAC Disab/voluntary	167	3,636	(3,721)	82
Boston Mut Life/voluntary	47	609	(657)	0
Union Dues Withholding	905	10,718	(10,843)	779
MISC Agency	0	1,500	(1,500)	0
Fire Watch Detail	586	2,630	(2,880)	336
Court Ordered Deductions	245	17,095	(17,340)	0
Council on Aging-trips/meals	183	0	0	183
Insurance Reimbursements	0	27,811	(10,019)	17,792
Performance Bonds	2,040	0	0	2,040
Sub-totals	36,846	772,394	(769,158)	40,082
Police Outside Detail	6,552	45,219	(45,152)	6,619
Totals	43,398	817,613	(814,310)	46,701

Revenues

Year ending June 30, 2022

General Property Taxes

Personal Property Tax	438,376
Real Estate Tax	8,792,148
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	388,677
In Lieu of Taxes & Tax Liens Redeemed	47,079
Interest on Taxes and Excise	46,448
Hotel and Motel Tax	566,350
Tax Foreclosure Revenue	-
Meals Tax	71,911

Sub-total General Taxes

10,350,989

Permits for Services

Cemetery Internments	2,100
Building Permits	153,270
Plumbing Permits	7,440
Electrical Permits	19,980
Gas Permits	6,960
Fire Permits	6,200
Special Permits	6,783
Board of Health Permits	38,147
Cable Television	383

Other Charges for Services

Compactor Stickers	48,957
Compactor Fees	31,002
Municipal Lien Fees	2,625
Photocopies	30
Town Clerk	2,075
Firearm Permits	338
Police Detail-Admin Fee	3,677
Police Reports	180

Sub-total Permits/Charges for Services

330,146

Licenses

Dog licenses	1,764
Alcoholic	18,931
Tag Sale	570
Retail,restaurant	1,125
Other Licenses and Permits	16,615

Sub-total Licenses and Permits

39,005

Revenues from State (Cherry Sheet)

Abate-Vets,Blind,Surv Spouse	11,135
State Owned Land	46,119
General Govt. State Aid	109,554

Sub-total State Revenues	166,808
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Revenue from Other Governments

Fines and Forfeits	6,065
District Court Fines	100
EOEA Recycling Incentive Pmt	4,578
Veterans' Reimbursement Benefits	20,346
Public Works Projects(curb)	450

Sub-total Other Government Revenue	31,539
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Miscellaneous Revenue

Council on Aging-Taxi donations	-
Parking Fines	135
50 Main Street-rentals	68,110
Cell Tower Rental	25,504
Investment Income	24,579
Chap 90	
Other Miscellaneous	44,961

Sub-total Miscellaneous Revenue	163,289
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Total General Fund Revenues	11,081,776
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Special Revenue Funds

Water User Fees	348,178
Water Special	5,003
Water Interest & Penalties	1,548
Water Connection Fees	4,600
Water Liens Added To Tax	1,207
Water Fire Service connection fees	2,000
Water Backflow fees	5,600
Water Application Fees	200
Water Other Misc revenue	7,617

Total Water Fund Revenues	375,954
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Sewer Special	-
Sewer Interest & Penalties	2,617
Sewer Liens Added to Tax	2,927
Sewer Connection Fees	2,250

Sewer Application Fees	200
Sewer Other Misc revenue	413
Total Sewer Fund Revenues	531,550
Community Preservation Tax	219,199
Community Preservation Interest & Penalties	817
Community Preservation State Funds	214,254
Community Preservation Investment Income	11,807
Total Community Preservation Revenues	446,077

Expenses

Year ending June 30, 2022

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator	
Salary	242
Dues/Subscriptions	<u>25</u>
	267
Selectmen	
Salaries	59,214
Proj. Engineering Services	0
Advertising	5,000
Litigation	67,650
Postage	1,026
Cable Advisory	150
Economic Development	0
Other Expenses	240
Meetings/Travel	0
Dues & Memberships	<u>1,296</u>
	134,576
Town Administrator	
Salary	99,434
Postage Meter Rental	492
Office Supplies	1,475
School/Training	<u>375</u>
	101,776
Town Offices	
Salary	74,247
Fuel	11,959
Building Repairs	24,121
Uniform	0
Chime Tower Engr	0

Maint. Contracts	14,895
Janitorial Supplies	4,289
Gas/Diesel	629
Dues/subscriptions	0
School/Training	0
HVAC	10,428
Site Improvements	4,583
Purchase Equipment	<u>4,207</u>
	149,357
Finance Committee	
Meetings/Travel	0
Dues & Subscriptions	<u>0</u>
	0
Reserve Fund	
Reserve Transfer	<u>148,082</u>
	148,082
Town Accountant	
Salary	61,594
Postage	0
Audit	19,500
Office Supplies	297
Other Charges & Expenses	0
Meetings/In-State Travel	142
Dues/Subscriptions	0
School/Training	1,000
Municipal Group Purchasing	<u>0</u>
	82,533
Assessors	
Salaries	111,158
Appraisal Svcs	1,000
Postage	15
Office Supplies	589
Meetings/Travel	4,889
Dues & Subscriptions	<u>1,037</u>
	118,68
Treasurer/Collector	
Salaries	107,815
Service	3,528
Payroll Service	5,708
Postage	2,026
Tax title fees	0
Office Supplies	800
Forms	884
Other chgs/exp	397

Meetings/Travel	238
Dues/Subscriptions	100
School/Training	0
Interest on refunded tax	0
Purchase Equipment	<u>0</u>
	121,496
Town Counsel	
Retainer	73,441
Legal Expenses	<u>0</u>
	73,441
Town Clerk	
Salary	47,356
Printing	446
Postage	0
Supplies	24
Meetings/Travel	1,142
Dues/Subscriptions	214
School/training	0
Purchase Equipment	<u>0</u>
	49,182
Elections & Registration	
Salaries	2,670
Repairs/Maint. Equipment	0
Printing	0
Postage	0
Voting Machine Ballots	1,947
Supplies	873
Forms	0
Other charges/ expenses	485
Purchase Equipment	<u>0</u>
	5,975
Conservation Commission	
Salary	9,000
Postage	0
Legal Advertising	1,000
Office Supplies	142
Dues/Subscriptions	203
School/Training	0
Gould Meadows-maintenance	<u>5,487</u>
	15,832
Planning Board	
Salary	6,253
Advertising	547
Postage	0

Supplies	24
Training Costs	<u>114</u>
	6,938
Zoning Board	
Other charges/exp	<u>75</u>
	75
Town Meeting Articles	
Bylaw Consultant	0
Legal-Rest River	5,091
Housatonic RR Fees	0
Tourism development	0
ATM5-21-18A#18 Prog for PILOT	75
ATM5-20-19A#8 OSHA Reg Upgrades	5,917
ATM5-20-19A#9 Upgrades Twn Beach	28,248
Town Offices security upgrade	0
Beach House Roof/Skylights	0
Contingency-FY16-Channel Dredging	0
ATM7-25-20A#18 PLNG BRD CNSLTN	17,714
Contingency-FY17-Channel Dredging	0
6-12-21 A#30 TOWN STREET LIGHT	2,504
6-12-21 A#24 WATER TESTING	35,000
6-12-21 A#32 CEMETERY CONS	13,920
6-12-21 A#29 TENNIS & BASKETBALL	<u>0</u>
	108,469
Procter Hall	
Building Repairs	<u>0</u>
	0
Town Electricity	<u>69,420</u>
	69,420
Town Report	<u>7,735</u>
	7,735
Computer Technology	
Telecommunication	28,000
Computer Service Contracts	16,100
Outside Prof Services	23,000
Computer Supplies	9,500
Purchase Equipment	11,900
Purchase Computers	7,500
Purchase Software	<u>4,000</u>
	100,000
Total General Government Expenses	<u>1,293,840</u>

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police

Salaries	705,973
Repairs: Radio	971
Vehicle repairs/maint	17,293
Uniforms	12,522
Postage	500
Communications	16,471
Supplies	3,106
Gasoline	23,409
Accreditation Exp	975
Meetings/Travel	414
Dues/Subscriptions	3,183
School/Training	7,673
Purchase of Equipment	2,742
Police Vehicle	47,531
	<u>842,763</u>

Police Town Meeting Articles

ATM5-21-18A#16 Bullet Prf Vat	<u>860</u>
	860

Fire

Salaries	95,644
Fuel	8,000
Equip Repair/Maint	10,698
Vehicle Repairs/maint	28,566
Building repairs	10,836
Uniforms	983
Janitorial Supplies	1,656
SCBA Related Expenses	2,004
Inspection Expense	2,623
Gasoline	6,149
School/traiing	6,352
Purchase Replacement Equip	<u>19,236</u>
	192,748

Fire Truck	<u>0</u>
	0

Emergency Medical Response

School/Training	3,001
Purchase Equip	<u>8,195</u>
	11,196

Ambulance service	
Lee Ambulance	207,349
Lenox Ambulance	<u>61,520</u>
	268,869
Animal Control Officer	
Salary	5,765
Veterinary Chgs.	0
Supplies	0
Other Charges & Expenses	0
Kennel Operation	<u>0</u>
	5,765
Building Inspector	
Salaries	73,165
Office Supplies	0
Other Charges & Expenses	0
Meetings/Travel	893
Dues/Subscriptions	<u>225</u>
	74,283
Gas Inspector	
Salaries	1,514
Other Charges & Expenses	<u>0</u>
	1,514
Plumbing Inspector	
Salaries	6,397
Other Charges & Expenses	<u>0</u>
	6,397
Electrical Inspector	
Salaries	7,255
Service	0
Other Charges & Expenses	<u>882</u>
	8,137
Emergency Management	
Salary	1,550
Repairs/Maintenance	0
Notification System	3,333
Uniforms	0
Emergency Planning	500
Other Charges & Expenses	64
School/Training	0
Purchase Equipment	<u>459</u>
	5,907
Tree Warden	
Salary	2,208
Tree Removals	33,829

Forestry	6,800
Planting, Feeding	4,463
Other Charges/Exp	<u>1,000</u>
	48,299
Total Public Safety Expenses	1,466,739

EDUCATION

Berkshire Hills Regional School District	
Assessment	2,995,913
Construction	85,865
Consolidating	8,000
Total Education Expense	3,089,778

PUBLIC WORKS

Highway Town Meeting Articles	
Ch90 road reconstruction	30,408
Dam Repairs	0
Hazardous Waste	0
Cemetery Stone	1,564
Cemetery Trees	0
Cemetery Survey	21,870
ATM5-20-19A#7 Averic Bridge Engr	203,117
ATM5-20-19A#15 Cons&Engr For S	17,744
ATM5-20-19A#18 Highway Garage	173,947
Interlaken Rd Over Larrywaug	<u>2,316</u>
	450,967
Highway Department	
Salaries	352,277
Fuel	4,942
Repairs/Maintenance Equipment	4,000
Repairs-Radio	0
Building Repairs	1,750
Engineering Services	3,997
Rentals	0
Uniforms	1,834
Office Supplies	98
Harvester exp.	5,611
Gravel roads	21,042
Sidewalks	550
Roads	50,120
Licenses	75
CDL Drug Testing	0
Woodwaste	1,000

Training	516
	<u>447,812</u>
Snow and Ice Expenses	90,000
	<u>90,000</u>
Street Lights Electricity	45,000
	<u>45,000</u>
Highway Machinery	
Vehicle Repairs	42,149
Rental	11,000
Supplies	6,000
Gasoline	40,000
Tires	5,000
Plow Blades	2,000
Safety equip	2,075
	<u>108,224</u>
Glendale Solar/Cell Prop	
Mowing & Maintenance	10,026
	<u>10,026</u>
Compactor	
Salaries	59,906
Repairs	1,438
Hauling	128,807
	<u>190,151</u>
Hydrant Rental	
Housatonic	2,250
	<u>2,250</u>
Cemetery	
Salaries	7,605
Repairs/Maint-Equip	1,000
Repairs/Maint-Mowers	1,000
Supplies	788
Fuel	0
Mowers/Trimmers	1,497
	<u>11,891</u>
Total Public Works Expenses	1,356,321
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PUBLIC HEALTH	
Board of Health	
Salaries	842
Meetings/Travel	0

Dues/Subscriptions	0
Zebra Mussell Monitoring	<u>12,853</u>
	13,695
Tri-Town Health Officer	<u>103,920</u>
	103,920
Lee Visiting Nurse/Porchlight	<u>0</u>
	0
Mental Health & Substance Abuse Svc.	<u>0</u>
	0
Council on Aging	
Salaries	12,691
Repairs/Maint-Vehicle	85
Postage	0
Recreation	0
Supplies	66
Meetings/Travel	32
Dues/Subscriptions	265
Purchase Equipment	<u>0</u>
	13,140
Veterans' Services	
District Service	8,456
Benefits	<u>18,591</u>
	27,047
Total Public Health Expenses	157,801

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Stockbridge Library Association	<u>195,590</u>
	195,590
Chime Tower	
Bell-ringers salaries	<u>0</u>
	0
Tourist Promotion	
Other Charges/Expenses	<u>44,000</u>
	44,000
Parks and Recreation	
Salaries	10,414
Water	475
Repairs/Maintenance	4,285
Special Needs Recreation	0
Supplies	250
Site Improvements	10,200
Dock Maintenance	0

Purchase Equip	4,614
	<u>30,238</u>
Stockbridge Bowl Boat Monitors	
Boatmonitors	0
	<u>0</u>
Historical Commission	
Consulting/Advisory	0
Office Supplies	0
Supplies	0
Meetings/Travel	0
	<u>0</u>
Memorial Day Committee	
Salaries	150
Grave Markers	2,892
Other Charges/Expenses	2,100
	<u>5,142</u>
Historic District Committee	
Other Charges/Expenses	0
	<u>0</u>
Historic Preserv Commission	
Other Charges/Expenses	0
	<u>0</u>
Total Culture & Recreation Expenses	270,238

DEBT SERVICE

Admin Fees	5,649
Debt Princ - Sewer Expansion	383,104
Debt Int - Sewer Expansion	4,564
Debt Princ - Water Treatment	60,000
Debt Int - Water Treatment	7,800
Debt Princ - Town Offices	355,000
Debt Int - Town Offices	46,425
Debt Princ - Water Tank & Update	121,712
Debt Int - Water Tank & Update	25,421
Debt Princ - Waterlines/Tank	77,931
Debt Int - Waterlines/Tank	29,44
Debt Princ - Hwy Bridges	115,000
Debt Int - Hwy Bridges	65,463
Debt Princ - Hwy Garage	115,000
Debt Int - Hwy Garage	65,250
Debt Princ - Fire Truck	50,000
Debt Int - Fire Truck	848
	<u>1,528,612</u>
Total Debt Service Expenses	1,528,612

STATE AND COUNTY CHARGES

State Assessments	
Motor Vehicle Excise	1,040
Mosquito Control	0
Air Pollution Control District	1,168
Berkshire Regional Transit Auth.	42,343
State Strap Assessment	<u>0</u>
	44,551
Total State & County Charges	44,551

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Retirement Benefits	
Assessment	<u>391,507</u>
	391,507
Employee Insurance	
Med/FICA(Town Portion)	31,713
Life Insurance	3,054
Health Insurance	500,436
Employee Ins Reimbursement	<u>11,250</u>
	546,454
Insurance	
Insurance Coverage	114,000
Police/Volunteer Firemen's	43,375
Ins. Deductible	<u>9,597</u>
	166,972
TRSFR to Stabilization	
ATM Special Article	<u>50,000</u>
	50,000
Tax Refunds/Other Expense	
Personal Property	2,257
Real Estate	110,453
Motor Vehicle	4,224
Other Revenue refunded	252
Berkshire Regional Planning	<u>1,551</u>
	118,737
Total Miscellaneous Expenses	1,273,669

TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	10,481,550
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WATER DEPARTMENT

Salaries	127,322
Electricity	41,000
Heating Fuel	3,000
Telephone/Alarms	5,000
Repairs/Maint Equipment	14,400
Repairs Radio	0
Repairs Vehicles	1,000
Uniforms	600
Pumping Station	600
Water Testing	5,500
Postage	800
Forestry	700
Generator Service	1,500
Meters	3,000
Office Supplies	2,000
Supplies	14,000
Gasoline	2,000
Chemicals	15,000
Annual Watermain Mowing	4,000
SDWA Assessment	650
Intermunicipal Agreements	350
School/Training	1,900
Pipeline Replacement	13,200
Purchase of Safety Equipment	<u>1,000</u>
	258,522
Water Town Meeting Articles	
ATM6-12-21 A#35 QUIET KNOLL	3,690
ATM6-12-21 A#34 TUCKERMAN BRIDGE	17,518
ATM 5-21-18 A#14 WTR MN	0
ATM 7-25-20 A#20 CURTISVILLE BR	0
ATM5-20-19 A#12 HIGH LIFT PUMP	<u>170</u>
	21,378
Water Refunds	<u>274</u>
	274
Total Water Expense	280,174

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Salaries	127,322
Electricity	45,000
Fuel Oil	4,000
Telephone/Alarms	5,800
Repairs/Maintenance Equipment	34,000
Repairs Vehicles	3,000
Maintenance Contracts	4,000
Uniforms	1,200
Sludge Hauling	77,000
Postage	1,000
Supplies	15,000
Ultraviolet Light Bulbs	1,800
Gasoline/diesel	4,500
Intermunicipal Agreements	1,000
School/Training	2,000
Purchase of Safety Equipment	<u>1,000</u>
	327,622
Sewer Town Meeting Articles	
Park St Pump Sta-Engineer/Design	304
ATM7-25-20A#20 Curtis Ville BR	0
ATM6-12-21 A#33 SEWER UNDERGR	<u>12,000</u>
	12,304
Sewer Refunds	<u>0</u>
	0
Total Sewer Expense	339,926

Board of Assessors

The tax rate of \$8.14 for Fiscal Year 2023 was set and approved on November 28, 2022. This represents a \$1.24 decrease from the Fiscal Year 2022 tax rate of \$9.38.

Listed below are figures used on the Tax Recapitulation for Fiscal Year 2023 & Previous Fiscal Year 2022:

	FY2023	FY2022
Total Amount to be Raised	\$14,404,748.12	\$11,956,688.94
Total Estimated Receipts and other Revenue Sources	5,201,397.94	2,667,810.00
Tax Levy (net amount to be raised by taxation)	\$ 9,203,350.18	\$ 9,288,878.94
Real Property Valuations	\$ 1,082,593,320.00	\$ 943,245,720.00
Personal Property Valuations	48,034,381.00	47,039,882.00
Total Valuation	\$ 1,130,632,701.00	\$ 990,285,602.00
Total Number of Parcels, Real Estate	1,769	1,768
Total Number of Personal Property Assessments	760	782
Total Number of Parcels, Exempt	157	157

Listed below are figures used on the LA-13 Tax Levy Growth for Fiscal Year 2023 & Previous Fiscal Year 2022:

Total Real & Personal Property Tax Growth Valuation	\$ 9,110,425.00	\$ 6,909,120.00
Total Real & Personal Tax Levy Growth	\$ 85,456.00	\$ 67,572.00

Listed Below are figures used on the LA-5 Classification Tax Allocation for Fiscal Year 2023 & Previous Fiscal Year 2022:

Excess Levy Capacity	\$ 1,973,990.82	\$ 1,491,599.06
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In Fiscal Year 2023, the Assessor's Office conducted a state mandated, five-year revaluation of all real property using market data from calendar year 2021.

Adjustments were made on almost all styles of homes as well as land values in many areas of Town. The final result of these changes was a tax base that is historically higher than any other year on record but also a tax rate that is one of the lowest in decades.

The dramatic change in the real estate market over the last few years is the main reason behind the increase in valuations both locally and on a national level.

Respectfully submitted,
GARY M. PITNEY, Chairman
DOUGLAS M. GOUDEY
THOMAS H. STOKES
Board of Assessors

Treasurer/Collector Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

Following is the Treasurer/Collector Annual Report for the Fiscal Year 2022 which is from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The individual reports provided are listed below:

Debt Summary

Tax Collector Reconciliation

Revenue Received by the Tax Collector's Office

Treasurer's Cash Report

Stockbridge offers the convenience of online payments through UniPay by UniBank. With this easy-to-use, and secure service, Stockbridge residents may choose to pay by eCheck (ACH) or by any credit/debit card. When paying with a checking account & routing number (ACH), there is a flat \$0.50 per cart processing fee assessed. If choosing to pay by credit or debit card, there is a convenience fee charged directly by the credit card processor. This fee is based on a sliding scale dependent on the amount of each payment. In addition, residents can opt to receive Email and/or Text alerts when a Real Estate, Personal Property, Excise or Sewer/Water bill is available for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

ERICKA OLESON & CHRISTINE GORETTI

Office of the Treasurer/Collector

Treasurer's Cash Report

Beginning Balance as of 7/1/2021	\$14,798,663.44
Receipts	\$16,662,782.00
Expenditures	-\$14,761,701.71
Ending Balance as of 6/30/2022	\$16,699,743.73

General Funds

Checking Accounts & Liquid Investments	\$10,117,051.50
Total General Funds:	\$10,117,051.50

Stabilization Accounts:

Stabilization	\$2,051,401.76
Stabilization - Maintenance Account	\$249,795.20
Total Stabilization:	\$2,301,196.96

Trust Fund Accounts:

Cemetery	\$394,056.03
Conservation	22264.48
DD Field Chime Tower	\$1,786.07
Merwin Trust	24809.91
Stockbridge Bowl	\$1,253.63
Stockbridge Housing	\$97,554.34
War Memorial	1311.87
Total Trust Funds:	\$543,036.33

OPEB Funds	\$3,738,458.94
Total OPEB Funds:	\$3,738,458.94

Total Bank Balances as of June 30, 2022	\$16,699,743.73
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Revenue Received by the Collector's Office

Taxes & Billed Amounts Collected

Real Estate Tax Collected (All Years)	\$8,902,601.22
Personal Property Tax Collected (All Years)	\$440,633.25
Interest/Penalties on Real Estate & Personal Property	\$36,686.05
Municipal Lien Certificate Revenue	\$2,625.00
Community Preservation Tax (All Years)	\$219,677.74
Interest/Penalties on Community Preservation	\$817.09
Motor Vehicle Tax Collected (All Years)	\$392,900.56
Interest/Penalties on Motor Vehicle	\$5,683.55
Motor Vehicle Deputy Collector Fees	\$2,144.00
Tax Title Payments Received	\$4,686.68
Interest/Penalties on Tax Liens	\$1,934.53
Compactor User Fees	\$35,580.20
Tri-Town Board of Health	\$38,146.80
Aid to the Elderly	\$5,586.62

Total Taxes Collected

\$10,089,703.29

Utility Receipts:

Water User Charges (All Years)	\$349,659.33
Hydrant Charges	\$5,003.17
Interest/Penalties on Water	\$1,547.95
Backflow Fees	\$5,600.00
Fire Service Connection Fees	\$4,600.00
Water Misc. Fees	\$9,817.38

Total Water Receipts	\$376,227.83
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Sewer User Charges (All Years)	\$526,070.93
Interest/Penalties on Sewer	\$2,617.06
Sewer Misc. Fees	\$2,862.50

Total Sewer Receipts	\$531,550.49
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Total Water & Sewer Utility Receipts

\$907,778.32

Payment in Lieu of Taxes:

Austen Riggs (includes payment for 2 fiscal years)	\$32,000.00
Berkshire Taconic	\$1,000.00
Stockbridge Housing Authority	\$839.12
Tavitian	\$6,553.28
Riverbrook	\$2,000.00

Total Payment in Lieu of Taxes Collected

\$42,392.40

Tax Collector Reconciliation Review

	Outstanding as of 7/1/2021	Add Commitments	Less Collections	Less Abtements/ Exemptions	Add Refunds	Adjustments /Transfers	Uncollected Tax as of 6/30/2022
Tax Title							
2022	\$240,118.31		\$(4,686.68)			\$30,331.27	\$265,762.90
Sewer/Water							
2022		\$892,720.983	\$(876,185.81)	\$(4,073.24)	\$274.24		\$12,736.17
2021	\$2,908.21		\$(413.58)			\$(2,494.63)	\$-
Real Estate							
2022		\$8,847,645.05	\$(8,659,148.29)	\$(37,727.83)	\$52,862.18		\$203,631.11
2021	\$200,161.74		\$(202,235.78)	\$(11,509.54)	\$57,591.00	\$(32,387.98)	\$11,619.44
2020	\$45,073.54		\$(38,526.66)			\$630.58	\$7,177.46
2019	\$3,605.18		\$(2,635.83)			\$5,941.34	\$6,910.69
2018	\$478.24		\$(54.66)			\$(423.58)	\$-
CPA							
2022		\$219,611.42	\$(214,530.90)	\$(1,043.12)	\$478.72		\$4,516.12
2021	\$5,127.36		\$(4,237.48)	\$(345.28)	\$340.02	\$(622.52)	\$262.10
2020	\$897.80		\$(862.38)			\$150.29	\$185.71
2019	\$46.98		\$(46.98)			\$176.93	\$176.93
2018							\$-

Personal Property

2022		\$441,234.17	\$(438,724.01)	\$(413.99)	\$153.49	\$2,249.66
2021	\$2,669.41		\$(1,631.94)		\$257.71	\$1,295.18
2020	\$994.16		\$(202.36)			\$791.80
2019	\$440.69		\$(54.03)			\$386.66
2018	\$205.77		\$(20.91)			\$184.86
2017	\$135.80			\$(779.66)	\$779.66	\$135.80
2016	\$145.10			\$(819.26)	819.26	\$145.10
2015	\$-					\$-
2014	\$-			\$(246.78)	246.78	\$-
2013	\$66.56					\$66.56

Motor Vehicle Excise

2022		\$311,433.91	\$(297,212.02)	\$(1,683.11)	\$1,855.90	\$14,394.68
2021	\$58,826.88	\$39,946.98	\$(93,616.77)	\$(2,310.46)	\$2,321.54	\$5,168.17
2020	\$2,353.28		\$(837.28)	\$(116.91)	\$46.18	\$1,445.27
2019	\$1,884.81		\$(677.81)			\$1,207.00
2018	\$1,441.35		\$(122.50)			\$1,318.85
2017	\$1,204.06		\$(370.00)			\$834.06
2016	\$1,091.24				\$0.01	\$1,091.25
2015	\$1,463.55					\$1,463.55
2014	\$955.21		\$(64.17)			\$891.04
2013	\$699.69					\$699.69

Debt Schedule

DEBT	Outstanding 7/1/2021	Add New Debt Issued	Less Payments Made	Outstanding 6/30/2022	Interest Paid in FY'22
Long Term Debt: Inside the Debt Limit					
11/01/03 Sewer CW-02-30-A	\$760,000.00	\$-	\$245,000.00	\$515,000.00	\$2,831.69
11/01/03 Sewer CW-02-30-B	\$460,000.00	\$-	\$150,000.00	\$310,000.00	\$1,732.03
09/04/13 Building Remodeling - Municipal	\$1,725,000.00	\$-	\$355,000.00	\$1,370,000.00	\$46,425.00
06/15/17 Surface Drains	\$165,000.00	\$-	\$10,000.00	\$155,000.00	\$4,937.50
06/15/17 Bridges	\$1,590,000.00	\$-	\$80,000.00	\$1,510,000.00	\$47,787.50
06/15/17 Roads	\$165,000.00	\$-	\$10,000.00	\$155,000.00	\$4,937.50
06/15/17 Engineering Services	\$260,000.00	\$-	\$15,000.00	\$245,000.00	\$7,800.00
05/22/18 Building Construction - Highway	\$1,955,000.00	\$-	\$115,000.00	\$1,840,000.00	\$65,250.00
4/1/22 Building Remodel - Chime Tower	\$-	\$600,000.00	\$-	\$600,000.00	\$-
Long Term Debt: Outside the Debt Limit					
06/06/12 Water DWS-08-23 Refunding	\$1,331,909.94	\$-	\$121,712.37	\$1,210,197.57	\$25,421.08
09/04/13 Water Treatment Facility	\$290,000.00	\$-	\$60,000.00	\$230,000.00	\$7,800.00
06/15/20 Water Storage Tank DW-15-08 Refunding	\$1,472,295.69	\$-	\$77,931.09	\$1,394,364.60	\$29,445.91
4/1/22 Water Pumping Station	\$-	\$720,000.00	\$-	\$720,000.00	\$-
Short Term Debt					
09/24/21 Fire Truck	\$100,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$847.64
09/24/21 Highway Truck	\$-	\$145,000.00	\$-	\$145,000.00	\$-
GRAND TOTAL	\$10,274,205.63	\$1,515,000.00	\$1,339,643.46	\$10,449,562.17	\$245,215.85

Finance Committee

To the Honorable Select Board and Citizens of Stockbridge:

The financial operating results for Fiscal Year 2022 were satisfactory. All Town Departments continued to exercise commendable fiscal discipline and compliance with their adopted budgets.

The Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2022 was \$9.38 a decrease of \$.40 from Fiscal Year 2021.

The Certified balance of Free Cash was \$ 2,523,773.00. At the Annual Town Meeting on May 16, 2022 and, in an effort to minimize an increase to the Tax Levy, the following amounts of Free Cash were voted for designation to a number of purposes. Highlights include:

- \$250,000.00 additional funds for a replacement fire engine, \$385,206.00 for sewer system expansion and updating, \$340,000.00 for replacement of two (2) Highway Department mid-sized trucks and \$50,000.00 to conduct a Kamposoa Bog Hydrological Study.
- Other projects utilizing designated Free Cash include: Highway Department back hoe replacement, Bobcat replacement and tool carrier, restoration and repair of the Glendale and Interlaken Fire Stations as well as improvements to the Town Public Beach and swimming area.

The total balance of Certified, unspent Free Cash including the previously mentioned reductions was \$1,104,367.00.

The total bond indebtedness at the close of Fiscal Year 2022 was \$10,449,562.17.

At the Annual Town Meeting, several large expenditures were approved for FY 2023 including:

BHRSD Assessment.....	\$3,501,086.00
BHRSD Capital	\$90,477.00
Averic Road Bridge	\$1,950,000.00
Fire Engine	\$750,000.00
Park Street Pump Station	\$200,000.00
Salt Shed Replacement	\$448,000.00
Tuckerman's Bridge Replacement.....	\$2,080,000.00

The Finance Committee looks forward to successfully working with the Select Board, our Town Administrator, Michael Canales and all Stockbridge Department Heads to manage the effects of the Town's Budget Expenditures related to the Tax Levy and the Town's Balance Sheet. The Finance Committee also looks forward to working with the Town Administrator and Department Heads on further development and implementation of multi-year capital and operating budgets as well as further exploring refinancing and acceleration of payments to reduce long term indebtedness.

Respectfully Submitted,

JAY BIKOFSKY, Chairman

JAMES BALFANZ DIANE REUSS PAMELA BOUDREAU

STEVE SHATZ WILLIAM VOGT JORJA MARSDEN

ED LANE, Alternate

TOWN WARRANT
MOTIONS
STOCKBRIDGE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 16, 2022

ARTICLE 1. I move that the following Officers be chosen for the year commencing July 1, 2022:

Fence Viewers:	Gary Johnston & Christopher B. Marsden
Measurers of Wood:	William Markham & Marc Fadding
Measurers of Coal:	H. Linden Searing & Nicholas F. Nadorff
Weighers of Sand & Gravel:	John “Jake” Donovan & Clinton Schneyer
Field Drivers:	Louis Peyron

VOTE: **VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

ARTICLE 2. I move that the Town accept all printed reports of Town Officers and Committees as published in the Annual Report.

VOTE: **YES - 98 NO - 1**

ARTICLE 3. I move that the Town, pursuant to Chapter 41, Section 108 of the Massachusetts General Laws, fix the annual salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 as follows:

Moderator	\$ 242
Select Board	
Chair	\$ 5,552
2 Members @ \$4,545	\$ 9,090
Town Clerk	\$47,756
Board of Assessors	
Chair	\$ 3,987
2 Members @ \$3,193	\$ 6,386
Tree Warden	\$ 2,252

VOTE: **YES - 98 NO - 1**

ARTICLE 4. I move that the Town raise and appropriate a sum of \$7,957,779 to defray the expenses of the various departments of the Town for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022, in accordance with the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

VOTE: **YES - 89 NO - 8**

ARTICLE 5. I move that the Town raise and appropriate a sum of \$3,501,086 for the assessment of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District.

VOTE: YES - 93 NO - 10

ARTICLE 6. I move that the Town raise and appropriate a sum of \$90,447 to pay the Town's share of the principal and interest due in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022, for the financing of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District's school building construction projects.

VOTE: YES - 94 NO - 10

ARTICLE 7. I move that the sum of \$4,000,000 to pay costs of restoration of the following town infrastructure issues; Tuckerman Bridge, Averic Road Bridge, Fire Engine, Salt Shed, Pump Station, and all incidental and related costs, to be spent under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of G.L. c.44, §7(1), or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue bonds or notes for this purpose.

VOTE: YES - 99 NO - 9

ARTICLE 8. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate a sum of \$250,000 from available certified free cash for the purpose of funding the replacement of a fire engine for the Stockbridge Fire Department.

VOTE: YES - 96 NO - 10

ARTICLE 9. I move that the Town hereby approves the \$1,500,000 borrowing authorized by the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, for the purpose of paying costs of the Feasibility and Schematic Design Study, for the Monument Mountain Regional High School located at 600 Stockbridge Road, Great Barrington, MA, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Study"), and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District School Building Committee; that the Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Study costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities; provided further that any grant that District may receive from the MSBA for the Study shall be as set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized by the District shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

VOTE: YES - 97 NO - 14

ARTICLE 10. I move that the Town vote to create a new special purpose Stabilization Fund pursuant to M.G.L. c.40, section 5B, for the purpose of funding the remaining debt service payments for the Town Office (principal and interest) and Water Treatment Plant (principal and interest) should the funding for a new regional high school by the Berkshire Hills Regional School District be approved, and to transfer and appropriate from the Town's General Stabilization Account available funds a sum of \$1,243,100 to fund said Stabilization Fund

VOTE: YES - 98 NO - 11

ARTICLE 11. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate a sum of \$325,350 from the available Cemetery Trust Fund balance for the purpose of contracting services to preserve, repair and restore the monument stones in the Stockbridge Cemetery.

VOTE: YES - 97 NO - 12

ARTICLE 12. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate a sum of \$385,206 from available certified free cash for the purpose of paying the remainder of the Sewer System Expansion and Update Project authorized by Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting of April 1, 2002.

VOTE: YES - 97 NO - 8

ARTICLE 13. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate a sum of \$340,000 from available certified free cash for the purpose of purchasing for the Highway Department two mid-sized trucks with plow and sander, and all incidental and related costs.

VOTE: YES - 97 NO - 10

ARTICLE 14. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate a sum of \$100,000 from available certified free cash for the purpose of purchasing for the Highway Department a backhoe, and all incidental and related costs.

VOTE: YES - 99 NO - 8

ARTICLE 15. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate a sum of \$55,000 from available certified free cash for the purpose of purchasing for the Highway Department a Ford F350 or equivalent.

VOTE: YES - 94 NO - 15

ARTICLE 16. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate a sum of \$50,000 from available certified free cash for the purpose of purchasing for the Highway Department a Bobcat L28 Articulating Tool Carrier or equivalent, and all incidental and related costs.

VOTE: YES -91 NO - 15

ARTICLE 17. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate a sum of \$50,000 from available certified free cash for the purpose of conducting a hydrological study of the Kampoosa Bog.

VOTE: YES - 104 NO - 6

ARTICLE 18. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate a sum of \$37,500 from available certified free cash for the purpose of restoration and repairs to the Glendale Fire Station.

VOTE: YES - 99 NO - 10

MOTION TO LAY ARTICLE 19 FOR LATER

VOTE: YES - 28 NO - 81 MOTION FAILED

ARTICLE 19. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate a sum of \$35,000 from available certified free cash to be added to the amounts appropriated under Article 24 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 20, 2013, Article 22 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 19, 2014, Article 36 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 18, 2015, Article 25 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 16, 2016, Article 20 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 15, 2017, Article 21 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 21, 2018, Article 14 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 20, 2019 and Article 26 of the Annual Town Meeting of June 21, 2021 for costs associated with negotiations for the Rest of River Project (along with Pittsfield, Lenox, Lee, Great Barrington and Sheffield) regarding the removal of PCBs in the Housatonic River.

VOTE: YES - 89 NO - 23

ARTICLE 20. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate a sum of \$35,000 from available certified free cash for the purpose of purchasing for the Highway Department a Ford F150 or equivalent.

VOTE: YES - 92 NO - 16

ARTICLE 21. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate a sum of \$25,000 from available certified free cash for the purpose of replacing the public beach restroom roof and all incidental and related costs.

VOTE: YES - 104 NO - 4

ARTICLE 22. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate a sum of \$20,000 from available certified free cash for the purpose of purchasing for the Highway Department tools and hand-held equipment.

VOTE: YES - 96 NO - 8

ARTICLE 23. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate a sum of \$14,000 from available certified free cash for the purpose of painting and repairs to the Interlaken Fire Station.

VOTE: YES - 100 NO - 4

ARTICLE 24. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate a sum of \$10,000 from available certified free cash for the purpose of installing Ice Glen Interpretive Signs.

VOTE: YES - 90 NO - 13

ARTICLE 25. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate a sum of \$7,000 from available certified free cash for the purpose of paying one third the cost of shared equipment trailer to be used by the Highway, Sewer and Water Department.

VOTE: YES - 98 NO - 6

ARTICLE 26. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate a sum of \$5,700 from available certified free cash for the purpose of improving the public beach and swimming area.

VOTE: YES - 99 NO - 3

ARTICLE 27. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate a sum of \$99,200 from Sewer Available Surplus for the purpose of funding the DEP I&I Study Survey.

VOTE: YES - 99 NO - 2

ARTICLE 28. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate a sum of \$96,963 from Sewer Available Surplus to pay for a portion of the cost of the debt service payment (principal and interest) of the Sewer System Expansion and Update Project authorized by Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting of April 1, 2002.

VOTE: YES - 96 NO - 3

ARTICLE 29. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate a sum of \$65,600 from Sewer Available Surplus to pay for a portion of the cost of the debt service payment (principal and interest) of the Park Street Pump Station Project authorized by Article 40 of the Town Meeting of June 12, 2021.

VOTE: YES - 98 NO - 2

ARTICLE 30. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate a sum of \$7,000 from available Sewer Available Surplus for the purpose of paying one third the cost of shared equipment trailer to be used by the Highway, Sewer and Water Department.

VOTE: YES - 89 NO - 6

ARTICLE 31. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate a sum of \$6,500 from available Sewer Available Surplus for the purpose of upgrading the sewer and water billing software.

VOTE: YES - 92 NO - 5

ARTICLE 32. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate a sum of \$25,000 from the Water Operations Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the Painting of the Water Treatment Plant Roof, *or take any other action in relation thereto. (expected request)*

VOTE: YES - 96 NO - 3

ARTICLE 33. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate a sum of \$22,000 from the Water Operations Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the Lake Averic Bathymetry and Safety Yield Study.

VOTE: YES - 96 NO - 3

ARTICLE 34. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate a sum of \$20,000 from the Water Operations Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the Filtered Water Turbidimeter Installation.

VOTE: YES - 97 NO - 1

ARTICLE 35. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate a sum of \$20,000 from available Water Operations Reserve Funds for the purpose of funding the DEP Master Plan for the Water System.

VOTE: YES - 90 NO - 3

ARTICLE 36. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate a sum of \$10,000 from the Water Operations Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the Pump as Turbine Feasibility Study.

VOTE: YES - 90 NO - 2

ARTICLE 37. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate a sum of \$7,000 from the Water Operations Reserve Fund for the purpose of paying one third the cost of shared equipment trailer to be used by the Highway, Sewer and Water Department.

VOTE: YES - 90 NO - 4

ARTICLE 38. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate a sum of \$6,500 from the Water Operations Reserve Fund for the purpose of upgrading the sewer and water billing software.

VOTE: YES - 90 NO - 3

ARTICLE 39. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate a sum of \$20,000 from available Overlay Surplus for the purpose of contracting services to perform appraisals and revaluation.

VOTE: YES - 73 NO - 22

ARTICLE 40. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to appropriate \$58,000 from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance and \$67,000 from the Community Housing Reserve Fund balance funds for community housing purposes to be used by the Town of Stockbridge for the funding of the Stockbridge Housing Trust.

VOTE: YES - 89 NO - 9

ARTICLE 41. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to appropriate from the Historic Preservation Reserve Fund balance a sum of \$100,000 to be used by the First Congregational Church for historic resources purposes to preserve and restore the entranceway and exterior.

VOTE: YES - 75 NO - 22

ARTICLE 42. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to appropriate from the Open Space Reserve Fund balance a sum of \$85,000 for open space resources purposes to be used by the Town of Stockbridge for the Ice Glen invasive insect treatment.

VOTE: YES - 85 NO - 9

ARTICLE 43. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of \$70,000 for community housing purposes to be used by Pine Woods for reconstruction of the driveway.

VOTE: YES - 94 NO - 2

ARTICLE 44. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to appropriate from the Historic Preservation Reserve Fund balance a sum of \$40,000 for historic resources purposes to be used by the Town of Stockbridge for the restoration of the concrete basin of the Cat and Dog Fountain.

VOTE: YES - 88 NO - 8

ARTICLE 45. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to appropriate a sum of \$17,500 from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance and a sum of \$20,000 from the Historic Preservation Reserve Fund balance funds for historic resources purposes to be used by the Town of Stockbridge for the renovation of the Glendale Fire Station.

VOTE: YES - 89 NO - 5

ARTICLE 46. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a

sum of \$33,529 for community housing purposes to be used by the Stockbridge Housing Authority, Heaton Court, for replacement of wood siding on buildings A, C, D, E, and F.

VOTE: YES - 93 NO - 1

ARTICLE 47. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance for recreational purposes a sum of \$23,176 to be used by the Laurel Hill Association for the revitalization of the Upper Bowker's Woods.

VOTE: YES - 94 NO - 3

ARTICLE 48. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of \$20,000 for recreational purposes to be used by the Town of Stockbridge for the installation of a kayak/canoe launch at the town beach.

VOTE: YES - 90 NO - 4

ARTICLE 49. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of \$15,000 for recreational purposes to be used by the Town of Stockbridge for the installation of a kayak launch on the Housatonic River.

VOTE: YES - 88 NO - 8

ARTICLE 50. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of \$15,000 for historic resources purposes to be used by the Berkshire Scenic Railroad for the restoration of the apron, ramp, and electrical systems.

VOTE: YES - 76 NO - 13

ARTICLE 51. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to appropriate from the Open Space Reserve Fund balance for open space and recreation purposes a sum of \$12,750 to be used by the Friends of Gould Meadows for work at Gould Meadows to preserve open space by removing invasive species, improve recreational walkways, tree work and stone wall work.

VOTE: YES - 91 NO - 2

ARTICLE 52. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to appropriate from the Administrative Fund balance a sum of \$4,999 for the Norman Rockwell Museum for the creation of a historic structure report.

VOTE: YES - 70 NO - 19

ARTICLE 53. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to appropriate from the Historic Preservation Reserve Fund balance a sum of \$2,900 to be used by the Friends of Gould Meadows for historic resources purposes to preserve the Milk Shed.

VOTE: YES - 88 NO - 5

ARTICLE 54. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to appropriate from the Historic Preservation Reserve Fund balance a sum of \$2,713 for historic resources purposes to be used by Stockbridge Library for the replacement of the shadow box.

VOTE: YES - 88 NO - 6

ARTICLE 55. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of \$10,000 for the FY23 CPC Administrative budget.

VOTE: YES - 83 NO - 6

ARTICLE 56. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, \$32,850 from estimated annual revenues to each of the following reserves: the Historic Resources Reserve, the Affordable Housing Reserve, and the Open Space Reserve from Community Preservation, as required by M.G.L. c.44B, s.6.

VOTE: YES - 88 NO - 4

ARTICLE 57. I move that the Town amend the General Bylaws, Article XXV, Agricultural and Forestry Commission, by removing:

Section 2. The Agricultural and Forestry Commission shall consist of three members, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, who are substantially engaged in the pursuit of agriculture or forestry within the Town, or who have experience and a demonstrated interest in agricultural or forestry matters. The Selectmen may also appoint one or two alternate members of the Commission.

replacing with:

Section 2. The Agricultural and Forestry Commission shall consist of five members, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, who are substantially engaged in the pursuit of agriculture or forestry within the Town, or who have experience and a demonstrated interest in agricultural or forestry matters.

or take any action relative thereto.

VOTE: YES - 85 NO - 6

ARTICLE 58. I move that the Town grant an easement for the installation of a private sewer main, built to the approved standards of the Sewer and Water Department, under Mahkeenac Road from 21 Interlaken Cross Road to Beachwood/Mahkeenac intersection and after one year to acquire by gift the easements for the acquisition of the private sewer main under portions of Mahkeenac Road from 21 Interlaken Cross Road to Beachwood/Mahkeenac intersection, upon such other terms and conditions as deemed appropriate by the Board of Selectmen, *or to take any other action in relation thereto.*

VOTE: YES - 88 NO - 5

ARTICLE 59. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of G.L. c. 60, § 3C to establish a new Stockbridge Scholarship and Education Fund, the purposes of which are to provide post-secondary educational financial aid to deserving Stockbridge residents, and further to designate a place on Town tax bills, the excise tax bill, or mail a separate form whereby the taxpayer can voluntarily check off, donate, and pledge an amount not less than one dollar or such other designated amount to such Fund, or take any other action related thereto.

VOTE: YES - 83 NO - 13

ARTICLE 60. PETITION ARTICLE.

“To see if the town will vote to require that all public bodies in Stockbridge provide live adequate, alternative means of public access to the deliberations of the public body, including, without limitation, through telephone, internet, or satellite enabled audio or video conferencing or any other technology that enables the public to clearly follow the proceedings in real time, instead of or in addition to holding meetings in a public place that is open and physically accessible to the public,

or take any other action in relation thereto.

MOTION TO CALL THE PREVIOUS QUESTION

VOTE: YES - 58 NO – 25

AMENDMENT

By inserting the words “with the exception of site visits during which deliberations occur, which shall be open to in-person attendance” after the words “public body” to Article 60

VOTE: YES – 61 NO - 24

ARTICLE 61. PETITION ARTICLE. Resolution in Support of Changing the State Flag & Seal of Massachusetts

VOTE: YES - 43 NO - 29

ARTICLE 62. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

NO MOTION EXPECTED AT THIS TIME

ADJOURNMENT: I move that the Annual Town Meeting be dissolved.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

A true Copy, ATTEST:

TERESA IEMOLINI, Town Clerk

Stockbridge, MA 01262

Stockbridge Town Charter

Copy of 1737 Charter



Jonathan Belcher Esquire Captain General and Governour in Chief in and over His Majestys Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England in America TO ALL unto whom these Presents shall come GREETING.

WHEREAS the Great and General Court or Assembly of his Majestys Province of the Massachusetts Bay aforesaid, at their Session held at Boston the seventeenth day of March one thousand seven hundred and thirty five DID give and grant to the Housatannuck Tribe of Indians a Township not exceeding the quantity of six miles Square of land, and Authorized and Impowered John Stoddard, Ebenezer Pomroy and Thomas Ingersole, Esquires, a Committee to lay out the said Township unto the said Indians in upper Housatannuck lying and being above the mountain and upon Housatannuck river, the said Indians to be Subject to the Law of this Province made and passed in the thirteenth year of King William the third Chapter twenty first, with respect to said lands; and Impowered the said Committee to lay out to the Reverend Mr. John Sergent their minister, and Mr. Timothy Woodbridge their School-master one sixtieth part of said land for each of them and their heirs and assigns; and also to lay out a sufficient quantity of land within said Township to accommodate four English Families that shall Settle the same, to be under the Direction and Disposition of the Committee, and the said Committee were further Impowered to dispose of the lands that were reserved to the said Indians in the Town of Sheffield in order to make Satisfaction so far as the same will go to the Proprietors and owners of the land granted as aforesaid; and were also Impowered to give the Proprietors of upper Housatannuck that live below the mountain an Equivalent in some of the ungranted lands of the Province next adjacent to upper Housatannuck, Sheffield and said granted Town; and the Committee were then further Impowered to make the Proprietors of upper Housatannuck above the mountains an Equivalent in some of the unappropriated land of the Province the same to be a full Satisfaction for such of their lands as were granted to the Housatannuck Tribe as aforesaid; and whereas the Committee Impowered as aforesaid in April seventeen hundred thirty six by a Seueyoy and Chainmen on oath Surveyed and laid out the said Township on both sides of Housatannuck river, and reported their Doings in the premises to the Great and General Court at their Session held the twenty sixth day of May one thousand seven hundred thirty six, the bounds of which are as follow vizt, Beginning at a monument of Stones laid up, East three Degrees fifteen minutes north four hundred and fifty perch from Joakim Vanvalcumburghs house, thence north nine Degrees east fifteen hundred and six perch to a large white ash marked with Stones about it, thence west nine Degrees north, nineteen hundred and twenty perch to three little hemlocks and a

maple marked, on which the Letters N.A. S. D. K. are set, thence South nineteen hundred and twenty perch to a great white oak and black oak marked N. A. thence east nine Degrees south nineteen hundred and twenty perch, thence north nine Degrees east four hundred and fourteen perch to the monument first mentioned.

And whereas the Council and House of Representatives of said Province at their Session held the twenty fourth day of November last by their vote desired me to Issue a Patent under the Publick Seal of the Province to the Housatannuck Tribe of Indians of the Township lately Granted to them by this Court agreeable to the form of the Grant; all which in and by the records of the said General Assembly, reference thereto being had, doth fully appear.

KNOW YE THEREFORE, That I the said JONATHAN BELCHER Esquire Governour agreeable to the above recited Grant and vote pass'd by the Council and assembly respectively, and pursuant to the Power and authority contained and Granted in and by HIS MAJESTYS ROYAL CHARTER to the Governour and General assembly of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay aforesaid HAVE granted ratified and Confirmed, and by these presents DO fully freely and absolutely Grant Ratify and Confirm unto the Housatannuck Tribe of Indians their heirs and assigns The aforesaid Tract of land or Township situate and Described as aforesaid, with and under the Savings and Reservations made to the Reverend Mr. John Sergent minister, Mr. Timothy Woodbridge Schoolmaster, and the lands set off to the four English Families as aforesaid &c, with all the Estate, right Title use Property and interest of the Province aforesaid therein and thereunto TOGETHER with all and Singular the Soils, Swamps, meadows, rivers, rivulets, Ponds, Pools, woods, underwoods, Trees, Timber, Herbage, Feeding, Fishing, Fowling, and Hunting, Rights members Hereditaments, Emoluments, profits, privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any ways appertaining TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said Tract of land or Township, with all other the aforesaid premises Emoluments profits privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging with and under the Savings and reservations aforesaid, unto the said Housatannuck Tribe of Indians and to their heirs and assigns TO their use and behoof forever, YIELDING rendering and paying therefor unto our Sovereign Lord KING GEORGE the Second His Heirs and Successors one fifth part of all Gold and Silver oar, and precious Stones, which from time to time and at all times hereafter shall happen to be found gotten had or obtained in any of the said lands and premises, or within any part or parcel thereof in lieu and stead of all rents, Services, Dues, Duties, and Demands whatsoever for the said lands and premises and for every part and parcel thereof. IN TESTIMONY Whereof I the said JONATHAN BELCHER Esquire Governour have Signed these Presents, and caused the Publick Seal of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay aforesaid to be hereunto affixed Dated at Boston aforesaid this Seventh day of May-1737; In the Tenth year of HIS MAJESTYS Reign.

(signed) J Belcher

By his Excellencys command

J. Willard Secty.



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