

# STOCKBRIDGE



## ANNUAL REPORT 2020



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



**INCORPORATED 1739**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
December 31, 2020**



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# INFORMATION AND OFFICIALS

## 2020 General Information of Town of Stockbridge

Chartered	1737
Incorporated	1739
Population	1849
Registered Voters	1618
Form of Government	Open Town Meeting
Tax Rate	\$9.87
Annual Town Meeting	Third Monday in May

### UNITED STATES SENATORS

Elizabeth Warren, Boston      Edward Markey, Boston

### CONGRESSMAN

Richard E. Neal

### STATE SENATOR

Adam Hinds

### REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

William Smitty Pignatelli

## **BUSINESS HOURS OF TOWN OFFICES**

**Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

### **COUNCIL ON AGING**

Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Mondays 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. & Thursdays 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## **BOARD MEETINGS OF TOWN OFFICIALS**

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Second & Fourth Thursday @ 6:30 p.m. & Third Thursday at 8:00 a.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.bhrs.org](http://www.bhrs.org) for schedule

### **VETERANS' AGENT**

See [www.townofgb.org](http://www.townofgb.org) for hours



# **TELEPHONE DIRECTORY OF TOWN SERVICES**

Police Department	298-4179
Fire Department	298-4866
Burning Permits	<a href="http://www.bcburnpermits.com">www.bcburnpermits.com</a> 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
Facilities Manager	ext. 260
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

Gary D. Johnston 2021

### TOWN CLERK

Teresa Iemolini 2022

### SELECT BOARD

Ernest Cardillo 2021

Roxanne McCaffrey 2022

Patrick White 2023

### SEWER AND WATER COMMISSIONERS

Donald C. Schneyer 2021

Peter J. Socha 2022

John Loiodice 2023

### BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Gary M. Pitney 2021

Douglas Goudey 2022

Thomas Stokes 2023

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Steven Knopf 2023

Nick Fredsall 2022

Nicole Fariaux 2023

### BOARD OF HEALTH

Charles Kenny 2021

Henry Schwerner 2023

Rae Williams 2022

### TREE WARDEN

Peter Curtin 2021

### HOUSING AUTHORITY

James Welch 2021

Bernard Edmonds 2023

Dawn Anne Rabinowitz 2024

Charles Gillett, *State Appointee*

Andrea Lindsay, *Exec. Director*

### REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Sean Stephen 2022

Corey Sprague 2024

Jason St. Peter 2022

### PLANNING BOARD

William Voght 2022

Gary M. Pitney 2021

Marie Raftery 2024

Wayne Slosek 2023

Kate Fletcher 2022

Nancy Sosha 2025

Christine Rasmussen 2021

## APPOINTED OFFICIALS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

(TERM EXPIRES)

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Michael Canales

### **ACCOUNTANT**

Raymond Ellsworth

### **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Ned Baldwin

### **PRINCIPAL ASSESSOR**

Michael Blay

### **TOWN COUNSEL**

J. Ray Miyares

### **TOWN TREASURER/ COLLECTOR**

Karen Williams

### **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**

Chris Marsden, *Director*

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 2021

Jennifer Carmichael 2022

Nancy Ann Wilcox 2023

### **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Thomas Schuler 2022

James Murray 2025

Starbuck Smith 2021

John Hyson 2024

Miles Moffatt 2023

Eric Plakun, *Alternate*

Patricia Andrew, *Alternate*

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Jay Bikofsky 2021

William Voght 2022

Steve Shatz 2023

Jim Balfanz 2022

Diane Heady-Ruess 2022

Pamela Boudreau 2023

Neil Holden 2023

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Ronald Brouker 2021

Jamie Minacci 2023

Jay Rhind 2023

Joseph DeGiorgis 2022

John Hart 2023

Patrick White, *Alternate*

Sally Underwood-Miller,  
*Alternate, Secretary*

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
COMMITTEE**

Carl Sprague, <i>Chairman</i>	2022
Gary Johnston	2023
Jay Rhind	2021
Jorja Marsden	2023
Pam Sandler	2021
Lisa Sauer	2021
Peter Williams, <i>Secretary</i>	2022

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Elizabeth DiGrigoli, <i>Director</i>	
Diane Sheridan	2021
Ronald Muir	2022
Nancy O'Brien	2021
Susan Rogers	2023

**BERKSHIRE REGIONAL  
TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
REPRESENTATIVE**

Jaimee Minacci	2021
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**BERKSHIRE REGIONAL  
PLANNING DELEGATE**

Nancy Socha	2021
<i>Planning Board Delegate</i>	
Nina Ryan	2021
<i>Alternate, Selectmen appointed</i>	

**CABLE ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE  
REPRESENTATIVE**

Ron Brouker	2021
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**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Linda Jackson  
Maria Carr  
Peter Williams

**CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Karen Marshall  
Andrea Sholler  
Mary Fournoy  
Rebecca Weinman  
Janet Egelhofer  
Lynn Edelstein  
Ed Lane  
Rena Zurofsky  
Lionel Delevingne

**STOCKBRIDGE GREEN  
COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**

Laura Dubester, *Chair*  
Mike Buffoni  
Michael Canales  
Darrell Fennelly  
Pat Flinn  
Chris Marsden  
Miles Moffatt  
Pam Sandler  
Starbuck Smith  
Tom Stokes

**CEMETERY COMMISSION**

Joe Gardino, *Cemetery Consultant*  
Karen Marshall, *Chair*  
Ernest J. Cardillo, Roxanne  
McCaffrey and Patrick White:  
*Board of Selectmen*  
Teresa Iemolini, *Town Clerk*  
Hugh Page, *Highway*

(TERM EXPIRES)

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION  
COMMITTEE**

Steve Knopf 2021  
*Parks and Recreation*

Gary Pitney, *Planning Board* 2021

Linda Jackson 2021  
*Historical Commission*

Thomas Stokes, *Assessors* 2021

Jay Bikofsky 2021  
*Finance Committee*

Chuck Gillett 2021  
*Housing Authority*

Carol Owens, *Selectmen* 2021

Patrick White, *Selectmen* 2021

Sally Underwood-Miller  
*Chairman, Conservation Commission*

**STOCKBRIDGE BOWL  
STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

Charles Kenny, *Board of Health*

Roxanne McCaffrey, *Select Board*

Tom Schuler,  
*Sewer & Water Commission*

Mike Buffoni,  
*Water and Sewer Department*

Jaime Minacci,  
*Conservation Commission*

Gary Johnston,  
*Stockbridge Sportsmen's Club*

Michael Nathan,  
*Stockbridge Bowl Association*

Gary Kleinerman,  
*Stockbridge Harbormaster*

Jim Wilusz,  
*Tri-Town Health Department*

**ELDERLY AND DISABLED  
TAX AIDE COMMITTEE**

Tammy Touponce  
Elizabeth McCormack

Helen McCormick

Gary Pitney  
Karen Williams  
Maria Carr

**MEMORIAL DAY  
COMMITTEE**

Harold French  
Skip Whalen

Ron Muir

Fred Coleman

Debra Coleman

Lisa Thorne

Tim Minkler

Keith Raftery

Don Coleman

Merrill Sanderson

# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT FOR 2020

The Town Clerk's office is the official record keeper for the Town of Stockbridge. Services of this department include maintenance of vital records, births, marriages, deaths, burial permits, cemetery questions, the posting of meeting notices for all municipal boards, committees and commissions, maintenance of the Attorney General guided on-line training program, issuance of required materials and record keeping pertaining to the Open Meeting Law and Summary of the Conflict of Interest, and public records access officer. Additionally, this department is responsible for maintaining the election calendar, elections, voter's registration, residency certifications, the Annual Street List (Census), Federal Census, Town Meeting and Election minutes, doing business as certificates (d.b.a.), storage tank renewals, notarization of documents, issuance of dog licenses, raffle permits and submitting both general and zoning by-law changes to the Attorney General.

## Vital Statistics

Population	1849
Registered Voters	1618
Number of Births	9
Number of Marriages	6
Number of Deaths	14

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	255

In 2020 there were 4 Elections and 1 Annual Town Meeting. They are as follows:

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 the Presidential Primary: There were a total of 755 votes cast out of 1659 registered voters, 691 Democrat, 60 Republican, 3 Green Rainbow and 1 vote for Libertarian.

Tuesday, June 9, 2020 Annual Town Election, moved from its original date of Tuesday, May 19, 2020 because of the Coronavirus Pandemic. The Massachusetts State Legislature allowed for the first time Early Voting for Municipal Elections as well as Absentee Voting. Voters could use "Fear of Pandemic" as their reason for requesting an Absentee Ballot. There were 556 ballots cast, 88 were Absentee and 189 Early Vote Ballots.

Saturday, July 25, 2020 The Annual Town Meeting was held outside on the Stockbridge Town Office Grounds moved from its original date of May 18, 2020 because of the Pandemic. The Town Offices simply didn't have enough space to accommodate the mandatory 6-foot distance rule between people, so chairs were set up outside, everyone wore masks and luckily it was a beautiful day. We had 99 out of 1689 registered Stockbridge voters attend.

Tuesday, September 1, 2020 was the State Primary. Once again because of the Pandemic Early Voting and voting by Absentee Ballot using the reason “fear of pandemic” were once again allowed. The State sent out postcards to all registered voters of Massachusetts to request a vote by mail ballot. The goal was to keep the number of people down at the polls on Election Day. There were 823 ballots cast and there were 1716 registered voters at the close of registration.

On Tuesday, November 3, 2020 the State Election was held. For this Election because of the Pandemic the State allowed voters 4 ways to vote: Absentee, Vote by Mail, 14 days of In Person Early Voting and voting in person on Election Day. There were 1370 votes cast, 878 Early-in-Person and Vote by Mail ballots and 102 Absentee Ballots. There were 1747 registered voters.

2020 was an extremely challenging year for elections. Many new safety precautions had to be put in place. My thanks to our Facilities Manager Chris Marsden for constructing plexiglass barriers for our poll workers protection as well as making sure that all the new Covid-19 safety guidelines were adhered to. I cannot thank my poll workers enough who never once hesitated or complained, they went above and beyond to make sure that everyone who wanted to vote could vote and made them all feel safe and comfortable whichever way that they chose to vote. They are as follow: Catherine Buffoni, Jennifer Carmichael, Maria Carr, Helen McCormick, Nancy Socha, Deborah Wiswesser, Ron Muir and Greg Pilling.

Respectfully submitted,  
TERESA IEMOLINI,  
Town Clerk



Stockbridge Main Street

Courtesy of the Stockbridge Library Historical Collection

# **GENERAL SERVICES**

## **Stockbridge Board of Selectmen**

FY 2020 has been an eventful and challenging year for all of us as with the emergence of the Covid-19 pandemic.

### **PERSONNEL:**

It has been a dynamic year in terms of personnel. In early July 2019, Danielle Fillio resigned her position as Town Administrator to pursue her career as Town Administrator in Richmond, MA. We would like to thank Danielle for her years of service to Stockbridge. Mark Webber was hired as part-time Interim Town Administrator in August 2019 for a period of six to nine months to allow time for a thorough search and evaluation of candidates to fill the full time Town Administrator position.

Mark Webber implemented policies and procedures to increase clarity and efficiency regarding use of legal counsel and hiring protocols and provided leadership in the progress of ongoing projects. A search committee was formed to find a permanent, full time Town Administrator consisting of Bronly Boyd, Terry Shea, Doug Goudey, Chuck Gillett, Marion Gardner Saxe, Terri Iemolini & Linda Johnston. We thank Mark for his contributions to Town administration and providing the leadership required during what became a difficult transition period with the onset of the pandemic. His relaxed and affable demeanor certainly contributed to a cohesive, calm and cooperative environment when we were faced with the changes brought on by the pandemic.

The Select Board is grateful to the previously mentioned Town Administrator search committee for their excellent work, resulting in the appointment of Michael Canales as our Town Administrator in August 2020. An arrangement was negotiated by the SB to provide a transition period during which Mark and Michael could work together part-time for a month to provide a smooth transition. Michael has already proven to be a great asset with his depth of experience and conscientiousness. Our long time Treasurer/Collector Karen Williams retired in December 2020. The board wishes to thank Karen for her seventeen years of dedicated service to the town. The position of Treasurer/Collector has been filled by Ericka Oleson, a welcome addition to our Town Hall team.



## **STOCKBRIDGE BOWL:**

As a sequelae to the 2018 cyanobacterial bloom, causing the Josh Billings Runaground to relocate, the Town embarked on a lake monitoring program in July of 2019 at Stockbridge Bowl. We contracted with GZA Engineering and Dr. Robert Kortmann, a noted applied limnology expert, to analyze and evaluate data collected to establish a benchmark for water conditions in the lake. In January, the Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Commission was appointed with representatives of the various stakeholders in an attempt to work cooperatively in a unified and scientific way for the continued preservation of the lake ecosystem. We have continued the lake monitoring in 2020 on a monthly basis from April through October; our thanks to the Water & Sewer Commission for agreeing to utilize our employees to conduct the sampling, thereby holding costs down.

## **GRANT OPPORTUNITY:**

In January 2020, the Select Board became a participating town in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Housing Rehabilitation. This grant is a federal program funded by HUD and allows communities to use this for many things including future planning and ADA planning, while most often used for *housing rehabilitation*. 43.1% of Stockbridge residents qualify for this grant. All inquiries will go through the BRPC office. To be placed on the interested party list, call Laura Door at 413-442-1521 ext. 23.

## **COVID-19 RESPONSE:**

In March 2020, an Emergency Management Task Force was created to address the immediate needs and concerns raised by the pandemic, consisting of Chris Marsden/Emergency Management Director, Chief Fennelly/Police Chief, Vinnie Garofoli/Fire Chief, Charles Kenny, M.D./Board of Health Chairman, Mark Webber/Town Administrator, and the members of the Select Board. We would like to thank the other members of this group for their thoughtful, efficient response in obtaining personal protective equipment, sanitary supplies and generating procedures and guidelines to keep our employees and citizens safe. We closed Town Hall to the public for everyone's protection and provided drop boxes at Town Hall for residents' convenience, installed a phone in the rear lobby with an extension directory to enable calls to specific offices in order to conduct business, schedule a visit or have questions answered. All Town Hall employees have been provided with laptops to enable them to work from home if necessary (funded by CARES Act dollars). During the January 2020 Covid surge, the Highway and Sewer & Water Departments were placed on schedules ensuring minimal contact with each other to minimize exposure risk. Changes in procedure were initiated at the Transfer Station to maintain social distancing; our thanks go out to Ralph Juliano, Transfer Station Attendant, for working the front lines and ensuring that the new precautions are observed. To assist our local businesses during the pandemic, the Select Board voted to allow outdoor dining and grant temporary forgiveness of additional signage *until the state of emergency is rescinded*. We would like to thank the Laurel Hill Association for their cooperation in temporarily closing the trailheads on Park Street during an alarming rise in visitors while the Monument Mountain trails were closed. Similarly, we thank the Parks &

Recreation Commission for their responsible actions monitoring beach attendance this past summer to minimize risk. We would like to acknowledge and thank the Marion Fathers for their voluntary decision to cancel their 2020 Mercy Weekend event in response to the risks imposed by the emergence of the novel Corona virus, sparing our town from increased exposure. They have recently canceled Mercy Sunday 2021 as well, continuing their selfless consideration for all. Our thanks, as well, to all of our first responders in the Police and Fire Departments working the front lines for their dedication during hazardous times.

### **REST OF RIVER (ROR):**

In February 2020, after being briefed by Steve Shatz, the Stockbridge ROR Representative, the SB voted to enter into the Intermunicipal Settlement Agreement with General Electric, the EPA and Pittsfield along with Lenox, Lee, Great Barrington and Sheffield (all 15 Selectmen in five towns voted unanimously). This agreement allows for one controlled PCB site in Berkshire County as opposed to the three that had been proposed. The one controlled site will be limited to lower toxicity PCBs, while high toxicity sediments will be removed from the state. It allows for cleanup of vernal pools and cleanup/restoration of riverbanks, the supervision by each town to control trafficking of removed sediment over their roadways and funds to compensate each town for expenses incurred (Stockbridge would receive \$55 million). All of these negotiated items are major benefits over the existing agreement as upheld by the Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) decision on January 26, 2018 (part of that appeal was the requested complete removal from Massachusetts of contaminated material – which was denied). The ROR Committee entered into confidential negotiations on the advice of counsel and should be lauded for their hard work creating an agreement more beneficial to all Southern Berkshire towns than the previously upheld three toxic dump cleanup scenario. This matter has now been appealed despite the *previous loss of the 2018 EAB appeal*. All of us should be aware that the longer this cleanup is delayed, the more risk Stockbridge faces; our toxic cleanup in Stockbridge is relatively minor but sediment continues to travel downstream. PCBs can be slowly released over time from sediment into the water and evaporate into air, particularly when it is warm and when PCB concentrations in sediment are high. As long as the PCBs remain in situ, the longer we have an *open, uncontrolled toxic waste dump* in the Housatonic River.

### **NOTIFICATION SYSTEM:**

The Town adopted the Code Red notification system replacing the existing Blackboard system resulting in a savings of approximately \$6,000 per annum with increased flexibility and function.

### **PROJECT UPDATES:**

- The Highway Department has been able to move into the new Highway Garage as of November 2020, with some remaining items to be addressed by the contractor.
- The Larrywaug Bridge is scheduled for completion by Fall 2021.
- The Averic Bridge repairs are schedule for Spring 2021.

The Select Board would like to thank all of our residents, employees and elected officials for their perseverance, responsible behavior and adaptability that has resulted in a productive year despite the difficult situation this pandemic has created. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to those who have suffered illness or loss and deprivation this year. We hope that the light is flickering at the end of the tunnel and we can reopen Town Hall in the months ahead. We urge everyone to be vaccinated, if they feel comfortable in doing so, in order to return to normality as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROXANNE MCCAFFREY on behalf of  
CHUCK J. CARDILLO, Chairperson  
PATRICK WHITE



The bears were just not having it!

*Courtesy Stockbridge Police Department*

# 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 2020:

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, Michael G. Bourisk, Shauna L. Slater, Kyle A. Kemp, and Travis P. Derby. Reserve Officers Rosario E. Messina, and Chad E. Heath.

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.

I would like to acknowledge our Emergency Management Director, Chris Marsden, who did such a great job working with outside agencies to secure PPE for our staff. While we were adequately supplied to deal with the initial onset of the Covid 19 virus, without Chris's multitude of contacts in the Emergency Management world I am not sure we would have been so well stocked up to this point.

All full-time roster positions are filled and two of the four reserve positions are filled. We may look to fill those positions in 2021.

Let me start by acknowledging the devastating effects of the Covid 19 pandemic has had on all of us. Our thoughts go out to our citizens that battle with this every day, our business community, and to the family's that have lost loved ones due to this dreadful illness. Our staff has been on duty twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week throughout this unprecedented time and we are here to serve and assist you with dealing with whatever struggles you may have in dealing with Covid 19.

Like most everyone, when the pandemic hit adjustments had to be made in how we performed our duties. The most important change was to keep distance from people unless absolutely necessary in order to keep Covid 19 from ravaging through our department. While larger departments have the luxury of splitting up their staff and reworking schedules, we had to do our best to keep the virus out in order to remain fully staffed and viable. Thank fully we have been successful so far.

However, you will notice that a lot of our statistics are down from previous years. This is in part due to distancing but also a lack of visitors and traffic. While we had less visitors and saw our traffic statistic and car crashes go down, we found our calls for service for minor disputes, complaints and general calls stay about the same. We deduced that since people were not out on the roads and carrying on with normal life, they were home with a lot of free time to notice things that otherwise would not be given a second thought. But this is what we are here for. We actually provided a more proactive approach to patrolling the town as even less time was spent in the station so as to keep distance from each other.

Late in the year we took delivery of four semi portable speed radar signs and will be working with the Stockbridge Highway Department to install them in the spring of 2021. These battery/solar units can be mounted on permanent poles but

with, moderate difficulty, can also be moved to other poles as the need arises. They do not need to be hardwired to an electrical source like others around Berkshire County. Pole locations are still to be determined but most thoughts are on the main routes coming into town and moving our existing radar trailers to requested locations as always.

We did see a surge in calls reporting the unemployment benefit scam related to Covid 19. In this day and age with technology making it so difficult to catch criminals preying on ordinary citizens, we would like to remind everyone to be careful when receiving suspect telephone calls or strange emails. And if anyone asks you to purchase gift cards for any type of payment please stop and contact us immediately. These scammers can be very convincing and it is easy for people of all ages and types to fall victim to these scams. If you feel you have been a victim or are being victimized by a scammer please call us or contact the Federal Trade Commission's Scam Reporting Division.

In 2020 the members of the Stockbridge Police Department completed 424 hours of training. Some of the training topics included defensive tactics, firearms qualifications, legal updates, CPR/first responder, police survivor, sexual assault, and animal cruelty. The number of training hours reflects the reduction in training classes being offered during the pandemic. With that being said, all of our upcoming annual In-Service training will be done online. While there is no replacement for face to face in person training there is a cost savings to this type of training and it appears, it is the way the world is headed for training and meetings. I would like to note that Officer Shauna Slater completed the forty-hour Sexual Assault Investigator training held in March just before the pandemic started. This is an invaluable asset to have among our ranks.

With the passage of the Massachusetts Police Reform Laws there will be significant changes to Law Enforcement across the entire state. The Stockbridge Police Department is committed to implementing these changes and fulfilling our obligations to the law. It should be noted that with these changes, the tax payers should be aware of the potential for increased training expenses. One example that may directly affect Stockbridge is that Reserve Officers will now have to bridge the gap in training hours to the level of Full Time Officers. A lot of towns in the Berkshires and around the State rely on Reserve Officers to complement our full-time staffs and such training requirements could be devastating to some departments. While it is all still being ironed out by the State, residents should contact me or their local law makers with their concerns. I commend State Representative William "Smitty" Pignatelli for his thoughtful work on this reform bill. Smitty was fully engaged with the public and the South County Police Chiefs on how to make the reform bill equitable for all.

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).

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 Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator's Office and the Citizens of Stockbridge.

Respectfully submitted,



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.			
Abuse Prevention Order Violation	1	Identity Fraud/Impersonation	12
Alcohol/Open Container	1	Kidnapping minor by relative	1
Assault & Battery	2	Larceny/Attempted	2
A & B w/dangerous weapon/resist arrest	2	Larceny from a Building	3
Assault & Battery on Family	1	Larceny from +60 or Disabled	3
Assist Citizens	454	Larceny by False Pretense	7
Assist Other Agencies	79	Leaving the Scene Prop Dam AC	4
B & E Building Night Time	3	License to Operate a MV suspend	8
B & E Misdemeanor	7	Malicious Damage to MV	1
Burglarious Instrument/Possession	1	Medical Calls	192
Credit Card Fraud/Improper Use	3	Motor Vehicle Violation Criminal	24
Criminal Harassment	2	Open Container	1
Destruction of Property under \$1200	2	Possession of Child Pornography	3
Disturbance/Noise Complaint	25	Protective Custody	3
Disturbing the Peace/Disorderly	7	OUI Drugs 1st, 2nd, 3rd Offense	2
Distribution of Material (Child in the nude)	1	Reckless/Negligent Opera of M/V	2
Distribution/ Mat. (Child in a sexual act)	1	Trespass	8
Distribution of Obscene Material	1	Uninsured Motor Vehicle	3
Domestic Violence/Resist Arrest	1	Unregistered Motor Vehicle	4
Drug/Narcotic Activity	2	Vandalize Property	16
Elder Abuse		Well Being Checks	84
Extortion False Report/Phone Calls/Electro	2	Wildlife/Animal Calls/Dog Bites	131
Harassment Criminal	2	Wire Tap/Unlawful Attempt	1
Indecent Exposure	1		
Motor Vehicle Accidents	50	Alarm Calls	458
Total Traffic Infractions	736	Open Doors	13
		Parking Tickets	14
Log Entries	16,561		



# Fire Department

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

The Fire Department responded to 511 total calls in 2020, 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 261 medical calls and took additional classes to keep their skills updated.

The Fire Department responded to the following emergencies in calendar year 2020:

<b>INCIDENT TYPE</b>	<b># INCIDENTS</b>	<b>% of TOTAL</b>
100 - Fire, other	1	0.2%
111 - Building fire	5	0.98%
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	1	0.2%
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	3	0.59%
118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained	1	0.2%
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	1	0.2%
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	4	0.78%
251 - Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	1	0.2%
320 - Emergency medical service, other	1	0.2%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	243	47.55%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	4	0.78%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	8	1.57%
341 - Search for person on land	1	0.2%
360 - Water & ice-related rescue, other	1	0.2%
361 - Swimming/ recreational water areas rescue	2	0.39%
365 - Watercraft rescue	1	0.2%
400 - Hazardous condition, other	1	0.2%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	7	1.37%
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	7	1.37%
444 - Power line down	6	1.17%
461 - Building of structure weakened or collapsed	1	0.2%
500 - Service Call, other	2	0.39%
520 - Water problem, other	2	0.39%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	2	0.39%
554 - Assist invalid	1	0.2%
561 - Unauthorized burning	5	0.98%
600 - Good intent call, other	1	0.2%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en-route	7	1.37%
631 - Authorized controlled burning	2	0.39%
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	2	0.39%
652 - Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	1	0.2%
700 - False alarm or false call, other	1	0.2%
730 - System malfunction, other	2	0.39%
731 - Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	0.2%
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	47	9.2%
734 - Heat detector activation due to malfunction	4	0.78%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	6	1.17%
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	23	4.5%

743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	91	17.81%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	3	0.59%
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	6	1.17%
800 - Severe weather or natural disaster, other	1	0.2%
911- Citizen complaint	1	0.2%
<b>TOTAL INCIDENTS:</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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. In Berkshire County this has been affirmed by several fatalities due to the lack of such detection devices over the past few years. To make sure these 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 5 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, placement along with proper training and use of ABC dry chemical or Carbon Dioxide Fire Extinguishers in your garage, kitchen, basement and any other areas where wood stoves and open flame devices will be commonly used will also aid you 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. When we teach Fire Safety, we discuss with the children the concept of escape plans with a meeting spot for your family and guests. 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 2020 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 2021.

I would personally like to thank the 15 Officers, Firefighters, and EMTs of the Stockbridge Fire Department for their tireless dedication to the Department and the Town. The Stockbridge Fire Department is always looking for new members to join our ranks. If you, or a family member, are interested please contact the us at 413-298-4866 or stop by the Central Fire Station. I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and their Administrative Assistant, the Building Commissioner and his Assistant, Town Accountant, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Police Department, Highway Department, Water Department, Sewer Department



and all the neighboring Fire and EMS Services for their continued assistance and support. A very special thank you to the residents and businesses 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:

The focus of our year in 2020 was strengthening our commitment to the maintenance of the Town. We continue to implement cost saving efforts and streamline our work day. Normal tasks include grading, roadside mowing, brush cutting and Main Street clean up. Even in the scope of every day routine tasks we continue to look for ways to improve safety and hope to utilize additional trainings in the months ahead.

There were no large purchases or paving projects in 2020. The Town did push ahead with the building of the Highway Garage. We hope to be in our new space just after the first of the year. It will take some additional time to settle in and get the area organized. We thank everyone for their patience at the transfer station while this project is ongoing. We would also like to thank the Water and Sewer departments with accommodating us during construction.

Lastly, we would like to thank other Town departments that we work closely with and neighboring highway departments. We look forward to another year of collaboration.

In closing, we ask you to drive as if a road crew is just around the corner. Chances are that's where you will find us.

Respectfully Submitted,  
HUGH PAGE



New highway garage under construction

*Courtesy of R. McCaffrey*

# **Stockbridge Cemetery Commission**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Stockbridge:

The Town Cemetery was quiet this year — as one would want a cemetery to be — but the Cemetery Commission has gotten busy. The Cemetery Commission met and toured the cemetery on November 20, 2020, looking at a three main issues: maintenance, repair, and planning.

In attendance were Select Board members Patrick White and Roxanne McCaffrey, Town Clerk Terri Iemolini, Lionel Delevingne of the Laurel Hill Association, Hugh Page from the Highway Department, and town resident member Candace Currie.

Also joining us: town manager Mike Canales, and Historical Commission member Peter Williams.

We started our discussions in the oldest part of the cemetery, at the corner of Main and Church streets. Over the course of 90 minutes, we time-travelled 270 years.

We reviewed the oldest marble headstones, some of which are in need of cleaning and repair. We also discussed ways to do lawn mowing and string trimming that will limit damaging the oldest headstones. We talked of using low ground covers — like thyme — in place of grass in the old section. There is already a lot of thyme growing in this area.

We looked over the hedges on the border, accessing their health and appearance. We learned the crumbling fence posts on the border are being replaced this spring.

We then moved to the stone vault, built in 1850. (It was constructed to hold those who died when the ground was too frozen to dig a grave. Today backhoes are used throughout the year.) We found the stone of the building is in relatively good shape, but the wooden trim and door are damaged, and need both repair and repainting. We also checked out what is today the tool shed, but may have originally been the “hearse house” — where the town hearse was stored. More research is being done on the history of that building.

Moving onto the newest section of the cemetery, we talked about the need to map out the remaining space to determine how much room we have for future burials. And we talked about green burials; what they are, and how they might work in Stockbridge.

The Commission has decided that these issues — maintenance, repair and restoration, and planning for future needs — will be the focus of our work in the coming year.

Updating the records: This past year saw eighteen burials in the Town Cemetery, and five in St. Joseph’s. We include this information on St. Joseph’s, because even though it is a privately owned Church cemetery, the Cemetery Manager handles burials there as well. In addition, the Town provides — and pays for — all mowing and other maintenance at both cemeteries.

Respectfully Submitted,

KAREN MARSHALL, Chair

# **Sewer & Water Department**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Stockbridge:

The Sewer and Water Commission is pleased to report that regular operations at the wastewater and water treatment plants were maintained during this unusual year.

Under the capable supervision of Tony Campetti, the Sewer Department performed all regular testing and maintenance of the wastewater treatment plant compliant with Environmental Protection Agency regulations. This year the department received a Green Communities grant to replace all incandescent and florescent lighting fixtures with LED fixtures. This effort has reduced energy consumption at the plant resulting in lower utility costs. Tony and his colleagues also maintain sewage collection infrastructure throughout the town. This year with assistance from the Highway Department, collection structures on Sargent Street and Indian Road were excavated repaired and disrupted areas resurfaced. In turn, the Sewer Department assisted the Highway Department with locating and replacing failed storm water drainage infrastructure on Glendale Middle Road and at Tuckerman Bridge.

Water Superintendent, Mike Buffoni, has done outstanding work maintaining the aging parts of our water distribution system. A major leak in a 10" main was repaired on Interlaken Road. A difficult repair, as the main is close to 10 feet deep in this area. Mike also upgraded the SCADA system, which is a computerized system that monitors remote water treatment, flow and storage activity, with enhanced security features. The Water Department also updates the Stockbridge GIS mapping system as new water and sewer infrastructure is added or improved.

The Commission welcomed John Loiodice to the board following annual town elections in May. John has already assumed additional responsibilities since joining the commission. He and Mike Buffoni serve as Sewer and Water delegates to the Stockbridge Bowl Steering Committee. Mike and Assistant Water Superintendent, Mark Viola have taken on the responsibility of collecting monthly water samples from the Bowl and its 3 major contributing streams. Samples document cyanobacteria and other pertinent data present in the lake and tributaries. They collect approximately 60 samples at each outing which are then transferred to the laboratory for analysis.

The Commission would also like to acknowledge the work of former member Tom Schuler and thank him for the more than 15 years of dedicated service on the Board.

Respectively Submitted,  
DONALD SCHENEYER  
PETER SOCHA  
JOHN LOIODICE

# **Parks and Recreation Commission**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Stockbridge:

The Parks and Recreation Commission are charged with the maintenance and management of the town's parks and recreation facilities. These facilities include the Main Street Park, Interlaken Park, Park Street Park and Skateboard Park, Pine Street tennis courts, and the Town Beach at Stockbridge Bowl.

Playgrounds, parks, trails, tennis courts, and the town beach were closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic until after the implementation of Phase 2 (June 2020) and Phase 3 (July 2020) re-opening protocols. Three full-time and two part-time lifeguards were employed by the town who provided parking lot monitoring and the implementation of the rules and regulations of the beach and facilities to comply with Covid-19 safety guidelines set forth by governor. To prevent overcrowding at the beach, the lifeguards provided town residents with passes that were required to park at the beach. Water quality at the beach was tested weekly by Tri-town Board of Health, the beach sample collected 8/10/2020 revealed a high level of e. Coli presence and the beach was closed 8/11/2020. They resampled 8/11/2020 and the bacteria levels were reduced to suitable levels and the beach re-opened 8/12/2020.

The beach was surveyed by Foresight Land Services Inc. and paid for with a generous donation from Stockbridge Bowl Association. This survey was necessary in order to complete the schematic plans for the driveway and parking lot improvements done by Walter Cudnohufsky Associates, Inc. The improvements will include a new safer location for the driveway, and a parking area that will reduce downhill runoff by re-grading and including a rain garden drainage catchment.

The canoe launch located behind Park Street Skate Park has been repaired but due to abnormally low water levels in the Housatonic river we were unable to put it in this year. The sandbox at the Park Street playground has been removed and will be replaced in 2021. The new benches donated by the Laurel Hill Association and Stockbridge Chamber of Commerce have been installed. New swing sets were installed at Park Street Playground and Averic playground in Interlanken. Pilling Landscaping continued to maintain and improve the Park Street gardens and the landscaping at the town beach.

All four of the canoe/kayak racks at the Town Beach were fully rented for the season. The procedure to obtain an application for a permit and payment of the storage fee for a canoe or kayak(s) on one of the racks at the town beach for the summer season will be posted on the town website in Spring 2021.

The Commission thanks the Highway Department, especially Hugh Page and crew for their assistance in preparing and maintaining our parks and facilities. We'd also like to thank the Select Board, Tri-Town Board of Health, and the town employees for their patience and support helping us navigate the process of safely opening the town beach, playgrounds and kayak racks during this pandemic.

Respectfully Submitted,  
STEVEN KNOPE, Clerk  
NICK FREDsALL  
NICOLE FAIRAUX

# Emergency Management

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Stockbridge:

2020 no doubt was a completely different experience for every aspect of society and community as we define it. This was evident among the Emergency Management team as we shifted our priorities from the planning and preparedness process for the numerous annual planned gatherings at local venues to responding to ever-changing pandemic guidance as well as securing ample resources for our front-line workers from a limited supply chain.

Through the generous support of numerous regionally local businesses and non-profits and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency as well as grant funds secured by the Tri-Town Health Dept. Stockbridge was able to supply our emergency first responders and essential staff with PPE and disinfecting supplies to enable essential Town services to continue safely with minimal interruption throughout the year. These partnerships also enabled the community to ensure safety for three important elections as well as our annual Town Meeting.

Over the past year, Stockbridge has continued partnership with both the Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee as well as the Central Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee. Representatives from Town have continued to attend meetings and trainings via remote participation. These Committees apply for grants that benefit Stockbridge and our neighbor communities and provide a valuable network for resource sharing. 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](http://www.westernmassready.org) is provided to offer assistance to the public for emergency preparedness.

We have continued to participate remotely in state and regional meetings of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and have also worked with MEMA to maintain the Town's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan to current standards. During 2020 Stockbridge finalized the content of our Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan with FEMA approval and adoption scheduled for the early months of 2021.

On June 17, 2020 the Berkshire Emergency Management and First Responder Community was saddened by the passing of one of our greatest partners. Lucy Ann Britton was the Emergency Management Director for Berkshire Medical Center and also served as Secretary for the CBREPC. Lucy was a key player in preparedness planning and field support for nearly every large event in Berkshire County, most notably the annual Josh Billings Run-around. Lucy's knowledge, skill, organization and selfless devotion were unmatched and she will be sorely missed by all who worked with her and knew her.

During 2020 the long vacant position of Deputy Emergency Management Director was reinstated and filled by the Selectboard appointment of Scott Muir. Scott is knowledgeable and experienced in all things Emergency Management and is a welcome addition to the Department.

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, in particular this year the Local Board of Health and the Tri-Town Health Dept. under the direction of Jim Wilusz. Thank you to my counterparts throughout Berkshire County, especially the members of the Southern and Central Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committees for 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 communities needs throughout this difficult year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
CHRISTOPHER B. MARSDEN,  
Emergency Management Director



Children's Chime Tower

*Courtesy of the Stockbridge Library Historical Collection*



# **HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

## **Board of Health**

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

The coronavirus pandemic took first place on the agendas of the Board of Health for most of the year. Without a vaccine or curative treatment, we played defense in every quarter. The Tri-Town Health Department, under the direction of Jim Wilusz, worked with us and the Emergency Management, Police, Fire, and Select Board teams to coordinate and implement the ever-changing regulations about social distancing, masks, gathering limits, business closings, quarantines, contact tracing, and governmental functions to try to normalize a nightmare. I cannot tell you how grateful we are to have such dedicated and hard-working teammates. Yes, we had a few COVID cases, but the town managed to carry on, albeit with a lot of zooming, and escaped the horrible scenarios of many other small towns. None of this could have been accomplished without the courageous cooperation of the residents and businesses of Stockbridge. The year 2020 will always be remembered as the beginning of the great coronavirus pandemic. It is not over. We look forward to a full vaccination program and eventual herd immunity, but the virus is here to stay and we will all have to make some permanent adjustments. In the meantime, we must all continue to work together to get through this.

The Board continued its efforts to prevent cyanobacterial bloom resurgence in the Bowl, helped considerably by the Board's own Cyanobacterial Task force. The Board and Tri-Town have joined the town's newly formed Stockbridge Bowl Surveillance Committee. We look forward to having a comprehensive lake-management plan in place during 2021.

At a joint meeting with the Select Board, the Board presented its concerns about lack of accountability or significant benefit of the current Mosquito Control Program. The Board's concerns about the negative public health and environmental effects of mosquito sprays were highlighted by the December 2020 Boston Globe revelation that long-lasting toxic chemicals have been recently discovered in the sprays used over large areas of the state.

The Board has also focused attention on the future needs of seniors in the community, how to assist them as their increasing age makes them more dependent, and how to provide housing for them here in Stockbridge, with easy access to town, so they can continue to feel a part of the community.

HENRY SCHWERNER MD, Secretary

RAE WILLIAMS RN

CHARLES KENNY MD, Chair

# Tri-Town Health Department

January 10, 2021

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the fiscal year 2020.

## **Following is a summary of our Public Health Prevention programs:**

**COVID-19 Pandemic:** Fiscal Year 2020 started out like anything else, normal. As we advanced through the fiscal year, staff and board members continued to collaborate and work together towards many grants and projects, including a revamping of the 17 town Southern Berkshire Household Hazardous Waste Collection program. When March of 2020 hit, the Tri-Town District was in position to immediately respond. From schools closing, to responding to a high volume of complaints, violations, and general inquiries, we met the challenge. Throughout the remainder of FY20, the staff continued to work in various ways to meet the needs of the community. From March through June, we fielded over 200 plus phone inquiries and investigated dozens of formal complaints. We continue to work in close partnership with BHS, other BOH and agencies including our distinguished Police, Fire, and EMS Departments. I would like to thank Chief's Darrell Fennelly and Vincent Garafolo for working with us very closely to respond to the needs of our community. Lastly, we need to recognize all our Health Department Staff and Board members for rallying to meet the needs of the community during an extreme and challenging time. As we move forward, we will continue to collaborate, plan, and deliver vaccination clinics to ensure the community is protected from COVID-19 so we can move forward to a healthy and prosperous 2021.

**CARES ACT and Public Health Trust Funding:** Tri Town Health District in amidst a pandemic was able to secure \$90,000 of CARES act funding and PHTF funding to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Resources were used to retrofit town halls to meet safety standards, PPE, supplies and staffing to respond to the pandemic. We anticipate securing more grant funding into FY21.

**Regional Household Hazardous Waste Program:** In Fiscal year 2020 the HHW collection program offered a Spring collection in which 207 households registered for and we collected 4,200 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 Awareness Program:** The Tobacco Awareness Program was very busy in FY20. Boards of Health around the county adjusted to the new state law restricting flavors and vapes soon after the Governor passed a comprehensive tobacco bill. We secured an additional \$97,000 in grant money to work on post enactment strategies due to new state law changes.



**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 FY20, 247 vouchers were sold, and 177 clerks were trained. For more information on the Retailer certification program, please visit [www.tritownhealth.org](http://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	3	Milk/Cream Vehicle	0
Biological Wastes	1	Mobile Food	2
Catering	6	Motel/Hotel/Cabin/Trailer	0
Disposal Works Construction	14	Pool	13
Disposal Works Installer	12	Pasteurization	1
Emergency Beaver		Rec. Children's Camp	0
Trapping Permits	1	Retail Food	24
Food Service	28	Septage Hauler	9
Frozen Dessert	5	Special Event Food Permit	25
Garbage Hauler	6	Tobacco	2
Milk/Cream Dealer	1	Well Permit	4
Inspections:		Water Testing:	
Children's Camps	0	Ice Sampling	36
Food Service/Retail	110	Pool & Hot Tub Testing	66
Housing Inspections/Reinspections	2	Quality Control	200
Misc. Complaints/Nuisances	4	Beaches Sampling	84
Percolation Test Witness	15	Well Sampling	10
Pool & Hot Tub Inspections	13	Out of Town:	17
Special Events	25		
T5 Witness	27		
COVID-19 Investigations:	3		
COVID-19 Positive cases:	14		

Budget Revenue Information Fiscal 2020			
Total budget:	\$92,919.67	Revenue generated:	\$47,600.50
Breakdown:			
Permits	\$33,925.00		
Water Testing	\$8,079.9		
Septic	\$5,595.60		
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:

It has been an extraordinary year for the Stockbridge Library, Museum & Archives, the Town of Stockbridge, and our world. Battling the COVID-19 pandemic and extensive social unrest has led to a consistently shifting new normal.

In February of 2020, Stockbridge Library Museum & Archives appointed a new Director, Wendy Pearson. By March, the Library, Museum & Archives was forced to close its doors as the pandemic bore down. Rapidly shifting operations to the digital world, we were able to provide additional services to fill the void left by our shuttered doors. We began offering digital subscriptions to newspapers and film streaming services, in addition to the wide range of eBook and eAudiobook titles available through our library network, CWMARS.

We are proud to report that our small staff remained employed through the duration of the stay-at-home order, providing virtual programs, call-in technology help, and COVID-19 updates. Our dedicated staff called town residents to help assuage the loneliness and isolation felt by so many during the home quarantine. We have continued to find new ways of engaging with our community, including a weekly digital quiz game about the history of Stockbridge, digital storytimes, virtual book clubs, author talks, and poetry readings. We have hosted virtual concerts by The Berkshire Chamber Players.

2020 saw staffing changes beyond a new Director, with India Spartz appointed as the new Curator of the Museum & Archives and Maria Lynch heading our Marketing and Development department.

As the stay-at-home orders eased, with careful guidance from the Tri-Town Board of Health and Dr. Charles Kenney, we began offering curbside pick up of library materials for our community. In 2020 we also added home delivery to Stockbridge residents and weekly pick-up and delivery to Heaton Court. We collected oral histories from Stockbridge residents to retain a record of the pandemic experience in Stockbridge for future generations.

Despite these setbacks, 2020 remained successful and busy for the Stockbridge Library Association. We continued to offer many events that our patrons have come to expect and enjoy as well as added several new ones. During those 12 months, we circulated 22,793 items, including 3,155 digital items. We issued 76 new library cards and had over 2,000 people attend over 100 Zoom programs on topics ranging from literature, ecology, medicine, and music to children's storytimes and even baby sign language.

Other virtual programs included:

- Online technology help sessions
- Weekly poetry series featuring nationally renowned poets
- Authors in Conversation series
- Book club meetings
- Stockbridge Writers group
- Ecology presentations in collaboration with Mass Audubon Society

As the stay at home orders eased, we began to offer socially-distanced outdoor events ranging from a flower show in our gardens, a sculpture display and artist talk in collaboration with Chesterwood, stargazing with an astronomer through a telescope on the front lawn, and Story Walks for our youngest patrons. The Museum & Archives led tours of the neighborhood talking about the history of people who lived in Stockbridge in past generations.

The Library also continued to partner with the Chamber of Commerce on a modified Pumpkin Walk-About and a COVID-19 aware version of Stockbridge Main Street at Christmas, featuring a tree & light display in the garden walkway.

The Stockbridge Golf and Tennis Classic at the Stockbridge Golf Club and our Annual Used Book Sale had to be canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. With the help of federal funds from the Paycheck Protection Program and generous community donors, we have been able to continue to serve the residents of Stockbridge throughout the year.

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. The Library is normally 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. During the Covid-19 pandemic, we have reduced our hours but look forward to resuming full services in the year ahead.

To learn more about us, visit our website, [www.stockbridgelibrary.org](http://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

## **Stockbridge Library Association Board of Trustees:**

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## **Stockbridge Council on Aging**

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

Following is a report of the services and activities provided and currently not provided by the Stockbridge Council on Aging and the Senior Center of Stockbridge.

The Senior Center has been very active in a different kind of a way due to COVID -19. Even as we work remotely, you can phone the Senior Center with questions and your calls will be returned. The Senior Center can be reached at 298-4170 extension 263.

Due to COVID-19 the Senior van is not currently taking passengers.

Brown bag has continued at Heaton Court on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 11:30 A.M.

The Stockbridge Council on Aging and the Senior Center extends many thanks to all our volunteers: our van drives, Ron Muir, Bobbie Kay, and Beth McCormack; our kitchen leader, Joanne Garzone and her volunteers: Nancy O'Brien, Joann Flynn, Chris McCormack and B.C. Chaney.

We continue to thank our foot nurse, Beverly Dunn, who can be reached at 413-446-0602; Pat Flinn for her free Computer classes at the center; Joan Embree for our Yoga and Rites of Rejuvenation classes; Doreen Black for our Tai Chi classes and Winnie Veretto for many hours of preparations for our seniors needing health insurance coverage.

Thank you to Nancy Fitzpatrick for the Senior lunch gift certificates given this year in place of our annual Senior Christmas luncheon.

We did miss our Christmas with Santa (Gene Salvi) this year for our St. Paul's Day Care children but have our fingers crossed to see Santa in 2021.

We are also looking forward to the return of our Bingo classes and Wednesday lunches here at the Senior Center.

Respectfully Submitted,  
LIZ DIGRIGOLI, Director  
DIANE SHERIDAN, Chairman  
CHRIS MCCARTHY  
RON MUIR  
NANCY O'BRIEN  
SUE ROGERS

# **Stockbridge Housing Authority**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge

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

Heaton Court, (Chapter 667) located at 5 Pine St. is state-aided public housing which is designed for elderly and non-elderly disabled individuals. A waiting list is in place for the 50 one (1) bedroom units 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.

New to Stockbridge Housing Authority this past year, is our Resident Services Coordinator (RSC) program. The Stockbridge Housing Authority in collaboration with the other South County Housing Authority's Lee, Lenox and Great Barrington, applied for and received this grant 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 75 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, Food Stamps and Social Security. The program has also incorporated some fun events for tenants, for example outdoor musical concerts, a holiday caroling event and a recipe booklet that all were invited to contribute to.

This past year Heaton Court welcomed five (5) new residents to our community. Applications and information regarding housing at Heaton Court may be obtained by visiting our website, [www.stockbridgehousing.com](http://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, Stockbridge House, (Chapter 689) which is leased by the state's Department of Developmental Services for housing and services to assist developmentally disabled adults. Information on participation in this program should be directed to the above mentioned agency.

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 41 vouchers. A voucher entitles 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 three (3) new participant families with Section 8 assistance in 2020. As of 12/31/2020 there were seven (7) program participants living in Stockbridge. The remaining vouchers are leased in other towns in Southern Berkshire County and Central Berkshire County after being unable to find

affordable housing before the voucher expired. Our program was fully leased and the SHA hosts two (2) vouchers issued through the Pittsfield Housing Authority and leased in the South County area.

Changes to the SHA's Section 8 program include our participation in the Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) program. Eligible youth, determined by the Department of Children and Families, who are aging out of the foster care system are entitled to a voucher, which will assist them with their housing payment for up to three years. The SHA is excited to be partnering with Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority and DCF to bring this program to the area.

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.gosection8.com/>. For any landlord interested in participating in our program to bring affordable housing to our area, please contact the Executive Director, Andrea Lindsay at 413-592-6132.

The Housing Authority would like to take this opportunity to thank the resident voters of Stockbridge and the Town's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for their approval of \$74,073 for three (3) roofing projects at Heaton Court. The CPC's financial help is immeasurable to the preservation of Heaton Court and Stockbridge House. The SHA's formula funding is not always sufficient to cover all of the needed improvements to the property. Town CPA funds are crucial to preserving Heaton Court, built in 1977, and Stockbridge House, constructed in 1985 as the valuable resources that they are for town residents and their loved ones.

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

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 2020 donations from generous taxpayers brought the total amount available for distribution to \$ 12,835.32. Nine residents received a total of \$ 5,350.00 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

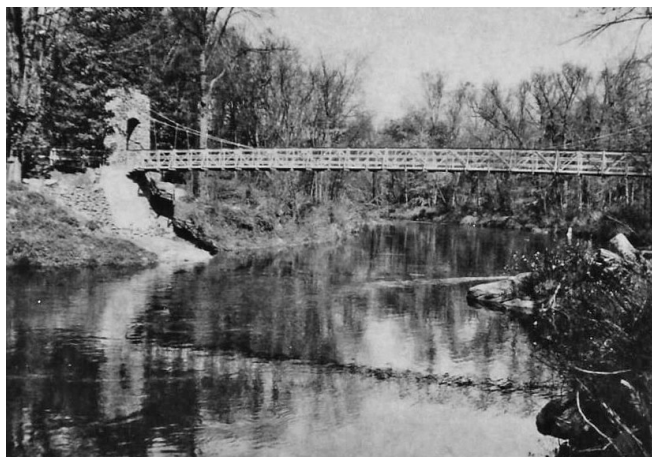
BETH McCORMACK

HELEN McCORMICK

GARY PITNEY

TAMMY TOUPONCE

KAREN WILLIAMS



MEMORIAL BRIDGE  
at  
STOCKBRIDGE, MASS.  
to carry the Trail  
from Laurel Hill  
across the Housatonic  
to the  
Ice Glen,  
Laura's Tower,  
Burgoyne's Pass  
and the  
Ski Trails

*Photo by David Milton Jones*

Memorial Bridge

*Courtesy of the Stockbridge Library Historical Collection*



# **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 2020 we have seen a slight decrease in all areas of operation and currently have 42 active Chapter 115 claims.

Chapter 115 Submissions and Return from the State:

<b>Town</b>	<b>FY 2020 Submitted 7/01/19-6/30/20</b>	<b>Pmt Due in FY 2021 - FY 2020 - 75%</b>
Stockbridge	\$30,373.75	\$22,780.31

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

Applications for VA Health Care	45
ALS/Disability/A&A/Appeals/Life Insurance	38
DD 214s	36
Request for Grave Markers	26
Tax Abatements/SS help/other requests	75
Flags to funerals homes for veterans	48
Assisted with Dr. appointments	7
Home and Office Visits	299
Veterans Services Phone Calls	1228

For FY 2020 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 2020 DYS budget was \$8,737.47 - this number was based on population percentage on the 2010 Census.

Respectfully Submitted,

LAURIE J. HILS

Southern Berkshire District Director for Veteran Services



# PLANNING AND AESTHETICS

## Planning Board

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

I want first of all to thank Marie Raftery for her exemplary service and dedication as chair of the Planning Board. She and I continue to serve with five other devoted and committed members: the very effective vice chair Christine Rasmussen, plus Kate Fletcher, Gary Pitney, Wayne Slosek (clerk), and Nancy Socha. It is an honor to work with this fine group of public servants. In addition, I want to recognize and salute Jennifer Carmichael, our secretary, without whom the board's work would quickly grind to a halt. Jennifer's dedication and professionalism are a great credit to the board and to Stockbridge. Together we have spent countless hours doing the work of the board.

In addition to addressing an increasing number of special permits and other official applications, this year's board has spent a great deal of time and energy on the effort to draft a natural resource and historic preservation zoning bylaw. This is an outgrowth of the work begun by the former Zoning Review Committee. We are in the intense stage of drafting such a bylaw. To this end the town engaged, on the board's behalf, two eminent planning consultants, Randall Arendt and Jeff Lacy. Both have made informative presentations to the board and the public via Zoom meetings, with more to follow. The board recognizes the urgency of the work and the importance of educating and informing ourselves and our fellow citizens about the details of the bylaw. We greatly appreciate the consultants' assistance to date.

The board is also benefiting from the work of Phil Arnold, a professional planner from the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, with which the town has a contract for Phil's services this year. Phil has worked diligently and effectively on revisions to the sign, driveway, and downtown parking bylaws. These bylaws may seem fairly straightforward but we have found it highly valuable to have Phil's assistance in reviewing and redrafting them. They are nearly complete and will be ready for the next stages of approval shortly. With Phil's assistance the board has also been working on a new Accessory Dwelling Unit bylaw, and we look forward to additional input from Phil this year.

I want to thank all the citizens of Stockbridge who have attended our meetings. We all look forward to the day when we can meet again in person. In the meantime, Zoom will have to do.

The Planning Board meets regularly on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 pm. We invite the public's continuing participation.

Respectfully submitted,

BILL VOGT, Chairman

CHRISTINE RASMUSSEN, Vice Chair

WAYNE SLOSEK, Clerk

MARIE RAFTERY

KATE FLETCHER

GARY PITNEY

NANCY SOCHA

JENNIFER CARMICHAEL, Secretary

# **Zoning Board of Appeals**

To the Honorable Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

The ZBA had another quiet year in 2020. The ZBA held 2 hearings on variance requests. The ZBA also welcomes the addition of Patricia Andrew to the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

TOM SCHULER

JIM MURRAY

JOHN HYSON

STARBUCK SMITH

ERIC PLAKUN

PATRICIA ANDREW

MILES MOFFATT



Civil War Monument

*Courtesy of the Stockbridge Library Historical Collection*

# Building Inspector

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

The following permits were issued and fees collected for the year 2020

Permit type	# of Permits	Cost of Construction	Permit Fees
New Construction - Commercial & Residential	7	\$6,244,148	\$48,658
Additions & Alterations	84	\$3,814,352	\$22,337
Solar Arrays	11	\$397,939	\$2,360
Demolitions	8	\$180,615	\$600
Swimming Pools	3	\$287,800	\$1,530
Repairs	30	\$385,404	\$3,025
Roofs	44	\$659,089	\$4,870
Decks/Porches	8	\$121,000	\$870
Foundation	4	\$228,900	\$1,265
Garages & Accessory	8	\$473,011	\$2,805
Sheet Metal	5	\$99,968	\$140
Mechanical	2	\$85,000	\$425
Solid Fuel Burning Appliance	6	\$22,532	\$330
Other	2	\$74,356	\$435
<b>Total Construction</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>\$13,074,114</b>	<b>\$89,650</b>
<b>Other Permits</b>			
Annual Inspections	54		\$5,505
Certificate of Occupancy	21		\$735
Tents	12		\$455
Trench	6		\$210
Electrical Inspections	140		\$13,140
Gas Inspections	95		\$6,720
Plumbing Inspections	62		\$5,760
<b>Total Other Permits</b>	<b>390</b>		<b>\$32,525</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>612</b>		<b>\$122,175</b>

Respectfully submitted by,  
NED BALDWIN,  
Building Commissioner

# Conservation Commission

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

For the past year the Conservation Commission meetings have been held via Zoom on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. All are welcome. If you wish to be placed on the agenda, please call or e-mail the ConComm office (conservationcommission@townofstockbridge.com) and leave a message. We can help you with the information needed to meet the requirements to start and finish your project. By this Spring there will be a pamphlet available at Town Hall to help with this process.

The role of the Commission is to enforce the provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act, the Rivers Act and the Scenic Mountains Act as well as the Town Wetlands and Stormwater Bylaws to ensure that habitat, resource areas, wetlands and adjacent properties are not compromised. With the numerous streams, marshes, lakes, ponds and rivers in town, most projects are in areas within ConComm jurisdiction requiring review. If your project includes any tree removal, clear cutting, or brush removal, and you are anywhere near water, water courses or wetlands, please check with us before you start.

The Gould Meadows Committee volunteers have completed a second bridge over the stream. This was for safer cold weather access to the main trails. This year, the parking lot is being cleared by the Highway Department. It is a very active area year-round. Some of the projects underway are: continuing to restore the Milk Shed, the cleanup and burning of brush, and the restoration of a Mary Flynn memorial plaque.

As to the Stockbridge Bowl, the Conservation Commission still feels that the full-lake treatment of this body of water with herbicide is not in the best interest of people using and living around it, or the fish and creatures in its waters. If we had not denied the Notice of Intent, the first annual herbicide application would have happened. Great success would have been claimed on the eradication of Eurasian Milfoil (the only species to be targeted). But, ironically, not enough could be found to satisfy the D.E.P. requirements for the preliminary test plots. The treatment process will be allowed to begin only if significant milfoil can be found.

Respectfully submitted,  
RONALD BROUKER, Chair  
JOHN HART, Vice Chair  
SALLY UNDERWOOD-MILLER, Secretary-Member  
JOSEPH DEGIORGIS  
JAMIE MINACCI  
JAY RHIND  
PATRICK WHITE

# 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 2020 the SHC reviewed and reported on five such applications. We are pleased that the CPC and Town Counsel accepted our findings and that these historic preservation projects were recommended for funding by the CPC and were funded by the Town at its annual meeting.

Also during 2020, 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 also responds to requests from Town cultural institutions for endorsement by the SHC for applications for state grants that will help to preserve or restore historic resources. In 2020, the SHC reviewed an application and submitted a letter of support to the Massachusetts Historical Commission regarding the Trustees' request for matching funding in regard to a historic restoration project at Naumkeag.

The SHC is monitoring road and bridge work around Stockbridge for its potential effects on Town historic resources. In 2020 the SHC consulted with the Town's outside engineer regarding the ongoing efforts to restore the keystone bridge in the Old Curtisville National Register Historic District. The SHC is supportive of those efforts.

The SHC continues to lend its support to the Town's initiative to restore the Soldiers' Monument on Main Street. The SHC met with the Town's outside conservator and made a presentation at a Selectboard meeting in support of the first stage of the project, which was funded at the 2020 Town meeting and successfully accomplished by Allegrone Construction in November.

Also in 2020, the Town began planning for possible restoration of the Children's Chime Tower. The SHC attended a site visit at the Tower with Town officials, potential restoration experts and interested Town citizens. Similarly, the SHC is monitoring potential restoration of the Town cemetery, consulting with the Cemetery Commission and the Selectboard in that regard.

The SHC has retained an outside historic preservation consultant to work with the Assessor's office to add a dedicated layer of historic properties to the Town's GIS system and a related notation on the assessors' records in order to make that information more readily accessible to all. That work is ongoing.

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

# Historic Preservation Commission

The Stockbridge Historic Preservation Commission met eight times in 2020. We typically meet on Mondays at 4:00. We work to review submitted applications as soon as possible in order to expedite discussion and minimize delay for property owners.

Zoom has proved to be a very useful tool this last year. Many thanks to Steve Borns at CTSB for facilitating our public meetings. For a Town board, we are a collegial and concise group. It's good to have more people observing our process through the CTSB connection.

Projects that came before the Commission this year:

- 37 Mahkeenac Road – demo approved
- 5 East Street (Weybourne Hill) – demo denied – owners are now planning restoration
- 9 Main Street – alterations approved
- 82 Interlaken Road – demo approved
- 58 Lake Drive – demo approved
- 22 Yale Hill Road – barn demo approved
- 4 Cove Lane – demo approved
- 58 Lake Drive – demo approved

We continue to monitor developments at the Elm Court and Merrywood estates on Old Stockbridge Road.

Our Historic Preservation Bylaw has been functioning well in the fifteen years since Stockbridge voters approved it. Following recent review of our bylaw and procedures by Town Council, we are now routinely forwarding any unapproved determinations to the Planning Board, which has final say over the Historic Preservation Commission's decisions.

Many thanks to the diligence of our volunteer board members, and to the Planning Board, Historical Commission, Select Board, Town Administrators, Building Inspector, property owners and advisors who help keep Stockbridge the wonderful place that it is.

Respectfully submitted,  
CARL SPRAGUE, Chair  
PETER WILLIAMS, Secretary  
GARY JOHNSTON  
JORJA-ANN MARSDEN  
JAY 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 \$285,000 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 final stage of the roof replacement at Heaton Court.

Funding was also approved for the following under the Historic Preservation portion of the Act: chimney and stucco restoration at the French residence at Chesterwood; archaeological investigation of the 1783 site of the Ox Roast event as well as the homesite of Mohican “King” Solomon. (The Ox Roast was sponsored by George Washington to thank the tribe for their support and service during the Revolutionary War); continuing restoration of Norman Rockwell’s archival business documents; the completion of the restoration of the north porch at Naumkeag; and money to be put into reserve for the restoration of the Soldiers’ Monument when the final plans have been approved.

From the FY20 Administration Fund the Committee agreed that funds could be used by the Berkshire Botanical Garden for the beginning stages of creating their master plan; and that a survey of the East Street properties more than 50 years old that may be affected by potential highway projects should be undertaken.

Under Open Space and Recreation, the Committee recommended paving of the upper part of the Bullard Woods driveway; and to continue the work restoring Gould Meadows, including removal of invasive species.

The Committee also agreed to undertake developing a plan for a community housing trust for first time home buyers and elderly in Town.

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

JESSI MEAGHER, representing the Selectmen

GARY PITNEY, representing the Assessors

LINDA W. JACKSON, representing the Historical Commission

STEVE KNOPE, representing Parks and Recreation

CHUCK GILLETTE, representing the Housing Authority

JAY BIKOFSKY, representing the Finance Committee

CAROLE OWENS, representing the Selectmen



# Stockbridge Cultural Council

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

The Stockbridge Cultural Council gives money every year to support a wide range of programs: local artists' events, music series, dance programs, classroom science projects, library programs, and much more. This funding comes from the state Massachusetts Cultural Council, which gives communities with local Cultural Councils money to distribute locally.

Because of the pandemic, we offered last years' grantees a one-year extension to complete their projects. Only two out of the 14 grantees chose that; most of the others found new, innovative ways to do their programs. The money allocated to those who couldn't complete their projects went back into the account to be given out this year.

For fiscal year 2021, the Stockbridge Cultural Council received \$4,800 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. We also had \$1800 available from unclaimed grant reimbursements, giving us a total of \$6600 to distribute. This year we reviewed 31 proposals.

We awarded the following individuals or groups. The work of these grantees includes literary projects, concerts, art projects, theater performances, music lessons, in-school and outdoor education classes, and more:

Greenagers	Rites of Passage (individual artist)
Laurel Hill	Berkshire Ukulele Band
Indigenous People	Global Influences, Music,
IS183	Berkshire Music School
BTG Plays, summer	Stockbridge Library
Rewritten (individual artist)	Ice Fire
Chester Theater	Arts in Recovery
Shakes & Co	Cantilena Choir
Mass Audubon	Take the Lead (individual artist)
Berkshire Pulse	

Your Cultural Council is staffed by a group of community volunteers. If you are interested in what we do, check out [www.mass-culture.org/Stockbridge](http://www.mass-culture.org/Stockbridge) for further information. Or contact the Council Chair, Karen Marshall. We are always looking for new ideas and suggestions. Come, get involved.

And, we are always looking for local artists and cultural institutions to apply for funding. We have money and we are giving it away. Apply!

Respectfully submitted,

KAREN MARSHALL, Chair

ANDREA SHOLLER, Secretary

LYNN EDELSTEIN

MARY FLOURNOY

LIONEL DELEVINGNE

ED LANE

STEVE MURRAY

JANET EGLEHOFER

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 of each month. We are comprised of seven voting members and two non-voting with a representative from each of the various Stockbridge Bowl stakeholder groups.

Voting members:

- Board of Health – Dr. Charles Kenny, M.D.
- Water and Sewer Department – Michael Buffoni
- Conservation Commission – Jamie Minacci (chair)
- Sewer and Water Commission – Dr. John Loiodice, M.D.
- Stockbridge Sportsmen’s Club – Gary Johnston
- Stockbridge Bowl Association – Michael Nathan
- Select Board – Roxanne McCaffrey

Non-voting representatives:

- Tri-Town Health – Jim Wilusz, R. S.
- Stockbridge Harbormster – Gary Kleinerman

The Town has engaged 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 (bluegreen algae) blooms, restoration of habitat for a viable food web and water supply limnology.

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/Dr Kortmann. We have focused on the need to develop a current, comprehensive Lake Management Plan to identify all areas of concern and define and document various preservation actions that may be taken. This plan is to be a living document to be reviewed annually by the SBSC and updated appropriately. The most recent study was done in 1996.

GZA/ Dr. Kortmann have made a presentation to the SBSC indicating that the annual sampling indicates that Stockbridge Bowl has no appreciable addition of phosphorous loading than it had in the 1980s and that the water clarity has increased significantly since then. The quality of our lake has actually improved somewhat over the past thirty years. Dr. Kortmann has stressed that we do need to be cautious about the large colony of algae we have residing in the deeper levels of the lake. A public presentation is planned via a future Select Board meeting so they can share and explain this past year's findings.

An agreement has been signed to engage GZA/Dr. Kortmann to assist in the development of our Lake Management Plan, a condition stipulated by the NHESP to the Town in the Spring of 2020.

The SBSC recognizes the need for recreational weed harvesting and supports the Town in its efforts to negotiate an Order of Conditions with the NHESP and the DEP to meet our needs for access and safe recreation of the

We look forward to continuing our discussions and shared knowledge to work on the best way forward to protect the delicate ecological balance of the Stockbridge Bowl and its watershed.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend our meetings (currently ZOOM).

We want to thank our members for their willingness and ability to collaborate on these important and sensitive issues.

Lastly, we would like to thank Tom Schuler, Esq. for his service and expertise as a member of the committee and a warm welcome to Dr. John Liodice M.D. as his replacement representing the Sewer and Water Commission.

Respectfully submitted,  
JAMIE MINACCI, Chairperson



Collecting water samples on Stockbridge Bowl

*Courtesy of R. McCaffrey*

# **Stockbridge Fountain Committee**

The Fountain Committee was appointed by the Select Board in the summer of 2017 with the express purpose of overseeing the restoration of two iconic fountains in Stockbridge – the Watering Trough and the Cat and Dog Fountain. After reviewing several options, the Committee applied for and was awarded Community Preservation Act funding in 2018 for the restoration of the Watering Trough (\$15,000) and the Cat and Dog Fountain (\$45,000). However, later that year, the Select Board instructed the Committee to hold off on project design and work while the Town conducted a review of downtown intersections and traffic since any solutions could impact both fountains. In May 2020, the traffic review was completed and the Committee was able to resume its work.

## **Restoration Update**

The Committee worked with Marc Volk from Foresight Land Services and starting in September 2020, with Town Administrator Mike Canales to develop engineering plans and procurement requests in accordance with state law requirements. Key staff from the Town, Mike Buffoni (Superintendent of Water) and Hugh Page (Highway Foreman), provided input and support on questions to do with plumbing restoration and logistical issues. We are grateful to Marc and our town employees for their invaluable assistance.

The Committee has hired Jeffrey Gulick of Timberwolf Restorations LLC to handle the restoration of both fountains. On a cold winter day in February, the Cat and Dog were carefully hoisted from their perch downtown and moved by Berkshire Crane & Logistics LLC to Jeff's studio in a former church in Housatonic for restoration. Jeff will start the restoration of the Watering Trough this spring or summer.

Respectfully submitted,  
KATE FLETCHER  
CARL SPRAGUE  
GEGE KINGSTON  
BOB JONES

# Memorial Day Committee

To the Honorable Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

The Memorial Day Committee met, as usual, in January and February to begin planning events for Memorial Day. Our March meeting at town hall was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In April it became clear that a public event was not going to be possible, and such was declared on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Shifting gears, we planned instead for a scaled-down, unpublicized gathering to honor our deceased veterans. Hence, on Memorial Day, a select group of about 20 people gathered at the Civil War monument for prayers and taps. Prayers were led by Fr Sam Smith of St Paul's Church, with taps being played by Cameron Bencivenga. Our color guard was present, and the Rice brothers provided a gun salute. We then moved on to the War Memorials at the town green, offering the same there. The same was done at the Town Cemetery and St Joseph's Cemetery. A final prayer with taps and gun salute was offered at the river, for those who died at sea.

Stationed at the Civil War monument for the duration of the day was a display of large flags normally appearing in the parade: a reminder to all who drove by of the day's significance.

Prior to Memorial Day, hundreds of new flags were placed on veterans' gravesites at both the town cemetery and at St. Joseph's Church cemetery by committee members, as well as at the other monuments to veterans in town.

Last but not least, we salute our fellow comrade and long-time member of this committee, "Skip" Whalen, who was laid to rest in January of this year, 2021. In peace may your soul rest, dear brother.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD FRENCH, Chair

RON MUIR

LISA THORNE, Secretary

DON COLEMAN

MERRILL SANDERSON

FRED COLEMAN

KEITH RAFTERY

DEBORAH COLEMAN

TIM MINKLER

FRANK (JIM) DOLSON

RAYMOND "SKIP" WHALEN, Emeritus

# **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 its 'designation', Stockbridge was awarded \$139,625 for energy efficiency projects to help the Town achieve the required goal of 20% reduction in energy consumption over 5 years. This grant, along with a \$19,054 rebate from National Grid was spent on energy efficiency improvements to the Town Offices (insulation, air sealing, LED lighting), now saving about \$1,000 monthly in energy costs. In 2018, grants and incentives totaling \$59,124 were used to install energy efficiency improvements at the Central Fire Station (replacing garage and exterior doors, replacing heating system, LED lighting). In 2020, grants and incentives totaling \$17,368 were used to install LED lighting at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Grants/incentives received to date total \$235,171 (Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources and rebates from National Grid and Berkshire Gas Company).

In FY 2020, the Town consumed 940,55 kWh of electricity and generated 1,021,047 kWh from its solar photovoltaic system – more than 100% of total electric consumption. Though Stockbridge is receiving small financial savings at this time, the Town is reducing greenhouse gas emissions by generating clean electricity.

Since 2015, Town energy consumption has been reduced by approximately 13.4% (weather-adjusted). 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:

MICHAEL BUFFONI, Water Superintendent

MICHAEL CANALES, Town Administrator

LAURA DUBESTER, Chair

DARRELL FENNELLY, Chief of Police

PAT FLINN

CHRIS MARSDEN, Facilities Manager

PAM SANDLER

STARBUCK SMITH

# **Stockbridge Chamber of Commerce/ Tourism Funds**

To the Honorable Board and Citizens of Stockbridge:

With about 100 members, we are a nonprofit, member-based organization representing and advocating for diverse businesses of all sizes. It is, and has always been, our mission to be a voice of support and leadership. Our organization understands that to have a strong economic environment, we must also have a strong community. We are truly blessed to have leaders, business owners, educators, and community members who realize that we all share in the responsibility of creating economic success balanced with a desirable environment for both residents and visitors. That picture looked quite different this year as we all confronted the reality of COVID-19 in our day-to-day realities.

Like many of our business members, the Chamber also took a substantial financial hit this year in the absence of our annual Summer Arts & Crafts Fair and Stockbridge Main Street at Christmas, losing approximately \$77,000 in income. Still the Chamber along with additional allocated funds from the town to promote our local economy, continued its mission, serving our business community at large and promoting the town of Stockbridge to visitors and potential new residents.

We offered regular distribution of up-to-date information and resources regarding Covid-19 (Massachusetts orders and restrictions, reopening guidelines, public health and safety guidelines and services, Town of Stockbridge information and services, and resources and monies made available for businesses, employees, and employers.) The StockbridgeChamber.org website was updated with new information & pages which included an Outdoor Adventure Page, Rediscover Stockbridge/What's Happening Here Page, Coronavirus Resources for Travelers and Covid-19 Resources Page. We printed our Stockbridge Guides incorporating Virtual Berkshires and Outdoor Activities which is distributed year-round. We printed and distributed to our members "Maximum Capacity & Wear a Mask" posters. We kept the Stockbridge Information Booth safely open year-round, continued our social media posts and videos, StockbridgeMA E-News in all seasons highlighting our area, campaigned on local radio to support local/love my local MA and highlighted seasonal gift giving, dining and lodging eblasts. We also continued our yearlong underwriting campaign with WAMC and celebrated the 31st Annual Stockbridge Main Street at Christmas virtually and offered a winter wonderland walkway through the Stockbridge Library.

Our Board of Directors made use of Zoom meetings, like so many of you have also done, to stay in touch and hash out the issues we all are facing as we kept an eye on the year to come and the work still ahead. We also attended and advocated for our members at Town of Stockbridge meetings. We were saddened to lose our members, Vlada's Boutique & Mutability in Motion in 2020 due to Covid-19, but thrilled to see new businesses like Tiffany's Café/Elm Street Market, Berkshire Camino and Berkshire Real Estate join us.

With our investments Stockbridge, MA received recognition in a variety of print and online publications: Country Living Magazine, Spectrum News, Western

Mass News, Yankee Magazine, Boston Globe, Business West, Berkshire Eagle, Cost to Cost with Kids, In the Olive Groves, MSN, Up Country Magazine, Red Book, New England Today Travel, Travel Awaits, CBS Boston, VacationIdea.com, Big 7 Travel, and House Beautiful. In 2020 Stockbridge earned titles of: #1 Best Christmas Town by Country Living Magazine, The Prettiest Winter Towns in New England by In the Olive Groves, The Most Beautiful Town in Every State by Red Book, #1 The Most Festive Town in America by House Beautiful, #1 Most Charming Small Town in America by Big 7 Travel.

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

- BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
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MICHAEL DUFFY, Past President  
JORDAN RAYMOND, DOUG BAGNASCO,  
PAMELA BOUDREAU, Members at Large

**NOTE:** We are in our sixth 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, which in 2020 totaled \$44,000.00.

# FINANCES

## 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, 2020. 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,

RAY ELLSWORTH

Town Accountant



# Town of Stockbridge

## Balance Sheet June 30, 2020

	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	
<b>ASSETS</b>										
Cash	4,558,764	3,039,070	31,279	1,789,526	1,805,331	2,963,521	14,524			<b>14,202,016</b>
Receivables:										
Personal Property Taxes	4,975									<b>4,975</b>
Real Estate Taxes	440,617									<b>440,617</b>
Motor Vehicle Taxes	27,625									<b>27,625</b>
Tax Liens	195,653									<b>195,653</b>
Tax Foreclosures	11,023									<b>11,023</b>
Community Preservation Receivable		9,001								<b>9,001</b>
Overlays	(99,571)									<b>(99,571)</b>
Water Rates and Special		4,978								<b>4,978</b>
Sewer Rates and Special		7,137								<b>7,137</b>
Water/Sewer Liens added to tax		2,196								<b>2,196</b>
Fixed Assets										-
Amounts to be provided for									11,549,820	<b>11,549,820</b>
Due from Stabilization										-
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>5,139,086</b>	<b>3,062,382</b>	<b>31,279</b>	<b>1,789,526</b>	<b>1,805,331</b>	<b>2,963,521</b>	<b>14,524</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,549,820</b>	<b>26,355,469</b>

	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	
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>										
Liabilities										
Water Treatment Plant Loan(Ref)									350,000	<b>350,000</b>
Sewer Expansion Project Loan									1,605,000	<b>1,605,000</b>
Town Offices Project Loan(Ref)									2,085,000	<b>2,085,000</b>
Water Improvements/Tank Loan									1,451,251	<b>1,451,251</b>
Water Ln-Church St/Tank									1,548,569	<b>1,548,569</b>
Gnrl Oblig bond:TwBridges/Hwy gar.									4,360,000	<b>4,360,000</b>
Fire Truck State House Note									150,000	<b>150,000</b>
Deferred Revenue	580,322	23,313								<b>603,635</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>580,322</b>	<b>23,313</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,549,820</b>	<b>12,153,455</b>
FUND EQUITY										
Reserved for Expenditures	156,504	-								<b>156,504</b>
Reserved for Encumbrances	-	17,016								<b>17,016</b>
Reserved for Encumbrance/Spec. Arts.	1,255,863	112,095								<b>1,367,958</b>
Reserved for Deficits	-									<b>-</b>
Reserved-Debt Exclusion	-									<b>-</b>
Reserved		2,338,987	31,279	1,789,526	1,805,331	2,963,521	14,524			<b>8,943,168</b>
Unreserved	3,146,397	570,971								<b>3,717,368</b>
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>4,558,764</b>	<b>3,039,069</b>	<b>31,279</b>	<b>1,789,526</b>	<b>1,805,331</b>	<b>2,963,521</b>	<b>14,524</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,202,014</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>5,139,086</b>	<b>3,062,382</b>	<b>31,279</b>	<b>1,789,526</b>	<b>1,805,331</b>	<b>2,963,521</b>	<b>14,524</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,549,820</b>	<b>26,355,469</b>

(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, 2020**

<b>WATER &amp; SEWER</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
Water	668,748	345,552	(254,022)		760,279
Sewer	486,568	489,974	(334,593)	(97,266)	544,683
Total Water & Sewer	1,155,316	835,526	(588,615)	(97,266)	1,304,962
<b>COMMUNITY PRESERVATION</b>					
Reserved for Encumbrance	0	0	0	4,500	4,500
Reserved: Open Space	533,022		(56,847)	104,076	580,251
Reserved: Historic Resources	440,481		(88,564)	109,644	461,562
Reserved: Community Housing	79,774		(19,950)	57,000	116,824
Undesignated Fund Balance	506,929	344,637	(9,875)	(270,720)	570,972
TOTALS:	1,560,206	344,637	(175,236)	0	1,734,108
<b>GRANTS</b>					
Covid19 Relief Funds	0	13,424	(13,424)		0
Fire Dept State Grant	0	5,834	(5,834)		0
Averic Rd over Larrywaug	0	3,324	(3,324)		0
Town Office Drainage Proj Grant	0	49,229	(49,229)		0
Hawthorne St Culvert Grant	(17,710)	40,054	(22,344)		0
Strap Grant	(17,568)	62,741	(45,174)		0
Small Bridge Grant	0	0	0		0
CH90- Hwy Grant	(40,067)	74,792	(317,033)		(282,309)
Emergency Mgt Grant	4,920	0	(10,260)		(5,340)
Complete Streets	(17,577)	17,577	0		0
Arts Lottery Grant	5,268	4,806	(3,810)		6,264
D.E.P. 319 Grant/State	57,007	0	(16,487)		40,520
Elder Affairs	3,496	8,868	(4,038)		8,327
Zebra Mussel Boat Wash	0	5,853	(9,013)		(3,160)
Library Grant	0	3,668	(3,668)		0

Habitat Mgt Grant	0	0	0	0
Gould Meadow Forest Stwdrshp Grnt	(10,544)	10,544	(15,750)	(15,750)
Fire Safety Equip Grant	0	0	0	0
Green Community Gr	0	0	0	0
COA Supplies Gr	793	0	0	793
Elections	666	372	0	1,038
Total Grants	(31,316)	301,086	(519,387)	0
				-249617.27

<b>OTHER SPECIAL FUNDS</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
Fire Grants	0	0	(5,834)		(5,834)
FID Card Collections	600	1,575	(1,725)		450
Law Enforcement Tr. Fund	1,957	0	0		1,957
Wetland Protection Act	23,814	1,159	(6,570)		18,403
Contaminated Fix/Equip Disposal	10,525	1,108	0		11,633
Zebra Mussel Monitors	8,581	8,660	(17,241)		0
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	0	4,500	(4,500)		0
Insurance Reimb	14,208	0	(14,008)		200
SBA Peer Review of NOI	47	11	0		58
Police Gifts	9,568	1,280	(1,068)		9,780
Gifts to Aid Elderly/Disabled	9,773	5,150	(5,350)		9,573
Gifts: other	2,004	0	0		2,004
Procter Hall Restoration	8,406	21	0		8,427
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	3490	5420	-8910		0
Restoration of Town Fountains	0	100	0		100
Total Gifts	317,119	28,983	(59,372)	0	280895.68

<b>TOTAL OF FUNDS # 10 THRU # 29</b>	<b>3,070,348</b>
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Town of Stockbridge  
**Major Special Funds June 30, 2020**

	Major Special Funds			Trust Funds	FIDUCIARY FUNDS			Totals
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Community Preservation Fund		Agency Funds	Fixed Assets	Long-Term Debt	
<b>ASSETS</b>								
Cash	760,279	544,683	1,734,108					3,039,070
Receivables:								
Personal Property Taxes								0
Real Estate Taxes								0
Motor Vehicle Taxes								0
Tax Liens								0
Chapter 90 Roads Receivable								0
Community Preservation Receivable			9,001					9,001
Overlays								0
Water Rates and Special	4,978							4,978
Sewer Rates and Special		7,137						7,137
Water/Sewer Liens added to tax	187	2,009						2,196
Fixed Assets								0
Amounts to be provided for								0
Due from Stabilization								0
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>765,444</b>	<b>553,829</b>	<b>1,743,109</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,062,382</b>

	Major Special Funds				FIDUCIARY FUNDS			
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Community Preservation Fund	Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Fixed Assets	Long-Term Debt	Totals
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>								
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	5,165	9,146	9,001					23,313
TOTAL LIABILITIES	5,165	9,146	9,001	0	0	0	0	23,313
FUND EQUITY								
Reserved for Expenditures	0	0						0
Reserved for Encumbrances	3,792	8,724	4,500					17,016
Reserved for Encumbrance/Spec. Arts.	100,000	12,095						112,095
Reserved for Deficits								0
Reserved-Investment & Prop								0
Reserved	656,486	523,864	1,158,637					2,338,986
Unreserved			570,972					570,972
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	760,278	544,683	1,734,108	0	0	0	0	3,039,069
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>765,444</b>	<b>553,829</b>	<b>1,743,109</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,062,382</b>

(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, 2020

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
Water Update Project	61,500	173,641	(86,664)		148,477
Towns Bridges, Highways	1,670,685		(398,692)		1,271,993
Town Garage Construction	2,179,999		(1,810,944)		369,055
Special Equipment Fund	0				0
Total Capital Projects	3,912,184	173,641	(2,296,300)	0	1,789,525

## Trust Funds

Year ending June 30, 2020

<b>Funds</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Transfers in</b>	<b>Transfers out</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
OPEB - Retirement Benefits	2,557,282	61,239	345,000		2,963,521
Cemetery Perpetual Care	406,453	3,146			409,599
Conservation Trust Fund	24,278	124			24,402
War Memorial Trust Fund	1,337	7			1,344
DD Field Chime Tower	1,820	9			1,829
Stockbridge Bowl Fund	1,278	6			1,284
Merwin Trust	25,288	124			25,412
Treadway Scholarship Fund	8,495			(8,495)	0
Stabilization	1,298,906	274,555	0	(232,000)	1,341,461
Totals	4,325,137	339,210	345,000	(240,495)	4,768,851

# Capital Asset Summary

Year ending June 30, 2020

	2019 Assets	2020 Assets
Land	4,709,600	4,709,600
Construction in progress	1,411,935	2,963,273
Buildings & Furnishings	6,000,127	6,076,336
Vehicles & Equipment	3,704,887	3,502,958
Infrastructure	16,130,184	15,138,750
<b>Totals</b>	<b>31,956,733</b>	<b>32,390,917</b>

## Agency Funds

Year ending June 30, 2020

Funds	Beginning Balance	credits Receipts	debits Expenses	Ending Balance
Federal Withholding Tax	0	197,800	(197,800)	0
Medicare Withholding Tax	0	30,746	(30,746)	0
State Withholding Tax	0	97,954	(97,954)	0
Retirement Withholding	4,037	171,457	(172,624)	2,870
Def. comp Withholding	0	43,442	(43,442)	0
Spec Empl Hlth/Dental	0	3,591	(3,696)	(105)
Spec Empl Life Ins	0	10	0	10
Insurance Withholding	2,206	149,366	(149,320)	2,252
Life Insurance Withholding	213	942	(953)	202
AFLAC Disab/voluntary	104	3,859	(3,614)	349
Boston Mut Life/voluntary	35	621	(621)	35
Union Dues Withholding	561	11,039	(10,712)	888
United Way	14	25	(39)	0
Fire Watch Detail	336	5,554	(5,304)	586
Court Ordered Deductions	0	7,219	(7,219)	(0)
Council on Aging-trips/meals	183	0	0	183
Senior Work Off	0	434	(434)	0
Performance Bonds	2,040	0	0	2,040
Unclaimed (tailings)	0	0	0	0
Sub-totals	9,729	724,060	(724,478)	9,311
Police Outside Detail	3,627	47,166	(45,580)	5,213
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13,356</b>	<b>771,226</b>	<b>(770,057)</b>	<b>14,524</b>



# Revenues

Year ending June 30, 2020

## General Property Taxes

Personal Property Tax	395440.70
Real Estate Tax	8,422,095.93
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	311,569.52
In Lieu of Taxes	47,089.29
Interest on Taxes and Excise	31,498.87
Hotel and Motel Tax	351,463.14
Meals Tax	68,905.44

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### Sub-total General Taxes

**\$9,628,062.89**

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## Permits for Services

Cemetery Internments	1,150.00
Building Permits	65,070.00
Plumbing Permits	5,700.00
Electrical Permits	14,940.00
Gas Permits	4,860.00
Fire Permits	4,650.00
Special Permits	5,581.38
Board of Health Permits	45,969.00
Cable Television	458.82

## Other Charges for Services

Compactor Stickers	40,180.00
Compactor Fees	50,608.50
Municipal Lien Fees	3,075.00
Photocopies	239.50
Town Clerk	1,305.00
Firearm Permits	525.00
Police Detail-Admin Fee	2,889.90
Police Reports	397.98

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### Sub-total Permits/Charges for Services

**\$247,600.08**

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## Licenses

Dog licenses	1,625.00
Alcoholic	14,890.00
Tag Sale	370.00
Retail, restaurant	1,325.00
Other Licenses and Permits	8,600.00

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### Sub-total Licenses and Permits

**\$26,810.00**

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**Revenues from State (Cherry Sheet)**

Abate-Vets,Blind,Surv Spouse	2,852.00
State Owned Land	45,016.00
General Govt. State Aid	114,447.00

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<b>Sub-total State Revenues</b>	<b>\$162,315.00</b>
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**Revenue from Other Governments**

Fines and Forfeits	14692.36
District Court Fines	525.00
EOEA Recycling Incentive Pmt	766.57
Veterans' Reimbursement Benefits	45,590.00
Public Works Projects (curb)	200.00

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<b>Sub-total Other Government Revenue</b>	<b>\$61,773.93</b>
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**Miscellaneous Revenue**

Council on Aging-Taxi donations	0
Parking Fines	400.00
50 Main Street-rentals	84,238.22
Cell Tower Rental	26,225.40
Investment Income	124,258.13
Chap 90	0
Other Miscellaneous	67,940.83

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<b>Sub-total Miscellaneous Revenue</b>	<b>\$303,062.58</b>
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<b>Total General Fund Revenues</b>	<b>\$10,429,624.48</b>
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**Special Revenue Funds**

Water User Fees	318,788.59
Water Special	5,000.00
Water Interest & Penalties	2,667.62
Water Connection Fees	4,350.00
Water Liens Added To Tax	0
Water Fire Service connection fees	0
Water Backflow fees	5,300.00
Water Application Fees	0
Water Other Misc revenue	8,130.25

<b>Total Water Fund Revenues</b>	<b>\$344,236.46</b>
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Sewer User Fees	482,190.95
Sewer Special	0
Sewer Interest & Penalties	3,387.06
Sewer Liens Added to Tax	0

Sewer Connection Fees	3,600.00
Sewer Application Fees	200.00
Sewer Other Misc revenue	387.50

<b>Total Sewer Fund Revenues</b>	<b>\$489,765.51</b>
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Community Preservation Tax	205,258.92
Community Preservation Interest & Penalties	442.57
Community Preservation State Funds	122,151.00
Community Preservation Investment Income	16,785.14

<b>Total Community Preservation Revenues</b>	<b>\$344,637.63</b>
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## Expenses

Year ending June 30, 2020

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator	
Salary	242
Dues/Subscriptions	<u>20</u>
	262
Selectmen	
Salaries	55,799
Advertising	3,400
Litigation	62,541
Postage	718
Cable Advisory	150
Other Expenses	63
Meetings/Travel	46
Dues & Memberships	<u>1,355</u>
	124,072
Town Administrator	
Salary	72,125
Postage Meter Rental	1,841
Office Supplies	3,118
School/Training	618
Prior yr carry fwd	<u>0</u>
	77,701
Town Offices	
Salary	91,280
Fuel	11,708
Building Repairs	20,470
Uniform	183
Maint. Contracts	12,020

Office Supplies	0
Janitorial Supplies	3,321
Gas/Diesel	750
Dues/subscriptions	50
School/Training	300
HVAC	6,765
Site Improvements	6,829
Purchase Equipment	513
Prior yr carry fwd	<u>0</u>
	154,189
Finance Committee	
Meetings/Travel	163
Dues & Subscriptions	<u>135</u>
	298
Reserve Fund	
Green Comm & 604b Grants	<u>0</u>
	0
Town Accountant	
Salary	42,987
Postage	0
Audit	17,750
Office Supplies	62
Other Charges & Expenses	0
Meetings/In-State Travel	0
Dues/Subscriptions	0
School/Training	43
Municipal Group Purchasing	800
Prior yr carry fwd	<u>0</u>
	61,642
Assessors	
Salaries	108,316
Appraisal Svcs	0
Postage	400
Office Supplies	402
Meetings/Travel	2,098
Dues & Subscriptions	<u>1,378</u>
	112,593
Treasurer/Collector	
Salaries	107,890
Deputy Coll. Service	3,981
Payroll Service	6,690
Postage	3,907
Tax title fees	0

Office Supplies	688
Forms	687
Other chgs/exp	0
Meetings/Travel	566
Dues/Subscriptions	160
School/Training	190
Interest on refunded tax	<u>990</u>
	125,749
Town Counsel	
Retainer	38,690
Legal Expenses	<u>0</u>
	38,690
Town Clerk	
Salary	46,036
Printing	0
Postage	500
Supplies	119
Meetings/Travel	515
Dues/Subscriptions	39
School/training	0
Purchase Equipment	<u>0</u>
	47,208
Elections & Registration	
Salaries	4,108
Repairs/Maint. Equipment	0
Printing	222
Postage	700
Voting Machine Ballots	2,671
Supplies	935
Forms	0
Other charges/ expenses	140
Purchase Equipment	<u>1,478</u>
	10,254
Conservation Commission	
Salary	9,000
Postage	0
Legal Advertising	1,186
Office Supplies	99
Dues/Subscriptions	199
School/Training	468
Gould Meadows-maintenance	<u>5,040</u>
	15,992

Planning Board	
Salary	6,253
Advertising	1,022
Postage	500
Supplies	100
Training Costs	<u>150</u>
	8,025
Zoning Board	
Other charges/exp	<u>0</u>
	0
Town Meeting Articles	
Tax software	0
Bylaw Consultant	20,724
Quiet Knoll Easement	0
Legal-Rest River	47,160
Drainage/Erosion	33,951
Stockbridge Lake Mgmt- Phase 3	6,264
Housatonic RR Fees	338
Tourism development	5,825
Recap the Stump Dump at Landfill	72,441
Establish PILOT Program	150
ATM5-20-19A#8 OSHA Reg Upgrades	17,624
ATM5-20-19A#9 Upgrades Twn Beach	11,687
ATM5-20-19A#16 Lake Mgt Equip	44,000
Town Offices security upgrade	5,870
Beach House Roof/Skylights	0
Cell Tower/Glendale	0
Contingency-FY16-Channel Dredging	0
Contingency-FY17-Channel Dredging	<u>0</u>
	266,035
Procter Hall	
Building Repairs	<u>2,133</u>
	2,133
Town Electricity	<u>48,897</u>
	48,897
Town Report	<u>7,188</u>
	7,188
Computer Technology	
Telephones/Internet	27,284
Computer Service Contracts	68,946
Outside Prof Services	28,959
Computer Supplies	2,767
Purchase Equipment	3,822

Purchase Computers	1,150
Purchase Software	4,317
Prior yr carry fwd	<u>0</u>
	137,246

<b>Total General Government Expenses</b>	<b>1,238,175</b>
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## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **Police**

Salaries	684,506
Repairs: Radio	231
Vehicle repairs/maint	15,065
Uniforms	8,863
Postage	500
Communications	15,525
Supplies	3,896
Gasoline	15,226
Accreditation Exp	875
Meetings/Travel	1,052
Dues/Subscriptions	3,403
School/Training	10,484
Purchase of Equipment	2,909
Police Vehicle	32,844
Prior yr carry fwd	<u>0</u>
	795,379

### **Police Town Meeting Articles**

Bullet Proof Vests	<u>1,000</u>
	1,000

### **Fire**

Salaries	81,283
Fuel Oil	6,614
Repairs	11,086
Vehicle Repairs/maint	22,407
Building repairs	49,912
Uniforms	4,208
Janitorial Supplies	1,632
Gasoline	3,892
School/training	5,377
Purchase Replacement Equip	<u>14,564</u>
	200,975

### **Fire Town Meeting Articles**

<u>0</u>
0

### **Emergency Medical Response**

School/Training	0
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Purchase Equip	<u>6,778</u>
	6,778
Ambulance service	
Lee Ambulance	188,072
Lenox Ambulance	<u>51,400</u>
	239,472
Animal Control Officer	
Salary	5,579
Veterinary Chgs.	0
Supplies	414
Other Charges & Expenses	441
Kennel Operation	<u>0</u>
	6,434
Building Inspector	
Salaries	70,354
Office Supplies	38
Other Charges & Expenses	9
Meetings/Travel	756
Dues/Subscriptions	<u>510</u>
	71,666
Gas Inspector	
Salaries	1,465
Other Charges & Expenses	<u>0</u>
	1,465
Plumbing Inspector	
Salaries	6,191
Other Charges & Expenses	<u>0</u>
	6,191
Electrical Inspector	
Salaries	7,022
Service	0
Other Charges & Expenses	<u>1,254</u>
	8,276
Emergency Management	
Salary	3,721
Repairs/Maintenance	320
Notification System	1,500
Uniforms	0
Emergency Planning	500
Other Charges & Expenses	164
School/Training	140
Purchase Equipment	<u>0</u>
	6,346



Tree Warden	
Salary	2,137
Tree Removals	32,944
Forestry	3,800
Planting, Feeding	8,981
Other Charges/Exp	85
Prior yr carryover	<u>0</u>
	47,947
<b>Total Public Safety Expenses</b>	<b>1,391,928</b>

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## EDUCATION

Berkshire Hills Regional School District	
Assessment	2,771,431
Construction	104,318
<b>Total Education Expense</b>	<b>2,875,749</b>

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## PUBLIC WORKS

Highway Town Meeting Articles	
Ch90 road reconstruction	50,000
Dam Repairs	15,470
Hazardous Waste	0
Cemetery Trees	0
STM1-22-18A#4 Traffic Study Ma	1,100
ATM5-20-19A#7 Averic Bridge Engr	3,324
ATM5-20-19A#15 Cons&Engr For S	58,846
ATM5-20-19A#18 Highway Garage	<u>25,247</u>
	153,987
Highway Department	
Salaries	400,649
Fuel	380
Repairs/Maintenance Equipment	2,629
Repairs-Radio	655
Building Repairs	0
Engineering Services	4,913
Rentals	0
Uniforms	2,940
Office Supplies	798
Harvester exp.	4,060
Gravel roads	23,058
Sidewalks	3,404
Roads	47,070
Licenses	160
CDL Drug Testing	0

Woodwaste	600
Training	145
Prior yr carry fwd	<u>0</u>
	491,460
Snow and Ice	
Expenses	<u>72,877</u>
	72,877
Street Lights	
Electricity	<u>40,619</u>
	40,619
Highway Machinery	
Vehicle Repairs	70,406
Rental	5,700
Supplies	4,152
Gasoline	33,566
Tires	2,278
Plow Blades	2,810
Safety equip	<u>1,298</u>
	120,212
Glendale Solar/Cell Prop	
Mowing & Maintenance	<u>1,659</u>
	1,659
Compactor	
Salaries	55,423
Repairs	145
Hauling	<u>105,221</u>
	160,789
Hydrant Rental	
Housatonic	<u>2,063</u>
	2,063
Cemetery	
Salaries	24,612
Repairs/Maint-Equip	3,443
Repairs/Maint-Mowers	0
Supplies	522
Fuel	0
Mowers/Trimmers	<u>1,736</u>
	30,313
<b>Total Public Works Expenses</b>	<b><u>1,073,978</u></b>

## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

Board of Health	
Salaries	842
Meetings/Travel	0
Dues/Subscriptions	<u>0</u>
	842
Tri-Town Health Officer	<u>92,920</u>
	92,920
Lee Visiting Nurse/Porchlight	<u>3,860</u>
	3,860
Mental Health & Substance Abuse Svc.	<u>0</u>
	0
Council on Aging	
Salaries	36,161
Repairs/Maint-Vehicle	0
Postage	0
Recreation	567
Supplies	88
Meetings/Travel	0
Dues/Subscriptions	265
Purchase Equipment	<u>35</u>
	37,116
Veterans' Services	
District Service	8,737
Benefits	<u>29,594</u>
	38,331
<b>Total Public Health Expenses</b>	<b>173,068</b>

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## **CULTURE AND RECREATION**

Stockbridge Library Association	<u>190,857</u>
	190,857
Chime Tower	
Bell-ringers salaries	<u>0</u>
	0
Tourist Promotion	
Other Charges/Expenses	<u>44,000</u>
	44,000
Parks and Recreation	
Salaries	28,928
Water	475
Repairs/Maintenance	2,578
Special Needs Recreation	0

Supplies	784
Carryover to NY	0
Site Improvements	4,745
Dock Maintenance	0
Purchase Equip	<u>3,598</u>
	41,109
Historical Commission	
Consulting/Advisory	0
Office Supplies	0
Supplies	0
Meetings/Travel	<u>0</u>
	0
Memorial Day Committee	
Grave Markers	2,418
Other Charges & Expenses	<u>881</u>
	3,299
Historic District Committee	
Other Charges/Exepnses	<u>0</u>
	0
Historic Preserv Commission	
Other Charges/Exepnses	<u>26</u>
	26
<b>Total Culture &amp; Recreation Expenses</b>	<b>279,290</b>

#### **DEBT SERVICE**

Admin Fees	9,829
Debt Princ - Sewer Expansion	370,000
Debt Int - Sewer Expansion	19,060
Debt Princ - Water Treatment	60,000
Debt Int - Water Treatment	11,400
Debt Princ - Town Offices	360,000
Debt Int - Town Offices	67,950
Debt Princ - Water Tank & Update	117,015
Debt Int - Water Tank & Update\	30,195
Debt Princ - Waterlines/Tank	76,011
Debt Int - Waterlines/Tank	33,056
Debt Princ - Hwy Bridges	105,000
Debt Int - Hwy Bridges	69,763
Debt Princ - Hwy Garage	115,000
Dent Int - Hwy Garage	74,450
Debt Princ - Fire Truck	50,000
Debt Int - Fire Truck	<u>4,986</u>
	1,573,715
<b>Total Debt Service Expenses</b>	<b>1,573,715</b>

## STATE AND COUNTY CHARGES

State Assessments	
Motor Vehicle Excise	620
Mosquito Control	35,647
Air Pollution Control District	1,182
Berkshire Regional Transit Auth.	42,051
State Strap Assessment	<u>0</u>
	79,500
<b>Total State &amp; County Charges</b>	<b>79,500</b>

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## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Retirement Benefits	
Assessment	<u>361,569</u>
	361,569
Employee Insurance	
Med/FICA(Town Portion)	30,927
Life Insurance	2,859
Health Insurance	466,955
Employee Ins Reimbursement	<u>12,583</u>
	513,325
Insurance	
Insurance Coverage	93,533
Police/Volunteer Firemen's	40,070
Ins. Deductible	<u>2,500</u>
	136,103
Tax Refunds/Other Expense	
Personal Property	516
Real Estate	36,656
Motor Vehicle	6,148
Other Revenue refunded	15
Berkshire Regional Planning	<u>1,551</u>
	44,886
<b>Total Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	<b>1,055,883</b>

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<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</b>	<b>9,741,286</b>
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## WATER DEPARTMENT

Salaries	116,040
Electricity	18,261
Heating Fuel	2,031
Telephone/Alarms	4,311
Repairs/Maint Equipment	17,684
Repairs Radio	0
Repairs Vehicles	1,726
Uniforms	550
Pumping Station	240
Water Testing	5,540
Postage	800
Forestry	1,188
Generator Service	1,149
Meters	1,000
Office Supplies	752
Supplies	8,658
Gasoline	1,123
Chemicals	13,941
Annual Watermain Mowing	3,950
SDWA Assessment	533
Intermunicipal Agreements	256
School/Training	2,450
Pipeline Replacement	46,016
Purchase of Safety Equipment	<u>250</u>
	248,450
Water Town Meeting Articles	
Water Mn Repl	0
Rate Study	4,256
High Lift Pump	<u>0</u>
	4,256
<b>Total Water Expense</b>	<b>253,909</b>

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**SEWER DEPARTMENT**

Salaries	114,939
Electricity	33,978
Fuel Oil	4,861
Telephone/Alarms	8,873
Repairs/Maintenance Equipment	28,710
Repairs Vehicles	3,555
Maintenance Contracts	0
Uniforms	1,139
Sludge Hauling	71,580
Postage	0
Supplies	14,556
Ultraviolet Light Bulbs	0
Gasoline/diesel	2,518
Intermunicipal Agreements	417
School/Training	638
Purchase of Safety Equipment	0
Prior yr carry fwd	<u>0</u>
	285,764
Sewer Town Meeting Articles	
Infiltration/Inflow Study	3,365
Park St Pump Sta-Engineer/Design	0
Rate Study	4,256
Purchase New Truck	<u>41,000</u>
	48,621
Sewer Refunds	<u>129</u>
	129
<b>Total Sewer Expense</b>	<b>334,514</b>

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## Board of Assessors

The tax rate of \$9.78 for Fiscal Year 2021 was set and approved on October 20, 2020.

There was a decrease of \$0.09 in the Fiscal Year 2021 tax rate from the Fiscal Year 2020 tax rate.

Listed below are figures used on the Tax Recapitulation for Fiscal Year 2021:

Total Amount to be Raised	\$12,412,275.71
Total Estimated Receipts and other Revenue Sources	<u>3,262,215.00</u>
Tax Levy (net amount to be raised by taxation)	\$9,150,060.71
Real Property Valuations	\$895,312,420.00
Personal Property Valuations	<u>40,276,609.00</u>
Total Valuation	\$935,589,029.00
Total Number of Parcels, Real Estate	1,763
Total Number of Personal Property Assessments	776
Total Number of Parcels, Exempt	158

Listed below are figures used on the LA-13 Tax Levy Growth for Fiscal Year 2021:

Total Real & Personal Property Tax Growth Valuation	\$6,290,115.00
Total Real & Personal Tax Levy Growth	\$62,084.00

Listed Below are figures used on the LA-5 Classification Tax Allocation for Fiscal Year 2021:

Excess Levy Capacity	\$1,454,369.29
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In Fiscal Year 2021, the Assessor's Office conducted a state mandated interim-year adjustment to property values using market data from calendar year 2019.

Adjustments were made accordingly to the assessed valuations based on the sales analysis studies conducted in 2020.

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 ending June 30, 2020. The individual reports provided are listed below:

Treasurer's Cash Report

Receipts for the Year Ending 6/30/20

Real Estate Tax Review

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Review

Personal Property Tax Review

Utility Billing Review

Respectfully submitted,

ERICKA OLESON & CHRISTINE GORETTI

Office of the Treasurer/Collector

# Treasurer's Cash Report

June 30, 2020

## Treasurer's Cash:

Berkshire Bank Checking	(\$118,122.54)
Berkshire Bank NOW Money Market	\$98,126.86
Berkshire Bank Reserve	\$3,277,289.00
Berkshire Bank Arts Money Market	\$5,273.60
People's CPA (Formerly Belmont Savings)	\$1,783,362.01
Berkshire Bank Elderly	\$14,922.53
MMDT	\$2,604,537.70
People's United Bank (Formerly Farmington)	\$339,678.38
Adams Community Bank CD	\$853,858.75
Adams Community Bank MM	\$3,400.81
Lee Bank (Procter Hall)	\$8,427.14
People's United Bank-MM	\$245,216.98
People's United Bank-PR	\$5,770.22
Berkshire Bank-Chapter 44, Section 53G	\$11,016.88
UniBank - Building Commissioner	\$298,443.20
UniBank - Town Clerk	\$22,687.78
Total Treasurer's Cash	\$9,453,889.30

## Stabilization Fund:

Adams Community Bank	\$1,341,460.67
Total Stabilization Fund	\$1,341,460.67

## Cemetery Trust Fund:

UniBank	\$409,199.71
Total Cemetery Trust Fund	\$409,199.71

## Custodial Accounts:

UniBank (Trust Funds-5 Accounts)	\$54,770.67
SRBTF-OPEB Funds	\$2,963,521.46
Berkshire Bank (Treadway Scholarship)	\$0.00
Total Custodial Accounts	\$3,017,792.13

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<b>TOTAL TREASURER'S INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>\$14,222,341.81</b>
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## CUSTODIAL ACCOUNTS (Detail)

### Conservation Fund:

Beginning Balance	\$27,792.38
Interest	\$124.04
Transfer	(\$3,514.75)
Ending Balance	\$24,401.67

### D.D. Field Chime Tower Fund:

Beginning Balance	\$1,820.47
Interest	\$8.93
Ending Balance	\$1,829.40

Stockbridge Bowl Fund:		
Beginning Balance	\$1,277.79	
Interest	\$6.26	
Ending Balance		\$1,284.05
War Memorial Fund:		
Beginning Balance	\$1,337.12	
Interest	\$6.56	
Ending Balance		\$1,343.68
Merwin Trust:		
Beginning Balance	\$25,287.93	
Interest	\$123.94	
Ending Balance		\$25,411.87
SRBTF-OPEB Funds		
Beginning Balance	\$2,557,282.26	
Net Gains/Losses	\$61,239.20	
Investment (FY19)	\$345,000.00	
Ending Balance		\$2,963,521.46
Charles D. Treadway Scholarship Fund		
Beginning Balance	\$9,495.30	
Interest/Dividends	\$0.02	
Morgan Stanley-Transfer Funds to BTCF	(\$9,495.32)	
Ending Balance		\$0.00
<b>TOTAL CUSTODIAL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$3,017,792.13</b>

## Receipts For The Year Ending 6/30/20

### Real Estate Tax:

FY2017	896	
FY2017 CPA	0	
FY2018	21,866	
FY2018 CPA	402	
FY2019	194,208	
FY2019 CPA	3,263	
FY2020	8,242,336	
FY2020 CPA	201,490	
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Total Real Estate:		8,664,461

### Personal Property Tax:

FY2018	259	
FY2019	1,258	
FY2020	394,439	
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Total Personal Property Tax:		395,956

### Motor Vehicle Tax:

FY2017	451	
FY2018	430	
FY2019	54,092	
FY2020	262,335	
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Total Motor Vehicle:		317,308

### Utility Receipts:

#### Water Receipts:

FY2019 Water User Charges	892	
FY2020 Water User Charges	319,098	
FY2020 Hydrant Charges	5,000	
FY2020 Backflow Billings Paid	5,300	
Fire Service Connection Fees	4,350	
Water Misc. Fees	<u>8,130</u>	
Total Water Receipts:	342,770	

#### Sewer Receipts:

FY2019 Sewer User Charges	2,416	
FY2020 Sewer User Charges	479,914	
Sewer App/Connection Fees	3,800	
Sewer Misc. Fees	<u>388</u>	
Total Sewer Receipts:	486,518	

Total Utility Receipts:	829,288
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### Payment in Lieu of Taxes:

Kripalu	41,749	
Stockbridge Housing	841	
Riverbrook	2,000	
St. Paul's	1,500	
Berkshire Taconic Comm	<u>1,000</u>	

Total Payment in Lieu of Taxes:	47,090
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Other:

Real Estate Added to Tax Title	21,815
Aid to Elderly and Disabled	5,150
Tri-Town Board of Health	45,970
Miscellaneous Office Receipts	149
Compactor User Fees	50,609
CRT	767
Municipal Lien Certificates	3,075
Deputy Collector Fees- MV	2,898
Int & Demand - Real Estate	21,638
Int & Demand - CPA	438
Int & Penalties - Motor Vehicles	6,847
Int & Demand - Water & Sewer	6,047
Previous Years-Excise	410
Total Other:	165,813

**TOTAL RECEIPTS:** **10,419,916**

**Real Estate Tax Review**  
**Including CPA (Community Preservation Act)**

FY2017	Committed	8,111,274
	Taxes Paid	(8,056,603)
	Exemptions/Abatements	(35,529)
	Refunds	17,312
	Tax Title	(28,612)
Balance Due as of 6-30-20		7,842
FY2018	Committed	8,446,177
	Taxes Paid	(8,427,297)
	Exemptions/Abatements	(35,014)
	Refunds	58,675
	Tax Title	(28,756)
Balance Due as of 6-30-20		13,785
FY2019	Committed	8,839,085
	Taxes Paid	(8,765,168)
	Exemptions/Abatements	(35,953)
	Refunds	20,298
	Tax Title	(21,815)
Balance Due as of 6-30-20		36,447
FY2020	Committed	8,857,542
	Taxes Paid	(8,445,377)
	Exemptions/Abatements	(37,533)
	Refunds	16,913
	Tax Title	0
Balance Due as of 6-30-20		391,545

## Personal Property Tax Review

FY2017	Commitment	353,789
	Taxes Paid	(353,496)
	Exemptions/Abatements	(3,012)
	Refunds	2,856
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	Balance due as of 6-30-20	137
FY2018	Commitment	373,054
	Taxes Paid	(372,469)
	Exemptions/Abatements	(316)
	Refunds	63
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	Balance due as of 6-30-20	332
FY2019	Commitment	394,344
	Taxes Paid	(392,428)
	Exemptions/Abatements	(1,921)
	Refunds	796
		<hr/>
	Balance due as of 6-30-20	791
FY2020	Commitment	399,154
	Taxes Paid	(394,441)
	Exemptions/Abatements	(1,323)
	Refunds	113
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	Balance due as of 6-30-20	3503

## Utility Billing Review

FY2018	Commitment	759,894
	Taxes Paid	(752,449)
	Exemptions/Abatements	(75)
	Transfer	(7,370)
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	Balance due as of 6-30-20	0
FY2019	Commitment	796,610
	Taxes Paid	(791,512)
	Exemptions/Abatements	(98)
	Refunds	638
	Transfer	(5,638)
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	Balance due as of 6-30-20	0
FY2020	Commitment	805,783
	Taxes Paid	(804,003)
	Exemptions/Abatements	(1,242)
	Refunds	1,332
	Water/Sewer Liens	(1,455)
	Transfer	11,700
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	Balance due as of 6-30-20	12,115

## Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Review

FY2017	Commitments	307,449
	Taxes Paid	(302,744)
	Exemptions/Abatements	(9,554)
	Refunds	6,204
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	Balance due as of 6-30-20	1,355
FY2018	Commitments	326,219
	Taxes Paid	(322,449)
	Exemptions/Abatements	(10,460)
	Refunds	8,427
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	Balance due as of 6-30-20	1,737
FY2019	Commitments	340,739
	Taxes Paid	(333,825)
	Exemptions/Abatements	(8,541)
	Refunds	4441
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	Balance due as of 6-30-20	2,814
FY2020	Commitments	285,340
	Taxes Paid	(262,335)
	Exemptions/Abatements	(6,881)
	Refunds	1,133
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	Balance due as of 6-30-20	17,257

# Finance Committee

To the Honorable Select Board and Citizens of Stockbridge:

The financial operating results for Fiscal Year 2020 were satisfactory. All Town Departments, again, exercised commendable fiscal discipline and compliance with their adopted budgets.

The Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2020 was \$9.87 a decrease of \$.26 from Fiscal Year 2019.

The Certified Balance of Free Cash was \$2,454,301. At the Annual Town Meeting on July 25, 2020 and in an effort to minimize an increase to the Tax Levy, the following amounts of Free Cash were voted to be designated for a number of important purposes. Highlights include:

\$69,640 for Community Housing Roof Repair Projects at Heaton Court, \$50,000 for development of a plan to restore the Civil War Monument and \$1,000,000 to a Stabilization Fund to bolster possible future Covid-19 revenue shortfalls or interruptions. The total balance of certified, unspent Free Cash including the previously mentioned reductions was \$1,264,301.

The total bond indebtedness at the close of Fiscal Year 2020 was \$11,549,820.

At the Annual Town Meeting for FY 2020, several large expenditures were approved including:

BHRSD Assessment .....	\$2,856,577.00
BHRSD Capital.....	\$83,986.00
Planning and Zoning Consulting Services.....	\$40,000.00
Averic Bridge Repair .....	\$150,000.00
Water and Sewer Utilities Relocation .....	\$280,000.00
(proximate to the Curtisville Bridge)	

The Finance Committee looks forward to successfully working with the Select Board, our Town Administrator, Michael Canales, and Treasurer/Collector, Ericka Oleson, both of whom have recently joined the Stockbridge Team, 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 continued 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

NEIL HOLDEN      WILLIAM VOGT



# TOWN WARRANT

\*The reason why The Stockbridge Annual Town Meeting was held on Saturday, July 25, 2020 outside in Bidwell Park and not on the usual 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in May was because the world was in a very serious Pandemic. The name of the virus was Covid-19 aka The Coronavirus. Everyone who attended the meeting was required to wear masks and sit six feet apart from each other unless they were sitting with family members.

We had 99 out of 1689 registered voters attend the meeting. Jennifer Carmichael, Helen McCormick and Nancy Wilcox took care of the check-in tables.

## MOTIONS STOCKBRIDGE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING JULY 25, 2020

ARTICLE 1. I move that the following Officers be chosen for the year commencing July 1, 2020:

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 & Russell Fadding

VOTE:	YES - 87	NO - 0
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ARTICLE 2. I move that the Town vote to accept all printed reports of Town Officers and Committees as published in the Annual Report.

VOTE:	YES - 87	NO - 0
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ARTICLE 3. I move that the Town vote, pursuant to Chapter 41, Section 108 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to fix the annual salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 as follows:

Moderator	\$ 242	
Select Board		
Chair	\$ 5,552	
2 Members @ \$4,545	\$ 9,090	
Town Clerk	\$45,761	
Board of Assessors		
Chair	\$ 3,987	
2 Members @ \$3,193	\$ 6,386	
Tree Warden	\$ 2,180	
VOTE:	YES - 87	NO - 0

ARTICLE 4. I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$7,616,050 to defray the expenses of the various departments of the Town for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, in accordance with the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

VOTE:                      YES - 92                      NO - 0

ARTICLE 5. I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$2,856,577 for the assessment of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District.

VOTE:                      YES - 95                      NO - 0

ARTICLE 6. I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$83,986 to pay the Town’s share of the principal and interest due in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, for the financing of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District’s school building construction projects.

VOTE:                      YES - 94                      NO - 0

ARTICLE 7. I move that the Town vote, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance the sum of \$69,640 for community housing purposes to be used by the Stockbridge Housing Authority for completion of the roof projects on buildings B, C, and E at Heaton court.

VOTE:                      YES - 95                      NO - 0

ARTICLE 8. I move that the Town vote, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance the sum of \$20,000 for historic resources purposes to be used by Chesterwood for the restoration and stucco replacement of the French residence chimneys.

VOTE:                      YES - 95                      NO - 0

ARTICLE 9. I move that the Town vote, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance the sum of \$20,000 for historic resources purposes to be used by the Norman Rockwell Museum for the digitizing of Norman Rockwell’s business correspondence.

VOTE:                      YES - 95                      NO - 0

ARTICLE 10. I move that the Town vote, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance the sum of \$50,000 for historic resources purposes to be used by the Town of Stockbridge for restoration of the Civil War Monument; provided, however, that such appropriation shall be contingent on the development, presentation and approval by the Select Board of a final plan and funding package.

VOTE: YES - 95 NO - 0

ARTICLE 11. I move that the Town vote, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance for historic resources purposes the sum of \$40,000 to be used by the Stockbridge-Munsee Community for the archaeological investigation of the 1783 site of the Ox Roast event (sponsored by George Washington to thank the tribe for their support and service during the Revolutionary War) as well as the homesite of Mohican “King” Solomon.

VOTE: YES - 95 NO - 0

ARTICLE 12. I move that the Town vote, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance the sum of **\$9,500** for historic resources purposes to be used by the Trustees of Reservations for the restoration of the north porch at Naumkeag.

VOTE: YES - 95 NO - 0

ARTICLE 13. I move that the Town vote, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance the sum of **\$10,835** for open space and recreation purposes to be used by the Stockbridge Bowl Association for the paving of the upper part of the Bullard Woods driveway.

VOTE: YES - 95 NO - 0

ARTICLE 14. I move that the Town vote, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance for open space and recreation purposes the sum of **\$18,850** to be used by the Friends of Gould Meadows for work at Gould Meadows to preserve open space by removing invasive species and to improve recreational land by constructing a footbridge.

VOTE: YES - 95 NO - 0

ARTICLE 15. I move that the Town vote, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of **\$10,000** for the FY21 CPC Administrative budget.

VOTE: YES - 95 NO - 0

ARTICLE 16. I move that the Town vote, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to reserve to the Historic Resources Reserve, the Affordable Housing Reserve, and the Open Space Reserve from Community Preservation anticipated annual revenues the minimum amounts required by *M.G.L. c.44B, s.6*.

VOTE: YES - 95 NO - 0

ARTICLE 17. I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of **\$1,000,000** from available certified free cash to the Town’s General Stabilization Account.

VOTE: YES - 95 NO - 0

ARTICLE 18. I move that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$40,000** from available certified free cash for the purpose of contracting for professional services to provide planning and zoning related assistance to the Town of Stockbridge Planning Board.

VOTE: YES - 95 NO - 0

ARTICLE 19. I move that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$150,000** from available certified free cash to add to the amount appropriated for bridge and road projects under Article 1 at the January 23, 2017 Special Town Meeting, for the purpose of fully funding the Averic Road Bridge #1 project.

VOTE: YES - 95 NO - 0

ARTICLE 20. I move that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$140,000** from Sewer Available Surplus and the sum of **\$140,000** from Water Available Surplus for the purpose of funding the relocation of compromised water and sewer utilities proximate to the Curtisville Bridge.

VOTE: YES - 95 NO - 0

ARTICLE 21. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

**NO MOTION EXPECTED AT THIS TIME**

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 Seuveyor 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.



