

STOCKBRIDGE



ANNUAL REPORT 2021

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



INCORPORATED 1739

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING
December 31, 2021**

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INFORMATION and TOWN OFFICIALS



2021 General Information of Town of Stockbridge

Chartered	1737
Incorporated	1739
Population	1880
Registered Voters	1649
Form of Government	Open Town Meeting
Tax Rate	\$9.38
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.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

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

COUNCIL ON AGING

Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 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 for schedule

VETERANS' AGENT

See www.townofgb.org for hours

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY OF TOWN SERVICES

Police Department	298-4179
Fire Department	298-4866
Burning Permits	www.bcburnpermits.com or 298-5562
Highway Department	298-5506
Sewer and Water Department	298-4067
Tri-Town Health Department	243-5540
Town Offices	298-4170
Accountant	ext. 255
Assessors	ext. 254
Building Inspector	ext. 257
Conservation Commission	ext. 259
Council on Aging	ext. 263
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 2024

SELECT BOARD

Ernest Cardillo 2024

Roxanne McCaffrey 2022

Patrick White 2023

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Gary M. Pitney 2024

Douglas Goudey 2022

Thomas Stokes 2023

BOARD OF HEALTH

Charles Kenny 2024

Henry Schwerner 2023

Rae Williams 2022

HOUSING AUTHORITY

James Welch 2026

Bernard Edmonds 2023

Dawn Anne Rabinowitz 2024

Chris McCarthy, *State Appointee*

Michael Vogt, *Tenant*

Andrea Lindsay, *Exec. Director*

PLANNING BOARD

William Vogt 2022

Gary M. Pitney 2026

Marie Raftery 2024

Wayne Slosek 2023

Kate Fletcher 2022

Nancy Sosha 2025

Carl Sprague 2026

TOWN CLERK

Teresa Iemolini 2022

**SEWER AND WATER
COMMISSIONERS**

Donald C. Schneyer 2024

Peter J. Socha 2022

John Loiodice 2023

**PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION**

Steven Knopf 2023

Nick Fredsall 2022

Nicole Fariaux 2022

TREE WARDEN

Mark Faber 2024

**REGIONAL SCHOOL
COMMITTEE**

Sean Stephen 2022

Corey Sprague 2024

Jason St. Peter 2022

APPOINTED OFFICIALS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

(TERM EXPIRES)

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Michael Canales

ACCOUNTANT

Cheryl Allen

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Ned Baldwin

PRINCIPAL ASSESSOR

Michael Blay

TOWN COUNSEL

Donna Brewer

TOWN TREASURER/ COLLECTOR

Ericka Oleson

FIRE CHIEF

Vincent Garofoli, *Chief*

Neil Haywood, *Deputy*

POLICE CHIEF

Darrell Fennelly, *Chief*

Kirk Nichols, *Sergeant*

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER AND ANIMAL INSPECTOR

John Drake

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Scott Muir, *Deputy Director*

GAS INSPECTOR AND PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Gregory Pilling

WIRE INSPECTOR

Nick Fredsall

VETERANS' AGENT

Laurie Hils

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Teresa Iemolini

Nancy Clark 2024

Jennifer Carmichael 2022

Nancy Ann Wilcox 2023

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Thomas Schuler 2022

James Murray 2025

Starbuck Smith 2026

John Hyson 2024

Miles Moffatt 2023

Mark Mills, *Alternate*

Patricia Andrew, *Alternate*

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jay Bikofsky 2024

William Vogt 2022

Steve Shatz 2023

Jim Balfanz 2022

Diane Heady-Ruess 2022

Pamela Boudreau 2023

Neil Holden 2023

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Ronald Brouker 2024

Jamie Minacci 2023

Jay Rhind 2023

Joseph DeGiorgis 2022

John Hart 2023

Lisa Bozzuto 2024

Gary Johnston, *Alternate*

Sally Underwood-Miller,
Alternate, Secretary

AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY COMMISSION

Mathieu Boudreau	2023
Lisa Bozzuto	2024
Eric Rasmussen	2022

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Carl Sprague, <i>Chairman</i>	2023
Gary Johnston	2022
Chantal Rhind	2024
Jorja Marsden	2023
Pam Sandler	2024
Lisa Sauer	2024
Peter Williams, <i>Secretary</i>	2022

COUNCIL ON AGING

Diane Sheridan	2024
Ronald Muir	2022
Nancy O'Brien	2024

BERKSHIRE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE

Jaimee Minacci	2022
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BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING DELEGATE

Nancy Socha <i>Planning Board Delegate</i>	2022
Christine Rasmussen <i>Alternate, Selectmen appointed</i>	2022

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Ron Brouker	2022
Patrick White	2022
Michael Canales	2022

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Linda Jackson
Maria Carr
Peter Williams

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Judith Wilkinson, *Chair*
Terry Moor
Andrea Sholler
Maureen O'Hanlon
Janet Eglehofer
Isabel Rose
Barbara Cooperman
Joe Tonetti
Selena Lamb
Rena Zurofsky

STOCKBRIDGE GREEN COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Laura Dubester, *Chair*
Mike Buffoni
Michael Canales
Darrell Fennelly
Miles Moffatt
Pat Flinn
Starbuck Smith

CEMETERY COMMISSION

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

(TERM EXPIRES)

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION
COMMITTEE**

Steve Knopf 2022
Parks and Recreation

Gary Pitney, *Planning Board* 2022

Linda Jackson 2022
Historical Commission

Thomas Stokes, *Assessors* 2022

Jay Bikofsky 2022
Finance Committee

2022
Housing Authority

Carol Owens, *Selectmen* 2022

Patrick White, *Selectmen* 2022

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, *Chair,*
Conservation Commission

Gary Johnston,
Stockbridge Sportsmen's Club

Michael Nathan,
Stockbridge Bowl Association

Gary Kleinerman,
Stockbridge Harbormaster

Jim Wilusz,
Tri-Town Health Department

John Loiodice,
Sewer & Water Commission

**ELDERLY AND DISABLED
TAX AIDE COMMITTEE**

Tammy Touponce
Elizabeth McCormack

Helen McCormick

Gary Pitney
Ericka Oleson

Maria Carr

**MEMORIAL DAY
COMMITTEE**

Harold French

Ron Muir

Fred Coleman

Debra Coleman

Lisa Thorne

Tim Minkler

Keith Raftery

Don Coleman

Merrill Sanderson

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT FOR 2021

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 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	1880
Registered Voters	1649
Number of Births	5
Number of Marriages	19
Number of Deaths	20

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	3
Dog Licenses Issued	265

We had only one election in 2021. The Stockbridge Annual Town Election was held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. 524 Ballots were cast with a Registered Voter Total of 1643.

The Annual Town Meeting was moved from its usual 3rd Monday in May to Saturday, June 12, 2021 because of the ongoing Pandemic. 172 out of 1655 Registered Voters were in attendance. Electronic clickers were used for the first time for calculating the votes. Voters were given a lanyard with a clicker attached with which they were able to vote either YES or NO on the Warrant Articles. They proved not only to be very popular, but also more efficient and will be used for future Town Meetings.

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

Respectfully submitted,
TERESA IEMOLINI
Town Clerk

GENERAL SERVICES

Stockbridge Board of Selectmen

FY 2021 continued to be challenging with the persistence of the Covid-19 pandemic, but we finally may be seeing light at the end of the tunnel. Town Hall was reopened to the public. Initially, a phone and directory of offices were installed in the back lobby next to the Police Station for access by appointment. Drop boxes were provided for payment of tax bills and submission of documents to Town Hall. Once it was deemed safe, full access was resumed albeit with a face mask requirement. It is our hope that face masks can become a thing of the past very soon.

Many improvements have been made in our budgeting procedure since the hire of Michael Canales as our Town Administrator in September 2020. Departments are now evaluating actual needs required to provide services with rationales provided to the Select Board to be used when reviewing the budget with the Finance Committee. We are taking a proactive approach to infrastructure maintenance, fleet and equipment replacement, training and certification of employees and anticipated future staffing needs. Shared services, where appropriate, have been discussed and will be considered as a possibility to contain costs.

We thank Ray Ellsworth for his years of excellent service as Town Accountant and wish him the best in his retirement. Cheryl Allen was hired in June of 2021 replacing Ray as Town Accountant and Ericka Oleson, Treasurer/Collector was hired in January 2021 joining Christine Goretti, our Assistant Treasurer/Collector. They have proven themselves to be a successful team.

Progress has been made on various projects. The Highway Garage was finished and reoccupied in November 2021. The Transfer Station area has been cleaned of decommissioned equipment and debris thanks to the efforts of Hugh Page, our new Highway Superintendent upon his promotion from Highway Foreman. The result is a huge step forward to providing a new home for the Talbot Center to the left of the driveway with a planned, prefab replacement shed on an existing concrete pad anticipated to be installed in 2022.

The Larrywaug Bridge replacement has been completed and was reopened December 7, 2021 after delays due to supply chain problems nationwide. The final punch list for the project is to be completed in Spring 2022. The historic stone from the old Larrywaug Bridge has been retained and redeployed for use at Gould Meadows for a stone wall.

The first Averic Bridge project is underway for completion in Spring 2022 to be followed by the second Averic bridge replacement anticipated to be replaced in 2022. As with the Larrywaug Bridge, Averic bridge stonework may be retained by the Town to be utilized in other projects as applicable.

ICE GLEN

With funds appropriated at the last Town Meeting, the town treated approximately 50 old growth ash trees to protect them from the emerald ash borer. The town plans to treat the old growth hemlocks in the spring of 2022. Both efforts relied on stem injection, which minimizes the impact of the pesticide on the surrounding area by keeping the chemical inside the trees for its entire treatment cycle.

MUNICIPAL VULNERABILITIES PROGRAM (MVP)

With the assistance of BSC Group, the Town completed its MVP plan with the input of over 200 town residents via Zoom town hall meetings, surveys, and interviews. The town successfully partnered with Lenox, Pittsfield and New Marlborough to apply for an MVP grant to assess all culverts in town, and the assessment is ongoing. The grant is managed by the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission and the Housatonic Valley Authority.

STOCKBRIDGE BOWL

Aquatic weed harvesting was resumed on Lake Mahkeenac (Stockbridge Bowl); a special thanks to Chuck Kohrer and Michael Nathan for manning the harvester and to our Highway department for delivery and offloading of the harvester, ramp and cut vegetation. Unfortunately, we had an incident in August of 2021 when the harvester capsized. Rest assured, the (insured) harvester is being repaired and will be ready for Summer 2022.

Historic restoration projects continue to move forward on the Soldier's Monument, The Chime Tower and the Cat & Dog fountain.

The Select Board unanimously approved purchasing the “above ground serviced streetlights” (this does not include the commercial district). Purchasing the streetlights from National Grid and retrofitting them with LED lamps and dimmers, is anticipated to save approximately \$200,000 over the next ten years and have a payback of approximately 2 years. The Town was successful in applying for and receiving a grant from MA Department of Energy Resources to purchase and install the “above ground serviced streetlights” which is planned for spring and early summer 2022. Much gratitude is owed to the entire Green Communities Committee, chaired by Laura Dubester and our Town Administrator, Michael Canales for their diligence on this initiative.

The Select board adopted hybrid meetings when they were optionally allowed by the Commonwealth; we strongly recommended all of our boards and committees to do so as well. We have the technology in place (purchased with American Rescue Plan Act/ARPA funds) to host hybrid meetings and we intend to continue the use of hybrid meetings (remote and in person attendance) while allowed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Governor has extended the allowable use until July 1st, 2022 awaiting decisions pending in the State Legislature regarding their use and related, required regulations.

CTSB has been extremely accommodating during this difficult time by posting recordings of ZOOM meetings on their website for the public to view at their leisure on their website, CTSBTV.org. in the event they are unable to attend in real time.

Respectfully submitted,
ROXANNE MCCAFFREY, Chairman
CHUCK J. CARDILLO
PATRICK WHITE



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 2021:

As always, I would first like to thank the members of this department who, through their integrity and dedication, provide our Town with the services and professionalism each citizen deserves; Sergeant Kirk E. Nichols, Full Time Officers Thomas A. Rubino, Michael G. Bourisk, Shauna L. Slater, Kyle A. Kemp, Travis P. Derby, Chad E. Heath and Michael Nourse as well as Reserve Officers Rosario E. Messina and Kadin Shafiroff.

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.

All full-time roster positions are filled and one of the four reserve positions are filled.

We did have some comings and goings within our department. In order to be closer to family, Officer Bourisk left to join the Ayer Police Department. His position was filled by Officer Nourse who came to us from the Sheffield Police Department. Officer Kemp accepted the opportunity to join the Massachusetts State Police and successfully completed their rigorous academy. His position was filled by the promotion of Officer Heath from Reserve Officer to Conditional Full Time Officer. Reserve Officer Shafiroff accepted a full-time position with the Sheffield Police Department. He will start the MPTC Academy in June of 2022. His position remains unfilled. We, at the Police Department, wish them all the best of luck in their future endeavors and thank them for their service to Stockbridge.

Again, like last year we have been dealing with the ups and downs of the Covid Pandemic. When the infection rates went down, we started to get back to normal policing. However, when the numbers surged, we went back to the previous adjustments in how we performed our duties. We distanced ourselves from people unless absolutely necessary in order to keep Covid 19 from contaminating our department. So far, we have been lucky and have not had an infection which allowed us to stay fully staffed.

As you will see below, our statistics are up almost across the board from 2020. While most of our special events were cancelled and Tanglewood was restricted to half capacity, we still experienced a busy summer. With low Covid numbers over the summer we saw the streets busy with cars and pedestrians. Certainly, a welcome sight. But with more people comes more calls for service. Our log entries were up by a little over 3,000 which is quite a jump.

Speeding remains our number one citizen concern and we remain diligent in enforcing the traffic laws in our town. There have been some issues raised about changing speed limits on certain roads in town. Unfortunately, neither the police department nor the Town can arbitrarily change speed limits. According to

Massachusetts Law Chapter 90 Section 17 & 18 the State sets the speed limits and only allows towns to set their own speed limits if they complete an arduous process of bureaucracy. A group of concerned citizens from the Yale Hill Road area are working to modify that and have appealed to the Town and the State for changes.

Early in the year the portable radar signs were installed by the Stockbridge Highway Department. We chose eight locations for the mounting poles and we rotate the four signs throughout the year. The feedback we have received about the signs has been overwhelmingly positive. Of course, if anyone would like to request one of our mobile radar trailers for their street just give us a call.

We are seeing more and more scam/fraud calls involving the internet and telephone. Just as I wrote last year, 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. 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 the 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 2021 the members of the Stockbridge Police Department completed 428 hours of training. Some of the training topics included Communication & De-escalation, Implicit Bias, Legal Updates, CPR/First Responder, Keeping Kids Safe Online, Controlled Substances, and Police Reform Act Training. Due to Covid very little of this training was in person. With the exception of our Firearms Training and Recertifications and CPR/First Aid training most of our training was online. In the fall Officer Heath started the newly created "BRIDGE" Academy. This academy bridges the gap in training between Reserve Officer training and Full Time Officer training. When successfully completed Reserve Officers taking part will become a POST Commission Certified Officer as now required by law in Massachusetts.

The Massachusetts Police Reform Laws went into effect on July 1, 2021. Most of the law was needed and wanted by law enforcement, such as the creation of the POST Commission. The POST Commission will certify and decertify officers. It creates a standardization of all police officers across the state and will weed out problematic officers from our profession. Still there were parts of it that will negatively and disproportionately affect small departments like ours. The law has basically eliminated Reserve Officers in Massachusetts. Anyone wanting to become a part time Reserve Police Officer in Massachusetts must now attend a full-time academy. Existing part time Reserve Officers must attend the "BRIDGE" academy within three years or be decertified. A large number of Reserve Officer are choosing not to commit to the training due to the number of 40 hour in person training blocks needed to complete it. And not many people can or would attend a full-time academy to become a part time Officer. This has effectively ended the reserve officer pipeline that so many small towns relied on to supplement their ranks. Our ability, at this time, to retain and recruit part time Reserve Officers is severely limited if not nonexistent.

Historically, part time Reserve Officers provided a valuable service to our department in many ways, literally and figuratively. Most importantly they provided coverage for overtime shifts not filled by the full-time officers. This provided a significant cost savings to the Town and allowed for the full-time officers to have their well-earned and much needed time off. As we all know the inability to take time off when needed leads to stress, which leads to mistakes and liability and ultimately to bad morale. None of this is satisfactory for our town and we will be seeking ways to counter the effects of this challenge.

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

There were zero civil immigration detainer requests lodged with the Stockbridge Police Department.

There were zero individuals that the Stockbridge Police Department detained pursuant to subsection (b)(2).

The total number of individuals transferred to ICE custody was zero.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Fennelly".

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.			
Alcohol/Open Container	1	License Not in Possession	1
Assault & Battery	7	LTCs & FIDs Processed	32
Assist Citizens	415	Marked Lanes Violations	7
Assist Other Agencies	78	Medical Calls	200
B & E Building Night Time	1	M/V Number Plate Violation	2
B & E Misdemeanor	5	No Inspection Sticker	8
Credit Card Fraud	1	Operating w/ Suspended/Rvkd Lic	18
Criminal Harassmentd	4	OUI Drugs 1st, 2nd, 3rd Offense	1
Destruction of Property under \$1200	4	OUI Liquor	3
Destruction of Property over \$1200	1	Receiving Stolen Property	7
Disorderly Conduct	6	Reckless/Negligent Operation of M/V	6
Domestic Disturbance	30	Registration not in Possession	3
Drug/Narcotic Activity	7	Speeding Complaints	15
Failure to Stop for Police Officer	4	Threat To Commit a Crime	3
Forgery	1	Trespass	5
Identity Fraud	7	Uninsured Motor Vehicle	5
Larceny from a Building	2	Unlicensed Operation of M/V	11
Larceny from +60 or disabled	3	Unregistered Motor Vehicle	9
Larceny over \$1200	3	Uttering	2
Larceny under \$1200	6	Vandalize Property	4
Larceny of MV	2	Well Being Checks	88
Leaving the Scene of Property Damage AC	7	Wildlife/Animal Calls/Dog Bites	144
Motor Vehicle Accidents	68	Alarm Calls	469
Total Traffic Infractions	832	Open Doors, Check Bldgs/Businesses	410
		Parking Tickets	6
Log Entries	19,824		

Fire Department

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

The Stockbridge Fire Department responded to 515 total calls in 2021, 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 2021:

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
111 - Building fire	7	1.36%
114 - Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1	0.19%
121 - Fire in mobile home used as fixed residence	1	0.19%
143 - Grass fire	1	0.19%
251 - Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	1	0.19%
320 - Emergency medical service, other	1	0.19%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	235	45.63%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	7	1.36%
323 - Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	2	0.39%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	11	2.14%
341 - Search for person on land	1	0.19%
342 - Search for person in water	1	0.19%
360 - Water & ice-related rescue, other	1	0.19%
361 - Swimming/ recreational water areas rescue	1	0.19%
362 - Ice rescue	1	0.19%
400 - Hazardous condition, other	2	0.39%
410 - Combustible/flammable gas/liquid condition, other	1	0.19%
411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	0.19%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	6	1.16%
413 - Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1	0.19%
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	2	0.39%
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	3	0.58%
444 - Power line down	6	1.16%
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	3	0.58%
500 - Service Call, other	1	0.19%
520 - Water problem, other	1	0.19%
531 - Smoke or odor removal	1	0.19%
542 - Animal rescue	1	0.19%
550 - Public service assistance, other	3	0.58%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	3	0.58%
561 - Unauthorized burning	6	1.16%
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	2	0.39%
600 - Good intent call, other	1	0.19%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en-route	4	0.78%
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	2	0.39%
730 - System malfunction, other	1	0.19%
731 - Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	0.19%
732 - Extinguishment system activation due to malfunction	1	0.19%
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	81	15.73%

735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	2	0.39%
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	16	3.11%
741 - Sprinkler activation, no fire – unintentional	2	0.39%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	79	15.34%
744 - Detector activation, no fire – unintentional	2	0.39%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	1	0.19%
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	2	0.39%
800 - Severe weather or natural disaster, other	1	0.19%
900 - Special type of incident, other	1	0.19%
911 - Citizen complaint	3	0.58%

TOTAL INCIDENTS: 515 100.00%

The members of the Stockbridge Fire Department take your Fire and Life Safety very seriously. The first line of defense in any Fire, Smoke or Carbon Monoxide incident is the detection devices that protect your home or business. Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detection devices save lives. 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 2021 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. During the COVID-19 Pandemic we were all forced to make some hard changes for the safety of ourselves, our families and our communities. Now that we are starting to trend in a positive direction the members of the Stockbridge Fire Department are looking forward to public and social gatherings that help to

connect all of us in this great community. We can't wait to open our stations up again and welcome the public inside. We hope to be able to connect with all of you very soon.

I would like to personally thank the 20 Officers, Firefighters, and EMTs of the Stockbridge Fire Department for their tireless dedication to the Fire Department and the Town of Stockbridge. The Stockbridge Fire Department is steeped in tradition and family legacy with several current members who are second and third generation Firefighters and/or EMT's. We are an all-inclusive Fire Department and we hope to remain as diverse as the ever-changing community in which we serve. The Stockbridge Fire Department is proudly welcoming new members to join our ranks so if you, or a family member, would like more information about joining this great Fire Department please contact us at 413-298-4866, email the Fire Chief at FireChief@stockbridge-ma.gov or stop by the Central Fire Station. I would like to take a moment to thank the Select Board, 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, Police 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:

As 2021 got started we were able to move into the new garage. In between projects we've worked on getting set up and maximizing space for tools and work areas. We will restock and build our tool inventory as budgets allow. While other towns struggled with supply chain issues we were able to take possession of a mid-class snow fighter truck. Town administration helped us stay aggressive and take delivery in time for the winter season. Through the year we worked on cleaning up the side area adjacent to the compactor as well as mechanical upgrades and visual appeal. Other projects included working with Water & Sewer on the culvert replacement at Interlaken Cross Road, the opening of the Larrywaug Bridge, and partnering with Parks & Rec on maintain Town parks. The beach project got started late in the year and will resume in 2022. We did some patching on town roads and will be paving in the upcoming season.

Once again, thank you to the Select Board and all the Town departments that support our work and a special thank you to our Building Inspector, Ned Baldwin, for all his help getting set up in the new building. Lastly our appreciation to residents and visitors for their patience as we work to improve our roads.

Respectfully Submitted,
HUGH PAGE

Stockbridge Cemetery Commission

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Stockbridge:

Last year, the Commission decided to focus on maintenance, repair and restoration, and planning for future needs. We are happy to report progress in these areas.

In the fall, Preservation, Inc., monument conservators and restorers, did a thorough condition evaluation of the headstones in the Old Section and in the Curtisville Section. (The Curtisville Section includes stones from a former cemetery in Curtisville. It was closed and the stones were moved in the 1870s. Most of the stones are dated much earlier.) They surveyed over 700 stones. They photographed each one, and made extensive notes on condition and needed repairs.

They laid out priorities for the Commission: stones that need work immediately; within a year; within one to three years; and in three to ten years. Since a sizeable majority of the stones fall with the immediate to three years group, the Commission voted to use the Cemetery Fund to fund repairs. Our goal is to have the repairs and cleaning done on all the catalogued stones over the next four years.

The full report by Preservation, Inc. is available on the town website.

The Commission continues to work with the Highway Department on maintenance. Highway is now doing twice-yearly clean-ups of gravesites, removing overgrown plant material, and trimming and reshaping overgrown hedges inside the cemetery. Another change in maintenance: in the Spring of 2021, representatives from St. Joseph's Cemetery met with Commission and Select Board members and agreed to take over maintenance of St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Other future projects include repair of the 1850 vault, and further research on what is now called the Tool Shed, but may have originally been the home of the town hearse.

We are also developing polices for tours of the cemetery, and exploring green burials.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
KAREN MARSHALL, Chair

Sewer & Water Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Stockbridge:

The Stockbridge Sewer and Water Commission is pleased to present you with the following report of significant department activities for 2021.

Under the capable supervision of Tony Campetti, the Sewer Department performed all regular testing and maintenance of the wastewater treatment plant in compliance with Environmental Protection Agency regulations. Tony and his colleagues maintain sewage collection infrastructure throughout the town in part to reduce ground water infiltration and inflow into the system. Unusually wet weather conditions throughout the year revealed several sources of infiltration and repairs to the aging system were performed by the team. Further reduction of non-sewage water infiltration is a priority for the Sewer Department to reduce operation costs and preserve the capacity of the treatment plant. A study will be commissioned in 2022 to identify infiltration sources and recommendations for remedial action will be presented. Other significant improvements this year include replacing a 16-year-old sewage grinder pump at the wastewater treatment plant.

Water Superintendent, Mike Buffoni, has done outstanding work maintaining the aging parts of our water treatment and distribution system. This year a high lift freshwater intake pump at the treatment plant was overhauled and recommissioned for service. Working with the engineering firm Foresight Land Services, design for the replacement of a 6-inch water main that crosses the Housatonic river at Tuckerman Bridge was completed. Mike also monitored the replacement of two 12-inch water mains at the route 183 bridge replacement project to ensure installation was performed in accordance with design specifications. Mike's proactive approach to identifying and prioritizing potential system liabilities results in predictable annual budget trends and minimizes the need for costly emergency repairs.

Assistant Water and Sewer Superintendent, Marc Viola is cross trained in all aspects of water and sewer treatment operations. He holds and maintains operator's licenses for levels: M3 wastewater, D1 water distribution and T2 water treatment. He performs necessary normal and emergency services when needed during weekends and nontraditional work hours. The Commission acknowledges Mark's contributions to the safe and efficient operation of the treatment plants and appreciates his dedication to his work for the town.

Tony, Mike and Mark, contributed greatly to Town administered activities outside of the Sewer or Water Departments as well. This year they assisted the Highway Department with replacement of a 2-foot diameter culvert on Interlaken Crossroad. They all take part assisting the Stockbridge Bowl Steering Committee by regularly collecting water samples for analysis from areas throughout the lake and its tributaries. This work begins in early spring and continues through the fall and is part of the Town's effort to preserve this great asset. Together with Commission member John Loiodice, Mike Buffoni represents the water department on the steering committee.

Jennifer Carmichael not only schedules our meetings and organizes the agenda, but she also provides the public with an in-person contact for the Sewer and Water Commission at the Town Office. She is the master of publicly accessible Zoom meetings and works diligently behind the scenes to assist with Commission business. We thank her for the profound contributions she provides to the Commission and the citizens of Stockbridge throughout the year.

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.

Public access to the playgrounds, parks, trails, tennis courts, and the town beach were not impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic, after having to close them for part of the season the prior year. However, labor shortages affected our ability to hire a full crew of lifeguards for the town beach. Water quality at the beach was tested weekly by Tri-town Board of Health. There were no reported instances of unsuitable levels of bacteria at the beach

The town beach driveway and parking lot improvements were started in November 2021. The improvements will include a new, safer location for the driveway and a larger parking area that will reduce downhill runoff by re-grading and including a rain garden drainage catchment. New wooden picnic tables, grills and Adirondack chairs were installed at the town beach and parks. 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 2022. The commission is exploring adding additional kayak storage due to high demand, including alternative locations to the town beach.

The Commission is seeking bids for improvements and repairs to the tennis and basketball courts, as approved on the Warrant at the 2021 Annual Town Meeting.

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 support in helping us improve the town beach and playgrounds during this pandemic.

Respectfully Submitted,
STEVEN KNOFF, Clerk
NICK FREDSELL
NICOLE FAIRAUX

Emergency Management

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Stockbridge:

2021 continued to be a different experience for every aspect of society and community as we define it. We continued our focus on assisting public health agencies with procurement and distribution of personal protective equipment, as well as keeping plans up-to-date and preparing for upcoming events in 2022.

We were able to obtain much needed PPE through the assistance of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) as well as grant funds secured by the Tri-Town Health Department. We were able to keep our first responders stocked with the PPE they needed to do their jobs safely and with minimal interruption. We were also able to procure ample PPE and disinfecting supplies to allow our Town buildings and staff to operate safely and with minimal interruptions.

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. In addition, the Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee is finishing the update of the regional shelter plan. A representative from the committee toured the Town's shelter and gathered information for inclusion in the plan. Stockbridge is also a part of the Western Massachusetts Regional Homeland Security Council. This group encompasses all four Counties in Western Massachusetts and provides additional planning, training, financial and technical resources and support to the member communities. The WMRHSC website, www.westernmassready.org, is 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 2021 the town adopted the updated Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. We are also working on updating the Town's Continuity of Operations Plan.

At the end of 2021 Chris Marsden resigned to take a position with MEMA. I would like to thank Chris for his long service and dedication to the Town and especially to our Emergency Management department. I wish him the best of luck in this new endeavor.

I would like to thank the various town departments and officials who continue to support and add value to the emergency management process in Stockbridge. Thank you to my counterparts throughout Berkshire County, especially the members of the Southern 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 community's needs throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,
SCOTT MUIR
Emergency Management Director



South Street, Stockbridge

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Board of Health

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

The Board of Health continued to have as one of its major tasks in 2021 the protection of the public's health and safety from the ongoing coronavirus epidemic. We again thank everyone for your continued cooperation, sacrifice, and support during these trying times. Once again, major events were significantly down-sized or completely canceled. Because of these sacrifices, lives were saved, and Stockbridge has fared very well compared to other Towns. Sadly, some deaths did occur. The Board looks forward to normalizing for the long haul as the number of fully vaccinated people rises to the level when the epidemic is curtailed and the disease becomes endemic.

Continuing its efforts to promote a healthier environment for everyone, the Board proposed a warrant article to leave the Berkshire Country Mosquito Control Project, since at this time, the drawbacks outweigh the benefits. Efforts regarding mosquito control are most logically coupled with tick-borne disease control at the present time. We continue to support regulations limiting tobacco marketing to children.

The BoH supported promoting the Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Committee to a Town Commission. We feel the Bowl is such an important aspect of Town life and health that such a level of Town commitment is indicated.

Issues facing Seniors in Town are of great concern to the Board, although progress in that regard has been slowed by the restrictions imposed by the pandemic. We look forward to rejoining that effort full steam once normalization permits it.

Member Rae Williams, in conjunction with TriTown Health Department Director Jim Wilusz, secured two nurses for the Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative, also enabling TriTown to expand its services for the three towns.

Once again, the Board thanks those whose sacrifice, time, and effort have helped us to meet the challenges of 2021 and prepare us to move forward.

RAE WILLIAM RN, Secretary

HENRY SCHWERNER MD

CHARLES KENNY MD, Chairman

Tri-Town Health Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the fiscal year 2021.

Following is a summary of our Public Health Prevention programs:

COVID-19 Pandemic: Fiscal Year 2021 was a continuation of combating COVID-19 like that of 2020. As cases plateaued during the summer, the disease was still present. While we continued to move along in the new normal, the undercurrent of COVID was still impactful. To provide local boards of health with assistance, the DPH provided us with grant funding in the amount of \$90,000. This helped with staffing, overtime, supply costs and contract employees to assist the community. Resources were used to retrofit town halls to meet safety standards, PPE, supplies and staffing to respond to the pandemic.

Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative. As FY21 came to a close, we were awarded a 4.1-million-dollar, multiyear grant to partner with 7 other southern Berkshire towns to share a public health nursing program with the towns of Alford, Great Barrington, Mount Washington, Monterey, New Marlborough, Otis, Sheffield, and existing Tri-Town District towns (Lee, Lenox, and Stockbridge). The new Shared Services arrangement is intended to increase access to those that need comprehensive public health nursing services and will begin to close inequity gaps. It creates a means to organically foster relationships and expand future cross jurisdictional sharing by creating a more focused, regional platform. The pandemic has reinforced the need for smaller, sustainable, effective, and efficient regional public health systems. Access to full time clinical nurses will help diminish inequities, foster new relationships, and create better health outcomes for Southern Berkshire County.

Regional Household Hazardous Waste Program: In Fiscal year 2021 the HHW collection program offered a Spring and Fall collection in which **450** households registered for and we collected **6,652** gallons of chemical waste. The 17-town collaborative has been functioning for the past 18 years and in FY20, the Tri-Town Health District assumed administrative and operational responsibility to ensure it will continue for several more years. Smaller towns working together to create a sustainable program reflects great collaboration efforts and in addition protects the environment. We thank all of those involved to offer this service to the community.

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

Tobacco Retailer Training Program: The Tri-Town Tobacco Retailer certification program continues to be a success. We have continued to see reductions in store fine and suspensions due to ongoing training of store employees. In FY20, 393 vouchers were sold, and 141 clerks were trained. For more information on the Retailer certification program, please visit www.tritownhealth.org.

Staffing: In Fiscal Year 2021 we hired Kate Fletcher to manage the current regional Tobacco Awareness Program and current inspector Jonathan Pierce

was promoted to Chief Sanitarian. As part of the newly formed Shared Services Program, we have hired Amy Hardt, Regional Public Health Nurse Leader and Jill Sweet, Regional PHN to manage the regional comprehensive public health nursing program.

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 Trapping Permits	1	Rec. Children’s Camp	0
Food Service	28	Retail Food	24
Frozen Dessert	5	Septage Hauler	9
Garbage Hauler	6	Special Event Food Permit	25
Milk/Cream Dealer	1	Tobacco	2
		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:	79		

Budget Revenue Information Fiscal 2020

Total budget:	\$96,868.00	Revenue generated:	\$37,640.40
Breakdown:			
Permits	\$29,700.00		
Water Testing	\$3,223.20		
Septic	\$4,717.20		
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:

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 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.

Despite the ongoing pandemic, 2021 remained successful and busy for the Stockbridge Library Association. In the past year, we circulated 26,254 items, issued 108 new library cards, and had over 1,150 people attend in-person programs, and 1,180 attend Zoom programs. We welcomed 12,528 visitors in 2021.

In service to our mission to be a vibrant center of community life, a variety of events throughout 2021 were presented free of charge to residents and visitors alike. Outdoor events were an important part of our offerings as the Covid-19 pandemic continued.

To that end, the front lawn of the library hosted:

- a community dog show
- a literature-themed flower show in the garden
- gentle yoga classes
- dance performances featuring the Olga Dunn Dance Company
- annual pumpkin walkabout, in collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce
- winter wonderland walkway in the library garden, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce
- the second annual Stockbridge Ice Festival in early 2022, highlighting the history of ice harvesting in Stockbridge and ice sculptors from around the region

In addition to these outdoor programs, we continued to offer indoor and virtual programs for youth and adults that promote literacy, inspire engaging dialogue, and highlight the unique and rich history of the town.

The Procter Museum & Archives of Stockbridge History supported the research of scholars across the nation, created a virtual cemetery tour, drafted a land acknowledgment statement in concert with the Stockbridge Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians, undertook a professional assessment of our historical collection, held exhibitions in the Procter Gallery, including a display of original deeds and documents entitled Deeds of our Past: Stockbridge Indian Lands and Colonial Bonds.

In 2021, we unveiled a new website created by local talent, Gemini Creative, held our first digital summer reading program for youth, hosted art exhibits by local artists, and continued outreach into the community with visits to local schools, and home delivery of library materials.

The Stockbridge Golf and Tennis Classic and our Annual Used Book Sale were once again canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, with the help of federal and state grants and generous community donors, we have been able to continue to serve the residents of Stockbridge throughout the year. In addition, we successfully raised funds through a benefit concert at the Linde Center at Tanglewood, pop-up book sales, and virtual concerts performed by The Berkshire Chamber Players. We are grateful for the support of the town of Stockbridge and our many dedicated volunteers.

To learn more about us, visit our website, www.stockbridgelibrary.org, like us on Facebook, follow us on Instagram, or sign up for our e-newsletter. Better yet, come pay us a visit. We look forward to seeing you.

Respectfully submitted,
WENDY PEARSON
Director, Stockbridge Library Association
February 22, 2022

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:

The COVID-19 pandemic again this year limited in-person services normally provided by the Council on Aging and the Senior Center of Stockbridge.

COA Director Liz DiGrigoli retired in June after 13 years of service. Known for her compassion and dedication to helping our seniors, Liz will be dearly missed and we wish her the best of luck on her new journey.

Stockbridge teamed up with the Great Barrington COA Transportation Program to provide rides for Stockbridge seniors for their medical appointments and weekly shopping trips from Heaton Court to Big Y.

Brown bag distribution continues at Heaton Court on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11:30 A.M. Thanks to Nancy Wilcox and her team of volunteers who keep this program running smoothly.

Through our Tri Town Health Department and the CHP Mobile Health Unit, two Flu and COVID vaccination clinics were held at the Stockbridge Town Hall in the fall. Both clinics were well attended.

By Appointment, SHINE counselor Winnie Veretto continued to provide free, up-to-date health insurance information along with counseling and assistance to Medicare beneficiaries of all ages and their caregivers. Beverly Dunn, RN again this year continued to offer foot care to our seniors with scheduled in home appointments.

The time-honored tradition of sharing a holiday luncheon together at the Red Lion Inn was put on hold again due to COVID. On December 13, 1972, Jack and Jane Fitzpatrick began an annual holiday celebration by holding Christmas Dinner for the Seniors of Stockbridge. The Red Lion Inn generously donated ninety Holiday Lunch gift certificates to Stockbridge seniors this winter. We thank the Red Lion Inn for continuing this tradition and we all look forward to once again celebrating in person at the Red Lion Inn.

We are looking forward to a spring return of programing and lunches here at the Senior Center.

Respectfully Submitted,
THERESA ZANETTI,
Interim COA Coordinator

The Stockbridge Council on Aging:

DIANE SHERIDAN, Chairman

CHRIS MCCARTHY

RON MUIR

NANCY O'BRIEN

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 state-aided housing located at 5 Pine St., is designed for elderly and non-elderly disabled individuals. A waiting list is in place for the 50 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. The list continues to grow each year with more than 1,000 individuals applying for the 51 apartments in Stockbridge.

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, by calling the SHA office at (413) 298-3222, or applying on line at the state-aided waiting list program web-site <https://publichousingapplication.ocd.state.ma.us/>.

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

The Housing Authority continues to administer the Resident Services Coordinator program for Stockbridge and the other South County Housing Authorities in Lee, Lenox and Great Barrington. The grant was applied for and received to establish this important service for our area elderly and non-elderly disabled public housing residents. The program began in July of 2020 and to date has connected individuals in the South County area with needed services such as housing stability assistance, health, wellness and nutrition referrals, financial assistance and help applying for benefits like TAFDC, Food Stamps and Social Security. The program has also incorporated some fun events for tenants, for example; musical concerts, holiday events, chair yoga and a successful resident art and tag sale.

The Housing Authority would now like to take this opportunity to thank the resident voters of Stockbridge and the Town's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for their ongoing financial assistance with our property at Heaton Court. We received an approval of \$5,000 for the repair of the original "Heaton Hall" signage which marks the front of the development. The signage was damaged in a high windstorm in November of 2020 and this award helped us to preserve a bit of the very interesting history of Stockbridge and its relativity to the creation of this site for affordable housing.

Additionally, the Housing Authority applied to the CPC and was approved for \$34,000 for FY22 and we've requested another \$33,529 in FY23 for siding board

replacement on the buildings of Heaton Court. Reports generated unveiled underlying conditions in the buildings on the property as water had begun to penetrate the siding which resulted in rotted sheathing under the wood. Replacing the siding with the longer life cement board to curtail the rotting of the wood siding had been recommended by a designer that works often with the SHA.

The CPC's financial help is immeasurable to the preservation of this property and because of the ongoing support from the CPC, and the property's designation as a "High Level Asset", the SHA was able to participate in funding through the HILAPP (High Level Asset Protection Program). What this means for the SHA is that the assistance the CPC has committed to Heaton Court enabled us to participate in a funding opportunity which resulted in the additional awarded amount of \$168,223 to be utilized on the siding board replacement project. With an additional \$69,610 committed from our formula funding, the total budget of our project is financed in the amount of \$305,962. This most certainly would have been unattainable without the additional support we continue to receive from the Town and its Community Preservation Committee.

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 2021. As of 12/31/2021 there were six (6) program participants living in Stockbridge. The remaining vouchers are leased in other towns in Southern Berkshire County and Central Berkshire County after participants were unable to find affordable housing, here in Stockbridge. Our program was fully leased and the SHA hosts two (2) additional vouchers issued through the Pittsfield and North Adams Housing Authority's, one of these participants is housed in Stockbridge, the other in Great Barrington. The Authority also hosts one (1) voucher from the State of Arizona with the participants residing in Great Barrington.

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

If interested in applying for Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher assistance, you may contact the office for a paper application or you can apply on line at

the following web address <https://www.affordablehousing.com/>. If interested in obtaining information on the eligibility for the FYI program, please contact the office directly and you will be referred to the agency that will make the determination for this program.

For any landlord interested in participating in our program to bring affordable housing to our area, please contact the Executive Director, Andrea Lindsay at 413-298-3222 or by email stockbridgeha@gmail.com.

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

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

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

Elderly and Disabled Tax Aid Committee

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

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

Fiscal Year 2021 donations from generous taxpayers brought the total amount available for distribution to \$ 18,472.71. Eight residents received a total of \$ 4,500.00 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 donors. We will be happy to assist in the application process.

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

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

Southern Berkshire District Department of Veterans' Services

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Thank you for allowing me to service the member towns, their veterans, and widows. We have made great strides in reaching out to our veterans in our local area, letting them know the various services available to them from Elderly Services, Community Actions and also the local senior centers. During FY 2021 we have seen a slight decrease in all areas of operation and currently have 37 active Chapter 115 claims.

Chapter 115 Submissions and Return from the State:

Town	FY 2020 Submitted 7/01/19-6/30/20	Pmt Due in FY 2021 - FY 2020 - 75%
Stockbridge	\$23,836.31	\$17,877.23

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

Applications for VA Health Care	19
ALS/Disability/A&A/Appeals/Life Insurance	38
DD 214s	59
Request for Grave Markers	46
Tax Abatements/SS help/other requests	53
Flags to funerals homes for veterans	67
Assisted with Dr. appointments	15
Home and Office Visits	294
Veterans Services Phone Calls	1402

For FY 2021 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 2021 DVS budget was \$8,522.28 – 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:

It is a pleasure serving on this board with its dedicated members: Marie Raftery (vice chair), Wayne Slosek (clerk), Nancy Socha, Gary Pitney, Kate Fletcher, Carl Sprague, and (until her term ended) Christine Rasmussen. Our indispensable secretary Jennifer Carmichael continued to keep the board running efficiently.

In addition to considering a number of special permit applications and other business including sign applications, the Planning Board spent much time this year considering a Natural Resources and Historic Preservation Zoning bylaw. This was a continuation of work essentially begun under the Zoning Review Committee and continued for several years by the Planning Board. We worked with our able consultant Jeff Lacy, who led us through a number of drafts of the proposed bylaw. Members had many questions and concerns about this relatively complicated matter, resulting in eight separate drafts of the document produced over many months. The number of drafts speaks to the complexity of the issues and the divisions on the Planning Board as to its content and applicability. Many meetings were taken up with detailed discussions of various parts of the drafts, but by early in 2022 it became clear that a consensus on approving a draft and recommending it to the Select Board and Town Meeting was not going to be possible. Accordingly, the board voted unanimously to discontinue working on the document.

I am proud that the board worked so diligently on this controversial matter. And I believe the time and money spent on it were worth it, since we all learned

a great deal about the challenges of open space residential design and planning.

The board agreed to reconsider this year the existing Cottage Era Estate bylaw and a draft of some changes to that bylaw provided by Mr. Lacy.

The board meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. As I write this we are meeting both in person and via Zoom. We welcome attendance by the public at our meetings and are grateful for public questions and comments.

BILL VOGT, Chairman,
for the members of the Planning Board

Zoning Board of Appeals

To the Honorable Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

The ZBA had a relatively quiet year in 2021. The ZBA held 3 hearings on variance applications. In addition, 1 application was withdrawn on the date of the scheduled hearing. The Board also welcomes the addition of Mark Mills as an alternate member.

Respectfully Submitted,

TOM SCHULER
JIM MURRAY
JOHN HYSON
STARBUCK SMITH
MILES MOFFATT
PATRICIA ANDREW
MARK MILLS

Building Inspector

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

The following permits were issued and fees collected for the year 2021:

Permit Type	# of Permits	Cost of Construction	Permit Fees
New Construction	6	9,279,157	75,593
Additions & Alterations	118	13,141,712	97,085
Solar Arrays	12	528,147	3,020
Demolitions	7	49,500	525
Swimming Pools	3	377,750	1,980
Repairs	29	731,019	4,665
Roofs	50	861,546	5,938
Decks/Porches	13	361,519	2,205
Foundation	1	102,632	545
Garages & Accessory	5	640,000	3,880
Sheet Metal	5	47,200	175
Mechanical	1	30,500	155
Solid Fuel Burning Appliance	4	7,001	220
Other	4	121,000	755
Total Construction	258	26,278,683	196,741
Other Permits			
Annual Inspections	78		9,095
Certificate of Occupancy	12		420
Tent	25		1,470
Trench	20		700
Electrical	216		20,220
Gas	116		7,800
Plumbing	69		7,440
Total Other Permits	536		47,145
TOTALS	794		243,886

Respectfully submitted by,
NED BALDWIN,
Building Commissioner

Conservation Commission

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

For the past year our meetings have been a combination Zoom and in-person attendance. If you have plans and drawings of your project, we find it helpful to have an in-person presentation, if possible, rather than view them on a screen. Hopefully, as Covid winds down, Zoom and in-person meetings will combine into thorough and useful discussions of projects for all participants. The Commission meetings are at 7:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

Last year Lisa Bozzuto joined the Commission after moving from Great Barrington where she served on their ConCom. She replaced Patrick White who was elected to a new position. Thank you both.

The Conservation Commission is in the process of producing a set of performance standards which will guide and inform those with projects of the expectations and requirements of our board. Our role is to enforce the provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act, the Rivers Act, the Scenic Mountains Act as well as town wetlands and storm water bylaws.

The Gould Meadows volunteers have built a boardwalk across a very wet portion of one trail and started work on others. The milk shed foundation, windows and some siding have been repaired. They are also working on funding for the restoration of the Mary Flynn memorial plaque.

The Stockbridge Bowl again last year did not meet the Department of Environmental Protection requirements for the start of the Stockbridge Bowl Association herbicide treatment.

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

Agricultural and Forestry Commission

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

The Agriculture and Forestry Commission (AFC) was reformed in 2021 after years of being defunct. The main object of the AFC, according to the bylaws, is to;

“as appropriate, advise Town Boards and officials regarding initiatives and strategies to support commercial agriculture and other farming and forestry activities; to encourage the pursuit of agriculture and forestry; to promote agriculture- or forestry-based economic opportunities; to work for the preservation of agricultural and forest lands; and to pursue the creation of a sustainable agricultural and forestry community in the Town.”

For its first year of meetings, the AFC’s main focus was on understanding and developing strategies to manage a Woolly Adelgid and Elongated Scale outbreak in the Ice Glen Hemlock Forest. In May 2021, the Town of Stockbridge received a report on the health of hemlock and white ash trees in Ice Glen. It identified that out of 350 trees surveyed 266 (76%) were in poor condition. Through many meetings and consultations with experts, the commission has recommended a treatment to be done this Spring to the hemlocks in Ice Glen to avoid a mass die-off in the next couple of years. The 2021 Annual Town Meeting approved funding to treat half of the trees from our survey, though we have received some reports that say some trees, as many as 30, may have already died. We have applied for Community Preservation Act funds to treat the remaining trees, and as of this writing, we do not know whether this request will be approved. The Commission has also applied for funding through a Forest Service DCR grant and will continue to research long-term solutions to these problem pests. This Spring we will be closely monitoring the treatment and health of the trees.

The Commission has taken other actions around forestry. This year we registered Ice Glen with the Old Growth Forest Network and we will host a commemoration ceremony this Spring. We also plan to apply for Tree City USA designation and will plan Arbor Day celebrations this April.

At the 2021 Town Meeting, the town approved the Right to Farm Bylaw. With this bylaw, it is the Commission’s role to review problems that arise from agriculture activities and make recommendations to the Select Board. We are pleased to report that this first year no reports were made.

As for promoting agriculture, the Commission has begun to investigate the ability of the town to support a Farmer’s Market. We plan to have more discussions with local stakeholders to find a way to bring local healthy food to the citizens of Stockbridge.

I want to thank all the Commission members for all their hard work, as well as the community members who have attended our meetings and for the expert presentations to the commission.

If you wish to join us at a meeting, The Agriculture and Forestry Commission meets regularly on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. We invite the public’s continuing participation.

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 2021 the SHC reviewed and reported on twelve such applications. We are pleased to work with the CPC and Town Counsel to identify eligible historic preservation projects in Town that can be recommended by the CPC for funding at the Town meeting.

Also during 2021, 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 support by the SHC for applications for state grants or approvals that will help to preserve or to restore historic resources. In 2021, the SHC reviewed the application and submitted a letter of support to the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board regarding an application by the National Trust for Historic Preservation for a variance to permit its proposed rehabilitation work at Chesterwood to proceed while still maintaining as much of the historic fabric of the house as possible.

The SHC has continued to lend its support to the Town's initiative to restore the Soldiers' Monument on Main Street. The SHC also has continued to work with the Town regarding the planned restoration of the Children's Chime Tower. We held public meetings on the subject during the year, and we are pleased that the Town voted at the 2021 Town Meeting to fully fund the restoration project. Work on the project currently is planned to begin in the fall of 2022.

The SHC also is supporting the ongoing work of the Cemetery Commission on the restoration of the old section of the Town Cemetery. An SHC member regularly attends meetings of the Cemetery Commission.

In 2020 the SHC 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. As of 2021 the Stockbridge GIS online mapping system, at <https://www.axisgis.com/StockbridgeMA/>, now includes Massachusetts Historical Commission information. In the "Layers" menu (at left on your screen), turn on (check) the "MHC Inventory Points" and "MHC Inventory Areas;" this will cause all historic districts, areas and structures to be shown on the map of Stockbridge.

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

Historic Preservation Commission

The Historic Preservation Commission held six meetings in 2021. During the pandemic we have been meeting online, which has proved successful and practical. We reviewed five applications for alterations to historic buildings, all of which were allowed, and approved two demolitions for buildings over fifty years old. Alterations were approved for 74 East Main Street, 78 Interlaken Road, 320 Old Stockbridge Road (Merrywood), 39 Main Street, and 5 Birch Lane. Demolitions were approved at 8 Mahkeenac Terrace and 106 Interlaken Road.

We are giving more attention to extensive siding renovations. The new siding on St. Paul's Church Rectory bypassed Commission approval and affects the historic appearance of Main Street. We will be working with the Building Inspector Ned Baldwin on these issues.

The Commission has had some discussion of the Stockbridge Cottage Era Estate Bylaw. This bylaw is being thoroughly considered by the Planning Board.

The Commission is pleased to welcome Chantal Rhind as a new member. We sincerely thank her husband Jay Rhind for his years of good service on the commission. The Select Board has revived our rolling appointment schedule going forward.

A good article about our bylaw was contributed to the National Trust for Historic Preservation by secretary Peter Williams. It can be seen at:

<https://forum.savingplaces.org/blogs/special-contributor/2021/05/12/a-strong-demolition-delay-bylaw-in-stockbridge>

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

Stockbridge Cultural Council

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

The Stockbridge Cultural Council regrants funds from the Massachusetts Cultural Council for projects in the arts, science, and humanities. For fiscal year 2022, the Council received \$5,000 and, together with funds from unclaimed grants from the prior year, had \$5400 available for grants. The Council received 38 applications representing a range of projects including music, theater, science and literature.

We were pleased to award the following 26 grants:

- Stockbridge Library Association/Ice Festival
- The Stockbridge Sinfonia/Celebration of 50 Years of Community Music
- Marney Schorr/Arts in Recovery for Youth
- Alex Leff/Cycle of Memory
- Music in Common/The Black Legacy Project
- Moving Arts Exchange/"One Box at a Time"
- Pittsfield Shakespeare in the Park
- Rachel Nicholson/Mary Pope Osborne event
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute/ Indigenous Peoples: We are still here
- Berkshire Music School/All that Jazz Musical Enrichment
- Berkshire Garden Center/Rooted in Place
- Sculpture Now (at The Mount)
- Great Barrington Public Theater/Berkshire Voices Reading Series
- Berkshire Children's Chorus/A Story for the Season
- Shakespeare & Company/2022 Fall Festival
- Berkshire South Regional Community Ctr/Berkshire Ukulele Band, Berkshire Sings!
- M. Alice Spatz/Creation and Completion of "Berkshire Triptych"
- WAM Theater/2022 Season and Community Engagement
- Berkshire Pulse/Summer Intensives
- Berkshire Theatre Group/BTG Plays!
- IS 183/Berkshire Artist Residency Program
- Greenagers/Climate Action
- Alliance for a Viable Future/Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Susan L. Smith/Community Coloring Books
- Flying Cloud Institute/Stop-Motion project
- Berkshire Wildlife Sanctuaries/Nature in Your Neighborhood

The Council encourages applications from individuals or organizations seeking to enhance the cultural offerings in Stockbridge and surrounding areas.

Respectfully submitted,

JUDITH WILKINSON, Chair

ANDREA SHOLLER, Secretary

JANET EGLEHOFER, Treasurer

BARBARA COOPERMAN

SELENA LAMB

TERRY MOOR

MAUREEN O'HANLON

ISABEL ROSE

JOE TONETTI

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 commission to the Selectboard, the Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Commission (SBSC) meets on the first & third Friday of each month, sans (December - March; which meet, once a month.) The commission is composed of seven voting members (7) and two non-voting members, of the various stakeholders of the Stockbridge Bowl.

Voting members:

- Conservation Commission ~ Jamie Minacci, Chair
- Sewer & Water Commission ~ Dr. John Liodice, M.D., Vice Chair
- Board of Health ~ Dr. Charles Kenny, M.D.
- Selectboard ~ Roxanne McCaffery
- Water & Sewer Department ~ Micheal Buffoni
- Stockbridge Bowl Association ~ Michael Nathan

Non-voting representatives:

- Stockbridge Harbormaster ~ Gary Kleinerman
- Tri-Town Health Department ~ James Wilusz, R.S

The SBSC discusses the health, needs, and improved functionality of the Stockbridge Bowl and the watershed, and works to protect and preserve the intricate ecosystem around the lake. The Commission has been discussing the prioritization of the items for a comprehensive Lake Management Plan. This plan will help to have a comprehensive resource to use for planning projects and maintenance of the Stockbridge Bowl.

The Town has engaged GZA Engineering and Dr. R. Kortman, Ecosystem Consultation Service to oversee, analyze monthly water sampling test results and provide limnological expertise, in assisting the SBSC in decision making of preservation of Lake Mahkeenac and the surrounding watershed.

GZA provides geotechnical, environmental, ecological, water services, in New England, Mid-Atlantic, and the Great Lakes States.

Dr. Kortman is a limnologist with 30 years of experience in restoring and preserving lake ecosystems. One of his primary areas of study has been Cyanobacteria (blue green algae), as well as restoration of habitat for a viable food web and water supply limnology.

This year we discussed the intersecting areas of concern around our lake; Zebra mussel station, Town beach maintenance, harvesting, possible dredging, and monthly water testing, to name some.

We welcome all community members to attend meetings, currently, we meet in Town Hall and with zoom participation.

In closing, we hope to continue our important work to provide stewardship and collaboration with the town and its community to continue the beauty, sustainability, and viability of our precious resource. That our work together will protect and respect our lake and it's watershed.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMIE M. MINACCI, Chairperson

Stockbridge Fountain Committee

The Fountain Committee was appointed by the Select Board with the express purpose of overseeing the rehabilitation of two iconic fountains in Stockbridge – the Watering Trough and the Cat and Dog Fountain.

In February 2021, with trepidation, we watched while the two top levels of the Cat and Dog Fountain were carefully hoisted from their perch downtown and transported to the studio of Jeffrey Gulick of Timberwolf Restorations LLC. As part of Community Preservation Act funding, the Historic Commission requested that molds be crafted in order to rehabilitate the fountain. In May 2021, excavation below the basin revealed that the support dating from the original installation over 100 years ago was degraded and crumbling brick. A new concrete support will be necessary and the basin will need to be rehabilitated. The bottom tier of the fountain will likely need to be rehabilitated as well. Fun fact: Over the years, some have suggested that the dog is male and the cat is female, or vice versa. We have been assured that both animals are male.

The Watering Trough work will be done on-site in the spring of 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
KATE FLETCHER CARL SPRAGUE
GEGE KINGSTON BOB JONES
February 8, 2022



Lift-off, February 2021

Photo Kate Fletcher

Laurel Hill Association

Laurel Hill Association made many wonderful improvements to our property, and, in addition, we offered programs and community outreach during this year. Some of our achievements during 2020-2021:

- Five new property signs were installed identifying entrances to properties.
- New website was designed (www.laurelhillassociation.org)
- An interpretive sign was installed in Laurel Hill Park.
- Entry regulation signs were installed on four properties.
- Laurel Hill Park and Rostrum renovation was completed.
- Trail improvements continued at Lower Bowker's Woods with the help of the Greenagers.

Our annual **Laurel Hill Day** Saturday August 28, 2021 was a resounding success with over 100 people attending.

Bonnie Hartley, Tribal Historic Preservation Manager, started off the program with a beautiful poem written by a member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Indians.

Our Keynote speaker was Jennie Kassanof, professor at Barnard College and Tyringham resident. Dr. Kassanof gave a rousing speech about women's empowerment in the 21st century and linked her remarks to women leaders of the 19th century.

Our "singing suffragettes," who consisted of both members of LHA and town board members did a great job, accompanied by a solo trumpet, which formed the framework for the event.

One special moment was the singing of Laurel Hill's very own song!

The program ended with a beautiful benediction by the Rev. Liz Goodman, Minister of the Church on the Hill, Lenox. Following the program attendees enjoyed refreshments the Red Lion Inn generously provided.

Be sure to mark your calendars **August 27, 2022 Laurel Hill Day for "THE OLMSTED PROJECT"** *celebrating the 200th birthday of Frederick Law Olmsted and his firm's work in the Berkshires and Laurel Hill.*

Respectfully submitted,
HILARY SOMERS DEELY, President
MARK SIEGERS, Vice President
PATRICIA FLINN, Secretary
SUSAN S. BUBENAS, Treasurer
LEE BOLMAN
JULIE LOVE EDMONDS
ROBERT SEDGWICK
JIM SCHANTZ
BARBARA SIMS
LIS DANISH WHEELER

Stockbridge Green Communities Committee

To the Honorable Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

In 2015, the Stockbridge Green Communities Committee assisted the Town in becoming a designated Massachusetts Green Community. As part of this designation, Stockbridge is eligible to apply for grants to assist the Town in achieving its required goal of 20% reduction in energy consumption over 5 years. To date, Stockbridge has received more than \$235,000 in grants from Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) and additional rebates from National Grid and Berkshire Gas Company. These have been used at Town Offices, Central Fire Station and Waste Water Treatment Plant for insulation, air sealing, energy efficient garage doors, heating system and LED lighting. Per Town policy to purchase the most efficient vehicles that meet performance requirements, the Police Department has ordered a hybrid Police Cruiser (delayed due to Covid).

In FY 2021, the Town consumed 891,779 kWh of electricity and generated 998,314 kWh from its solar photovoltaic system – more than 100% of total electric consumption. Though Stockbridge receives only slight financial savings at this time, the Town is reducing greenhouse gas emissions by generating clean electricity.

As of 2021, total energy consumption (buildings and vehicles) has been reduced by about 30% since 2015. Energy consumption in buildings has been reduced by approximately 44% (weather-adjusted) since 2015. The central fire station consumes less than half the amount of energy than it did in 2015 and energy consumption in Town Offices is down about 25% (above figures submitted though not yet “officially approved” by the MA DOER).

A big caveat is that this year has been anything but normal due to COVID. We will see what happens next year.

This past year, a sub-Committee made significant progress toward retrofitting our streetlights to LED lamps. Approximately half the lights are currently incandescents and this retrofit will generate significant savings and environmental benefits. In July, as approved by Town meeting, Stockbridge contracted with LightSmart to conduct a ‘lighting audit’ of the Town’s streetlights. The report projected that by purchasing the streetlights from National Grid and retrofitting them with LED lamps and dimmers, would save approximately \$200,000 over the next ten years and have a payback of approximately 2 years. Based on the Committee’s recommendation, the Selectmen approved purchasing the “above ground serviced streetlights” (e.g. not the downtown area).

The Town was successful in applying for and receiving a grant from MA Department of Energy Resources to purchase and install the “above ground serviced streetlights” which is planned for spring and early summer.

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

MILES MOFFATT

STARBUCK SMITH

Stockbridge Chamber of Commerce

To the Honorable Board and Citizens of Stockbridge:

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

The Chamber took another financial hit in the absence of our 2021 Stockbridge Main Street at Christmas weekend, losing approximately \$45,000 in income. However, this is an improvement over 2020, as we were able to hold our annual arts and crafts show, collecting vendor fees. Despite Hurricane Henri sweeping through the area, effectively closing the show on Sunday, the show was still successful for the artists and our Chamber. Because we are a small member organization, we need to hold these two events which raise funds to keep the chamber alive and vibrant. Despite our financial setbacks, we continued our year-long underwriting campaign with WAMC, we printed and distributed (beyond Berkshire County) the Stockbridge, MA Guide which featured new this year a section on “Scenic trails for hiking, biking & driving”. Website upgrades included “Coronavirus resources for Visitors” page which gives advice on travel and what to know before arriving, “See What’s Happening Here” page which outlines events and activities along with seasonal business updates & the “Outdoor Adventures” page. We targeted visitors and locals through ecommunications, social media, print, digital and online advertising campaigns.

We are thrilled and grateful to have new businesses like Casablanca South, Flourish Market, Mielke Confections, Mundy’s Asia Galleries, and Stockbridge Summer Home join us. We would like to thank our business community for recognizing the importance of being part of the chamber through membership. Our reserve account has gotten us through the past two years. Still, more than ever, we depend on our membership to keep us afloat so that we can continue serving our business community at large and promoting the town of Stockbridge to visitors and potential new residents.

With our investments Stockbridge, MA received recognition in a variety of print and online publications: Country Living Magazine, Wherever Travel, MassLive.com, Ohio bucket list, NotingFamiliar.com, Worth, Trips to Discover, Forbes, In the Spotlight, Backroad Ramblers, Conde Nest, TheNot.com, Travel.com, Western Mass News, Yankee Magazine, Boston Globe, Business West, Berkshire Eagle, Up Country Magazine, New England Today Travel. Stockbridge earned titles of #1 Best Christmas Town by Country Living Magazine for the second year, The Prettiest Winter Towns in New England by In the Olive Groves, #1 The Most

Festive Town in America by House Beautiful, #1 Most Charming Small Town in America by Big 7 Travel and 10 Most Romanic Vacations on America's East Coast by Trips to Discover.

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

President: MARGARET D. KERSWILL, MDKAdDesign
Assistant Vice President: DOUGLAS GOUDEY, Wheeler & Taylor, Inc
Treasurer: PAMELA BOUDREAU, Lee Bank
Secretary: MARY FLOURNOY, The National Shrine of Devine Mercy
Past President: MICHAEL DUFFY, Norman Rockwell Museum

Members at Large:

WENDY PEARSON, Stockbridge Library Association
AMY MOORBY, Berkshire Theatre Group
DOUG BAGNASCO, Devonfield Inn
AMANDA BARCENAS, Prado de Lana Sheep Farm
LAUREEN SMITH, Fairview Hospital

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

FINANCES

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, 2021. The individual reports provided are listed below:

Combined Balance Sheet

Special Revenue Funds

Capital Projects

Fixed Assets

Trust Funds

Agency Funds

Statement of Revenues

Statement of Expenditures

Respectfully submitted,
CHERYL ALLEN
Town Accountant

Town of Stockbridge

Balance Sheet June 30, 2021

	GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS				FIDUCIARY FUNDS					Totals
	General Fund	Major Spec. Revenue Funds	Other Spec. Rev Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Trust Funds	Other Post-Emply Funds	Agency Funds	Fixed Assets	Long-Term Debt	
ASSETS										
Cash	4,432,042	3,259,930	281,146	56,409	2,835,814	3,834,853	43,398			14,743,592
Receivables:										—
Personal Property Taxes	4,657									4,657
Real Estate Taxes	249,319									249,319
Motor Vehicle Taxes	69,920									69,920
Tax Liens	240,118									240,118
Tax Foreclosures										—
Community Preservation Receivable		6,072								6,072
Overlays	(116,068)									(116,068)
Water Rates and Special		821								821
Sewer Rates and Special		2,087								2,087
Water/Sewer Liens added to tax		1,898								1,898
Fixed Assets										—
Amounts to be provided for									10,274,206	10,274,206
Due from Stabilization										—
TOTAL ASSETS	4,879,988	3,270,808	281,146	56,409	2,835,814	3,834,853	43,398	-	10,274,206	25,476,622

	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	
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY										
Liabilities										
Water Treatment Plant Loan(Ref)									290,000	290,000
Sewer Expansion Project Loan									1,220,000	1,220,000
Town Offices Project Loan(Ref)									1,725,000	1,725,000
Water Improvements/Tank Loan									1,331,910	1,331,910
Water Ln-Church St/Tank									1,472,296	1,472,296
Gnrl Oblig bond:TwnBridges/Hwy gar.									-	-
Fire Truck State House Note									100,000	100,000
Princ-Bridges/Hwy Garage									1,960,000	1,960,000
2.3M Principal Hwy Garage									2,175,000	2,175,000
Deferred Revenue	447,946	10,878								458,824
TOTAL LIABILITIES	447,946	10,878	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,274,206	10,733,030
FUND EQUITY										
Reserved for Expenditures		-								-
Reserved for Encumbrances	136,957	32,500								169,457
Reserved for Encumbrance/Spec. Arts.	1,129,639	100,304								1,229,943
Reserved for Deficits	-									-
Reserved-Debt Exclusion	-									-
Reserved		1,141,273	281,146	56,409	2,835,814	3,834,853	43,398			8,192,893
Unreserved	3,165,446	1,985,853								5,151,298
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	4,432,042	3,259,930	281,146	56,409	2,835,814	3,834,853	43,398	-	-	14,743,592
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	4,879,988	3,270,808	281,146	56,409	2,835,814	3,834,853	43,398	-	10,274,206	25,476,622

(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, 2021

WATER & SEWER	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers	Ending Balance
Water	760,279	397,670	(389,869)	4,037	772,117
Sewer	544,683	534,215	(441,875)		637,023
Total Water & Sewer	1,304,962	931,885	(831,744)	4,037	1,409,140
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION					
Reserved for Encumbrance	4,500	0	0		4,500
Reserved: Open Space	580,251		(81,764)	36,666	535,153
Reserved: Historic Resources	461,562		(141,757)	139,500	459,304
Reserved: Community Housing	116,824		(39,648)	69,640	146,816
Undesignated Fund Balance	570,972	385,227	(251,181)		705,017
TOTALS:	1,734,108	385,227	(514,350)	245,806	1,850,790
GRANTS					
APRA Funds	0	98,912			98,912
Covid19 Relief Funds	0	37,980	(42,077)		(4,097)
Strap Grant	0	311,097	(437,837)		(126,739)
CH90- Hwy Grant	(282,309)	282,309	(30,585)		(30,585)
Emergency Mgt Grant	(5,340)	12,197	(1,845)		5,012
Arts Lottery Grant	6,264	4,888	(4,027)		7,124
D.E.P. 319 Grant/State	40,520	0	(11,409)		29,111
MDOT Shared Winter Grant	0	15,750	(10,570)		5,180
Elder Affairs	8,327	8,868	0		17,195
FY21 Muni Vulnerability Pre p	0	38,000	(31,499)		6,501
Zebra Mussel Boat Wash	(3,160)	6,000	(8)		2,832
Library Grant	0	4,368	0		4,368
Gould Meadow Forest Stwdrshp Grnt	(15,750)	15,750	(20,075)		(20,075)
Fire Safety Equip Grant	(5,834)	5,834	(8,025)		(8,025)

	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers	Ending Balance
Green Community Gr	0	13,053	(13,053)		0
COA Supplies Gr	793	0	0		793
Elections	1,038	4,310	(1,000)		4,348
Total Grants	(255,451)	859,315	(612,010)	0	(8,146)
OTHER SPECIAL FUNDS					
Fire Grants	(5,834)	5,834	(8,025)		(8,025)
FID Card Collections	450	2,550	(2,475)		525
Law Enforcement Tr. Fund	1,957	0	0		1,957
Wetland Protection Act	18,403	3,125	0		21,528
Contaminated Fix/Equip Disposal	11,633	1,970	0		13,603
Zebra Mussel Monitors	0	0	0		0
Receipts resvd for appr-Real Estate	200,000	0	0		200,000
Solar-Landfill Consultant Fees	21,523	0	0		21,523
Tax Title Revolving Fund	0	(5,608)			(5,608)
Insurance Reimb	200	2,317	(2,517)		0
SBA Peer Review of NOI	58	20	0		78
Ice Glen Road Donations	0	500	0		500
Police Gifts	9,780	1,700	(611)		10,869
Gifts to Aid Elderly/Disabled	9,573	5,914	(4,500)		10,987
M. Anderson Gift	2,004	0	0		2,004
Procter Hall Restoration	8,427	27	0		8,454
Mary Flynn Conservation Gift	1,074	0	0		1,074
Isabelle Soule Gift	1,399	0	0		1,399
Sosne Little League field gift	150	0	0		150
Parks & Rec Gifts	0	4694.6	-4544.6		150
Restoration of Town Fountains	100	0	0		100
Total Gifts	280,897	23,044	(22,673)	0	281,268
TOTAL OF FUNDS # 10 THRU # 29					3,533,052

Town of Stockbridge

Major Special Funds June 30, 2021

	Major Special Funds			FIDUCIARY FUNDS				
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Community Preservation Fund	Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Fixed Assets	Long-Term Debt	Totals
ASSETS								
Cash	772,117	637,023	1,850,790					3,259,930
Receivables:								
Personal Property Taxes								0
Real Estate Taxes								0
Motor Vehicle Taxes								0
Tax Liens								0
Chapter 90 Roads Receivable								0
Community Preservation Receivable			6,072					6,072
Overlays								0
Water Rates and Special	821							821
Sewer Rates and Special		2,087						2,087
Water/Sewer Liens added to tax	752	1,146						1,898
Fixed Assets								0
Amounts to be provided for								0
Due from Stabilization								0
TOTAL ASSETS	773,690	640,255	1,856,863	0	0	0	0	3,270,808

	Major Special Funds			FIDUCIARY FUNDS				
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Community Preservation Fund	Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Fixed Assets	Long-Term Debt	Totals
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY								
LIABILITIES								
Water Treatment Plant Loan								0
Sewer Expansion Project Loan								0
Town Offices Project Loan								0
Water Improvements/Tank Loan								0
Due to Capital Projects								0
Deferred Revenue	821	2,087	6,072					8,980
Deferred Revenue - Liens added tax	752	1,146						1,898
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,573	3,233	6,072	0	0	0	0	10,878
FUND EQUITY								
Reserved for Expenditures	0	0						0
Reserved for Encumbrances	7,000	21,000	4,500					32,500
Reserved for Encumbrance/Spec. Arts.	100,000	304						100,304
Reserved for Deficits								0
Reserved-Investment & Prop								0
Reserved			1,141,273					1,141,273
Unreserved	665,117	615,719	705,017					1,985,853
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	772,117	637,023	1,850,790	0	0	0	0	3,259,930
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	773,690	640,255	1,856,863	0	0	0	0	3,270,808

(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, 2021

Fund	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenses	Transfers	Ending Balance
Water Update Project	148,477	0	(92,068)		56,409
Towns Bridges, Highways	1,271,994	30,479	(1,302,473)		0
Town Garage Construction	369,055	480	(369,535)		0
Total Capital Projects	1,789,526	30,959	(1,764,076)	0	56,409

Trust Funds

Year ending June 30, 2020

Funds	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Transfers in	Transfers out	Ending Balance
OPEB - Retirement Benefits	2,963,521	871,332			3,834,853
Cemetery Perpetual Care	409,600	9,104			418,704
Conservation Trust Fund	24,402	(1,526)			22,876
War Memorial Trust Fund	1,344	4			1,348
DD Field Chime Tower	1,829	6			1,835
Stockbridge Bowl Fund	1,284	4			1,288
Merwin Trust	25,412	78			25,489
Stabilization	1,341,461	22,813	1,000,000		2,364,274
Totals	4,768,853	901,815	1,000,000	-	6,670,667

Capital Asset Summary

Year ending June 30, 2021

	2020 Assets	2021 Assets
Land	4,709,600	4,694,600
Construction in progress	2,963,273	25,272
Buildings & Furnishings	6,076,336	5,180,822
Vehicles & Equipment	3,502,958	3,192,195
Infrastructure	15,138,750	14,415,188
Totals	32,390,917	27,508,078

Agency Funds

Year ending June 30, 2021

Funds	Beginning Balance	credits Receipts	debits Expenses	Ending Balance
Federal Withholding Tax	0	216,747	(212,702)	4,044
Medicare Withholding Tax	0	31,007	(30,397)	610
State Withholding Tax	0	101,869	(99,835)	2,034
Retirement Withholding	2,870	177,302	(174,152)	6,020
Def. comp Withholding	0	41,889	(40,827)	1,063
Spec Empl Hlth/Dental	(105)	3,738	(3,491)	142
Spec Empl Life Ins	10	10	0	20
Insurance Withholding	2,252	146,041	(129,750)	18,543
Life Insurance Withholding	202	960	(965)	197
AFLAC Disab/voluntary	349	4,558	(4,740)	167
Boston Mut Life/voluntary	35	633	(621)	47
Union Dues Withholding	888	10,823	(10,806)	905
Fire Watch Detail	586	1,404	(1,404)	586
Court Ordered Deductions	0	12,215	(11,970)	245
Council on Aging-trips/meals	183	0	0	183
Senior Work Off	0	1,138	(1,138)	0
Performance Bonds	2,040	0	0	2,040
Sub-totals	9,311	750,333	(722,798)	36,846
Police Outside Detail	5,213	28,820	(27,480)	6,552
Totals	14,524	779,152	(750,278)	43,398

Revenues

Year ending June 30, 2021

General Property Taxes

Personal Property Tax	391,609
Real Estate Tax	8,882,797
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	314,952
In Lieu of Taxes	33,607
Interest on Taxes and Excise	58,759
Hotel and Motel Tax	299,556
Tax Foreclosure Revenue	91,000
Meals Tax	47,454

Sub-total General Taxes

10,119,733

Permits for Services

Cemetery Internments	4,900
Building Permits	172,329
Plumbing Permits	7,500
Electrical Permits	17,970
Gas Permits	8,040
Fire Permits	8,025
Special Permits	13,214
Board of Health Permits	5,670
Cable Television	419

Other Charges for Services

Compactor Stickers	54,084
Compactor Fees	26,870
Municipal Lien Fees	4,975
Photocopies	113
Town Clerk	1,045
Firearm Permits	850
Police Detail-Admin Fee	1,821
Police Reports	110

Sub-total Permits/Charges for Services

357,936

Licenses

Dog licenses	2,069
Alcoholic	12,997
Tag Sale	125
Retail,restaurant	1,100
Other Licenses and Permits	9,640

Sub-total Licenses and Permits

25,931

Revenues from State (Cherry Sheet)

Abate-Vets,Blind,Surv Spouse	2,510
State Owned Land	42,817
General Govt. State Aid	105,849

Sub-total State Revenues	151,176
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Revenue from Other Governments

Fines and Forfeits	10,072
District Court Fines	368
EOEA Recycling Incentive Pmt	-
Veterans' Reimbursement Benefits	22,780
Public Works Projects(curb)	550

Sub-total Other Government Revenue	33,770
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Miscellaneous Revenue

Council on Aging-Taxi donations	-
Parking Fines	65
50 Main Street-rentals	70,889
Cell Tower Rental	27,012
Investment Income	22,684
Chap 90	
Other Miscellaneous	84,940

Sub-total Miscellaneous Revenue	205,590
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Total General Fund Revenues	10,894,135
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Special Revenue Funds

Water User Fees	354,125
Water Special	4,997
Water Interest & Penalties	2,614
Water Connection Fees	1,200
Water Liens Added To Tax	629
Water Fire Service connection fees	3,250
Water Backflow fees	4,550
Water Application Fees	200
Water Other Misc revenue	26,105

Total Water Fund Revenues	397,670
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Sewer User Fees	522,281
Sewer Special	-
Sewer Interest & Penalties	3,216
Sewer Liens Added to Tax	1,018

Sewer Connection Fees	6,300
Sewer Application Fees	500
Sewer Other Misc revenue	900

Total Sewer Fund Revenues	534,215
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Community Preservation Tax	216,421
Community Preservation Interest & Penalties	1,015
Community Preservation State Funds	151,693
Community Preservation Investment Income	16,103

Total Community Preservation Revenues	385,232
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Expenses

Year ending June 30, 2021

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator	
Salary	242
Dues/Subscriptions	<u>20</u>
	262

Selectmen	
Salaries	58,642
Proj. Engineering Services	14,037
Advertising	8,001
Litigation	60,506
Postage	4,847
Cable Advisory	0
Economic Development	4,800
Other Expenses	2,350
Meetings/Travel	1,550
Dues & Memberships	<u>1,210</u>
	155,942

Town Administrator	
Salary	135,431
Postage Meter Rental	2,465
Office Supplies	1,280
School/Training	0
Prior yr carry fwd	<u>750</u>
	139,926

Town Offices	
Salary	92,924
Fuel	10,281
Building Repairs	91,745
Uniform	180

Chime Tower Engr	10,675
Maint. Contracts	17,563
Janitorial Supplies	3,247
Gas/Diesel	689
Dues/subscriptions	0
School/Training	0
HVAC	4,443
Site Improvements	5,000
Purchase Equipment	4,293
Prior yr carry fwd	<u>0</u>
	241,040
Finance Committee	
Meetings/Travel	0
Dues & Subscriptions	<u>147</u>
	147
Reserve Fund	
Green Comm & 604b Grants	<u>0</u>
	0
Town Accountant	
Salary	42,297
Postage	50
Audit	19,461
Office Supplies	312
Other Charges & Expenses	40
Meetings/In-State Travel	0
Dues/Subscriptions	100
School/Training	126
Municipal Group Purchasing	800
Prior yr carry fwd	<u>0</u>
	63,186
Assessors	
Salaries	109,877
Appraisal Svcs	0
Postage	400
Office Supplies	354
Meetings/Travel	1,149
Dues & Subscriptions	<u>1,710</u>
	113,489
Treasurer/Collector	
Salaries	106,865
Service	4,741
Payroll Service	5,622
Postage	4,000
Tax title fees	317

Office Supplies	1,935
Forms	990
Other chgs/exp	139
Meetings/Travel	0
Dues/Subscriptions	130
School/Training	40
Interest on refunded tax	370
Purchase Equipment	<u>489</u>
	125,640
Town Counsel	
Retainer	14,195
Legal Expenses	<u>0</u>
	14,195
Town Clerk	
Salary	46,761
Printing	416
Postage	500
Supplies	270
Meetings/Travel	700
Dues/Subscriptions	190
School/training	0
Purchase Equipment	<u>0</u>
	48,838
Elections & Registration	
Salaries	6,446
Repairs/Maint. Equipment	200
Printing	34
Postage	1,700
Voting Machine Ballots	6,000
Supplies	2,181
Forms	0
Other charges/ expenses	486
Purchase Equipment	<u>0</u>
	17,047
Conservation Commission	
Salary	9,000
Postage	0
Legal Advertising	2,029
Office Supplies	9
Dues/Subscriptions	203
School/Training	0
Gould Meadows-maintenance	<u>6,127</u>
	17,368

Planning Board	
Salary	6,253
Advertising	3,459
Postage	500
Supplies	40
Training Costs	<u>110</u>
	10,362
Zoning Board	
Other charges/exp	<u>9</u>
	9
Town Meeting Articles	
Bylaw Consultant	2,274
Legal-Rest River	33,820
Housatonic RR Fees	338
Tourism development	0
ATM5-21-18A#18 Prog for PILOT	0
ATM5-20-19A#8 OSHA Reg Upgrades	18,000
ATM5-20-19A#9 Upgrades Twn Beach	1,973
Town Offices security upgrade	1,031
Beach House Roof/Skylights	0
Contingency-FY16-Channel Dredging	0
ATM7-25-20A#18 PLNG BRD CNSLTN	21,892
Contingency-FY17-Channel Dredging	<u>0</u>
	79,329
Procter Hall	
Building Repairs	<u>680</u>
	680
Town Electricity	<u>50,398</u>
	50,398
Town Report	<u>8,088</u>
	8,088
Computer Technology	
Telecommunication	28,923
Computer Service Contracts	63,463
Outside Prof Services	30,580
Computer Supplies	8,815
Purchase Equipment	6,186
Purchase Computers	575
Purchase Software	0
Prior yr carry fwd	<u>0</u>
	138,541
Total General Government Expenses	<u>1,224,486</u>

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police

Salaries	707,678
Repairs: Radio	54
Vehicle repairs/maint	8,578
Uniforms	10,848
Postage	500
Communications	15,991
Supplies	6,173
Gasoline	13,591
Accreditation Exp	975
Meetings/Travel	94
Dues/Subscriptions	3,148
School/Training	4,764
Purchase of Equipment	15,500
Police Vehicle	35,733
Prior yr carry fwd	<u>0</u>
	823,628

Police Town Meeting Articles

ATM5-21-18A#16 Bullet Prf Vat	<u>0</u>
	0

Fire

Salaries	82,570
Fuel	5,980
Equip Repair/Maint	8,674
Vehicle Repairs/maint	61,000
Building repairs	9,095
Uniforms	732
Janitorial Supplies	2,039
SCBA Related Expenses	2,968
Inspection Expense	1,884
Gasoline	3,671
School/training	3,754
Purchase Replacement Equip	<u>5,884</u>
	188,251

Fire Truck	<u>0</u>
	0

Emergency Medical Response

School/Training	1,763
Purchase Equip	<u>11,106</u>
	12,869

Ambulance service	
Lee Ambulance	197,476
Lenox Ambulance	<u>54,929</u>
	252,405
Animal Control Officer	
Salary	5,691
Veterinary Chgs.	0
Supplies	0
Other Charges & Expenses	156
Kennel Operation	<u>0</u>
	5,847
Building Inspector	
Salaries	72,486
Office Supplies	374
Other Charges & Expenses	175
Meetings/Travel	1,063
Dues/Subscriptions	<u>435</u>
	74,533
Gas Inspector	
Salaries	1,495
Other Charges & Expenses	<u>0</u>
	1,495
Plumbing Inspector	
Salaries	6,315
Other Charges & Expenses	<u>0</u>
	6,315
Electrical Inspector	
Salaries	7,162
Service	0
Other Charges & Expenses	<u>847</u>
	8,009
Emergency Management	
Salary	3,721
Repairs/Maintenance	0
Notification System	1,500
Uniforms	200
Emergency Planning	500
Other Charges & Expenses	115
School/Training	0
Purchase Equipment	<u>5,838</u>
	11,874
Tree Warden	
Salary	2,180
Tree Removals	41,735

Forestry	744
Planting, Feeding	5,615
Other Charges/Exp	897
Prior yr carryover	<u>0</u>
	51,171
Total Public Safety Expenses	1,436,398

EDUCATION

Berkshire Hills Regional School District	
Assessment	2,856,577
Construction	83,986
Total Education Expense	2,940,563

PUBLIC WORKS

Highway Town Meeting Articles	
Ch90 Road Reconstruction	31,296
Dam Repairs	5,587
Hazardous Waste	0
Cemetery Trees	0
ATM5-20-19A#7 Averic Bridge Engr	43,558
ATM5-20-19A#15 Cons&Engr For S	51,847
ATM5-20-19A#18 Highway Garage	<u>320,608</u>
	452,896
Highway Department	
Salaries	316,614
Fuel	8,277
Repairs/Maintenance Equipment	10,667
Repairs-Radio	0
Building Repairs	769
Engineering Services	2,913
Rentals	0
Uniforms	1,831
Office Supplies	362
Harvester exp.	2,137
Gravel roads	20,396
Sidewalks	0
Roads	61,877
Licenses	235
CDL Drug Testing	0
Woodwaste	2,772
Training	205
Prior yr carry fwd	<u>0</u>
	429,0550

Snow and Ice	
Expenses	<u>90,248</u>
	90,248
Street Lights	
Electricity	<u>49,441</u>
	49,441
Highway Machinery	
Vehicle Repairs	46,593
Rental	5,815
Supplies	7,451
Gasoline	22,957
Tires	3,324
Plow Blades	1,608
Safety equip	<u>837</u>
	88,586
Glendale Solar/Cell Prop	
Mowing & Maintenance	<u>5,400</u>
	5,400
Compactor	
Salaries	54,443
Repairs	1,978
Hauling	<u>144,025</u>
	200,446
Hydrant Rental	
Housatonic	<u>2,250</u>
	2,250
Cemetery	
Salaries	17,559
Repairs/Maint-Equip	196
Repairs/Maint-Mowers	1,565
Supplies	329
Fuel	164
Mowers/Trimmers	<u>1,355</u>
	21,167
Total Public Works Expenses	<u>1,339,489</u>

PUBLIC HEALTH

Board of Health	
Salaries	842
Meetings/Travel	0
Dues/Subscriptions	<u>0</u>
	842

Tri-Town Health Officer	<u>96,060</u>	
	96,060	
Lee Visiting Nurse/Porchlight	<u>625</u>	
	625	
Mental Health & Substance Abuse Svc.	<u>0</u>	
	0	
Council on Aging		
Salaries	27,385	
Repairs/Maint-Vehicle	105	
Postage	0	
Recreation	370	
Supplies	107	
Meetings/Travel	0	
Dues/Subscriptions	0	
Purchase Equipment	<u>0</u>	
	27,967	
Veterans' Services		
District Service	8,522	
Benefits	<u>24,261</u>	
	32,783	
Total Public Health Expenses		158,277

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	20,236	
Water	729	
Repairs/Maintenance	6,992	
Special Needs Recreation	0	
Supplies	1,126	
Site Improvements	2,600	
Dock Maintenance	1,471	
Purchase Equip	<u>76</u>	
	33,231	

Stockbridge Bowl Boat Monitors	
Boatmonitors	<u>14,886</u>
	14,886
Historical Commission	
Consulting/Advisory	0
Office Supplies	0
Supplies	0
Meetings/Travel	<u>0</u>
	0
Memorial Day Committee	
Grave Markers	1,608
Other Charges & Expenses	<u>100</u>
	1,7089
Historic District Committee	
Other Charges/Exepnses	<u>0</u>
	0
Historic Preserv Commission	
Other Charges/Exepnses	<u>0</u>
	0
Total Culture & Recreation Expenses	284,682

DEBT SERVICE

Admin Fees	8,947
Debt Princ - Sewer Expansion	379,566
Debt Int - Sewer Expansion	11,299
Debt Princ - Water Treatment	60,000
Debt Int - Water Treatment	9,600
Debt Princ - Town Offices	360,000
Debt Int - Town Offices	57,150
Debt Princ - Water Tank & Update	119,341
Debt Int - Water Tank & Update	27,832
Debt Princ - Waterlines/Tank	76,273
Debt Int - Waterlines/Tank	31,207
Debt Princ - Hwy Bridges	115,000
Debt Int - Hwy Bridges	68,700
Debt Princ - Hwy Garage	110,000
Debt Int - Hwy Garage	67,663
Debt Princ - Fire Truck	50,000
Debt Int - Fire Truck	<u>2,909</u>
	1,555,485
Total Debt Service Expenses	1,555,485

STATE AND COUNTY CHARGES

State Assessments	
Motor Vehicle Excise	1,160
Mosquito Control	38,265
Air Pollution Control District	1,200
Berkshire Regional Transit Auth.	44,294
State Strap Assessment	<u>0</u>
	84,919
Total State & County Charges	84,919

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Retirement Benefits	
Assessment	<u>391,507</u>
	391,507
Employee Insurance	
Med/FICA(Town Portion)	30,578
Life Insurance	2,896
Health Insurance	392,025
Employee Ins Reimbursement	<u>11,667</u>
	437,165
Insurance	
Insurance Coverage	115,111
Police/Volunteer Firemen's	40,794
Ins. Deductible	<u>2,500</u>
	158,405
TRSFR to Stabilization	
ATM Special Article	<u>1,000,000</u>
	1,000,000
Tax Refunds/Other Expense	
Personal Property	2,392
Real Estate	18,922
Motor Vehicle	7,191
Other Revenue refunded	7,936
Berkshire Regional Planning	<u>1,551</u>
	37,993
Total Miscellaneous Expenses	2,025,070

TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	11,049,368
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WATER DEPARTMENT

Salaries	117,215
Electricity	30,355
Heating Fuel	1,994
Telephone/Alarms	3,123
Repairs/Maint Equipment	22,532
Repairs Radio	0
Repairs Vehicles	1,374
Uniforms	610
Pumping Station	2,168
Water Testing	6,546
Postage	800
Forestry	600
Generator Service	2,398
Meters	758
Office Supplies	645
Supplies	8,938
Gasoline	1,587
Chemicals	12,500
Annual Watermain Mowing	4,069
SDWA Assessment	595
Intermunicipal Agreements	219
School/Training	1,823
Pipeline Replacement	22,417
Purchase of Safety Equipment	<u>208</u>
	243,473
Water Town Meeting Articles	
Water Mn Repl	0
ATM7-25-20A#20 Curtisville BR	142,359
High Lift Pump	<u>0</u>
	142,359
Water Refunds	<u>0</u>
	0
Total Water Expense	385,832

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Salaries	117,665
Electricity	55,110
Fuel Oil	401
Telephone/Alarms	12,546
Repairs/Maintenance Equipment	5,824
Repairs Vehicles	6,683
Maintenance Contracts	8,221
Uniforms	1,640
Sludge Hauling	64,451
Postage	1,000
Supplies	15,391
Ultraviolet Light Bulbs	0
Gasoline/diesel	2,631
Intermunicipal Agreements	358
School/Training	1,373
Purchase of Safety Equipment	161
Prior yr carry fwd	<u>0</u>
	293,455
Sewer Town Meeting Articles	
Park St Pump Sta-Engineer/Design	8,420
ATM7-25-20A#20 Curtis Ville BR	<u>140,000</u>
	148,420
Sewer Refunds	<u>0</u>
	0
Total Sewer Expense	441,875

Board of Assessors

The tax rate of \$9.38 for Fiscal Year 2022 was set and approved on October 20, 2021. This represents a \$0.40 decrease from the Fiscal Year 2021 tax rate of \$9.78.

Listed below are figures used on the Tax Recapitulation for Fiscal Year 2022 & Previous Fiscal Year 2021:

	FY2022	FY2021
Total Amount to be Raised	\$ 11,956,688.94	\$ 12,412,275.71
Total Estimated Receipts and other Revenue Sources	2,667,810.00	3,262,215.00
Tax Levy (net amount to be raised by taxation)	\$ 9,288,878.94	\$ 9,150,060.71
Real Property Valuations	\$ 943,245,720.00	\$ 895,312,420.00
Personal Property Valuations	47,039,882.00	40,276,609.00
Total Valuation	\$ 990,285,602.00	\$ 935,589,029.00
Total Number of Parcels, Real Estate	1,768	1,763
Total Number of Personal Property Assessments	782	776
Total Number of Parcels, Exempt	157	158

Listed below are figures used on the LA-13 Tax Levy Growth for Fiscal Year 2022 & Previous Fiscal Year 2021:

Total Real & Personal Property		
Tax Growth Valuation	\$ 6,909,120.00	\$ 6,290,115.00
Total Real & Personal Tax Levy Growth	\$ 67,572.00	\$ 62,084.00

Listed Below are figures used on the LA-5 Classification Tax Allocation for Fiscal Year 2022 & Previous Fiscal Year 2021:

Excess Levy Capacity	\$ 1,491,599.06	\$ 1,454,369.29
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In Fiscal Year 2022, the Assessor's Office conducted state mandated interim-year adjustments to property values using market data from calendar year 2020.

Adjustments were made accordingly to the assessed valuations based on the sales analysis studies conducted in 2021.

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, 2021. The individual reports provided are listed below:

Treasurer's Cash Report

Receipts for the Year Ending 6/30/21

Debt Summary

Tax Collector Reconciliation

Respectfully submitted,

ERICKA OLESON & CHRISTINE GORETTI

Office of the Treasurer/Collector

Treasurer's Cash Report

June 30, 2021

Treasurer's Cash:

Berkshire Bank Checking	\$46,287.12
Berkshire Bank NOW Money Market	\$300,529.78
Berkshire Bank Reserve	\$666,607.67
Adams Community Bank - Arts Lottery	\$6,274.37
Adams Community Bank - CPA	\$1,964,420.46
Adams Community Bank - Elderly	\$15,486.80
Adams Community Bank - Ch 44, Sec 53G	\$11,037.25
Adams Community Bank - ARPA	\$98,915.83
Adams Community Bank - Deposits/Receipts	\$54,670.89
Adams Community Bank MM	\$4,609,109.97
Lee Bank - Proctor Hall	\$8,453.86
Lee Bank - Town Clerk	\$100.00
MMDT	\$445,226.66
Berkshire Bank - Payroll	\$32,907.99
UniBank - Payroll	\$42,651.59
UniBank - Vendor	(\$265,280.13)
UniBank - Building Commissioner	\$77,539.16
UniBank -Town Clerk	\$18,672.31
Total Treasurer's Cash	\$8,133,611.58

Stabilization Fund:

Bartholomew & Company	\$2,363,308.63
Total Stabilization Fund	\$2,363,308.63

Cemetery Trust Fund:

Bartholomew & Company	\$412,454.03
Total Cemetery Trust Fund	\$412,454.03

Custodial Accounts:

Bartholomew & Company (Trust Funds-5 Accounts)	\$54,436.20
SRBTF-OPEB Funds	\$3,834,853.00
Total Custodial Accounts	\$3,889,289.20

TOTAL TREASURER'S INVESTMENTS

\$14,798,663.44

CUSTODIAL ACCOUNTS (Detail)

Conservation Fund:		
Beginning Balance	\$24,401.67	
Interest	\$74.43	
Ending Balance		\$24,476.10
D.D. Field Chime Tower Fund:		
Beginning Balance	\$1,829.40	
Interest	\$5.59	
Ending Balance		\$1,834.99
Stockbridge Bowl Fund:		
Beginning Balance	\$1,284.05	
Interest	\$3.89	
Ending Balance		\$1,287.94
War Memorial Fund:		
Beginning Balance	\$1,343.68	
Interest	\$4.11	
Ending Balance		\$1,347.79
Merwin Trust:		
Beginning Balance	\$25,411.87	
Interest	\$77.51	
Ending Balance		\$25,489.38
SRBTF-OPEB Funds		
Beginning Balance	\$2,963,521.46	
Net Gains/Losses	\$871,331.54	
Transfers	\$0.00	
Ending Balance		\$3,834,853.00
<hr/> TOTAL CUSTODIAL FUNDS		\$3,889,289.20

Receipts For The Year Ending 6/30/21

Real Estate Tax:

FY2017	7,695.89
FY2017 CPA	146.14
FY2018	11,795.00
FY2018 CPA	-362.26
FY2019	25,149.86
FY2019 CPA	496.23
FY2020	322,731.27
FY2020 CPA	7,002.56
FY2021	8,534,239.06
FY2021 CPA	209,241.42

Total Real Estate:	9,118,135.17
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Personal Property Tax:

FY2017	1.00
FY2018	125.89
FY2019	350.87
FY2020	2,561.67
FY2021	390,960.96

Total Personal Property Tax:	394,000.39
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Motor Vehicle Tax:

FY2010	67.50
FY2014	45.83
FY2015	43.13
FY2016	313.54
FY2017	183.75
FY2018	296.24
FY2019	1,233.47
FY2020	53,377.58
FY2021	266,602.35

Total Motor Vehicle:	322,163.39
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Utility Receipts:

Water Receipts:

FY2020 Water User Charges	670.86
FY2021 Water User Charges	353,454.42
FY2021 Hydrant Charges	4,996.83
FY2021 Backflow Billings Paid	4,550.00
Fire Service Connection Fees	4,450.00
Water Misc. Fees	26,105.05

Total Water Receipts:	342,770
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Sewer Receipts:

FY2020 Sewer User Charges	868.87
FY2021 Sewer User Charges	521,412.40
Sewer App/Connection Fees	6,800.00
Sewer Misc. Fees	900.00

Total Sewer Receipts:	529,981.27
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Total Utility Receipts:	924,208.43
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Payment in Lieu of Taxes:

Tavitian Foundation	12,539.51
Tax Auction – 6 Castle Hill Road RE Taxes	727.52
Austen Riggs	16,000.00
Stockbridge Housing	839.52
Riverbrook	2,000.00
St. Paul's	500.00
Berkshire Taconic Comm	1,000.00

Total Payment in Lieu of Taxes:	33,606.55
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Other:

Aid to Elderly and Disabled	5,912.13
Tri-Town Board of Health	35,670.00
Compactor User Fees	26,870.00
Municipal Lien Certificates	4,975.00
Deputy Collector Fees- MV	3,823.00
Tax Foreclosure Revenue	91,000.00
Int & Demand - Real Estate & Personal Property	47,026.77
Int & Demand - CPA	1,019.43
Int & Penalties - Motor Vehicles	8,004.44
Int & Demand - Water & Sewer	5,829.81

Total Other:	230,130.58
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TOTAL RECEIPTS:	<u>11,022,244.51</u>
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Tax Collector Reconciliation Review

FY'21	Prior Year Ending Balance	Add Commitments	Less Collections	Less Abtements/ Exemptions	Add Refunds	Transfers	Uncollected Tax
Sewer/Water							
2021		\$889,941.92	\$(872,286.98)	\$(14,746.73)			\$2,908.21
2020	\$12,115.23		\$(9,116.40)			\$(2,998.83)	-
Real Estate							
2021		\$8,756,155.53	\$(8,534,239.06)	\$(26,078.23)	\$4,323.50		\$200,161.74
2020	\$383,017.73		\$(324,247.30)		\$14,604.34	\$(28,301.23)	\$45,073.54
2019	\$35,755.86		\$(23,753.29)	\$(1,486.70)		\$(6,910.69)	\$3,605.18
2018	\$14,147.73		\$(11,795.00)			\$(1,874.49)	\$478.24
2017	\$7,695.89		\$(7,695.89)				\$ -
CPA							
2021		\$214,967.39	\$(209,241.42)	\$(713.65)	\$115.04		\$5,127.36
2020	\$8,526.62		\$(7,033.24)		\$(5.39)	\$(590.19)	\$897.80
2019	\$690.83		\$(466.92)			\$(176.93)	\$46.98
2018	\$(362.26)		\$362.26				\$-
2017	\$146.14		\$(146.14)				\$-

FY'21	Prior Year Ending Balance	Add Commitments	Less Collections	Less Abtements/ Exemptions	Add Refunds	Transfers	Uncollected Tax
Personal Property							
2021		\$393,905.19	\$(390,960.96)	\$(355.03)	\$80.21		\$2,669.41
2020	\$3,503.26		\$(2,561.67)	\$(677.97)	\$730.54		\$994.16
2019	\$791.56		\$(350.87)	\$(766.43)	\$766.43		\$440.69
2018	\$331.66		\$(125.89)	\$(814.66)	\$814.66		\$205.77
2017	\$136.80						\$135.80
2016	\$145.10						\$145.10
2015	\$-						\$-
2014	\$-						\$-
2013	\$66.56						\$66.56
Motor Vehicle Excise							
2021		\$326,079.23	\$(266,602.35)	\$(3,543.05)	\$2,893.05		\$58,826.88
2020	\$17,257.72	\$38,358.73	\$(53,377.58)	\$(3,322.76)	\$3,437.17		\$2,353.28
2019	\$2,813.91		\$(1,233.47)	\$(360.32)	\$664.69		\$1,884.81
2018	\$1,737.59		\$(296.24)				\$1,441.35
2017	\$1,354.89		\$(183.75)		\$32.92		\$1,204.06
2016	\$1,384.78		\$(293.54)				\$1,091.24
2015	\$1,506.28		\$(42.73)				\$1,463.55
2014	\$1,001.04		\$(45.83)				\$955.21
2013	\$699.69						\$699.69
2012	\$(131.25)				\$131.25		\$-

FY'21 Debt Summary

DEBT	Outstanding July 1, 2020	+ New Debt Issued	- Retirements	Outstanding June 30, 2021	Interest Paid in FY'21
11/01/03 Sewer CW-02-30-A	\$1,000,000.00	\$ -	\$240,000.00	\$760,000.00	\$7,011.87
11/01/03 Sewer CW-02-30-B	\$605,000.00	\$ -	\$145,000.00	\$460,000.00	\$4,287.24
09/04/13 Building Remodeling - Municipal	\$2,085,000.00	\$ -	\$360,000.00	\$1,725,000.00	\$57,150.00
06/15/17 Surface Drains	\$175,000.00	\$ -	\$10,000.00	\$165,000.00	\$5,137.50
06/15/17 Bridges	\$1,670,000.00	\$ -	\$80,000.00	\$1,590,000.00	\$49,387.50
06/15/17 Roads	\$175,000.00	\$ -	\$10,000.00	\$165,000.00	\$5,137.50
06/15/17 Engineering Services	\$270,000.00	\$ -	\$10,000.00	\$260,000.00	\$8,000.00
05/22/18 Building Construction - Highway	\$2,070,000.00	\$ -	\$115,000.00	\$1,955,000.00	\$68,700.00
06/06/12 Water DWS-08-23 REFUNDING	\$1,451,250.85	\$ -	\$119,340.90	\$1,331,909.95	\$27,831.61
09/04/13 Water Treatment Facility	\$350,000.00	\$ -	\$60,000.00	\$290,000.00	\$9,600.00
06/15/20 Water Storage Tank DW-15-08 REFUNDING	\$1,548,569.00	\$-	\$76,273.29	\$1,472,295.71	\$31,206.51
09/24/21 Fire Truck	\$150,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$2,908.75

Finance Committee

To the Honorable Select Board and Citizens of Stockbridge:

The financial operating results for Fiscal Year 2021 were satisfactory. All Town Departments, again, exercised commendable fiscal discipline and compliance with their adopted budgets.

The Tax Rate for Fiscal 2021 was \$9.78 a decrease of \$.09 from Fiscal Year 2020.

The Certified Balance of Free Cash was \$ 1,851,487.00. At the Annual Town Meeting on June 12, 2021, in an effort to minimize an increase to the Tax Levy, the following amounts of Free Cash were voted for designation to a number of important purposes. Highlights include:

\$40,000.00 for planning and zoning professional consulting services, \$35,000.00 for Stockbridge Bowl water testing consultants, \$50,000.00 for funding the Other Post Retirement Benefit (OPEB) Trust, \$70,000.00 for Ice Glen tree monitoring and treatment,

\$95,000.00 for site maintenance and upgrades to the Town's tennis and basketball courts, and \$135,000.00 for the purpose of fully funding the Larrywaug Bridge project. The total balance of certified, unspent Free Cash including the previously mentioned reductions was \$1,368,487.00.

The total bond indebtedness at the close of Fiscal Year 2021 was \$10,274,206.00.

At the Annual Town Meeting, several large expenditures were approved for FY 2022 including:

BHRSD Assessment	\$3,072,350.00
BHRSD Capital.....	\$85,865.00
Chime Tower Restoration.....	\$600,000.00
Park Street Pump Station Replacement	\$720,000.00
Stockbridge Housing Trust Funding.....	\$100,000.00
Tuckerman's Bridge Water Main Engineering.....	\$38,000.00

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

Respectfully Submitted,

JAY BIKOFSKY, Chairman

JAMES BALFANZ

DIANE REUSS

PAMELA BOUDREAU

STEVE SHATZ

NEIL HOLDEN

WILLIAM VOGT

TOWN WARRANT

MOTIONS

STOCKBRIDGE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

June 12, 2021

*Moderator Gary Johnston was unable to attend the meeting, Town Clerk Teresa Iemolini opened the meeting and asked for Nominations for a Temporary Moderator to run the meeting. Steven Shatz was nominated and seconded, Charles Kenny was nominated but refused the nomination as did Teresa Iemolini. Seeing no other Nominations Steven Shatz was sworn in as Temporary Moderator for the June 12, 2021 Stockbridge Annual Town Meeting, he then took over the meeting and declared that he was changing the order of the Warrant, Articles 46-51 would be voted on after Article 6.

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

VOTE: YES - 144 NO - 5

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 - 146 NO - 1

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, 2021 as follows:

Moderator	\$ 242
Select Board	
Chair	\$ 5,552
2 Members @ \$4,545	\$ 9,090
Town Clerk	\$46,356
Board of Assessors	
Chair	\$ 3,987
2 Members @ \$3,193	\$ 6,386
Tree Warden	\$ 2,208
VOTE:	YES - 151 NO - 3

ARTICLE 4. I move that the Town raise and appropriate a sum of \$7,554,952 to defray the expenses of the various departments of the Town for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021, in accordance with the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

VOTE: YES - 158 NO - 5

ARTICLE 5. I move that the Town raise and appropriate a sum of \$3,072,350 for the assessment of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District.

VOTE: YES -154 NO - 6

ARTICLE 6. I move that the Town raise and appropriate a sum of \$85,865 to pay the Town's share of the principal and interest due in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021, for the financing of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District's school building construction projects.

VOTE: YES – 151 NO - 9

ARTICLE 46. I move that the Town amend the General Bylaws by:

- (1) striking Article VI, Section 4 (dog restraint); and
- (2) amending Article XXIII to read as set forth in the Warrant Article 46:

AMENDMENT: Section 8 (b): Not later than (2) two **business** days after the impounding of any dog by the animal control officer, the owner or keeper of the dog shall be notified, or if the owner or keeper of the dog is unknown, or, after reasonable efforts, is not contacted, **written notice shall then be posted by the animal control officer for ten (10) consecutive business days in the location for the posting of notices in the Town Hall and on the town website, which notice shall describe the dog, include a photo of the dog and the place and time of taking. A notice shall also be posted online at the public facebook page Missing Pets of Berkshire County by the animal control officer and the Berkshire Humane Society and Sonsini Animal Shelter shall be contacted with the goal of locating the owner or keeper of the dog. A licensed veterinarian with a chip reader shall check for dog ownership. Prior to the end of said ten-business day period....**

3) add **"business"** after ten (10).....

d) **A licensed veterinarian shall be consulted by the animal control officer in cases involving euthanasia except in emergencies. Dogs impounded and unclaimed by the owner or keeper after the end of said ten-business day period shall be rehomed, if at all possible, in conjunction with an evaluation by a licensed veterinarian and animal rehabilitator. Only after documented efforts to rehome a dog shall a dog be sent to a no-kill animal shelter.**

VOTE: YES -138 NO – 19

As Amended:

VOTE: YES- 146 NO - 11

ARTICLE 47. I move that the Town amend the General Bylaws by adding a new Article XXVII as set forth in the Warrant Article 47 so as to create a Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Commission to protect and preserve Stockbridge Bowl (Lake Mahkeenac), its watershed and ecosystem for future generations.

VOTE: YES -146 NO – 11

ARTICLE 48. I move that the Town amend the General Bylaws by adding a new Article XXVIII as set forth in the Warrant Article 48 so as to address the regulation of Building Numbering as defined in MGL, Chapter 148, Section 59 to ensure first responders correctly identify a building’s location in the event of an emergency.

AMENDMENT: To strike “shall be mounted on steel or wood post measuring 4”x 4”

VOTE: YES - 149 NO – 11

As Amended:

VOTE: YES- 122 NO - 28

ARTICLE 49. I move that the Town amend the General Bylaws by adding a new Article XXIX as set forth in the Warrant Article 49 to address Wildlife Feeding to protect the health and welfare of both people and wildlife by prohibiting the feeding or attracting of wildlife.

AMENDMENT: Insert “nuisance” before wildlife define “nuisance” as likely to lead to complaint or already having caused complaint.

VOTE: YES -131 NO – 24

As Amended:

VOTE: YES – 139 NO - 23

ARTICLE 50. I move that the Town amend the General Bylaws by adding a new Article XXX as set forth in the Warrant Article 50 adding a Right to Farm Bylaw to encourage the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands within the Town of Stockbridge.

AMENDMENT: Section 1. This By-law shall apply to all jurisdictional areas within the Town. **This bylaw shall not be interpreted to exempt anyone engaged in farming from any law, regulation or any other restriction on the use and application of pesticides, herbicides or “GMO” substances.**

VOTE: YES -102 NO - 46

As Amended:

VOTE: YES – 135 NO - 17

ARTICLE 51. I move that the Town amend the General Bylaws by adding a new Article XXXI as set forth in the Warrant Article 51 to address the regulation of Short-Term Rentals as defined in MGL, Part I, Title IX, Chapter 64G, Section 1 to ensure observance of health and safety standards and compliance with applicable MGL.

VOTE: YES -120 NO – 11

ARTICLE 52. I move that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaws Table of Use Regulation 4.11. (A) Principle Uses by amending section 4.11.1 and 4.11.2 as set forth in the Warrant Article 52.

AMENDMENT:

- 2. One-family and two-family properties existing as a residential use as of June 12, 2021 are permitted as of right for residential use in perpetuity.
- 3. If, after an eight -month period that includes a reasonable effort to rent or sell a space, a property owner is not able to find a suitable commercial tenant or buyer, said property can be used or sold as a residential dwelling. A reasonable effort shall include notifying the Stockbridge select board and Stockbridge Chamber of Commerce and advertising the space in a generally accepted publication for commercial space.

VOTE: YES – 9 NO – 114

AMENDMENT FAILED

VOTE YES -96 NO – 27

NEEDS TWO-THIRDS VOTE

ARTICLE 53. I move that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaws Section 6.16 Driveway and Common Driveway by amending section 6.16.1 as set forth in the Warrant Article 53.

AMENDMENT: To 6.16.1 section b. after special conditions add” for the public good”.

VOTE: YES – 70 NO - 48

As Amended:

VOTE: YES -100 NO – 16

NEEDS TWO -THIRDS VOTE

ARTICLE 54. I move that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaws Section 6.2 Off-Street Parking Requirements by amending section 6.2.1 to 6.2.6 as set forth in the Warrant Article 54.

NEEDS TWO – THIRDS VOTE

VOTE: YES -56 NO – 53

FAILED - NOT TWO-THIRDS VOTE

MOTION TO AMEND ARTICLES 7-22 TO ONE VOTE AS A SLATE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ARTICLES 20 AND 22:

VOTE: YES-109 NO – 5

ARTICLE 7. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance the sum of **\$34,000** for community housing purposes to be used by the Stockbridge Housing Authority, Heaton Court, for replacement of wood siding on buildings A, C, D, E, F, and G, or take any other action in relation thereto.

VOTE: PASSED

ARTICLE 8. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance the sum of **\$5,000** for historic resources purposes to be used by the Stockbridge Housing Authority for the restoration of the sign at Heaton Court.

VOTE: PASSED

ARTICLE 9. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance the sum of **\$7,270** for historic resources purposes to be used by Naumkeag for the preservation of the Frederick MacMonnies Young Faun & Heron bronze sculpture.

VOTE: PASSED

ARTICLE 10. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance the sum of **\$10,000** for historic resources purposes to be used by Stockbridge Library for the replacement of the HVAC system in the archives.

VOTE: PASSED

ARTICLE 11. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance the sum of **\$15,000** for historic resources purposes to be used by the Berkshire Theatre Festival for the replacement of siding and trim on the Mellen Barn.

VOTE: PASSED

ARTICLE 12. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance for open space and recreation purposes the sum of **\$11,750** to be used by the Friends of Gould Meadows for work at Gould Meadows to preserve open space by removing invasive species, improve recreational walkways and tree work.

VOTE: PASSED

ARTICLE 13. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance the sum of **\$60,000** for historic resources purposes to be used by the Town of Stockbridge for restoration of the Civil War Monument provided that \$30,000 is appropriated from the Historic Preservation Reserve Fund and \$30,000 shall be appropriated from the Community Preservation anticipated annual revenues.

VOTE: PASSED

ARTICLE 14. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance the sum of **\$25,000** for historic resources purposes to be used by the Town of Stockbridge for the restoration of the concrete basin of the Cat and Dog Fountain.

VOTE: PASSED

ARTICLE 15. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance the sum of **\$5,000** for historic resources purposes to be used by the Town of Stockbridge for the restoration of the concrete trough of the Horse Watering Trough.

VOTE: PASSED

ARTICLE 16. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance for historic resources purposes the sum of **\$20,000** to be used by the Stockbridge-Munsee Community for the GIS mapping, deed restriction and preparation for the historic listing for the Stockbridge Munsee Community assessment of the Field Arboretum.

VOTE: PASSED

ARTICLE 17. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance the sum of **\$75,000** for community housing purposes to be used by Pine Woods for reconstruction of the driveway.

VOTE: PASSED

ARTICLE 18. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance the sum of **\$33,000** for community housing purposes to be used by Riverbrook for the installation of an ADA compliant bathroom and elevator.

VOTE: PASSED

ARTICLE 19. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance the sum of **\$17,000** for historic resources purposes to be used by Riverbrook for the installation of a sprinkler system.

VOTE: PASSED

ARTICLE 20. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance the sum of **\$100,000** for community housing purposes to be used by the Town of Stockbridge for the funding of a Stockbridge Housing Trust; provided, however, that such appropriation shall be contingent on the development and approval by Town Meeting of a Stockbridge Housing Trust.

VOTE: YES -99 NO - 10

ARTICLE 21. I move that the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of **\$10,000** for the FY22 CPC Administrative budget.

VOTE: PASSED

ARTICLE 22. I move that the Town reserve, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, \$28000.00 from estimated annual revenues to each of the following reserves: the Historic Resources Reserve, the Affordable Housing Reserve, and the Open Space Reserve from Community Preservation, as required by M.G.L. c.44B, s.6.

VOTE: YES -111 NO - 4

ARTICLE 23. I move that the Town 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.

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION

VOTE: YES – 88 NO-17

VOTE: YES -60 NO – 54

MOTION TO RE-CONSIDER THE VOTE:

VOTE: YES-33 NO -70

MOTION FAILS, VOTE STANDS

ARTICLE 24. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$35,000** from available certified free cash for the purpose of water testing and consultants for the Stockbridge Bowl.

VOTE: YES -97 NO – 5

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

VOTE: YES -87 NO - 14

ARTICLE 27. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$70,000** from available certified free cash for the purpose tree monitoring and treatment within Ice Glen.

VOTE: YES -91 NO – 6

ARTICLE 28. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$8,000** from available certified free cash for the purpose of supporting the work of the Regional School District Planning Board in its study of the financial and educational advisability of options for consolidating the Southern Berkshire Regional School District and the Berkshire Hills Regional School District.

VOTE: YES -87 NO - 7

ARTICLE 29. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$95,000** from available certified free cash for the purpose of site maintenance and upgrades to the Town’s tennis and basketball courts.

VOTE: YES -84 NO - 11

ARTICLE 30. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000** from available certified free cash for the purpose of hiring lighting consultants for upgrading of town streetlights.

VOTE: YES - 83 NO – 5

ARTICLE 31. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$135,000** 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 Larrywaug Bridge project

VOTE: YES – 8 NO - 1

ARTICLE 32. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** from the Cemetery Trust Fund for the purpose of hiring consultants to study and evaluate the restoration of old stones within the cemetery.

VOTE: YES -82 NO – 10

ARTICLE 33. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$12,000** from available Sewer Available Surplus for the purpose of funding an underground camera system.

VOTE: YES -87 NO - 1

ARTICLE 34. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$38,000** from available Water Operations Reserve Funds for the purpose of funding the Tuckerman Bridge water main engineering.

VOTE: YES -84 NO – 0

ARTICLE 35. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$3,690** from available Water Operations Reserve Funds for the purpose of funding the inspection and cleaning of the Quiet Knoll water storage tank.

VOTE: YES -89 NO – 0

ARTICLE 36. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$97,717** from Sewer Available Surplus to provide in Fiscal Year 2021 for a portion of the cost of the debt service payment (principal and interest) of the Sewer System Expansion and Update Project authorized by Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting of April 1, 2002.

VOTE: YES -85 NO - 3

ARTICLE 37. I move that the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$96,918** from Sewer Available Surplus to provide for a portion of the cost of the debt service payment (principal and interest) of the Sewer System Expansion and Update Project authorized by Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting of April 1, 2002.

NEEDS TWO-THIRDS VOTE

VOTE: YES - 83 NO - 0

ARTICLE 38. I move that the sum of **\$600,000** is appropriated to pay costs of restoring the Chime Tower, and all incidental and related costs, to be spent under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of G.L. C.44, §7(1), or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue bonds or notes for this purpose; and further, that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c.44, §20, thereby reducing by a like amount the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs.

NEEDS TWO-THIRDS VOTE

VOTE: YES -80 NO – 11

ARTICLE 39. I move that the sum of **\$145,000** is appropriated to pay costs of purchasing a Highway Department truck with plow and sander, and all incidental and related costs, to be spent under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of G.L. c.44, §7(1), or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue bonds or notes for this purpose; and further, that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c.44, §20, thereby reducing by a like amount the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs.

NEEDS TWO-THIRDS VOTE

VOTE: YES -89 NO - 4

ARTICLE 40. I move that the sum of **\$720,000** is appropriated to pay costs of replacing the Park Street Pump Station, and all incidental and related costs, to be spent under the direction of the Stockbridge Water & Sewer Commission, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of G.L. c.44, §8(5), or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue bonds or notes for this purpose; and further, that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c.44, §20, thereby reducing by a like amount the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs.

NEEDS TWO THIRDS VOTE

VOTE: YES -87 NO - 5

ARTICLE 41. I move that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to request special legislation to create a Beachwood-Lenstock Maintenance District.

VOTE: YES -88 NO - 5

ARTICLE 42. I move that the Town authorize the Select Board to petition the Massachusetts General Court for special legislation, to authorize the Town to return original historic documents in its possession to the Mohican Nation; such legislation in the form as set forth in the Warrant Article 42, provided further that the Select Board is hereby authorized to approve amendments that are within the scope of the objectives of this petition:

VOTE: YES -79 NO - 4

ARTICLE 43. I move that the Town withdraw as a member of the Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project pursuant to Section 4 of Ch. 119 of the Acts of 1982, or other pertinent authority.

VOTE: YES -68 NO – 9

ARTICLE 44. I move that the Town amend its local room occupancy excise under Chapter 64G, Section 3A of the Massachusetts General Laws to the rate of six percent.

VOTE: YES -67 NO – 2

ARTICLE 45. I move that the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 55C of the Massachusetts General Laws to establish a trust to be known as the Stockbridge Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

VOTE: YES -68 NO – 5

ARTICLE 55. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

NO MOTION EXPECTED AT THIS TIME

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

VOTE: YES -73 NO - 0

172 out of 1665 Registered Stockbridge Voters attended the meeting. Catherine Buffoni, Jennifer Carmichael and Nancy Wilcox were on duty at the Check-In table. Electronic clickers were used for the first time to count the votes.

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 Vanvalcumburgs 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.

