

STOCKBRIDGE



ANNUAL REPORT 2019

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



INCORPORATED 1739

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING
December 31, 2019**

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INFORMATION AND OFFICERS

2019 General Information of Town of Stockbridge

Chartered	1737
Incorporated	1739
Population	1919
Registered Voters	1668
Form of Government	Open Town Meeting
Tax Rate	\$9.87
Annual Town Meeting	Third Monday in May

UNITED STATES SENATORS

Elizabeth Warren, Boston Edward Markey, Boston

CONGRESSMAN

Richard E. Neal

STATE SENATOR

Adam Hinds

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

William Smitty Pignatelli

Business Hours of Town Offices

ASSESSORS, BOARD OF

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Monday-Friday

BERKSHIRE HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

7:00 p.m. 2nd Thursday

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

7:00 p.m. 2nd and 4th Tuesday

COUNCIL ON AGING

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday - Friday

FINANCE BOARD

As Necessary

HEALTH, BOARD OF

As Necessary

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

As Necessary

HOUSING AUTHORITY

8:30 a.m. 1st Tuesday of each month
at Heaton Court

PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION

As necessary

PLANNING BOARD

6:30 p.m. 1st and 3rd Tuesday

SELECT BOARD

6:30 p.m. 2nd and 4th Thursday
& 9:00 a.m. 3rd Thursday

TOWN CLERK

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Friday

TOWN TREASURER/COLLECTOR

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon - Wed & Fri.

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday

VETERANS' AGENT

Hours: www.townofgb.org
Great Barrington Town Hall

SEWER and WATER COMMISSION

4:30 p.m. 1st Tuesday

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

As Necessary

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Berkshire Hills Regional School District	298-4017
Monument Mountain	528-3346
Monument Valley Regional Middle School	644-2300
Muddy Brook Regional Elementary	644-2350
Fire Department	
Burning Permits	www.bcburnpermits.com or 298-5562
Glendale Station	298-3242
Hose Company No. 1	298-4866
Interlaken Station	298-4956
Highway Department	298-5506
Police Department	298-4179
Sewer and Water Department	298-4067
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
Town Collector	ext. 253
Treasurer	ext. 252

Town Officers of Stockbridge

Moderator

Gary D. Johnston

Select Board

Terry Flynn
Ernest Cardillo
Roxanne McCaffrey

Board of Assessors

Gary M. Pitney
Douglas Goudey
Thomas Stokes

Tree Warden

Peter L. Curtin, Jr.

Town Clerk

Teresa Iemolini

Board of Health

Charles Kenny
Henry Schwerner
Rae Williams

Sewer and Water Commissioners

Donald C. Schneyer
Thomas Paul Schuler
Peter J. Socha

Planning Board

Gary M. Pitney
Christine Rasmussen
Marie Raftery
William Voght
Wayne Slosek
Kate Fletcher
Nancy Socha

Parks and Recreation

Steven Knopf
Nick Fredsall
Nicole Fairaux

Housing Authority

James Welch
Bernard Edmonds
Dawn Anne Rabinowitz
Andrea Lindsay
Timothy Minkler
Charles Gillett, State Appointee

Regional School Committee

Daniel Weston
Sean Stephen
Jason St. Peter

APPOINTEES AND COMMITTEES

Town Administrator

Mark Webber

Building Inspector

Ned Baldwin

Town Treasurer/Collector

Karen T. Williams

Fire Chief

Vincent Garofoli

Neil Haywood, Deputy

Constables

Darrell Fennelly, Chief

Kirk Nichols, Sergeant

Michael Bourisk

Thomas Rubino

Travis Derby

Shauna Slater

Kyle Kemp

Special Police

Rosario Messina

Caleb Kinnaman

Gas Inspector

Gregory M. Pilling

Plumbing Inspector

Gregory M. Pilling

Wire Inspector

Nicholas Fredsall

Henry Blanchard, Alternate

Animal Inspector

John Drake

Dog Officer

John Drake

Finance Board

Jay Bikofsky, Chairman

William Voght

Neil Holden

Steve Shatz

Jim Balfanz

Diane Heady-Ruess

Accountant

Ray Ellsworth

Highway Superintendent

Leonard Tisdale, Jr.

Principal Assessor

Michael Blay

Town Counsel

J. Raymond Miyares

Board of Registrars

Teresa Iemolini

Jennifer Carmichael

Nancy Clark

Nancy Ann Wilcox

Zoning Board of Appeals

Thomas Schuler

James Murray

Starbuck Smith

John Hyson

Miles Moffatt, Alternate

Eric Plakun, Alternate

Emergency Management

Christopher Marsden

Veterans' Agent

Laurie Hils

Historical Commission

Linda Jackson, Chairman

Maria Carr

Peter Williams

Memorial Day Committee

Harold French

Ron Muir

Fred Coleman

Debra Coleman

Lisa Thorne

Tim Minkler

Keith Raftery

Skip Whalen

Don Coleman

Merrill Sanderson

Cultural Council

Karen Marshall
Andrea Sholler
Mary Flournoy
Rebecca Weinman
Jessica Meagher
Lynn Edelstein
Patrick White
David Epstein
Lionel Delevingne

Berkshire Regional Transit Authority

Jamie Minacci

Berkshire Regional Planning

Nina Ryan, Alternate,
Selectmen appointed

Cable Advisory Committee

Ron Brouker

Green Communities Committee

Laura Dubester, Chairman
Michael Buffoni
Patricia Flinn
Charles Gillett
Pam Sandler
Starbuck Smith
Tom Stokes
Chris Marsden

Community Preservation Committee

Steve Knopf, Parks and Recreation
William Voght, Planning Board
Linda Jackson, Historical Commission
Gary Pitney, Assessors
Jay Bikofsky, Finance Committee
Chuck Gillett, Housing Authority
Carol Owens, Selectmen
Jessi Meagher, Selectmen
Sally Underwood-Miller, Chairman,
Conservation Committee

Conservation Commission

Ronald Broucker
Jamie Minacci
Jay Rhind
Joseph DeGiorgis
John Hart
Patrick White, Alternate
Sally Underwood-Miller, Alternate,
Secretary

Council on Aging

Elizabeth DiGrigoli, Director
Chris McCarthy
Ronald Muir
Nancy O'Brien
Susan Rogers
Diane Sheridan, Chairman

Historic Preservation Committee

Carl Sprague, Chairman
Gary Johnston
Jay Rhind
Jorja Marsden
Peter Williams, Secretary
Pam Sandler

Cemetery Commission

Joe Gardino, Cemetery Consultant
Ernest J. Cardillo, Roxanne
McCaffrey, and Terry Flynn: Board of
Selectmen
Karen Marshall, Laurel Hill Representative
Len Tisdale, Jr., Highway Superintendent
Teresa Iemolini, Town Clerk
Charles Gillett

Elderly and Disabled Committee

Karen Williams
Elizabeth McCormack
Helen McCormick
Gary Pitney
Maria Carr
Tammy Touponce

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT FOR 2019

The Town Clerk's office is the official record keeper for the Town of Stockbridge. Services of the Clerk's office include maintaining all vital records, births, marriages, deaths, burial permits, answering cemetery questions, posting 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 the Town Clerk is responsible for maintaining the election calendar, running all elections, voter registration, residency certifications, the Annual Street List (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.

Continued attendance of classes and conferences offered by the Massachusetts Town Clerk's Association prove valuable in maintaining a level of knowledge that is necessary in meeting the demands of this department.

Vital Statistics

Population	1919
Registered Voters	1668
Number of Births	6
Number of Marriages	14
Number of Deaths	18

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

Raffle Permits Issued	4
Dog Licenses Issued	258

During the year there was only one Annual Town Meeting and one Annual Election.

At the Annual Town meeting on May 20, 2019, 204 out of 1661 Registered Stockbridge voters attended. Voting was strong for the Annual Town Election held on May 21, 2019 548 registered Stockbridge Voters turned out for 33%. Participation.

I would like to recognize and thank all the poll workers whom I could not run my elections or town meetings without. You are all wonderful, I appreciate all of your help on those very long election days and whenever I need you.

Respectfully submitted,
TERESA IEMOLINI,
Town Clerk

GENERAL SERVICES

Selectmen's Report

To the Citizens of Stockbridge:

We are happy to report that over the past nine months we have made good progress in our efforts to run our board's meetings and to administrate the town in a calm, respectful, and business-like way, while still welcoming public input and responding appropriately to the many concerns of the town's residents. We are grateful to our Interim Town Administrator, Mark Webber, and to our administrative assistant Theresa Zanetti, who have been essential to the progress we have made. We are also grateful to all of the town's employees, and to our many volunteer and elected officials and committee members, without whom the town could not function.

Since last June, we have been monitoring many long-standing projects, some of which will be in process for years, and some of which we hope to complete in the coming year.

At our request, DOT conducted two very productive Road Safety Audits, one for the Red Lion Intersection at Main, South, and Pine Streets, and the other at the Firehouse intersection at Main, East, and Vine Streets. The audits generated a variety of possible remedies, and brought clarity to both situations. One immediate result of this audit was the addition of a Do Not Enter sign next to the Red Lion Inn, so motorists would know not to enter the oncoming, northbound travel lanes of Route 7 (South Street). Using other ideas from the Road Safety Audit, and working with our transportation consultant, VHB, we hope to test an option at the Red Lion Inn intersection in the spring of 2020.

The Rockwell Museum is actively developing its plan to create a National Illustration Center in the Old Town Hall. This past fall, the museum's architects and engineers inspected the entire building and found it to be structurally very sound. Beyond the recent repairs we have made to the roof, there should be only modest costs to keep the building safe prior to restoration. At some point, museum officials will make a public presentation of their plans and timeline. It will likely be at least two years before the museum actually purchases the building.

This past summer, we granted a one-year extension to the special permit for the Elm Court project, and we are currently waiting for an updated timeline from the developers.

By the end of 2019, the former Stockbridge Motors had been cleaned of hazardous material, and the town is now free to execute the final steps in taking ownership of the property. This will enable us to develop an approach that will see the property put to good use in the near future.

In the fall, we began to investigate the possibility of the town creating additional parking for the downtown area. Such a project, coupled with potential revisions to our parking by-law, could help bring new energy to our downtown businesses.

With the guidance of the Historical Commission's consultant, Greg Farmer, we have prepared proposals to restore and maintain the Civil War Soldiers Monument, the Children's Chimes and Bell Tower, and the old barn in the town cemetery. We are also exploring plans to enable the highway department to repair the dam and restore the wading pond at Curtis Park in Interlaken.

The lights on the South Street Bridge near the railroad station were repaired, restoring the appearance to the southern gateway to town.

An inspection this summer revealed serious additional deterioration of the Old Curtisville Stone Bridge and wing walls, located below the Stockbridge Bowl's outlet. In response, we have had plans drawn up to rectify the situation. In a related matter, the drainage project on Willard Hill Road, near the Old Curtisville Bridge has been completed, as have associated repairs to private property.

In early Fall 2019, the town implemented Code Red, an emergency alert system which provides more robust functionality at a lower cost than its predecessor.

We had an unfortunate dog attack in 2019, which prompted examination of our Regulation of Dog and Kennels Bylaw (Article XXIII, Section 5). We have identified several shortcomings in this bylaw, and we hope to present to the voters an amendment to improve the bylaw.

As we approach the annual town meeting, it is worth taking a moment to appreciate this town of ours, which, despite urbanizing pressure from the world around us, still provides us with a simple, peaceful, and beautiful environment in which we can share life with others. In 1932, it was this environment that our first zoning ordinances were created to protect. They were passed at a town meeting by a vote of 106-0. Since then, most, if not all of our zoning bylaws were passed by two-thirds votes. They were developed by a long list of talented and intelligent people, who came from diverse professional and commercial backgrounds. While they valued vibrant business activity, they viewed Stockbridge as a community, whose well-being transcended their own or others' personal gain. Hopefully, we will be guided by their legacy, as we make the changes we need in order to enhance the wonderful small-town way of life that keeps so many of us residing here.

Respectfully submitted,
TERRY FLYNN
ERNEST J. CARDILLO
ROXANNE MCCAFFREY

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 2019:

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

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

All full-time roster positions are filled and two of the four reserve positions are filled. We may look to fill those positions in 2020. Former Reserve Officer Hopkins is pursuing opportunities outside of law enforcement. Former Reserve Officer Caleb Kinnaman moved to Utah and completed the POST Utah Police Academy on a full sponsorship from the American Fork Police Department. He is currently a full-time officer with the city of American Fork in Utah.

The Tanglewood season was successful by all standards with no major incidents. With the implementation of the Town's Public Safety Bylaw in mind, we have formed the Tanglewood Public Safety Providers Task Force Group to look at ways to improve public safety at the Tanglewood campus while still maintaining the Tanglewood experience for visitors. The Stockbridge Police Department has partnered with the Lenox Police Department, Berkshire County Sheriff's Department, Massachusetts State Police, County Ambulance and officials from Tanglewood in this endeavor.

We continue to work closely with officials at the Marian Fathers about increasing public safety measures and mitigating traffic during their two large events, Mercy Sunday weekend and Encuentro Latino. The Marians have installed an extensive camera and public address system on their grounds. This will allow us to better monitor the events and communicate emergency instructions to the pilgrims. Extra parking on Eden Hill has reduced the need for satellite parking, which has reduced the need for people to try to circumvent the satellite parking areas by parking in our downtown and surrounding surface streets. While the mass exodus of cars and buses from Eden Hill has increased, the amount of illegal parking and congestion in town throughout the events has greatly decreased.

Naumkeag events this past year have exploded in popularity. Notably the Pumpkin Walk and the Winter Lights display. We have worked hard with Naumkeag Officials to keep Prospect Hill Road clear and safe during these events and we continue to refine our strategy to keep the public safe and to reduce the traffic impact on the neighborhood.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention how The Berkshire County Sheriff's Department has been a huge help to us providing assets and personnel for our larger events such as Tanglewood traffic control, the Marian Fathers events and the annual Botanical Gardens Harvest Festival.

Again, with the collaborative efforts of Barbara Zanetti and the Chamber of Commerce we had two very successful events in the downtown area. The annual Chamber of Commerce Craft Fair and the Main Street at Christmas festivities were very popular and were mostly incident free. Barbara's partnership with the Marian Fathers for the use of their parking lots has made the Main Street at Christmas event so much more manageable. Illegal parking and upset visitors looking for parking for this event have mostly disappeared.

The number of automobile crashes decreased this year from 112 for 2018 to 97 in 2019. Hopefully this trend will continue into 2020.

Speeding remains our number one citizen complaint. Again this year we increased the number of traffic stops from 1251 in 2018 to 1411 in 2019. Glendale Middle Road, Rt. 183, Prospect Hill Road and Hawthorne Street received a great deal of radar enforcement through our Selective Radar Enforcement Program. It is because residents on those streets relayed their concerns to us that we were able to provide added enforcement. I encourage all residents to contact us if they have traffic safety concerns in their neighborhood. We can set up a radar trailer or we will add extra radar patrols.

We did see an increase in reported scam activity. We would like to remind everyone to be careful when receiving suspect telephone calls or strange emails. And if anyone asks you to purchase gift cards for any type of payment please stop and contact us immediately. These scammers can be very convincing and it is easy for people of all ages and types to fall victim to these scams. If you feel you have been a victim or are being victimized by a scammer please call us or contact the Federal Trade Commission's Scam Reporting Division.

In 2019 the members of the Stockbridge Police Department completed 746 hours of training. Some of the training topics included defensive tactics, firearms qualifications, legal updates, mental illness, drugged driving, sexual assault & domestic violence, firearms laws and licensing, securing soft targets, and events incident management training. The wide range of calls that we field are the reasons we are committed to being a proactive law enforcement agency and we will continue to train to become as well rounded a department that can be found in this area.

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

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

Throughout the year and especially during the Holidays our department receives cookies, candies and other goodies from the great people of Stockbridge. Our peers are envious of the generosity we receive in this Town. So, I and everyone here would like to thank you all for your thoughtfulness and kind gestures of appreciation.

It is our goal to provide protection and a sense of security to all residents,

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

Respectfully submitted,



DARRELL G. FENNELLY
Chief of Police

Offenses: National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) & Civil Motor Vehicle Infractions The statistics below include all reported crime, which may later be determined to be unfounded.			
Abuse Prevention Order A&B	1	License to Operate a MV Suspended	21
Alcohol/Open Container	2	License Not in Possession	1
Animal Cruelty	1	Liquor Law Violation/Under 21	1
Assault & Battery	5	LTCs & FIDs Processed	51
Assault & Battery on a Police Officer	1	Malicious Damage to MV	2
Assist Citizens	504	Marked Lanes Violations	7
Assist Other Agencies	70	Medical Calls	174
B & E Building Night Time	1	M/V Homicide by Negligence	1
B & E Misdemeanor	4	Motor Vehicle Theft	2
Credit Card Fraud	1	Operating to Endanger	1
Criminal Harassment	22	OUI Drugs 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Offense	1
Criminal Motor Vehicle Violation	83	OUI Liquor	5
Destruction of Property under \$1200	7	Receiving Stolen Property	1
Destruction of Property over \$1200	1	Reckless/Negligent Operation of M/V	4
Disturbance/Noise Complaint	16	Resisting Arrest	1
Disturbing the Peace/Disorderly	4	Strangulation	2
Domestic Violence	13	Theft from Motor Vehicle	2
Drug/Narcotic Activity	2	Trespass	7
Elder Abuse	1	Uninsured Motor Vehicle	8
Failure to Stop/Move Over	4	Unlicensed Operation of M/V	17
Forgery	4	Unregistered Motor Vehicle	20
Identity Fraud/Impersonation	2	Use of M/V without Authority	1
Larceny from a Building	2	Uttering	4
Larceny from +60 or Disabled	4	Vandalize Property	8
Larceny over \$250	16	Vehicle Registration Suspended	8
Larceny under \$250	8	Well Being Checks	54
Leaving the Scene of Property Damage AC	10	Wildlife/Animal Calls/Dog Bites	122

Motor Vehicle Accidents	97	Alarm Calls	565
Total Traffic Infractions	1411	Open Doors	20
		Parking Tickets	58
Log Entries	16,823		

Fire Department

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

The Fire Department responded to 445 total calls in 2019, including fires, alarm calls, rescues, and other hazardous calls. Firefighters took part in many hours of training, both in-house and through the Massachusetts Fire Academy. 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 203 medical calls and took additional classes to keep their skills updated.

The Fire Department responded to the following emergencies in 2019:

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
100 - Fire, other	1	0.22%
111 - Building fire	1	0.22%
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	1	0.22%
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	2	0.45%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	4	0.90%
320 - Emergency medical service, other	15	3.37%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	184	41.35%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	13	2.92%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	9	2.02%
342 - Search for person in water	1	0.22%
381 - Rescue or EMS standby	1	0.22%
400 - Hazardous condition, other	2	0.45%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	2	0.45%
413 - Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1	0.22%
422 - Chemical spill or leak	1	0.22%
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	6	1.35%
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	1	0.22%
444 - Power line down	7	1.57%
463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1	0.22%
520 - Water problem, other	1	0.22%
522 - Water or steam leak	3	0.67%
542 - Animal rescue	1	0.22%
550 - Public service assistance, other	3	0.67%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	1	0.22%
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	3	0.67%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en-route	14	3.15%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	1	0.22%
700 - False alarm or false call, other	7	1.57%

730 - System malfunction, other	2	0.45%
731 - Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	3	0.67%
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	25	5.62%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	4	0.90%
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	9	2.02%
740 - Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	1	0.22%
741 - Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	3	0.67%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	85	19.10%
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1	0.22%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	10	2.25%
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	15	3.37%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	445	100.00%

We as 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 alarm system that protects your home or business. To make sure these items are up to current Fire Codes they need to be maintained in proper working order and replaced at certain intervals. All smoke detectors in your homes need to be replaced every 10 years and every Carbon Monoxide alarm every 5 to 7 years or at the end of life cycle of the device. Most house fires are preventable. Proper use and cleaning of cooking appliances, periodic cleaning of clothes dryer exhaust piping, annual cleaning of all chimneys that have heating appliances tied into them, only using candles or open flame lamps when you are in the room to supervise them, replacing damaged electrical cords on lamps and other appliances when needed, unplugging all unnecessary appliances and chargers when not in use and keeping all combustible items away from any heat source are all great ways of increasing the Fire Safety in your home. Placing ABC dry chemical Fire Extinguishers in your garage, kitchen, basement and any other areas where wood stoves, oil lamps or candles will be commonly used is another safe guard in protecting yourselves and your property from devastating fires. Another vitally important step in your safety is to make sure your house is clearly labeled with a reflective street number 3 inches tall or taller and visible from the road at the end of your driveway mounted 4 to 6 feet off of the ground. It is very common in the Town of Stockbridge to see several houses in a row without numbers on them and because our numbering system is different than other towns around us, we can't look at the number for the house across the street to help guide us to yours. Most GPS systems can get us to the general area but if that area has several houses without numbers, we will still be wasting valuable time in trying to find your house in an emergency. When we teach the kids in school about Fire Safety, we discuss escape plans with a meeting spot for your family and guests. This may seem silly but it is very important that you plan escape routes with your family and a proper meeting spot because in an emergency it gives you and us a quick and easy way of knowing that everyone is safe and out of the house or building.

In May of 2019 I was appointed as the new Fire Chief. Since my appointment 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 2020. Keep your eye on our stations, equipment and the membership as we

embark on the next chapters of our ever-evolving community service to the Town of Stockbridge.

I would personally like to thank the 15 Officers, Firefighters, and EMTs of the Stockbridge Fire Department for their tireless dedication to the Department and the Town. The Stockbridge Fire Department is always looking for new members to join our ranks. If you are interested please contact the Fire Chief at 413-298-4866 or stop by the Central Fire Station. I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and their Administrative Assistant, the Building Commissioner and his Assistant, Town Accountant, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Stockbridge Police Department, Highway Department, Water Department, Sewer Department and all the neighboring Fire and EMS Services for their continued assistance and support. A very special thank you to the residents and businesses of the Town of Stockbridge for your continued support of the Stockbridge Fire Department.

Respectfully Submitted,
VINCENT JAN GAROFOLI,
Fire Chief

Highway Department

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

Thanks to the dedicated town highway employees, the regular highway activities including repairs to asphalt roads, gravel road overlays, brush cutting, roadside mowing, parks, and cemetery maintenance, machinery maintenance, weed harvesting on Stockbridge Bowl, and snow and ice control went very well.

The Chapter 90 paving project was located on Hawthorne Road, just north of the Indian Road intersection up to the entrance of the new Tanglewood Linde Center. Additionally, all of Hawthorne Street to the Lenox town line were milled, with a new asphalt wearing course installed.

The Larrywaug Bridge located on Route 183 north (Interlaken Road) was published for bidding and is scheduled to be replaced in late spring. The current construction estimate from the engineering firm, BSC Group of Boston indicates a project value of \$2.52 million. Due to the current severe deficiencies rating for this span the engineer has determined that there is no other option but to close the span to traffic until it is replaced. Funding for this bridge includes \$1.5 million through infrastructure grants.

One of the Averic Road bridges (east span) has completed the final MassDOT Chapter 85 design review process and has been approved for replacement. This bridge is currently in the bidding publication process with construction anticipated in early summer, 2020. As with the east bridge, the highway department is in the process of securing grant funding for remaining Averic Road bridge.

Respectfully Submitted,
LEONARD TISDALE, JR.
Highway Superintendent

Sewer & Water Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectman & Citizens of Stockbridge:

The Sewer and Water Commission is charged with managing the Town's sewer and water systems.

Operating the Town's sewer system is under the capable supervision of Sewer Superintendent Tony Campetti. Operation of our water system is under the capable supervision of Water Superintendent Michael Buffoni. Both Superintendents are ably assisted by Mark Viola. 2019 was an active and productive year for the Sewer and Water Departments.

Waste water plant clarifiers one and two were improved. In addition, new surface skimmer arms were fabricated and installed. At the Glendale and Goodrich pump stations trees were cut and pruned around the perimeter fencing.

Also, a new Ford F-350 pick-up was purchased. In addition, the Sewer Department cleaned and inspected approximately one mile of sewer line in the center of Town. Finally, clean-up for the Church Street – Yale Court water main replacement project was completed under the supervision of Mike Buffoni.

Respectfully submitted,
DONALD SCHNEYER, **Chair**
THOMAS P. SCHULER
PETER SOCHA

Parks and Recreation Commission

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town:

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.

Three full-time and two part-time lifeguards were employed by the town who provided monitoring of the safety rules and maintenance of the town beach and facilities during the 2019 season. Water quality at the beach was tested weekly by Tri Town Health with no incidents reported. Pilling Landscaping continued to maintain and improve the Park Street gardens and the landscaping at the town beach.

We received approval for a Special Article for Fiscal Budget Year 2020 to provide funds to make significant upgrades to the town beach, playgrounds and tennis courts. The funds will be used to purchase new equipment and make site improvements at the town beach that includes repaving the beach parking lot. To date we have initiated an engineering study of the beach parking lot, purchased new floating docks for the beach and soccer nets for the Park Street field. We also repaired the lighting at the skate park. Repairs are being made to the canoe launch and it will be ready to use at the same location by the skate park in the Spring of

2020. With generous donations from the Laurel Hill Association and Stockbridge Chamber of Commerce, we have purchased new benches for each of the parks.

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 can be obtained by contacting the Parks and Recreation Committee, where a statement of Rules and Regulations pertaining to the canoe/kayak racks is also available. Permits go on sale the first Monday in April, 2020.

The Commission thanks the head of the Highway Department, Len Tisdale, and his crew for their assistance with maintenance and preparation of the parks and recreation facilities for the summer season, and the efforts of all the volunteers who contribute their efforts toward making the town's parks and recreation facilities first rate.

Respectfully Submitted,
STEVEN KNOPE, Clerk
NICK FREDSELL
NICOLE FAIRAUX

Emergency Management

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

Throughout 2019, Stockbridge Emergency Management has worked to facilitate the continuing process of all-hazards emergency planning for events - both planned and unplanned- within the Town borders. Natural disasters, especially severe storms and flash flooding continue to be the greatest threat to our way of life in Stockbridge. Each year we also assess our preparedness to safely manage potentials associated with mass gatherings from a number of planned events at venues throughout Town. Particular examples are the Josh Billings and the Mercy Weekend events on Eden Hill among others. The process of planning for and mitigating situations either natural or man-made is continual. From an emergency response standpoint these events require thoughtful planning and collaboration among local and regional response disciplines and other resources in order to ensure public safety, while at the same time maintaining and preserving the spirit of the particular event. Stockbridge is lucky to have active involvement of local authorities, private entities, neighboring communities and regional and state agencies involved in this process.

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 attended meetings, classes and drills. The Committees apply for grants that benefit Stockbridge and our neighbor communities and provide a valuable network for resource sharing. Stockbridge is also a part of the Western Massachusetts Regional Homeland Security Council. This group encompasses all four Counties in Western Massachusetts and provides additional planning, training,

financial and technical resources and support to the member communities. The WMRHSC website, www.westernmassready.org is provided to offer assistance to the public for emergency preparedness.

We have continued to participate 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.

In the spring of 2019 construction of the new storm water conveyance system upgrades around the Town offices and Bidwell Park were completed. This project was partially funded with a \$238,570.00 grant from FEMA's F/Y 2016 Pre-Disaster Mitigation program. I wish to thank the staff of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency's Mitigation Unit for support and guidance in helping with the successful pursuit of this grant.

In 2019 the lengthy process of updating the Town's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan was begun. This document is Federally mandated under the Robert T. Stafford Act and is the basis for a community's eligibility for Federal assistance grant funds. The process of updating the plan will continue into 2020 with hopes of a final version being completed around June.

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 communities needs throughout the year.

This year a special thank you and well wishes are owed to Mr. Bruce Augusti on his retirement in November 2019. Bruce had been MEMA's Community Coordinator assigned to our area for the past 20+ years. Bruce's devotion, loyalty and personal attention given to each community which he served gained him many friends and he will truly be missed. Bruce's work is a testament to the agency which he so capably represented for so long. Thank You, Bruce.

Respectfully Submitted,
CHRISTOPHER B. MARSDEN,
Emergency Management Director

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Board of Health

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

This past year the Board undertook its usual tasks and a few new ones.

In response to the cyanobacterial bloom of August 2018, the Board empaneled a task force to formulate and implement strategies to protect the Stockbridge Bowl and its watershed. With the leadership of the Select Board and Finance Committee, and together with Dr. Robert Kortmann and the GZA, a testing program was initiated which discovered a large colony of cyanobacteria in the deeper waters of the Bowl. The task force recommended limiting the area of weed harvesting, and the town complied. The Board has since begun studying other means to prevent another bloom, including new regulations for circumstances when compliance is not so readily forthcoming.

The Board had worked with the boards of health, finance committees, and administrators from Stockbridge, Lee, and Lenox to place the Tri-Town Health Department budget on firm footing and it has paid off, as described in the Tri-Town report. Services are stable and Stockbridge revenues increased by 68% from the previous year.

The Board is looking at substantial mosquito spraying costs and the need for the town to underwrite the whole program. Mosquito control only serves 7 out of 32 towns. Neither Lee nor Lenox finance any spraying. It was impossible for the Board to obtain a reasonable explanation of the basis for the \$30,000 price tag assigned to the town, but the Board will continue to work on it.

Stockbridge also updated local tobacco regulations Restriction the Sale of Tobacco Products which eliminated flavored tobacco and vape products from stores. The vaping epidemic in our young population is real and concerning. Following the updated regulations, the state passed emergency regulations across the entire state eliminating all flavors and restricting them only to adult only shops in December 2019.

The state has predicted that population in the Berkshires will level off for the next 25 years, but the percentage of elderly will increase. Problems faced by the elderly in our community are expected to become more widespread as this happens and the Board is beginning to examine this in order best to prepare for the futur

Respectfully Submitted,
CHARLES KENNY MD, Chair
HENRY SCHWERNER MD, Clerk
CATHY PLAKUN RN (retired)
RAE WILLIAMS RN

Tri-Town Health Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the fiscal year 2019.

Following is a summary of our Public Health Prevention programs:

Title 5 On-Site Wastewater Disposal: In Fiscal Year 2019, we experienced consistent growth in septic systems inspections and permits from the previous year. Due to online permitting, we have been able to fast track a large portion on the applications in order to meet the high-level demand of septic related activities

Food Service Sanitation Program: The required mandate food service inspections are in full compliance with state standards. We continue to see an uptick in the amount of permits/inspections for special events..

Pool & Spa/Public/Semi Public Beaches: Health Inspectors are assigned the task of inspecting, sampling and monitoring public, semi-public pools/spas and bathing beaches. Although somewhat challenging to seasonal businesses, regulation requirements are mandated for all public and semi-public beaches to be permitted by the Board of Health.

Tobacco Awareness Program: The Tobacco Awareness Program was very busy in FY19. The boards of health amended regulations to restrict flavor tobacco products and soon after the Governor passed a comprehensive tobacco bill. We continue to support other boards of health I the county to ensure tobacco compliance is met.

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 FY19, 371 vouchers were sold, and 249 clerks were trained. For more information on the Retailer certification program, please visit www.tritownhealth.org.

Be Well Berkshires/Mass in Motion Grant: Health/Wellness Coordinator(s), Amanda Chilson and Morgan Ovitzky are working diligently with the communities and focusing efforts on community accessibility/walkability, promoting the healthier dining program, supporting the schools on the new nutrition regulations, promoting the safe routes to school program, and working with town planners on complete streets. We continue to receive funding from MDPH to deliver these programs.

Administration:

In fiscal year 2019 we hired Jason Dragonetti as the 2nd District Health inspector. Jason brings several years' experience from the food industry.

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	1	Milk/Cream Store	6
Beach	8	Milk/Cream Vehicle	0
Biological Wastes	1	Mobile Food	1
Catering	7	Motel/Hotel/Cabin/Trailer	0
Disposal Works Construction	13	Pool	14
Disposal Works Installer	15	Pasteurization	0
Emerg. Beaver Trapping Permits	9	Rec. Children's Camp	3
Food Service	49	Retail Food	25
Frozen Dessert	4	Septage Hauler	11
Garbage Hauler	5	Special Event Food Permit	35
Milk/Cream Dealer	2	Tobacco	4
		Well Permit	2

Inspections:

Children's Camps	3
Food Service/Retail	117
Housing Inspections/Reinspections	8
Misc. Complaints/Nuisances	8
Percolation Test Witness	18
Pool & Hot Tub Inspections	21
Special Events	25
T5 Witness	22

Water Testing:

Ice Sampling	47
Pool & Hot Tub Testing	89
Quality Control	8
Beaches Sampling	84
Well Sampling	7

Budget Revenue Information Fiscal 2019

Total budget:	\$88,601.90
Revenue generated:	\$46,251.82

Breakdown:

Permits	\$32,726.66
Water Testing	\$9,164.16
Septic	\$4,146.00
Misc.	\$215.00

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

Stockbridge Library Association

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

It's been a busy and exciting year for the Stockbridge Library, Museum & Archives. In 2019 we had a bit of shuffling of the staff to keep the library operating seamlessly for the citizens and visitors of Stockbridge. In February, Jenney Maloy stepped up to be our interim director when Katherine O'Neil went on maternity leave for three months. In November of 2019, after more than eight years as the "face" of the Library, Director Katherine O'Neil moved on in her career to another library. India Spartz and Maria Lynch served as interim co-directors.

The Library began a search for its new director led by India Spartz, Development Officer, and Board Member, Jim Daily. At the end of 2019, the search was still open.

Despite the changes in leadership, 2019 remained successful and busy for the Stockbridge Library Association. We continued to offer many events that our patrons have come to expect and enjoy as well as added several new ones. During those 12 months we:

- Had over 42,796 visits to the Library and circulated 28,182 items
- Served 4,635 visitors and researchers in the Museum & Archives from 22 countries and 40 states
- Held 180 programs including our Speaker Series (featuring authors and experts on a variety of topics); monthly book clubs and art shows; weekly Littles Library Time, Easter Egg Hunt, and a Third Annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover; and four Berkshire Chamber Players Concert Series (the only fee based program), and In Plain Site, a series of monthly history walks to different Stockbridge neighborhoods; each month, a volunteer from the Museum & Archives led a one-hour tour, explaining the neighborhood and talking about the history of people who lived there

New in 2019 we also hosted:

- Take Your Child to the Library Day, offering crafts, a scavenger hunt and a free book for each child, Vacation Week Story Time, and Morning of Mindfulness
- Next Step Storytimes and Builders Club for kids Two wildlife programs with our friends from Mass Audubon's Berkshire Wildlife Sanctuaries
- Hosted a special *Behind Closed Doors* program around the theme "Berkshire Splendor: The Great Estates of the Berkshires," during which Susan Frisch Lehrer, Former Curator of Education at Chesterwood Museum offered a lecture presentation on many of the county "cottages" for a glimpse of the past, present, and future
- Led a walk through the Stockbridge Cemetery and created a brochure that provides a self-guided exploration of the original Stockbridge cemetery
- Hosted an exhibit of Native American Baskets curated by Kathy Beebe
- Offered multiple Curator Talks in conjunction with new exhibits

in our Procter Gallery Welcomed Kenneth Warchol to deliver the Fifth Annual William Selke Memorial Lecture on “The Role of the Honeybee in our Environment”

- Opened for a presentation given by Arnold Jaffe about the painting *Girl in the Chinese Porcelain Room* by Matilda Auchincloss Borwnell
- Celebrated 11 years of publishing Now & Then, the newsletter of our Museum & Archives that features original research and articles on local history, edited by volunteer Maria Carr
- Provided free meeting room space to Literacy Network volunteers, classes from Berkshire Waldorf High School, and many other community groups

For our annual meeting in June, we welcomed poet and Amy Clampitt Resident Jessica Piazza. We went out on our own this year and hosted the Stockbridge Golf and Tennis Classic at the Stockbridge Golf Club. Our Annual Used Book Sale – a tradition under the tent – took place on July 12, 13, and 14. The Library also continued to partner with the Chamber of Commerce on the Pumpkin Walk-About and Halloween Parade and the Stockbridge Main Street at Christmas Weekend with Readings Around the Hearth and Winter Song Sing Along. We also offered a program for Tuesday Club on early television shows.

We welcomed two new staff members in 2019 – Library Assistant Rosemary McAlister and Development Officer India Spartz.

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

Respectfully submitted,
INDIA SPARTZ & MARIA LYNCH
Interim Co-Directors
Stockbridge Library Association
February 21, 2019

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 following is a report of the services and activities provided by the Stockbridge Council on Aging and the Senior Center of Stockbridge.

At our last count, Stockbridge has 962 Seniors.

The Senior Center and the Council on Aging extends many thanks to all our volunteers: our van drivers, Ron Muir, Bobbie Kay, Beth McCormack, Clint Schneyer. Many thanks to our kitchen help, JoAnn Garzone, Nancy O'Brien, Joann Flynn, B.C. Chaney and Chris McCormack. Thank you to Pat Flinn for her free Computer classes for our Seniors. Thank You Winnie Veretto for your endless hours of (SHINE) serving health insurance needs of everyone. Many thanks to our Foot Clinic nurse Beverly Dunn. Thank you to Porchlight for our Blood pressure clinic's and all our flu shots.

Our Bingo, Yoga, Tia Chi, and Nia classes are very well attended; with walk-in's always welcomed. New on Monday's is a conversational Spanish class at 5:15p.m. This year the Riverbrook ladies started a yoga class on Tuesday mornings.

Thank you to St. Paul's Day Care for visiting our Senior's for Halloween and meeting with Santa Claus.

We all shared a fantastic Christmas Senior lunch at the Red Lion Inn; thank you, Nancy Fitzpatrick and your entire staff.

Our Medical and shopping trips this year were 650 trips

Respectfully Submitted,

LIZ DIGRIGOLI, **Director**

DIANE SHERIDAN, **Chairman**

CHRIS MCCARTHY

RON MUIR

NANCY O'BRIEN

SUE ROGERS

Stockbridge Housing Authority

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

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

Heaton Court, (Chapter 667) located at 5 Pine St. is state-aided public housing which is designed for elderly and non-elderly disabled individuals. A waiting list is in place for the 50 one (1) bedroom units and 1 two (2) bedroom unit. Residents, those employed in Stockbridge and Veterans receive a preference on the waiting list. Priority may also be granted for emergency cases after review of eligibility. This past year Heaton Court welcomed one (1) new resident to our community. Applications and information regarding housing at Heaton Court may be obtained by visiting our website, www.stockbridgehousing.com, or by calling the SHA office at (413) 298-3222.

The SHA likewise serves as landlord for an eight-bedroom facility located at 7 Pine St, Stockbridge House, (Chapter 689) which is leased by the state's Department of Developmental Services for housing and services to assist developmentally disabled adults.

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, priority to homeless applicants who live or work in southern Berkshire County, and to southern Berkshire residents who are diagnosed with a potentially terminal illness. The SHA leased-up six (6) new participant families with Section 8 assistance in 2019. As of 12/31/2019 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 being unable to find affordable housing before the voucher expired. To date we are fully leased and the SHA hosts one voucher issued through the Pittsfield Housing Authority.

A significant change has occurred this past year within the Authority. Longtime Executive Director JoAnne Redding retired after twenty (20) years of dedicated service to the Authority and Heaton Court. The commissioners, her co-workers and the residents thank her for all her hard work throughout the years. With her retirement is the addition of Andrea Lindsay as the new Executive Director who will continue to provide safe and affordable housing for those in the community that are in need of it most.

Two other very important changes in the administration of the programs have occurred with the waiting list system for both the State and Section 8 programs. The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has migrated to a centralized waiting list entitled "CHAMP". All Housing Authority's with state-aided programs are required to utilize the new system. The previous centralized

wait-list for Section 8 that was administered under Mass NAHRO has been discontinued and it is now managed under GoSection8. This list is utilized by a vast majority of the state's housing authorities in the issuance of Section 8 vouchers. Please note the following links for both the stateaided and section 8 waiting lists;

State-Aided Waiting List Program Web-Site "CHAMP"

<https://publichousingapplication.ocd.state.ma.us/>

Section 8 Waiting List Program — Web-Site

<https://www.gosection8.com>

The Housing Authority would like to take this opportunity to thank the resident voters of Stockbridge and the Town's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for their approval of \$57,000 for three (3) projects at Heaton Court this past fiscal year. The SHA was awarded \$37,000 for the roof replacement at Building F, a \$10,000 award for an outdoor lighting upgrade and \$10,000 for updates to the linear fire alarm system. The CPC's financial help is immeasurable to the preservation of Heaton Court and Stockbridge House. The SHA's formula funding is not always sufficient to cover all of the needed improvements to the property. Town CPA funds are crucial to preserving Heaton Court, built in 1977, and Stockbridge House, constructed in 1985 as the valuable resources that they are for town residents and their loved ones.

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

CHARLES GILLETT, 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 2019 donations from generous taxpayers brought the total amount available for distribution to \$ 15,122.83. Eleven residents received a total of \$ 7,398.22 in Real Estate tax relief through this program.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

MARIA CARR
JOYCE HOVEY
BETH McCORMACK
HELEN McCORMICK
GARY PITNEY
TAMMY TOUPONCE
KAREN WILLIAMS

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 2019 we have seen a slight increase in all areas of operation and currently have 52 active Chapter 115 claims.

Chapter 115 Submissions and Return from the State:

Town	FY 2019 Submitted 7/01/18-6/30/19	Pmt Due in FY 2019 - FY 2018 - 75%
Stockbridge	\$48,406.33	\$36,304.75

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

Applications for VA Health Care	38
ALS/Disability/A&A/Appeals/Life Insurance	48
DD 214s	49
Request for Grave Markers	35
Tax Abatements/SS help/other requests	73
Flags to funerals homes for veterans	42
Assisted with Dr. appointments	11
Home and Office Visits	272
Veterans Services Phone Calls	1370

For FY 2019 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 2019 DVS budget was \$8,576.46 – this number was based on population percentage on the 2010 Census.

Respectfully Submitted,

LAURIE J. HILS

Southern Berkshire District Director for Veteran Services

PLANNING AND AESTHETICS

Planning Board

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

I would like to recognize and thank the members of the 2019 Planning Board for all the thought, time and work they have put into planning in Stockbridge this year. The members are Gary Pitney, Kate Fletcher, Wayne Slosek, Christine Rasmussen, William Vogt and Nancy Socha. Thanks also goes to the members who were appointed during the year to serve out the terms of members who left the Board. Christine Rasmussen, Barney Edmonds and Stuart Hershfeld stepped up to make the Board complete until Town elections. We welcomed new members, Nancy Socha and Bill Vogt to the Board in June. Jennifer Carmichael, our board Secretary, deserves more than thanks for the dedication, knowledge and hard work she brings to the board. Thanks to all for your effort and willingness to give your time and talents to the town.

A huge recognition to Gary Pitney and Kate Fletcher for their several years of committed leadership as Chair Person and Vice Chair, respectively, of the Planning Board. We continue to benefit from their expertise and knowledge, as they remain as members of the board.

This past year we held hearings for 9 Sign Permits, 5 Special Permits of which 3 were in the Lake and Pond Overlay District (LPOD), 6 Form A (Approval not Required) Permits, and 1 Temporary Structure Permit.

Throughout the year we spent portions of several meetings discussing ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units), economic development, and Short Term rental legislation. Our members have attended seminars and planning trainings which will help us in our planning work.

Kate Fletcher and the Zoning review ad hoc committee completed the work of reviewing our bylaws with a look to the Cottage Era Estate bylaw. During the year, they, working with the Select Board, contracted with Joel Russell, a planner, to help update or craft a new bylaw. Mr. Russell completed a Diagnostic review, which was presented to the town in the fall and he went on to write a draft bylaw. We thank Kate and her Committee for all the hard work and time spent on this important part of Planning.

Mr. Russell is continuing to work with the Planning Board as we go forward to complete this process and bylaw. The work will be brought before the citizens for input and comments and revised as needed, then put to a town vote.

As this year comes to a close, we are involved in several projects, among them a DLTA Grant application with Berkshire Regional Planning to work on updating the ADU bylaw, an update of the downtown parking regulations and looking to improve the sign bylaw.

I would like to thank all of the townspeople who have attended our meetings this past year. Your interest and participation are welcome and encouraging.

Our Planning Board Meetings are normally the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6:30. We invite all interested community members to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,

MARIE RAFTERY, Chairperson

CHRISTINE RASMUSSEN,

Vice Chairperson

WAYNE SLOSEK, Clerk

GARY PITNEY

KATE FLETCHER

NANCY SOCHA

BILL VOGT

JENNIFER CARMICHAEL, Secretary

Building Inspector

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

The following permits were issued and fees collected for the year 2019

Permit type	# of Permits	Cost of Construction	Permit Fees
New Construction - Commercial & Residential	6	\$5,613,000	\$24,957
Additions & Alterations	89	\$7,102,984	\$44,822
Solar Arrays	8	\$344,045	\$1,980
Demolitions	5	\$53,500	\$300
Swimming Pools	2	\$240,000	\$1,260
Repairs	36	\$392,892	\$3,205
Roofs	52	\$957,275	\$7,972
Decks/Porches	5	\$ 96,350	\$665
Foundation	3	\$210,400	\$1,105
Garages & Accessory	5	\$258,555	\$1,323
Sheet Metal	4	\$ 90,290	\$140
Mechanical	3	\$182,797	\$920
Solid Fuel Burning Appliance	5	\$24,064	\$275
Other	2	\$64,600	\$130
Total Construction	225	\$15,630,752	\$89,054
Other Permits			
Annual Inspections	71		\$8,865
Certificate of Occupancy	30		\$1,050
Tents	37		\$2,485
Trench	8		\$315
Electrical Inspections	165		\$15,780
Gas Inspections	51		\$3,480
Plumbing Inspections	48		\$5,460
Total Other Permits	410		\$37,435
Totals	635		\$126,489

Respectfully submitted by,
 NED BALDWIN,
Building Commissioner

Conservation Commission

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

The Conservation Commission meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7pm. If you wish to be placed on the agenda, please call or e-mail the ConComm office (conservationcommission@townofstockbridge.com) and leave a message. We will gladly help you with the information needed to meet the requirements to start and finish a project.

I would like to mention the retirement of Tom Labelle from our board. His leadership, voice and insight are greatly missed. Best wishes! We would also like to welcome Jamie Minacci to our board.

The role of the Commission is to enforce the provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act, the Rivers Act and the Scenic Mountains Act, as well as the Town Wetlands and Stormwater Bylaws, to ensure that habitat, resource areas, wetlands and adjacent properties are not compromised. With the numerous streams, marshes, lakes, ponds and rivers in town, most projects are in areas that are within ConComm jurisdiction, requiring review.

The Gould Meadows Committee volunteers are nearing completion of our main projects for this town property. Once completed, we will focus on maintaining these iconic trails. With the significant amount of work by a group of dedicated volunteers, this combined effort is making a real difference.

In February, the Conservation Commission made the difficult decision to deny the Notice of Intent that would have given permission to the Stockbridge Bowl Association to apply herbicide to Lake Mahkeenac. That decision was appealed to both the DEP and the courts (one for state's wetlands regulations and one for the town bylaw). In December, a superior court judge ruled with a split decision, one that invalidated the SBA's argument that the Pesticide Control Act negated the town's ability to regulate but also directed the town to proceed with a test case of fluridone application. The Conservation Commission has elected not to appeal this decision, and all parties are working with DEP to craft a plan for a test treatment.

We want to emphasize that we harbor no ill will towards the SBA or its board or members. Friends are going to disagree, and while it is sad we had to litigate this dispute, there are many areas where the town and the SBA continue to work together, including harvesting and the permitting of dredging. We are eager to get this contentious issue behind us and work to rebuild the sense of community between the town's full-time residents and our seasonal neighbors.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD BROUKER, Chair

JOHN HART, Vice Chair

SALLY UNDERWOOD-MILLER, Secretary/Member

JOSEPH DEGIORGIS

JAMIE MINACCI

JAY RHIND

PATRICK WHITE

Historical Commission

To the Honorable Board of Selectman and Citizens of Stockbridge:

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 2019 the SHC reviewed and reported on eight such applications. We are pleased that the CPC and Town Counsel accepted our findings and that these historic preservation projects were recommended for funding by the CPC and were funded by the Town at its annual meeting.

The SHC also responds to requests from Town cultural institutions for endorsement by the SHC for applications for state grants that will help to preserve or restore historic resources. In 2019, the SHC reviewed applications and submitted letters of support for state funding for two historic preservation or restoration projects: (1) to the National Parks Service in support of an application by the Stockbridge Munsee Community (SMC) for a grant to assist the SMC in its ongoing work to survey and document historic indigenous peoples' sites in Stockbridge, and (2) to the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) in support of an application by the Norman Rockwell Museum for funding from the MCC's Cultural Facilities Fund Grant Program in connection with the Museum's restoration of the historic 19th-century carriage house on the Museum grounds.

The SHC is monitoring road and bridge work around Stockbridge for its potential effects on Town historic resources. In this regard the SHC wrote to the Army Corps of Engineers and the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) regarding planned work on the Larrywaug Bridge on Interlaken Road. Additionally, the SHC is attentive to any planned highway and related work in the Main Street National Register Historic District.

In late 2019 the SHC began the process of applying to the MHC for a 50% matching Survey and Planning Grant. If the successful (and matched by the Town), such a grant would enable the SHC to hire a professional consultant to assist in updating and improving the Town's historic inventories.

Also, during 2019, 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.

Respectfully submitted,

LINDA W JACKSON, **Chair**
MARIA CARR
PETER WILLIAMS, **Clerk**

Historic Preservation Commission

The Stockbridge Historic Preservation Committee met six times in 2019. The group approved alterations to 2 Field Road and 23 Hawthorne Street, determining that the buildings were not historically significant under the bylaw. We also approved the demolition of the houses at 1 Oak Street and 54 Interlaken Road on the same basis.

Proposed alterations to the 1880s “Merrywood” cottage at 320 Old Stockbridge Road were approved, with the understanding that the building is significant under our Town Bylaw. The commission also approved changes to the renovation plans 53 Interlaken Road, “Lake Cottage”, another significant building as part of the “Brook Farm” historic district.

Our most complex case was the proposed demolition of the 1930s garage at “Hillhome” 9 Prospect Hill – the former Loomis and then Fitzpatrick property that is now part of the Tavitian estate. The garage is an interesting building designed by Prentiss French as part of his landscaping campaign for the Loomis family, later modified into an apartment in the early 1970s by Stockbridge architect Christopher Owen. After a site visit to note the lovely original clinker brickwork and the difficult condition of the building, the Committee voted to approve demolition. A similar structure is planned for the site.

Your HPC Board Chair has been working out of Town a lot this last year, but somehow also managed to serve on the Stockbridge Zoning Review Committee, the Laurel Hill Board, and the Town Fountain Committee. Secretary Peter Williams is on the board of the Stockbridge Historical Commission (HPC’s sibling organization). Plans to add to the Town’s historic survey are underway. We are all tracking closely the current discussions of development and preservation for Stockbridge.

Discussion of historic preservation in Stockbridge is ongoing. Questions have been asked regarding more specific design controls for alterations of historically significant buildings and for new construction in historic districts. We are learning about dealing with demolition by neglect and about how to effectively utilize our Community Preservation Act funding. The Zoning Review Committee and now the Planning Board are considering how historic preservation goals will figure in proposals to update our zoning bylaws and to replace the Cottage Era Estate Bylaw. As a group serving the Planning Board, the Historic Preservation Committee can play an important role.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL SPRAGUE, **Chair**

PETER WILLIAMS, **Secretary**

JORJA-ANN MARSDEN

PAMELA SANDLER

LISA SAUER

GARY JOHNSTON

JAY RHIND

Stockbridge Cultural Council

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

Did you know Stockbridge has a Cultural Council? It does! We give money away every year. We support a wide range of programs: local artists' events, music series, dance programs, classroom science projects, library programs, and much more.

Each year, the state Massachusetts Cultural Council gives us money to distribute locally. Each year, we receive about 30 proposals. Each year we review the proposals thoroughly and decide who gets what.

This is a valuable local resource you may not have known about. So hear ye, hear ye: We are looking for local artists and cultural institutions to apply for funding. We have money and we are giving it away.

If you are interested in what we do, check out www.mass-culture.org/Stockbridge for further information. Or contact the Council Chair, Karen Marshall. We are always looking for new ideas and suggestions. Come, get involved.

New proposals will be accepted from September 1 to October 15, 2020. Please consider making a donation to increase our grant making options for the good of the community in the next cycle (2021).

For fiscal year 2020, the Stockbridge Cultural Council received \$4,800 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. We also had \$480 available from unclaimed grant reimbursements, giving us a total of \$5280 to distribute.

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

Community Health Programs

Chesterwood

Massachusetts Audubon Berkshire Sanctuaries

IS 183 Art School

Shakespeare and Company

Arts in Recovery for Youth

Berkshire South Regional Community Center

Stockbridge Library Museum and Archives

Flying Cloud Institute

BHRSD

Berkshire Lyric Theater

Berkshire Theater Group

Greenagers

Second Nature Arts (individual artist)

Respectfully submitted,

KAREN MARSHALL, **Chair**

ANDREA SHOLLER, **Secretary**

PATRICK WHITE, **Treasurer**

MARY FLOURNOY

JESSICA MEAGHER

LYNN EDELSTEIN

REBECCA WEINMAN

LIONEL DELEVINGNE

Stockbridge Bike Group

To the Honorable Select Board and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

The Stockbridge Bike Group continues its focus towards safer cycling and walking on the roads of Stockbridge. We work with the Town Highway Superintendent, Select Board, Parade Committee and Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) on any activity or opportunity to make cycling and walking safer and more available to all.

Our annual bike ride for the Upper Housatonic Heritage Weekend this year saw about 15 cyclists riding from the Town Offices through Housatonic to our destination at Taft Farm in Great Barrington for a brief, delicious refreshment stop and then back to Stockbridge. Meanwhile 6 other riders pedaled a shorter, easier route around town.

On Memorial Day again, under the able direction of Jim Murray, we all enjoyed seeing the next generation of cyclists, with decorated bikes and helmets join the Memorial Day Parade. It's always fun to watch the little ones as they learn life skills and have fun.

We await the results of the Main Street traffic study. We are ready to support the best plans to the solution for safe biking and pedestrian usage in town. This is important because cyclists ride through town, stop to enjoy our town, and support its merchants.

We, once again, want to thank Len Tisdale for his efforts on behalf of the town towards providing the best roads he can for driving, biking, and walking. We also appreciate the support of the Select Board in all matters pertaining to safety in Stockbridge.

We look forward to another year of promoting fun, safe recreation and travel in Stockbridge wherever and whenever we can

Respectfully Submitted,

Stockbridge Bike Group:

STARBUCK SMITH

JIM MURRAY

MARIE RAFTERY

STEWART EDELSTEIN

ED LANE

MARTIN SENNETT

JED BAUMWELL

ANDRE BERNARD

Community Preservation Committee

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

The Community Preservation Commission is pleased to report that we had another productive year, with an estimated \$275,000 to allocate. With the anticipated approval of the citizens of Stockbridge, the CPC was able under the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act to once again assist the Stockbridge Housing Authority in financing the ongoing roof replacement, alarm systems and lighting projects at Heaton Court.

Funding was also approved for the following under the Historic Preservation portion of the Act: continuing work on the façade of the Berkshire Theatre Festival building; painting conservation for the Stockbridge Library; continuing restoration of Norman Rockwell's studio; restoration of shutters and windows in the First Congregational Church; money from the Administrative reserve to study the deteriorating Civil War monument.

We also recommended additional money under Open Space to Laurel Hill for trail design for the Byron property, along with the continuing removal of invasive species and expanded parking at Gould Meadows. In addition, we recommended money to go toward the possible construction of composting toilets at the boat ramp.

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

SALLY UNDERWOOD-MILLER, Chair,

representing Conservation Commission

JESSI MEAGHER, representing the Selectmen

GARY PITNEY, representing the Assessors

LINDA W. JACKSON, representing the Historical Commission

STEVE KNOPE, representing Parks and Recreation

CHUCK GILLETTE, representing the Housing Authority

JAY BIKOFSKY, representing the Finance Committee

CAROLE OWENS, representing the Selectmen

Memorial Day Committee

To the Honorable Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

Prior to Memorial Day, celebrated on May 27th, approximately 400 new flags were placed on Veterans' gravesites at both the town cemetery and at St. Joseph's Church cemetery by committee members, as well as at the other monuments to veterans in town.

Gravesite Ceremony, 11:00AM A good showing of residents gathered at the Old Town Hall to honor deceased veterans interred in the two town cemeteries. Additionally, from a bridge on the golf course a wreath was tossed in the river to honor our navy veterans lost at sea. Reverend John Larson of the Marians offered prayers for veterans at each site, followed by a gun salute and "Taps", played by Cameron Bencivenga.

Town Parade, 12:15PM Parade participants gathered at the Town Offices. A flag-draped casket carried on a cart decorated with greens and pulled by 2 military veterans give a silent and solemn testimony as to why we gather on this day. Included in lineup was the Laurel Hill Association, which provides attractive landscaping at the Civil War monument; members of the Stockbridge Fire Department and their fire trucks; members of the Select Board, town children on bicycles appropriately decorated with the help of the Stockbridge Bike Group, and residents who joined in the march. Rounding out the parade lineup and adding much to this event was the Monument Mountain High School Band, as well as the Monument Valley Middle School Band. Prayers and Taps were offered along the parade route to the Town Green.

Ceremonial Program, 12:45PM Traditional elements of our Memorial Day Program were presented, with our Chair, Harold French, serving as Master of Ceremonies. Three readings were presented by students of the Waldorf School, with 1st Lieutenant Merrill Sanderson, US Army, retired, giving the main address. Rev. John Larson provided the opening Invocation and closing Benediction, and inspiring patriotic music was provided by The Berkshire Hillsmen.

Town Pot-Luck Picnic Hot dogs and beverages were provided by the town. The Red Lion Inn contributed potato salad and brownies, and a small number of residents contributed the balance of food offered. Bob Barrett and Peter DelGrande of the Stockbridge Sportsmen's Club assisted with the catering of this event, for which we are very grateful.

Please note that food donations by residents are always welcome and needed.

Many thanks to the VFW and all those who have contributed in some way to this event, not the least of which include the townsfolk whose presence acknowledge and honor our military, past and present.

Special thanks go to the Sedgewick family for the use of their casket cart, and to Finnerty and Stevens for the loan of the casket and flag.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD FRENCH, **Chair**
LISA THORNE, **Secretary**
"SKIP" WHALEN
KEITH RAFTERY
TIM MINKLER

MERRILL SANDERSON
DON COLEMAN
FRED COLEMAN
DEBRA COLEMAN
FRANK (JIM) DOLSON
RON MUIR

Stockbridge Green Communities Committee

To the Honorable Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

The Stockbridge Green Communities Committee assisted the Town in meeting the criteria and applying to be designated a Massachusetts Green Community. In December 2015, Stockbridge achieved this goal and was awarded \$139,625 for energy efficiency projects to help the Town achieve the required goal of 20% reduction in energy consumption within 5 years.

The initial grant was fully spent on energy efficiency improvements to the Town Offices, now saving about \$1,000 in energy costs. In 2018, Stockbridge applied for and was awarded a grant totaling \$54,829 to install energy efficiency improvements at the Central Fire Station. Completed improvements included: replacing garage and exterior doors, replacing the heating system and installing energy efficient lighting.

In FY 2019, the Town used 966,714 Kwh of electricity and generated 918,477 from its solar photovoltaic system - approximately 95% of total electric consumption. Though Stockbridge is receiving small financial savings at this time, the Town is also reducing greenhouse gas emissions by generating clean electricity.

Since 2015, non-weather adjusted Town energy consumption has been reduced by approximately 14.7%. We are grateful to all 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:

LAURA DUBESTER, Chairperson

MICHAEL BUFFONI

PAT FLINN

CHUCK GILLETT

PAM SANDLER

STARBUCK SMITH

TOM STOKES

Stockbridge Bowl Association

To The Honorable Select Board and the Residents of the Town of Stockbridge:

During the past year, the Stockbridge Bowl Association has focused much of its time and energy on its long-standing effort to restore the health of Stockbridge Bowl and eliminate the invasive milfoil choking the lake. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts owns the Stockbridge Bowl. Although the SBA's original plan for a 5.5-foot winter drawdown had received a positive response from the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (Fisheries and Wildlife) for over ten years, the Massachusetts Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program (NHP) reversed that decision two years ago, claiming the drawdown might harm mollusk habitat.

Instead, Mass. Fisheries and Wildlife and NHP have both approved the herbicide fluridone, which has been used safely in thousands of lakes over a 30-year period and in over 200 lakes in Massachusetts. Goose Pond, Lake Onota, Lake Pontoosuc, Richmond Pond, Otis Reservoir and Prospect Lake all control their milfoil with fluridone.

Although Fisheries and Wildlife approved the SBA's Notice of Intent to begin application of fluridone, the Stockbridge Conservation Commission took an opposing position, which ultimately was overturned by the Massachusetts Superior Court. The Town has announced that it will not appeal. In light of a new regulation passed by the Stockbridge Board of Health, impeding the use of fluridone, the SBA will continue to pursue all science-based avenues to advance the health of the lake. It is our hope that we will be able to work together with the Town to restore the health of Stockbridge Bowl.

As part of our on-going effort to understand the Bowl's composition, we commissioned a Submersed Aquatic Vegetative Study by SOLitude Lake Management in 2018 that demonstrated that Eurasian Watermilfoil is the most abundant species in the Bowl. We await the 2019 results.

The SBA contributes annually to the Town's Zebra Mussel Committee and its boat-wash at the Boat Ramp. The Association continues to provide financial support for the Town's on-going plans to dredge sediment that has accumulated in the Lake, and also helped raise funds last summer for the Town's rental of a second harvester as an interim method for dealing with milfoil.

The SBA's support for the Town of Stockbridge and the natural resources it offers are not limited to milfoil remediation. The SBA continues the stewardship of its properties, Bullard Woods and the recently named Kuniikwat Island, to make them available to the Stockbridge community as well as visitors to the Berkshires. The keynote speaker at the SBA Annual Meeting was Shannon Holsey, President and Sachem of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe, which selected the new name of our mid-lake island.

Use of Bullard Woods, in particular, has increased to the point where major repairs to the road are in the planning. Kripalu has been generous in minimizing the cost of property maintenance by allowing use of their staff and equipment at no cost. SBA representatives conduct walks through Bullard Woods, Tanglewood's trails and Gould Woods as part of Housatonic Heritage Walks, a joint program with

the National Park Service. Volunteers have also dedicated time to restoring the Gould Meadow fields. Future plans for the Woods include improvement to the trail marking system, historical information kiosks and tree and plant identification plaques.

President: Richard Seltzer, President; **Vice-President:** Phyllis (Patti) Klein; **Secretary:** Laurie Dubner; **Treasurer:** Richard Gerszberg; **Clerk:** Matthew Mandel; **Other Individual Members:** Joan Cohen, Ira Golub, William C. Laidlaw, Paul Monachina, Michael Nathan, Marie Raftery, Peter Strauss, Gregg Wellenkamp, Sally Wittenberg, Joanna Wolff; **Organization Members/Representatives:** Beachwood - Pat Kennelly, Camp Mah-Kee-Nac - Jamie Chadwin, Canyon Ranch - Leah Larmon, Kripalu - Kevin (Moose) Foran, Lake Drive - William Koff, Laurel Hill Association - Patrick White, Mahkeenac Boating Club - TBD, Mahkeenac Heights - Lorraine Abraham; Mahkeenac Shores - Ronald Kaprov; Mahkeenac Terrace - David Brause, Tanglewood/BSO - Bruce Peeples, White Pines - Barbara Hobbs; **Selectman Representative—Ex Officio** (TBD); **Emeritus Members:** Gary Kleinerman, Cris Raymond, Peggy Reiser

The Laurel Hill Association

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

The Laurel Hill Association, the oldest existing village improvement organization in the United States, was 166 years old in 2019. Our members, trustees, and officers continue to work toward the original mission of the organization: to do *“such things as shall serve to improve the quality of life and of the environment in the Town of Stockbridge.”* Our work includes maintaining over 460 acres of properties and recreational trails; keeping important spots in town beautiful; cooperating with town officials; and coordinating with other organizations on issues pertaining to community welfare, including preserving the approaches to the Town.

Property Enhancement

We continued maintaining trails to improve the experience for visitors. Trails include the Laura’s Tower Trail, Ice Glen Trail (owned by the Town), Upper and Lower Bowker’s Woods Trails, the trails on Laurel Hill Park, and the Mary V. Flynn Trail. In 2019 we cleared downed trees and branches on the Mary Flynn Trail, Laura’s Tower Trail, and Ice Glen Trail, all reached from the Goodrich Memorial Bridge, and on the Lower Bowker’s Woods trail.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Stockbridge Community Preservation Committee, we installed a 2-car parking area at Lower Bowker’s Woods and added roadside parking along the stone walls that flank the parking area. Volunteers from BCARC cleared brush from the parking areas and made them more accessible and inviting.

Over the summer, Greenagers improved the parking area at the Park Street cul-de-sac, and installed steps leading from the new parking area at Lower Bowker’s Woods to the trail.

Restoration of the natural and manmade elements of Laurel Hill Park is well underway. In 2019 we planted 50 mountain laurels, thanks to a generous grant from the Lenox Garden Club.

Thanks to a grant from the Community Preservation Committee, we hired master trail designer Peter Jensen to do initial design work for a new Larrywaug Overlooks Trail, an accessible trail on our property abutting Rt. 183. We will submit the trail design to the Conservation Commission for approval.

Town Beautification

The Laurel Hill Association continued to maintain the flowers and plantings at The Civil War Monument on Pine Street, the Jonathan Edwards Monument on Church Street, the garden around the Cat & Dog Fountain, the gazebo at Roeder Park in Glendale, and the flower beds and pots at the Post Office. We beautified the Watering Trough at the top of Elm Street with 4 rectangle planters that had previously been on the bridge to the Mary Flynn Trail. And we completed the plantings in the area between Elm St and the Post Office parking area. LHA employed Valerie Locher and her team of horticulturists to plant and maintain these beautiful gardens. As always, the gardens beautified our town and we received many compliments from visitors and residents.

We thank the town's Fountain Committee for maintaining the holiday lights on the tree next to the Cat & Dog Fountain this year. As in years past, LHA maintained the lights on the Helen Pigott memorial tree in Roeder Park.

Once again, Laurel Hill Association coordinated the Earth Day Roadside Cleanup, carried out by approximately 75 community volunteers.

Activities

Laurel Hill Day was celebrated on Saturday, August 10, 2019, outdoors at the Rostrum on Laurel Hill. The featured presenter was Becky Cushing, Director of Mass Audubon's Berkshire Wildlife Sanctuaries. She presented *Musings on Animals & Madrigals: an exploration of the intersection of nature and culture, and how the environment has inspired artists and thinkers in the Berkshires*. Cantilena Chamber Choir Director Andrea Goodman and choir members wove music into the presentation.

On December 5, 2019, LHA and Nejaime's Wine Cellars co-hosted a Wine Tasting Holiday Celebration at Taggart House. George and Caitlin Manley, owners of Taggart House, generously provided the event space.

Other activities in 2019 included a Photography Workshop on the Mary Flynn Trail, a Housatonic Heritage Walk on Laurel Hill Park and the Mary Flynn Trail, hosting a Celebration of the Afterlife event in Laurel Hill Park, and co-hosting a summer barbeque with Stockbridge Bowl Association.

On February 19, 2020, The Laurel Hill Association hosted its annual meeting at the Bement Room of the Stockbridge Library, Museum and Archives. Mike Beck, Executive Director of the Berkshire Botanical Garden, was the speaker. He presented highlights of the new Master Site Plan that the BBG is creating.

Collaborating with the Town of Stockbridge and Other Town Organizations

LHA has a representative on the Town Cemetery Commission and the Green Communities Committee. We also have a representative on the Stockbridge Bowl Association's Board. In addition, 2020 is the 100th anniversary of our partnership with the Stockbridge Golf Club; LHA owns about 40% of the club's property, which the club leases from us.

Website: laurelhillassociation.org

The Laurel Hill Association's website can be found at laurelhillassociation.org. The site provides information about the organization, its properties, and its activities. Donations can be made on the site. We also invite visitors to our properties to submit comments and photos on the website.

Please Join Us!

We welcome suggestions, input, and participation. To become a member of the Association, please visit our website at www.laurelhillassociation.org, email us at info@laurelhillassociation.org, or write to The Laurel Hill Association, PO Box 24, Stockbridge, MA 01262.

We wish to thank our donors for their past and continued support. We welcome the opportunity to continue our efforts to improve the quality of life in Stockbridge.

Respectfully submitted,

SHELBY MARSHALL, President

PATRICK WHITE, Vice President

SUSAN BUBENAS, Treasurer

PATRICIA FLINN, Secretary

Trustees: Lee Bolman, Philip Deely, Lionel Delevingne, Laura Dubester, Julie Edmonds, Nicole Fairaux, Nick Fredsall, George Manley, Jim Schantz, Mark Siegars, Carl Sprague, Chris Wellens, Elisabeth Wheeler, Deborah Wiswesser

Zoning Board of Appeals

To the Honorable Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

The ZBA had another very quiet year in 2019. One request for variance was withdrawn after a site inspection. Perhaps the dawn of a new decade will herald an increase in activity for the ZBA.

Respectfully Submitted,

TOM SCHULER

JIM MURRAY

JOHN HYSON

STARBUCK SMITH

BOB JONES

ERIC PLAKUN

MILES MOFFATT

Stockbridge Chamber of Commerce/ Tourism Funds

To the Honorable Board and Citizens of Stockbridge:

The Stockbridge Chamber of Commerce is in its fifth 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 10% of the gross tax dollars to the committee, which in 2019 totaled \$44,000.00.

In 2019 funds were used in promoting Stockbridge, MA as a destination for Every Season, Every Age with Endless possibilities. We targeted visitors through print, digital and online advertising campaigns, underwriting credits with public radio and offering a booking referral engine. Making for a good visitor experience while attending special events, funds were also used for a park and shuttle service and public safety assistance. As a cooperative effort, new park benches were installed in Bidwell park. A municipal directional sign, first of many, was erected on Elm Street. A project that was approved by the Select Board and is pending town procedure and installation are recycling bins for the public. With our investments Stockbridge, MA received recognition in a variety of print and online publications: Yankee Magazine, Boston Globe, Forbes, Business West, Washington Post, Vouge.com, TimesUnion.com, New England Today, Tipsavvy, Reader's Digest, Jetsetter, Huffington Post, Only in your State.com, VacationIdea.com, Housebeautiful.com, Berkshire Living Magazine, and Up Country Magazine. In 2019 Stockbridge earned titles of: Small Berkshire Town with a Big Artistic Reputation, Best Inns in the Berkshires, Festive New England Town, The Best for Romantic Couples, Best Romantic Getaways -Berkshires, Most Beautiful Small Town in America, Best Christmas in Massachusetts, Small Town with some of the Best Food in Massachusetts, The most Beautiful Town in Massachusetts and Best New England Christmas Town.

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

MARGARET D. KERSWILL, President

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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, 2019. The individual reports provided are listed below:

Combined Balance Sheet

Special Revenue Funds

Capital Projects

Fixed Assets

Trust Funds

Agency Funds

Statement of Revenues

Statement of Expenditures

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Ellsworth

Town Accountant

Town of Stockbridge
Balance Sheet June 30, 2019

	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	4,097,338	2,715,523	285,802	3,912,185	1,767,856	2,557,282	13,356			15,349,342
Receivables:										
Personal Property Taxes	2,765									2,765
Real Estate Taxes	274,695									274,695
Motor Vehicle Taxes	25,234									25,234
Tax Liens	172,436									172,436
Tax Foreclosures	11,023									11,023
Community Preservation Receivable		4,576								4,576
Overlays	(84,250)									(84,250)
Water Rates and Special		5,023								5,023
Sewer Rates and Special		9,985								9,985
Water/Sewer Liens added to tax		489								489
Fixed Assets										-
Amounts to be provided for									12,831,061	12,831,061
Due from Stabilization										-
TOTAL ASSETS	4,499,242	2,735,596	285,802	3,912,185	1,767,856	2,557,282	13,356	-	12,831,061	28,602,380

	GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS				FIDUCIARY FUNDS					
	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	Totals
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY										
Liabilities										
Water Treatment Plant Loan(Ref)									410,000	410,000
Sewer Expansion Project Loan									1,975,000	1,975,000
Town Offices Project Loan(Ref)									2,445,000	2,445,000
Water Improvements/Tank Loan									1,568,266	1,568,266
Water Ln-Church St/Tank									1,652,795	1,652,795
Gnrl Oblig bond:TwnBridges/Hwy gar.									4,580,000	4,580,000
Fire Truck State House Note									200,000	200,000
Deferred Revenue	401,904	20,073								421,977
TOTAL LIABILITIES	401,904	20,073	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,831,061	13,253,039
FUND EQUITY										
Reserved for Expenditures	658,328	188,266								846,594
Reserved for Encumbrances	11,702	13,361								25,063
Reserved for Encumbrance/Spec. Arts.	888,758	70,689								959,447
Reserved for Deficits	-									-
Reserved-Debt Exclusion	-									-
Reserved		1,936,278	285,802	3,912,185	1,767,856	2,557,282	13,356			10,472,759
Unreserved	2,538,550	506,929								3,045,479
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	4,097,338	2,715,523	285,802	3,912,185	1,767,856	2,557,282	13,356	-	-	15,349,342
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	4,499,242	2,735,596	285,802	3,912,185	1,767,856	2,557,282	13,356	-	12,831,061	28,602,380

(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, 2019

WATER & SEWER	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers	Ending Balance
Water	559,624	352,462	(243,337)		668,749
Sewer	381,055	482,165	(289,152)	(87,500)	486,568
Total Water & Sewer	940,679	834,627	(532,489)	(87,500)	1,155,317
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION					
Reserved: Open Space	496,522		(13,500)	50,000	533,022
Reserved: Historic Resources	347,010		(68,279)	161,750	440,481
Reserved: Community Housing	79,774		(25,000)	25,000	79,774
Undesignated Fund Balance	459,463	325,052	(40,836)	(236,750)	506,929
TOTALS:	1,382,769	325,052	(147,615)	0	1,560,206
GRANTS					
Town Office Drainage Proj Grant	0	189,341	(189,341)		0
Hawthorne St Culvert Grant	0	0	(17,710)		(17,710)
Strap Grant	0	177,464	(195,032)		(17,568)
Small Bridge Grant	0	0	0		0
CH90- Hwy Grant	0	438,972	(259,512)	(219,527)	(40,067)
Emergency Mgt Grant	0	4,920			4,920
Complete Streets	0	0	(17,577)		(17,577)
Arts Lottery Grant	6,722	4,506	(5,960)		5,268
D.E.P. 319 Grant/State	62,373	26,608	(31,974)		57,007
Elder Affairs	1,528	8,868	(6,900)		3,496
Zebra Mussel Boat Wash	183	6,000	(6,183)		0
Library Grant	0	3,622	(3,622)		0
Habitat Mgt Grant	(20,905)	20,905	0		0

Gould Meadow Forest Stwdrshp Grnt	0	0	(10,544)		(10,544)
Fire Safety Equip Grant	4,999	0	(4,999)		0
Law Enforcement Tr.Funds	1,957	0	0		1,957
Green Community Gr	0	54,829	(54,829)		0
COA Supplies Gr	793	0	0		793
Elections	0	666	0		666
Total Grants	57,650	936,702	(804,184)	(219,527)	(29,360)

OTHER SPECIAL FUNDS	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers	Ending Balance
FID Card Collections	675	2,100	(2,175)		600
Wetland Protection Act	22,084	4,288	(2,557)		23,814
Contaminated Fix/Equip Disposal	9,325	1,440	(240)		10,525
Zebra Mussel Monitors	7,495	25,750	(24,664)		8,581
Receipts resvd for appr-Real Estate	200,000	0	0		200,000
Solar-Landfill Consultant Fees	21,522	0	0		21,522
Tax Title Revolving Fund	0	4,179	(4,179)		0
Insurance Reimb	0	14,208	0		14,208
SBA Peer Review of NOI	0	11,006	(10,959)		47
Police Gifts	9,408	1,150	(990)		9,568
Gifts to Aid Elderly/Disabled	10,587	6,850	(7,665)		9,773
Gifts:other	2,004	0	0		2,004
Procter Hall Restoration	8,385	21	0		8,406
Mary Flynn Conservation Gift	1,074	0	0		1,074
Isabelle Soule Gift	1,349	50	0		1,399
Sosne Little League field gift	150	0	0		150
Parks & Rec Gifts	0	3490	0		3,490
Total Gifts	294,058	74,531	(53,428)	0	315,161

TOTAL OF FUNDS # 10 THRU # 29	3,001,324				
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Town of Stockbridge
Major Special Funds June 30, 2019

	Major Special Funds			FIDUCIARY FUNDS				Totals
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Community Preservation Fund	Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Fixed Assets	Long-Term Debt	
ASSETS								
Cash	668,748	486,568	1,560,206					2,715,522
Receivables:								
Personal Property Taxes								0
Real Estate Taxes								0
Motor Vehicle Taxes								0
Tax Liens								0
Chapter 90 Roads Receivable								0
Community Preservation Receivable			4,576					4,576
Overlays								0
Water Rates and Special	5,023							5,023
Sewer Rates and Special		9,985						9,985
Water/Sewer Liens added to tax	187	302						489
Fixed Assets								0
Amounts to be provided for								0
Due from Stabilization								0
TOTAL ASSETS	673,958	496,855	1,564,783	0	0	0	0	2,735,596

	Major Special Funds			Trust Funds	FIDUCIARY FUNDS			Totals
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Community Preservation Fund		Agency Funds	Fixed Assets	Long-Term Debt	
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	5,210	10,287	4,576					20,073
TOTAL LIABILITIES	5,210	10,287	4,576	0	0	0	0	20,073
FUND EQUITY								
Reserved for Expenditures	50,000	138,266					188,266	
Reserved for Encumbrances	5,074	8,287					13,361	
Reserved for Encumbrance/Spec. Arts.	54,300	16,389					70,689	
Reserved for Deficits							0	
Reserved-Investment & Prop							0	
Reserved	559,375	323,626	1,053,277				1,936,278	
Unreserved			506,929					506,929
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	668,748	486,568	1,560,206	0	0	0	0	2,715,522
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	673,958	496,855	1,564,783	0	0	0	0	2,735,596

(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, 2019

Fund	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenses	Transfers	Ending Balance
Water Update Project	152,824	223,897	(315,221)		61,500
Towns Bridges, Highways	2,383,972		(713,286)		1,670,685
Town Garage Construction	2,366,753		(186,754)		2,179,999
Special Equipment Fund	200,000	200,000	(400,000)		0
Total Capital Projects	5,103,549	423,897	(1,615,261)	0	3,912,184

Trust Funds

Year ending June 30, 2019

Funds	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Transfers in	Transfers out	Ending Balance
OPEB - Retirement Benefits	2,080,036	132,246	345,000		2,557,282
Cemetery Perpetual Care	398,058	8,395			406,453
Conservation Trust Fund	27,559	234		(3,515)	24,278
War Memorial Trust Fund	1,326	11			1,337
DD Field Chime Tower	1,805	15			1,820
Stockbridge Bowl Fund	1,267	11			1,278
Merwin Trust	25,075	213			25,288
Treadway Scholarship Fund	123,826	6,807		(122,138)	8,495
Stabilization	535,402	786,687	16,816	(40,000)	1,298,905
Totals	3,194,354	934,620	361,816	(165,653)	4,325,137

Capital Asset Summary

Year ending June 30, 2019

	2018 Assets	2019 Assets
Land	4,709,600	4,709,600
Construction in progress	3,757,589	1,411,935
Buildings & Furnishings	6,254,408	6,000,127
Vehicles & Equipment	3,429,679	3,704,887
Infrastructure	12,961,493	16,130,184
Totals	31,112,769	31,956,733

Agency Funds

Year ending June 30, 2019

Funds	Beginning Balance	credits Receipts	debits Expenses	Ending Balance
Federal Withholding Tax	0	192,710	(192,710)	0
Medicare Withholding Tax	0	30,673	(30,673)	0
State Withholding Tax	0	97,945	(97,945)	0
Retirement Withholding	2,998	171,833	(170,794)	4,037
Def. comp Withholding	0	48,332	(48,332)	0
Spec Empl Hlth/Dental	0	4,112	(4,112)	0
Spec Empl Life Ins	0	10	(10)	0
Insurance Withholding	3,644	154,975	(156,413)	2,206
Life Insurance Withholding	195	2,578	(2,561)	213
AFLAC Disab/voluntary	104	5,838	(5,838)	104
Boston Mut Life/voluntary	23	478	(466)	35
Union Dues Withholding	546	10,630	(10,616)	560
United Way	0	27	(13)	14
Fire Watch Detail	0	7,641	(7,305)	336
Court Ordered Deductions	0	0	0	0
Council on Aging-trips/meals	183	50	(50)	183
Senior Work Off	0	542	(542)	0
Performance Bonds	2,040	0	0	2,040
Unclaimed (tailings)	0	0	0	0
Sub-totals	9,734	728,375	(728,380)	9,729
Police Outside Detail	\$9,361	53,693	(59,427)	3,627
Totals	\$19,095	\$782,068	(\$787,807)	\$13,356

Revenues

Year ending June 30, 2019

General Property Taxes

Personal Property Tax	393,514
Real Estate Tax	8,595,430
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	338,006
In Lieu of Taxes	61,872
Interest on Taxes and Excise	44,093
Hotel and Motel Tax	353,223
Meals Tax	77,483

Sub-total General Taxes

\$9,863,621

Permits for Services

Cemetery Internments	4,400
Building Permits	78,590
Plumbing Permits	5,820
Electrical Permits	16,080
Gas Permits	4,740
Fire Permits	5,050
Special Permits	7,970
Board of Health Permits	46,671
Cable Television	602

Other Charges for Services

Compactor Stickers	58,975
Compactor Fees	42,996
Municipal Lien Fees	2,000
Photocopies	133
Town Clerk	2,070
Firearm Permits	700
Police Detail-Admin Fee	1,743
Police Reports	315

Sub-total Permits/Charges for Services

\$278,854

Licenses

Dog licenses	1,738
Alcoholic	15,910
Tag Sale	525
Retail,restaurant	1,375
Other Licenses and Permits	16,498

Sub-total Licenses and Permits

\$36,046

Revenues from State (Cherry Sheet)

Abate-Vets,Blind,Surv Spouse	19,435
State Owned Land	36,058
General Govt. State Aid	94,468

Sub-total State Revenues	\$149,961
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Revenue from Other Governments

Fines and Forfeits	11,941
District Court Fines	1,108
EOEA Recycling Incentive Pmt	1,930
Veterans' Reimbursement Benefits	35,001
Public Works Projects(curb)	600

Sub-total Other Government Revenue	\$50,580
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Miscellaneous Revenue

Council on Aging-Taxi donations	268
Parking Fines	540
50 Main Street-rentals	95,189
Cell Tower Rental	19,096
Investment Income	116,086
Chap 90	219,527
Other Miscellaneous	128,428

Sub-total Miscellaneous Revenue	\$579,134
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Total General Fund Revenues	\$10,958,195
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Special Revenue Funds

Water User Fees	313,324
Water Special	5,017
Water Interest & Penalties	2,531
Water Connection Fees	1,500
Water Liens Added To Tax	627
Water Fire Service connection fees	3,750
Water Backflow fees	4,800
Water Application Fees	100
Water Other Misc revenue	21,223

Total Water Fund Revenues	\$352,872
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Sewer User Fees	475,708
Sewer Special	0
Sewer Interest & Penalties	2,828
Sewer Liens Added to Tax	702
Sewer Connection Fees	2,250

Sewer Application Fees	200
Sewer Other Misc revenue	704

Total Sewer Fund Revenues	\$482,392
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Community Preservation Tax	\$208,703
Community Preservation Interest & Penalties	\$638
Community Preservation State Funds	\$95,839
Community Preservation Investment Income	\$20,348

Total Community Preservation Revenues	\$325,528
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Expenses

Year ending June 30, 2019

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator	
Salary	238
Dues/Subscriptions	<u>0</u>
	238

Selectmen	
Salaries	51,194
Advertising	6,046
Litigation	98,713
Postage	2,164
Cable Advisory	150
Other Expenses	191
Meetings/Travel	0
Dues & Memberships	<u>1,205</u>
	159,663

Town Administrator	
Salary	78,125
Postage Meter Rental	1,841
Office Supplies	9,559
School/Training	0
Prior yr carry fwd	<u>0</u>
	89,525

Town Offices	
Salary	90,222
Fuel	12,041
Building Repairs	23,916
Uniform	170
Maint. Contracts	13,937

Office Supplies	0
Janitorial Supplies	3,977
Gas/Diesel	1,116
Dues/subscriptions	250
School/Training	208
HVAC	8,549
Site Improvements	2,130
Purchase Equipment	941
Prior yr carry fwd	<u>0</u>
	157,458
Finance Committee	
Meetings/Travel	0
Dues & Subscriptions	<u>135</u>
	135
Town Accountant	
Salary	42,108
Postage	0
Audit	17,500
Office Supplies	190
Other Charges & Expenses	0
Meetings/In-State Travel	0
Dues/Subscriptions	50
School/Training	476
Municipal Group Purchasing	600
Prior yr carry fwd	<u>0</u>
	60,924
Assessors	
Salaries	105,161
Appraisal Svcs	0
Postage	400
Office Supplies	816
Meetings/Travel	2,801
Dues & Subscriptions	<u>1,314</u>
	110,493
Treasurer	
Salaries	63,000
Payroll Service	6,765
Postage	1,300
Tax title fees	0
Office Supplies	83
Forms	647
Other chgs/exp	58
Meetings/Travel	1,181

Dues/Subscriptions	80
School/Training	<u>0</u>
	73,114
Collector	
Salaries	42,651
Deputy Coll. Service	5,217
Postage	2,000
Tax Title Fees	0
Office Supplies	335
Forms	554
Other Charges and Expenses	0
Meetings/Travel	95
Dues/Subscriptions	80
School/Training	302
Interest on refunded tax	37
Purchases Equipment	<u>0</u>
	51,271
Town Counsel	
Retainer	41,623
Legal Expenses	<u>143</u>
	41,766
Town Clerk	
Salary	45,092
Printing	341
Postage	500
Supplies	65
Meetings/Travel	373
Dues/Subscriptions	35
School/training	0
Purchase Equipment	<u>1,000</u>
	47,407
Elections & Registration	
Salaries	5,788
Repairs/Maint. Equipment	225
Printing	147
Postage	700
Voting Machine Ballots	3,943
Supplies	663
Forms	200
Other charges/ expenses	257
Purchase Equipment	<u>846</u>
	12,769

Conservation Commission	
Salary	8,405
Postage	26
Legal Advertising	1,963
Office Supplies	158
Dues/Subscriptions	367
School/Training	493
Gould Meadows-maintenance	<u>6,229</u>
	17,641
Planning Board	
Salary	5,253
Advertising	2,002
Postage	0
Supplies	36
Training Costs	<u>35</u>
	7,326
Zoning Board	
Other charges/exp	<u>0</u>
	0
Town Meeting Articles	
Tax software	0
Bylaw Consultant	3,660
Quiet Knoll Easement	0
Legal-Rest River	4,651
Drainage/Erosion	214,673
HVAC	0
Stockbridge Lake Mgmt- Phase 3	0
Fire Station Roof	34,011
Housatonic RR Fees	338
Vol-Firemen Stipends	1,280
Telephone System	0
Tourism development	3,490
Master Plan consultant	0
Energy Efficiency Upgrade Ctrl & Fire Stn	41,000
Replace 1975 Gen at Cntrl Stn	18,963
Recap the Stump Dump at Landfill	5,419
Establish PILOT Program	978
Purchase new voting machines	5,000
Study for Rpr of War Monument	5,350
ATM5-20-19A#8 OSHA Reg Upgrades	40
ATM5-20-19A#9 Upgrades Twn Beach	2,272
ATM5-20-19A#16 Lake Mgt Equip	11,000
Town Offices security upgrade	7,171

Beach House Roof/Skylights	0
Cell Tower/Glendale	0
Contingency-FY16-Channel Dredging	0
Contingency-FY17-Channel Dredging	<u>0</u>
	359,296
Procter Hall	
Building Repairs	<u>478</u>
	478
Town Electricity	<u>54,433</u>
	54,433
Town Report	<u>6,500</u>
	6,500
Computer Technology	
Telephones/Internet	27,321
Computer Service Contracts	70,774
Outside Prof Services	31,485
Computer Supplies	1,734
Purchase Equipment	7,516
Purchase Computers	0
Purchase Software	6,020
Prior yr carry fwd	<u>0</u>
	144,851
Total General Government Expenses	1,395,286

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police	
Salaries	656,848
Repairs: Radio	803
Vehicle repairs/maint	9,808
Uniforms	11,269
Postage	500
Communications	15,089
Supplies	2,809
Gasoline	15,677
Accreditation Exp	875
Meetings/Travel	861
Dues/Subscriptions	3,361
School/Training	3,473
Purchase of Equipment	2,496
Prior yr carry fwd	<u>0</u>
	723,869
Police Town Meeting Articles	
Police vests	0

Bullet Proof Vests	1,140
Police Cruiser	<u>25,504</u>
	26,644
Fire	
Salaries	90,335
Fuel Oil	9,757
Repairs	10,191
Vehicle Repairs/maint	19,043
Building repairs	28,312
Uniforms	3,533
Janitorial Supplies	4,176
Gasoline	4,050
School/training	3,403
Purchase Replacement Equip	<u>27,763</u>
	200,564
Fire Town Meeting Articles	<u>0</u>
	0
Emergency Medical Response	
School/Training	320
Purchase Equip	<u>6,951</u>
	7,271
Ambulance service	
Lee Ambulance	178,378
Lenox Ambulance	<u>46,371</u>
	224,749
Animal Control Officer	
Salary	4,112
Veterinary Chgs.	0
Supplies	0
Other Charges & Expenses	0
Kennel Operation	<u>0</u>
	4,112
Building Inspector	
Salaries	68,165
Office Supplies	24
Other Charges & Expenses	99
Meetings/Travel	1,110
Dues/Subscriptions	<u>1,495</u>
	70,892
Gas Inspector	
Salaries	1,440
Other Charges & Expenses	<u>577</u>
	2,017

Plumbing Inspector	
Salaries	6,085
Other Charges & Expenses	<u>577</u>
	6,662
Electrical Inspector	
Salaries	6,901
Service	0
Other Charges & Expenses	<u>1,741</u>
	8,642
Emergency Management	
Salary	3,657
Repairs/Maintenance	0
Notification System	6,500
Uniforms	0
Emergency Planning	500
Other Charges & Expenses	329
School/Training	90
Purchase Equipment	<u>5,627</u>
	16,703
Tree Warden	
Salary	2,100
Tree Removals	30,113
Forestry	2,000
Planting, Feeding	16,952
Other Charges/Exp	85
Prior yr carryover	<u>0</u>
	51,250
Total Public Safety Expenses	1,343,375

EDUCATION

Berkshire Hills Regional School District	
Assessment	2,783,954
Construction	116,069
Total Education Expense	2,900,023

PUBLIC WORKS

Highway Town Meeting Articles	
Landfill	9,932
Ch90 road reconstruction	5,884
Rte 183 Culvert	0
Dam Repairs	0
Hazardous Waste	1,289
Cemetery Trees	1,500

ATM5-21-18 A#7 Purch Boom Mower	164,436
ATM5-21-18A#8 Resur Church St	250,000
STM1-22-18A#4 Traffic Study Ma	<u>13,900</u>
	446,941
Highway Department	
Salaries	382,852
Fuel	5,171
Repairs/Maintenance Equipment	3,269
Repairs-Radio	0
Building Repairs	13
Engineering Services	10,826
Rentals	0
Uniforms	3,101
Office Supplies	264
Harvester exp.	4,026
Gravel roads	24,715
Sidewalks	2,724
Roads	50,663
Licenses	568
CDL Drug Testing	165
Woodwaste	0
Training	1,056
Prior yr carry fwd	<u>0</u>
	489,412
Snow and Ice	
Expenses	<u>97,850</u>
	97,850
Street Lights	
Electricity	<u>34,235</u>
	34,235
Highway Machinery	
Vehicle Repairs	33,936
Rental	8,600
Supplies	4,387
Gasoline	33,456
Tires	4,486
Plow Blades	2,484
Safety equip	<u>1,850</u>
	89,198
Glendale Solar/Cell Prop	
Mowing & Maintenance	<u>15,914</u>
	15,914

Compactor	
Salaries	55,498
Repairs	1,332
Hauling	<u>106,334</u>
	163,163
Hydrant Rental	
Housatonic	<u>2,075</u>
	2,075
Cemetery	
Salaries	24,786
Repairs/Maint-Equip	3,383
Repairs/Maint-Mowers	181
Supplies	15
Fuel	0
Mowers/Trimmers	<u>430</u>
	28,796
Total Public Works Expenses	<u>1,367,583</u>
PUBLIC HEALTH	
Board of Health	
Salaries	842
Meetings/Travel	0
Dues/Subscriptions	<u>0</u>
	842
Tri-Town Health Officer	<u>88,602</u>
	88,602
Lee Visiting Nurse/Porchlight	<u>7,719</u>
	7,719
Mental Health & Substance Abuse Svc.	<u>0</u>
	0
Council on Aging	
Salaries	38,088
Repairs/Maint-Vehicle	126
Postage	0
Recreation	566
Supplies	241
Meetings/Travel	0
Dues/Subscriptions	405
Purchase Equipment	<u>0</u>
	39,426
Veterans' Services	
District Service	8,576

Benefits	<u>47,821</u>
	56,397
Total Public Health Expenses	192,986
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CULTURE AND RECREATION	
Stockbridge Library Association	186,257
	186,257
Chime Tower	
Bell-ringers salaries	<u>560</u>
	560
Tourist Promotion	
Other Charges/Expenses	<u>43,959</u>
	43,959
Parks and Recreation	
Salaries	16,220
Water	475
Repairs/Maintenance	9,533
Special Needs Recreation	0
Supplies	1,141
Carryover to NY	0
Site Improvements	5,085
Dock Maintenance	0
Purchase Equip	<u>9,161</u>
	41,615
Historical Commission	
Consulting/Advisory	0
Office Supplies	0
Supplies	0
Meetings/Travel	<u>0</u>
	0
Memorial Day Committee	
Grave Markers	1,014
Other Charges & Expenses	<u>874</u>
	1,888
Historic District Committee	
Other Charges/Exepnses	<u>0</u>
	0
Historic Preserv Commission	
Other Charges/Exepnses	<u>0</u>
	0
Total Culture & Recreation Expenses	274,279

DEBT SERVICE

Admin Fees	10,654
Debt Princ - Sewer Expansion	350,000
Debt Int - Sewer Expansion	30,626
Debt Princ - Water Treatment	60,000
Debt Int - Water Treatment	13,200
Debt Princ - Town Offices	370,000
Debt Int - Town Offices	78,900
Debt Princ - Water Tank & Update	114,736
Debt Int - Water Tank & Update\	32,513
Debt Princ - Waterlines/Tank	74,394
Debt Int - Waterlines/Tank	34,544
Debt Princ - Hwy Bridges	100,000
Debt Int - Hwy Bridges	71,763
Debt Princ - Hwy Garage	115,000
Dent Int - Hwy Garage	<u>82,205</u>
	1,538,534

Total Debt Service Expenses	1,538,534
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STATE AND COUNTY CHARGES

State Assessments	
Motor Vehicle Excise	620
Mosquito Control	35,854
Air Pollution Control District	1,227
Berkshire Regional Transit Auth.	39,979
State Strap Assessment	<u>77,680</u>

Total State & County Charges	77,680
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MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Retirement Benefits	
Assessment	<u>346,065</u>
	346,065
Employee Insurance	
Med/FICA(Town Portion)	30,669
Life Insurance	2,827
Health Insurance	483,266
Employee Ins Reimbursement	<u>12,250</u>
	529,012
Insurance	
Insurance Coverage	83,748
Police/Volunteer Firemen's	41,580

Ins. Deductible	0
	125,329
Tax Refunds/Other Expense	
Personal Property	393
Real Estate	16,053
Motor Vehicle	4,667
Other Revenue refunded	0
Berkshire Regional Planning	1,513
	22,626
Total Miscellaneous Expenses	1,023,031
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TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	10,112,777
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WATER DEPARTMENT

Salaries	112,792
Electricity	18,563
Heating Fuel	1,838
Telephone/Alarms	4,639
Repairs/Maint Equipment	11,366
Repairs Radio	0
Repairs Vehicles	428
Uniforms	495
Pumping Station	0
Water Testing	5,202
Postage	500
Forestry	750
Generator Service	989
Meters	10,176
Office Supplies	820
Supplies	17,880
Gasoline	1,504
Chemicals	13,352
SDWA Assessment	514
Intermunicipal Agreements	280
School/Training	1,949
Pipeline Replacement	8,160
Purchase of Safety Equipment	148
Prior yr carry fwd	11,031
	223,377
Water Town Meeting Articles	
Water Main Easements	0
Clear Well-clean inspect	0
Water Mn Repl	0

Lake Averic Yield Study	9,398
Clean Water Filter Media	10,562
Rate Study	<u>0</u>
	19,960
Water Refunds	<u>411</u>
	411
Total Water Expense	243,748

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Salaries	114,271
Electricity	32,113
Fuel Oil	4,917
Telephone/Alarms	9,262
Repairs/Maintenance Equipment	15,302
Repairs Vehicles	2,857
Maintenance Contracts	3,408
Uniforms	1,074
Sludge Hauling	54,194
Postage	500
Supplies	13,957
Ultraviolet Light Bulbs	0
Gasoline/diesel	2,687
Intermunicipal Agreements	457
School/Training	1,072
Purchase of Safety Equipment	181
Prior yr carry fwd	<u>0</u>
	256,251
Sewer Town Meeting Articles	
Infiltration/Inflow Study	32,900
Beachwood Low Pressure Improve	0
Park St Pump Sta-Engineer/Design	0
Pump Controllers	0
Rate Study	<u>0</u>
	32,900
Sewer Refunds	<u>227</u>
	227
Total Sewer Expense	289,379

TOTAL WATER & SEWER	533,127
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Board of Assessors

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

The tax rate of \$9.87 for Fiscal Year 2020 was set and approved on October 16, 2019. There was a decrease of \$0.26 in the Fiscal Year 2020 tax rate from the Fiscal Year 2019 tax rate.

Listed below are figures used on the Tax Recapitulation for Fiscal Year 2020:

Total Amount to be Raised	\$12,337,701.693
Total Estimated Receipts and other Revenue Sources	<u>3,292,195.00</u>
Tax Levy (net amount to be raised by taxation)	\$9,045,506.69
Real Property Valuations	\$876,023,620.00
Personal Property Valuations	<u>40,441,090.00</u>
Total Valuation	\$916,464,710.00
Total Number of Parcels, Real Estate	1,766
Total Number of Personal Property Assessments	772
Total Number of Parcels, Exempt	157

Listed below are figures used on the LA-13 Tax Levy Growth for Fiscal Year 2020:

Total Real & Personal Property Tax Growth Valuation	\$7,388,717.00
Total Real & Personal Tax Levy Growth	\$74,847.00

Listed Below are figures used on the LA-5 Classification Tax Allocation for Fiscal Year 2020:

Excess Levy Capacity	\$1,297,492.31
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In Fiscal Year 2020, the Assessor's Office conducted a state mandated interim-year adjustment to property values using market data from calendar years 2017 and 2018.

Adjustments were made accordingly to the assessed valuations based on the sales analysis studies conducted in 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

GARY M. PITNEY, Chairman

DOUGLAS M. GOUDEY

THOMAS H. STOKES

Board of Assessors

Town Collector's Report

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

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Town of Stockbridge taxpayers who pay their bills promptly. The high collection rate helps our Town meet its financial obligations in a consistent and timely manner.

The Collector's office continues to offer taxpayers the option to pay taxes and utility bills online. Current real estate, personal property and motor vehicle excise taxes and water/sewer bills can be paid at the Town's website townofstockbridge.com. When using a credit card, the bank will charge a sliding fee based on the amount being paid. If you choose to debit your checking account, the bank charge is \$.25.

Please note that checks should be made payable to the Town of Stockbridge and mailed or delivered to:

TOWN COLLECTOR
TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE
P.O. BOX 417
50 MAIN STREET
STOCKBRIDGE, MA 01262

The following reports show the major collection activity for FY2019, as well as balances due as of 6/30/2019 for FY2019 and prior fiscal years.

Respectfully submitted,
KAREN T. WILLIAMS
Treasurer/Collector

Receipts For The Year Ending 6/30/19

Real Estate Tax:

FY '17	8,527
FY '17 CPA	59
FY '18	208,584
FY '18 CPA	4,621
FY '19	8,364,802
FY '19 CPA	204,023

Total Real Estate:	8,790,616
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Personal Property Tax:

FY '18	2,345
FY '19	391,169

Total Personal Property Tax:	393,514
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Motor Vehicle Tax:

FY '17	1,316
FY '18	55,846
FY '19	279,733

Total Motor Vehicle:	336,895
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Water Receipts:

FY '17 Water User Charges	187
FY '18 Water User Charges	2,793
FY '19 Water User Charges	310,344
FY '19 Hydrant Charges	5,017
FY '19 Backflow Billings Paid	4,800
Water Lien Added to Tax	627
Water Connection Fee	1,500
Water Application Fee	100
Fire Service Connection Fees	3,750
Water Misc. Fees	20,803

Total Water Receipts:	349,921
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Sewer Receipts:

FY '17 Sewer User Charges	150
FY '18 Sewer User Charges	2,715
FY '19 Sewer User Charges	472,844
Sewer Lien Added to Tax	702
Sewer App/Connection Fees	2,450
Sewer Misc. Fees	263

Total Sewer Receipts:	479,124
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Total Utility Receipts:	829,045
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Payment in Lieu of Taxes:

Kripalu	40,533
Stockbridge Housing	839
Austin Riggs Center	16,000
Riverbrook	2,000

St. Paul's	1,500
Berkshire Taconic Comm	1,000
Total Payment in Lieu of Taxes:	61,872
Other:	
Real Estate Added to Tax Title	28,756
Aid to Elderly and Disabled	6,850
Tri-Town Board of Health	46,671
Miscellaneous Office Receipts	132
Compactor User Fees	42,996
CRT	1,395
Municipal Lien Certificates	2,000
Deputy Collector Fees- MV	3,660
Int & Demand - Real Estate	31,327
Int & Demand - CPA	638
Int & Penalties - Motor Vehicles	7,571
Int & Demand - Water & Sewer	5,359
Interest on Tax Liens	1,535
Previous Years-Excise	1,110
Total Other:	180,000
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	<u>10,591,942</u>

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

FY2016	Committed	7,991,618
	Taxes Paid	7,955,315
	Exemptions/Abatements	52,271
	Refunds	(38,081)
	Tax Title	21,260
	Adjustments	853
	Balance Due as of 06-30-19	0
FY2017	Committed	8,111,274
	Taxes Paid	8,053,953
	Exemptions/Abatements	35,529
	Refunds	(17,313)
	Tax Title	28,612
	Adjustments	1,756
	Balance Due as of 06-30-19	8,737
FY2018	Committed	8,446,177
	Taxes Paid	8,397,874
	Exemptions/Abatements	34,957
	Refunds	(58,675)
	Tax Title	28,756
	Water/Sewer Liens	(489)
	Adjustments	7,155
	Balance Due as of 6-30-19	36,599

FY2019	Committed	8,839,085
	Taxes Paid	8,577,126
	Exemptions/Abatements	35,953
	Refunds	(659)
	Tax Title	0
	Adjustments	<u>(7,758)</u>
	Balance Due as of 6-30-19	234,423

Personal Property Tax Review

FY2016	Commitment	346,352
	Taxes Paid	345,884
	Exemptions/Abatements	359
	Refunds	<u>(36)</u>
	Balance due as of 6-30-19	145

FY2017	Commitment	353,789
	Taxes Paid	353,496
	Exemptions/Abatements	3,012
	Refunds	<u>(2,856)</u>
	Balance due as of 6-30-19	137

FY2018	Commitment	373,054
	Taxes Paid	372,239
	Exemptions/Abatements	291
	Refunds	<u>(92)</u>
	Balance due as of 6-30-19	616

FY2019	Commitment	394,344
	Taxes Paid	391,144
	Exemptions/Abatements	1,767
	Refunds	<u>(368)</u>
	Balance due as of 6-30-19	1,801

Utility Billing Review

FY2017	Commitment	754,262
	Taxes Paid	669,076
	Exemptions/Abatements	87,822
	Water/Sewer Liens	2,770
	Sale Adjustments	<u>(5,406)</u>
	Balance due as of 6-30-19	0

FY2018	Commitment	759,894
	Taxes Paid	752,449
	Exemptions/Abatements	75
	Sale Adjustments	<u>6,805</u>
	Balance due as of 6-30-19	565

FY2019	Commitment	796,610
	Taxes Paid	788,205
	Exemptions/Abatements	98
	Refunds	(638)
	Sale Adjustments	<u>(5,497)</u>
Balance due as of 6-30-19		14,442

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Review

FY2016	Commitments	310,147
	Taxes Paid	305,123
	Exemptions/Abatements	8,185
	Refunds	<u>(4,720)</u>
Balance due as of 6-30-19		1,559
FY2017	Commitments	307,449
	Taxes Paid	302,293
	Exemptions/Abatements	9,479
	Refunds	<u>(6,129)</u>
Balance due as of 6-30-19		1,806
FY2018	Commitments	326,219
	Taxes Paid	322,019
	Exemptions/Abatements	9,564
	Refunds	<u>(7,472)</u>
Balance due as of 6-30-19		2,108
FY2019	Commitments	300,795
	Taxes Paid	279,733
	Exemptions/Abatements	4,939
	Refunds	<u>(327)</u>
Balance due as of 6-30-19		16,450

Treasurer's Report

June 30, 2019

Treasurer's Cash:

Berkshire Bank Checking	(\$251,810.66)
Berkshire Bank NOW Money Market	\$468,362.25
Berkshire Bank Reserve	\$4,307,341.95
Berkshire Bank Arts Money Market	\$6,728.03
Belmont Savings CPA Money Market	\$1,685,691.84
Berkshire Bank Elderly	\$17,437.44
MMDT	\$3,287,025.57
People's United Bank (formerly Farmington)	\$243,064.66
Adams Community Bank CD	\$834,687.10
Adams Community Bank MM	\$3,376.44
Lee Bank (Procter Hall)	\$8,405.92
People's United Bank-MM	\$247,801.56
People's United Bank-PR	\$6,736.47
Berkshire Bank-Chapter 44, Section 53G	\$11,005.79
UniBank-Building Commissioner	\$224,247.89
Total Treasurer's Cash	\$11,100,102.25

Stabilization Fund:

Adams Community Bank	\$1,298,905.58
Total Stabilization Fund	\$1,298,905.58

Cemetery Trust Fund:

UniBank	\$406,453.88
Total Cemetery Trust Fund	\$406,453.88

Custodial Accounts:

UniBank (Trust Funds-5 Accounts)	\$57,515.69
SRBTF-OPEB Funds	\$2,557,282.26
Berkshire Bank (Treadway Scholarship)	\$9,495.30
Total Custodial Accounts	\$2,624,293.25

TOTAL TREASURER'S INVESTMENTS \$15,429,754.96

CUSTODIAL ACCOUNTS (Detail)

Conservation Fund:

Beginning Balance	\$27,558.62
Interest	\$233.76
Ending Balance	\$27,792.38

D.D. Field Chime Tower Fund:

Beginning Balance	\$1,805.17
Interest	\$15.30
Ending Balance	\$1,820.47

Stockbridge Bowl Fund:	
Beginning Balance	\$1,267.05
Interest	\$10.74
Transfer	
Ending Balance	\$1,277.79
War Memorial Fund:	
Beginning Balance	\$1,325.88
Interest	\$11.24
Ending Balance	\$1,337.12
Merwin Trust:	
Beginning Balance	\$25,075.23
Interest	\$212.70
Ending Balance	\$25,287.93
SRBTF-OPEB Funds	
Beginning Balance	\$2,080,035.91
Net Gains/Losses	\$132,246.35
Investment (FY19)	\$345,000.00
Ending Balance	\$2,557,282.26
Charles D. Treadway Scholarship Fund	
Beginning Balance	\$123,651.05
Interest/Dividends	\$6,807.32
Morgan Stanley-Annual Fee Adj. (7/18)	\$175.00
Morgan Stanley-Transfer Funds to BTCF	(\$121,138.07)
Ending Balance	\$9,495.30
TOTAL CUSTODIAL FUNDS	\$2,624,293.25

Respectfully submitted,
KAREN T. WILLIAMS
Treasurer/Collector

Finance Committee

To the Honorable Select Board and Citizens of Stockbridge:

The financial operating results for Fiscal Year 2019 were satisfactory. All Town Departments continued to exercise commendable fiscal discipline and compliance with their adopted budgets.

The Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2019 was \$10.13 an increase of \$.37 from Fiscal Year 2018.

The certified Balance of Free Cash was \$1,637,872. At the Annual Town Meeting on May 20, 2019, and in an effort to minimize an increase to the Tax Levy, the following amounts of Free Cash were voted to be designated for a number of purposes: \$66,600 for maintenance and upgrades to the Town Beach and Parks, \$55,000 for the purchase of Lake Management Equipment, \$300,000 for the completion of the New Highway Garage and \$250,000 for the creation of a New Stabilization Fund for the maintenance and repair of bridges, culverts, roads as well as other associated Town Infrastructures. The balance of certified, unspent Free Cash after the previously mentioned reductions was \$966,272.

The total bond indebtedness at the close of Fiscal Year 2019 was \$12,831,062.

At the Annual Town Meeting for Fiscal Year 2019, several large expenditures were approved including:

BHRSD Assessment	\$2,771,431.00
BHRSD Capital.....	\$104,319.00
Averic Bridge Repair	\$100,000.00
Fire Station OSHA Upgrades	\$46,000.00
Traffic Study Improvements	\$132,000.0
OPES Funding Contributions	\$345,000.00
(Other Post Employment Benefits)	

The Finance Committee looks forward to again successfully working with the Select Board, Town Administrator and 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 on implementing multi-year capital and operating budgets to better control expenditures.

The Finance Committee will also continue to further explore refinancing and acceleration of payments to reduce existing long term indebtedness.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mary Boyce and James McMenemy for their past service on this committee and their dedication and commitment to our Town.

Respectfully Submitted,

JAY BIKOFSKY, **Chairman**

JAMES BALFANZ

NEIL HOLDEN

DIANE REUSS

STEVE SHATZ

WILLIAM VOGT

TOWN WARRANT

Due to unforeseen effects from the COVID-19 Pandemic the Annual Town Meeting Warrant will not be included in this year's Town Report but will be available in advance of the Annual Town Meeting.

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.

